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City employees gather on Thursday, January 2, to bid farewell to LaToya Fisher (center back), who is leaving her position as recreation coordinator at the Community Center.

No I-495 Widening for Now: Hogan Will Focus on I-270

by Amy Hansen

Maryland Governor Larry Hogan and Comptroller Peter Franchot announced on January 3 that they would not work at expanding the Beltway (I-495) for now, but would focus on I-270. The deal comes before the January 8 scheduled meeting of the Maryland Board of Public Works, which still needs to approve the plan. Hogan and Franchot take up two of the three seats on the board. State Treasurer Nancy Kopp has the third.

Plan called for widening 495 as well as 270, in order to relieve traffic congestion. That proposal would have taken land adjacent to the highway, which includes homes in Greenbelt as well as other parts of Prince George's and Montgomery Counties.

Franchot, a Democrat and resident of Montgomery County, fought that plan. He said that he was pleased with the outcome of the discussions. "As a result of our agreement, no private

Hogan's original Traffic Relief

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Green Ridge House: A Resource For Enhanced Senior Living

by Butch Hicks



PHOTO BY BUTCH HICKS

Green Ridge House resident Louise Swiderski and her daughter Marcie Downs

Greenbelt's Green Ridge House opened May 27, 1979. The house has approximately 103 residents within its 101 one-bedroom apartments. Its four-story locale at 22 Ridge Road is on wooded grounds in an urban setting. The City of Greenbelt owns the residence facility that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) designated as apartments for seniors at least 62 years old.

educational workshops."

Joyce Marrel-Kolenky, Green Ridge House service coordinator, plans and coordinates those programs and activities. Her support ranges from scheduling health examinations, psychological and social needs evaluations to educating residents on bureaucratic procedures addressing client rights and being an advocate for residents.

Christal Batey, Greenbelt community resource advocate and coordinator of Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) coordinator, said Green Ridge House is part of the city's efforts to enhance the lives of seniors and allow them to remain in familiar surroundings. "It is providing an opportunity for residents to age in place," Batey said. "It's not only aging in place, it's aging in the right place. Green Ridge House organization and resources support seniors' needs through varied social activities, health presentations, exercise classes and

Green Ridge House has appealing amenities such as a well-stocked library with enviable décor, ceramics room, community center, beauty shop, dining area, laundry room, a newly renovated living room and exercise facility.

The residents' comments attest to Green Ridge's extraordinary appeal. Louise Swiderski, 98, moved into Green Ridge when it opened in 1979. She has seen building updates including installation of elevators and laundry rooms and improvements in programs for residents. Swid-

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ERHS Wind Ensemble Plays Midwest Clinic in Chicago

by Matthew Arbach

"They said we broke the mold!" said Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) band director, Rachel Zephir. This was the response the ERHS wind ensemble received at the annual Midwest Clinic in Chicago from December 17 to 20. What made ERHS distinct was its presentation of mixed-instrument chamber music as opposed to the more traditional large band performance. Said Zephir, "We had numerous groups within our full ensemble. So many people said it was refreshing to see such an innovative program."

The Midwest Clinic began on December 7, 1946. It is the world's largest instrumental music education conference, bringing in participation from the entire country and around 40 countries. It is focused on improving and elucidating all aspects of music education to its members who include professionals involved in every level of this field. ERHS is the third high school from Maryland to perform in the event's

history.

On December 12, the ensemble did a preview concert at the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore.

The ERHS Wind Ensemble consists of 45 students. This is Zephir's fifth year at ERHS. They were joined on this trip by guest conductors, Harlan Parker from the Peabody Conservatory, and Michael Votta from the University of Maryland (UMD). In addition, Michelle Fowlin, choral director at ERHS, performed with the ensemble which received a tearful response from many in the audience.

The group presented nine chamber pieces of varying instrumentations, including a brass, saxophone and percussion ensemble, a woodwind octet and mixtures of brass and woodwinds. The composers of the works they performed included Beethoven, Dvorak, Thomas Tallis and various modern composers. They performed a world premiere arrangement of Tchaikovsky's Waltz

of the Flowers by Dr. Anthony Rivera.

Aliki Arbach, music teacher at Laurel Elementary and a parent of French horn player and senior Olivia Arbach, served as a chaperone. She felt that the exposed and rigorous demands of the chamber music experience caused each participant to grow musically on every level, forcing them to become leaders and gain new levels of confidence and maturity. She stressed that several pieces were not conducted and that the

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What Goes On

Monday, January 13
8 p.m. City Council,
Municipal Building
Wednesday, January 15
8 p.m. Council Worksession with Greenbelt Park,
Community Center



PHOTO BY ALIKI ARBACH

ERHS wind ensemble is lead by Guest Conductors Michael Votte, Michelle Fowlin, Rachel Zephir (ERHS Band Director) and Harlan Parker.

Letters to the Editor

Climate Crisis Rallies

On Friday, December 27, I attended my fourth Fire Drill Fridays on the Southeast lawn of the United States Capitol. According

wagon en route to jail, I met a teacher from Oakland, California who has been live streaming the demonstrations for his students, and a gentleman from North Car-



PHOTO BY RODNEY ROBERTS

Climate crisis rally at U.S. Capitol on Friday, December 27

to www.firedrillfridays.com, Jane Fonda was “inspired by Greta and the youth climate strikes as well as Reverend Barber’s Moral Mondays and Randall Robinson’s often daily anti-apartheid protests,” Jane Fonda moved to Washington, D.C. in October “to be closer to the epicenter of the fight for our climate.” Every Friday since October 11, Jane has been “leading weekly demonstrations on Capitol Hill to demand that action by our political leaders be taken to address the climate emergency we are in.”

I agree with Jane Fonda in that “we can’t afford to wait.”

“The climate crisis is not an isolated issue – it involves every part of our economy and society. Because of that, each Friday demonstration will have a different focus as it relates to climate. Scientists, movement leaders, experts, activists, Indigenous leaders, community members and youth will come together to share their stories and demand that action be taken before it’s too late.”

The last Fire Drill Fridays in DC is January 10. The Thursday evening before the demonstration, Jane is hosting a live streamed “teach-in” with a panel of experts. For more information go to www.firedrillfridays.com.

I want to encourage more Greenbelters to attend the last Fire Drill Friday. So far, I have met only one other person from Greenbelt at the demonstrations I have attended. It would be nice to have a group from Greenbelt; I have had the only Stop the MAGLEV sign there. This is a wonderful opportunity to spotlight our local issues which will absolutely affect climate change, proposed highway widening, the assault on the Beltsville farms by the proposed MAGLEV train, and Engraving & Printing industrial development. This past Friday, I was able to meet an array of people from across the United States and learn about their local issues. It was a honor to be arrested on the steps of the United States Capitol with Lily Tomlin (actress, comedian, writer, singer, producer, and activist), Rolf Skar (senior campaign strategist, Greenpeace), and 30 other activists.

