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## Greenway Center: Looking Good and Doing Fine at 40

by Kathleen Gallagher

Since it opened at 7589 Greenbelt Road in 1980, Greenway Center has maintained a nearly 100 percent occupancy rate and, for the foreseeable future, management's approach to its care is that if it ain't broke, don't fix it. On February 6, the Greenbelt City Council held its biennial stakeholder meeting with staff from Combined Properties, Inc., which manages the property. The company's representatives included Holly Haley, vice president, property management; John Frank, property operations manager; Carolissa Smith, property manager; and Andrew Iszard, senior leasing representative.

Asked for an update by Mayor Emmett Jordan, Haley said they had spent more than \$600,000 over the last two years in maintenance and improvements. She said the owners are long term, and very invested in the property, which she de-

scribed as "well-maintained and well-leased." The only vacancy currently is where the mattress store, which declared bankruptcy, was located, but that will soon be occupied by a Smoothie King.

Haley mentioned they had also painted the entire building over the last year. Frank added quite a list of work accomplished over the last year or two, including additional detail on all the painting; replacing about 9,000 square feet of roofing; replacing 117 square feet of asphalt, including the drive lane running from the Safeway to Modell's; replacing 1,000 feet of curbing; installing concrete trench drains to alleviate ponding of water in the drive lanes; and replacing the entire rear fence with a more attractive shadow box fence. In addition, 17 trees were planted on the property, some new and some as replacements.

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## Redevelopment of Greenbelt Road Presented to Coalition

by Matthew Arbach

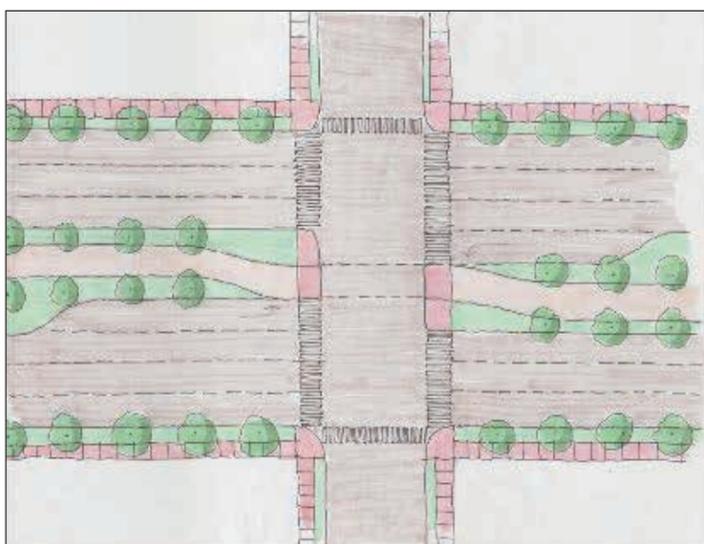


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The presenters suggest various road improvements such as a new median to facilitate safe biking and walking.

At the conclusion of the council worksession on Wednesday, January 23, commenting on the ongoing discussion of the redevelopment of Greenbelt Road, Delegate Alonzo Washington asserted "We don't need to wait 20 years. Let's wake up and get this done!" Representatives from the Urban Land Institute (ULI) were there to present the findings from their Technical Assistance Panel (TAP) report. The report was sponsored by the cities of Greenbelt, College Park and Berwyn Heights, along with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. The information was gathered at a stakeholder workshop convened last June and was focused on how best to proceed and in what direction this redevelopment should

take. Mayor Emmett Jordan commented that the "plan is here and is both thoughtful and helpful."

The ULI presenters were Merrill St. Leger Demain, Lisa Rother, Josh Olsen and Kosi Yearwood. Contributing to the discussion were Patrick Wojahn and Scott Somers, mayor and city manager of College Park, and Stephen Isler and Maria Broadbent, mayor and town manager of Berwyn Heights. "Kap" Kapistan from Quantum Companies was there on behalf of Beltway Plaza.

The presentation was broken down into five sections, discussing the data gathered, realities of the market, possibilities for mobility, ways to enhance land use, and how to implement the

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## Greenbelt Welcome Packets

After volunteers met at the beginning of February, new Greenbelt Welcome Packets are ready to go. Greenbelt is "a tightly-knit community with a strong identity," the packet says. It continues: "Our city is home to over 23,000 residents, a diverse group representing a multitude of ethnicities, faiths, cultures and lifestyles." To see the whole welcome book, visit [greenbeltdmd.gov/welcomebook](http://greenbeltdmd.gov/welcomebook).



PHOTO BY TAYLOR KOEBLER

Volunteers gather in the Council Chamber on Thursday, February 7, to put together Greenbelt Welcome Packets.

## Modified Co-op Lease Aligns With Bond Bill Requirements

by Cathie Meetre

In early December, as the Co-op board was deciding to apply to the Maryland State Legislature for funding for the solar roof, a critical read of the store's lease indicated it did not meet all the bond bill requirements. Negotiations were immediately initiated with the landlord to align the lease to the bond bill.

Agreement in principle was reached relatively quickly, allaying concerns, though signatures took a while to complete. The agreement is now fully signed-off and extends the lease as the state requires and specifically permits the array's installation. It also confirms Co-op's ownership of the array and the electricity it produces.

The bond bill requires a minimum of a 15-year lease to remain in force at the time of award if applicants in a rented space are funded for capital projects. Given the wording of the lease, which originated in a document penned in 1957, long before solar arrays made an appearance, there was language that caused some concerns about ownership. All these concerns are fully allayed in the addendum.

In a perfect world, all this would have been in place prior to the initial application to the

legislature required in January – but time was short and so the application and the lease negotiation have proceeded on a parallel course.

Store Manager Bob Davis, backed by the board, was key in working successfully with the landlord starting mid-December.

During the December to February time frame Dorrie Bates, who is representing Co-op's interests to the state legislature, has been plying the Prince George's County delegation with information as it became available. Contact has also been made with other state legislators and the pre-

vailing mood is one of optimism that the delegation will choose to carry the Co-op request forward to the full legislature.

Further information on the array, donation and investment programs and the case for solar can be found on [greenbelt.coop/cms/join/solar-array-project/frequently-asked-questions/](http://greenbelt.coop/cms/join/solar-array-project/frequently-asked-questions/).

Co-op welcomes inquiries and contact information is available on the website.

Cathie Meetre is a News Review reporter. She is assisting the Co-op with various administrative and organizational tasks but does not have a vote on any decision.

## Newbery Committee Includes Greenbelt Children's Librarian

by Melissa Sites

*Este artículo está disponible en español en nuestra página web [www.greenbeltnewsreview.com](http://www.greenbeltnewsreview.com).*

Imagine boxes full of children's books arriving daily at your front door. This dream was a reality for Pam Hamlin during the past year, as she served on the Newbery Award Committee. Hamlin works as the family literacy specialist at the administrative offices of the Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS).

The Newbery Medal, named after an early English publisher of children's literature, is given to "the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children" up to and including the age of 14, published by an American author. The award is decided by a committee of the



PHOTO COURTESY OF ALA

Pam Hamlin at the American Library Association meeting in Seattle

Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), which is part of the American Library Association (ALA). As a specialist in early childhood education, Hamlin was appointed to the

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### What Goes On

**Sunday, February 17**  
2 p.m. Greenbelt Celebrates Black History, Community Center

**Wednesday, February 20**  
8 p.m. Council Worksession on Senior Housing Development at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Community Center

# Letters to the Editor

## An Important Book

A special shout-out to the Greenbelt News Review for highlighting the book *The Hate U Give* written by Angie Thomas. Page 12 of your January 31 issue informed us that the English department of Eleanor Roosevelt High School was ordering copies of this title. The fact that a fine-reputation school like ERHS was interested in the book shows that this work has some special value. A good recommendation!

Thank you to the Greenbelt Library for getting a copy to me only a few days after my request for it. The (important) issues addressed include realistic problems such as addiction and overuse of force by authorities and the instability of family life as an addition to the stresses of the teen years. The characters spring to life. *The Hate U Give* is a book which is hard to put down. I (along with ERHS) recommend it.

Christopher Scherer

## Results and Thanks From Chili Cook-off

At the recent Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church first-ever Chili Cook-off, the winners were: First place, Eldo Brown; second place, Robert Goldberg Strassler; third place, Aaron from Generous Joe's. Congratulations to all the winners.

Many thanks to all who participated and made the evening such a wonderful success.

Ellen Noll

## Happy To Contribute

Each week when I receive a copy of the News Review up here in Podunk I am overwhelmed with wonderful memories from the many years our family lived there. The Co-op Market was a special place. Each week I would walk up the ramp anticipating the wonderful aroma

coming from the bakery as I entered the store. I would always make a purchase there which did always wind up on my hips. The butcher was always very happy to saw the roasting chicken in half after our family suddenly became smaller. The store carried imported items not available at other stores and these items always wound up in my cart. The best part of the store was the produce section which sold only the finest, freshest items which as a farm girl I recognized. The friendly clerks brought the shopping experience to a pleasant close and five minutes later I was back home. It is no surprise that this place will become a solar solution to help save our planet and the reason I am going to be making a donation to the solar roof fund.

I've turned the thermostat down two degrees. I brought a clothes rack in from the garage to hang garments to air dry instead of putting them into the dryer. I drink only four cups of coffee a day instead of six (ouch) and since I don't work anymore I skip two showers a week and so far none of the cats have complained. Watching cable news is like watching reality programs from the *Twilight Zone* so the set remains off most of the day saving more electricity. Overhead lights stay off and lamps with tiny bulbs suffice. By year's end I will have saved at least a hundred dollars which is the amount I am donating to the solar roof fund. Hopefully this letter will encourage others to make small sacrifices to help add money to this fund which will help cut the greenhouse gases which are destroying our planet and in the year 3019 homes in old Greenbelt will not be oceanfront properties and a salt water taffy shop will not be located in the old Joe's Pizza shop. Just a few people can

make a big difference. For example, just imagine what the area between Bowie and College Park would look like now if FDR had not become President. You can do it. You're Greenbelters!

