

Rec Center Goes Old School With Grab and Go Activities

by René Sewell-Raysor



PHOTO BY BRIAN BUTLER

Recreation Coordinator Brian Butler, front, takes a selfie of the Grab and Go Activity Bag team, from left, Springhill Lake Recreation Coordinator Frank Jones, Therapeutic Recreation Supervisor Rebekah Sutfin and Recreation Supervisor Anne Oudemans.

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Recreation Coordinators Brian Butler and Frank Jones gathered the team. “The kids that use this Rec Center are burned out on video games and binge watching. The mission, should you choose to accept it, is to scour the stores for – old school. No plug-ins allowed and pack in as much fun in a paper sack as possible.”

You can almost hear the theme of Mission Impossible playing in the background.

This is an imagined scenario, but Butler was serious in his reaching out to the kids of Springhill Lake Recreation Center. “I’m a big kid at heart. I’m not sure if they miss me as much as I miss them,” he laughed. “But we wanted to come up with a way to connect with the kids.”

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PHOTO BY JILL CONNOR

Community members enjoy the fireworks display at Greenbelt Lake on July 5, 2016.

Advisory Boards Continue with Planning Despite Shutdown

by Matthew Arbach

The annual meeting between the Greenbelt City Council and representatives of the city’s advisory boards and committees was held on June 24. These groups provide guidance to council on a wide range of areas. Said Councilmember Judith Davis, “we can’t do our job without you,” praising them for their creative

ideas, as “we can’t think of everything.” Due to the pandemic shutdown, most of these groups have been less active, with many of their projects on hold for the time being.

Seniors

Marti Galvin, chair of the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee (SCAC), laid out three press-

ing issues that were contained in a letter to council: the need for senior housing, parking at Springhill Lake Recreation Center, and better lighting and contrast edging on steps at the Community Center and other outside areas. She thanked council for

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Bake Sale Continues Local Support for BLM Movement

by Julia Sharapi and Ana Fernandez-Napp



PHOTO BY ANA FERNANDEZ-NAPP

Volunteers and buyers enjoy the early June fundraiser. Standing, from left: Charles Fahey, Juan Rincon, Natalia Rincon, Johny Castillo, Ruth White. Middle row: Mira Willson, Grey Mills, Sebastian Fernandez-Napp, Courtney Robinson, Faith Kim, Emily White, Christian Manio. Front row: Hunter Whaples, Liam McConloughe, Julia Sharapi, Ana Fernandez-Napp.

Ana Fernandez-Napp and Julia Sharapi are both 19-year-olds who grew up in Greenbelt. Since they were children, they have been actively involved in the Greenbelt community, from just attending various festivals to volunteering at the Community Center to serving on the Youth Advisory Committee.

They organized a yard sale/bake sale a few weeks ago to raise funds for the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement and were stunned and inspired by the amount of support they got. This

led them to want to go even further and host another bake sale. They hope this event will further foster community in Greenbelt, while again supporting a cause that is impacting the entire nation.

The fundraiser will be held this Saturday, July 4, starting at 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. (the end time is flexible; it could be ear-

lier or later based on supplies) at the entrance of Boxwood Village, in the public field at the corner of Lastner Lane and Rosewood Drive.

The BLM movement is at the forefront of media coverage right now and has been discussed heavily at a national level, which

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Prince George’s County Full Phase 2 Reopening in Place

As of Monday, June 29, Prince George’s County entered a full phase two reopening. This decision was made under the advice of public health officials and the data that the County has been monitoring, including continued downward trends in the number of new COVID-19 cases, deaths, and hospitalizations.

All County businesses with questions about whether they can be open and how they can operate as Prince George’s County moves through its phased reopening, should reach out to Experience Prince George’s at ReopenPrinceGeorges@co.pg.md.us or 301-925-8300.

The County’s full phase two reopening includes the following list. For each entity in this list, staff and customers must practice proper physical distancing guidelines and follow CDC and Health Department COVID-19 guidance.

Gyms, and fitness centers, and other indoor physical activities may reopen with 1 patron per 200 square feet of fitness space, not to exceed 50% capacity. Besides following all guidelines, high-contact surfaces must be cleaned at least every 2 hours.

Retail stores will be able to expand in-store capacity, with

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What Goes On

Friday, July 3
City Offices Closed for Independence Day
Monday, July 6
8 p.m., Worksession, Greenbelt Station Residents
Wednesday, July 8
8 p.m., Worksession, TBD
All meetings are virtual. See the meetings calendar at greenbeltmd.gov for agendas and information on public participation in this meeting.

Letters to the Editor

Need Transparency

We write to express our displeasure with the lack of public transparency of the current Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police and the City of Greenbelt.

More than just a collective bargaining agreement, the FOP CBA agreement provides essential requirements outlining expectations for how our police function and are staffed to meet city needs.

We are greatly disturbed by the lack of transparency between our City and the Fraternity of Police Lodge #32 with respect to the current Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) especially in this time where our country, and Greenbelt, is having a collective discussion on the importance of community policing and racial justice.

We believe this lack of communication transparency resulted in 1) the failure of residents to have input into the principal components governing the requirements of the CBA, 2) the failure of the City Administration to provide the City Council with the CBA before presenting this agreement to the FOP, and 3) the failure of the Council to provide clear parameters at the June 22 City Council meeting to the public on a timeline to release the CBA to the public.

These are relatively simple demands in step with local jurisdictions, including the Prince George's County Council process which includes public access to the document, open committee meetings, and a public hearing, so that residents can see the agreement at all stages of the process. That the request for basic transparency has been perceived as outrageous by several members of our City Council is deeply disturbing. The truth is, there is nothing in the City Code which prevents public transparency around these documents. While we would have favored a robust public process to shape the principles of the CBA prior to negotiations, we now demand the release of the CBA and a public hearing before it is voted on by Council.

This is basic level good governance that influences not only the quality of life of our residents, the Greenbelt Police Department also receives more than a third of our budget.

Once again, the City Council convened this week in closed session to discuss the agreement with no public input or transparency. This is unacceptable in 2020.

Signed (and in no particular order),

Melissa Ehrenreich, Cynthia Newcomer, Damien Ossi, Diane and Brett Fishburne, LaWann Stribling, Randy Ontiveros, Velma Kahn, Martha Simpson, Julie Antilock Winters, Evelyn Reisenwitz, Christopher Winters, Mary Sies, Wendy Young, Lore Rosenthal, Danny Ontiveros, Erin Lukomska-Schlauch, Carole Breakstone, Marc Seiden, Jennifer Loss, Joanie Cohen, Pallas Bane, Lauren Reichard, Scott Schroth, Drea McGill, Jane Chesnes, Jennifer Ontiveros, Megan Pyle, Larry McNeely, Candice Shipp, Carla Johns, Erin King Vet-

tel, John McElhenny, Josh Hamlin, Aileen Kroll, Anna & Barrett Bedford-Dillow, Denna Lambert, Anna Socrates, Lori & Sam Zehr, Ben Fischler
(On July 1, the City of Greenbelt released the CBA which can be found here: [https://www.greenbeltmd.gov/government/departments-con-t/police/collective-bargaining-agreements.](https://www.greenbeltmd.gov/government/departments-con-t/police/collective-bargaining-agreements))

Police Negotiations

Disturbing information is circulating about the Greenbelt city government's secret process to negotiate and approve a 2020-2023 collective bargaining agreement (CBA) with the Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police (FOP).

A recent proposed version of the CBA includes anti-reform wording that would exempt or shield Greenbelt police officers from future reform legislation anticipated in the Maryland General Assembly.

City residents demand more police accountability and more police transparency, not less. If the city manager and city council would approve the anti-reform wording in the new CBA, it would be a betrayal of Greenbelt residents who currently have no say in the FOP CBA approval process. I ask the city manager and the city council not to make that huge mistake. Remove the anti-reform wording!

I also ask the city government to provide a public process for future Greenbelt FOP CBA negotiations and approvals. The public, a forgotten stakeholder, must be included in the process! The current secret process does not serve the public interest. Greenbelt police activities impact tens of thousands of city residents and visitors. The FOP CBA directly affects the Greenbelt city budget. Any CBA wording about police conduct is a life-and-death matter for Greenbelt residents and visitors. Stop the secrecy!