While riding in the paddy wagon en route to jail, I met a teacher from Oakland, California who has been live streaming the demonstrations for his students, and a gentleman from North Car-

olina, who told me about a development near his community that would clear cut 8,000 acres of forest. Upon my release from jail, I crossed the street to find a table staffed by activists with drinks and snacks. Since I was one of the first to be released I decided to stay until everyone was released. Soon we were joined by Jane Fonda and her friends from Greenpeace. Jane stayed there on the side of the street until everyone was released. She gave everyone a big hug and her thanks. Lily Tomlin, one of the last released, ran out into the street and blocked a car to allow a fellow activist to cross the street after their release. Since I was released early, I missed my hug, but I did get a great opportunity to have a personal conversation with Jane Fonda and Lily Tomlin together! I gave a little history of Greenbelt and our beginnings in the original New Deal, our Greenbelt, our forest preserve, the Beltsville farms and the proposed industrial development there. And the fact that Greenbelt still has its original homes from the original New Deal.

Ms. Fonda is a big supporter of the Roosevelt New Deal and cites it often when speaking of the need for a Green New Deal. She encouraged me to keep fighting for Greenbelt, and to keep fighting against industrial development at the Beltsville farms. December 27 was a wonderful day, I met a lot of interesting people, learned a lot, and got a lot of encouragement. It was well worth the \$50 to get out of jail.

Please join me on Friday, January 10. I will be leaving the Greenbelt Metro Station at 10 a.m. Let’s all keep fighting for Greenbelt, our planet, and our future.

*Rodney M. Roberts
Greenbelt City Council*

P.S. You do not have to get arrested.

How to Save the Co-op

As a devoted Co-op shopper for more than 30 years, I was alarmed to learn of the need to stop the revenue drop that’s been occurring. I grew up in

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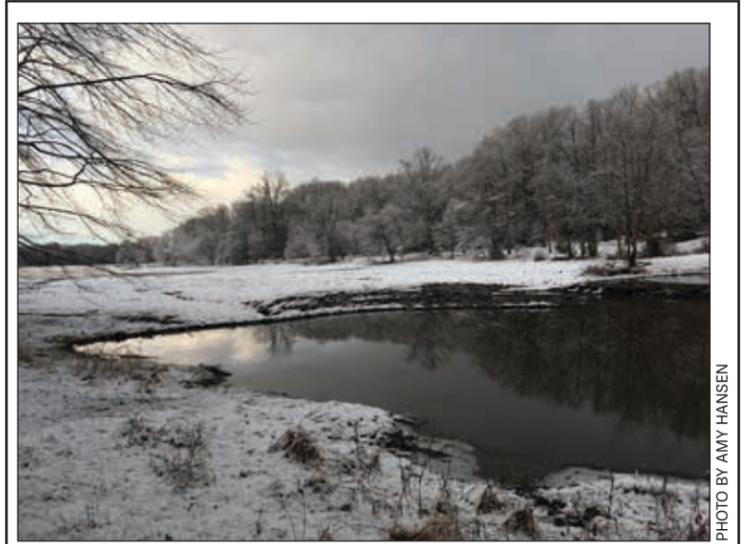


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Snow gives a bluish tint to the lake and sky on the morning of January 8.



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SHOWTIMES
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The Auditorium
KNIVES OUT (PG-13)(CC)
(DVS)(2019)(130 mins)
Fri. 2:30, 5:15, 8:00 PM
Sat. 2:30, 5:15, 8:00 PM
Sun. 2:30(OC), 5:15, 8:00 PM
Mon. 5:15, 8:00 PM
Tues. 5:15, 8:00 PM
Wed. 2:30, 5:15, 8:00 PM
Thurs. 5:15, 8:00 PM

Storytime on Screen
Mon. 10:30 AM - FREE!

The Pop-Up
LITTLE WOMEN (PG)(CC)
(DVS)(2019)(135 mins)
Fri. 2:15, 5:00, 7:45 PM
Sat. 2:15(OC), 5:00, 7:45 PM
Sun. 2:15, 5:00, 7:45 PM
Mon. 5:00, 7:45 PM
Tues. 5:00, 7:45 PM
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On Screen

Knives Out continues at the Auditorium.
Little Women continues at the Pop-up.

- Sandy Rodgers

Community Events

Library News

Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGC-MLS) is installing new shelving and carpeting to improve the customer experience at the Greenbelt Library, which will reopen on Tuesday, January 21 at 1 p.m.

All county libraries will be closed Sunday, January 19 and Monday, January 20 for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday.

Storytime on Screen at the Old Greenbelt Theatre. Monday, January 13, 10:30 a.m., ages newborn to 5. Bring babies, toddlers or pre-schoolers to the Old Greenbelt Theatre to listen to a story read from the big screen, see a short film and complete a craft. Popcorn will be provided. No registration is required. This walk-in event is presented bi-weekly on the second and fourth Monday mornings of each month.

Ready 2 Read Weekly Storytimes at the Community Center, Room 202. Wednesday, January 15, 10:15 a.m., ages 3 to 5, limit 30 people; 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3, limit 30 people. Thursday, January 16, 11:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2, limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s).

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext. 4215.

All meals, which provide at least one-third of Recommended Dietary Allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of January 13 are as follows:

Monday, January 13: hamburger, baked beans, hot spiced apples, carrot raisin salad, hamburger bun, ketchup, cranberry juice, milk.

Tuesday, January 14: Cranberry Dijon chicken, rosemary potatoes, cabbage, roll with margarine, pineapple tidbits, grape juice, milk.

Wednesday, January 15: stuffed salmon with Newburg Sauce, confetti rice, mixed vegetables, wheat bread, fluffy fruit salad, orange juice, milk.

Thursday, January 16: meatloaf with gravy, whipped potatoes, Brussels Sprouts, bread with margarine, fresh fruit, apple juice, milk.

Friday, January 17: glazed ham, macaroni and cheese, green peas, dinner roll with margarine, Mandarin oranges, fruit punch juice, milk.

Toastmasters Meet

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

Free Health Resources At Doctors Hospital

Throughout the year, Doctors Community Hospital offers numerous screenings and support groups designed to help people maintain and improve their overall health. Some of the upcoming events include the following

Bariatric Surgery and Weight Loss Seminar, fourth Friday of each month from 3 to 4 p.m., Professional Office Bldg., Suite 210. Contact: 240-965-4405 or DCHweightloss.org. Free lecture by Dr. Hitesh Amin, medical director, Bariatric and Weight Loss Center. Those at least 30 pounds overweight can learn whether weight loss surgery is right for them. Registration is required.

