

Mayor Byrd Challenges CBA Process in Mid-negotiation

by Kathleen Gallagher

The last regular meeting of the Greenbelt City Council on Monday, June 22, did not get off to a good start. Approximately the first 45 minutes of the meeting were devoted to council's debating what should or should not be on the agenda. The first motion to add an item went smoothly enough, as Councilmember Rodney Roberts requested that a letter to Greenbelt's Congressional delegation be added to seek their assistance in the city's quest to acquire the Armory property on Greenbelt Road.

Then Mayor Colin Byrd made two motions that came rather out of the blue, with apparently no forewarning to any of his colleagues. One was to postpone and remove from the agenda an item for council to review and approve the proposed draft Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) with the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP). Byrd's second motion was to have "immediate public release" of the document so that it could be reviewed by members of the public.

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Protesters Demand Police Reform and Accountability

by Melissa Sites



PHOTO BY IAN BLACKWELL ROGERS

Demonstrators in front of Roosevelt Center call for greater police accountability and increased services for those in need.

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Prince George's Changemakers (PGC) Coalition led a rally on Monday afternoon, gathering more than 50 supporters despite heavy rain, thunder and lightning. Marchers proceeded from Roosevelt Center to Greenbelt Road, where they gathered near the intersection with Southway, chanting and holding signs with messages including "Pass Anton's Law," "We Deserve Police Accountability" and "Fewer Police, More Social Workers." Greenbelt is the eighth city in Prince George's County where PGC have rallied.

After returning to Roosevelt Center, rally organizers Krystal

Oriadha and Amity Pope explained their demands. "We are not being unreasonable when we demand accountability," Oriadha said. "We will break systemic racism and bring it to its knees, and we'll do it by policies and legislation." The organizers were relieved to see how many committed Greenbelters turned up despite the bad weather, to "show up in the rain, stay out, march and advocate." Oriadha went on to urge the crowd toward further action: "This is what I'm asking all our allies here to do. Black women, since they were stolen and brought here as slaves, have been holding up social movements on their shoulders. Allies, it's going to cost you something. When you see your neighbors

or your family members saying things that are 'uncomfortable,' you check them before they leave the house. Don't allow them to sit comfortably. When you leave here, you have a charge: take a little bit of the burden off our shoulders."

Policy changes that PGC want to see include the repeal of LEOBR, the Law Enforcement Officer Bill of Rights. Maryland passed the first LEOBR in the United States in 1972, and it remains one of the most protective of police officers in the country.

PGC demand the passage of Anton's Law, Maryland HB1090/SB1066, which concerns the use of deadly force, complaints

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PHOTO BY NATALIA RINCÓN

From left, Ana Fernandez-Napp, Julia Sharapi, Tyler Pulick and Natalia Rincón (front) celebrate their successful bake sale for Black Lives Matter. They raised \$1,384.

Maglev DEIS Prep Resumes, Some Design Changes Made

by Deanna Dawson

Planning work has resumed for the Baltimore-Washington Superconducting Maglev Project (baltimorewashingtonmaglevproject.com). The proposed high-speed magnetic levitation train would run between Washington and Baltimore, with an intermediate stop at Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport. This is the first segment of a system envisioned to eventually connect metropolitan hubs and airports in the northeastern U.S. The project, which is proposed by Northeast Maglev, LLC, and being developed by Baltimore-Washington Rapid Rail (BWRR), has strong support from Maryland Governor Larry Hogan and already is partially funded.

The permitting process and development of the project's draft

environmental impact statement (DEIS) had been paused last year by the Federal Railroad Administration, the lead federal agency on the project, and the Maryland

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What Goes On

Monday, July 13
8 p.m., City Council Meeting
Wednesday, July 15
8 p.m., Council Worksession: Economic Development/Recovery
All meetings are virtual. See the meetings calendar at greenbeltmd.gov for agendas and information on public participation in these meetings.



PHOTO BY RUTH ANN WHITE

Greenbelt Babe Ruth team members pose for a photo after their final fall game on November 8, 2019. Standing from left, Fernando Gomez, Javier Alexander Oquendo, Adam Howard, Alan Elliott, Javier Alessandro Oquendo and Kalen Corujo. Kneeling from left, Anthony Robles and Abdul Saibou. Front from left, Joseph Kline and Sandro Granados. See story, page 3.