Shelva J. Angle  
Hanover, PA



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ANIMATED SHORTS  
(PG - suggested age 10+)  
(2018) (75 mins)  
Fri. 5:00 PM  
Sat. 3:00 PM  
Sun. 5:00 PM  
Mon. 1:00 PM  
Tues. 7:45 PM  
Wed. 5:00 PM  
Thurs. 3:00 PM

LIVE ACTION SHORTS  
(NR) (2018) (108 mins)  
Fri. 3:00 PM  
Sat. 7:45 PM  
Sun. 7:00 PM  
Mon. 5:30 PM  
Tues. 3:00 PM  
Wed. 7:45 PM  
Thurs. 5:00 PM

DOCUMENTARY SHORTS  
(NR)(2018) (137 mins)  
Fri. 7:00 PM  
Sat. 5:00 PM  
Sun. 2:00 PM  
Mon. 2:30 PM  
Tues. 5:00 PM  
Wed. 2:00 PM  
Thurs. 7:00 PM

POWER TO HEAL:  
Medicare and the Civil  
Rights Revolution  
(NR) (2018) (56 mins)  
Mon. 7:45 PM -FREE

ERNEST AND CELESTINE  
(French w/ English Sub-  
titles) (PG) (2012) (81 mins)  
Sat. 11:00 AM - FREE

## The Old Curmudgeon



"Happy Valentine's Day . . . Now can you help me get up?"

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## Correction

In the article Theater HVAC, Bikeshare Discussed by City Council in the January 24 issue, we misstated Judith Davis's role. She is the Prince George's County representative on the Central Maryland Transportation and Mobility Commission, Regional Transportation Agency but is NOT a delegate to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

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## On Screen

### Theater Puts on Oscar's Shorts

The Old Greenbelt Theatre continues to present this year's Oscar-nominated films, this week featuring three collections of short films.

Animated Shorts: A collection of seven animated shorts includes Disney-Pixar's *Bao*, in which an aging Chinese mom suffering from empty nest syndrome gets another chance at motherhood when one of her dumplings springs to life as a lively, giggly dumpling boy. Another selection is *Animal Behavior*, from Alison Snowden and David Fine, where five animals meet regularly to discuss their inner angst in a group therapy session led by Dr. Clement, a canine psychotherapist.

PG, 75 minutes, Suitable for children age eight and over.

Documentary Shorts: This collection of five shorts includes *End Game*, by Rob Epstein and Jeffrey Friedman, which addresses questions of: Where will loved ones spend their last days? Who will be in the room? What feelings and secrets need to be shared with family before it is too late? Also, being shown is *Lifeboat*, by Skye Fitzgerald and Bryn Mooser, which depicts volunteers from a German nonprofit risking the waves of the Mediterranean to pluck refugees from sinking rafts pushing off from Libya in the middle of the night.

R, 137 minutes.

Live Action Shorts: Five shorts feature themes that may be upsetting to some viewers, including child abduction, murder, and racial violence. The show includes *Madre*, by Rodrigo Sorogoyen and Maria del Puy Alvarado, about a single mother who receives a call from her 7-year-old son who is on vacation with his father, but cannot find him anywhere. *Skin*, by Guy Nattiv and Jaime Ray Newman, depicts a small supermarket in a blue-collar town, and shows what happens when a black man smiles at a 10-year-old white boy across the checkout aisle.

R, 108 minutes

- Amy Hansen and Lesley Kash

# Community Events

## 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 February 18 are as follows:

Monday, February 18: closed for Presidents Day.

Tuesday, February 19: minestrone soup, Swedish meatballs, whole grain penne pasta, sliced carrots, wheat bread, cinnamon apple sauce, cranberry juice.

Wednesday, February 20: baked chicken breast with country captain sauce, brown rice, broccoli, wheat bread, fresh fruit, apple juice.

Thursday, February 21: hamburger, sliced cheese, crispy cubed potatoes, Harvard beets, wheat hamburger bun, diced pears, cranberry juice.

Friday, February 22: pork roast with apricot mustard sauce, macaroni and cheese, green beans, wheat bread, tropical fruit, grape juice.

## Register for Greenbelt Youth Baseball

Greenbelt Little League registration is open and evaluations will be held on Saturday, March 9 from 10 a.m. to noon. Greenbelt Youth Baseball is now officially Greenbelt Youth Baseball Little League (GYBLL), part of the largest youth baseball organization in the country. This change provides new opportunities for the league. Players age 9 to 14 years old will play regular season local and area inter-district games to prepare for tournaments at the end of the year. Winners in the district tournaments play in the state, regional and national tournaments.

On Saturday, February 23 at 11 a.m., GYBLL is holding a fundraiser and will host a free showing of *The Sandlot* at the Old Greenbelt Theatre. This event is sponsored by Modell's.

For more information about GYBLL and to register for the new season, visit [gyblittleleague.org](http://gyblittleleague.org). Full and partial scholarships are available. Anyone interested in volunteering or coaching, contact GYBLL at [greenbeltyouthbaseball@gmail.com](mailto:greenbeltyouthbaseball@gmail.com).



## Group Meets Weekly On Eating Challenges

Overeaters Anonymous is a fellowship of individuals who are together recovering from a wide variety of food challenges including overeating, anorexia, bulimia and obsessively thinking of food. Anyone looking for help is invited to attend the regular weekly meeting every Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Baptist Church. There is no charge. For more information, call 240-305-3433 or 202-362-8571.

## Museum Sponsors March Arts Lecture

On Wednesday, March 13 at 8 p.m. the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM) will have a presentation on *Transforming America's Communities Through the Arts* by Randy Cohen, vice-president of research and policy of Americans for the Arts, a national arts advocacy organization. Cohen makes presentations across the U.S. to emphasize the importance of the arts and arts programs to communities large and small. He notes that "The arts are a fundamental component of healthy communities – strengthening them socially, educationally and economically."

FOGM is delighted that Cohen is coming to Greenbelt to share information about how the arts can create a more vibrant and economically viable community. This presentation has value for all of Greenbelt, including FOGM members, Greenbelt arts organizations, elected officials and the City of Greenbelt. The Friends of Old Greenbelt Theatre have graciously offered to host this event free at the theater.

For more information about the arts advocacy work of Americans for the Arts, visit [AmericansForTheArts.org](http://AmericansForTheArts.org). For more information or questions contact Megan Searing Young, director of the Greenbelt Museum, [director@greenbeltmuseum.org](mailto:director@greenbeltmuseum.org) or 301-507-6582

## Thoughtful Discussion At MakerSpace

The pursuit of happiness is an unalienable right, along with life and liberty. Why is that? What value does that pursuit hold for each of us? The discussion group that meets at the MakerSpace on Tuesday evenings, at 7:15 p.m., will pursue that topic on February 19. Those with insights, or looking for insights, or looking to share cheerful banter, are welcome.

## Scout Troop 214 Hosts Chili Supper

On Monday, February 18 from 5 to 7 p.m., Boy Scout Troop 214 will host its annual chili supper fundraiser at Elks Lodge #1778 at 6700 Kenilworth Avenue. This Presidents Day tradition serves up meaty, veggie and spicy chili as well as homemade cornbread, salad and desserts. Tickets may also be purchased through PayPal at [paypal.me/boyscouttroop214](http://paypal.me/boyscouttroop214). Tickets are free for children under 5 years old and for any scout (Cub Scout, Girl Scout or Boy Scout, current, leader or former) who attends in uniform.

All proceeds support scouting activities throughout the year, including Boys Troop 214 and the new Girls Troop 214. Contact Jonathan Jones at [jijones67@yahoo.com](mailto:jijones67@yahoo.com) for further information.

## Widowed Persons Support Group

On Saturday, March 9, a free support group for men and women who have recently lost their spouses will begin at the Community Center. The sessions will be offered from 2 to 4 p.m. each Saturday for six weeks. Registration is requested before the group starts. To get more information and to register, contact 301-693-5210 or [wisboy929@yahoo.com](mailto:wisboy929@yahoo.com). This support group is presented by Patuxent Widowed Persons Service and is supported by community organizations.

## Garden Club Assigns Plots on March 14

The Greenbelt Community Garden Club will hold its plot assignment meeting on Thursday, March 14. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the Community Center, Room 202. Anyone not able to attend or who has questions, contact Martha Tomecek at 301-614-0691.

## AARP Safe Driving Course in March

Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) will again be sponsoring the AARP Safe Driving Course. The course will take place on Monday, March 18 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a lunch break at noon. The course, open to all licensed drivers, will be held in the Community Center. There is a fee.

To register for the course, call the GIVES office at 301-507-6580. Calls are received from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## Square Dance Feb. 17

Celebrate Presidents Day with an all-American square dance, Sunday, February 17 from 3 to 5 p.m. at Mishkan Torah. The square dance is open to all Greenbelt residents. This is a fun opportunity for everyone, young and old, to share an enjoyable activity and to get to know one another. No partner or experience is needed. The caller, Jim Wass, is the caller for Good Luck Squares which meets weekly in New Carrollton. There is a fee.

Mishkan Torah is located at 10 Ridge Road. Register online at [mishkantorah.org](http://mishkantorah.org). Snow date is February 24.



## At Greenbelt Park

Sunday, February 17: Every Kid in a Park. 4th graders, come and learn how to get a free pass to national parks by playing *Guess Your National Park*. Meet at the Ranger Station at 1 p.m.

Saturday, February 23: Spring Farm Life 200 Years Ago. What did farmers do 200 years ago in the winter and spring days of February and March? Through the work of Eric Sloane, famous for his drawings and paintings of early American life, and with examples of the tools farmers then wielded, listen to a ranger talk on pioneer days in the woods of Greenbelt. Meet at the Ranger Station at 11 a.m.

Sunday, February 24: Join the Greenbelt Park Walking Club for a mid-winter 1.4-mile trail walk around the park loop road. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area at 1 p.m.