Jeff Harrison

Wearing Masks Respects Others

Because of COVID-19, I wear a mask to protect YOU. I honestly don't understand why you don't want to wear one to protect ME. I wear a mask because I've been to the store, I've been walking the pathways, so it's necessary for me to protect YOU, just in case I have it and don't know it.

I know you are convinced you don't have the virus – but if you've ever walked into someone else's space or followed behind them, how do you know they don't have it, and you're breathing it in. It's no fun, I get it. I don't much like it, either, and I find it difficult to breathe with a mask plastered to my face. But if either of us gets the virus, breathing will become a lot harder.

They say that the micro droplets that we expel when we breathe hang around in the air for eight minutes. That means that I either have to walk in the street to avoid you, or risk walking into the air you've just expelled from your lungs. It might stick to my mask. I might take off my mask and forget to wash the hands that touched that mask, and then touch my face because my eyes itch from allergies.

I'm mostly addressing this to the joggers, the bikers, the dog

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walkers – because you seem to be the ones who most often excuse yourselves by saying that you're out in the open air, not lingering, just walking your dog, or are positive you don't have the virus.

We're told that if we would all just do the three simple things asked of us – wear a mask, practice social distancing, and wash our hands frequently, we can probably shut this monster down. Why wouldn't you want to do that? Will it take your getting sick, your friends, or relatives for you to become a believer?

I don't understand why you don't care about ME, when I'm trying to care about YOU. It's a mutual respect thing.

Writer asks to have her name withheld and included this note: I submit this with fear and trembling because I worry about being ostracized by my friends and neighbors.

Name withheld

Concern About Letter Edits

I'm not sure I understood the News Review's italicized responses to writers Leah Cohen and Sandy Irving, who both wrote reasoned, diplomatic letters (6/25) essentially asking the paper not to make substantial edits to letters or if they did, to note as much. The News Review emphatically responded to each that they don't rewrite letters. But in a previous edition (6/11) the paper essentially said it had at least once – adding the word "please" to a letter and deleting a paragraph – both of which, the News Review acknowledged, changed the tone (and possibly intent). To my thinking, that's a rewrite.

If the paper is saying it will not make similar edits in the future, that's great but it wasn't entirely accurate to say the News Review doesn't rewrite letters if it happened even this one time, prompting Cohen's and Irving's thoughtful responses. In the future why not say we will no longer make such edits or if we do we'll add an editorial note below the letter? Something like, "Obscene language was removed from this letter" or "A paragraph was deleted for clarity/space?"

Colette Zanin

Omission is Rewriting

In last week's News Review, you ran two notes about editing letters to the editor, followed by statements that the NR does not rewrite letters.

In June 11 edition, your editorial note says, "In a sentence of Frank Kayser's letter published June 4, we inserted the word See LETTERS, page 7



Pete Reppert

Correction

In last week's photos of the Juneteenth celebration, the man on the right talking with County Councilman Calvin Hawkins is Rev. Aaron Tinch, Pastor of Rivers of Life AME Church.



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Community Events

Library Begins To Reopen

The Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) will gradually resume in-person services at all branches over the course of the coming months. Using a phased approach to reopening, the Library has developed criteria for resuming services based on current and future public health conditions. Phase 1 (Curbside Service) will begin on Tuesday, July 21. Book drops will reopen on Thursday, July 9.

The Phased Reopening Plan is available for review at pgcmls.info/reopening. Customers with questions should contact PGCMLS by phone at (240) 455-5451, via the PGCMLS email reference service or social media. In the event of a continued outbreak of new COVID-19 cases, the Library may revert to previous reopening phases, based upon guidance from the County Health Department.

Fine Free

The county library system has announced that on July 1, the library will be fine free. It will waive all existing overdue fines. This policy is to ensure that all Prince Georgians have equitable access to the library's resources and services and remove the barrier of overdue fines. Over 200 library systems across North America have eliminated fines.

Community Tea Moves To Monthly Meetings

The Greenbelt Virtual Community Tea is moving from a weekly event to a monthly event.

There will be no tea this week. Beginning on Thursday, July 9, from 7 to 8 p.m., the group will meet on the second Thursday of the month.

These teas are strictly social, with no agenda. Sometimes serious topics (COVID, Black Lives Matter) are discussed, other times lighter topics are on tap (favorite Netflix, where to get take-out food). To access the Zoom link, visit facebook.com/pg/greenbeltimebank/events/.

The Community Tea is not a Greenbelt Time Bank event, but the Time Bank offers their resources to make this happen.

Arts Advisory Board To Meet on July 7

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 7, over Zoom. Discussion topics will include the Greenbelt Arts Center's FY21 Recognition Group application and ideas for directory signage for Roosevelt Center.

Members of the public who wish to attend are asked to email ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov to request meeting access information, or call 301-474-8000 Monday through Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

How Are You Coping?

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.

PG Changemakers Hold Rally Monday

There will be a rally on Monday, July 6 at 6 p.m. at Roosevelt Center to focus on police brutality and transparency. Krystal Oriadha and Amity Pope, co-founders of PG Change Makers Coalition, have taken protests and rallies on the road across Prince George's County. This will be the eighth rally/protest they have organized in the county.

In Greenbelt, the coalition is standing in solidarity with the mayor and residents to demand the city council operate transparently with the collective bargaining agreement process and the Greenbelt Police Department, as well as implement President Barack Obama's Mayor's Pledge with specific actions from the "8 Can't Wait" policies related to reducing police violence. They encourage residents and allies across the county to attend.

At the Library

Summer Program

Virtual Learning with Live Tutors offers the Summer Skills Camp to keep elementary (grades 3-5), middle (grades 6-8) and high school (grades 9-12) students engaged over the summer. This service is provided for free through the county library system. The virtual camp offers live tutoring, mini lessons, and activities in math, science and writing. A library card or Prince George's County Public Schools LINK card number is required to access the virtual camp.

Children's Author Series

Children's author Antoine Lunsford is collaborating on the launch of a new virtual event series called Antoine & Friends: Local Children's Author Series. Every Friday this summer at 11 a.m., local children and families will have the opportunity to hear authors who live and work in the community read their books. All programs will be streamed live on Crowdcast, YouTube, Facebook and Twitter.

Storytelling with ASL

PGCMLS offers Storytelling with ASL (American Sign Language) on Saturdays at 10 a.m. on Crowdcast. The virtual program, recommended for ages 2 to 5, will continue for the duration of the health emergency.

Live Virtual Events

PGCMLS continues a weekly series of live virtual Summer @ Your Library (S@YL) events for all ages. Tune in on Wednesdays, July 1 to August 26 at 4 p.m. for live performances and educational programs that highlight the 2020 S@YL theme of Imagine Your Story. The 2019 World Series Champion Washington Nationals are generously making a wide range of online content available for Prince Georgians through S@YL with the PGCMLS, including storytimes with the World Series Champs, reading activities in English and Spanish and reading recommendations for kids through adults.

All PGCMLS virtual events are free and open to the public. The programs are streamed on Crowdcast with select additional streams on Facebook, YouTube and Twitter. Register for all events at pgcmls.info/virtual-events.

Boxwood Yard Sale

Boxwood Village will hold its Community Yard Sale Saturday, July 4 and Sunday, July 5 from 9 a.m. to noon each day. Maps with the addresses of participating sellers will be handed out at the playground at the corner of Lastner and Ivy Lanes starting at 8:30 a.m. each day. Proceeds will go toward the Boxwood Village Scholarship, Greenbelt Elementary School and the cause preference chosen by the seller. Face masks are required and social distancing will be observed. Sale is rain or shine.

Boxwood Scholarship Applications Open

The Boxwood Village Civic Association is seeking applicants for its annual \$500 scholarship award to a resident of Boxwood Village. It is available to graduating high school seniors and full-time (at least 12 credit hours per semester) undergraduate students.

The application form should be completed and returned by Friday, July 31. For further information or to pick up an application form, contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler at 301-345-8755 or spreadruak@gmail.com.

