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## Mutual Aid: Greenbelters Help Support Greenbelters

by Daniel M Thies

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The threat from the spread of the coronavirus is serious; when social distancing is not exercised, the number of people who are infected rises exponentially. Based on a report from China, 16 per cent of those who get the coronavirus become seriously ill. Beyond the direct effect of the pandemic, there are second and third order effects felt in communities. Economically, many people are facing lay-offs, and small businesses are at risk of bankruptcy. Beyond the physical health risk from exposure to covid-19, the anxiety and sense of isolation that people can get from quarantine also can pose mental health issues. Public programs, like public schools or libraries,

are drastically changing how they operate in order to meet the needs of the people dependent on them. There are few parts of society not affected by the virus.

On March 5, Governor Larry Hogan declared a State of Emergency to consolidate state resources to combat COVID-19. Within a week of his announcement, communities in the DMV region, including Prince George's County and Greenbelt, started building a network of mutual aid groups. These volunteers believe a problem as multi-faceted as the coronavirus and its effects require a solution just as multi-faceted.

Mutual aid programs like Greenbelt's are helping by sharing information: information on ways to limit the spread of covid-19, on existing relief

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PHOTO BY JOHN CAMPANILE

From left, Julie Tharret, Mary Ernsberger, Linda Warren Seely, Carl Seely, Kathy Bartolomeo and Lynn Poirier maintain circular arcs and radial sensibilities as they socialize safely. See more on how Greenbelters are coping with the coronavirus on page 12.

## Governor Orders the Closure Of Non-essential Businesses

by Brogan Gerhart

On March 23, Maryland Governor Larry Hogan announced the closure of all non-essential businesses in Maryland to slow the spread of coronavirus.

According to the City of Greenbelt website, essential businesses include grocery stores, convenience stores and pharmacies; farmers markets, farms and

other links in the food supply chain; plumbers, electricians, HVAC service; cable, phone and internet providers; veterinarians and pet supply stores; banks and insurance companies; laundromats and dry cleaners; automotive repair shops; warehousing and distribution companies; businesses in the healthcare, emergency

services, critical manufacturing, energy, IT and transportation sectors. Communications, which includes the News Review and other media, are also considered essential.

Although this is not an exhaustive list for Maryland businesses that will remain open,

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## Reporter, Advocate, Friend: Beauchamp's Legacy Lives

by Brogan Gerhart

Quiet, demure and tough are three words that longtime editor and current Greenbelt News Review staff member Mary Lou Williamson used to describe Dr. Virginia Beauchamp, a proud Greenbelter, avid supporter of women's rights and journalist and sometime editor for the News Review for more than 60 years. Beauchamp copy-edited the News Review every Tuesday afternoon until she was well into her 90s and increasing frailty kept her reluctantly home.

"She was a feminist and a tireless volunteer for Greenbelt in Greenbelt," said University of Maryland Campus Club President Sarah Bourne.

Bourne met Beauchamp in the 1960s. They were both members of the Prince George's County

Historical Society and strong proponents of the Equal Rights Amendment. Throughout their long history, Bourne said she always viewed Beauchamp with "a great deal of respect."

One of Beauchamp's significant attributes was to gather like-minded women to dig into issues. For example she served with a group that wrote women into the

textbooks of county schools in the 1960s.

In light of Beauchamp's life and Women's History Month, the Greenbelt News Review will be matching all March donations (up to \$5,000) made to the University of Maryland's Virginia W. Beauchamp Scholarship.

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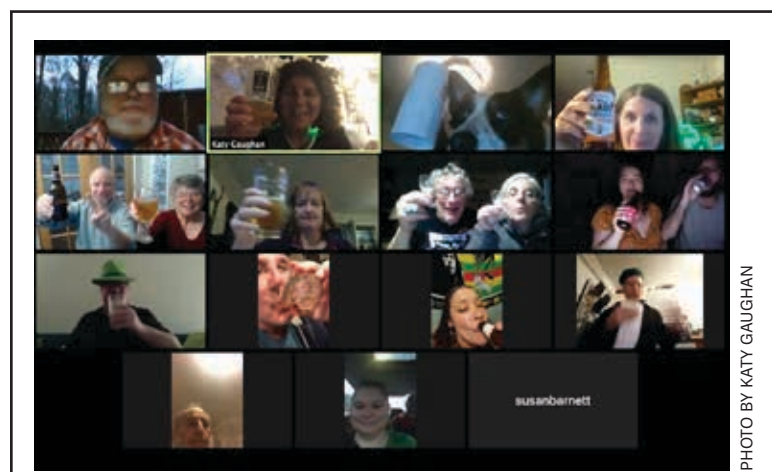


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The New Deal Café hosts a virtual St. Patrick's Day happy hour on Zoom. See story, page 12.

## Council: Cell Towers Debated, First Coronavirus Steps Taken

by Matthew Arbach

The March 11 Greenbelt City Council meeting was a wide-ranging discussion on the issues of deploying small cell facilities throughout the city, the creation of a memorial wall honoring historic doers for Greenbelt and the quickly changing coronavirus pandemic.

The meeting began with the virus and how the city could best adapt to these uncertain circumstances. The focus was on temporarily cancelling various programs, specifically senior classes and large-scale gatherings like the upcoming ACE awards, and whether it was better to be safe than sorry. Concerning the awards, questions were brought up about the essential importance of such an event with the consensus being on the side of public safety. Mayor Colin Byrd stressed that council was in the leadership position of making objective decisions for the community, regardless of possible dissent.

### Small Cell Towers

Attorney Joe Van Eaton, from Best Best and Krieger (BBK), and Shawn Thompson, principal engineer from CTC Technology and Energy, provided an update on the effort to deploy small cell towers in Greenbelt. BBK, which has worked with the city for over 30 years, was brought on to draft a small cell ordinance for the city. CTC was asked for a proposal that would help support Greenbelt with engineering and application expertise related to wireless facility siting, according to Andrew Afflerbach, chief executive officer and chief technical officer of CTC, and effectively respond to changes in the industry and the Federal Communication Commission's regulatory framework, according to their proposal. A recent 2018 FCC preemption order changes the dynamic between local

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### What Goes On

Monday, March 30  
8 p.m. City Council Special Meeting (See City ad for how to participate.)



PHOTO BY STEPHEN KEARNEY

Spring glory is on display behind the 13 Court of Ridge Road.

# Letters to the Editor

## Co-op Appreciation

In these difficult and unsettling times, we are especially grateful to the staff and employees of the Greenbelt Co-op. We have been customers and members for many years, and we support our local grocery store because we recognize the role that it plays in the lives of Greenbelters who depend on the Co-op for food and for the pharmacy. In recent days, we have had additional reasons to be thankful for the Co-op. While we saw and read stories of frenzied buying and empty shelves in many areas, here in Greenbelt we have for the most part seen almost no lines and have been able to buy what we need. We commend the employees for coming to work every day and taking care of customers. Thank you, Greenbelt Co-op!

Malcolm and Dianne Niedner

## Co-op Manager Says Hi

I am thrilled to have the privilege of becoming your Co-op grocery and pharmacy's next general manager! I had long heard about what a cool community Greenbelt is but visiting it in person a few weeks ago was even better than I had imagined. I absolutely fell in love with your town on my visit. I got to spend time with some members of the community after my interview and a wonderful meal at the New Deal Café. While sitting watching the awesome open mic I found myself thinking, "Man, if I get this job my wife and daughter are going to absolutely love living here." We can't wait to become part of your incredible cooperative community and help the Co-op to survive and thrive for the coming decades.