Weather advisory: Programs could be moved or cancelled due to weather. Contact the Greenbelt Park Ranger Station at 301-344-3944 for details or any updated information.

## Community Hospices Discusses Spouse Loss

Community Hospices will be offering an informative, supportive and inspirational discussion on spousal loss on Tuesday, February 19 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Contact Margaret Capurso, bereavement counselor at 301-560-6002.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.



**Greenbelt Access Television**  
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**Davinci Resolve Bootcamp - \$25**  
Saturday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:30am-3:30pm

This day long class is designed for members who want to learn the basics of editing on Davinci Resolve, a free software known for dominating the coloring world. Limit 4 people. Prerequisite: Orientation.

**GATe Annual Membership Meeting**  
Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 3pm

Join us in the GATe studio (15 Crescent Rd. Greenbelt MD, 20770 Suite #204) for our annual membership meeting. The meeting includes a recap of the year's events at GATE and voting on board members. Any member whose membership is up to date 7 days prior to the meeting can vote and/or run for a board position. Refreshments will be provided.

**Check out our Channel on Comcast 77 and Verizon Fios 19**  
For our schedule, visit: [www.greenbeltaccessstv.org](http://www.greenbeltaccessstv.org) and click on "Channel"



GATe will be premiering a collection of four great Utopia shorts, repeating every night at 8pm for a week starting Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>

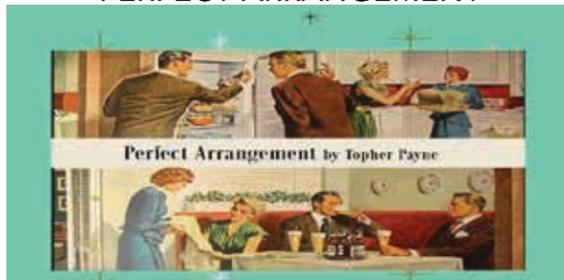
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(UNDER THE CO-OP GROCERY STORE)



Condolences to the friends and family of Virginia Beauchamp who died February 10. Virginia lived 98 years, spending more than half a century in Greenbelt. She started volunteering for the Greenbelt News Review in 1957. Over the next 60 years she held many positions, including editor, reporter, editorial writer, senior copy editor and board member. In 2002 Virginia was named Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen.

of Pittsburgh Dance Ensemble's production of Pas de Printemps on February 22 and 23. She will perform in three dances and will also work backstage. Morgan is currently majoring in neuroscience with minors in dance and gender, sexuality and women's studies. At Roosevelt, Morgan was a choreographer for the dance team, the 2017 class council president, the student government association vice president and a member of the varsity softball team.

Anja Elizabeth Holland, a sophomore film major at Hollins University, has been named to the Dean's List for the 2018 Fall Semester. To attain this distinction, students must earn at least a 3.5 average on a 4.0 grading scale. Holland is the daughter of Kyla Hanington and Daniel Hamlin of Greenbelt. She is a graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

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



PHOTO BY SHARON NATOLI

Virginia Beauchamp celebrated 50 years at the News Review in 2007.

Our condolences to Susan Lesser, of Ridge Road, whose mother, Betty Morris Lesser, 89, died on February 8 of advanced dementia. Betty had four children (one of whom predeceased her), five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She lived at Bedford Court Assisted Living in Silver Spring.

Condolences to friends and family of Joseph Flick who died on February 7. Joe was an employee of the Co-op for many years. He was also a member of St. Hugh's Church.

Congratulations to Morgan Ottley, a graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, who will be dancing in the University



PHOTO BY MEG HANEY

The Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance met with Greenbelt's new Economic Development Coordinator at the New Deal Café on February 7. From left: Jessica Michaca, Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, Joe Gareri, Co-op Supermarket; Leta Mach, GCA Coordinator; Steve Skolnik, GHI President; Charise Liggins, Greenbelt Economic Development Coordinator; Randall E., MakerSpace; Michael Hartman, New Deal Café; Sylvia Lewis, Greenbelt News Review (front center).



PHOTO BY STEVE BUCCA

Winter ice visits the Lake.

### City Sponsors Black History Month Events

The City of Greenbelt is sponsoring two Black History Month events.

On Sunday, February 17 at 2 p.m. the Black History Month Celebration features speaker Alvin Thornton, chair of Prince George's County Board of Education, art exhibits and performances from young dancers, including Eleanor Roosevelt High School Dem Raider Boyz step team.

On Sunday, February 24, at 1 p.m. at the Old Greenbelt Theatre, the city is sponsoring a free showing of Hidden Figures, the story of three African American women who were some of the brains behind the Space Race in 1961, even as they worked in a segregated system.



### 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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**At the Library**

All Prince George's County Memorial Library System branches will be closed on Sunday, February 17 and Monday, February 18 for the Presidents Day holiday. The Greenbelt Library will reopen on Tuesday, February 19, at 1 p.m.

**English Club**

Tuesday, February 19, 6 p.m. Learning to speak English? Join this club and practice speaking English in a friendly atmosphere with people from diverse backgrounds. This club meets weekly on Tuesday evenings.

**Storytimes**

Ready 2 Read Storytimes, Tuesday, February 19, ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 30 people. Wednesday, February 20, ages newborn to 2, 10:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s) or caregiver(s); ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 30 people. Thursday, February 21, ages newborn to 2, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s) or caregiver(s).

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, February 19, 7 p.m. Lost Kingdoms and Ancient Mysteries of Africa will be the next session in this audio-visual lecture series presented by historian C.R. Gibbs. The remaining session will be presented on Tuesday, March 5.

**Book Discussion**

Tuesday, February 19, 7 p.m. Join friends and neighbors to discuss great contemporary books every month. This month's featured book is Jesmyn Ward's Sing, Unburied, Sing.

**Kids Club**

Wednesday, February 20, 4:30 p.m. Mentoring, reading and homework help for students in grades 1 to 6. This club meets weekly on Wednesday afternoons.



**Learn About Early Farmers and Crops**

The U.S. Botanic Garden is holding a class on Saturday, February 16 from 10:30 a.m. to noon on how the relationship between humans and plants changed as agriculture began to develop. Learn about the archaeological, botanical and modern genetic evidence used to trace the appearance of agriculture, its spread, how plants changed and how the plants changed human cultures. Pre-registration is required; visit learn.usbg.gov.

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# City Information & Events

**MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY 18-22**

Monday, February 18- **No Meetings-Presidents' Day**

Tuesday, February 19 at 7:00pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES** at the Public Works Facility, 555 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Proposed Sustainable Land Care Policy.*

Wednesday, February 20 at 7:30pm **PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Grant Review Panel – PRAB Representative, Recreation and Parks Master Plan –Next Steps, Beltway Plaza Redevelopment –Feb 4 - Work Session Review, Sustainable Land Care Policy –Update*

Wednesday, February 20 at 8:00pm **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Proposal for Senior Housing Development at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Greenbelt Road** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

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

**VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Committee of Education, Arts Advisory Board, Board of Elections, Community Relations Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, and Youth Advisory Committee.  
Info: 301-474-8000

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

City Offices will be closed on Monday, February 18, in observance of Presidents' Day. The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

**REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE**

Week of February 18  
Monday Route – Collected Tuesday  
Tuesday Route – Collected Wednesday  
Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday  
Thursday Route – Collected Friday

There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, February 22

**Spring & Summer Camp Programs**

Registration now open for Greenbelt residents; non-residents please register beginning February 19!

**Spring Camps**

**April 15-19:** Fast Break Basketball Clinic at Springhill Lake Recreation Center and Spring Camp at the Youth Center

**Summer Camps**

**June 17 through August 23:**  
*Offering a variety of active and artistic choices for children ages 3 1/2 years to 17 years including:*

Kinder Camp, Camp Pine Tree, Creative Kids Camp, Circus Camp, Camp YOGO, Performance Camp, & Camp Encore

Visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov/camps](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/camps) for our Camp Guide. Call 301-397-2200 for more information.

**ACTIVE PARENTING OF TEENS**

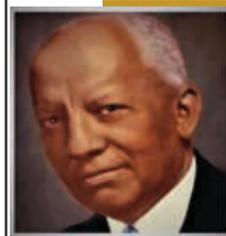


**Greenbelt Municipal Building**  
February 25, March 25, and April 22  
6:00pm-7:30pm

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Carter G. Woodson, Father of Black History

**Greenbelt Celebrates Black History**

**Sunday, February 17 at 2pm**  
**Greenbelt Community Center**  
**15 Crescent Road**

*Join us for an afternoon of celebration!*

**FEATURING:**



Special guest speaker: Dr. Alvin Thornton, Chair, Prince George's County Board of Education

Spoken word artists: Chris Downing and Robin Gorsline

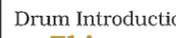


The award winning Eleanor Roosevelt High School Step Team, Dem Raider Boyz

"Do You Know Ino," performed by Vocalist: Alyssa Heintzelman, Pianist: Aidan Larkin and Dancer: Mecca Lartigue



Special art presentation from the Greenbelt Middle School student art project



Drum Introduction: Joe Parks, Greenbelt Resident

**This event is free and open to all.**  
Signer will be available if needed

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**GREENBELT RECREATION**  
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**In honor of Black History Month**  
*Hidden Figures*  
**Sunday, February 24**  
**Old Greenbelt Theatre**  
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Transportation provided from Springhill Lake Recreation Center to Old Greenbelt Theatre (and return). Advance registration with permission slip required. Seats are limited, so sign up soon! For more information contact Anne Oudemans, 301-397-2200

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# Community Foundation Here Finds Funds for Four Groups

by Kyla Hanington

Greenbelt Community Foundation recently awarded grants to four local groups. The volunteer-run foundation originally provided grants for new initiatives, but in recent years has expanded its support to enhance existing programs. This year's grants support projects by the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) art department, the Center for Dynamic Governance, alight dance theater and Boys to Men mentoring group.

The ERHS art department will use the \$4,500 grant for the purchase of pottery wheels so students can learn to throw pots, in addition to hand-building and basic sculpture techniques using clay.