Draw, Paint, Stitch And Zoom for Peace

On August 4, 1985, the 40th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima, more than 25,000 fabric panels, held by about 15,000 people, were tied together forming "The Ribbon" around the Pentagon, White House and Capitol. The theme was "What I cannot bear to think of as lost forever in a nuclear war." Panels arrived from all 50 states and many countries. Greenbelt Community Church collected and displayed panels from Minnesota, hosted a dinner and recruited lodgings for Minnesotans participating in the event.

Free rides were offered from Greenbelt Suburban Bank to the Capitol on the morning of the celebration. (See Greenbelt News Review archives August 1, 1985.)

This year, on the 75th anniversary of the first, and ever more fearfully not the last, nuclear bombing, another Ribbon Celebration is planned. Due to the pandemic it will be more localized and online, but artists and needleworkers are again creating 18" x 36" panels to be displayed in August. For more information see facebook.com/ribbonwashingtondc or peaceactionmd.org/issues/nuclear-disarmament/the-ribbon-project-2020.

Meanwhile Prince George's County Peace & Justice Coalition announces the following event:

Sunday, July 12: The Issue of Mr. O'Dell – film sponsored by Democratic Socialists of America.

Toastmasters Meet Online Wednesdays

Those interested in improving communication or leadership skills are invited to join Greenbelt Toastmasters Club online or by phone every first, third and fifth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Find details for joining in remotely at greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org.

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PHOTO BY ANA FERNANDEZ-NAPP

Carolina Napp-Avelli and Marcia Johnson-Blanco wear their causes on their shirts at the fundraiser held early in June.

can make it seem distant and unrelated to our small-town lives. But BLM is just as important to consider and discuss on a local level. Therefore, this bake sale is designed not only to raise funds, but to be educational. There will be informational posters and anti-racism self-help resources. The goal is to foster, what may frankly be uncomfortable, conversations surrounding race.

Neither Fernandez-Napp nor Sharapi is Black and they will never understand what it's like to be Black in America. However, they have had the privilege of living in this racially diverse area and of learning from Black peers in school as well as from all the Black scholars and activists that have made their content and this movement accessible on social media. The two women hope to

amplify their voices and make them accessible to folks that don't have social media.

This bake sale fundraiser will feature a wide range of baked goods, with gluten-free and vegan options. Paintings by local artist Beth Tindall (iplaywithpaint.com) will also be sold. All proceeds will be donated to the COVID-19 Protest Relief fund, DC Freedom Fighters, Black Visions Collective, Black Trans Lives Matter Youth Fund by Joshua Allen (Black Excellence Collective), Baltimore Legal Action Team and Black Swan Academy. Further information about these organizations will be available at the event or can be found at each organization's website.

This 4th of July weekend we won't have fireworks, but it doesn't mean we can't be patriotic.



PHOTO BY ANA FERNANDEZ-NAPP

Emily White and Courtney Robinson stand with the yard sale goods.

GATE		GREENBELT ACCESS TELEVISION	
		Friday July 3 - Thursday July 9	
PROGRAM SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE		CONNECT WITH GATE ON  	
7 am	Greenbelt Newsreel	• or Selections From the GATE Archive	
8 am	Democracy Now!	• Repeat of Yesterday's Program	
9 am	GATE Classic Film ★	• Algiers • Charles Boyer • Hedy Lamarr • or Mayor Byrd's Virtual Greenbelt Community Dialogue on Race Relations	
11 am	Greenbelt Newsreel	• or Selections From the GATE Archive	
SAT/SUN	Member Spotlight	• GATE Community Producers	
12 pm	Democracy Now!	• Today's Program • Independent News	
1 pm	Science Bowl PGCPs	• MLK v Greenbelt • Thomas Johnson v Charles Carroll	
2 pm	Greenbelt Newsreel	• or Selections From the GATE Archive	
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Obituaries

Frances Noyes



PHOTO BY ANGELA NOYES

Frances Noyes

Frances Martha Noyes, long-time resident of Greenbelt, died after a stroke at the age of 89 on June 13, 2020. She was born on February 22, 1931, to Joseph and Theresa Wilfinger in Allentown, Pa.

Frances was a gifted musician and an accomplished pianist. Growing up she performed regularly with her violinist brother in ensembles and as a soloist. She graduated from Cedar Crest College, Allentown, in 1952 and subsequently moved to Boston to further her musical studies. There she met her future husband John Z. Noyes, whom she married on August 13, 1955. They moved to Washington, D.C., where John attended George Washington University Law School, receiving his law degree.

Frances developed a second career as an editorial assistant for a publishing house, and in time became editor-in-chief. After moving to Greenbelt in the early 1980s, she became quite active as studio pianist for the Washington School of Ballet and the Washington Ballet under Director Mary Day, the Kennedy Center dance series of master classes with Suzanne Farrell, the Montgomery School of Ballet, and more. Frances simultaneously cared for her husband throughout his long struggle with renal failure; he died on October 5, 2000.

Frances is survived by her children Michael (Angela) and Victoria (Frank Carnovale); grandchildren Madalena, Natalia, and Suzannah; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brother Gottfried (Joe) and sister Theresa.

There will be a memorial service at a later date, to be determined.

Lisa Aguilar



PHOTO BY LOIS ROSADO

Lisa Dawn Aguilar

Lisa Dawn Aguilar died on Wednesday, June 24, 2020, after a long battle with diabetes and other underlying medical conditions. She worked for 20 years at the Giant Supermarket in Riverdale. She lived for 20 years at Charlestowne Village Condominiums on Lakecrest Drive.

Lisa had a giant heart and was loved and affectionately known as Auntie Lisa to Kailyn Montague Hall, age 16; Dylan Garber, age 6; Lizzy Garber, age 5; and Romona Levesque, age 5. A long-time friend and coworker, Joellen Remington, stated that "Heaven received a new angel." Lisa will be greatly missed by all who knew her for being as helpful as she could be to her neighbors and friends.

She is survived by her husband of 25 years, Dan Northover, brother Charles (Rocky) Freyder and cousin Della Morales, along with several close friends and neighbors.

(Michelle Hall contributed to this obituary.)

— Lois Rosado

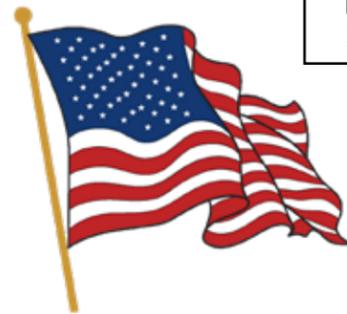


PHOTO BY LOIS ROSADO

The Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ (GCC-UCC) has participated in the annual Crop Walk for 37 of the 40 years Crop Hyattsville sponsored it. This year, because of restrictions connected to the pandemic, our experience was a little different. So, the participants decided to go bigger and host two celebrations, instead of just the one walk.

The first was the traditional celebration of walking in May. Since the end of World War II, Church World Services has designated the first Sunday in May for walkers and sponsors to raise funds to feed the world hungry. GCC-UCC is proud to report that it raised \$5,000 even before the end of the effort.

This year, the group is hosting an Add-On 40th Anniversary fundraiser to benefit the local food bank, Help By Phone. This extra fundraising drive began on June 7 and will continue for 40 days, through July 17. Those wanting to help may do so in one of two ways. Participants may find sponsors as they

walk a suggested one mile per day until July 17. Sponsor forms are available from GCC-UCC (office@greenbeltucc.org). Or, in lieu of walking, those who want to help may send a check to Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ, 1 Hillside Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770. Those sending donations should send a check made out to GCC and write Help By Phone in the memo section.

GCC-UCC members urge all Greenbelt residents to help raise another \$5,000 for Help by Phone.



Our condolences to the family and friends of Lisa Aguilar who lived for 20 years in Charlestowne Village, helping as many people as she could.

The dance of the heavens now has an accomplished studio pianist in Frances Noyes, longtime Greenbelt resident and virtuoso piano player. Our sympathy to her family and friends.

Congratulations to Council-member Emmett Jordan, who was reelected to the Maryland Municipal League Board of Directors as a Member-at-Large.