Breast and Cervical Cancer Screenings, Professional Office Building, Suite 110. Contact: 301-552-8524 or DCHweb.org/breast. Women who reside in Prince George's County may qualify if they have a photo or picture ID, are ages 40 or older, are uninsured or underinsured or have a limited income. An appointment is required.

Breast Cancer Support Group, third Tuesday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m., North Building, 4th Floor, Room 415. Contact: 240-542-3034 or DCHweb.org/breast. Join women who are newly diagnosed with or are recovering from breast cancer.

Colorectal Cancer Screening Program, North Building, 4th Floor. Contact: 301-552-7705 or DCHweb.org/prevention. Prince George's County residents may qualify for a no-cost colonoscopy. It is available for people ages 50 to 75, ages 50 or younger with family histories of colorectal cancer and those who are uninsured or underinsured. An appointment is required.

Diabetes Support Group, third Wednesday of each month, 6 to 7 p.m., North Building, 5th Floor, DSE Room. Contact: 301-552-8661 or DCHdiabetes.org. Join people who have diabetes as well as their families during engaging and interactive discussions about coping with this disease.

Drop-in Grief Support Group, second Monday of each month,

11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Critical Care Conference Room, 2nd Floor. Contact: 301-808-5671. This group provides supportive listening, sharing and psycho-educational resources to the grieving.

Free Freedom from Smoking Workshop. This eight-week smoking cessation program is offered year-round. North Building, 4th Floor. Contact: 301-552-5178 or DCHweb.org/prevention. Join others on a journey toward smoke-free and healthier living. Registration is required.

Lymphedema and Chronic Swelling Support Group. January 30, July 16 and December 17 from 2 to 4 p.m.; April 16 and October 15 from 5 to 7 p.m., North Building, 5th Floor, DSE Room. Contact: 301-552-8144 or DCHrehab.org. Join people who have lymphedema as they share their experiences while learning about the latest treatment and management options.

Post-Bariatric Surgery Support Group, second Friday of each month from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., North Building, 5th Floor. Contact: 240-965-4405 or DCHweightloss.org. Meet other post-bariatric surgery patients while learning and sharing within a compassionate and professional environment.

Stroke Awareness Program, second Wednesday of each month from 1 to 3 p.m., The Diyanet Center of America, 9610 Good Luck Road. Contact: 301-552-4284 or DCHrehab.org. A health education seminar for stroke survivors and caregivers led by a team of healthcare professionals on living a healthier lifestyle, stroke care and prevention.

Women's Heart Health Support Group, Tuesdays, January 28, March 24, May 26, September 22 and November 24 from 10:30 a.m. to noon., North Building, 5th Floor, DSE Room. Contact: 301-552-8058 or DCHrehab.org. Join heart disease experts who provide educational information to women while encouraging them to make well-educated and heart-healthy decisions.

Co-op Announces Search For New General Manager

by Kim Kash

Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket & Pharmacy, the community-owned cooperative grocery store and pharmacy in Roosevelt Center, has announced its search for the next general manager to replace its long-term retiring Bob Davis.

Reestablished in 1984, the store serves 3,000 active members and provides over 50 jobs, with sales of over \$12 million a year. The general manager reports to a seven-member board of directors that is elected by the cooperative's members.

The ideal candidate will be strong in strategic thinking, visioning and change management, on a solid base of retail grocery experience. Potential candidates are invited to submit a cover letter and resume to gmsearch@greenbelt.coop. This position will be open until filled.

For more information about the Greenbelt Co-op and to see the job description, visit greenbelt.coop/cms/join/employment or contact Kim Kash, 301-789-6294, kimkash@gmail.com.



Patrons enjoy creative painting on Sunday, January 5 at a Community Art Drop-in hosted by Greenbelt Recreation Arts and led by Artist-in-Residence Kathy Karlson.

-Photos by Daria Parsa

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

Don't Miss!

Greenbelt Arts Center presents:

QUADRILLE

A ROMANTIC PLAY

Written by Melynda Kiring
Directed by Stephen Foreman

January 3 - 19, 2020
Tickets: greenbeltartscenter.org

Buy Tickets at www.greenbeltartscenter.org
Tickets: \$24 adults, \$22 seniors/military, \$12 students/youth

Coming Soon to the Greenbelt Arts Center
January 31-February 8 - *Love's Labour's Lost*
February 21-March 1 - *Leaves of America*

GATE Program Schedule Friday Jan 10 - Thursday Jan 16		
7 am	Greenbelt Newsreel	• Community Events • Weekly Updates
8 am	Democracy Now!	• Independent Global News
9 am	GATE Classic Film ★ Documentary • 1956	• Seven Years in Tibet • Heinrich Harrer Made Possible by a Grant from ★ Anonymous Donors ★
11 am	Greenbelt Discussions	• Local Topics & Guests
12 pm	Greenbelt Newsreel	• Community Events • Weekly Updates
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Remembering Greenbelters Who Died in 2019 and Earlier