I'll be starting in mid-April and will be extremely available to meet you all in the store. Obviously, all plans are contingent on what happens next with the covid-19 situation, but I do plan to host a variety of get-togethers in order to learn more about the community and the people that make it special. I can tell that you love your Co-op and I look forward to helping it to be an even bigger and better asset to your community and can't wait to partner with you, the board and the terrific staff to make Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket the best grocery store around!

See you soon at the Co-op!

Dan Gillotte  
Greenbelt Co-op's  
New General Manager

## Toilet Paper Problem

My husband and I moved to Greenbelt in 1970 and have stayed ever since, becoming involved in the community and making life-long friends through connections with neighbors and parents of the children in the groups and schools our children attended. We have no intention of ever leaving.

One of the major reasons is the sense of community, generosity, compassion, charity and sharing of the people who choose to live in a very diverse population. I know that this is a very frightening time, but I am very discouraged by what has happened with the toilet paper supply. I am not a panic shopper, and since I had enough for 10 days at home, I had not intended to purchase

toilet paper last Monday when I went to the Co-op. I try not to shop anywhere but the Co-op and right now I would not go anywhere else.

Last Monday, when the supplies come in, all the toilet paper that came in was gone by noon, even though signs were posted that said to remember your neighbors. I have been to the Co-op every day since then because they are not out of any other daily item such as milk, bread, eggs and fresh fruit and vegetables and I want to support the store. The aisles are stocked with canned goods and the frozen food sections are also well stocked. The only things missing are toilet paper, hand sanitizer and rubbing alcohol.

This morning I was at the Co-op at 7 a.m. when it opened, because I am now getting low on toilet paper and wanted to buy a package. There was none on the shelf, so I went back to the loading dock to ask when the truck would arrive. I was told that they were getting no toilet paper today. Unlike others who cannot afford to buy expensive toilet paper on Amazon (who knew that there is both 3-ply and 4-ply toilet paper and that it is embossed?), I paid a lot of money to order 10 rolls. The smaller amounts were not available and all the recognized brands were not available. To those of you that bought large amounts of toilet paper, please check with your friends and neighbors and offer part of your large store of toilet paper to those who need it. A hoard of toilet paper does not mean you will not get the virus. It means that you thought of yourself first and it is now time to think of others. That is what people in Greenbelt do. We take care of each other, help each other and give supplies and support when needed.

Betty Sonneveldt

(In an update to this letter, Sonneveldt notes that Amazon has now indicated a delivery date of May 24 for her 4-ply embossed luxury product.)

## How a Screwdriver Can Save a Tree

It's time to admit that English ivy has established itself in my yard. So, even though I love the trees, the reasons why I let it grow along the fence near these tall beings are many. For instance, when summer's sizzling hot parking lot heats up like a furnace, and big box trucks back into the ivy-covered fence in my front yard, it prevents exhaust fumes from reaching my front porch. And, it cools things down in my yard. But, it also has made me keenly aware that judgments abound: what someone may see as benefitting the environment, another might take issue with. So, while seeing the advantages in keeping this plant growing makes perfect sense to me, and aware of the rights and wrongs of its existence, I see the drumbeat is getting louder that this plant is nothing but trouble. Hold on!

In researching its uses, among them are the abilities to draw toxins from the ground and air. There are also medicinal uses, too numerous to list. And it even has the added benefit of covering over a fence patch-worked together with mismatched colors

and misaligned materials. All well and good, sometimes ivy is A-OK – until it begins to travel up the trees and crisscross the yard. So it has me clipping here and there when spring comes as the vines move upward across the tree trunks to reach the sun.

Caution awakened, I release the screwdriver from the box of tools, to begin its yearly ritual. I push the driver gently between the vine and bark, the vine invader releases its grip, and I cut the stem. Then, I move it about 2 to 3 feet up or down from the original cut, disengage the hidden stem and clip it off there, too. Next, I pull the middle part away and bag it until it dies (tossing on the ground will only let the vine take root again). Compost pile is the finish. Note: poison ivy also climbs trees, so wearing gloves is a must.

In reading about this amazing plant, I have gained the utmost respect for its never-ending healing properties, but do understand that if it grows out on the branches of a tree and smothers the leaves, it can kill the tree, even topple it if left to grow undisturbed.

I appreciate the timely alert in calling attention to this common sight around town and the fact that action is necessary. But, it's also important to recognize that toxic chemicals are not the only solution. In fact, reliance on synthetic chemicals may even prevent native plants from re-establishing because the soils are too contaminated/depleted from overuse for them to survive. Yes, English ivy just might help more than realized (like many other plants misrepresented as harmful invaders)!

Before reaching for the spray bottle, it's good to know there are many choices available in a wealth of information. Check out these books, videos and websites: *Beyond the War on Invasive Species: A Permaculture Approach to Ecosystem Restoration*, by Tao Orion; *Invasive Plant Medicine: The Ecological Benefits and Healing Abilities of Invasives*, by Timothy Lee Scott; *Invasion Biology: Critique of a Pseudoscience*, by David Theodoropoulos; *Eat More Dirt*, by Ellen Sandbeck; *Beyond Pesticides* website: [beyondpesticides.org](http://beyondpesticides.org)

Spring, welcome back!

Jean Newcomb

## Vine Concern

The letter titled "Save Your Trees" from the Greenbelt Climate Action Network's Ad Hoc Committee on Saving Trees, which was published in the March 19 issue, contains inaccuracies about vines on trees. Not all vines damage trees and many vines are beneficial to wildlife. Only non-native invasive vines should be cut from trees, and only by someone who has been trained to recognize them and properly remove them. No one should cut vines of any type on city property or in natural areas without permission.

Native trees and vines evolved together in our region, and will typically coexist without damaging each other. Virginia creeper, trumpet creeper, poison ivy and our native grapes are all species that grow along with their host

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## Service or Garden Side?



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# Community Events

## GCF to Host Virtual Workshop Next Week

The Greenbelt Community Foundation (GCF) Grant Writing Workshop on Tuesday, March 31 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. will now be a virtual workshop using the Zoom platform. This workshop is led by Joanie Cohen, who has many years of experience with writing and evaluating grants. The final application submission deadline for GCF grants is midnight April 15.

This free workshop is for all organizations and cooperatives serving Greenbelt. Volunteers with any Greenbelt organization, cooperative or group working to improve the Greenbelt community are encouraged to participate in this free workshop.

The workshop will use the GCF application form and focus on writing a successful application for funding for projects in Greenbelt. On GCF's website – [greenbeltfoundation.org](http://greenbeltfoundation.org) – select the Grants tab, then select How to Apply for instructions and the application. The workshop will be most productive if participants have a draft of their application developed with a program plan and budget.

To participate in this free virtual Grant Writing Workshop, email [info@greenbeltfoundation.org](mailto:info@greenbeltfoundation.org) to receive instructions and the link to participate.

The Greenbelt Community Foundation has awarded over \$225,000 in grants to groups throughout the city since 2006. It plans to award \$30,000 or more to organizations in 2020.