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



PHOTO BY ERIC ZHANG

Fireworks at the Lake in 2016

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 40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
 Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors
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 301-474-9410
 Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor
 In person worship services cancelled for now.
 Live streaming on our Facebook page @mowattmc.
 10 a.m. Sunday mornings

This week we offer a prayer from the words of Baha'u'llah: "O My God! I ask Thee, by Thy most glorious Name, to aid me in that which will cause the affairs of Thy servants to prosper, and Thy cities to flourish. Thou, indeed, hast powers over all things!"

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City Notes

Fox 5 featured Greenbelt's COVID-19 response, with Recreation Department staff describing virtual summer programs. Virtual summer camps, classes and activity kits are being rolled out and there will be a special program on July 4. Planning continues for outdoor movies, adult sports and fitness classes.

Horticulture/Parks reopened playgrounds with new hand sanitizer stations. Recreation staff briefed the Forest Preserve Advisory Board about the Park Ranger program and met with the City Council about July 4 crowd control. Rangers at Buddy Attick Park reduced unauthorized activities like grill use and random soccer matches and increased mask usage.

Therapeutic Recreation and helpers distributed 36 senior meals with crossword puzzles.

Planning/Community Development processed New Deal Café's request to temporarily extend outdoor dining. And with three newly surrendered kittens, the Animal Shelter houses four cats and ten kittens.

As work on potential reopening continues, Public Works staff met with Dr. Caitlin McGrath about reopening the Old Greenbelt Theatre.

PGCPS, Amazon Partner To Bring Computers

Amazon and Prince George's County Public Schools announced that Amazon is funding computer science education and teacher professional development for 132 elementary schools in the district, impacting more than 49,000 students from underserved and underrepresented communities. Amazon is working with BootUp, a nonprofit professional development provider specializing in elementary school education, to bring computer science to each school as part of its Amazon Future Engineer program.

GAC Cabaret On Facebook

Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) is hosting a virtual cabaret on Facebook, where participants can post weekly videos of themselves singing a song based on a different theme each week. To join the group, go to Facebook and search for GAC virtual cabaret.

Virtual Recreation

Greenbelt Recreation has moved online. Go to greenbeltmd.gov/recreation to access a large range of online activities, including classes, video tutorials, sing-alongs and more. Art activities can be accessed in the Visual Arts section of the Virtual Recreation Center. There is now a wide range of summer camps and classes available, all online. The site also has access to Greenbelt Recreation's Fourth of July online activities and an online performance by Beech Tree Puppets on Sunday, July 5.



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.

VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR JULY 6-11

Monday, July 6 at 8pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/Greenbelt Station Residents.** Virtual meeting will be shown live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

Tuesday, July 7 at 7:00pm, **ARTS ADVISORY BOARD**
On the agenda: FY21 Recognition Group operating grant application from the Greenbelt Arts Center, Enhanced Roosevelt Center lighting, Open meetings training; query about tree trunk outside of Community Center and Continued discussion of signage for Roosevelt Center.

Thursday, July 9 at 7:30pm, **COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (CRAB).** On the Agenda: Approval of Minutes, Community Feedback, Draft Report on Referral from Council – 20 minute clean-up and Review/Discussion of Report 2017-2 (13th Amendment/Freedom Day Observance).

Saturday, July 11 at 9:00am, **FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD-SPECIAL WORK SESSION** at Hamilton Place Garden Area. Public walk-through to examine Community Garden boundaries and a proposed 20-30 ft. buffer between the gardens and the forest. Maintenance options within the buffer may include mowing, limbing-up of large trees, strategic removal of mid-sized and small trees, removal of invasive shrubs, and creation of food forests within the buffer. Meet first at Hamilton Place garden area. Please wear face masks and practice social distancing

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000. For information on public participation for the virtual meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at www.greenbeltmd.gov.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Board of Elections, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Public Safety Advisory Committee, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Youth Advisory Committee
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EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND: Established to accept and disburse donations received to assist Greenbelt residents to pay rent to avoid possible eviction. Approximately a dozen individuals receive assistance from these funds each fiscal year.

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For more information please contact Sharon Johnson, Community Case Manager

THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING PROCESS

Employee negotiating committees representing the City and Fraternal Order of Police meet every three-four years to work on a new collective bargaining agreement. Council members are not included in these committees. The process involves pre-planning by each group on ideas and costs. There are also initial briefings with management and Council. Confidentiality is required by participants throughout the process as they meet to discuss ideas and proposals.

This past year's process took a traditional route through the Winter. However, talks stalled on possible terms for a new three-year term, including adjustments to employee compensation and conditions. Then meetings stopped due to the COVID-19 pandemic. When attorneys for both Committees talked again, the City withdrew its offerings based on economic uncertainty of the pandemic and a desire to work with all of the City's employees to find solutions to support the community and organization.

The union agreed. As the nation addresses injustice and disparity, officers have stood with peaceful demonstrators, listened and shared information. Officers continue to demonstrate the City pledge daily. Likewise, the FOP recently voted on an agreement that does not include information provided by a council member to the public during the negotiations. That ratified document will be posted online with the other materials released by Council on 7/1/2020 following its last closed session on the matter before a Council vote to be held later this month on July 13th.

Until then, I hope for healing among City staff, community, and Council. I am proud of Greenbelt officers and thank the negotiating committees.

Nicole Ard, City Manager



REMINDER: THERE WILL BE NO 4TH OF JULY ACTIVITIES OR FIREWORKS HELD AT BUDDY ATTICK PARK. THE SAFEST PLACE TO CELEBRATE IS AT HOME.

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VIRTUAL 4TH OF JULY

Celebrate at home- July 3-5

Since we can't gather at Buddy Attick Park this year for our annual July 4th celebration, we have planned a weekend full of fun, family-friendly activities.

Activities include:

- Virtual Disney Fireworks Display
- Historic Virtual Tours
- National Anthem Performances by local vocalists
- Family Time Activities featuring recipes, projects, and games
- Beach Tree Puppet Show "The Apple Tree"- Sunday, July 5 at 3:00pm;
- Meet & greet the puppeteers following the show by signing up online



Enjoy virtual fireworks all weekend long

- Use the link provided on the Virtual July 4th page for Disney Fireworks
- re-live the City's fireworks from last year at www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt
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Slime Mold Now on Display In Greenbelt's North Woods

by Owen Kelley

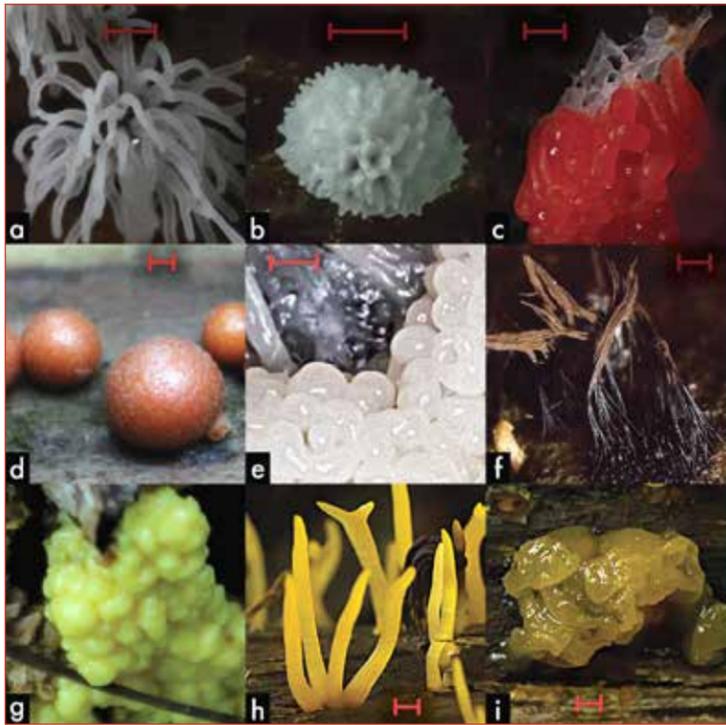


PHOTO BY OWEN KELLEY

The past few weeks have been a particularly good time to find the tiny, intricate and beautiful structures of these small creatures in Greenbelt's North Woods.

During most of the year, there is at least something blooming in Greenbelt's forests, but summer is by far the best time to look for the tiny, intricate and varied display put on by slime mold. Slime mold is the larger cousin of the amoeba that you studied under the microscope in high school biology. Like the amoeba, a slime mold is neither a plant, animal nor fungus.