Letters to the Editor

One Disruptive Thing

I recently moved to Greenbelt from Austin, Texas, and I love it here. The community is so happy and welcoming and I am truly happy to be here.

I wanted to let readers know about the only slightly disruptive thing in this sliver of paradise. On my walks around the neighborhood, I frequently hear a high-pitched tone that hurts my ears. My parents can't hear it at all, however I have learned that younger children can. I didn't know what it was until I talked to a neighbor and he told me that he had installed a squirrel repellent device. The sound was so piercing that I couldn't even go in my backyard to garden.

I'm writing because you may not know that this sound is audible to children and young teens. If you live near or around young children, you may not want to use this device.

Our neighbor very kindly turned off his device and instead is using a spray. He says it works well and is a good alternative in case you need it.

Thank you, Greenbelt, for being so kind and welcoming!

Jojo Gillotte, age 14

Report Fireworks Use

This is a copy of a letter sent to Prince George's County. It is now 1:30 a.m. and a fourth fireworks display has just kicked off. The permits office should never have approved displays starting after midnight. If they have no applications on file with start times after midnight, then two of these displays are illegal. Please look into it.

Then at 2:15 somebody set off something loud very close to the Ridge Road/Southway intersection. I tried to call the police but was seriously sleep impaired, dialed wrong and gave up.

Anecdotal evidence from family tells me this is going on in

Ohio and Georgia as well. It is important not to treat this as crazy people letting off steam during the pandemic. There is a very real potential for it to grow into something much worse than just a few people who should have known better maiming themselves and their co-residents. Our neighbors need to report incidents so police can at least get a pattern to report to ATF or the FBI.

As with violence at peaceful demonstrations, at some point the pattern will probably point to outsiders using the situation for their own purposes. Don't shrug it off. Report fireworks use.

Patricia Heil

Apology

In response to a Letter to the Editor printed in the July 2 News Review, I would like to sincerely apologize for an offhand remark I made June 22 to another councilmember who proposed, I believed, overly-aggressive police action toward persons not wearing masks at Buddy Attick Park. I meant no offense by this inappropriate attempt to make a point, but understand how insensitive it was.

Judith "J" Davis

Codify Accountability

On July 4 our country celebrates its rule of law, its system of checks and balances, democratic engagement and the popular will. But policing is immune

from the democratic processes that apply to the rest of our government. Today small steps are changing the traditional scope of police work. As reported in The New York Times Magazine (June 21, 2020), the Camden New Jersey Police Department instituted a policy in 2019 that mandates that the police de-escalate a conflict, use force only as a last resort, intervene to stop excessive force and report violations of law and policy by other officers. On June 12, 2020, the State of New York repealed a law that kept secret the disciplinary records of police officers. In Los Angeles some city council members succeeded in getting the mayor to propose moving \$150 million of the Police Department's nearly \$2 billion operating budget to health and job programs. In Eugene, Oregon, some 911 calls are routed to a crisis intervention service called Cahoots that deals with homelessness, substance abuse and mental illness. Houston, Texas, routes some mental health calls to a counselor, if they are not emergencies. The Greenbelt Police Department says that Mayor Colin Byrd's proposed legislation, the Greenbelt Fair and Just Policing Act of 2020, essentially codifies existing practices. Then let's codify his legislation so that it can become another small step toward the democratic accountability of the police and a model for other jurisdictions.

Donna Hoffmeister

Service or Garden Side?



Yes, we are transitioning to virtual summer camp.

- B. Glee

Correction

The photo accompanying Lisa Aguilar's obituary in last week's issue was taken by Jackie Berkley.



I have completed my 2020 census.

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Community Events

Environmental Justice Presentation, July 19

On Sunday, July 19, at 7:30 p.m. the Green Teams of the City of Greenbelt and Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ, will sponsor the third environmental Zoom presentation. A short talk, followed by Q&A, will introduce chemical corrosion, which is the science of how metals degrade in their surroundings. This is important because as the metal used in homes and communities degrades, the chemical corrosion has a negative impact on people's health and the environment.

Often this process, if unchecked, has a greater effect on communities of color. It thus becomes an issue of environmental justice, which is defined as the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin or income, with respect to the development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations and policies.

Case studies will be discussed in applying chemical corrosion to environmental justice, including the proposed development of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing facility at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center site.