The Center for Dynamic Community Governance expects to use their award of \$4,845 to provide three days of no-cost, drop-in training for Greenbelt residents in a program called Bountiful Community Organizations: Growing Skills and Nurturing Talent. The training includes meetings facilitation, consent-based decision-making and conflict resolution and transparent communication.

Alight dance theater received \$4,882 for Faerie, a project that uses myth and folklore to examine and celebrate the complexities of identity in people of all ages. Alight dance theater will host a series of free outdoor performances within Greenbelt that are followed by workshops with



PHOTO COURTESY OF ALIGHT DANCE THEATER

Dancers from alight perform Faerie.

residents. Some of their planned events include participation in Artful Afternoons at the Community Center, a performance at the Labor Day Festival and a final performance of Faerie that features community members as well as members of the theater.

Boys to Men was the final recipient for this funding cycle. Based at Greenbelt Middle School, it is an afterschool program that provides guidance and positive role-models to boys. The program was awarded \$5,000 to further its work leading boys via activities such as game days, guided discussion about media

and other strategies. The program will also take the participants on four guided field trips in the upcoming year.

The Greenbelt Community Foundation was founded in 2006. Sylvia Lewis, Daniel Hamlin, Bill Duncan and Kap Kapistan were among those instrumental in its formation, and many residents have served on its board, volunteered or provided financial support. For more information on volunteering, donating and how to apply for grants, visit the [greenbeltfoundation.org](http://greenbeltfoundation.org).

# Co-op Breaks \$265K Barrier; Applauds Greenbelt Spirit

by Cathie Meetre

Rays on the Roof, corny as the title may be, is breaking records in Greenbelt on its way to placing a new solar roof onto the venerable but hardly staid Greenbelt Co-op. At the end of the day on Tuesday, February 12, after less than four weeks of fund-raising, the total was a splendid \$265,000 and heading north to the matching funds' goal of \$400,000 required to show the state legislature that Greenbelt is behind the Co-op and its solar project.

With a fabulous mix of donations, large and small, and investments pledged at intervals of 4, 7 and 10 years, the state legislature is being treated to a display of big-hearted and forward-looking community spirit that is hard to beat. What legislative body could

resist the charm of Greenbelt in motion?

To learn more about Rays on the Roof, check out the FAQs and other information on the web at [greenbelt.coop](http://greenbelt.coop). Remember that investments in this project are not guaranteed by federal or state insurance – see full details and caveats on the website. Pledge forms are available on the website and in the store. Co-op's cash registers have a supply of tickets that allow donors to add a painless buck or two each time they shop.

*Cathie Meetre is a News Review reporter. She is assisting the Co-op with various administrative and organizational tasks but does not have a vote on any decision.*



PHOTO BY STEVE SKOLNIK

Roofing contractors gaze over the lake of standing water on the roof of the Co-op on January 24.

# Paul Downs' Dance of Sticks Art Show at the New Deal Café

by Susan Barnett

Paul Downs, whose art will be featured in the New Deal Café Art Gallery in February and March, has created a one-of-a-kind style of art using sticks, twigs and other natural items. Instead of using charcoal or paint he renders his designs of animals, nature scenes and Native Americans using local found materials as the medium for his artistic creations. "My palette is the white oak, the wild black cherry, tulip poplar, pine, sassafras, red twig dogwood and maple sticks," said Downs.

For nearly 35 years he has honed his skill down a trail no one else has ventured. His artistic expressions range from the power of wing-stretched soaring owls to a delicate locust to a portrait of the great Chief Red Cloud to three-dimensional Mud Dancers. He brings the viewer into a world of color and design and seemingly gravity-defying wall-hung sculptures that will delight and amaze – while at the same time bringing the peacefulness one would gain from a walk in the woods.

A native of Greenbelt, Downs grew up exploring, playing and falling in love with the woods – the Great North Woods, as he called them – of Greenbelt. When this belt of green came under the threat of development in the late 1980s, Downs became a leader in the successful crusade to save these woods – now named the Greenbelt Forest Preserve.



PHOTO BY PAUL DOWNS

Raptor Dance, by Paul Downs

In 2017, 15 years after the forest was put into the protection of the forest preserve ordinance by the Greenbelt City Council, Downs was named Outstanding Citizen at the Labor Day Festival – thereby honoring the work he and the Committee to Save the Greenbelt did to save our name-sake – the Green Belt.

The art show extends to the end of March.

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## PRELIMINARY AGENDA GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS Thursday, February 21, 2019 GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

### A. GHI Open Session Meeting – begins at 7.45 p.m.

- Approve Minutes of the Special Open Session Meeting Held on January 17, 2019
- Approve Minutes of the Regular Open Session Meeting Held on January 17, 2019
- Revisions to File Retention Policy
- Computer Software Upgrade - 1st reading
- Proposed Guidelines and Procedures for Use of .ghi.coop E-mail Accounts
- Extend Invitation to P.G. County Council Chair and Two at-large Councilmen to Visit GHI

### B. GHI Executive Session – begins after the GHI Open Session meeting adjourns

- Approve Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting Held on January 17, 2019
- Member Financial Matters
- A Member Complaint Matter

### C. GDC Executive Session – begins after the GHI Executive Session meeting adjourns

- Contract for Replacement of Heat Exchangers for the Parkway Apartments



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Regular Board meetings are open to Members  
For more information, visit our website: [www.ghi.coop](http://www.ghi.coop)

# 7th Grader's Animated Film Nominated for Competitions

by Camila Velloso

Felix Hass' short animated film *The Squirrel* has been nominated for three youth film competitions and will be screened at the Providence Children's Film Festival on February 24.

The seventh-grader drew inspiration for his film from an experience he had at home. "We have bird feeders and the squirrels attempted to get into them," Hass explained.

"They're extremely persistent [and] very clever," he added. "And it was just a funny idea."

Hass enlisted the help of his sister Cecilia, 10, to play the violin as background music for his film.

He created *The Squirrel* as part of an animation class offered by Greenbelt Association for Visual Arts (GAVA) and led by Mister Geo (George Kochell), who has been teaching these classes in Greenbelt for over 21 years.

"Mister Geo's a really good teacher [and] he's good with the software," Hass said.

The GAVA/GATE Animation Class, held at the Community Center, teaches students how to use Adobe Flash, a 2D animation program, to bring their stories to life.

"The objective for a first-time student is to learn the process, create the idea, make a storyboard [and] learn about how layers are stacked up in a professional graphics program," Mister Geo said.

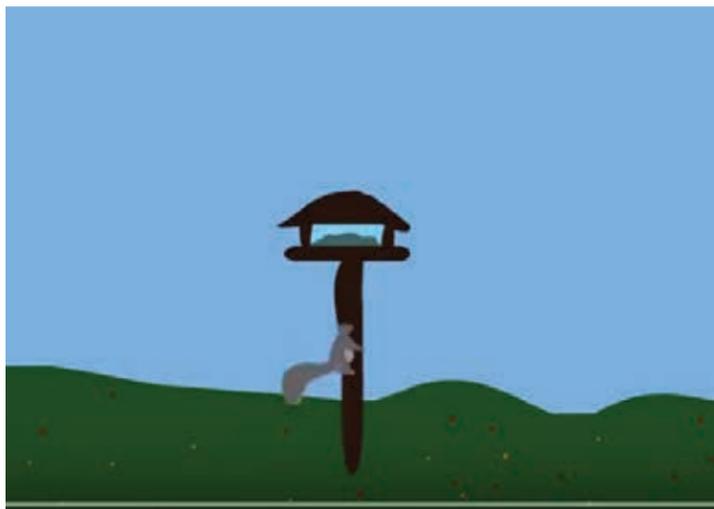
As a mother, Ingrid Hass appreciates how GAVA's animation class creates a different screen time experience for her kids. "I'm really happy that this kind of screen time is coming from a creative impulse inside them and a story they want to tell," she said.

"It's really an art medium that they're learning how to control, just like paint or music," she added.



Felix Hass, 13, and his sister Cecilia, 10, watch his latest creation, *Hacker Squirrel*.

PHOTO BY CAMILA VELLOSO



Felix Hass's animation *The Squirrel* was nominated for three competitions.

SCREENSHOT FROM VIDEO

Hass recently completed a sequel to the film, which he titled *Hacker Squirrel*.

"In the sequel, the squirrel is tech savvy," Hass said. "So, instead of going out and getting the seeds from the bird feeder himself, he has drones and missiles."

Even though some of his drawings were technically difficult to make, Hass enjoyed learning how to animate his stories.

And it is this sense of curiosity and creativity that Mister Geo tries to impart in his students: "Enjoy your childhood and don't be in a rush to grow up."

## City Notes

Mom's Morning Out students continued the month's multicultural theme by learning about African American inventors and celebrating Chinese New Year.

Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability/Environmental staff assisted interns with their projects. Crews collected 24.68 tons of refuse and 11.75 tons of recyclable material.

Horticulture/Parks crews rebuilt two picnic tables – one each for Schrom Hills Park and Buddy Attick Park.

The Community Center office was busy with resident camp registrations. Eighty-five applications were submitted the first day.

Arts staff hosted a Parent's Night Out at the Community Center including an introduction to film projection and a screening of vintage 16 mm animated shorts by Friends of Greenbelt Theatre. Also two stained glass workshops will be held this weekend.

PHOTO BY WENDY JENKINS



Eight out of eight puppies agree the *News Review* makes a great read. These English bulldogs were born January 26.

# Peace and Justice Coalitions Sponsors Film Power to Heal

On Monday, February 18 at 7:45 p.m. a special Reel & Meal event for Black History Month will feature a new PBS documentary, *Power to Heal: Medicare and the Civil Rights Revolution*, which shows how the racial justice and health care struggles intersected in the past. A panel discussion will explore ongoing inequality in health care and today's movement for universal health care in the United States. The free film, based on a book written by David Barton Smith and directed by Charles Burnett, will be shown at the Old Greenbelt Theatre. RSVP/registration for the program is requested via the event page at [hchrrmd.org/calendar/confronting\\_racism\\_in\\_healthcare\\_past\\_present](http://hchrrmd.org/calendar/confronting_racism_in_healthcare_past_present).