## Library Resources Online, Public Wi-Fi

The Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) is providing access to free resources and services online 24/7 throughout the COVID-19 health emergency and while the library's branches are closed until further notice. Customers can access online library content with their library cards via [pgcmls.info](http://pgcmls.info). The library's wide range of online resources and apps include curated content collections, such as PGCMLS Digital Suite and PGCMLS Creative Suite, and over 85 online resources for all ages. Special content is available for kids, teens and educators.

Though library branches are closed, drive-up public Wi-Fi is accessible from all library parking lots and the exterior of permanent and temporary facilities. Patrons can use Wi-Fi to check email, download eBooks or audiobooks and use online resources.

During the public health emergency, the library system is maintaining a COVID-19 webpage that shares current County Health Department guidance and highlights special temporary resources for all ages and businesses from cultural organizations, government agencies, educational institutions, healthcare providers and utilities. Explore the list of temporary resources, which is being regularly updated. The library is also promoting virtual events for all ages throughout the closure, including children's programs and health information events. Visit the Facebook page for details.



PHOTO BY MELINDA BRADY

The playground at 39 Court Ridge Road is taped off.



PHOTO COURTESY TOM JONES

Those were the days. A pre-covid idyll in Puerto Ric: Greenbelters from left, Michael Cooney, Tom Jones, Kim Kash and Johanna Goderre read the news on the beach in Puerto Rico.



PHOTO BY DINAH COHEN

A hopeful cat lurks by a condo-style birdhouse.



PHOTO BY CHARLES JACKMAN

Great blue heron relishes the emerging shallow water at the Lake.

## Legion Addresses COVID-19 Concerns

In light of the recent events concerning COVID-19, Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 is following the protocols recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and local health officials, including disinfecting surfaces, installing hand sanitizer dispensers at entrances and soap and water in the restrooms for frequent hand washing.

For those who rely on the restaurant for their principal meals and want to minimize contact with other patrons, the Legion is offering an enhanced take out option. During regular hours, call ahead to order, 301-345-0136 ext. 6, and the meal will be ready for pick up at the front bar. The Legion appreciates the community's support and hopes all stay well.

## Community Compost

The hot compost station near Springhill Lake Recreation Center is still actively collecting food scraps from current participants but in-person trainings for new members have been cancelled for the time being, including the one previously scheduled for April 4. Those interested in learning about the system that turns food scraps and wood chips into compost, and keeps food scraps from creating methane at the landfill, can still fill out the form at [bit.ly/GBComposting](http://bit.ly/GBComposting) to be notified when in-person trainings resume or if virtual training becomes available.

Send questions to [Greenbelt-NeighborhoodCompost@gmail.com](mailto:Greenbelt-NeighborhoodCompost@gmail.com).

## Visitor Center Closed At Patuxent Refuge

In response to the coronavirus pandemic, Wildlife Images Bookstore has closed and the National Wildlife Visitor Center is inaccessible at Patuxent Research Refuge. The refuge has postponed all public programs and events through the end of March. The grounds will remain open during normal public hours. Reassessment is ongoing. Updates regarding the refuge can be followed at [fws.gov/refuge/patuxent](http://fws.gov/refuge/patuxent).

## Toastmasters Meets Online Wednesdays

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club has gone virtual. Those interested in improving communication or leadership skills are invited to join online or by phone every first, third and fifth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Toastmasters provides a fun and friendly environment, usually in person but currently online. Find details for joining in remotely at [greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org](http://greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org).

## Public Hearing on Map Amendment Postponed

The Countywide Map Amendment (CMA) Joint Public Hearing scheduled for March 23 will be rescheduled at a later date. For more information about the meeting cancellation, see [pgccouncil.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=762](http://pgccouncil.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=762).

The public hearing is part of a process leading to the approval of a new zoning map, including the Greenbelt Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zone, thereby implementing the zones contained in the new Zoning Ordinance for Prince George's County adopted by the county council through Council Bill CB-13-2018 on October 23, 2018. The CMA is intended to implement the Zoning Ordinance by placing property in the new zone that is closest in uses and purposes to the property's current zone. The joint hearing would provide all interested persons the opportunity to express their views on the CMA.

For more information on the Zoning Ordinance for Prince George's County and CMA, visit [zoningpgc.pgplanning.com](http://zoningpgc.pgplanning.com), call 301-952-4944 or email [zoningpgc@ppd.mncppc.org](mailto:zoningpgc@ppd.mncppc.org).

## Schools Closed Through April 24

According to a March 25 announcement made by Maryland State Superintendent of Education Dr. Karen Salmon, all public schools in Maryland will remain closed through Friday, April 24.

GATe Program Schedule Friday Mar 27 - Thursday Apr 2		
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7 am	Greenbelt Newsreel	• Community Events • Weekly Updates
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# Co-op Board Hires Manager Following Nationwide Search



PHOTO COURTESY GREENBELT CO-OP

**New Co-op General Manager Dan Gillotte is greeted by Bob Davis.**

The Board of Directors of the Greenbelt Consumer Co-op on Monday, March 16, announced the hiring of Dan Gillotte to be the next general manager. He replaces Bob Davis when Davis retires this spring after 35 years of service.

Over the past 21 years, Gillotte has been the general manager, then chief executive grocer, of Wheatville Food Co-op in Austin, Texas, one of the most competitive grocery markets in the country. Under Gillotte's leadership, Wheatville grew from a small single-store co-op with sales of under \$4 million to a two-store co-op business with sales of \$34 million, and he increased the diversity of the staff so that over one-third of the employees are Hispanic and African-American.

At this moment in Greenbelt Co-op's history, the Co-op board believes that Gillotte's expertise with visioning and strategic planning with multiple community stakeholders, along with his hands-on grocery experience and strong commitment to co-ops, is what Greenbelt Consumer Co-op most needs to turn around two years of losing money on its annual sales of around \$12 million.

The Co-op conducted a nationwide search, which yielded 143 resumés. The search committee conducted a series of video interviews, checked references and narrowed the field to three finalists. After meeting with finalists in person in Greenbelt, the board is confident that it has found the right general manager.

The board is aware of a controversy surrounding Gillotte's resignation from his previous position. It concerns a video Gil-



Condolences to the family and friends of Daniel Zitver Brown, who died suddenly and unexpectedly on March 11. Daniel is the son of Murray Zitver and stepson of Julie Rapp, both of Greenbelt. A private funeral was held on March 16.

Support and best wishes for recovery go to the Spear family, who formerly lived in GHI and on Ridge Road for many years and now live in the Deep Creek Lake area. Bob Spear is hospitalized in West Virginia University Hospital with COVID-19. Bob's wife, Mary-Helen, has also come down with the virus and has some symptoms but is in quarantine at home.

Sisters Sarah Liska and Jenny Meetre, who grew up in Greenbelt, are spearheading a drive in Eldersburg, Md., to sew supplementary facemasks. The community is producing approximately 100 masks per day for delivery to local hospitals for use in conjunction with surgical masks in non-critical situations. This serves to keep high performance masks for critical needs. The masks are made of two layers of tightly woven cotton or flannel with a pocket for a filter. Elastic for securing the masks is in short supply. Working with them is Greenbelter Lori Zehr. Liska owns Freedom Realty, whose charity is assisting with supplies.

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lotte posted on YouTube: a song intended to be funny but that could be considered racist. The video was taken down from YouTube shortly after its emergence only to be resurrected a number of years later on social media.

