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City Council, Franklin Park Discuss Maintenance Issues

by James Giese

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This is the first article in a series on the City of Greenbelt's Stakeholder Meeting with Franklin Park Representatives.

The December 19 Greenbelt City Council stakeholder work-session with representatives of Franklin Park at Greenbelt Station apartments was notable for

the turnout of six representatives for the 2,800-unit apartment complex in Greenbelt West and the business-like conduct of a meeting with a lengthy list of topics to cover. Besides the normal city staff, representatives of the departments of Planning and Community Development, Police and Recreation participated. Representing Franklin Park were Timeka Anderson, senior regional manager; Denise Knight, director of resident services; Iman Taylor, director of sales and marketing; Mark Pauley, director of maintenance; Lea Garcia, asset manager, and Gail Comfort, vice president of operations.

Mayor Pro Tem Judith Davis's first topic was the status of building restoration from the July fire that badly damaged one of the building sections. Knight said that

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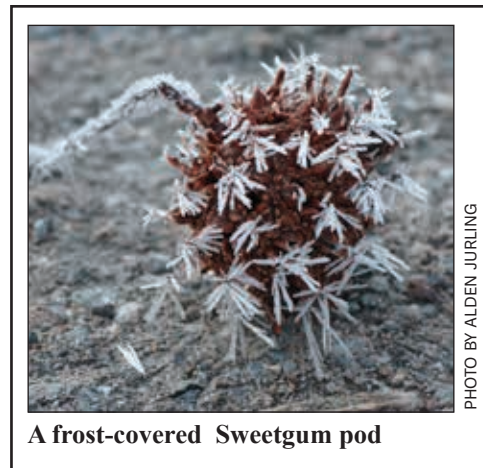


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A frost-covered Sweetgum pod

Theater HVAC; Bikeshare Discussed by City Council

by Diane Oberg

It was, Mayor Emmett Jordan noted, a cold and snowy night as he opened the January 14 meeting of the Greenbelt City Council. Council's discussion of the replacement of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system and roof at the theater in Roosevelt Center, however, provided plenty of heat. Council also took action on the five locations where a county-funded bike-share project propos-

es to put stations and introduced for first reading a resolution to hire architectural experts to work on the Cherrywood Lane Green and Complete Street project.

Theater

Council authorized, on a six to one vote with Councilmember Rodney Roberts opposed, the city to proceed with the bidding process to replace the roof and HVAC system at the Old Greenbelt Theatre.

Volunteers Flood Mall: Mark MLK Day Through Service

by Melissa Sites

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Nearly 400 volunteers showed up at Beltway Plaza on Monday, January 21 to assemble and distribute bags of free groceries to those in need.

The event, called A Day ON to Feed the Community, gave volunteers the opportunity to observe the federal holiday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday as a day of service. Beltway Plaza hosted the event, organized with the National Capital Baptist Convention and County Council Member at-large Mel Franklin.

Franklin thanked Beltway Plaza for hosting the event and stated, "The Federal Government may be shut down, but love, compassion and serving each other is not shut down in Prince George's County." He added that "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is looking down on these volunteers



PHOTO BY MELISSA SITES

County Councilmember Mel Franklin (center) greets Greenbelt Mayor Emmett Jordan and Beltway Plaza General Counsel Marc Kapastin at Beltway Plaza's volunteer food distribution event on January 21.

right now."

While the event had a festive atmosphere, it was not logistically easy. Volunteers showed

up at the mall in unexpectedly large numbers. Many children and teenagers volunteered their

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Federal Government Shutdown Assistance

In Greenbelt: The Greenbelt Recreation department is supporting furloughed federal employees and contractors by granting free use of the pool and fitness facilities and free exercise classes: Gymboramba/Tumblebugs, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fridays in the Youth Center Gym and free Fit'N'Fun Cardio, 10 to 11:15 a.m. Wednesday and Friday in the Community Center Gym.

Prince George's County: County residents can visit a special website to find information for those affected by the shutdown (see princegeorgescountymd.gov/3053/Federal-Government-Shutdown-Assistance). This website lists various departments offering help including the Health Department, Social Services, Unemployment and various organizations that partner with the county.

For State of Maryland: For information on energy assistance and protection against utility turnoff visit dhr.maryland.gov/office-of-home-energy-programs/.

For Food Pantries: Help by Phone runs eight food pantries in Prince George's County. Call 301-699-9009, Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For St. Hugh's in Greenbelt, call the church main number at 301-474-4322.

Council and At-large County Reps Trade Priorities, Ideas

by Cathie Meetre

For the first time, Prince George's County Council has two at-large members whose role is to cut across local boundaries and work for the county as a whole. Councilmembers-at-large Mel Franklin and Calvin Hawkins showed that perspective as they responded to the city's legislative priorities in a worksession on January 16.

As the meeting began, Franklin spoke about his priorities as an at-large member. He wants to cut across territorial boundaries and interests to accomplish a wider agenda that brings municipalities and the county council together. This involves growing

the economy and improving the schools. He anticipates the effective use of increased state funding for education that should result from a change in how Maryland funds its schools. He confessed that he was also still hopeful that the FBI would come to Greenbelt.

Hawkins admitted to being overwhelmed and excited about his new role after his swearing-in in December. Unlike Franklin, he was not previously a councilmember, though as a senior aide to Rushern Baker III, past county executive, he was well-schooled in county council ways.

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The roof and HVAC system at Old Greenbelt Theatre were not renovated prior to the theater's reopening in 2015, and both are now past their expected lives. Having conducted extensive research and planning, the city's Public Works Department presented its plans and timetable to council.

Assistant Director of Public Works Brian Kim described some of the steps Public Works has taken during the planning phase. A structural engineer has confirmed that the building is strong enough to support the new roof and roof-mounted HVAC equipment. Installation of the HVAC will involve four "penetrations" of the roof. Any exposed rebar will be coated with a zinc finish.

The current roof was installed

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What Goes On

Saturday, January 26
9 a.m. to noon Electronics, Styrofoam and Paint Recycling, Public Works Yard
Monday, January 28
8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building
Wednesday, January 30
7:30 p.m. Four Cities Meeting, College Park

New GAC Production



PHOTO BY JON BARRETT

Ronda Ansted plays Millie Martindale and Win Britt plays Jim Baxter in the Greenbelt Arts Center production of *Perfect Arrangement*, opening February 1. See story page 7.

Letters to the Editor

Greenbelt Gratitude

I've just finished reading the January 17 News Review and am, once again, simply amazed. Is there really such a place, and am I really living here? The generosity, creativity and drive of the people and institutions of our town are especially refreshing at a time when our national government can't seem to tie its shoes without descending into mean-spirited chaos. The reality of "Eleanor's town" becomes more miraculous with every passing year. Neighbors helping neighbors with a "furlough potluck," the Co-op grocery store turning a leaky roof into a solar-powered vision for the future, a new Economic Development Coordinator who is thinking not just about business, but about "people, housing, environment, arts and culture, education and civic engagement."

And that's just the front page! On every page is a reminder of how blessed we are to live here: a free repair day at MakerSpace, dedicated employees who work round-the-clock to clear snow, the New Deal Cafe's monthly social justice films, programs for seniors, teens and children. An Arts Center, our fabulous non-profit movie theater, an Aquatic Center (free for furloughed workers), a Credit Union – we even have our own City Observatory complete with astronomers, for heaven's sake!

Kudos to the new News Review editor, Gary Childs, for capturing our spirit in such a colorful, compelling way. And thanks to all my neighbors and friends who have made my 30-plus years in Greenbelt so rich and joyful. I urge everyone to invest in our future by supporting Greenbelt businesses and contributing as much as you can to the Co-op's Rooftop Solar Array Project, highlighted in the News Review and at <https://solar.greenbelt.coop>.

Melanie Lynn Griffin

I Do Not Understand

Usually when Metro stations have been built and opened in the DMV, the areas around or near each station got built up or re-

talized. I do not understand why nothing has been built around the Greenbelt Metro Station, which opened in May 1993, over 25 years ago. Think of all the revenue Greenbelt, Prince George's County and others could be generating for Greenbelt and the residents by not having us residents travel elsewhere for nicer places to shop and better and healthier places to eat, among other things. Council and our county government should look at Wegmans in Lanham (what was done there with open space), Wheaton Mall and Columbia Mall to see how they are revitalizing their areas currently. The Greenbelt group should not wait any longer to do something with the open space around the Greenbelt Metro.

In the January 17 issue of the News Review, there is a half-page article about Beltway Plaza Redevelopments Under Renewed Review by the City of Greenbelt, Prince George's County and Quantum Companies. Toward the bottom of the second column, the second to last line says "Kapastin expected that any ultimate changes are still between five and 20 years away." Are all parties waiting until the 100th anniversary of the City of Greenbelt to get into the 21st Century? By then, we'll be almost half way to the 22nd Century. Why the long wait? I do not understand...

Gail Phillips

Mini Cell Towers Soon Coming to Greenbelt

In December of 2018 the city council enacted an ordinance establishing a permitting process that will allow so called "mini cells" to be installed in city rights of way. These mini cell towers are needed to implement the new 5G millimeter wave technology, which will necessitate mini cell towers approximately every 10 houses.