by Sue Krofchik

- Daniel "Danny" Negussie Abebe, 29, April 29, 2019
- William Henry Atkinson, 78, August 14, 2019
- Betty Jean Orbison Bailey, 90, March 24, 2019
- Sandra "Sandy" Nicole Ball, 29, June 6, 2019
- Thomas L. Ball, 95, October 27, 2019
- Dorothy Ball, 91, December 29, 2019
- Edith "Edie" Barber, 95, December 30, 2019
- Sally Maitland Barcus, 68, March 28, 2019
- Keith R. Bare, December 8, 2018
- Virginia Walcott Beauchamp, 98, February 10, 2019
- G. Joseph Bradley, Jr., 82, October 21, 2019
- Catherine "Kay" S. Cawley, 96, October 27, 2019
- Thomas "Jeff" Chapman, 73, April 11, 2019
- Coleen Chernikoff, April 29, 2019
- Brecken Lorraine Chinn, 49, November 1, 2019
- Jay Coleman, 72, October 3, 2019
- Roseerin "Erin" S. Collins, 69, September 21, 2019
- Barbara Sanford Thomas Compton, 71, January 14, 2019
- Ronald J. Corazzi, Sr., 81, October 25, 2019
- Debra "Debbie" Ann Carpenter Corsetti, 53, November 9, 2019
- James "Jim" Paul Coulter, 66, July 16, 2019
- Carlos Cremata, 78, October 28, 2019
- George Carmichael Daffan, III, March 25, 2019
- Jeanette Sargent Danahy, 92, December 3, 2018
- George "Bucky" Davis, Jr., 67, August 9, 2019
- Rossana Del Vecchio, 49, July 4, 2019
- Karen DeNeal, 58, September 20, 2019
- William Lee Dobson, 91, July 16, 2019
- Genevieve Dorman, 102, April 24, 2019
- Phyllis S. Douglas, 73, December 2, 2019
- Maria Margaret Dukes, 27, September 1, 2019
- Lossie Madeline Falter, 98, April 7, 2019
- Martha Fenn, 72, November 3, 2019
- Joseph "Joe" Flick, 72, February 7, 2019
- Helen R. Foster, 88, February 17, 2019
- John Guernsey, 73, April 22, 2019
- D. Alan Henry, 72, June 28, 2019
- Shirley Marie Hibbs, 91, December 4, 2018
- Edward R. "Bumpy" Holmes, 80, June 5, 2019
- Joanne Marie Janus, 85, September 8, 2019
- Elizabeth Jay, 81, September 18, 2018
- Elaine Dorothy Dietz Jones, 81, March 6, 2019
- Anne Mills King, 97, January 7, 2019
- Phyllis Klopach, 66, March 23, 2019
- Alice Kovalchik, 88, October 3, 2019
- Lois Juanita Tipton Lane, 87, May 15, 2019
- Robert Frederick Lange, 59, February 1, 2019
- Judy Lynn Lawson, 65, March 4, 2019
- Norman Louis Leech, July 7, 2019
- Betty Lehman, 91, October 29, 2019
- Jim Link, 78, December 23, 2019
- Tula Long, 92, November 24, 2019
- Margaret Mary Johnson Lundregan, 89, March 31, 2019
- John "Jack" Woodruff Maffay, 85, April 30, 2019
- Florence Ruby Magill, 98, December 7, 2019
- Fatmata Salamatu Mahoi-Turay, 39, January 16, 2019
- Marjorie Hope Markowich, 100, November 12, 2019
- Anna "Ann" Peluso Marrichi, 94, June 14, 2019
- James "Jim" McGraw, 77, February 12, 2019
- Noreen "Snunny" Schultz McKinney, 83, December 5, 2019
- Regina "Jeanne" Alice McLaughlin, 72, April 28, 2019
- Virginia Nagel, 102, March 26, 2019
- Joyce Nelson, May 28, 2019
- Dorothy Kirk Noël, 96, March 4, 2019
- Arthur Thomas O'Brien, 80, May 11, 2019
- Norma Renee Ozur, 89, May 23, 2019
- Daniel Lee Paczkowski, 53, August 27, 2019
- Janet Jacobs Parker, 99, November 12, 2019
- Paul G. Pastellak, 59, August 18, 2019
- Gail Sue Phillips, 70, April 19, 2019
- Carol Holbrook Price, 85, March 23, 2019
- Diane C. Ronchi, 72, June 12, 2019
- Frances Virginia Broy Roth, 93, January 19, 2019
- Michael "Mick" LeRoy Schauer, 46, September 15, 2019
- Lawrence A. Schmid, 91, November 4, 2019
- Robert N. Soley, 68, December 30, 2018
- Joseph Sucher, 89, October 18, 2019
- Gary Paul Swank, M.D., 53, June 23, 2019
- Terry K. Vanzetti, 62, September 2, 2019
- Peter Hawley Walpole, 72, November 5, 2019
- Bessie Lynn Webster, 93, March 12, 2019
- Dianne Wilkerson, September 2, 2019
- Carolyn Regina Wright, 68, October 27, 2019

In Memory of Jim Link

I was saddened by the news of the passing of Jim Link. He was my mentor, inspiration and faithful supporter for my self-published novels on Kindle. He was the force behind my years of writing poetry for poetry nights at the New Deal Café. He was there teaching writing courses for SAGE, where I enjoyed his dialogue about everything and nothing, and we so often exchanged a play on words or a pun. He always asked about the health and welfare of my dear fellow writer and next door neighbor, Ann King, who has since also died as have so many I loved in those days (including John Hayes among the many others who made me understand that you are never too old to get up on stage and say a few good words).

Slowly as years passed, I saw Jim Link less in a classroom and more often joining him in line at the Co-op Pharmacy. He was never without a smile and a hug. So now I must say good-bye, dear friend. When it is my turn, I will join you at the Writer's Conference in the sky. And since poetry was so often our common thread, here are some lines for him to take with him as he joins our Lord.

I wink
When I think
Of Jim Link
Inspired by the muse
Is no excuse
Not to cry
As I say, Good-bye
- Randi Anderson



Obituaries

James (Jim) Link

Greenbelt resident James R. (Jim) Link died on December 23, 2019. He was a beloved teacher, neighbor and poetry lover whose generous heart and wide-ranging intellect touched many people in our community.

Jim was born August 31, 1941, in Washington, D.C., to John C. Link and Melita Haardt Link. A graduate of the University of Notre Dame, he was a lifelong follower of Fighting Irish football, although he would admit they were overexposed and sometimes overrated. Jim served in the Army Reserves in the 1960s and was a frequent visitor to the American Legion in Greenbelt, where he shared his love of football and good conversation.

Jim's long career as an English teacher began at Parkdale High School in Riverdale, where he taught for 10 years. He then went on to Prince George's Community College, teaching English and other subjects from 1988 to 2007. He woke up every morning full of eager anticipation to meet his students and pass on his joyous passion for poetry and great literature. His ever-curious, unpretentious, non-judgmental personality inspired many of his students, some of whom stayed in touch with Jim well beyond their classroom years.

Jim relished reading, and his greatest delight was discussing books and poetry with people who shared his love of writers and writing. Even in his final weeks of life, he was ordering



PHOTO COURTESY LINK FAMILY

Jim Link

new books and stacking them within easy reach of his hospital bed. He hosted boisterous book clubs and poetry readings that went on for hours and were marked by laughter, pizza deliveries and empty wine bottles in his recycling bin the next day. From 2007 to 2019, Jim took his teaching skills and love of literature to the Greenbelt Community Center, Riderwood and other retirement communities to lead classes for the SAGE program (Seasoned Adults Growing Educationally).

He also enjoyed dissecting movies – from the classics to cult favorites – and held viewings at his home (again, fueled by pizza and beverages). For years, he wrote movie and theater reviews for the News Review. His reviews of local theater productions were always positive, gingerly pointing out flaws while cheering the efforts of the participants.