In its press release announcing Gillotte's hiring, the Co-op Board of Directors addressed the issue: "Gillotte took responsibility, expressed his contrition and regret, apologized to the Wheatville Board and community, and voluntarily resigned in August 2019. After questioning him intensively about the issue, we believe that Dan has learned from his experience and that Dan is humbly and sincerely contrite. Moreover, during his tenure at Wheatville he led effective efforts to create a racially diverse and inclusive organization, and we expect him to do the same at the Greenbelt Consumer Co-op."

Gillotte will be starting work here in April. His wife Rosie and his 14-year-old daughter will be joining him this summer after their daughter's school year finishes.

*This article is a press release issued by the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative Board of Directors*

The Bible Says...

**God is our refuge and strength,  
A very present help in trouble.**

Psalm 46:1



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**CHANGES DURING THE HEALTH EMERGENCY**

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# Letters continued

tree, using the tree for support and to gain access to sunlight, and eventually producing fruits that are food for birds and other wildlife. If you see a huge grape vine hanging off of a tree it is likely that the vine and the tree are the same age; they grew together from seedling and sapling. There are seven species of grape that are native to Maryland, and they can produce massive amounts of fruits that are consumed by migrating birds in the late summer. Trumpet creeper's bright orange tubular flowers provide nectar to hummingbirds and butterflies. Even poison ivy grows small white fruits that are high in fatty lipids, which birds need before and during migration.

What we should be removing are the non-native invasive vines that overgrow, outcompete and damage trees. Wisteria and oriental bittersweet twine around and girdle trees, porcelainberry and Japanese honeysuckle will overgrow and overwhelm small trees and shrubs, and English ivy and wintercreeper are evergreen vines that can overweight and break limbs or entire trees. It can be difficult to differenti-

ate between native and invasive vines and it is easy to cut the wrong species or to damage trees while removing vines. Care must be taken not to damage a tree's bark when cutting English ivy or other bark-clinging vines and the hanging and twining vines should never be pulled down once cut. People should seek out training before attempting to manage invasive plants. Locally, both the Anacostia Watershed Society and Rock Creek Conservancy offer invasive plant training and invasive plant removal events for volunteers.

*Damien Ossi  
Secretary and Immediate  
Past President, Mid-Atlantic  
Invasive Plant Council*

## Kudos for Clever Head

Congrats to the person who came up with the great "Poor Process...Pop-up" alliterative headline this week. It was great.

*Ellen Ternes  
Editor's Note: Pitch-perfect  
praise for a prating, pompous,  
prosy pedant.*






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### Draft NCOZ Study Available For Review

The draft Greenbelt Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zone (NCOZ) Neighborhood Study is now available for download and reading at the following website: [zoningpgc.pgplanning.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/2020-Greenbelt-Neighborhood-Conservation-Overlay-Zone-Study-Final.pdf](http://zoningpgc.pgplanning.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/2020-Greenbelt-Neighborhood-Conservation-Overlay-Zone-Study-Final.pdf).

This study builds on the collaborative work of the Planning Commission and many community stakeholders over the last several years and is the first part of the proposed NCOZ for Historic Greenbelt. The draft development standards for the NCOZ, which constitute the second part, have also been released: [zoningpgc.pgplanning.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Draft-Greenbelt-NCO-Standards-For-Public-Release\\_3\\_16\\_20.pdf](http://zoningpgc.pgplanning.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Draft-Greenbelt-NCO-Standards-For-Public-Release_3_16_20.pdf).

The Joint Public Hearing on the proposed Countywide Map Amendment, originally scheduled for March 23, has been postponed indefinitely.

### City Notes

The city has been preparing to continue essential services and protect its staff and residents. This has involved almost all city departments. Scheduled community activities have been cancelled along with job interviews. Plans for CPR training have been modified. The police department made modifications to its lobby, partnered with Capital Area Food Bank for food distribution events at Beltway Plaza and participated in planning activities with state and county organizations.

Work on the lake continues despite the epidemic as do many of the outdoor tasks of the Department of Public Works as it prepares trees, shrubs and plantings for spring.

Recreation staff, with all facilities closed to the public, are working remotely and completing planning for summer camp and other future activities. They are offering some virtual activities and assessing others. Activities will continue to be advertised in this newspaper. In the coming weeks, typically no more than two staff members will be in the Community Center at any time. Arts staff are assessing possible distance-learning programs and have begun to receive applications for the December Festival of Lights Juried Art and Craft Fair.

### How Are You Surviving The Pandemic?

Send us your stories and photos, showing what you are doing during forced time at home. We will publish a selection of these submissions during the coming weeks. Email [editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com).



# City Information & Events

*The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.*

### Special Meeting - City's Response to COVID-19 City Departments Update Monday, March 30 at 8:00pm Virtual/Council Chambers

#### Special Meeting - City's Response to COVID-19 City Departments Update

Suggested Action:

- 1) Discuss or act on administrative matters related to the budget and the charter
- 2) Receive an update from staff on the status of the City's response to COVID-19 and discuss and act on future events/meetings.
- 3) Receive updates from councilmembers and questions from the public
- 4) Federal legislation

Meeting will be held online and is planned to be cablecast on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996 and streamed to [www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv). Plans are being made to provide for resident participation and will be posted on the City's Meetings calendar at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov). Please check there for information on how to participate.

### CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION

The past week has been yet another trying week, with daily changes and more being asked of citizens to help contain the Coronavirus and "flatten the curve."

The threat of this virus has prompted the City of Greenbelt to take unprecedented steps to comply with Governor Larry Hogan's orders to contain the virus. These steps, though disturbing to our daily lives, have been put in place to protect the impact of the Coronavirus on our population. They include, but are not limited to:

#### ALL CITY OFFICES AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES CLOSED UNTIL AT LEAST APRIL 30, 2020

This move has been made for the protection of City Staff and our residents. A large portion of the City Staff is now teleworking and doing everything it possibly can to maintain many of the services provided to Greenbelt residents. Staff is rotating in and out of offices to keep everyone at a safe distance. The 301-474-8000 line, the Weather & Information Hotline at 301-474-0646, the City Website and Social Media will all help you keep informed.

#### ALL CITY EVENTS CANCELLED UNTIL AT LEAST APRIL 30, 2020. MEETINGS TO BE HELD REMOTELY

The City has cancelled all City events until at least April 30. Arrangements are being made to hold Council Meetings remotely. Boards and Committee Meetings may also be held remotely. Please check the City Calendars at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)

**ESSENTIAL SERVICES INCLUDING POLICE, REFUSE AND RECYCLING, AND PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE CONTINUE:** Greenbelt Police continue to protect the Greenbelt Community as usual. Public Works Crews have been cross-trained and reduced in size as not to have too many people working at once. Protective equipment has been put in place for these employees.

**PLAYGROUNDS, TENNIS COURTS, BASKETBALL COURTS CLOSED:** Although residents are still allowed to use City parks in small groups, it is suggested that you stay a safe distance away from other groups of people. Since the COVID-19 virus can live for some time on hard surfaces such as playground equipment, tennis balls, and basketballs, these facilities have been closed and barriers and signs have been posted. Please respect these closures as they are for the safety of all.

#### GREENBELT POLICE TO ENFORCE PROHIBITION OF GATHERINGS OF OVER 10 PEOPLE

Under the direction of State Police the Greenbelt Police will be seeking compliance with the Governor's order regarding ten or more people at a gathering. State Police are asking that in instances where compliance is not voluntary, that enforcement action be taken. This is a criminal citation. The State Police have also asked local police to document and report such cases to the State Police.