Recent scientific studies (see ehtrust.org) have shown a compelling link between microwave cell tower radiation and adverse health effects, including cancer,

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On Screen

Beale Street and More Queens

If Beale Street Could Talk, told through the eyes of 19-year-old Tish, takes place in Harlem in the early 1970s. Tish and Fonny are in love and engaged when he is accused of a crime he didn't commit. This is a timeless and moving love story about a couple's unbreakable bond and the empowering embrace of the African American family, starring Kiki Taryn as Tish and Stephen James as Fonny; Barry Jenkins directs. (117 minutes, R)

Also showing is **The Favourite**, a period comedy-drama. Britain is at war with France and Queen Anne is on the throne, in ill health and with little interest in governing. Her companion and confidante, Sarah Churchill, effectively rules the country through her influence on the Queen. Meanwhile Abigail, Sarah's impoverished cousin, arrives at court and sees a way to ingratiate herself to the Queen in order to return to her aristocratic roots. Shadowy figures from history are used to stage a comedy of power struggles. Flattery, elaborate feasts and sex are all part of a grand game to see who will hold the Queen's allegiance. Starring Olivia Coleman as Queen Anne, Rachel Weisz as Lady Sarah Churchill and Emma Stone as Abigail. (119 minutes, R)

The biographical film **Bohemian Rhapsody** follows the musical group Queen, their lead singer Freddie Mercury and their hit songs including Bohemian Rhapsody, Another One Bites the Dust and We Are the Champions. The film shows Mercury from when he joins the band in 1970 to their Live Aid performance in 1985. Rami Melek plays Mercury. Queen members Brian May and Roger Taylor worked as collaborators. (133 minutes, PG-13).

- Julie Rapp and Amy Hansen

Corrections

The City Notes in last week's paper underreported the number of attendees at the snow day free movie Small-foot by an order of magnitude: eyewitnesses say approximately 300 people, mostly children, attended.

Last week's article about the potluck for people affected by the shutdown had the incorrect abbreviation for Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ where the event was held. The church name should be abbreviated GCC.



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BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY (PG-13) (DVS) (CC) (2018) (133 mins)
Fri. 2:00 PM
Sat. 7:30 PM
Sun. 2:00 PM (OC)
Mon. 7:30 PM
Tues. 5:00 PM
Wed. 2:00 PM
Thurs. 7:30 PM

THE FAVOURITE (R) (DVS) (CC) (2018) (121 mins)
Fri. 7:30 PM - Guest Speaker
Sat. 2:00 PM
Sun. 7:30 PM
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Tues. 2:00 PM
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Thurs. 5:00 PM

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Fri. - Sun. 5:00 PM
Mon. 2:00 PM
Tues. 7:45 PM
Wed. 5:00 PM
Thurs. 2:00 PM

20TH ANIMATED SHOW OF SHOWS (PG) (2018) (98 mins)
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Pete Reppert



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Community Events

Free Art Drop-in On February 3

The Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program welcomes visitors of all ages to attend a community art drop-in on Sunday, February 3. Admission is free, but reservations are required. Make your own drum in a workshop with Karen Arrington, artist in residence. All materials will be provided.

To reserve a seat, contact Anne Gardner at agardner@greenbeltmd.gov. Seatings will be available at 1 and 2 p.m.

While visiting, see the new art gallery exhibit, Upside Down House: Unconventional Family Portraiture by Robert Cantor, Maura Doern Danko and Amanda Demos Larsen. Enjoy the humor and mystery of works by three painters who use family photos as a point of departure.

See the Greenbelt Museum's current exhibit at the Community Center, 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.

For more information about City of Greenbelt art programs, visit greenbeltmd.gov/arts or call 301-397-2208. Arts programs are sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.

Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, January 30 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 communications and leadership. For more information call 240-542-8625.

Greenbelt Unplugged: Board Games, Planning

On Sunday, January 27, Greenbelt Unplugged will host a board games and event planning session from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Youth Center Conference Room. Board games will happen from 3 to 5 p.m. or so. From 5 to 6 p.m. at least one table will be dedicated to planning next year's events. Come let us know what things would get you out of your house – or even bring people to your house! Nothing's off the table (except maybe staying home alone trying to beat your personal best Candy Crush score).

Thoughtful Discussion At MakerSpace

What does it mean to forgive? Is it something to be learned or an innate human trait? Does it help the person who is forgiven or the one doing the forgiving? Is it ever beneficial not to forgive – or to forgive but not forget? The thoughtful discussion group that meets at the MakerSpace on Tuesdays at 7:15 p.m. will explore the ramifications of forgiveness on January 29. All who wish to share their insights on this topic, and some cheerful banter, are welcome to attend.

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 January 28 are as follows:

Monday, January 28: fiesta chicken, cilantro lime rice, Mexican vegetables, wheat bread, mandarin oranges, apple juice.

Tuesday, January 29: potato crusted fish, garlic whipped potatoes, glazed carrots, dinner roll, tropical fruit, grape juice.

Wednesday, January 30: beef chili with beans, brown rice, broccoli, saltine crackers, spiced apples, orange juice.

Thursday, January 31: creamy paprika chicken, buttered bowtie pasta, ratatouille, wheat bread, fresh fruit, cranberry juice.

Friday, February 1: menu unavailable.

Declaration Play, Talk At ERHS in February

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School Theatre Department will present Declaration by Jonathan Dorf on Thursday, February 14 at 4 p.m. and Friday, February 15 at 7 p.m. This play centers on students whose school suffers a mass shooting. A post-show discussion with students and community members will occur after each performance. The play may be unsuitable for young children. Donations will be taken. A portion of the proceeds will benefit March for Our Lives.

Arts Advisory Board Meets February 5

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board (AAB) meets Tuesday, February 5 at 7 p.m. in Room 112 at the Community Center. Topics are expected to include: selection of a grant review panel representative; a suggestion for murals on the Route 193 overpass above Route 295 and planning for an AAB-sponsored mixer event.

RUAK Organizes First Greenbelt HUG Walk

RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness) is organizing the first Help Unite Greenbelt (HUG) Walk to be held on Sunday, March 31.

All Greenbelters are invited to participate in this event, joining the walk in any of the Greenbelt neighborhoods noted below and continuing through Greenbelt. RUAK requests that any and all groups and individuals from the community co-sponsor this no-cost event, spread the word and join their neighbors to celebrate Greenbelt as a special warm and welcoming place we call home.

HUG Walk Schedule: 1 p.m., gathering at Greenbelt Station; 1:30 p.m., walk kickoff; 2 p.m., walk continues from Springhill Lake Recreation Center; 2:30 p.m., join the walk at Buddy Attick Park; 3 p.m., join the walk at Roosevelt Center; 3:30 p.m., join the walk at Greenbriar Community Center; 4 p.m., join the walk at Windsor Green Community Center; 4:30 p.m. walk concludes at Schrom Hills Park.

Any group that wishes to co-sponsor this event should contact RUAK at spreadruak@gmail.com or Robert Goldberg-Strassler at 301-345-8755 by Friday, March 15.

Greenbelt Offers Shutdown Specials

Greenbelt is offering several programs and resources to assist residents who are impacted by the government shutdown. Furloughed federal employees and contractors can receive free admission for themselves and up to two guests to the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center. A selection of Greenbelt Recreation exercise classes is also being offered for free while the shutdown lasts.

Please see City Information and Events on page 5 for more details and visit greenbeltmd.gov/community/furlough-information-and-help for a list of other shutdown programs provided by Community Crisis Services.



LED Light Pollution Talk on January 31

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will be meeting on Thursday, January 31 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 114 of the Community Center. The speaker will be Milt Roney, speaking on the topic of Light Pollution and You. Over the past few years, the issue of color temperature has risen to paramount importance in the discussion of light pollution. The high pressure sodium (HPS) lights that power most of our streetlights are being replaced with vastly more economical LED lights. Initially, these lights shone with a color temperature of 6,500 Kelvin. (If you don't understand color temperature, we'll explain.) These blueish 6,500K lights create more sky glow than the older lights, and that's a problem for us. We'll discuss progress on working toward better lights and what more needs to be done.

Mars at Star Party Saturday Evening

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday evening, January 26 at the City Observatory at Northway Fields. Attendees may expect to see Mars and deep sky objects such as galaxies, nebulae and star clusters currently high in the sky, viewed through our observatory telescope and astronomical camera. As always, visitors are welcome to set up their own telescopes on the hill.

Observing will begin at around 6:30 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.



More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

UTOPIA FILM FESTIVAL

GATE will be premiering a Feature Film from this year's feature films from the Utopia Film Festival, repeating every night at 8pm for one week starting **Friday, January 25th**

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Obituaries



Shirley Marie Hibbs



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Shirley Marie Hibbs

Shirley Marie Hibbs, formerly of Lakeside Drive, died on December 4, 2018, surrounded by her family. She had a great, full life and will be missed tremendously by her family and a multitude of friends.

Shirley was born on May 12, 1927, the daughter of Edward and Mildred Taylor and younger sister of Jane. She grew up in Magnolia, N.J., which she affectionately called "one square mile of happiness." She graduated from Haddon Heights High School in 1945, and worked in her father's Chevrolet dealership after graduation. She met her quiet husband Ray shortly after the end of World War II. Ray had served in the Pacific theater with the Navy. Shirley was able to draw out the reserved Ray to the point where Ray's mother said, "Who is that girl that is able to keep you talking for so long?"

They were married on August 21, 1948, and had six children: Steve, Debbie, Brad, Tom, Gary and Jeff. In 1964 they moved from Haddon Heights to Lakeside Drive. Mrs. Hibbs called Greenbelt her Brigadoon after that magical Scottish village highlighted in the 1954 movie of the same name.

Mrs. Hibbs loved raising her

family in this wonderful town. She was a caring friend and listening ear to many. She cared deeply about others, volunteering in many different roles involving community and church activities. She was devoted to Meals on Wheels for many years, also helping at multiple events at various churches in the community, the Greenbelt Convalescent Center and the crafting club, among others. She was regularly seen walking around town (often picking up trash), easily connecting with all of her friends and neighbors. Mr. and Mrs. Hibbs moved into Riderwood Village in 2005 and, after his death in 2013, Mrs. Hibbs moved to Greenspring Village in Springfield, Va., where she lived until her death.