Jim's was a familiar face around Greenbelt, and he seemed to know almost every resident. He gleefully took part in neighborhood gatherings, appearing as Charlie Brown, Superman and an aging hippie in Halloween festivities in recent years, and was especially happy when he went home with leftovers tucked under his arm. Those who knew him will remember Jim for his warmth, his generosity and his irrepressible spirit.

Jim is survived by his sister Melita Link of Gatineau, Quebec; nephew Mathieu Link-Arseneau; nieces Catherine Link-Arseneau and Patricia Jo Link; and a host of family and friends. He was predeceased by his parents and his brother, Joseph Link.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, January 16, at 10 a.m. at St. Hugh's Catholic Church. Following the funeral, a reception will be held at the American Legion Greenbelt Post 136.

Jim's family advises guests that they don't have to wear black, celebrating that Jim was a joyous person, full of light.

In lieu of flowers, those who wish to do so may consider a donation to a favorite cause.

- Kathy Merritt



PHOTO BY RENE SEWELL-RAVSON

Christmas in Franklin Park means a ride to the Festival of Lights at Watkins Regional Park. Front row from left, Josiah Kamara, Nehemiah Lahai, Tuqa Alysiri, Zainab Alysiri, Nora Alysiri; back row, Batool Alysiri.



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Snow on Greenbelt Lake on Wednesday morning, January 8



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Letters continued

small Maine towns, so I enjoy “shopping small” and appreciate the Co-op staff’s friendliness and willingness to meet special requests. Shopping there is like being “back home” again . . . except for the amazing beer and wine selections!

A big part of the problem is non-grocery stores’ getting into food sales. Once, we used to go to groceries for edibles and to other kinds of stores for everything else. Now, we buy food “on the fly” at Target, the dollar store, drugstore – even get fried chicken at the gas station! We enjoy shopping at farmers’ markets and ordering food online for home delivery.

So I’ll bet even Giant and Safeway are struggling to stay profitable, given the exploding competition for food dollars and grocery stores’ historically small profit margins. Now, in addition to MOM’s, Whole Foods and Wegmans, we have Germany-based Aldi and Lidl stores popping up all over – four within just a few miles of the Co-op.

Given the fierce competition for customers, maybe the best – or only? – way we can ensure the Co-op’s survival is to simply commit to supporting our home-grown, communally owned store. It sits in the heart of our historic “downtown,” helps draw customers to small businesses nearby, and shares its profits with Co-op members in good years. These are some very good reasons to continue to provide the customer loyalty the Co-op deserves.

Linda Tokarz

FRA Should Cancel Maglev Project

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has paused its environmental assessment of the Maglev train project. According to the Baltimore Sun (December 17, 2019) the purpose of the pause is to give Northeast Maglev time to provide more information on the design and engineering of the train, stations and alignments. According to Wayne Rogers, chairman and CEO of the Northeast Maglev, the information is needed for the entire project not just one section.

The final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is now delayed by nearly a year. The target date is now August 3, 2020. The completion of a draft EIS, which was expected in October, hasn’t been rescheduled. A separate ongoing review of how the project could affect historic properties along the proposed route has been extended to February.

It is quite possible the FRA has doubts about the need for the project and concerns about the impact it will have on the proposed route. Their concerns may include some expressed in the hundreds of letters we have sent to project and elected officials from local residents: (1) Maryland taxpayers will end up subsidizing the project’s operation and maintenance; (2) MARC and Amtrak are better options to reduce automobile traffic since they are mass transit systems, whereas the project would merely serve the elite inter-regional traveler; (3) the new infrastructure would greatly reduce our quality of life and lower property values; and, (4) the project would jeopardize our natural environ-

ment, which must be protected for future generations. According to the 2018 World Wildlife Fund Living Planet Report, transportation is one of the common causes of habitat loss and degradation of natural areas. The report identifies infrastructure projects as one of the most common pressures causing deforestation and forest degradation.

We oppose the project. At an estimated price of \$10 to \$12 billion it represents an enormous waste. We plan to continue our letter writing campaign until the FRA finally decides to cancel the project.

Brian and Donna Almquist
Greenbelt Advocates for Environmental and Social Justice

City Notes

Refuse/recycling collected 26.67 tons of refuse and 12.25 tons of recyclable material.

Congratulations to Debbie Coulter of Administration on her retirement after 25 years of service to the City of Greenbelt.

At the Community Art Drop-In on Sunday, January 5, Artist-in-residence Kathy Karlson led a free painting and collage workshop.

Check out the front lobby display case at the Community Center, where LaToya Fisher has created an exhibit featuring Greenbelt Recreation activities over the last decade.



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properties will be acquired by the state of Maryland for this project without final approval of the P3 agreement by the Board of Public Works.”

The new plan includes building toll lanes on 270 but allowing existing lanes to remain without tolls. Franchot said that Montgomery and Prince George’s Counties would receive “direct transit subsidies from the project’s toll receipts, the details of which will be specified in a

Memorandum of Understanding between the state and the two counties.”

On January 3, Hogan said the agreement “marks a monumental achievement for our region.” He continued: “This means that we can finally move forward on our historic interstate agreement with Virginia to build a new American Legion Bridge and to solve what has been the number one problem in the Washington Capital Region for decades.”



City Information & Events

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING Municipal Building, Monday, January 13, 2019, 8:00 p.m.

ORGANIZATION

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Proclamation
- Introduction of City Treasurer Designate
- Bronze Star and Legion Public Safety Award Recipients
- Black History Celebration Update – Black History Committee
- Old Greenbelt Theater Proclamation
- New Deal Cafe Proclamation

Petitions and Requests

(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

* Minutes of Council Meeting

- Statement for the Record - December 10, 2019
- Statement for the Record - December 16, 2019

Administrative Reports

* Committee Reports

LEGISLATION

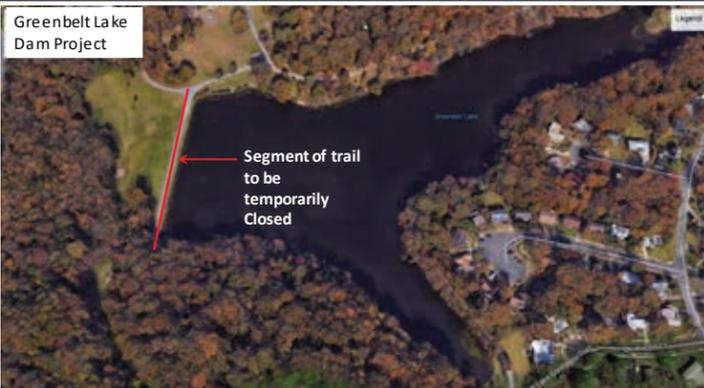
- AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 12-143 “FUNCTIONS” OF ARTICLE VIII, “FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD”, OF CHAPTER 12 “PARKS AND RECREATION” OF THE GREENBELT CITY CODE
- AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE IX, “FOREST PRESERVE”, OF CHAPTER 12 “PARKS AND RECREATION” OF THE GREENBELT CITY CODE