Greenbelter Vijay Parameshwaran, Ph.D., is a scientist at the U.S. Army Research Laboratory whose work is focused on semiconductor materials growth and properties in electrochemical environments. He is also an environmental activist. He will be joined by longtime City Council member Rodney Roberts regarding efforts to halt the industrialization of BARC to keep the green farm instead of polluting the water and land.

RSVP to gccjane@aol.com for Zoom information. To avoid problems, provide a username as it will appear in Zoom, or a phone number if calling in.

Discussion on Racism On Friday, July 17

Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ invites the community for an educational event and discussion on racism on Friday, July 17 at 7 p.m. via Zoom.

The church is partnering with the organization Coming to the Table to raise awareness and begin activism about racism. Thornell Jones (comingtothetable.org/about-us/) is the distinguished guest speaker. All are welcome to attend and share their views. RSVP to kenlittlefield1@aol.com for Zoom meeting information.

Greenbelt Unplugged Meets Sunday

Greenbelt Unplugged continues its mindfulness series over Zoom, on Sunday, July 12 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Participants will listen to a guided sitting meditation, followed by a short reading and/or dialogue. To get the link to join, send an email to events@greenbeltunplugged.org. For more information on the series, see greenbeltunplugged.org.

At the Library

Go to pgcmls.info to learn about the library's plans to reopen, as well as current programs and events.

Film on Civil Rights Activist Airs Sunday

Prince George's County branch (provisional) of Metro Washington Democratic Socialists of America on Sunday, July 12, 3 to 5 p.m., will screen The Issue of Mr. O'Dell, a 2018 documentary about African American civil rights activist Jack O'Dell (1923-2019). Directed by T-Rami Katz, the 35-minute film covers O'Dell's early work with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference through his comments on Black Lives Matter. He played a key role with Dr. King in the deep South in the late 1950s through mid-1960s, was instrumental as an advisor working with Jesse Jackson and the Rainbow, and edited Freedomways, one of the key journals of the Black Freedom movement in the 1960s. Discussion will involve Gene Bruskin, who worked closely with O'Dell in the Rainbow Coalition, and O'Dell's widow, Jane Power, who was active in Washington, D.C., during the Rainbow years. A donation will be made to Change Makers Prince George's for its racial justice work. The event is cosponsored by the Prince George's County Peace & Justice Coalition and is part of Greenbelt Peace Month 2020.

To register go to <https://tinyurl.com/July12Odell>.

New Arts Programs For Summer Session

Two new visual arts programs will be starting next week as part of a full summer schedule of online programs sponsored by Greenbelt Recreation. On Monday, July 13, instructor Leah Cohen will lead a fiber arts workshop inspired by the "mola" fabric applique tradition from Panama. Participants ages 12 to adult will cut and sew woolen felt pieces in a simplified version of a traditional pattern to make a bookmark or a headband. Materials are provided. On Fridays, July 15 and 22, ceramic artists can learn how to make their own stamps and texture mats for embellishing and personalizing clay creations. Led by instructor Mary Gawlik, this mini-class is suitable for both hand-builders and wheel users. Beginners and all levels are welcome.

Advance registration is required for both programs (online or via email), and nominal fees apply. For complete information, see the Guide to Summer Arts Classes posted on the Greenbelt Virtual Recreation Center: greenbeltmd.gov/recreation. There patrons will also find the Summer Connect guide to online camp programs, and a wealth of on-demand activities and links to enjoy free of charge. For more information, contact ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov.

Park and Recreation Month Celebrates Rec Pros, Services

by Di Quynn-Reno

This July, join Greenbelt Recreation to celebrate Park and Recreation Month and laud the selfless, passionate and essential work of park and recreation professionals who provide services vital to a healthy Greenbelt. Various virtual activities are planned for residents of all ages and abilities, including classes, camps, special events and outdoor education.

Park and Recreation Month is an initiative of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) that encourages residents to learn more about local park and recreation professionals and the essential services they provide. Everything from walking around Schrom Hills Park, participating in a virtual special event, registering for a program or thanking a Recreation professional are ways in which Greenbelters can celebrate the month.

"Greenbelt Recreation will always provide programs and facilities that are responsive to the

needs of the community," states Greg Varda, Greenbelt's recreation director. "Our guiding principles are health and wellness, social equity and conservation. Through the many services offered to the citizens, we strive to bring the community together in a spirit of cooperation."

NRPA encourages people that support parks and recreation to share their park and recreation story, as well as why their local park and recreation professionals are important to them, with the hashtag #WeAreParksAndRec.