She is survived by her six children and their spouses, 18 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. A service celebrating her life will be held at Greenspring Village on Saturday, February 2 at 1 p.m. In her memory, the family requests that, in lieu of flowers, contributions to the ministry Young Life be made in her name. Checks should be made payable to Young Life and sent to P.O. Box 70065, Prescott, AZ 86304-7065, indicating on the check for the support of Stephen Herman.

Frances Roth

Frances Virginia (Broy) Roth, 93, died at home on the afternoon of January 19, 2019, after battling numerous chronic health conditions. Her two children were with her. Born August 12, 1925, in Washington, D.C., Frances was the second of six children born to Virginia and Addison Broy. She grew up in Hyattsville, attended Edmonston Elementary and Bladensburg High School and married Robert "Bob" Eugene Roth on April 2, 1943.

Mrs. Roth had been a mem-



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE FAMILY

Frances (Broy) Roth

ber of the Greenbelt American Legion Post #136 Auxiliary since 1978. One of the highlights of her life was spending summers in Germantown with her aunt and uncle, Helen and Alfred Spates. It was there that she developed a friendship with Barbara, a neighbor girl of the same age. They played together and Barbara's dad would often take the two girls out to restaurants to eat, to get ice cream and to Washington Senators' baseball games. Barbara's dad was the great baseball pitcher, Walter Johnson, who was among the first five baseball players inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Mrs. Roth is survived by her two children, Sandra (Tom) Starcher and Robert, Jr.; grandson Robert Starcher (Kari) and great grandsons Gavin and Brent Starcher. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and her five siblings: Elsie Walker, Howard Broy, James Broy, Shirley Smythe and Helen Payton. Mrs. Roth loved her family and loved animals, including her two St. Bernards, Barney and Brandy.

At her request, the family will not hold a funeral service. She asked to be cremated and her ashes placed with those of her husband.

For those wishing to remem-

ber Frances in some way, she asked that a donation be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (stjude.org) or to a favorite charity.

Barbara Compton

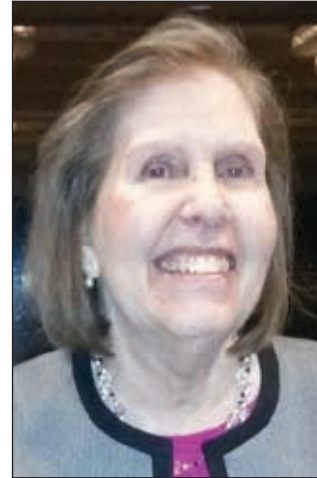


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Barbara Sanford (Thomas) Compton

Barbara Sanford (Thomas) Compton died Monday, January 14, 2019, at MedStar Montgomery Hospital in Olney, Md., at the age of 71. Barb was born to parents Arthur Sanford and

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Condolences to the family and friends of Frances Roth who died on Saturday, January 19. She had been a member of the Greenbelt American Legion Post #136 Auxiliary since 1978.

Our sympathy to the family and friends of Shirley Marie Hibbs who died on Tuesday, December 4. Shirley loved Greenbelt.

Condolences also to the family and friends of Barbara Sanford Compton, who died on Monday, January 14. She worked at restaurants in Greenbelt for many years and lived here in her senior years.

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

Obituaries

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

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

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City Information & Events

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING Municipal Building, Monday, January 28, 2019, 8:00 p.m.

ORGANIZATION

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

Petitions and Requests

(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

A Resolution To Authorize The Negotiated Purchase Of Professional Architectural/Engineering Services For The Cherrywood Lane Green And Complete Street Retrofit Project From Charles P. Johnson & Associates, Inc. (CPJ) At A Cost Not To Exceed \$130,710. - 2nd Reading, Adoption

OTHER BUSINESS

- Update on Greenbelt Station TIF Financing
- State Legislation
- ACE Report 2019-01 (2019 Grant Proposals)
- Legislative Dinner Follow-Up
- Council Activities
- Council Reports

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.

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MEETINGS FOR JANUARY 28 - FEBRUARY 1

Monday, January 28 at 8:00pm **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. *Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 & 996, and Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv*

Tuesday, January 29 at 3:30pm **SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd. *On the Agenda: FORA/GAIL Update, Widowed Persons Update, Staircase Edging Update, Greenbelt Connection Hours, Reappointment to Committee, and Grant Review Panel.*

Tuesday, January 29 at 7:30pm **GREEN ACES MEETING** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd. *On the Agenda: Planning Department Presents Complete and Green Streets Policy Document and Updates from Sustainability Framework*

Wednesday, January 30 at 7:30pm **FOUR CITIES MEETING** at College Park.

Wednesday, January 30 at 7:30pm **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD** at Greenbelt Library, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Discussion of Proposed Redevelopment Plans for Beltway Plaza*

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



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- Reminders:
Wear weather appropriate clothes and closed-toed shoes
- Bring your reusable water bottle
- High school students: Remember your service-learning forms

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Community Art Drop-In

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CITY WELCOME PACKETS

It's that time of year again! If your business, club, or organization would like to be included in the City of Greenbelt Welcome Packets please bring 300 copies of your promotional material to the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Rd, by January 30, 2019. Packets are distributed to all new residents of Greenbelt and are a great resource to help promote your business!

Join us for a **Packet Stuffing Party!** Thursday, February 7 from 6-8pm at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Light refreshments and volunteer hours will be given. Please bring your forms!
Info: Beverly Palau at bpalau@greenbeltmd.gov or 240-542-2026

NEW!

Parent's Night Out

Greenbelt Community Center
15 Crescent Road
Friday, February 8
5:30-8:30pm



Children ages 4-12 enjoy art activities, a pizza dinner and a movie while you have a night out! Activity # 133222-2

\$20 Greenbelt residents/
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Government Shutdown Specials and Programs

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Greenbelt Recreation: Gymboramba/Tumblebugs - Ages Birth-5yo 11:00 a.m. - 3 p.m. FRIDAYS in the Youth Center Gym (Drop-in, parent supervision required) FREE for Furloughed Government Employees

Fit 'N' Fun Cardio - Ages 16+ 10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. WEDNESDAYS/FRIDAYS in the Community Center Gym FREE for Furloughed Government Employees

Area Programs: An extensive list of area Shutdown Programs provided by Community Crisis Services is now posted at: <https://www.greenbeltmd.gov/community/furlough-information-and-help>, including financial, utilities, food and child care.

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impaired concentration and suppressed immune function. Having a cell tower close to one's house has also been implicated in as much as a 20 percent decline in property values. Anticipating future lawsuits, the telecom industry now has a bill before Congress (HR 7236) that would prevent you from suing them if you allege harm from one of their towers.

The FCC has prohibited cities from banning small cell towers in residential neighborhoods, but you should still expect an opportunity for notice (including posting each application on the city's website) and a chance to be heard before one of these goes up in front of your home. The Greenbelt city ordinance has no provision for such notice, though other city ordinances, such as Takoma Park (see TP ordinance 2018-50), do provide for this. If you would like such notice, I urge you to petition your city councilmembers to add such an ordinance to its provisions. They are: jdavis@greenbeltmd.gov, spope@greenbeltmd.gov, lmach@greenbeltmd.gov, eputens@greenbeltmd.gov, rroberts@greenbeltmd.gov, colinabyrd@greenbeltmd.gov, ejordan@greenbeltmd.gov.

William Manico (retired deputy county attorney for Prince George's County)

Support Co-op's Solar Project

My neighbor plans to give continuing support to the Co-op's Rays on the Roof Project advertised in last week's News

Review. On the last Wednesday of every month, she stocks up on non-perishable items in order to take advantage of the five percent discount offered that day. She buys a lot; in fact, one time, her credit card was refused because the credit card company thought it must be a fraudulent purchase since it was unusually large. Once the fund-raising project is launched, in addition to a one-time gift, she will make a contribution at the cash register on the last Wednesday of the month that approximates the discount she receives that day.

A big thank you to the Co-op board and staff for creating this opportunity for members and non-members alike to be part of this ambitious, environmentally responsible and ultimately economical project.

Barbara Havekost

Reasons to Donate

Today as I grocery shopped to prepare for yet another winter storm, I returned home and unpacked only to realize I forgot to buy trash bags. I decided to stop by the Co-op and then the lake for a walk on the way home. I got in line and as I was paying for the bags, Jenni the cashier asked if I would like to donate \$1, \$3 or \$5 for the roofing fund. I have read the paper and know about the need for a roof but I hesitated for just a second before giving a dollar in support. Some people who are members of the Co-op and shop at the store may think they are doing enough and ask why they should give to the roof fund.

So why should you donate to the roof fund? Greenbelt, originally designed as a community to provide low-income housing, included plans for walking access to everything: a store with a pharmacy, a firehouse, movie theater, local paper, schools, library, restaurants, shops and recreation. The Co-op is accessible on foot to many Greenbelt residents. The Co-op is the anchor business in the Center!

Let's raise the roof! Put down the candy bar, soda or cup of Starbucks coffee and donate to the Co-op roof fund in support of the residents and the preservation of the community.

Kathryn Beard

Safer

I recently looked at the Florida-based Citizens Against the Train (CATT) online site and they have posted under news and events a listing of a number of train accidents at railroad and roadway crossings and intersections involving vehicles. This highlights the advantage the proposed SCMaglev will have as rail transportation for the public between Washington D.C. and Baltimore.

The SCMaglev will have its own independent dedicated line (both tunneled and elevated 40 feet above the ground/surface) separate and well away from other railroad rights-of-way, highways and roadways, thus absolutely preventing any incidents involving vehicles and pedestrians. Thank you CATT.

Robert Snyder

Obituaries continued

Constance (Hines) Thomas, originally from Punxsutawney, Pa., and Elkrige, Md., respectively. Barb was the youngest of three children and grew up in College Park, where she was a member of the University United Methodist Church and attended Northwestern Senior High School, from which she graduated in 1966. She married James Bailey Compton, son of Esther Sprague (Goding) and James Russell Compton of Beltsville in 1968.