At 6:30 p.m., an optional vegan buffet will be served at the New Deal Café, with RSVPs for the dinner required by February 14 via email to [reelandmeal@newdealcafe.com](mailto:reelandmeal@newdealcafe.com).

This month's event is co-sponsored and planned by Healthcare is a Human Right-Maryland and Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition. Other sponsors of the Reel & Meal monthly series are the Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group, Green Vegan Networking and Utopia Film Festival.

*Power to Heal* relates a long untold story of how a coalition of civil rights leaders, patients, doctors and nurses used the implementation of Medicare in 1965 to desegregate 2,000 American hospitals virtually overnight. The website of the film's producers, BLB Film Productions, reports that at the time "less than half the nation's hospitals served black and white patients equally, and in the South, one-third of hospitals would not admit African-Americans even for emergencies." President Lyndon Johnson sent a thousand inspectors south to wield the threat of withholding federal funding from all hospitals that had remained segregated.

This is also the story of many ordinary citizens, activists and grassroots volunteers who worked together to bring about that transition. Project creator and public health scholar Dr. Barbara Berney was inspired by eyewitness accounts of health professionals

and government staffers involved in efforts toward integration and extending health services into unserved rural areas.

Medicare represents an important achievement in civil rights, as well as an affordable basic health care for senior Americans. Yet still today, racial and economic inequality in U.S. medical care persist. The film raises the questions: Is healthcare a human right? Must the federal government intervene to ensure equality? The panel discussion will probe the effects of white supremacy on American health care and the road forward to a truly universal system. Two of the panelists will be Dr. Karen Kruse Thomas, staff historian of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, and Tyreese R. McAllister, director of Crisis Services in Washington, D.C. Thomas is an expert on the history of segregation in healthcare and the author of *Deluxe Jim Crow: Civil Rights and American Health Policy, 1935-1954*. McAllister has years of experience as a practitioner in emergency mental health care. For more information about the event, contact [justpeacepg@earthlink.net](mailto:justpeacepg@earthlink.net) or 301-441-9377. For more about Health Care is a Human Right-MD, see [hchrrmd.org](http://hchrrmd.org).

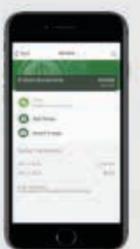
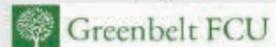
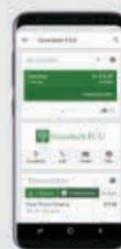
## Refuge Shows Photos Snapped Along Trails

The February exhibit at the Hollingsworth Gallery features photos taken during trail activities by Patuxent Research Refuge volunteers, Conservation Corps students, and Boy and Girl Scouts. Their subjects include educational gardens, pollinators and the flora and fauna observed on Photo-Adventure Scavenger Hunts on the refuge's North Tract. These scavenger hunts were organized by Mike Goldberg, a "retired" high school biology teacher and department head, and college student Matt Beziat.

Hollingsworth Gallery is located in the National Wildlife Visitor Center, off Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 197.

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## Scout Troop 214 Makes History, Inducts Girls into Organization

by Ben Clarke

On Tuesday, February 5, Scout Troop 214 celebrated a historic first by inducting 12 girls into the Scouting BSA program. This is the first time in the 100-year national scouting history that girls have been invited to join the previously all-boy organization.

Troop 214 has been active for 70 years promoting leadership, citizenship and community ser-

vice. All youths from 5th grade to 18 years old are welcome to attend the weekly 7 p.m. Tuesday meetings.

The combined boy troop and sister girl troop will host the annual chili supper fundraiser on Monday, February 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Prince George's County Elks Lodge 1778, 6700 Kenilworth in Riverdale.



PHOTO BY MATT DIRKSEN

Front row from left: Troop Leader Casandra Cartagena, Isabelle Murray, Samantha Stewart, Alexi Clarke, Rebecca Schmitt, Linden Dirksen, Raina Dirksen, Moira Inigo-Cartagena and Makayla Smith. Back Row: Michael Lynch, Devon Kaelberer, Lee Smith, Kellen Murray and Tyler Clarke. Not photographed: Hadiyah Taylor, Sophie Cooper, Alexandra Nickel and Oliva Nickel.



## Odysseus Arrives at Center In Classic Youth Musical

by Rebekah Sutfin

“Spinning a yarn” and “weaving a tale” are two age-old expressions for telling a story, but in the case of the upcoming Greenbelt Youth Musical, spinning and weaving are actually a pivotal part of the plot. Homeward Bound, based on the Odyssey by Homer, tells the parallel stories of history’s most resourceful couple, Odysseus and Penelope. Odysseus contends with adversity on land and sea as he seeks to return home after the Trojan War. Meanwhile, back home in Ithaca, he is presumed dead by the populace, which means that Penelope must fend off two comically scheming suitors of the Ithacan patriarchy who compete to woo her and claim the throne – and that’s where the spinning and weaving come in.

To stall the suitors, Penelope asserts the traditional right of a widow to weave a shroud. She spins and weaves by day, but every night she unravels a portion of her work, hoping against hope that Odysseus will arrive before the shroud is completed. A song sequence called A Woman’s Work shows Penelope and other women engaged in the work of spinning and weaving. Penelope weaves at a standing loom, while women card the wool by hand and spin it using drop spindles.

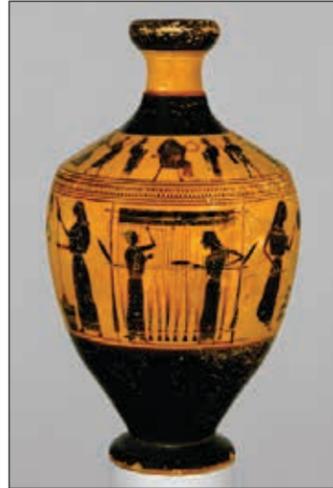


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An ancient Greek vase on display at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York shows two women working at a standing loom. Stagecraft artisan Larry Anderson is making a loom for the youth musical.

“Making fabric and garments was a major household task carried out by women in ancient Greece. Penelope shrewdly uses that task to her advantage in a culture where women don’t have the same power and opportunities as men,” commented playwright and director Chris Cherry. “She outwits the suitors again and again, while operating from a position of seemingly limited power.”

In the weeks leading up to the show’s opening on March 2, a lot of sewing is taking place off-stage as well. There are 45 teenagers in the cast, and getting them all costumed is a formidable task, overseen by production designer Nicole DeWald. A dedicated band of stagecraft volunteers are producing a beautiful array of garments to help evoke the world of the play.

“Homeward Bound is an especially beloved play in the youth musical rotation,” said Cherry. “It is a contemporary, highly entertaining, version of the story. It is sunnier than the source material – the suitors get a comic comeuppance rather than meeting a grisly end – but it remains deeply respectful of Homer’s tale, which has enthralled humankind for nearly 2800 years.”

Four performances will be presented at the Community Center on Saturday, March 2 at 7 p.m., Sunday, March 3 at 3 p.m. and Saturday, March 9 at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets can be obtained at the Community Center business office or by calling 301-397-2208. The youth musical usually sells out, so advance purchase is recommended.

Rebekah Sutfin is the therapeutic recreation supervisor for Greenbelt Recreation.



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A great blue heron braves the wind in a tree near the new forebay at the Lake on Friday, February 8.



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Snow decorates Roosevelt Center.

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Councilmembers all expressed appreciation for Combined Properties' support of the community, especially the children's Christmas party held every year. Haley said credit for that goes to the woman who has undertaken their community outreach for many years. Although she will be retiring in June, everyone hopes the Christmas party tradition will continue.

Councilmember Judith Davis asked about the Dollar Tree and Bath and Body stores, both of which had appeared closed for a while. Haley explained that those were temporary situations. Bath and Body will be reopening soon, and Dollar Tree has already reopened.

Davis also asked how panhandlers or others who might interfere with shoppers at the center are handled. Haley replied that no solicitation whatsoever is allowed on the public premises, adding "not even the Girl Scouts," but individual businesses are responsible for security inside their own stores. She also noted that off-duty Greenbelt police officers function as security officers.

Police Chief Richard Bowers attended the meeting to respond to any questions regarding public safety. He said generally the officers on duty at Greenway respond to complaints and that there was little crime in this location. Haley agreed and said there is no need for surveillance cameras though some merchants might have them in their stores.

Bowers also explained that there is an agreement between the city and Greenway Center that if off-duty officers located at the center were needed for a city emergency, the department can call them in to assist. As an agreement, he said, it benefits the officers, Greenway Center and the city.

Several topics came up that are always raised at this meeting. The biggest is the lack of easy and safe pedestrian access into Greenway Center from outside, including from the adjacent bus stop on Greenbelt Road. Jordan, a frequent biker and pedestrian, particularly advocates for improving access, and at the meeting, he urged that the time has come to do something about it. Haley replied, as she has previously, that they recognize the problem, but if they create new paths or walkways, there are Americans with Disabilities Act requirements that will be difficult and expensive to comply with. When and if the remaining pad is leased,

near both the bus stop and the Safeway, they will more likely be able to do some re-engineering as part of the larger project.

Councilmember Edward Putens asked what the status of leasing the remaining pad is. Andrew Iszard said they are in the process of talking with an interested party now and are hopeful that something may work out. He said there is a lot of interest in that location, but the problem is finding a suitable tenant. Some of their existing leases restrain them in terms of what types of businesses they can lease to.

Councilmembers also commented that the plans for the new hotel include some walking paths to allow guests to approach the shopping center safely and suggested that Combined Properties might want to look at those plans to see if any of that work could be extended. Councilmember Silke Pope stressed that it would benefit Greenway Center tenants, too. Haley said it was appropriate for the hotel to undertake that as an amenity for their guests but that they could also ask their development people to have a look at it.