NRPA also encourages people to get creative throughout the month by participating in the Thank a Park and Recreation Pro contest. Film a video thanking a park and recreation professional in the community for the services they provide and post it on social media using the hashtag #ThankAParkAndRecPro for a chance to win prizes throughout July.



Sports

Babe Ruth Launches Website That Looks Back and Ahead

by Ian Gleason

The last official baseball game for Greenbelt Babe Ruth took place eight months ago. On November 8, 2019, Greenbelt took the field at the Washington Nationals Youth Academy. A brisk 45° temperature signaled that the end of fall baseball was close at hand; however, at the conclusion of the game there was no inkling that it would be many months before the teams would play again.

With the spring and summer seasons canceled due to COVID-19, life has been vastly different for all involved with the typical bustle of activity on Braden Field. The organization has instead focused on improving in other areas: reworking and editing team expectations, developing a program mission statement and team values, improving nutrition guidelines for players and introducing a set of mental preparation guidelines aimed to develop "quality young people ready to be future leaders and role models in their community and world." Former Greenbelt Babe Ruth player Wesley Velasquez designed the logo, which

adorns the website, Greenbelt's hats for the past two seasons and the shed at Braden Field. Velasquez's efforts are the embodiment of what the program hopes to cultivate in its participants: giving back to the community and world around them.

All of this work has culminated in the development of greenbeltbaberuth.com. The website plans to raise the visibility of Greenbelt Babe Ruth in the local baseball scene, and offers both the aforementioned resources for players and a place for the greater Greenbelt community to follow one of their local sports teams. The site contains pictures from the past five years of Greenbelt Babe Ruth, Prince George's County All-Star teams and community events such as the Greenbelt Labor Day Parade. Greenbelt Babe Ruth is excited about the website and hopes that when baseball does return – whether it be in the heat of summer or the brisk air of a November night – the new website will bring new fans, new players and excitement from Greenbelt and beyond.



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MCFcc.org/FeedGreenbelt

Each \$10 donation provides 1 reheatable meal to a Greenbelt resident in need. Meals are balanced and delicious. They are made from whole foods and are free from chemicals and preservatives.

Meals are offered on Wednesdays and Saturdays for contactless pickup at The New Deal Cafe front patio from 4:30pm-5pm. Free contactless delivery is available. The signup deadline is Sunday noon for the following Wednesday & Saturday.

Hosted by DC Vegan and MCF Community Church

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8 am	Democracy Now! • Repeat of Yesterday's Program	
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11 am	Greenbelt Newsreel • or Selections From the GATE Archive	
SAT/SUN	Member Spotlight • GATE Community Producers	f y
12 pm	Democracy Now! • Today's Program • Independent News	
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Proud Momma Duck takes her flock for a float.

Obituaries

Frances Chiville



PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

Frances Chiville

Frances Chiville (née Jewell), 99, died on July 1, 2020, two weeks before her 100th birthday, at Avon Oaks Caring Community in Avon, Ohio. Frances was born in Nebraska on July 15, 1920. After spending her early years in Nebraska and California, she joined John Chiville in Washington, D.C., where they were wed in 1941. She then lived in Washington, in Riverdale and, for 35 years, Greenbelt. She later lived with her daughters in Kansas and Ohio.

In Greenbelt, Mrs. Chiville served as a Scout leader, a school library volunteer and PTA advocate. She and her husband enjoyed traveling. She took pride particularly in her quilting and knitting, making baby blankets for all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and knitting over 350 hats for the homeless while living in Kansas and Ohio.

Mrs. Chiville is survived by her daughter Janice (James) Zinser of Ohio, son Michael Chiville (Penny Scrivens) of Maryland, son-in-law James A. (Betty) Lynn of Kansas, seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband John Chiville, daughter Carol Lynn and her father Frank Jewell and stepmother Ruth Jewell.

Arrangements by Cowling Funeral Home in Oberlin, Ohio (cowlingfuneralhomeoh.com). A private commemoration of Mrs. Chiville's life will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made in her name to the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northern Ohio (secondharvestfoodbank.org), Habitat for Humanity (habitat.org) or the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (loc.gov/nls/about/support-nls).

Hugh Donovan



PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

Hugh Edward Donovan

Hugh Edward Donovan died on July 1, 2020. He courageously battled Parkinson's disease for the past several years, without complaint.