She resided in neighboring Berwyn Heights for many years, raising her family there, but always had deep ties to Greenbelt. Her sister Connie and husband Paul Schwan, as well as her sister-in-law Linda (formerly McGaha) Lynch were all longtime residents of Greenbelt, with Paul being raised there. Barb worked in Greenbelt for many years at both Denny's and Pappy's Pizzeria. Before returning to the workforce after her husband Jimmy died in 1976, she was active in the Berwyn Heights Homemakers and 4-H Clubs. In addition to Denny's and Pappy's, Barb worked at Ted's clothing store and Pizza Inn at Beltway Plaza, and later worked at Bob's Big Boy in College Park, from which she retired.

She moved to Greenbelt (to the home her sister once owned) in her senior years to enjoy the community she fondly remembered and originally got to know by visiting relatives and raising her children in the neighboring

town. Her children spent many summers attending Greenbelt's Camp Pine Tree summer day camp program and are both graduates of Eleanor Roosevelt High School where they were active in the band program, headed at the time by Sally Wagner (now retired). While living in Greenbelt, Barb enjoyed the warmth and closeness of the community and maintained an active lifestyle, relishing the city's offerings and conveniences. She resided at Homecrest House in Silver Spring for the last several years of her life, where she would sing the praises of Old Greenbelt to anyone willing to listen.

Survivors include her daughter, Kimberly Anne and her husband Chris Cant of Olney; her son, John Arthur Compton and his wife Tracy (Kelly), and their children, Lucille Abigail and Morgan Grace, of Fairfax, Va.; sister, Constance (Thomas) Schwan and her husband Paul Schwan of Martinsburg, W.V.; her brother, Arthur Robert Thomas; her sister-in-law, Linda Lynch; her nieces Anita (McGaha) Collins and Sally (McGaha) Merritt, all of Raleigh, N.C. She was preceded in death by her husband and her parents.

In keeping with Barb's wishes, her remains were cremated and a celebration and remembrance of her life will be held in the spring.

Family, friends, and others who wish to share remembrances of Barb may send notes of condolence to The Compton Family,

14510 Homecrest Rd., Apt. 2020, Silver Spring, MD 20906. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in her memory to The Sally Wagner Foundation to benefit the band program at Eleanor Roosevelt through sallywagnerfoundation.org/donate or Sally Wagner Foundation, 4285 Bright Bay Way, Ellicott City, MD 21042.

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Going, Going, Gone: Lunar Eclipse over Greenbelt



The lunar eclipse was visible over Greenbelt on Sunday evening, January 20.



The Super Blood Wolf Moon: super because of its apparent size due to its closeness to earth; blood red from the refraction of light; and the wolf moon of Native American lore

- Photos by Mary Murchison-Edwards



STEAM TEAM Home School Sessions for 3rd-5th Grade
Sessions 1 day/week for 6 weeks (Tues, Wed, or Thurs)
9:30-11:30am (Feb. 5-Mar. 20, closed Feb 19-20)

Hands-on activities explore origami, kirigami, paper circuits; use code to control lights, movement, sound and more. Build low tech skills, still important in today's society, and add high tech skills that will define the world they are growing up in.

www.make125.org/2018/11/home-school-makers/

Many Volunteer Opportunities With the News Review in 2019

by Gary Childs

The beginning of a new year brings with it a sense of opportunity, a moment that encourages people to consider resolutions to eat better, exercise or in some other way move toward self-improvement. Here at the beginning of 2019, Greenbelters wanting to try something new should consider volunteering with the News Review.

Greenbelt's paper, published continuously every week since November 1937, plays an important role in our community. From council meetings to what our youth are doing, from good deeds done to the ways we use our creativity to make our community and the world a better place, the paper lays out what's going on in town.

Here are some ways a person could become involved with this important work:

Local Correspondents – Our staff tries to know and report on as much of what goes on in Greenbelt as possible, but we can't be everywhere. We are looking for individuals from different communities within Greenbelt who are interested in informing us about events in communities, sending photos of events and writing about local things like community parties, HOA meetings and other newsworthy events.

Online Managers – The paper is looking for people with experience managing a website, using social media on behalf of an organization, and designing and executing an online strategy. Nearly half of our readership uses the News Review website as their primary method of reading the paper, so it is important to make the online experience as effective as possible.

Spanish Translation – In 2018 the News Review started translating a few articles each week. People with a high level of competency in Spanish may enjoy being a part of this team.

Writers – Whether someone wants to write an article a week, or one per year, reporting on events and writing feature stories can be a fun and interesting way to be involved in the community while exercising writing skills. Writing articles for the paper can be done at home as a person's schedule permits.

Photographers – There are many pictures to be taken to help convey what is going on in Greenbelt. For individuals who like photography, this may be an ideal way to be involved.

Cartoonists – The News Review is proud of its editorial cartoons, but would welcome a new cartoonist or two who would bring their own unique style and perspective.

Copy editors/typists/email openers – Join others weekly at our office to edit articles, go through email or type. Those who do these tasks enjoy the camaraderie of working with a group toward the goal of getting the paper ready for publication.

Advertising specialists – People who like sales and talking to the public may enjoy joining the News Review's advertising team. The paper's ad team works with current advertisers and also invites potential advertisers to take out an ad. This important job helps make sure the News Review has enough funds to publish a paper each week.

For a Greenbelt resident looking for something new and different to do in 2019, consider volunteering with our team.

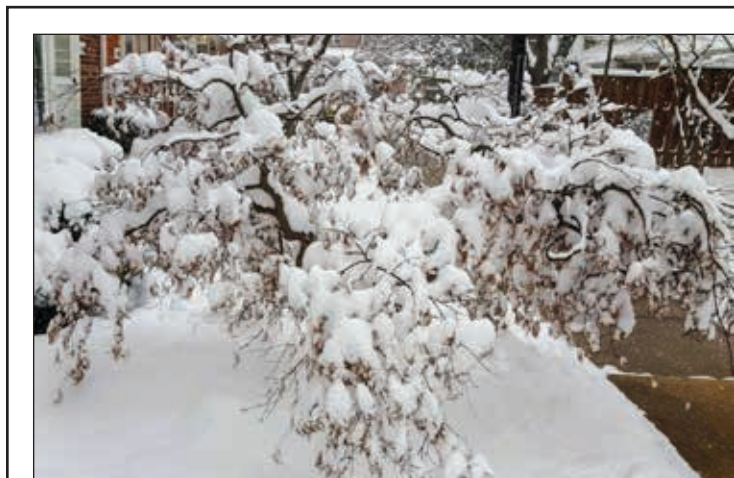
Metro Seeks Public Feedback, To Hold Hearing in Greenbelt

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) has announced plans for how it intends to spend its 2020 budget of \$3.4 billion to provide "a better ride, better convenience and better value for the region." WMATA has asked for feedback from the community and will be holding a hearing at the Greenbelt Library on Thursday, January 31. An open house is planned to start at 6 p.m. and the hearing will follow at 6:30.

According to WMATA, the 2020 budget proposal identifies efficiencies needed to limit the amount paid by the various jurisdictions while also reflecting anticipated ridership and revenue losses. In light of all this, Metro's proposed budget attempts to prioritize safety, the system's preservation and state of repair, and improvements to the customer experience, along with other efforts to increase ridership. WMATA says that its Board of Directors must consider all options to make the system "better than good." In its effort to garner input on these issues, WMATA will be holding a series of hearings in the region, including the one at the Greenbelt Library.

WMATA would like to expand

peak service times, extend service on certain lines and run all eight-car trains. Metro is also proposing to implement a \$2 flat fare on the weekends and enhance seven-day and monthly passes to include more bus service. WMATA is providing an online survey for feedback as well as conducting the regional meetings. The public feedback will be provided to Metro's Board of Directors in March as part of its decision-making process. Any fare or service changes will begin on or about July 1.



A dwarf Japanese maple on Lakecrest Drive weighed down by the snow

PHOTO BY JOYCE WINELAND

Perfect Arrangement Plays At Greenbelt Arts Center

by Ann Lowe-Barrett and Jon Gardner

Opening Friday, February 1, the Greenbelt Arts Center will feature *Perfect Arrangement* by Topher Payne, a comedy about the lavender scare. This was a time in the 1950s when gay and lesbian people were fired from their jobs in the federal government because of their sexual orientation. In the play, two State Department employees, Bob and Norma, have been ordered to identify so-called sexual deviants in their office. But Bob and Norma are gay and have married each other's partners as a ruse. Based on the nascent days of the American gay rights movement, this compelling drama offers both laughs and lessons as two patriotic couples take on both the mores of their time and the closet door.

The lavender scare in the 1950s was a crisis manufactured by the far right for political reasons. It was associated with the red scare: fear of communism. Senator Joe McCarthy and others lumped together homosexuals and Communist Party members as subversive elements who undermined middle-class morality. McCarthy described them as "threats to the American way of life." Because social attitudes were highly negative and homosexuality was considered a mental disorder, gay men and lesbians in government jobs were considered a security risk, since they could be subject to blackmail.

According to Director Ann Lowe-Barrett, "The play also addresses issues that are current and troubling. Many people still face the dilemmas we see played out here. Gay bashing continues to occur in communities all over the world. Even so, the playwright has given us a play that is funny, scathing and entertaining."

The Greenbelt Arts Center has partnered with Court Appointed Special Advocates for Prince George's County (PG-CASA) and a portion of the proceeds from the show will go towards addressing the needs of vulner-



PHOTO BY JON BARRETT

Janice Coffey (Kitty Sunderson) and Jon Meeker (Bob Martindale) pretend to be married in *Perfect Arrangement*.

able children, some of whom are LGBTQ. For more information, visit greenbeltartscenter.org. (See ad on page 3.)