The mayor asked what their plans for the future were, pointing out that many shopping centers and malls were redeveloping and moving into mixed use. Iszard said it is always about the anchor stores and whether they are doing well. There is no thought of redeveloping Greenway Center in the near future. They have leases that run into the 2030s and the location is still desirable to tenants. Haley added that they use a phasing system and there are other locations ahead of Greenway. Councilmember Rodney Roberts was supportive of their approach, saying "Why push for redevelopment in areas that are doing well?"

Jordan went on to comment that grocery stores – how they operate and how people shop – seem to be changing rapidly. He suggested that "Safeway may need a facelift," especially with the increase in shopping options relatively nearby. Both Haley and Iszard spoke of the Safeway as doing very well and being very healthy as a business. Several other councilmembers agreed that some changes may have started when the ownership changed a few years ago. Putens said he had gotten comments from residents about it: that it wasn't quite as clean, that staff were not always helpful. Pope agreed, saying, "There are other places to go now."

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eventual plan.

They summarized the first section of the report, calling the results a mixed bag, as the report noted the risk of political gridlock as different constituencies struggle to find common ground. In spite of these potential disagreements, the report identified four consistent themes that could become guiding principles for future developments. These four themes are: 1. a desire for multimodalism, or the ability to safely accommodate more pedestrian and bike traffic; 2. more varied retail and dining possibilities; 3. open space for informal and programmed events; and 4. a wider mix of housing options for seniors.

A market analysis of Beltway Plaza revealed a need for more hard goods as well as soft goods, such as clothing and eating-drinking establishments. Residential demand appears to be strong, with new Greenbelt Station construction noted.

Presenters addressed many issues on how to enhance an already robust and wide variety of mobility options. They laid out ideas to make pedestrian access to busing safer and buses more efficient, such as queue jumps, transit signal priority and dedicated bus lanes. The group noted limited on-street bicycle facilities, suggesting the solution of creating a network with existing trails with on- and off-street facilities. Bike sharing was another option floated by the participants. Signage indicating available travel options and destinations was indicated. The presenters suggested various road improvements such as a redistribution and a new median to increase safe biking and walking.

The group agreed that land use was a key part of the redevelopment. They focused on two locations for extensive review: Beltway Plaza and the Triangle, formed by the conjunction of Route 1, Greenbelt Road and University Boulevard. Proposals have been laid out to create a more open, pedestrian friendly space at the plaza that would mix residential and commercial establishments. As it stands, the triangle has a plethora of vacant lots alongside homes and auto-oriented retail. In the long term, there may be an opportunity for significant development there.

Implementation strategies are varied. A crucial discussion at the worksession revolved around the creation of an Economic Development Organization (EDO). This would consist of uniting at the

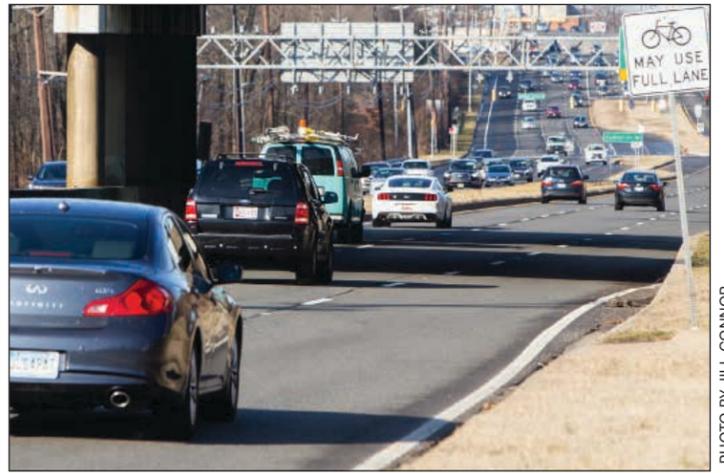


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Greenbelt Road after the morning rush.

very least the cities of Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights and College Park under a common brand to present a unified voice. Jordan said this would keep jurisdictions talking and make any comprehensive redevelopment more likely to be heard. Tax Increment Financing, rehabilitation tax incentives and municipal bonding were suggested to stimulate economic growth. Land use strategies such as protecting affordable housing, inclusionary zoning, land swaps, overlay districts, Transfer of Development Rights and transit-oriented parking strategies were laid out.

The group agreed that funding for redevelopment can come from several sources: the State Highway Administration (SHA) which is responsible for Greenbelt Road, Transportation Land Use Connections, Transportation Alternatives Program, Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act, Railroad Rehabilitation and

Improvement Financing (RRIF); Maryland Bikeways Program, and Consolidated Transportation Program.

Greenbelt City Planner Molly Porter said that any redevelopment will be incremental as each property owner will be responsible for their choice to be part of the change or not. She felt that the most pressing issue is to create greater "safety for all modes of transportation." For her, the biggest challenges involved in moving forward will be "SHA cooperation, funding and a unified voice." She added that the redevelopment is "high on the county's list."

The report ends with the conclusion that ultimately it is up to the stakeholders and the three municipalities along Greenbelt Road to influence their future. They have the power to shape this place and make it even better if the will is there.



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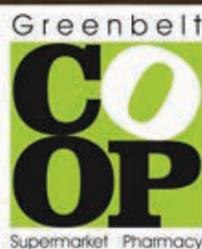
Nandina, or Heavenly Bamboo, boasts its red berries.



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committee by the ALSC president.

Hamlin accepted a spot on the Newbery committee knowing that she would be responsible for reading hundreds of books published during 2018. The 15-member committee meets in person three times at ALA meetings. Readers include school librarians, public librarians and professors of children's literature or library science. PGCMLS supported Hamlin's travel to ALA conferences, including the 2018 midwinter conference in Denver, the annual conference in New Orleans over the summer and the January 2019 conference in Seattle where the winners were named. Hamlin did most of the reading on her own time, sorting through the books that were sent directly to her by publishers, as well as paying attention to books that were getting noticed throughout the year. Each month, after reading many books, the members made a suggestion list of titles that they wanted all of the committee to also read. Hamlin explained, "All the readers read the ones that everyone else puts forward, and sometimes the titles would overlap." By October, after going through over 30 boxes (about 700 books), she was ready to begin making recommendations to the other readers for discussion.

By the time the committee met in person at the Seattle ALA conference, it took two long days of discussion, deliberation and voting for the winners to be decided. Hamlin felt that the readers worked well together, and she was pleased with the diversity of the committee. On Sunday, they wrote the press releases announcing the winners, and then at 6 a.m. on Monday morning, all committee members gathered in a conference room while the

chair called the winning authors on speaker phone.

The winners are called very early in the morning so that they will get the good news before the Youth Media Awards (YMA) take place at 8 a.m. Hamlin recalled one librarian's humorous tweet about the YMA: "It's like the Oscars but it's at the break of day and everyone is wearing jeans and a lanyard." Winners and committee members will attend an awards banquet at the annual conference, held this summer in Washington, D.C.

Merci Suárez Changes Gears, by Meg Medina, took top honors as this year's Newbery Medal winner. Two Newbery Honor Books also were named: The Night Diary, by Veera Hiranandani, and The Book of Boy, by Catherine Gilbert Murdock, illustrated by Ian Schoenherr. Other ALA awards include the Caldecott Medal for illustrations, Printz Award for young adult books, Coretta Scott King Award for African American authors and illustrators, Schneider Family Book Award for the disability experience, Pura Belpré award for best Latino writer and illustrator portraying the Latino experience, and many more.

Hamlin's advice is to go check out these distinguished books from the library. She was eager to share a way that families with young children in Prince George's County can also receive free books through the Ready 2 Read Books from Birth program. Since July 2017, when the program began, every registered child receives one book a month free by mail until the month of their fifth birthday. This is possible through a partnership with Prince George's County and Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, administered by PGCMLS. For more information go to [pgcmls.info/freebooks](http://pgcmls.info/freebooks).



Pam Hamlin (second from left, standing) poses with the Newbery Committee at the American Library Association meeting in Seattle.

**Free Program of Jazz**

On Saturday, February 23 at 7:30 p.m., Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church, 3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi, will present a musical cabaret style event. Jim Olson and Trio will perform an evening of jazz. This event is free but donations are accepted. Snacks and beverages will be available for purchase.



**Free Violin, Piano Concert at UMD**

American violinist and international soloist Pamela Frank and critically acclaimed pianist, composer and conductor Stephen Prutsman will perform a recital on Tuesday, February 19 at 8 p.m. in Gildenhorn Recital Hall of The Clarice. Including beloved classics alongside new works, the repertoire will include Brahms' G Major Violin Sonata and Bach's E major Sonata for Violin.



# Greenbelt Potters Create Bowls for Fall Fundraiser

by Judy Goldberg-Strassler

Ceramic artists from the Community Center Pottery Studios gathered this past weekend to make beautiful bowls to donate for this fall's Empty Bowls fundraiser. The event will be held November 3 at the Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ.

Artists create and donate bowls, serve soup, salad and desserts and help supporters choose a unique handmade ceramic bowl at the ticketed event to keep as a reminder of all the empty bowls in the world.

Over the years, ceramic artists from the Greenbelt Pottery Group (GPG) have helped raise thousands of dollars by donating their handmade bowls. The church members provide the space, kitchen staff and food. Money from the ticket sales goes to Help By Phone, an emergency food pantry for Prince George's County residents.

"We've done a great job raising money for Help by Phone through our fundraiser Empty Bowls in the past. This year, we are raising the bar higher for ourselves," said GPG President Debra Suarez. "Our goal is to make at least 250 bowls for our event in November."

Before the bowl-making weekend, GPG had already produced 65 bowls. This weekend, while almost every potter's wheel was spinning, hand-building potters were also busily crafting new bowls.

"I love being part of this group," said one potter. "I can't believe I get to have this much fun with my pottery friends and also get to know that my efforts will help others, too." The group added another 80 bowls over the weekend.