OTHER BUSINESS

- Federal Legislation
- Letter to State Highway Administration (SHA) regarding Greenbelt Road Signage
- Council Reports
- Council Activities
- * Appointments to Advisory Boards

SCHEDULING OF FUTURE MEETINGS

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



PUBLIC NOTICE: Greenbelt Lake Trail Closure
A segment of the trail around Greenbelt Lake in the vicinity of the dam project will be closed for approximately 30 days beginning on Monday, January 13, 2020 to accommodate construction activities

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY OF SERVICE MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2020 Public Works Building 555 Crescent Road 10 AM – 1 PM

Be a part of the community effort to protect trees from beaver herbivory and invasive vines at Buddy Attick Park. Volunteers will work with Public Works staff to place wire caging around the trunks of native trees to protect them from beaver herbivory and remove invasive vines.

Reminders:

- Bring a reusable water bottle
- Wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes
- Students: bring community-service forms

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

MEETINGS FOR JANUARY 13-17

Monday, January 13 at 7:00pm, **GREENBELT COMMUNITY ANIMAL RESPONSE TEAM** at Greenbelt Police Station, 550 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: CART Trailer, Training, Team Leader Report, Planning for 2020 Events and Activities, Officer Election, and Action Items*

Monday, January 13 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. *Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and www.greenbeltmd.gov.*

Tuesday, January 14 at 7:00pm, **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at Police Station, 550 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Greenbelt Station Forum, Stop the Bleed Class, and Budget*

Wednesday, January 15 at 7:00pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Beltway Plaza Proposed Redevelopment-Preliminary Plan of Subdivision*

Wednesday, January 15 at 7:30pm, **PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Mayor’s Report, Beltway Plaza Proposed Redevelopment-Preliminary Plan of Subdivision, Council Referral, BALP Master Plan Funding Request, and Recreation Department Update*

Wednesday, January 15 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/National Park Service Greenbelt Park** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov.*

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

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

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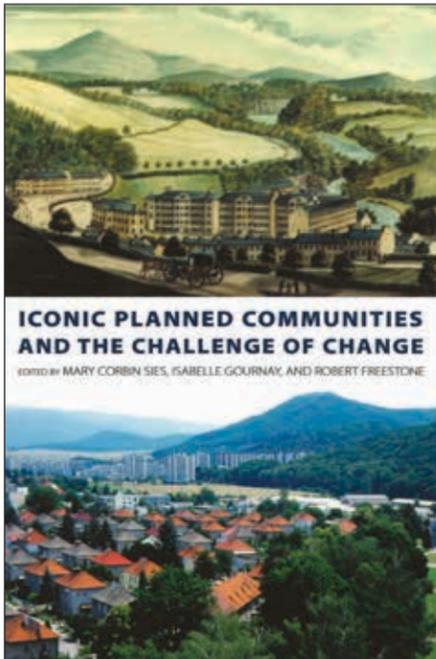
Local Authors Discuss Planned Communities in Museum Lecture

by Megan Searing-Young

On Thursday, January 16, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 201 of the Community Center, Mary Corbin Sies and Isabelle Gournay will be giving a lecture and doing book signings for the new book, *Iconic Planned Communities and the Challenge of Change*. Sies and Gournay, along with Robert Firestone, edited the book. They also authored one of the chapters, *Greenbelt: Sustaining the New Deal Legacy*. Gournay wrote a chapter entitled *Iconicity in Planned Communities: The Power of Visual Representation*.

In the history of planning, the design of an entire community prior to its construction is among the oldest traditions. *Iconic Planned Communities and the Challenge of Change* explores the 21st-century fortunes of planned communities around the world. Drawing on interdisciplinary perspectives, the editors and contributors examine what happened to planned communities after their glory days had passed and they became vulnerable to pressures of growth, change and even decline. The 19 planned communities included in the book span the globe from New Lanark in Scotland, to Den-En Chofu in Japan to Soweto in South Africa.

Sies and Gournay were es-



Iconic Communities book cover

pecially interested in “how well these planned communities function for their residents today, after all sorts of changes – physical, social and political.” They hope “that our book will stimulate conversations about what is and isn’t working in these iconic planned communities and cross-fertilize strategies and ideas for making them more resilient.”

Sies and Gournay have been

writing together since 2002 when they started their survey of Modern Movement resources in the State of Maryland. Gournay is a professor emerita at the University of Maryland where she taught history courses in the School of Architecture. Sies is a professor in the American Studies Department. Both are Greenbelt residents.

Sies and Gournay will sign books after the lecture. A limited number of books will be for sale at the event. If you’d like to purchase a book at the lecture, please reserve a copy by visiting the lecture page of the Greenbelt Museum website, greenbeltmuseum.org.

PHOTO COURTESY GREENBELT MUSEUM

Democratic Club to Honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

by Konrad Herling

The Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club’s annual trip to Annapolis to pay tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. takes place Monday, January 20. The club, in concert with the offices of the state delegation (Senator Paul Pinsky and Delegates Anne Healey, Alonzo Washington and Nicole Williams), has arranged for a bus to take participants from the Greenbelt Library parking lot to Annapolis.

Those attending must arrive at the parking lot no later than 4:45 p.m. as the bus will leave promptly at 5 p.m. There is a nominal fee.

To reserve a seat on the bus, call the office of Delegate Washington at 301-858-3652 or email Alonzo.Washington@house.state.md.us no later than Tuesday, January 14. Seats fill up fast.

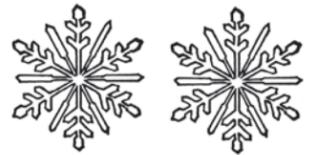
The Annapolis event honors the memory, promises and accomplishments of Dr. King. It features an inspiring speaker who connects the challenges the civil

rights leader faced more than half a century ago with those of today.

The District 22 legislative representatives will provide their thoughts regarding Dr. King and outline some of the big challenging issues of the 2020 legislative session. Three Brothers Restaurant will provide dinner.

The last part of the Annapolis trip is a visit to the House or Senate chambers to witness the legislature in session with a focus on remembering the impact of Dr. King.

The Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club welcomes new members. For more information about the club and its activities, call Konrad Herling at 301-345-9369 or view the organization’s website at rooseveltclub.com.