The play runs through February 23. For tickets and

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PHOTO BY MELISSA SITES

Hundreds of volunteers served food at Beltway Plaza on January 21.

efforts to help bag produce and give out food. Most volunteers registered in advance and those who showed up extemporaneously brought the total to around 400. As stores began to open at 10 a.m., wrangling the large volume of food and volunteers was a challenge.

Two hundred and sixty food recipients preregistered and additional recipients signed up on site. The total number of recipients came to 464.

At the end of the day, volunteers distributed remaining groceries to senior centers county-wide.

Charles McNeill, pastor of Unity Baptist Church in D.C. and president of the National Capital Baptist Convention, received a \$14,000 grant from Prince George's County to purchase and distribute food. Recipients chose grocery bags including turkey or ham. Fresh produce, including potatoes, onions, bananas, apples,

papayas and pineapples weighing in at 15,000 pounds purchased from Maryland Surplus Produce, accompanied the meat.

Mayor Emmett Jordan, with Councilmembers Judith Davis and Silke Pope, attended the event. Quantum Companies (Beltway Plaza) General Counsel Marc Kapastin, Chief of Staff to Mel Franklin Brendon Laster and community leader Walker Kirkland helped to coordinate the event.

Kirkland, President of 100 Black Men, Prince George's County Chapter, said at least 10 of his mentees came to volunteer at the event. His group mentors young men about financial literacy, health and wellness, and education.

In addition, WPGC 99.5 FM provided advertising, sound and music for the event. Z Burgers gave away free burgers with purchase.

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Beltway Plaza Merchants Weigh in on Redevelopment

by Matthew Arbach



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Ken Agwa poses in front of Ken's Photo Imaging.

According to Janubi Devendra, director of marketing for Quantum Companies, regarding possible redevelopment of Beltway Plaza, the vibe was very positive among the merchants at both the December and January monthly meetings where the topic was discussed. She went on to say, "Our merchants are very secure here and feel that it will come with a facelift for all." Quantum Companies, which handles all leasing and management, has proposed converting the plaza into an open-air mall that would combine residential and commercial properties.

In speaking with three of the plaza's business owners, two of whom have had a presence there for more than two decades, a sentiment of hopeful expectation was generally expressed. All expect to preserve the spirit of teamwork and collegiality found there now, as well as the chance to continue serving a broadly diverse clientele. One has only to take a brief stroll through the mall to recognize this diversity with its panoply of international eateries and clothing shops, with varied, small privately-owned businesses alongside larger chains.

Ken Agwa, owner of Ken's Photo Imaging, has been in the plaza for 22 years. During that time, he has had a good relationship with Quantum Companies. While he has a clear preference for the current mall configuration, he would be open to the possibility of finding a place in a new development if certain conditions were met. These include ample parking and security for all as well as shared promotions where all the related businesses pull their resources together in an effort to build up the mall's collective prosperity.

He described his customers as a melting pot and felt that the inviting walk-in atmosphere of an enclosed mall has been advantageous to his business. At the moment, he would like to see how a new arrangement would work through future meetings with Quantum that would provide him with more details.

Raja Kumar, owner of Bun Café, is optimistic about an alteration, yet stressed that it is hard to predict what may transpire. He has been in the mall for 20 years. He said that any redevelopment is positive and that people need some change. While he felt that there would be no real difference between a mall setting or an open-air town center, he felt that the latter may bring in more traffic. Currently, he was appreciative that the mall works as a team. Since the beginning, he has seen the diversity of his customers as a positive thing.

Shaymar Higgs, who owns The Space, has only been in the mall since September. He sees Beltway Plaza as a community mall that he considers as an example to illustrate how diversity can work. At present, he views the mall as a hub and a stopping point where a huge variety of goods and services are available and where people can say hello. He believes that a redevelopment would make the property bigger and more welcoming and offer greater economic diversity.

He echoed the sense of partnership that the mall businesses embody. He saw Quantum Companies as instrumental in fostering this environment, emphasizing their personal touch all the way up the ladder. If the proposed redevelopment were to occur, he says he would stay.

Local Birders Participate In Annual Christmas Count

by John Stith

In the winter of 1972 to 1973, the Bowie Christmas Bird Count (BCBC) was established to count birds within a 15-mile diameter circle that includes Greenbelt and vicinity. In each year since, volunteers count birds within the circle on a designated date (January 1 in recent years) in the weeks before and after Christmas.

During the first year of the count, volunteers found no Bald Eagles. The use of DDT had just been banned by the two-year-old Environmental Protection Agency, and Bald Eagles were nearly extinct. Eighty-three birders participated in this year's BCBC and sighted 73 Bald Eagles, a new record for this annual count.

Bird species have spread, declined and gone extinct for millions of years, but the pace of change has greatly accelerated now that humans play a more dominant role in the planet's ecosystems. The annual Christmas Bird Count, organized by the National Audubon Society and held in thousands of local areas each year, provides snapshots of that change and important data for ornithologists and policymakers.

In Greenbelt, 11 volunteers scoured local lakes, ponds, trees and fields, from the North Woods to the stormwater retention pond behind Trinity Assembly of God church. Along with nearby sites and counters in College Park and Lanham, they found 53 different species of birds. The locations surveyed by all the Bowie Circle volunteers were coordinated by the Patuxent Bird Club and the Prince George's Audubon Society, which jointly organize the BCBC.

Eight other species besides the Bald Eagle set records in this year's local count, giving professional ornithologists and amateur bird-lovers new data to investigate and puzzle over until next winter.

Three of those record-high species were ducks. Hundreds of Hooded Mergansers were counted locally this year, still diving and foraging in ponds and lakes that are sometimes frozen over by January. Dozens of Buffleheads were doing the same in local lakes. Counters discovered 61 Northern Shovelers at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. The previous high count was seven.

Double-breasted Cormorants are social waterbirds that usually spend their winters together on the coast. This year, 40 of them decided that Lake Artemesia was just as fine, making this the first annual count to find such a large group.

Lake Artemesia even attracted an adventurous Great Egret this year, a tall, white bird that normally would only be this far north in warmer months. It was the first Great Egret ever sighted in the BCBC.

While exciting to find more birds in new places, it can also be a sign of rapid change. If other counts also find record numbers of warmer-climate waterbirds this far north and inland, it signals to ornithologists to research the role of climate change in those trends.

Three other new records were tallied in the BCBC: 639 Black Vultures, 398 Turkey Vultures, and five Common Ravens. Vul-



PHOTO BY JOHN STITH

Volunteers from left, Helen Sommers, Frankie Commins, Monica Mische and Mardi Hastings count birds for the winter bird count.

tures, which suffered from the use of DDT, have benefited from warmer winters. Researchers theorize that the increase in Maryland road kill, especially of deer, has supported their population growth here. Black Vultures were virtually non-existent in Maryland before the invention of the automobile.

After centuries of farmers shooting them to protect their livestock, Common Ravens are finally back in the Piedmont and Coastal Plain. They returned in 2015 and have been found locally every year since. These intelligent birds announce their presence with a loud croak call as they fly past.

The species of most concern are often those less known by the public today. The Northern Bobwhite's whistle was a well-known sound in the region in the 1960s, but none has been found by the annual count since 1999. Habitat loss is a major factor in this bird's disappearance, a story played out among many bird species.

Counters at Greenbelt Lake found the only Rusty Blackbird

of the day, a low count for a species currently the focus of intense research and conservation efforts. But this year's BCBC found 208 Eastern Bluebirds, a conservation success story thanks to the popularity of building birdhouses designed for them.

As data comes in from the thousands of Christmas Bird Counts this winter, the 64,253 individual birds counted by local volunteers will help uncover the diverse stories of bird species throughout the Americas. Although birds can fly to new places as local climates change, their food sources cannot. That interplay between flight and local ecosystems makes the life of birds fascinating for those devoted to them.

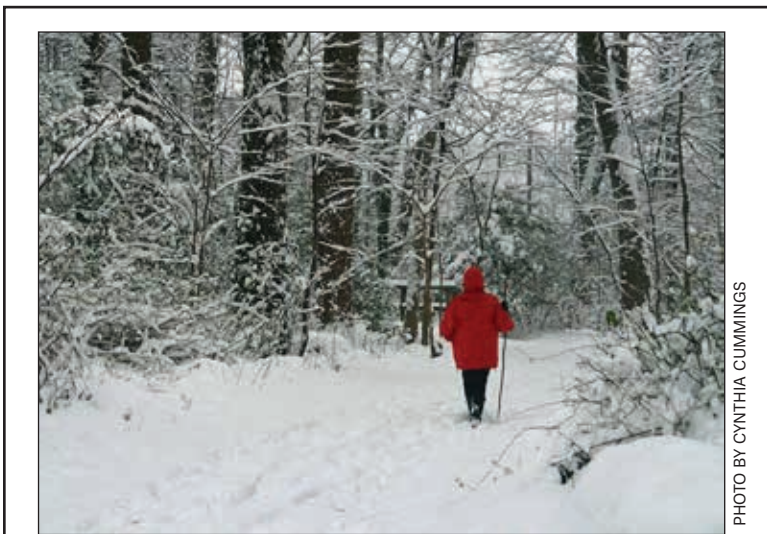


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in 1993 while some of the HVAC components date back to the building's construction in the 1930s. The system is energy inefficient and not code compliant. While Public Works has so far been able to stave off catastrophe and keep the system working, their opinion is that the system could fail beyond what can be repaired at any time.

When asked about the four months that the theater will need to be closed to install the new roof and HVAC system, Caitlin McGrath, executive director of Old Greenbelt Theatre, said that knowing when they will need to be closed will permit them to plan rather than having to close without warning if the system fails completely.

The current HVAC system is in the basement of the theater. McGrath told council that whenever she sees the repair contractor come up from the basement, he says that he does not know why the system is still functioning.

Kim said the first thing the city asked the engineer to examine was whether the HVAC system could remain in the basement. The engineer determined that approach is not practical due to difficulties in getting the equipment into the basement and the inability of a basement system to provide the amount and quality of fresh air required.