Beth Fendlay, the Pottery Studio manager, made a thermometer, posted inside the kiln room, so the group can track their progress over the next few months.



Empty Bowls preparation - pottery wheels all spinning make lots of bowls for the upcoming Empty Bowls Fundraiser.

- Photos by Robert Goldberg-Strassler



From left, Empty Bowls potters work to make bowls - Karen Riedlinger, Jan Goldberg, Carolyn Neuendorffer.

"We'll get there," encouraged Gina Mai Denn, a resident artist, Greenbelt Pottery instructor and chair for Empty Bowls. "It takes time because we not only throw the bowls on the wheel, but also trim, glaze and fire the bowls. A

lot goes into handmade pottery. We'll keep working together and encouraging each other."

Judy Goldberg-Strassler is the co-chair of the GPG Empty Bowls Event.

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## Police Blotter

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

### DWI

February 3, 2:38 a.m., 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive. A 23-year-old resident woman was arrested and charged with alcohol- and traffic-related charges during investigation of a traffic accident. She was released on citations pending trial.

### Theft

January 30, 6:26 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A man approached a woman from behind as she was walking in the rear parking lot of Beltway Plaza, grabbed her purse and then fled on foot.

January 31, 7:12 p.m., 5500 block Cherrywood Lane. Money was taken from a purse at Chipotle restaurant.

January 31, 11:02 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace. A package was taken from the front stoop of a residence.

February 1, 11:25 a.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. A package was taken from the front stoop of a residence on January 25.

February 3, 3:05 p.m., 7400 block Greenway Center Drive. A wallet was taken from an unattended jacket at Martin's Crosswinds.

February 4, 9:13 a.m., 8300 block Miner Street. A sink was taken from one home under construction and an oven range hood from another.

### Fraud

January 31, 4:30 p.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway. A person contacted a woman and offered her a grant in exchange for a processing fee, with the fee to be paid in the form of gift cards. After purchasing several gifts cards and reading the numbers to the person over the phone, the woman never received the grant.

### Forgery

January 31, 11:48 a.m., 6400 block Ivy Lane. A 54-year-old nonresident woman was arrested and charged with forgery of private documents, possession of forged documents, issuing a false document and theft after she allegedly attempted to pass an

altered check at Old Line Bank. She was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

### Trespass

February 2, 6:20 p.m., 5700 block Cherrywood Lane. A 33-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespass after he refused to leave Shell Food Mart after being asked to do so by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

### Burglary

February 1, 10:50 a.m., 100 block Centerway. Money was taken from Cedars of Lebanon restaurant.

February 3, 6:30 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane. A rug, printer, air purifier and water purifier were taken from a residence.

### Vehicle Crime

A brown 2013 BMW X5 SUV with Md. tags DV12747 was stolen from the 6100 block Springhill Terrace on February 5.

A 2017 Dodge Journey SUV reported stolen January 29 from the 6100 block Springhill Terrace was recovered on January 30 in the 9200 block Edmonston Road.

A 2015 scooter, brand unknown, reported stolen to the Montgomery County Police Department, was recovered on Crescent Road near Parkway on February 3.

Five thefts from vehicles were reported. Four tires and rims were taken from vehicles, one each in the 9100 block Springhill Lane, 9000 block Breezewood Terrace and in Cherrywood Terrace near Breezewood Court.

Two thefts involved unlocked vehicles. A handicap placard was taken from an unlocked vehicle in 56 Court Crescent Road and a wallet from a possibly unlocked vehicle in the 6100 block Breezewood Court.

One incident of vandalism was reported in the 7900 block Lakecrest Drive, where paint on a vehicle was scratched.

## Woman Assaulted At the Lake Park

A woman advised that on Tuesday, February 12, at 6:52 p.m. she was walking her dog on the trail near St. Hugh's Church when a man dressed in a blue hooded jacket, tan pants and wearing grey gloves approached her from behind, fondled her then fled the scene. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Greenbelt Police Department at 301-474-7200.

# City Services Rated Favorably In Biennial Questionnaire

by Gary Childs

At its December 10 meeting, the Greenbelt City Council heard a report from Assistant City Manager David Moran on the results of the city questionnaire that was filled out by city residents during the November 2017 elections. A majority of Greenbelt residents completing the biennial city questionnaire in 2017 said they thought Greenbelt's Public Works, Public Safety and Recreation departments were doing a good job, though not quite as good as when asked the same question in 2015, with 31 scores decreasing and only 13 increasing. Also, while a majority of questionnaire respondents ranked many city services and programs favorably, a majority also said that they would not support a tax hike to increase those programs or services. Pleasingly for this newspaper, the majority of respondents said that they preferred to receive city information from the News Review, with smaller numbers preferring email and the city newsletter.

### Demographics

Moran reported to council that 1,360 city questionnaires for 2017 were completed. This number represents 53 percent of people who voted in 2017 and is a 6-percent higher response rate than in 2015. It is also the largest number of questionnaires completed since 1991. Of the total number of respondents, 26 percent were from precinct 3, 13 percent from precinct 6, 10 percent from precinct 13, 8 percent from precinct 8 and 6 percent from precinct 18. Fifty-nine percent of the respondents were from residents living in single family detached homes (24 percent) or GHI (35 percent) with 13 percent from apartment dwellers and 16 from people living in townhouses. Seventy-two percent of the respondents were over 45 years of age.

### Responses

Respondents said that special events, performing arts programs, fitness classes and city parks were especially praiseworthy, receiving an average ranking of 4.5 on a 1 to 5 scale with 1 being the lowest and 5 the highest. At the other end of the rankings, parking enforcement, Springhill Lake Recreation Center, the dog park, traffic control and bike lanes were the lowest ranked, receiving an average of 3.6.

The questionnaire provided what Moran considered other useful findings. For example, 67 percent of respondents did not think that a councilmember's term of office should be four years but

should remain a two-year term. Fifty-nine percent were against Greenbelt residents who are not United States citizens voting in city elections. Sixty-two percent of respondents opposed widening the Baltimore-Washington Parkway to six lanes and 70 percent opposed widening the Beltway to allow for express toll lanes. Moran said that 86 percent of questionnaire respondents who had had contact with the police department in the two preceding years said that the police employee they had contacted had been polite and courteous. Eighty-three percent said that they had been satisfactorily assisted by the police. Seventy-nine percent of questionnaire respondents said that community development employees had been polite and courteous and 86 percent of the 766 respondents who had been in contact with Public Works respondents said the same.

### Value for Money

Moran said that the questionnaire asked Greenbelt residents to rate the value of city services and programs for the tax dollars paid. The overall average score was 4.04 points out of 5, indicating a fairly positive response. Sixty-two percent said they would support a tax increase to maintain current services and programs and to provide fair compensation to city employees. However, only 45 percent of respondents said that they would support a tax hike to increase city services and programs, with 749 respondents wanting city services to be kept at the same level. Sixty-six percent of respondents said they would support a tax increase to participate in green initiatives.

### Verbatims

Moran praised the compilers of the questionnaire data, the University of Maryland Institute

for Governmental Service and Research, for their meticulous and excellent work tabulating the results, and especially in the way they reported verbatim all the general comments. Moran said that those comments made for interesting reading and are available, along with the rest of the questionnaire's responses, at [legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/278704/2017\\_Survey\\_Report.pdf](http://legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/278704/2017_Survey_Report.pdf) and at [legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/280771/2017\\_Open-ended\\_Question\\_Responses.pdf](http://legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/280771/2017_Open-ended_Question_Responses.pdf).

For example, under the category most liked about Greenbelt, responses included opinions that the city is: a cooperative, kind community, has a good community spirit, has diversity and neighborliness, is filled with friendly people and that Greenbelt is progressive and inclusive, among the hundreds of other responses. Under the category least liked about Greenbelt, respondents wrote things such as: the lack of services provided in east and west Greenbelt, some playgrounds are old and need work, the lack of recycling locations, no path to the Metro from Greenbelt Station, and that the infrastructure of facilities is dated and in need of renovation, among the many hundreds of answers.

Moran concluded by saying that the questionnaire shows the high quality of service being provided to the community and the support of the city by its residents, yet it demonstrates that there are still areas which city staff need to improve. The next questionnaire will be distributed during the next city election in 2019.



## Bill Seeks No State Funds for Maglev

Maryland Senate Bill 200, sponsored by Senators Paul Pinsky and Douglas Peters, would prohibit state appropriations for a magnetic levitation transportation system in the state. Under this bill, entities receiving money from the State of Maryland would be restricted from authorizing, permitting or approving a magnetic levitation transportation system in the state or using right-of-way or track owned or operated by railroad companies such as Amtrak or CSX.

While the bill would not directly prohibit construction of a maglev system, it would establish restrictions making the proposed SCMaglev project difficult or impossible to fund or implement. The entire bill is available at [mgaleg.maryland.gov/2019RS/bills/sb/sb0200f.pdf](http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2019RS/bills/sb/sb0200f.pdf).

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# Intrepid Artists and Patrons Undaunted by Heavy Snowfall

by John Drago

Despite the presence on the ground of the deepest snowfall of the season so far, six artists and approximately 20 patrons attended the January 13 art reception at Cedars of Lebanon restaurant.

Artists in attendance included Sarah Garcia, Roberta (Bobbie) Kayser, Kathy Kayser, Frank Kayser and John Drago of Greenbelt and Ed Pulik of Beltsville. Artists unable to attend were Shaymar Higgs and two artists from Laurel.

Among the guests and patrons of the arts was Councilmember Judith Davis who conversed, dined and bought one of the art works on exhibit.

There was a surprise visitor in the form of Frank Gervasi, who came through the door toting a GATE camera with the intention of doing an impromptu video report and interview of the artists and guests. Gervasi stated that he was only an amateur videographer, but Cornucopia Arts' response was "We don't care, our art exhibit will be on Greenbelt Cable TV, cool!"

Restaurant owners Karim and Maria offered warm hospitality and food for the reception and the snowfall outside combined to create a cozy and intimate gathering. Some participants remained after the reception to enjoy an evening meal.