Residents wanting to report a large gathering may call the police non-emergency number at 301-474-7200 or use the City's Service Request App available at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)

#### PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO BE OFFERED ONLINE

Greenbelt Recreation, Greenbelt CARES, PLANNING and other Departments are working to bring more and more services to residents online during this time. Please stay informed and visit the City's website and Social Media sites for update information.

Your health and the health of the entire Greenbelt community is of utmost importance. Please do your part to help us flatten the curve. It is the responsibility of each and everyone of us. Thank you for your cooperation.

## City of Greenbelt

Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program Presents:

### Online/Call-In Support Groups



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#### Caregiver Support Group

Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesdays @ 2pm - 3pm

#### Social Distancing Support Group

Meets 2nd & 4th Thursdays @ 2pm - 3pm

#### Pre-Registration is Required

Open to persons 60 + Group is limited to 10 participants

Interested? Contact: Sharon Johnson, Group Facilitator

P: 240-542-2029 or E: [sjohnson@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:sjohnson@greenbeltmd.gov)

#### VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Public Safety Advisory Committee, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and Youth Advisory Committee.

For more information call 301- 474-8000

**Stay Safe, Stay Informed  
VISIT [WWW.GREENBELTMD.GOV/COVID19](http://WWW.GREENBELTMD.GOV/COVID19)**



### STAY HOME

Even if you're feeling healthy, social distancing will help us stop the spread of COVID-19.



### STAY SAFE

Wash your hands frequently, cover coughs and sneezes, and stay home if you're feeling ill.



### STAY AWARE

Reputable sources include Governor Hogan, Maryland state agencies, and the CDC.



### STAY CALM

No need to panic, hoard, or listen to rumors. We will all get through this together.

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Temple Hills, Maryland 20728  
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# Greenbelters Win Science Award for Map of Pulsar

by Amy Hansen



PHOTO COURTESY GODDARD SPACE FLIGHT CENTER

Keith Gendreau, left, and Zaven Arzoumanian win the 2019 John C. Lindsay Memorial Award for their work on the Neutron Star Interior Composition Explorer (NICER) mission.

When a pulsar spins in space it sends off a beacon of energy, acting much like a lighthouse. The beacon may have helped scientists find the pulsars, but it was the measuring of one that won two Greenbelters the 2019 John C. Lindsay Science Award, NASA Goddard's highest award to scientists. Keith Gendreau and Zaven Arzoumanian presented the John C. Lindsay Memorial Lecture on February 19.

The pair are principal investigator and science lead on NASA's Neutron star Interior Composition Explorer (NICER), an X-ray telescope aboard the International Space Station.

Scientists used the telescope to look deep into the Pisces constellation at pulsar J0030. And from that look, they obtained the first precise and dependable measurements of both a pulsar's size and its mass, as well as the first map of hot spots on its surface.

Before this, pulsars had been seen but not really measured. A pulsar is a kind of neutron star. More descriptively, it is the core of a massive star that is left behind when the star runs out of fuel, collapses in on itself and then explodes. Pulsars spin rapidly, sending off beams of X-rays.

The NICER Telescope is the size of a large washing machine and is located on the International Space Station. With the telescope pointed at J0030, two teams of scientists used the data to model the actual size and shape of the pulsar.

The teams, led by scientists from the University of Amsterdam in one group and scientists from the University of Maryland and University of Illinois in the other, both found that J0030 has hot spots only in its southern hemisphere, not in both hemispheres as was predicted. Also both teams measured the pulsar has 1.3 or 1.4 times the Sun's mass and is about the size of Washington, D.C. (16 miles wide).

That's an extremely dense object. It is so dense that its gravity warps the fabric of the universe. Imagine the universe's fabric as a trampoline, stretched taut. Then J0030 is a heavy bowling ball, making a dent in that fabric. The dent in the space fabric is what makes it possible to measure dense objects accurately.

"It's remarkable, and also very reassuring, that the two teams achieved such similar sizes, masses and hot spot patterns for J0030 using different modeling approaches," said Arzoumanian. "It tells us NICER is on the right path to help us answer an enduring question in astrophysics: What form does matter take in the ultra-dense cores of neutron stars?"

That question is one of the many reasons Gendreau and Arzoumanian are intrigued by this distant object. "[The pulsar] is surely one of nature's most outrageous offerings," they wrote in the presentation introduction, "and it is home to plenty of unusual physics."

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governments and the wireless companies by giving the companies low-cost, streamlined access to public property to mount wireless facilities, said their proposal.

According to Van Eaton, a typical small cell tower pole can be up to 55 feet high. A facility consists of 3 cubic feet of antenna and a 28-cubic-foot box. Small cell is deployed to enhance the larger cellular data/internet network. Its range varies from 500 to 1000 feet and the equipment can be attached to already existing infrastructure like rooftops or streetlights, if a pole is not feasible.

According to the CTC proposal, over a million small cell antennas will augment tower and rooftop cells in public rights-of-way nationwide.

According to Beverly Palau, the city communications coordinator, "the ordinance is in good shape but we might make some small changes," especially in response to the FCC ruling, "to get an ordinance that protects Greenbelt."

The small cell ordinance was enacted on December 10, 2018. It lays out procedures and rules for deployment and application review, with the city manager at the helm of all final deliberations. Public safety, minimization of the visual impact and right-of-way considerations were some of the major points covered.

The major discussion over the ordinance concerned the creation of an additional city design manual that would stipulate in detail things like height, placement and general aesthetics. According to Van Eaton, the ordinance "set up very short standards" on these things to allow the city to "make that choice." Having a separate manual would mean not having to convene public meetings to make changes.

CTC's Thompson said that a manual could be assembled in roughly three months.

Van Eaton asserted, though, that the city would need to be careful that their choices do not violate the new FCC requirements, which require that any installation not be a burden. Councilmember Judith Davis agreed that any choices be reasonable. Van Eaton went on to say "that it is not a simple process," requiring "public comment that can often hold things up at the design phase."

The CTC proposal was in three parts. The first deals with review recommendations to the ordinance and future applications, as well as on-call technical support to wireless facilities. The second concerns proper vetting

of applications, setting safety and technical standards, staffing needs, processes to address issues with the FCC laws, Smart Cities strategies and public safety. The third presents the state of similar and current projects in Baltimore City, Montgomery County and the Texas Department of Transportation.

City Solicitor Todd Pounds encapsulated CTC's role as "a turnkey operation," which reviews each application and makes recommendations to the city.

Palau said that the proposal "sounds like a wonderful idea," and that an agency like CTC was necessary as there is "no one on staff with this expertise and knowledge." She said she would expect to put the proposal on the next agenda for council approval, after which "we will have CTC

review all our documents and suggest any changes we might need."

## Wall

The meeting ended with a debate on how to proceed with the long-discussed memorial wall. It was over the choice of either using an off-the-shelf tree design or sending out the community for ideas, which had proved unfruitful. It was pointed out by Davis that the former would be quicker and cheaper and would require money allocated in the budget, of which there is none currently. Assistant City Manager David Moran pointed out that in the past this approach had resulted in push-back from the community for its lack of Greenbelt's trademark uniqueness. Davis countered that "the scope of possible choices is much better now."