Public Works provided a number of documents that they and the design contractor had prepared including the construction plan, preliminary schedule and the bid form along with drawings. Public Works has developed a schedule for the bidding process that envisions receiving all bids in February.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts objected early and often, frequently ignoring attempts by the mayor to recognize other councilmembers and once interrupting McGrath in mid-sentence. He said that council should be focusing on protecting the building and asserted that the plans presented do not protect the building. He claimed that all the components of the current HVAC system, contrary to staff's report, are available and that the city should keep the system in the basement. Putting the system on the roof will inevitably create cracks and leaks, he said. There is "no way I would ever vote for this proposal," he declared.

When Councilmember Colin Byrd asked Kim to address Roberts' concerns, Facilities Maintenance Supervisor Tim Houchens stepped in to note that repairing the HVAC system would be like repairing a Model T. When it is not working, he asked "who will be happy waiting three or four months to get that Model T fixed?" Houchens likened the current system to playing Russian roulette every day, wondering when the system will completely fail.

Cherrywood Lane

Council introduced for first reading a resolution to authorize the negotiated purchase of architectural and engineering services for the Cherrywood Lane Green and Complete Street retrofit project from CPJ Associates. The issue will be on the January 28 agenda for final passage. The city has received a \$56,000 grant, which it must match for this project.

As described in the Prelimi-

nary Concept Design Report, the project "serves to provide a clear path for transforming a too-wide street into one that better serves multiple modes of transportation, minimizes paved surfaces and optimizes stormwater management. The report provides guidance on complete and green street elements to be integrated within Cherrywood Lane's right of way."

For those interested in more detail, a number of documents are available on the city's website including the resolution, staff recommendations and the Preliminary Concept Design Report.

Bikeshare

Two relatively new city planners had an opportunity to shine when they were asked to do a presentation without warning on proposed bike-share locations when two county officials originally scheduled to present did not attend the meeting, perhaps due to a county snow closure. Planners Molly Porter and Judith Howerton met the challenge.

The county Department of Public Works and Transportation is piloting a program to install bike-share stations (with docks) throughout the county. Greenbelt is to receive five stations:

Greenbelt Station Parkway and North Center Drive, Breezewood Drive and Cherrywood Lane, Roosevelt Center (but really closer to the Community Center), Crescent and Ridge Roads near the police stations and Hanover Parkway near Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

The county has received limited funding for this project, which will not require the city to provide matching funds.

Concerns raised by council and the public during the discussion was the lack of a site at the Greenbelt Metro Station, the lack of a station past Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt East, and the likely removal of on-street parking at the Roosevelt Center location. Council also expressed concern that this project is based upon docking stations, while current trends are moving towards dock-less bike sharing.

Other Actions

Jordan presented a proclamation declaring January 21 a day of service in Greenbelt. It calls upon city residents to pay tribute to the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through participation in community service projects. This year's project is to install cages to deflect beavers in Buddy Attick Park. [Due to the high winds and bitterly cold temperatures on that day, Public Works has rescheduled the event to Saturday, February 2.]

Konrad Herling informed council that the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club has donated \$500 to the city's emergency fund. This fund is run by Greenbelt CARES and with eligibility determined by the Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association. Jordan reminded those present that donations are tax deductible.

Petitions

Bill Manico, a resident of Greenwood Village, thanked council for its December 10 adoption of rules and regulations to provide for small cell installations. (See details in the December 20 News Review.) Manico noted that cell towers can affect property values and that it is the federal government that approved these rules, which were scheduled

to take effect January 1, 2019.

Manico said that the federal rules exempt the telecom industry for any liability related to cell tower radiation.

Councilmember Judith Davis pointed out that the rules do not permit opponents to a cell tower to cite health concerns in opposing cell towers.

Bill Orleans stated that the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority will have an open house and public hearing on its operating and capital budgets at the Greenbelt Library on January 31 at 6:30 p.m. He suggested that the city hold a premeeting to prepare for the hearing.

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As the newly appointed liaison to municipalities, Hawkins promised to work closely with the 27 municipalities in Prince George's County. Later in the evening, Councilmember Judith Davis reminded the group that municipalities were the equals of the county in terms of the hierarchy in which the state is at the top and counties and municipalities occupy the next tier as co-equals.

Transportation

Mayor Emmett Jordan powered through the real business of the evening which was to acquaint the two at-large councilmembers with the city's legislative agenda. This includes Greenbelt's opposition to the maglev project and highway widening key to Governor Larry Hogan's plan. Hawkins expressed concern that Hogan can create these initiatives without the approval of the legislature – he felt that the governor had too much power in that regard.

Railways and Maglev

In the ensuing discussion, Councilmember Silke Pope expressed her concern that the maglev initiative would build new facilities that ran through the county but did nothing for it, while the existing rail infrastructure is in dire need of funding and improvement. She and others noted the poor condition of the Greenbelt Metro station as a case in point, and expressed concern about the impact of tunneling through the city – under condominium communities and Eleanor Roosevelt High School, for example. It was also a source of frustration among the city council that neither the county nor the city had the power to stop a railway line. Apparently, of all state jurisdictions, only Baltimore City has the power to deny a railway franchise. The mayor also commented that despite having the largest of the Metro parking lots, Greenbelt still does not have a full interchange, yet \$2.75 is included in each parking charge to cover the cost of improvements. He noted there had been no improvements in a decade.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts advocated extension of the Green Line to Baltimore-Washington International Airport. He wants to see money spent on sustainable and locally useful transportation infrastructure. He noted that many of the proposals made at the state level do not offer reduction in local traffic congestion and, by widening highways and encouraging outlying development, may ultimately actually increase it.



PHOTO BY ALDEN JURLING

The Lake freezes with this week's frigid temperatures, creating fanciful designs.

Streetscapes

High on Jordan's list on the topic of transportation was the languishing of the Greenbelt Streetscape plan for Route 193, which did not make it into the county executive's list to the State Highway Administration (SHA), despite the existence of approved plans. The mayor felt that in conjunction with Berwyn Heights and with the support of the county and state, Greenbelt Road would not merely be a pass-through, but a whole new focal point for the city – a place to stop and linger. He noted that this project tied in well with recent proposals to replace today's Beltway Plaza as part of a mixed-use development. Jordan and others noted how much the initiative to re-invent Route 1 as it passes through College Park has resulted in a much more attractive and integrated aspect to that town.

Davis, who is the Prince George's County delegate to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), cordially invited Franklin and Hawkins to the city's planned meeting with WMATA on Thursday, January 31 at the Greenbelt Library. It opens at 6 p.m., with sign-up at 6:30 p.m. She noted with some consternation a recent proposal that Prince George's and Montgomery Counties should alternate in representing their jurisdictions on the WMATA board and felt that the county needed a continuous presence.

County Role

Jordan remarked that the SHA, which has jurisdiction over Greenbelt Road, takes its cue from the county and that this project had not appeared on the list of state projects despite the existence of plans previously drawn up. Franklin noted that the cancellation of the FBI move could not have helped this project or the interchange, and suggested that it was time for the county to get behind it.

Franklin remarked that, in general, the large SHA-maintained roads tend to run through com-

munities but that the county espoused a complete streets policy that would support a streetscape approach. He let council know that state bill HB-10 would require SHA to not just build sidewalks along its thoroughfares but also require state maintenance (though HB-10 specifically requires the SHA to "repair and maintain certain sidewalks that are located within an area designated as a priority funding area," which Greenbelt is not). At the moment, SHA is required only to build and not to maintain, resulting in pathways which fall into disrepair.

Greenbelt Station

In another connection to the overall transportation issue, Jordan noted that the residents of Greenbelt Station have been waiting almost three years to be connected to the Metro station. He pointed out that each proposal for the connection has met with roadblocks that force redesign and additional cost. The latest requirement for a traffic light pushes the cost of what should have been a half-million-dollar project to over \$1.5 million. Jordan also pointed out that the only county road through Greenbelt is Branchville Road, on which the hiker-biker trail to Greenbelt Station ends, and which does not have sidewalks – further cutting off residents of the newest Greenbelt development from pedestrian access to other areas of the city.

Schools

On the topic of schools, Councilmember Colin Byrd raised the issue of continued overcrowding. He hoped that the county would honor promises to have Greenbelt children go to Greenbelt schools (a concern for Greenbelt Station) and noted that he'd "love to cut some ribbons" with Franklin and Hawkins.



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Young musicians from College Park's Calvert Hills neighborhood offer a Dark Side of the Moon Tribute Concert on Thursday, January 31, Friday, February 1 and Saturday, February 2, at 7 p.m. The concerts, hosted by Eric Maring ("Mr. M") will take place at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Rd., College Park.

Free Screenings Offered at Doctors

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Seminar to Meet

Bariatric Surgery and Weight Loss Seminar meets on January 25 from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the Professional Office Building (Suite 210) next to Doctors Community Hospital. Attend this free lecture presented by Dr. Hitesh Amin. Anyone who is at least 30 pounds overweight can learn whether weight loss surgery is an option. Registration is required; call 240-965-4405 or visit DCHweightloss.org.

Brass Trio Gives Free Concert

College Park Arts Exchange offers a free concert on Sunday, January 27, featuring the brass trio Doug Wilson (trumpet), Brad Tatum (horn) and James Martin (trombone). The concert will take place at 3 p.m. at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Rd, College Park.



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McCarl Dental Group Duarte Promoted to Practice Partner

by Sue Krofchik

If it is true that history predicts the future, you can bet your pearly whites that there will still be a dentist belonging to the McCarl Dental Group at the corner of Ridge and Gardenway for years to come. For only the second time in its 81 years, a non-McCarl has earned partner status.