Mr. Donovan was born in 1935 in Dover, N.H. He graduated from Dover High School in 1953, where he played varsity hockey and baseball. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from University of New Hampshire in 1957 and a juris doctorate at Washington College of Law, American University in 1970.

Mr. Donovan served in the United States Army between 1959 and 1963. He served six months of active duty and 5½ years in the active reserve. He worked for Aetna Casualty & Surety Company and Hartford Insurance Company between 1957 and 1970 and at Donohue & Ehrmantraut, P.C., from 1971 to 1979 as a trial lawyer. From 1977 to 2011 he practiced law with partner Brian Nash and subsequently with Michael P. Broderick. He retired in 2011.

The Donovans lived in Boxwood Village from 1970 to 1983. They were active in St. Hugh's Catholic Church. Mr. Donovan was an ice skater and loved when he could skate at Greenbelt Lake.

In his retirement years he umpired baseball, tutored math through S.O.M.E. Center of Employment Training, served Meals on Wheels and volunteered at Welcome Home, through Catholic Charities, where he was devoted to assisting recently released D.C. Jail inmates.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Carol Donovan; son, Mark Donovan; daughter, Kelly Donovan Williams (Harvey McCombs); grandson, Todd Colvin; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers David and Donald, sister Kathleen, and parents Luella and Edward Donovan.

Lowell Owens



PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

Lowell Owens

Lowell Davis Owens of Greenbelt died peacefully in his home on June 29, 2020.

Mr. Owens was born in Carroll, Neb., on April 19, 1931, to Ora and Owen Owens. Two sisters married two brothers and lived on farms a mile apart. One had four boys and one girl (Lowell's family) and the other four girls and one boy. The double cousins walked to the one-room

schoolhouse a mile away and later rode a horse or drove to high school in town.

Mr. Owens attended Wayne State College, the University of Nebraska, Michigan State University, and the University of Illinois where he received a Ph.D. in agronomy.

It was at the University of Illinois that he met Marjorie Jean Byron at a Unitarian church discussion group. They moved to Greenbelt in 1959 when he began his career as a research scientist at the USDA in Beltsville, living 12 years at 23 Ridge Road then 50 years on Northway.

Dr. Owens retired from the USDA Plant Molecular Biology Unit-ARS after 36 years of service.

A longtime member of the Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church, he served on the board, led the book discussion group and sang in the choir for decades.

He was active in social justice, ACLU and CRIC and a fan of the Redskins and Cornhuskers. He had a lifelong love of landscape gardening and, in

recent years, especially with native plants. He had no desire for vegetable gardening as he said he had done enough of that in his first 18 years of life.

He was a kind, gentle man who was slow to anger and was always willing to help someone in need.

He was preceded in death by brothers Orvid and Hayden and sister Mary Faith.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Marjorie; daughters Bronwyn, Lucia and Caitlin; grandchildren Maureen, Robert and Vanessa; great-grandchildren Elizabeth, Ryan and Nicholas; brother Stanley Owens; double cousins Marilyn Simmons, Ruth Ludwig and Milton Owens; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be announced at a future time.



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 This past March we learned just how unpredictable life can be as our communities were charged with adjusting to life during a Pandemic. It has required us to shift our routines and embrace change in new ways that, for many, has been scary, confusing and frustrating. As a hospital chaplain, Rev. Culbert has witnessed fear and pain but also resiliency, dedication and intentional care for the marginalized. During this time where do we find the Spirit of Life and Love amid the chaos and the heartbreak? How do we stay spiritually grounded not only on the Front Lines but wherever we may be?
 Streaming info at <https://bit.ly/PBJuly2020>

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Our sympathy to the family, friends and fellow gardeners of Lowell Owens who died on June 29.

Condolences to the family and friends of two former Greenbelt residents: Frances Chiville and Hugh Donovan, who both died on July 1.

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

City Notes

The Greenbelt Museum joins City Notes this week, as staff plans virtual Labor Day activities and future virtual museum tours. Current Museum research is exploring Greenbelt's history from segregation to integration.

Street maintenance staff installed crosswalks at Hanover Parkway and Ora Glen Drive while horticulture/parks crews sanitized playgrounds and maintained hand sanitizer stations. Sustainability and environmental staff sought new contractors for paper/cardboard recycling.

Recreation staff implemented health screening for entry into recreation facilities and youth programs' virtual camps are now underway for the summer. The dance program added two original dance videos to the Virtual Recreation Center, featuring tap and contemporary dance.