### PRELIMINARY AGENDA

## GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, April 2, 2020

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

### A. GHI Open Session Meeting - starts at 7:00 p.m.

- Announcement of Executive Session Meeting held on March 19, 2020
- Approve Minutes of Special Open Session Meeting held on March 5, 2020
- Approve Minutes of Regular Open Session Meeting held on March 5, 2020
- Member Request for a Permit to Install a Gardenside Bike Shed that Requires an Exception to GHI Rule §IX.C.3 Storage Shelters-Sheds
- Task Force Recommendation re: Revisions to GHI's Subleasing Criteria and Sublease Agreement
- Long-Range Planning Committee Recommendation re: Revenue-Generating Options for GHI

### B. GDC Executive Session Meeting – starts after the GHI Open Session Meeting adjourns

- Approve Minutes of GDC Executive Session Meeting held on October 3, 2019
- Approve Minutes of GDC Executive Session Meeting held on October 17, 2019

### C. GHI Executive Session Meeting – starts after the GDC Executive Session Meeting adjourns

- Discuss Member Financial Matters
- Consider Approval of the following Contracts:
  - a. Contract for Gutter Cleaning - 1st reading
  - b. Contract for Replacement of Airconditioning Units for Larger Townhomes - 1st reading
  - c. Contract for Replacement of Roofs for Frame Homes - 1st reading
  - d. Contract for Installation of Access Control System for Doors and Gates at the Administration Building – 1st reading

- In view of the coronavirus pandemic that restricts physical attendance at the GHI Open Session Meeting to 10 persons, members will be able to attend this meeting electronically. Information regarding how to access this meeting will be provided in GHI's e-newsletter on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.



## Stir-Crazy Words in Context

Apartments converted to pandeminiums or pandemoaniums

Psychiatrists and ministers seeking to alleviate pandemania

Voters showing dempanic symptoms accused of pananoia

Parents walking a thin line between pandermic and pandreadics

Writers turning panickep pandemonics into pundemics

- Marjorie Gray

## GGCF Grant Writing

## Virtual Workshop

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For more information, visit our website: [www.ghi.coop](http://www.ghi.coop)

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more information can be found at [businessexpress.maryland.gov/coronavirus](http://businessexpress.maryland.gov/coronavirus).

The City of Greenbelt provided a list of the stores in or near Beltway Plaza that will remain open following Hogan's order:

- Auto Zone
- Bank of America
- Beltway Cleaners
- Boston Market
- Capital One
- Chipotle
- Laundromat (closed Sunday)
- CVS
- DC Charbroiled Chicken
- Dunkin Donuts
- FedEx
- Giant Food
- Greenbelt Liquors
- Gus's Fried Chicken
- Hook and Reel
- Jersey Mike's
- Mission BBQ
- Popeyes
- Silver Diner
- Target
- Three Brothers Italian Restaurant
- Wendy's

Stores located across from the Beltway Plaza Mall that will remain open are Staples (open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.), Domino's and Parts Authority (closed Sunday).

"The order is not a shelter-in-place order," a report from the Office of Legal Counsel read, "However, all Marylanders are urged to remain home, and employers are urged to promote work-from-home arrangements to the greatest extent possible."

## Restaurants Open in the City

Greenbelt boasts around 45 restaurants. Some are small and in office buildings and some much larger. This list comprises all those that we found to be open but there are no guarantees at this time so be sure to call first. Consider patronizing these restaurants – it will help them and Greenbelt survive this emergency.

Name	Opens	Closes	Takeaway	Delivery ?**	Menu	Phone	Street Address
American Legion (closed Mon & Tue)	W-F 12. S/S 3	W-F 6, S&S 7	Y	N	See Web	301 345 0136	6900 Greenbelt Rd.
Beijing of Greenbelt (Mon - Sat)	11:30 a.m.	8 p.m.	N	N	Full	301 345 3996	131 Centerway
Boston Market	noon	8 p.m.	Y	N	Full	301 220 4445	6228 Greenbelt Rd , A
Café Continental (Mon - Fri)	8 a.m.	3 p.m.	Y	N	Full	301 474 2233	6404 Ivy Lane #116
Cedars of Lebanon - Close 3 pm Mon	11 a.m.	8 p.m.	Y	N	Full	301 345 0100	103 Centerway
Chipotle Mexican Grill	11 a.m.	7 p.m.	Y	N	Full	301 982 6722	5506 Cherrywood Ln
DC Charbroiled Chicken	10:30 a.m.	10 p.m.	Y	N	Full	240 965 5825	6062 G'belt Rd (BP)
DMV Pizza	10:30 a.m.	10 p.m.	Y	N	Full	301 982 6797	151 Centerway (RC)
Dominos	10 a.m.	10 p.m.	Y	Y	Full	301 474 3030	8904 62nd Ave.
Dunkin Donuts	5 a.m.	7 p.m.	Y	N	Full	301 220 3806	5900 Greenbelt Road
Generous Joe's Deli	11 a.m.	8:30 pm	Y	Y	Full	301 474 4998	107 Centerway
Gus's World Famous Fried Chicken	noon	7 p.m.	Y	N	Full	240 965 5821	5801 Greenbelt Rd
Hibachi and Wings	11:30 a.m.	7 p.m.	Y	N	Most	301 982 5000	7557 Greenbelt Rd
Hook & Reel	11 a.m.	5 p.m.	Y	N	No alc.	240 241 4825	6002 Greenbelt Rd
IHOP	7 a.m.	3 p.m.	Y	N	Full	301 486 1234	7405 Gbelt Rd (GC)
Jersey Mike's Subs	10 a.m.	9 p.m.	Y	N	Full	301 486 0080	6000 G'belt Rd. (BP)
KFC	10:30 a.m.	11p.m.	Y	N	Full	301 474 9664	6101 Greenbelt Road
Mission BBQ	11 a.m.	8 p.m.	Y	free >\$25	Full	240 542 9200	5506 Cherrywood Ln.
McDonalds (No ice cream)	open	24 hours	24 hours	Y	Full	301 345 3117	6219 Greenbelt Road
New Deal Café:orders@dc-vegan.com	Next day		Y	N	Limited	301 474 5642	113 Centerway (RC)
Perfect Pita (times this week)	8:30 a.m.	2:30 p.m.	Y	N	Full	301 474 7482	7500 G'way Cntr Dr.
Pollo Cabana	10:30. 11 Sun	9 p.m.	Y	N	Full	301 474 0434	7423 G'belt Rd. (GC)
Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen	10 a.m.	11 p.m. F/S 12	Y	N	Full	301 982 2315	6224 G'belt Rd (BP)
Silver Diner - Greenbelt	8 a.m.	10 - 11 Fri/Sat	Y	N	Full	301 220 0028	6040 G'belt Rd (BP)
Subway - Greenway Center	7, 8 Sat, 9 Sun	9:30 7 Sun	Y	N	Full	301 614 9646	7555 G'belt Rd (GC)
TGI Fridays	12 noon	10 p.m.	Y	N	Full	301 345 2503	6460 Capitol Drive
Three Brothers Italian Restaurant*	10:30 a.m.	8 p.m.	Y		Full	301 474 5330	6160 G'belt Rd (BP)
Uptown Deli	7 a.m.	2 p.m.	Y	N	Most	301 345 3300	7501 G'nway Ctr. Dr.
Wendy's Greenway Center	6:30 a.m.	9 p.m.	Drivethru	N	Full	301 474 7131	7513 G'belt Rd (GC)

\*Beltway Plaza is closed, exterior access in rear of mall. \*\*Delivery can be arranged with 3rd party delivery services

Thanks to Peggy Higgins, Jennifer Moser Jurling, Lois Rosado, Nancy Tolzman, Sandy Rodgers and Lesley Kash who collected the data for this list. All listings were correct at the time of going to press but the situation is subject to change without notice. Call ahead.