The easiest slime mold to find this time of year in Greenbelt's forests may be coral slime (*Ceratiomyxa fruticulosa*). During part of its life cycle, coral slime has many white, translucent fingers that are only as tall as a penny is thick (1/16 inch), as shown in panel (a) of the accompanying photo. The red bar indicates 1/16 inch in each panel.

An area of several square inches may be covered with coral slime on a well-rotted log. Such logs can be found lying across or near the informal trails in Greenbelt's North Woods. One place to start looking is along the trail that leads north from the end of Plateau Place. Forest explorers are advised to take precautions against ticks and watch out for poison ivy.

When left undisturbed, slime mold plays an important role in decomposing dead plant material, a process that fertilizes forest soil. Slime mold is delicate, and even a light touch might disrupt its intricate structure.

Botanists debate whether honeycomb coral slime (panel b) is a variety of coral slime (panel a) or a different species. In the former case, honeycomb coral slime would be called *Ceratiomyxa fruticulosa* var. *porioides*, and in the latter case, honeycomb coral slime would be called simply *Ceratiomyxa porioides*.

Other slime molds growing in or near the North Woods include strawberry slime (*Tubifera ferruginosa*), wolf's milk (*Lycogala epidendrum*), tapioca slime mold (*Brefeldia maxima*), slime mold in the genus *Stemonitis* and dog vomit slime mold (*Fuligo septica*), shown in panels (c) through (g).

There are several well-illustrated field guides to help amateurs identify the trees and wildflowers of Eastern U.S. forests, but there

is no such book for slime molds. Another identification challenge is that fungi may resemble slime molds. In the North Woods, one may encounter fungi called small staghorn fungus (*Calocera cornea*) or witches' butter (*Tremella mesenterica*), which are shown in panels (h) and (i).

Although it may be hard to believe, a slime mold goes through a phase of its life when the visible structure is a single large cell with many nuclei (panels b, c, e, g). In an earlier phase of its life, a slime mold's single large cell is capable of locomotion. In the last phase of its life, the slime mold's single large cell may produce countless tiny spores that are sometimes visible as white fuzz or brown dust (panel f).

It is easier to find slime mold in a natural forest than in a park where fallen trees are removed and the understory is a mowed lawn. In Greenbelt's Forest Preserve and Greenbelt Homes Inc.'s woodlands, dead trees are left where they fall, creating microhabitats that persist for decades while a myriad of tiny creatures, including slime mold, return nutrients to the soil.

During the current pandemic, Greenbelters are walking in our town's woods and learning to identify what grows here. As the seasons change, there are always new things to look for.

Owen Kelley is the author of *A Hundred Wild Things: A Field Guide to the Greenbelt North Woods*. This 244-page book was reviewed in the February 20, 2020, issue of the News Review (page 12), and is available on BarnesAndNoble.com, from the Greenbelt Museum or directly from the author at okelley@gmu.edu.



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the improvements concerning the latter at Roosevelt Center. SCAC is looking into having their first virtual open forum in September, but will need to address access to technology issues with participants. A Greenbelt Widowed Persons Support group is in the works and will be advertised. SCAC welcomes applications for new members, not necessarily seniors.

Environment

GreenACES Chair John Lippert laid out their projects underway before the pandemic hit, including: a firefly sanctuary, recommendations for the NRP Group multi-family housing project near the Federal Courthouse on Cherrywood Lane and the Hanover Parkway bike path. The Green Team, which includes members of GreenACES, has been busy with the process of making Greenbelt a certified, sustainable Maryland municipality. A USDA cooperative agreement grant is being sought to fund an onsite compost project. Davis asked GreenACES to aid the Public Works Department in finding a new company to handle paper and cardboard recycling at Buddy Attick Park and Greenbelt East.

CRAB

Jaime Krauk, co-chair of the Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB), has been holding meetings around the city to gather input from residents. With staff assistance, they have focused on providing information in two languages to all city apartment complexes about available resources during the pandemic as well as on community cleanup. Recent past effort has been on creating a healthy debate on shutting down the 1033 police military surplus program. CRAB continues to include the full spectrum of city neighborhoods within its board members.

Board of Appeals

Board of Appeals Chair Steve Skolnik praised city staff for making the board's job easier through their ability to deal with any appeals relating to actions taken in the administration and enforcement of city code. "We are ready to serve," he said, "if an appeal comes up," to fulfill their legal mandate.

Cindy Comproni, representing the Public Safety Advisory Committee, said little has been underway since the pandemic hit. Programs like Stop the Bleed and National Night Out have been postponed, though Davis commented that the latter may happen through "creative ways" and with social distancing.

Planning

Advisory Planning Board (APB) Chair Keith Chernikoff said that APB has been reviewing the NRP Group development project which "just broke ground", the Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zone (part of the Prince George's County Zoning Rewrite) and the Beltway Plaza redevelopment.

Employees

Kevin Murphy, of the Employee Relations Board, which handles appeals and grievances concerning city staff, has updated its resource binder and summary of their process for employees. He said of their work, "we deal with it as it comes" and "cannot predict" what each matter will dictate. "The learning curve starts with the grievance." Their last

arbitration was resolved in the middle of 2019.

PRAB

Park and Recreation Advisory Board Chair Jake Chestnut said, "We are living in an interesting time," concerning the new virtual approach. Davis said that the Buddy Attick Park Master Plan was deferred for budgetary reasons, but would be revisited. The Recreation Department has been making an informal survey of city facilities to determine their needs.

Youth

Arsalan Siddiqui, chair of the Youth Advisory Board, said that his group is intent on improving school safety, particularly after school hours, and also focusing on voter registration and voting itself in municipal elections. They are looking to use virtual means to keep youth engaged with community affairs.

Forest Preserve

Forest Preserve Advisory Board Chair Donna Hoffmeister said that the group has requested zones of reserved open space from council and looks forward to future discussions. They plan to solicit public comment on the Master Trail Plan. They have suggested that the Greenbriar forest area be made part of the Forest Preserve.

Education

Melinda Brady, chair of the Advisory Committee on Education, said that with the school shutdown in mid-March, the grant funds released in February have not been made use of by most of their recipients; thus, a 12-month blanket extension has been enacted for the grants to be completed and an activity report submitted.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School scholarship winners have been notified.

Trees

Charles Jackman, from the Advisory Committee on Trees, said that the April 4 Arbor Day tree planting was postponed until fall. A new tree in memory of Eleanor Roosevelt was planted by Public Works and a more public dedication has been suggested for October.

Elections

The Election Board, chaired by Patricia Evans, is continuing to explore mail-in voting and is researching machines for early voting.

Arts

The Arts Advisory Board, chaired by Kristin Stenson, has been involved in uniting the Greenbelt arts community through mixers and information sessions. They have put forward a proposal for enhanced, year-round lighting at Roosevelt Center. Artist-in-residence Kathy Karlson has put forth a proposal to do artwork for the Municipal Building.

Davis asked City Clerk Bonita Anderson to remind all of these groups to post their minutes and reports as soon as possible to allow council to better assess and act on their recommendations.

City Manager Nicole Ard stated that the city is focused on preparing city facilities such as the pool, playgrounds and Dog Park to allow more and safer public use. Virtual camps have begun as well as outdoor recreation activities. The city is now working with the Capitol Area Food Bank on future activities relating to food insecurity.



PHOTO BY JON GARDNER

Fireworks at the Lake in 2017

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‘please’ which didn’t match the angry content of his letter. This changed the letter’s tone, which is something we try to avoid. We also, deliberately in this case, omitted a paragraph with implied scatological language that gave offense without, in our opinion, advancing his argument.”

Inserting a word into someone else’s letter is rewriting, especially if it changes the tone. Omitting a paragraph without noting that you omitted it is also a form of rewriting and not appropriate for letters to the editor unless annotated.