Richard Duarte, D.D.S., became the Group's newest partner on January 1. He joined the practice as an associate dentist in 2016, "after an extensive search during which we vetted more than 30 highly qualified candidates," according to Dr. Clayton S. McCarl, Jr.

Duarte is a graduate of the University of Maryland College Park, where as a Banneker/Key Scholar he majored in general biology and minored in Spanish. He earned his doctor of dental surgery degree (D.D.S.) from the University of Maryland School of Dentistry in 2015. Following this, he chose to pursue an advanced education residency in general dentistry at Chase Brexton Health Care Center in Baltimore through the New York University Lutheran Health System. He also has additional training and interest in Invisalign, implants and root canals.

Among awards Duarte has received are the American Academy of Oral Medicine Award for demonstrating highest standards of care in diagnosis and treatment of medically compromised patients, and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Diversity Recognition Award for his commitment to providing an inclusive environment and dental attention and education to communities in need. He also earned membership in the Gorgas Odontological Honor Society based on grade point average and class rank, and the Gamma Pi Delta Prosthodontic Honor Society for scholarship and interest in prosthetic dentistry.

"The award that really means a lot to me is the Dean's Community Service Award," he said, which cited the more than 80 hours of community service he volunteered during dental school. He also has participated in mission trips to Costa Rica, Honduras and Panama and said he finds volunteering very rewarding. It reminds him of what is important in life and why he entered the health care profession.

Little did he know that on September 21, 2017, while vacationing at Bethany Beach, he would be instrumental in saving a man's life. Although a believer in the importance of knowing how to perform CPR, he never expected to have to use it – until that day. The swimmer's brother said a rogue wave knocked him to the (ocean) floor and broke his neck in two places. Duarte helped get the man safely out of the water and took charge of chest compressions until first responders



PHOTO BY DAVID HARTCORN

Dr. Richard Duarte

arrived [Greenbelt News Review, October 19, 2017, page 4]. The swimmer whose life was saved by Duarte's knowledge and quick action is alive and continues in a rehab program.

So, how does history fit into all of this? The McCarl family has practiced dentistry on Ridge Road since May of 1938 when Dr. James W. McCarl came to the new city named Greenbelt as a private practice town dentist. He is the father of (2nd generation) the late dentists Drs. Clayton S. Sr. and J. Taylor; grandfather of (3rd generation) dentists Drs. Clayton S. Jr., Jay and David and registered dental hygienist Sally McCarl Moore; and great grandfather of (4th generation) registered dental hygienist Ashley McCarl Harrison. Dr. Dianna Lee became a partner in 2015 and now Duarte joins her and the McCarls as one more partner to keep the 81-year-old practice with a rich history going.

(Some of the information in this story was abstracted from the curriculum vitae of Dr. Richard Duarte.)

Council Talks Transportation Projects, Schools with Reps

by Ian Round

The Greenbelt City Council plans to oppose three major projects proposed by other jurisdictions this year, according to the city's 2019 Legislative Agenda prepared for the annual meeting with county and state legislators who represent Greenbelt. The three projects are the widening of the Capital Beltway and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, the potential transfer of ownership of the Parkway to the state, and construction of the proposed Baltimore-Washington Superconducting Maglev routes through the city and county.

City Manager Nicole Ard said, "It's not an uphill battle if everyone comes together."

Road Widening

Governor Larry Hogan has proposed transferring ownership of the Parkway from the federal government to the State of Maryland, widening it and adding toll lanes. He also plans to widen the Beltway and I-270 and add toll lanes.

"The city is concerned that this project will lead to more vehicles, more congestion, more greenhouse gases and air pollution," the evening's program stated. "Widening [the Parkway] not only impacts Greenbelt negatively, but other important open space resources including the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center and the Patuxent Wildlife Refuge."

In a letter to the State Highway Administration (SHA) included in the program, Mayor Emmett Jordan stated that neighborhoods adjacent to I-495 would be "negatively impacted by a diminished quality of life." He wrote that in the state's plan, "No mention is made of the amount of loss of existing homes and businesses."

Maglev

The city also opposes the maglev project. "It is not clear that this project will reduce traffic congestion and residents have expressed concerns about noise, loss of trees and wildlife habitat, harmful health impacts and reduction in property values," ac-

ording to the agenda. "The city is advocating that our state and county legislators share that opposition," Assistant City Manager David Moran said in a phone interview. Moran, who drafted the agenda and submitted it to council, noted that "the city single-handedly can't stop it."

City Initiatives

City preferences are to upgrade the Greenbelt Metro Station, make Greenbelt Road more walkable, assign children living in Greenbelt Station to Greenbelt schools and ban plastic straws.

"The city has always been supportive of transit," Moran said.

Council intends to lobby the SHA to fund a project to make Greenbelt Road "more of a community main street and less of a vehicle-oriented roadway." Moran said the SHA made a "concept plan" years ago for the project, but it was never funded.

"The city would hope the bulk of the funding would come from the state," he added.

The city hopes to upgrade the infrastructure of the Greenbelt Metro Station, which was built in 1993, so that it can "act as a catalyst for significant economic development."

Ard posed the question, "Can we reduce the number of cars by providing those alternatives?"

School Concerns

Joshua Thomas, who represents Greenbelt on the Prince George's County Board of Education, supports the city's desire to send children living in Greenbelt Station to schools in the city, but said it would be hard to make the numbers work, given that the city's schools are "already bursting at the seams." The population of Prince George's County increased by about 5.7 percent from 2010 to 2017, according to census data.

Students from Greenbelt Station are currently assigned to Berwyn Heights Elementary, Greenbelt Middle School and Parkdale High School. Thomas said, "Residents of Greenbelt should attend Greenbelt schools

for the simple fact that they live in Greenbelt" and that he wants to put "equity at the forefront of all the decisions that we make."

"I think we have to be very thoughtful and measured about how we . . . make that happen," he said. "If we're making more space and making more capacity, then in what way?"

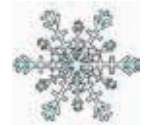
Thomas also said he wants to address school maintenance issues, overcrowding and mold at Springhill Lake Elementary School. He said he receives more complaints about that school than any other. Maintenance at Springhill Lake Elementary did not appear on the city's list of priorities.

In general, though, Thomas said he supports the council's priorities. "All the interests that the mayor and council have do make a lot of sense."

High School Student Apprenticeships

The U.S. Army Research Laboratory (ARL) Science and Engineer Apprentice Program (SEAP) matches practicing Department of Defense scientists with talented high school students, creating a direct mentor-student relationship that allows students to work personally with scientists or engineers doing real-life research. SEAP participants receive first-hand research experience and exposure to Department of Defense laboratories, an environment unlike local high schools or colleges. SEAP fosters a desire in its participants to pursue further training and careers in STEM.

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County At-large Reps Tackle GHI Zoning Overlay Concerns

by Cathie Meetre

At the worksession with Prince George's County Council's two new at-large members on January 16, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. President Steve Skolnik presented requests of concern to GHI regarding the zoning process. Skolnik expressed concern that a lack of a suitable overlay would take the housing density level zoned for GHI from the current overlay level of 6.2 per acre to over 10, leaving the area open to high density housing and changing Greenbelt's historic character.

Councilmember Mel Franklin responded. He recognized the issues raised and reassured Skolnik that at the moment the activity was directed toward developing the underlying zoning and that, once that was in place, the overlays would then be raised for consideration. Franklin noted that planners are somewhat opposed in general to overlays but said

that due to the historical considerations in the county, it was really the only feasible approach.

In response to questions from Skolnik, Franklin said that he thought that the final overlays would be in place and agreed upon approximately 18 months from now.

Skolnik also noted ongoing concerns with the county's permit granting system for construction, noting that it was a struggle to get permits for even simple changes – a problem for multiple small age-in-place updates, especially those requiring a downstairs bathroom. In response, Franklin noted that the Department of Permits, Inspection and Enforcement had been formed as an integrated group to help streamline these processes under a single roof and asked if that had made any difference. Skolnik opined that it didn't seem to have worked as far as he could see.

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once building permits were issued, repair work would begin shortly. Pauley added that there would be a sprinkler system, fire blocks between building units and one-hour fire retardant walls between apartments. The problem with this fire was that it had burned for more than an hour before being detected. He also noted that windows would be padlocked during the restoration.

Window Locks

This turned council's attention to its concern that all windows in the apartment project be lockable so as to prevent a child opening the floor level window and then falling out, as has happened. Pauley said that about 1,000 units now have window locks. Knight said this was being done based upon work orders and apartment turnovers. Councilmembers asked for more detailed information on the work completed and to be done, urging priority for

those units having small children, particularly on upper floors.

Terri Hruby, director of Planning and Community Development, was asked if this was being looked at in the city's inspection of apartment units. She noted that this was being done, but that the inspection of apartment units was on a five-year cycle and they were not able to do enforcement on every single unit at one time. Pauley noted that, like the city, Franklin Park did not have the resources to do all windows at one time.

In response to her question, Knight told Davis that occupancy remains high for the complex with currently a 69 percent retention rate.

Pauley said that the refurbishment of all apartments, initiated when Fieldstone Properties purchased the now 50-plus-year-old Springhill Lake apartment complex in 2010, is nearing comple-

tion with another 500 units done at a cost of \$25,000,000, with about 500 left to do. Knight said that monthly rents now range from \$1,279 to \$2,142, there being a recent four percent across-the-board rent increase.

Improvements

Capital expenses include the installation of high-efficiency gas valves in Sections 1, 2 and 5 and upgrades to the swimming pools with handicap ramps and railings. There have been repairs to storm drainage, sidewalks lifted to improve stormwater drainage, a new policy for pest control and energy lights installed. Pipes are being replaced when needed.

"Anything that needs to be done is being done," Pauley said. He commended the city code enforcement inspection as being much improved. Knight noted that the apartment market has changed due to the online social media reviews that enable tenants and others to say good or bad things about an apartment complex.