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PRELIMINARY AGENDA
GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, January 16, 2020
GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

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

- Approve Motion to Hold an Executive Session Meeting on January 16, 2020

B. **GHI Executive Session Meeting -begins after the GHI Special Open meeting adjourns**

- Approve Minutes of Formal Complaint Hearing held on December 16, 2019
- Approve Minutes of Executive Session Meeting held on December 19, 2019
- Member Financial Matters
- Contract for Admin Building H.V.A.C. Engineering/Design Consulting Services - second reading
- Contract for Repairs to a GHI Unit Arising from a Water Leak - Revised Allowance Request – second reading
- Member Complaint Matters
- Rental Permit Granted to a Member

C. **GHI Open Session – begins at 7.45 p.m.**

- Announcement of Executive Session Meeting Held on January 16, 2020
- Approve Minutes of Special Open Session Meeting Held on December 19, 2019
- Approve Minutes of Regular Open Session Meeting Held on December 19, 2019
- Review MNCCPC and GHI Proposals re: Neighborhood Conservation Zone for Greenbelt
- ARC Recommendation re: Exterior Light Fixtures for the Administration Building
- ARC Recommendation re: Member Handbook Section XXIII: Rain Barrels
- Replacement Holidays for Staff in lieu of the Days after Thanksgiving and Xmas



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Police Blotter

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

Assault

December 28, 9:15 a.m., 99 Centerway. A youth walking to the Greenbelt Youth Center with some friends was approached by several other youths who are known to him. A verbal altercation ensued, at which time one youth threatened another one from the other group and lifted his shirt to display a handgun in his waistband. Both groups of youths then left the area. The investigation is ongoing.

January 1, 6:35 p.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. A man approached another man walking out of Safeway, grabbed his shirt and punched him. He then fled on foot.

Possession with Intent

December 31, 5:08 a.m., 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive. A 19-year-old nonresident teenager was arrested after officers responded to a report of possible drug use in a room at the Residence Inn. The teen was charged with possession with intent to distribute a controlled dangerous substance, possession of a regulated firearm under the age of 21, possession of marijuana, use of a firearm during the commission of a felony and other charges. Another nonresident youth, 18 years old, was also arrested and charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute and possession of marijuana. They

were transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Theft

December 27, 4:03 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Drive. A package was taken from the front stoop of a residence.

Fraud

December 27, 10:56 a.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. A woman agreed by way of a phone app to provide music lessons for a negotiated price. The man then sent a check for much greater than the agreed amount, instructed her to cash it, keep the amount owed to her and then send him the rest. She did as he requested but later found out the check was fraudulent.

Burglary

December 26, 10:29 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. A 34-year-old resident was arrested and charged with first degree burglary after officers responded to a report that a man broke out an apartment window and entered the residence. He left the home and was located a short time later, still in possession of property that belongs to the homeowner. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

January 1, 3 a.m., 6100 block

Breezewood Court. Money was taken from a residence.

Vehicle Crime

Two vehicles were stolen. A silver 2015 Toyota RAV4 SUV with Maryland tags 8DW8076 was taken from the 7400 block Greenbelt Road and a black 4-door 2014 Toyota Camry with Maryland tags 1CK7359 was taken from 6000 block Springhill Drive.

A 1998 Ford Club station wagon, reported stolen December 12 from the 8000 block Mandan Road was recovered December 27 by Prince George's County police in the 2000 block Addison Road in District Heights. The tags on the vehicle at the time of theft, Maryland DG4522, were not recovered and are still out as stolen.

A catalytic converter was taken in the 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive. A front tag was taken in the 7500 block Greenway Center Drive.

Clothing was taken from a possibly unlocked vehicle in the 6900 block Hanover Parkway and a soccer uniform and equipment were taken from a locked vehicle in the 6100 block Breezewood Drive. A cell phone and hand tools were taken in the 6000 block Springhill Drive.

A tire was slashed in the 5800 block Cherrywood Lane.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter.

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Public Works staff work to help keep sidewalks from being too slippery. From left, Jeffrey Calebaugh, Dajuan Johnson, Corey Morgan.



PHOTO BY JOHN APPIAH-DUFFELL

Playground in the Snow



PHOTO BY GARY CHILDS

The view toward the Community Center and Library during the first snowstorm of the season in Greenbelt

Greenbelt Woman Discovered Dead in Car in Capitol Heights

by Brogan Gerhart

Nika Dorsey, 42 was found dead inside a car on the 8700 block of Ritchie Drive in Capitol Heights on January 2 at approximately 5:30 a.m., according to the Prince George's County Police Department.

Police said that patrol officers from the Prince George's County Police Department were responding to a welfare check when they found Dorsey inside a car suffering from trauma. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

Prince George's County Police Homicide Unit detectives issued a warrant for Nika Dorsey's husband, James Dorsey, on January 6. James Dorsey, 41, is wanted on a first degree murder charge in the fatal stabbing of his wife, according to police.

"Dorsey is considered to be armed and dangerous," detectives said. "If you see him, do not approach him. Call 911." James Dorsey's last known address is the 8400 block of Greenbelt Road near Greenbelt.

Prince George's County police

say that if anyone has information relevant to this investigation, they are asked to call homicide detectives at 301-772-4925. Callers wishing to remain anonymous may call Crime Solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS (8477), or go online at pgrcrimesolvers.com, or use the P3 Tips mobile app (search "P3 Tips" in the Apple Store or Google Play to download the app onto a mobile device.)

Free Drop-in Grief Support Group

Doctors Community Hospital will hold its monthly free Drop-in Grief Support Group meeting on Monday, January 13 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Critical Care Conference Room, 2nd floor, 8118 Good Luck Road.

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Kimberly Potts, left, on-site manager of Green Ridge House, confers with Christal Batey, Greenbelt community resource advocate and coordinator of Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL).

Green Ridge House is a 40-year-old building and management plans for infrastructure support.

Unplanned utility and structural failures are avoided through scheduled inspections and resident and maintenance staff input. Such overview limited elevator downtime during recent upgrades because repairs were planned as opposed

to waiting for unit failures. The building's roof is being evaluated for replacement.

Potts said maintaining Green Ridge House residence quality is assured through scheduled inspections by the City of Greenbelt, HUD and various Maryland health and safety departments. Operating guidelines ensure residents meet all government requirements and that maintenance of living quarters and the building meet high standards. She said another vital source of maintaining residential quality comes from the residents association, which provides input about activities, educational programs, health care concerns and building issues and upkeep. The annual resident satisfaction survey also provides suggestions for building maintenance and programs development.