Leah Cohen

Well done

I am writing to express my appreciation for News Review Editor Gary Childs and his staff. The last several weeks have been very emotional for many Greenbelt residents. I have seen many Letters to the Editor that cover a wide range of ideas and opinions as well as news items covering several community events that are always reported in a sensitive manner, and often accompanied by photographs submitted by readers. I know the staff has spent numerous hours reading and preparing the many letters and articles for publication, and making it possible to include them in each issue of the News Review. This is all in the face of a smaller number of pages, which I believe is due to a reduction in the number and size of display ads that help provide the revenue necessary to publish the News Review. Thank you for keeping your readers informed in a, dare I say, “fair and balanced” way by publishing the diversity of feelings and views of our friends and neighbors from throughout our community. It is wonderful to live in a city that continues to have a free weekly newspaper that is responsive to,



and representative of, its readers.
Michael Hartman

Council Training?

After seeing two public incidents this week by two members of our council, I sent a letter to the council requesting that they take seriously the need for anti-racism and anti-bias training. The two cases, Judith Davis making disparaging remarks about Black Lives Matter that was seen as part of a council meeting and Leta Mach posting to Facebook a racist/antisemitic post comparing calls for the removal of civil war monuments to Hitler’s burning of books, signals to me as a citizen of Greenbelt that our councilmembers have some work to do in the areas of anti-racism and anti-bias.

Sadly, the response from Ms. Mach made it appear more urgent. She responded, “sorry you interpreted the post the way you did.” This response does nothing to hold herself accountable for the perhaps misguided post nor does it engender confidence since she serves as an elected representative for me to my government. While her explanation as to her intent for posting absolutely has merit and I do not discount it, I do not feel sorry for how I interpreted her post. I am upset about the post and its wild misrepresentation for the reason Hitler burned books and what lesson we should take from it. It would seem to me a simple “I am sorry to have caused you pain” would have been a more appropriate response. My urge for training stands as it appears the council has much to learn and needs to further open its heart and minds.

Joanie Cohen

Ill-conceived and Unfair

Mayor Byrd’s June 4 article, “Floyd Death a Horrific Tragedy/Our Way Forward” and the

article by René Sewell-Rayson reference police and community relations following the death of George Floyd and resulting nationwide protests and demonstrations. They call for more dialogue on racial issues, police reforms, better training. Worthy goals, however, transference of tragic events in other large cities to our Greenbelt Police Department are ill-conceived and unfair. To imply that the Greenbelt police have been racial profiling without tangible evidence is reckless and divisive. As retired Greenbelt police officer John Rogers stated in his article of June 11, most of the Mayor’s proposals are already being carried out. Improvements can and should be implemented, but to imply that our Greenbelt police are the problem reflect the hasty platitudes and slogans that are in vogue in certain circles. Additional layers of legislation or “components” that the Mayor proposed as ‘Greenbelt Fair and Just Policing Act’ would require additional funding and could be interpreted as though they are unprofessional and unqualified.

I put more credibility in Police Chief Bowers’ opinion and recommendation as to what improvements can be made if any. Police departments having surplus armored personnel equipment may not suit some, but these times are different, and it makes sense for our police to have the equipment they need to keep our community safe as well as the officers themselves.

Respect our professional, well-qualified and diverse Greenbelt police and cease projecting worse case scenarios upon them.

Robert Snyder



My Perspective

Two Friends Whose Parallels Diverge in Black and White

by Patrick Gleason

Four of us walk up the hill; we tell our friend to wipe his face so he looks in a nearby car mirror for assistance. By the time we ascend the hill two Greenbelt police officers have stopped us with accusations of car theft. My confusion and frustration simmer inside, yet I remain quiet. Though I’m three years older than my friends, I’ve never had an encounter with the police. The officers interrogate—question would be an inaccurate description—my friend, amplifying his confusion and frustration. My friend was 12 years old.

We play our regular pick-up football game on a fall afternoon. A habit and a ritual both after school and on weekends, hours of exercising and fraternizing on a city field backing up to a court of homes. A police officer arrives and tells us we are too loud; he asks us to leave. My friend was 14 years old.

On my way to work for the Recreation Department, I stop and talk to two friends at a corner bus stop. After an entertaining conversation, I move on; then a Greenbelt police officer stops me. I’m cited with jaywalking before he reveals his true motive—my friends are “known drug dealers.” He questions me, asks me to sit on the curb, requires me to take off my shoes. The only exchange between my friends and me on that street corner was of laughter and brotherhood, however false accusations were yet again flung at my same friend. This time, my friend was 17 years old.

I sit on a stone wall in my neighborhood with three friends and my brother. We laugh and joke, before two Greenbelt police officers stop and start to question us. I can’t recall the accusation this time since sitting on a wall and talking surely can’t be a

punishable offense. We’re freed from further questioning when a second squad car stops. This time I happen to know the officer; “they’re good,” he says and we’re left to our evening. My friend was 19 years old.

I am white. I have lived in Greenbelt for all 30 years of my life and I have never committed a crime. These are the only times I have ever been stopped by Greenbelt Police. My same friend—the target of prejudice in each of these incidents—has also never committed a crime that can be found in official law. But he is black—a silent American crime written into our assumptions and engraved in our prejudices. Even before reaching full adulthood, our society shows us who those in power trust and who they distrust. While these incidents are not representative of all police officers or of all Greenbelt residents, they have sown my own distrust of our police force. One stop may be a mistake and two may be a coincidence, but my small experiences show a pattern that far too many Greenbelt residents know.

At the end of each incident, I was able to leave my friend, and head home, innocent in my white skin; however, the presumption of guilt followed him. It’s time we start, and continue, honest conversations in how we can reduce, reform, and rescind prejudice in not only our policing but in ourselves. The true silent American crime is that these prejudices remain relevant today; if we maintain or ignore the problem, we too, are guilty.



Construction Work Closes Lanes on US 1

Motorists can expect northbound and southbound single left lane closures on US 1 from Knox Road to Rossborough Lane in College Park, Mondays through Fridays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The closures are part of the US 1 (Baltimore Avenue) from College Avenue to MD 193 (University Boulevard) Corridor Improvement Project. As the project progresses, motorists can expect additional lane closures on US 1 and MD 193.

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[see article on page 3](#)

SALE

NASA Names New Telescope After Female Astro Pioneer

by Julie Rapp

“When NASA was established in 1958, many astronomy programs did not admit women. Observatories had no women’s restrooms. Women were barred from research presentations and scholarly clubs,” wrote Joel Achenbach and Sarah Kaplan in the *Washington Post* on May 20, 2020. Now, for the first time in NASA’s 62-year history, the agency is naming its newest and most powerful space telescope after a pioneering female astronomer, Nancy Grace Roman, who died at the age of 93 on December 25, 2018.

Roman overcame the many barriers that women of the time faced in male-dominated careers to become NASA’s first chief of astronomy in 1960. Because of her vision and many contributions while at NASA, Roman was called the “Mother of Hubble” due to her foundational role in planning the Hubble Space Telescope.

The Nancy Grace Roman Telescope, still in development at Goddard Space Flight Center, is similar in size to the Hubble Space Telescope but with a field of view 100 times wider, enabling scientists to study dark matter and to search for exoplanets. The launch target date

for the Roman Telescope is the mid-2020s.

Roman was born in Nashville, Tenn., in 1925 and grew up with a passion for the stars in an era when women were discouraged from pursuing careers in science. At Swarthmore College, she majored in physics against the advice of her professors who, when unable to convince her to change her major, would not speak to her for long periods of time. Roman fought to earn her place and received a doctorate in astronomy from the University of Chicago in 1949. In an essay for the journal *Science*, Roman wrote, “I am glad I ignored the many people who told me that I could not be an astronomer. I have had a wonderful career in a field that I love.”

Roman’s groundbreaking career as an astronomer served as an inspirational role model to many women in science. Greenbelt resident Padi Boyd, chief of the NASA Exoplanets and Stellar Astrophysics Laboratory, was a great admirer of Roman and noted her long, exemplary career at NASA as an important influence and role model for women scientists at NASA at all stages of their careers.

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PHOTO BY BRIAN BUTLER

The Grab and Go Activity Bag staging area, with bags ready to be transported for delivery.

The Rec Center, located at 6101 Cherrywood Lane, normally operates a variety of drop-in activities for the youth of Greenbelt West. The facility includes basketball, a computer lab and a game room. Like all recreation facilities in the county, the Rec Center is currently closed to stem the spread of COVID-19.