## Distancing Brain Teaser

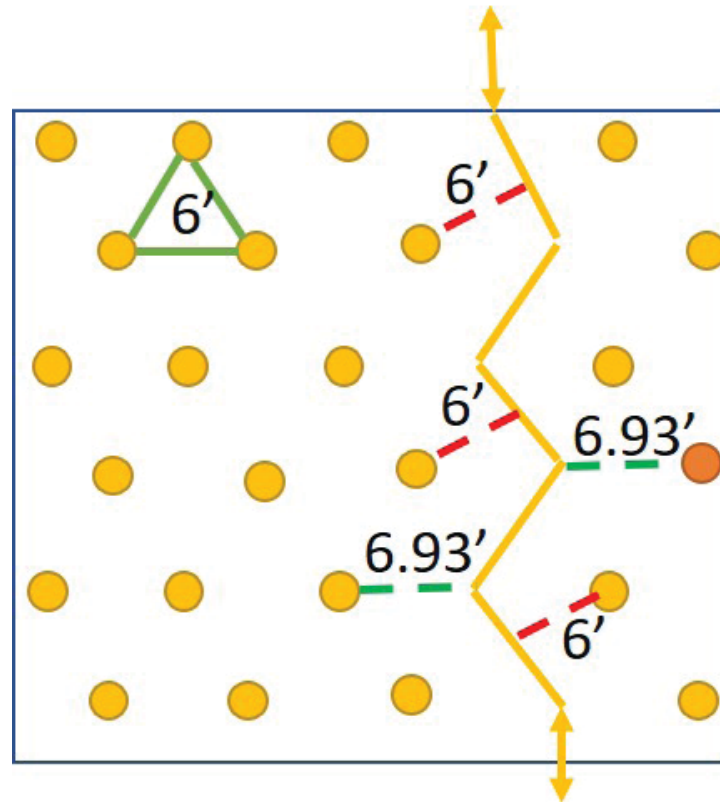
Reader David Shapiro wrote to the News Review in response to last week's quiz on how to efficiently place people in a room so they are six feet apart. He states correctly that "The first step in solving a problem is to make sure it's defined clearly enough. What the 'people in a room' solution is trying to achieve is COVID-19 safety. Therefore, a meaningful solution has to account for entries, exits and purposes." He's right, of course, though the intention of the quiz was more to amuse than to advance applied mathematics. Shapiro muses that the people will stand or sit, rather than lie down and that they may want to communicate. He assumes they will enter and exit under their own power, and that the room is not tiered, balconied or a weird shape.

He notes, "The simplest and most secure solution must account for the fact that in many gatherings, even without social mingling, people go in and out for various reasons.... This means that not only must there be adequate distance between the people's seats or standing positions, but, in addition, paths that allow entry and exit without coming within each other's cough range."

Shapiro's tongue-in-cheek solution recommends in-place porta-potties which he remarks might also be useful as polling booths, drawing an editorial shudder. He notes they can be spaced far enough apart that if people enter and leave one at a time, a wide-enough path avoids proximity.

The News Review is always grateful for the ingenious solutions proposed by its readers.

The outcome originally envisaged by the newspaper's resident Pythagorean is shown in this diagram where the obvious solution of having people stand as though on a chess board is less efficient than having them stand at the corners of equilateral triangles six feet on a side. Taking to heart Shapiro's point on exiting, an empty row or column (as shown in the diagram by the zig-zag) would permit those on one side of the exiting person to move in lock-step some distance to one side and allow a person any-



(Not to scale) To occupy the space most efficiently, people stand in a triangular grid six feet on a side. To allow exit from anywhere within the area, one pathway about 14' wide must be left which can be shifted to different locations if the people step in synch to one side. The person exiting, marked in orange, follows a zig-zag path to exit and remains at least six feet from every neighbor.

where in the room to step out of line and exit down a safe glide path.

As Pythagoras well knew, however, the efficient triangular method relies on the fact that the hypotenuse of a triangle is longer than its altitude. If a person travels a zig-zag path along a six-foot triangular lattice to an exit, they will, alas, be less than six feet

from others most of the time (as shown on the diagram). Only at a 'standing' location are they six feet apart. So, to create an exit path that maintains six feet of separation, a corridor that is slightly wider (6.93 feet wide) will allow a zig-zag path out for anybody in the room and maintain separation.

Quod Est Demonstrandum

### Real Estate and Social Distancing

To do my part to stop the spread of the Covid-19 virus, for now I will be limiting my in-person meetings. If your immediate need is urgent, let's talk about how to work together safely. That said, **now is a great time for buyers and sellers to get ready for a move.**

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# Mutual Aid Project: How Can I Participate? How did it Begin?

by Grace Kathleen Todd

Amidst social distancing measures, a Greenbelt mutual aid project is facilitating an interpersonal exchange of resources.

Greenbelt Mutual Aid Directory for COVID-19 is an online resource for Greenbelt residents to offer and receive help while reckoning with changed daily life. This online Google Spreadsheet facilitates exchange of information as well as emotional and material support. Greenbelters can also check the spreadsheet for guidance on supporting local businesses and artists.

There is also the opportunity to ask for or receive help anonymously, using a Google Form set up by the team. The spreadsheet can be accessed at [tinyurl.com/greenbeltmutualaid](https://tinyurl.com/greenbeltmutualaid). The Mutual Aid Society can be reached by phone at 301-323-8022.

Emily Frias, who spearheaded the effort to create this directory, says anybody can use this resource, both to give and receive support.

“One of the fundamental ideas behind a mutual fund is solidarity, not charity,” Frias said. “We all have something that we can give. Maybe you need material support, but you could provide emotional support.”

Frias says she was predominately inspired to set up the directory by black communities. “They are the ones really who have been responsible for a lot of mutual aid in the past, historically, and especially in this instance,” Frias said. “I give a lot of credit to black women in D.C., and in Black Lives Matter especially, who are working on these efforts.”

The project has been smooth, she says, because of hard work by volunteers.

“There is so much talent and effort that others have put in,” Frias said. “This is not just a ‘me’ project.”

The volunteers are ensuring the spreadsheet spreads smoothly, reaching out to various groups in the community to foster participation and setting up a hotline in addition to the online template for those without internet access.

“In these kinds of times, some people might take the mentality that we all need to fend for ourselves, but really the exact opposite is true,” Frias said. “We need each other now more than ever.”

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efforts and on individual needs and offers of support. Knowing what works to disinfect, what personal protective equipment is recommended and the best ways to exercise social distancing helps to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Sharing knowledge of relief efforts like the pop-up food pantries, public school meal programs and the Small Business Administration’s loans also makes those programs more effective. This also works by connecting people looking for help with others looking to help. People with limited mobility or who are quar-

antined can get help from others willing to deliver groceries, and for those feeling alone, people offering video-chats can show how socially distant doesn’t mean socially absent.