With appetites satisfied by both the visual and culinary arts, people made their way home among the snowflakes. It was a memorable event.



Artwork by local artists is on display at Cedars of Lebanon.

- Photos by Melinda Brady

## Montpelier Holds Forum On Black Immigration

On Thursday, February 21 from 6 to 9 p.m. The Other Immigrants: A Discussion of Black Immigration will be presented at Montpelier Arts Center in Laurel. Contemporary news coverage of immigration often focuses on the experiences of those coming from Central America. However, the experiences of people from the African diaspora are equally as important in telling the story of immigration to the United States. Come for a panel discussion detailing the history and experiences of black immigrants in the Washington, D.C., region. Panelists will include a variety of local black leaders who immigrated to this area, including Karl Racine, attorney general of the District of Columbia.

## Black History Film Screened Locally

The Black History Month Film Series presents Colored Frames and In Motion: Amiri Barak on Wednesday, February 20 from 7 to 10 p.m. in the Brentwood Arts Exchange, 3901 Rhode Island Avenue. This is a selection of films curated by independent curator and filmmaker Dawne Langford. It features both fiction and nonfiction films about black artists, magnifying art as being instrumental to the process of liberation.

Colored Frames is a look back at the last 50 years in African American art. In Motion profiles the outspoken representative – formerly known as LeRoi Jones – of the black consciousness movement who has been a major figure on the American literary and political landscape for three decades.

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# LOVE NOTES



Sweet Babu  
How do I love thee  
Tres madly, passionately  
Till death do us part  
Feets.

Robert  
We've been together now for 60 years,  
And my, how fast they flew.  
Sharing lots of laughter and yes, a few tears,  
I still find joy in saying that I love you.  
Sylvia

Sylvia,  
You are the light of my life. It's so great to share each day with you, my lovely wife  
Robert

Maggie – Happy 25 years! Still wild and crazy.  
Love You  
Bill

Lucy  
Chasing deer through the forest, my heart is tangled in your curls.  
Wrestling in mud, swimming in creeks, we have a life few other dogs can even imagine.  
Be my Valentine  
Molly.

For you I would wear a sinar  
Can I watch as you swim and you spar?  
You I love, bridge to beach  
Times gazillions of each  
With you, life is always Adar.

Roses are red  
Violets are blue  
Michael Ryan W.  
Where are you?

Dear Heschel,  
Saw, scrape, toss, donate:  
Whittling lives to their essence,  
To blend our true selves  
Love, Neshama

Dear Ed,  
We love you with the forever kind of love. ♥♥♥  
Love  
Brooke, Maya and Riley

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

For Gazza from yours:  
Here with a Loaf of Bread beneath  
the Bough  
A Flask of Wine, a Book of verse –  
and Thou  
Beside me singing in the Wilderness –  
And Wilderness is Paradise enow.  
(Translated from the Persian by Edward Fitzgerald)



I used to think that Valentine's Day was a day for romance  
Then a friend passed on her special hard earned belief  
That Valentine's Day can be a day for love, way beyond focusing on romantic love  
Love of our family, friends, fellow humankind and other living beings  
Love for our earth and other things, and let us not forget Love for ourselves  
All of which can be so easily set aside or lost in the hustle bustle of life.  
Today may we invite our hearts to open just a bit more, to give and to receive, to acknowledge and express gratitude for this wonderful gift of Love.  
Happy Valentines Day to all  
KB.

Dear Beth  
We have a lot in common.  
And the differences are intriguing.  
Together our lives are much better.  
Especially in this cold weather!  
Love, Howard.

Nancy  
On a mountain, by the sea,  
Hiking the Highlands,  
Dancing a Ceilidh or sipping  
Hot Chocolate by Loch Lomond,  
Being with you made it all just right.  
Love, Harry



NBS  
Where have the 6.5 years gone?  
What fun we've had.  
So many things still to do.  
Love you more each day!  
Seems easy to be that way!  
All my love!  
HHS

Dear Aaron and Isaac  
You are so lucky!  
It's easy to see,  
Your mom is the best.  
Thanks for sharing her with me!  
And making me part of the family!  
Love Harry

Dear Aaron & Isaac,  
You two are the best!  
Keep on shining your bright lights.  
The world needs you both.  
Love, Mom

Because you're our Grand-Daddy  
We're feline fine  
Love, Sage and Miss Kitty

Bark, chirp, purr, and meow,  
We all want to tell you how  
Thankful we are for the time  
You take to care for us  
You three take the cake!  
To Lauren, Howard, and Nelly,  
Love, the Animals of the Greenbelt Shelter

I know cats can't read  
But I just wanted to say  
What joy you bring me  
Each and every day  
To Sage and Miss Kitty  
Love, Mommy.



The 14th is upon us. Valentine is here  
Our Marriage now extant exactly one-half year  
I am beyond elated with this perfect life I found  
Living here in Greenbelt with my consort and my hound  
The first six months completed, a lifetime more to go.  
Here are just a few things I thought you should know.  
You are just as beautiful as an angel sent from Heaven  
Especially when you're at the top of a five-point-seven.  
You are my patient Mentor, my Tutor and my Guide  
I would not succeed in teaching without you by my side.  
Working now together you inspire me every day  
Where I'd be without you I couldn't even say.  
Relaxing by the fire, or seeking adrenaline  
I'm glad I always have my wife. I have my perfect 10  
Life is full of mysteries, but ne thing is for sure  
I love you more than anything Mrs. Slonaker.

Stacey my love, I'm yours forever.  
As one, we will always be together.  
I've never experienced such a deep feeling  
Thinking of you, my head and heart are always reeling.  
One day we will be married.  
Across the threshold you will be carried.

You're such a sexy and spicy little tart  
I only want to be with you until death do we part.  
So please be mine.  
My Sweet Valentine  
Love, Tom

We are the beasts of the Southeast.  
We eat up WFMs like they're a feast  
Gallantly led by Samantha Griggs  
At least until she moves to her new digs!  
We will always strive to do the most  
Of that we can always boast  
Never just getting by doing the least  
We rise to the challenge like some mutant yeast!!  
Go Go Go GCO  
Tom



Shobha, Traveling around in a room with a view,  
Now on a desert adventure with you.  
With so much completed, still so much to do,  
In all this remember that I'll always love you. Bill

My love for Marjorie  
Is boundless as the sea.  
She's passionate and kind  
Exotic but sublime  
She's all the world to me. Jim

To Annie, from Marc, a Limerick in honor of our 36th Valentine's Day together. What could be more romantic? I love you!  
Retired now, Marc-ee and Annie  
Their relationship is still quite uncanny  
In daytime he birds  
She Mah Jonggs, she Curves  
And at night still romantic they can be.

Roses are Red, Violets are Blue  
The Purple line is needed, and the Maglev too!  
Love, Robert

Buddy O, you are my hero,  
You saved me from that mouse  
That somehow got into my house.  
Thank you, thank you, my friend.  
I hope that you'll come back again.  
And not find any more mice!  
Sue

**Happy Valentine's Day to Everyone - From the Staff at the Greenbelt News Review**

Roses are red and violets are purple,  
You are as sweet as fresh maple surple.  
Smart and compassionate, talented too,  
Kind and forgiving, these words describe you.  
Lucky the fellow who calls you his wife,  
Let's share many more years, a happy long life.  
To A from G.

To my dearest Raluca and Dora:  
Thank you for making my life complete with love and joy (and sirens)!

Dear Maggie, you are the best friend ever in the world!  
Love, Dora

Ur the love of my life  
Ur kind and dapper  
Which is why u r  
My favorite Hubcap-er

Dear Pop-Pop  
You're my pal.  
Thank you for loving me, GiGi, my Mommy and aunt Ti-Ti.  
We love you  
Nathan, Mary Ann, Sarah and Lori

I love you Greenbelt more than you will ever know  
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From my heart this Valentine's Day to all who make up Greenbelt... thank you for making Greenbelt such a wonderful place to visit, work and live!

CB: Sympathy tea  
jazz music to my ears  
silver hair so fine it came from a mine  
pardon me while I pine  
With our smiles and a laugh  
Together's no gaffe,  
No, it's pleasure and oh so sublime  
-RC

Happy Valentine's Day to Layla with love from Sitti & Grandpa

Happy Valentine's Day to Meme with love from Sitti & Grandpa

Happy Valentine's Day to Kadin with love from Sitti & Grandpa

Happy Valentne's Day to my dear husband Bob with love forever from Dea.

Happy Valentine's Day to Kristina & Billy with love from Mom & Dad.

AG: you are worth 1000 rainbows!

Dear Bill,  
Happy Valentine's Day!  
Home is wherever I am with you.  
May we continue to have many more wonderful adventures together.  
Love always, Shobha.

Happy Valentines Day with love to all our fabulous Greenbelt friends!  
Love, Shobha and Bill

Lucky number 7, thy name is CHOPPER.

Eric, you are the best daddy ever!  
Dora

Roses are red,  
Violets are blue  
Dora loves you  
And I do so too.

Dog here:  
You have a special day for love.  
That's silly.  
I already gave you my heart.  
You want a bone too?

My dear beloved LA,  
My love for you continues to grow and grow, it deepens, broadens and matures each day.  
I still often sit in wonder how you appeared in my life as I never really believed that love would be so real  
We have had another year of challenges and also full of many blessings, and I thank my lucky stars for all of it. Know that I love you dearly and definitely want you to be my very special Valentine again this year.  
Happy Valentine's Day Sweetheart  
KB

I HEART you Aimée  
You are the best!

Roses are Red  
Violets are Blue  
Happy Valentine Day  
To my son Joe.  
Love Mom.

Across Rainbow Bridge is now a happier place  
With the arrival of Roxy's fuzzy face  
Joining Beethoven, Chicco and Mozart  
Each taking a huge chunk of my heart  
My heart's still full for Lucky-One and Lucky-Too  
But sweet and cuddly, feisty and greedy  
Roxy I'm really missing you.