Knight said management uses a variety of resources to communicate with residents, including a quarterly newsletter and social media. Management doesn't want to overdo it for fear that tenants

Police Blotter

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Robbery

January 10, 9:48 a.m., 7800 block Mandan Road. A man approached a woman from behind as she was in the parking lot getting items out of her vehicle. He placed what she believed to be a knife to her back and demanded money. He fled on foot after getting it.

January 15, 4 p.m., Edmonston Court near Edmonston Road. A woman got off a Metrobus and saw two men standing at the bus stop. As she crossed the street one of them approached her, brandishing a handgun, and announced a robbery. They obtained her cell phone and then fled on foot.

Theft

January 13, 2 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Drive. A laptop computer was taken from a residence.

Fraud

January 15, 6 p.m., 100 block

Ridge Road. A man received a voice mail alerting him that his iPhone account was invalid. He called the number provided and was told he needed to pay to have his account reactivated. Payment was to be made using Apple and Google gift cards and he was to provide the caller with the numbers on the cards. The man did so and later found that he had been defrauded.

Burglary

January 15, 9:50 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. Muddy footprints were found in a residence. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

Vandalism

January 11, 4:52 p.m., 200 block Lakeside Drive. The bedroom window of a residence was broken out.

January 14, 3:19 a.m., Hanover Parkway near Mandan Road. A bus stop was vandalized.

Vehicle Crime

Two vehicles were stolen. A 4-door 2010 Nissan Sentra taken from the 6100 block Springhill Terrace was recovered the next day by Prince George's County police in the 6300 block Tuckerman Street in Riverdale Park after it had been in a hit and run accident and then abandoned. A tan 2005 Porsche Cayenne SUV with Md. tags 1DG0961 was taken from the 7800 block Emily's Way.

One vehicle was recovered. A 2019 Toyota 4Runner SUV reported stolen to Alexandria City police was found in the 6100 block Springhill Terrace.

Two thefts were reported. Rear tag Md. 7CH7182 was taken from a vehicle on Crescent Road near Parkway. A notebook-type computer and backpack were taken after a window was broken out in the 6100 block Greenbelt Road.



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Apartments in Franklin Park



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The Springhill Lake Recreation Center is located in Franklin Park.

will not pay attention to what is communicated.

Davis asked about distribution of the News Review. Resident Ric Gordon said he received the newspaper regularly. He advocated that there should be a resident association to improve communication. Councilmember Edward Putens noted that there once was one back in the early Springhill Lake days.

A resident complained to council about mold in her kitchen resulting from a pipe leak that had not been properly addressed

prior to replacement of the kitchen cabinet. Pauley took exception, but after the complainant provided photographs, he agreed to revisit the matter.

Councilmember Colin Byrd proffered a list of complaints he had received from tenants which included broken glass in the parking area, trash and customer service in addition to items already discussed at the meeting. Davis asked how large the maintenance staff was. Pauley said 62.

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Monthly Storytime

Monday, January 28: Books at Bedtime, presented by the Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program, 6:30 p.m., for ages newborn to 3, limit 20 people. Families are encouraged to come start their bedtime routines at the library. This is an opportunity for children under 3 – especially those with special needs – along with their family and friends, to participate in storytime, music and motor activities. Stop by the Information Desk to pick up free tickets on the day of the event. (This special storytime will continue monthly through Monday, May 20.)

English Conversation Club

Tuesday, January 29: 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.)

Weekly Storytimes

Tuesday, January 29: ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 30 people.
 Wednesday, January 30: ages newborn to 2, 10:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent/caregiver; ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 30 people.
 Thursday, January 31: ages newborn to 2, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent/caregiver; ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m., limit 30 people.

Encourage children to make reading a positive experience by bringing them to the library's storytimes. Each program contains a mixture of engaging activities and age-appropriate stories that support early literacy. Stop by the Information Desk immediately prior to each session to pick up free tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Lecture

Tuesday, January 29: 7 p.m. Kush & Axum: Great Black Kingdoms of the Nile will be the first session of the Winter 2019 season in this audio-visual lecture series presented by historian C.R. Gibbs. Other sessions will be presented on most Tuesday evenings through March 5.

Kids Achieve Club

Wednesday, January 30: 4:30 p.m. Mentoring, reading and homework help for students in grades 1 to 6. (This club meets weekly on Wednesday afternoons.)

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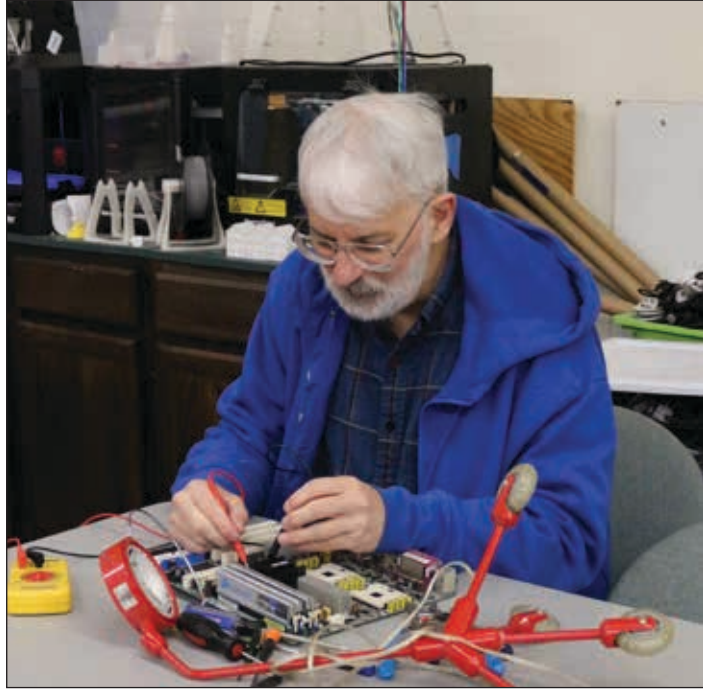


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Robert Candey works on a circuit board as part of MakerSpace Repair Café on Saturday, January 19. The café addressed 22 broken items including lamps, radios, a television set, jewelry and clothing. The Repair Café runs every quarter and is free.



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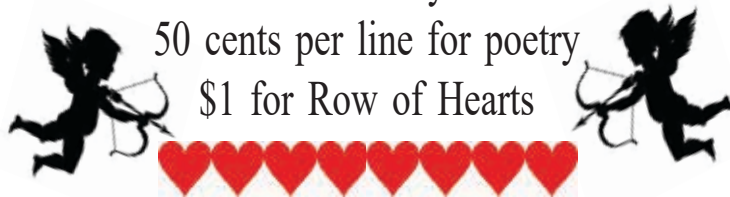
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Co-op's Resident Math Prof. Builds Innovative Investment

by Cathie Meetre

Greenbelt Co-op grocery store reports encouraging early response to Rays on the Roof with over \$100k already committed through a mix of loans and donations through Tuesday, January 22. The campaign will replace the roof of the store and add a solar array that indefinitely offsets 25 percent of the Co-op's annual \$150,000 electrical expense. This strategy also builds reserves to pay outright for the next array/roof repair in 2045.

For the mathematically curious, Dr. Bill Jones, board member and mathematician-in-residence, explains that there's more to the Co-op's donation and investment program than meets the eye. It's designed to optimize mathematically the financial resources available to the store and align them with the cumulative effect of the solar array on the store's expenses. As the remainder of this article explains, individuals contemplating supporting the Co-op are encouraged to consider splitting their investment over the time periods available and to also consider a tradeoff between investment and donation options.

Paradigm Shift

The investment in solar takes 10 or more years to pay off, even with the help of the bond bill, but staying the course creates a game-changer far into the future. The challenge for Co-op is how to pay back without disturbing its normal balance between revenue and expenses, because the shift from reactive to proactive doesn't begin to happen until all the investments are returned to their owners and the interest paid out. To sustain the Co-op during the 10-year payback period, the answer is to keep repayments within the savings in electricity.

In constructing the investment plan that allows the Co-op to move to a reserve-based model, Jones kept total repayments of interest and principal within the expected amount of electrical savings. He also wanted to allow individuals investing to have options in how long their money stayed in. After much gnashing of teeth and several hard-fought rounds of Dueling Spreadsheets, the current plan was adopted by Co-op's board.

The plan allows three choices of duration (short, medium and long) – though Jones points out that the initial balances in each must be roughly in proportion or too much money must be paid off before the electricity savings accrue to cover them. Investors are encouraged to sign up early to get the durations of their choice. Investment durations will

be confirmed in the order pledges are received.

Invest vs. Donate

Investments are the core of the program because they allow investors to contribute more than they could afford to simply donate – and they get their money back. The willingness to invest is what shows the state legislature that Co-op has the support of its customers/member-owners over the long term and that the investors believe the program will be successful. This vote of confidence much improves the chances of winning state bond bill funding.

The most potent way to contribute is by a mix of donation and investment. By contributing an investment and adding a donation about equivalent to the interest on the investment, the total makes an even better showing in matching funds and the donor gets back every penny contributed to the project – their original investment and the donation are eventually returned. For example, Jones tells the News Review that contributing \$8,000 as investment and \$2,000 as a donation on the seven-year program returns \$10,000 to the investor. How magical is that? In fact, of course, the investor gets back their original stake and their donation offsets the interest they will receive. It's a very inexpensive way of doing good.

More information is available and donations and investments may be made via the Co-op's website solar.greenbelt.coop or by enquiring at the Co-op office. Cash-register tickets are available in the store for smaller donations.



Snow highlights berries on fence in Charlestowne Village.

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A snowman on the peninsula at the Lake

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Snow in Greenbelt



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"Every pine and fir and hemlock wore ermine too dear for an earl." At least the ones along the 13 Court of Ridge Road were on Thursday, January 17. (Quote from The First Snowfall by James Lowell)



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