The Greenbelt Mutual Aid Group is looking to reach as many people as possible. While the link to the main website – [tinyurl.com/greenbeltmutualaid](https://tinyurl.com/greenbeltmutualaid) – has been shared on social media, there are many people in Greenbelt who aren’t there: flyers, public access television channel announcements (maybe even news articles) are being considered to

spread the word further. While many people have come forward to provide help, the group also is looking to specifically reach out to people in need in order to effect change.

While the spread of the virus poses a serious threat to the health of our community, local support systems like Greenbelt’s Mutual Aid Group look to provide a remedy.

*Daniel M Thies is a volunteer for the Greenbelt Mutual Aid Group.*

## Sustainable Maryland

On February 13, Luisa Robles, City of Greenbelt Sustainability Coordinator, and John Lippert, chair, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES) address the Sustainable Maryland Certified Route 1 Green Team Summit. Lore Rosenthal and Michael Hartman also attended this gathering of 15 nearby municipal environmental teams.

Sustainable Maryland is a certification program for municipalities in Maryland that want to go green, save money and take steps to sustain their quality of life over the long term. Sustainable Maryland is a collaborative effort between the Environmental Finance Center (EFC) at the University of Maryland and the Maryland Municipal League to replicate the success of the Sustainable Jersey initiative throughout the Mid-Atlantic States, beginning in Maryland.

The City of Greenbelt is a certified municipality through the Sustainable Maryland program.



PHOTO BY MIKE HUNNINGHAKE

## OFFICIAL NOTICE OF RECONVENED MEETING

The reconvened annual meeting of Greenbriar Condominium – Phase II has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at 4:45 pm. The meeting will be held at Greenbriar Community Building located at 7600 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, MD in the Stephen Bupp Conference Room.

At the reconvened annual meeting, the members present in person or by proxy constitute a quorum. A majority of the members present in person or by proxy may approve or authorize the proposed action at the additional meeting and may take any other action which could have been taken at the original meeting if a sufficient number of members had been present.

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# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, [www.greenbeltmd.gov/police](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police)

Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

### Assault

March 13, 3:19 a.m., 6004 Springhill Drive. A man approached a person who was walking in the parking lot, said something to him and hit him in the face with a can of beer before fleeing in a blue SUV. The injured man was treated on the scene by ambulance personnel for a laceration to his nose.

### Cutting

March 12, 3:19 a.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace. Two men were engaged in a verbal altercation when one of them stabbed the other in the neck and fled on foot. The injured man was transported to UM Prince George’s Hospital Center for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries.

### Theft

March 13, 8 a.m., 14 Court Ridge Road. A bicycle with one black and one silver tire was removed from a yard.

### Burglary

March 17, 3:17 a.m., 121 Centerway. Entry was made into the Co-op Supermarket and prescription medicines were taken from the pharmacy.

### Vehicle Crime

A black 2003 car trailer with Maryland tag 095830X was taken from the 6100 block Breezewood Drive.

Loose change and a pair of sneakers were taken in the 5800 block Cherrywood Lane and three pairs of shoes and clothing from the 7200 block Hanover Parkway, both after car windows were broken out. A purse was taken from the 7600 block Greenbelt Road from a trunk that may have accidentally been left open. A power drill was taken from the 5900 block Cherrywood Lane after a window was forced open.

Two attempted thefts occurred in the 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. In one the front door lock assembly was tampered with and in the other the vehicle was rifled through but nothing appeared to have been taken.

Four acts of vandalism occurred after windows were broken out in the 7600 block Ora Glen Drive, 8100 block Miner Street, 7400 block Greenway Center Drive and the 9100 block Springhill 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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## Gardening in Greenbelt

by Sandra Lange



It is shrub pruning time. Prune back by one-third any shrubs with gray buds such as Butterfly Bush, Blue Mist Spirea, Russian Sage and Wormwood (Artemesia). Pull weeds such as Chickweed, Hairy Bittercress and Dandelion before the plants go to seed. Prune roses and broken or winter-damaged branches. Remove spent flowers from spring bulbs but

keep the leaves to allow bulbs to generate nourishment and return for another blooming season.

The above article appeared in the Beltsville Garden Club newsletter and is reprinted with the club’s permission. BGC member and newsletter editor Sandra Lange will be submitting occasional gardening articles to the Greenbelt News Review.



The **Beauchamp Scholarship** at the University of Maryland is named in memory of Professor Emerita, and longtime Greenbelt News Review staff member, Virginia W. Beauchamp. The scholarship provides annual need-based scholarships for graduate students in the Department of Women’s Studies at UMD.

**We seek to endow this scholarship, and have raised nearly \$15,000 of our \$25,000 endowment goal!** This Women’s History Month, the News Review is asking readers to help us close the gap in this effort to endow the Virginia W. Beauchamp Scholarship.

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The Beauchamp Scholarship has provided annual need-based awards of \$750 to graduate students in the Department of Women's Studies – founded by Beauchamp in 1975.

Bourne said that if it hadn't been for Beauchamp's persistence, a women's studies program at U-Md. would have taken a lot longer to come about, adding that Beauchamp was instrumental in spreading awareness for women's issues and perspectives.

"The entire academic establishment is run by men, and they are interested in their experience," Beauchamp once told The Washington Post. "In their minds, the stories and lives of women are peripheral. That's why you've never heard of half of the books I teach."

Referring to the president of the university at the time, Bourne said, "[Virginia] nattered at him until he said, 'Okay, here's one class.' That initial course of women's history turned into a bachelor's degree, then a master's degree and now there are doctorates in the program."

Beauchamp, a professor and single parent for most of her professional life, served on the Women's Action Coalition of Prince George's County and the Prince George's County Commission on Women from 1990 to 1993.

Admired and recognized for her work in elevating women's issues, Beauchamp was inducted into the Prince George's County

Women's Hall of Fame in 1991 and the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame in 2003.

In 2002, Greenbelt named Beauchamp its Outstanding Citizen. "Dr. Virginia Beauchamp has added distinction to the city of Greenbelt," Chair Robert Zugby said. "She is a dedicated community worker and leader, is modest and unassuming, a beloved teacher, has integrity, tenacity, humor, warmth and is productive and creative."

According to Williamson, Beauchamp, in her spare time, enjoyed playing bridge at the Community Center, helped establish women's groups and senior housing in the city and participated in the Co-op Nursery School when her three children attended.

A mother, leader and friend, Beauchamp gave so much to her community. The News Review staff believes that through this series of stories, it will successfully call upon the community to open their hearts and give generously to honor her and help sustain the initiative she began.

So far, nearly \$15,000 of the \$25,000 endowment goal has been reached. Once endowed, the Beauchamp Scholarship will live in perpetuity to support generations of students. The fund must reach \$25,000 by June 30, 2021 in order to become an endowed scholarship and have the potential to increase the stipend it can offer students from \$750 to \$1,000 or more.



PHOTO BY SHARON NATOLI

Committee Chair Bob Zugby announces Virginia Beauchamp as Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen for 2002.

"I hope if [students are] going to school on her scholarship they'll learn a little bit about her," Bourne said in her concluding remarks about Beauchamp. The News Review staff hopes that, along with recording the legacy of a great Greenbelter and friend, the community will also be able to learn a little bit more about its quiet, demure and tough protector of justice and equality.

This article is part three of a three-part series honoring Virginia Beauchamp's life and her legacy. Information on how to give to the Beauchamp Scholarship can be found in the advertisement on page 9.

Brogan Gerhart is a student in journalism at the University of Maryland reporting for the News Review.



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