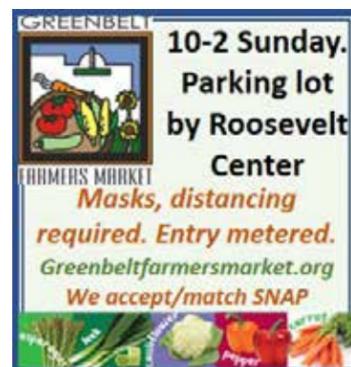
The staff has been racking their brains on how to reach the kids that they serve from the Franklin Park neighborhood. The Grab ‘n Go Activity Bags fill the bill.

Lunches are distributed from Springhill Lake Elementary School and the Rec Center decided to add the Grab ‘n Go Activity Bags. “We included old school items like jump ropes, crayons, markers, mazes, paddle ball, jacks ... well, we couldn’t find jacks. They may end up in our next bags,” said Butler.

Jones observed, “Many of our parents work. They are front line workers. Between juggling child-

care, dinner prep and work, this gives the kids something they can engage in together or just gets the kids away from their screens for a while.”

The Grab ‘n Go Activity Bag Program launched Monday, June 29 at Springhill Lake Elementary School from 10 a.m. to noon. Staff passed out 70 bags. “We have a budget, but once the word gets out we just want to be able to meet the need.”



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Tips for Safe Traveling In the Midst of a Global Pandemic

by Melissa Sites

How can people travel safely now, with COVID-19? Adam Rubin and Vicki Svensen of Greenbelt Travel Services say, “It’s a whole new world.”

Rubin and Svensen base their business on knowing their customers and helping them tailor travel to their expectation. They offer some advice for travel during the pandemic.

“First of all, know before you go,” Svensen stated. Different destinations have different requirements when it comes to the COVID-19 virus. Examples include Jamaica, where “you have to complete a form online to get approval before you go,” or Tahiti, where “you have to have a COVID-19 negative result in your hand.” Regulations like these are continually changing, but it is the travel agency’s business to keep track. “We stay on top of everything as much as we can. We’re always doing research,” Svensen stated.

Another piece of advice the travel agents offered was that every traveler should be sure to get a travel insurance plan that allows the traveler to cancel for any reason, and make sure it covers all COVID-19 issues, including falling sick while traveling.

“When you go somewhere, bring your patience,” Rubin recommended. “A lot of hotels have changed their cleaning procedures. There’s a whole new set of rules and regulations that they follow to clean. Some hotels won’t sell a room until 24 hours have passed. They’re using black lights, new cleaning materials, really hitting the touch points and wiping those down really well. They want to be exact and not just quick. Bring patience to that.”

One advantage to using a travel agent is having just one contact to help with questions, and always reaching the same person. Plus, agents have strong relationships with travel compa-

nies. “They’re going to help us out with complicated situations. We are there taking care of our clients rather than them having to fend for themselves,” Rubin stated.

During Phase 2 of reopening, Greenbelt Travel Services is available. “We do a lot of phone and email business. But we do have the office here for those who want to make an appointment to meet face to face – with masks!” said Rubin.

Greenbelt Travel Services, located on Ivy Lane in Capital Office Park next to the Crowne Plaza, has been around since 1974. The agency has 20 af-

filiate agents, as well as connections with travel-based businesses around the world. Prior to the pandemic, business was running at maximum capacity, serving repeat clients that have been with them over their 30-year history, as well as referrals and new business.

Those who are not yet ready to travel can have some fun doing some virtual travel, reminiscing and planning their next trip, the agents say. Many people will choose to put off travel till next year. “We’re getting new requests for 2021,” Rubin stated. “When people are ready to travel, we’ll be here.”



PRELIMINARY AGENDA GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS Thursday, July 9, 2020

- A. GHI Special Open Session – starts at 7:00 p.m. (open to members and visitors)**
 - Vote to Conduct an Executive Session Meeting on July 9, 2020
- B. GHI Executive Session – starts after the GHI Special Open Session Meeting adjourns (closed to members and visitors)**
 - Approve Minutes of Executive Session Meeting Held on June 4, 2020
 - Member Financial Matters
 - Consider Approval of the following Contracts:
 - Contract for Replacement of the HVAC Systems for the Administration Building – 2nd reading
 - Contract for Pre-Sale Repairs to a GHI Unit – 1st reading
 - Member Complaint Matters
- C. GDC Open Session – starts at 7:45 p.m. (open to visitors)**
 - Approve Minutes of Open Session Meeting Held on May 7, 2020
 - Finance Committee’s Recommendation re: Financial Relief Measures for Parkway Apt. Tenants Due to COVID-19
- D. GHI Open Session – starts after GDC Open Session Meeting adjourns (open to members and visitors)**
 - Announcement of Complaint Hearing held on June 15, 2020
 - Announcement of Executive Session Meeting held on July 9, 2020
 - Approve Minutes of Special Open Session Meeting held on June 4, 2020
 - Approve Minutes of Regular Open Session Meeting held on June 4, 2020
 - Finance Committee’s Recommendation re: Questions about Postponing the HIP for Some Units Beyond 2020 due to COVID-19
 - Succession Planning Task Force’s Report re: A Succession Policy and Emergency Back-up Plan for the General Manager Position
 - GHI Long Range Planning Committee’s Report re: Initial Research and Data Analysis
 - Member’s Request that Audiovisual Recordings of Board Meetings be Made Available to Members
 - Investment Committee’s Recommendations for Changes to the Investment Committee Charter and Investment Policy
 - Architectural Review Committee’s Recommendation re: Revisions to Section VII: Fences of the Member Handbook
 - Proposed Revisions to Crawlspace Access Policy

Contact information for attending the GHI Special Session, GDC Open Session and GHI Regular Open Session Meetings which will be held via a Zoom electronic platform due to the COVID-19 pandemic, is as follows:

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Police Blotter

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

Robbery

June 23, 4:20 p.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. A man approached another man who was walking down the street and punched him in the face, knocking him unconscious, then took his money. The injured man was transported to a local hospital for treatment of a fractured jaw.

Assault

June 21, 3:09 p.m., 5911 Cherrywood Lane. A woman met a man on social media and agreed to go out with him. Later they engaged in a verbal altercation that became physical when the man threw her to the ground and kicked her. He then threw a bottle at her vehicle, which broke out a window, and fled. The woman refused treatment for minor injuries. The man is described as black, wearing a blue-and-white polo shirt, white-and-yellow shorts and carrying a black-and-white checkered bag.

Theft

June 21, 5:00 Greenbelt Metro Drive. A man approached a woman walking down the street, grabbed the cellphone from her hand and fled.

June 22, 11:24 p.m., 7813 Mandan Road. A package was taken from the front stoop of a residence.

June 23, 11:07 a.m., 23 Court Ridge Road. A black Crossroad bicycle was taken from the yard of a residence.

June 24, 9:45 p.m., 21 Court Ridge Road. A light-purple mountain bike was taken from the yard of a residence.

Fraud

June 18, 10:40 a.m., 7806 Hanover Parkway. A man who claimed to be with the Social Security Administration called a woman to tell her that her social security number had been used during a crime committed in Texas and that she would have to pay money in order to clear her name. She used a phone app to send money to him. Later she discovered that she had been defrauded.

June 19, 2:55 a.m., 14 Court Hillside. Unauthorized charges were placed on a credit card.

June 19, 1:38 p.m., 8000 block Greenbelt Station Parkway. A woman reported that someone opened two credit cards in her name.

BB Gun

June 23, 8:12 p.m., Cherrywood Lane near Breezewood Drive. A 37-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with transporting a BB gun after officers responded to a report of a fight.

Burglary

June 20, 12:45 a.m., 7801 Belle Point Drive. Officers responded to a report of a commercial breaking and entering in progress and found a glass window had been broken out to gain entry. It is not known if anything was taken. A white van bearing Virginia tags was possibly involved and was seen leaving the area.

June 23, 6:35 p.m., 6233 Springhill Drive. A laptop computer, two televisions and a mattress box spring were among items taken from a residence.