Steve Tippett, a Green Ridge resident for more than four years, said he is proud of his home. He said the building's organization ensures an enjoyable and safe environment. Other benefits of living in the facility Tippett named were social programs, financial and health seminars, day trips, crab feasts and easy transportation. He said, "I enjoy not having to cut grass, shovel snow or do the other homeowner chores. Green Ridge House provides all that I need and I'm proud to be living here."

Open enrollment is not available at this time. When the next open enrollment period is available, Green Ridge will publish sign-up information in this newspaper, including the dates and times. For more information about Green Ridge House visit its webpage at greenbeltmd.gov/government/departments/greenbelt-cares/senior-services-programs/green-ridge-house or call 301-474-7595.



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Joyce Marrel-Kolenky, the Green Ridge House Services Coordinator, and Green Ridge House on-site Manager Kimberly Potts discuss activities associated with Green Ridge House residents.

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enthusiastic response came from an audience of very discerning professionals.

Parent Anne Gardner, of sophomore trumpeter Rebecca Gardner, said that the experience "was an amazing opportunity by having the students play in small ensembles, where they had to listen to each other more, improved their musicianship to the level where they could participate in a prestigious event like this."

Senior and oboist Matthew Miller said that the experience was "as much about bonding with the other members of the ensemble as much as it was about playing the music." He felt that the chamber music approach "feels so much more intimate." He said that this "was a wonderful experience that I will be able to pull from as I continue to play music."

Alumni class of 2019 trumpeter Ivanna Ajakpo joined the group as well. She is currently a music education student at UMD. She said that "being able to display what we've been working on for so long was super rewarding." She added that "seeing everyone come out to support us really helped me understand

how important it is to believe in what you do, and how your confidence can inspire others to take risks with pride, no matter how unorthodox or far-fetched." She got a "nice glimpse into some of the professional development opportunities and resources that are available for teachers and students alike."

ERHS has three first-chair players in this year's Maryland All-State Orchestra: Olivia Arbach, Matthew Miller and bassoonist Alex Weidman. String bassist and senior Cora Jackson was also chosen for the orchestra. Bassoonist and senior, Ryan Guo, was chosen for All-State Band.



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erski lauded another attraction for residents as she modeled an on-site beauty salon-created classic hairstyle. Among her residency experiences are 15 years of teaching line dancing, golfing, years of coordinating bingo sessions, dinner cruises on the Potomac aboard the Odyssey, fresh produce delivered to her door, and pancake brunches.

Swiderski said Green Ridge is safe with no crime issues. The building uses 24-hour security cameras and key card entry. Its modern apartments, along with spacious quarters, have smoke detectors, fire suppression sprinklers and maintenance staff that respond to the rare plumbing, electrical or structural issues.

Marcie Downs, Swiderski's daughter, moved into Green Ridge House about two years ago. She had spent more than 30 years traveling from southern Maryland to visit her mom. During those visits she gained insight into residents' active lifestyles, and saw well-cared-for residents and property. She said moving into Green Ridge was an easy decision to make: "I like my new home and visiting Mom became a trip to the next floor instead of a long distance drive."

Community Realty Company, Inc. has a management agreement with the City of Greenbelt. The company's representative and on-site manager, Kimberly Potts, said although Green Ridge House is owned by the City of Greenbelt, approximately two-thirds of the revenue comes from the HUD Section 8 program. The city funds an activity budget, but no other city funds are expended on Green Ridge House. According to one real estate summary, Green Ridge House is one of the most highly regarded Section 8 apartment communities in Maryland.

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Review

Witty Play, Quadrille, Makes East Coast Premiere at GAC

by Julie Rapp

The play, Quadrille, A Romantic Play, is a delightful, entertaining production now being performed at the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC). Written by Melynda Kiring, originally as a short story and briefly a musical, the author transformed the script into the utterly charming, witty production it is today.

The East Coast premiere of Quadrille at GAC is being billed as a romantic fairy tale set in 1835 when society was governed by strict rules, decorum and class divisions. Stephen Foreman directs the talented cast, who carry us away into an imaginary world where the characters weave a tale of love, friendship, romance and some hilarious conniving.

The play opens with Pamela Northrup, who delivers a stand-out performance as Myrna, congratulating herself as a successful independent woman, being the only female baker in town and by far the best baker. As the story unfolds, we are introduced to the blind Viscount St. Galen (Sir Joshua), played by the wonderful and convincing Jim Adams, who longs for companionship and who begins to melt Myrna's clever, self-reliant veneer. We are soon introduced to Lilianne Valiere, a gentlewoman of nobility played by Michaela Haber who gives an utterly charming, nuanced performance. We see Lilianne transform from a somewhat timid, obedient

daughter into a determined woman who is willing to bend the rules a bit to get what she wants. Rounding out the four lovebirds is Justin Diaz, who plays the impetuous and impulsive Nicholas and who gives a rousing performance, full of energy and wit.

The show is held together by Michael Iacone, who plays Mr. Henderson, Sir Joshua's assistant in all things. Mr. Henderson directs the cast members in changing scenery between scenes with a sharp clap to remind them to straighten a bench or move a chair just so. In a most formal manner he narrates each scene change and displays an air of importance and superiority with a comedic flair. Jeannette Connors and Tyler Dos Santos play the maid and footman. They magically transform the stage sets between scenes. Creating an old-world atmosphere are the set and costume design, from Lilianne's flouncy, vintage gowns of the day to flickering lighting that resembles candlelight.

Don't miss this charming production where love is portrayed with a twist in all its complexity, simplicity and hilarity. The show runs Friday and Saturday evenings, and Sunday afternoons through January 19 with an additional performance on Thursday, January 16. To purchase tickets, visit greenbeltartscenter.org or call 301-441-8770.



Lilianne Valiere (Michaela Haber, left) and Nicholas Rondeau (Justin Diaz) discuss their future.



Mr. Henderson (Michael Iacone, right) samples some of the wares in Myrna Fielding's (Pamela Northrup) bake shop.



Viscount St. Galen (Jim Adams, seated) compliments Myrna Fielding (Pamela Northrup, left) on her first meal cooked at his manor as, back row from left, Mr. Henderson (Michael Iacone), a maid (Jeannette Connors) and a footman (Tyler Dos Santos) stand by.

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Starling on a snowy day

Sledders and snowman builders use the hill next to the Library after the snow on January 7.



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The American Red Cross held its monthly blood drive at American Legion Post 136. Jon Bell, a ten-year volunteer with the Red Cross, said about 20 to 25 donors from Greenbelt and surrounding communities give blood during the event. Linda Harbaugh, left, (daughter of Post Sons of the American Legion officer, Jim Harbaugh), discussed the blood drive program with Red Cross worker Tamika Robinson. In the background, Greenbelt resident Jael Comacho makes his donation to the blood drive.



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