Vandalism

June 22, 9:26 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. Graffiti was spray-painted on a wall at Beltway Plaza.

June 23, 4:53 p.m., 5809 Cherrywood Lane. A man was asleep in his residence when someone knocked on the door and asked him to come outside. When he refused, a rock was thrown through the sliding glass door, shattering it. The occupant looked outside and observed the man, who is known to him, holding what appeared to be a shotgun. He then fled. The investigation is ongoing.

Vehicle Crime

A silver 2017 4-door Subaru WRX with Arizona tags CEK5264 was taken from the 7800 block Lakeside Drive on June 19.

A cream-colored golf cart with the word Lerner on the front was taken June 24 from 157 Westway.

Seven thefts or attempted thefts from vehicles involved the breaking of windows to gain access. Three driver's side airbags were taken on June 20, two in the 7815 block Mandan Road and the other in the 7907 block Mandan Road. Also on June 20, a purse was taken in the 7600 block Ora Glen Drive.

Two vehicles were rummaged through but nothing was taken from the 6205 block Springhill Drive on June 21 and 5803 Cherrywood Lane on June 24.

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continued safeguards in place. one person per 100 square feet will be allowed in-store, not to exceed 50 percent capacity. Shopping malls may reopen up to 50 percent capacity, with the same safeguards and safety protocols in place as retail stores.

Some recreational establishments, such as bowling alleys, bingo, miniature golf, and others, may now reopen at 50 percent capacity. Amusement parks may reopen at 40 percent capacity. Social and fraternal clubs such as American Legion posts, VFW posts, and Elks Clubs, may reopen for indoor recreation up to 50 percent of maximum capacity.

All personal services are now able to reopen. Barbershops and beauty salons will still only be able to serve customers by appointment, and service is limited to 50 percent capacity. In addition to nail salons that were already open, other personal services including tattoo parlors, massage parlors, and spas are now able to reopen by appointment only. Capacity is limited to 1 person per 200 square feet, up to 50 percent of maximum capacity.

Houses of worship may expand indoor services to 50 percent capacity, with safeguards in place such as maintaining physical distancing, avoiding physical contact, and frequently cleaning high-contact surfaces. Outdoor services are still limited to 250 persons or less.

Childcare facilities can reopen for all children with health and safety precautions. In addition to the use of masks and gloves for all employees and having appropriate social distancing and disinfecting in place, they must also have a schedule for staggered drop-offs and pickups, conduct daily symptom checks, and have a strict dismissal policy in the event of positive cases.

Outdoor youth sports may expand to no more than 100 people

in any area, still in small groups with no more than nine children and 1 coach per group. Only low-contact sports are allowed at this time. Outdoor community pools, both public and private, may now expand to 50 percent capacity.

Unless otherwise expressed in the Executive Order, gatherings for all other activities are limited to one person/family unit per 200 square feet or a maximum of 100 persons, whichever is lower.

All previous reopenings and modifications of non-essential businesses that are not mentioned remain the same. Businesses re-

maining closed include indoor pools, senior centers, county government buildings, theaters, concerts, bars, nightclubs and adult entertainment.

Essential businesses and services that were open under the Stay-At-Home Order are still open under the full phase two reopening and are still required to follow health and safety guidelines to protect employees and customers.

To read the full Executive Order, visit: <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3240>.



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The Aquatic & Fitness Center outdoor pool stands empty. The outdoor pool is tentatively going to open in early July, with lap-swimming by appointment only.

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Sports

Greenbelt Babe Ruth Awaits Time For Baseball Restart

by Ian Gleason



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Adam Howard of Greenbelt Babe Ruth takes a pitch at the plate as Vladimir Lucero and Josue Bonilla look on with smiles during a Fall Season game.

The end of June usually means a lot of action for the Greenbelt Babe Ruth Baseball program. This time of year would typically find both the Junior (ages 13-15 years old) and Senior (ages 16-18 years old) teams wrapping up their regular season schedules and making preparations for the state Babe Ruth tournament beginning for the All-Star teams in four different age groups. Last year the Greenbelt Green and Greenbelt Black Junior teams were Prince George's County Babe Ruth Co-Champions after they reached the time limit in a wild back and forth championship game at Braden Field. This season was set to see the teams combine back into one team with

the hopes of again conquering the county. The Senior team was looking to build on an up and down 2019 season. A solid core of players including Miles Pierce, Devin Zeiders, Matthew Baravechia, and Benjamin Daniel were set to return. Along with an influx of matriculating Junior players including Joseph Kline, Fernando Gomez, Jackson Maul, and Nikos Cooper the Seniors were aiming to have a resurgent campaign. Additions to the coaching staff for this season planned to include graduating Senior players Eli Klopp and Eric Weaver. As with many things these days, Greenbelt Babe Ruth looks ahead, buoyed by hopes for a brighter future.



PHOTO BY IAN GLEASON

There is action on the field as AJ Rizzo (51) and Christopher Czado of Greenbelt Babe Ruth react to a fly ball on the basepaths in one of Greenbelt Babe Ruth's final games from this past Fall Season.

Varda Appointed Director Of Recreation Department

On June 22, longtime Assistant Director of Recreation Greg Varda was officially appointed as Greenbelt Recreation's new director. Varda has worked for Greenbelt Recreation part time since 1985 and was hired as a full-time employee in 1999. Over the past 35 years he has held various positions with the department ranging from camp counselor to assistant director.

Varda holds a bachelor's degree in health and human performance from the University of Maryland, College Park. Previously he worked for the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's Sugar Ray Leonard Boxing Center. He was also a special event coordinator for the Recreation and Parks Department of Takoma Park.

Varda has been instrumental in the establishment of many recreation programs in Greenbelt. He led the way for the city's Healthy Eating, Active Living designation. He helped expand the city's many different Camp Programs, moved the Festival of Lights Holiday Tree event to the Roosevelt Center where it attracts a larger crowd every year, helped establish the Gobble-Wobble, Fall Fest, Moonlit Movies, Black History Month Celebration and other programs. He assisted in overhauling the city's contribution group system and is a leader in reaching out and cooperating with community groups such as the Old Greenbelt Theatre, Greenbelt Station, Franklin Park, Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition and the Roosevelt Center Merchants Association.

Stated Varda, "The Recreation Department will always work to provide programming and facilities that are responsive to the needs of the community. I believe every citizen should have equal



PHOTO BY GRACE VARDIA

Greg Varda

access to all recreation services and will strive to identify and knock down any barrier that prevents that from happening."

"Assistant Directors Greg Varda and Joe McNeal have led Greenbelt Recreation throughout the COVID-19 crisis, making major decisions that have helped to keep our citizens safe, while providing them diverse recreational services," stated City Manager Nicole Ard.

Under Varda's guidance, Greenbelt Recreation created a Virtual Recreation Center offering a variety of activities and programs for all ages. Along with senior Recreation staff, he also oversaw the creation of Summer Connection Camp Programs and Summer Classes, offering safe alternatives to the city's regular programs.

Varda and McNeal have also worked together to slowly bring recreational facilities back online as Prince George's County continues to navigate through the stages of recovery.

Varda is excited to officially begin his position as director of Greenbelt Recreation and will bring years of experience and knowledge to the Department.

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Townhome with 2 additions 2 bedroom GHI home on fenced corner lot. Large fenced backyard, extra storage in front. Central HVAC.

SOLD

4 Bedroom 3 Level Townhome Master bedroom & full bath on main level. Opened remodeled kitchen, fireplace in lr. Backs to protected woodlands.

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Beltway Plaza Mall is happy to announce that as of June 29 we are operating under the “Maryland State and Prince George’s *Full phase two guidelines*” which basically means that **we have reopened the Mall** with safeguards in place for employees and customers! We’d like to thank Prince George’s County Executive Angela Alsobrook and the State of Maryland Governor Larry Hogan, for helping us and the entire community get to this stage of “almost” back to normal.

While we have restrictions in place, 95% of our stores are open and ready to serve your needs! Our temporary Mall Hours are **Monday thru Saturday 11am to 7pm and Sunday 12 pm (noon) to 6 pm**. We are looking forward to continuing to provide the high quality customer service for which Beltway Plaza Mall has been known for over 55 years. **Welcome back!**



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