Arts staff delivered classes, curbside service and camp enrichment and began planning for artists in residence and the (possibly virtual) Festival of Lights.

Therapeutic Recreation distributed 37 senior meals with puzzles and planned a July blood drive.

Park Rangers greeted many Buddy Attick Park holiday visitors. Playgrounds, grills and restrooms are now open for public use.



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.

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING
Monday, July 13, 2020, 8:00 p.m.

ORGANIZATION

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations
-- Park and Recreation Month Proclamation

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

Minutes of Council Meeting
-Statement for the Record, June 29, 2020

Administrative Reports
-Briefing/Update on the status of reopening of City Facilities
-Dog Park Reopening

*** Committee Reports**
- Forest Preserve Advisory Board Report #2020-04 (Adding Greenbriar Park to the Forest Preserve)

LEGISLATION

- A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Certain Goods and Services from Various Vendors as Enumerated Herein when Total Fiscal Year Purchases from Each Vendor Exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000)

OTHER BUSINESS

- Affordable Senior Housing at Holy Cross Lutheran Church
- Collective Bargaining Agreement - Greenbelt Police Department
- Election Day as City Holiday
- Council Rules
- Proposal to allow Moonlit Movies
- Homeowner and Condominium Associations Relief Letter
- * Renewal of Greenbelt Nursery School Lease Agreement
- * Reappointments to Advisory Boards
- Council Activities
- Council Reports

MEETINGS

COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE VIRTUAL

Cablecast on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996 and streamed at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv as it happens.

Resident participation: Information will be posted on Meetings Calendar at www.greenbeltmd.gov
In advance the hearing impaired are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov

VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR JULY 13-17

Monday, July 13 at 5:30pm, **YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
On the Agenda: Crime Prevention, continuing discussion with George Matthews, Voter Registration, Advisory Committee Liaison Reports

Monday, July 13 at 8pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**. Virtual meeting will be shown live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

Wednesday, July 15 at 7:30pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD** On the agenda: Cherrywood Lane Complete and Green Streets Project Phase 2: 30% Designs, Pedestrian and Bicyclist Master Plan Update, Bicyclists on Pedestrian Pathways, Election of Vice-Chair

Wednesday, July 15 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION**
Re: Economic Development Recovery

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
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- Public Safety Advisory Committee
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee

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Seniors Avoiding Isolation by Navigating Technology
SAINT Pilot Project



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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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Greenbelt Recreation is celebrating Parks and Recreation Month with the National Parks and Recreation Association by highlighting the people that make sure our facilities, parks and programs are well maintained, safe, inclusive, and welcoming. Check out our Staff Spotlights on the Greenbelt Recreation Facebook page.

Guide to SUMMER ARTS CLASSES



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Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation to download the guide.

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SOMETHING OF VALUE on July 1 at 1 p.m. outside Co-op Supermarket. If you lost something in the vicinity, please send an email describing it in detail (and where lost, if you know) to greenbeltgardener@yahoo.com.

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TWO OLD TENNIS BALLS. Sue: 301-474-2219.

NOTICES

BLACK LIVES MATTER

SERVICES

IN CELEBRATION of Ringo Starr still drumming as he turns 80 years old this week, Lawn & Order will offer 10% discounts on hedge trimming, edging, and mowing services for the rest of July. Call Dennis at 240-264-7638 and stay safe while remaining forever young!

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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.

Fatal Stabbing

On Saturday, July 4 at approximately 4:48 a.m. officers responded to 6120 Breezewood Drive for a report of a stabbing. Officers located a man outside the building suffering from apparent stab wounds to the upper body. First aid was rendered on the scene but the man was pronounced dead. He has since been identified as Travis Devon Melvin, 37, of Greenbelt. Initial investigation indicated that this was not a random event and the investigation is ongoing.

Attempted Homicide

June 27, 7:35 p.m., 5707 Cherrywood Lane. Two men were involved in a verbal altercation near the Shell Food Mart. When one of them began walking away, the one who had stayed fired several shots at him. The man who had been shot fled and contacted police. It was discovered later that one of the fired rounds entered a nearby residence. No one in the residence was injured.

Robbery

June 30, 11:07 p.m., 5916 Cherrywood Terrace. A man approached another man who was walking down the street, displayed a handgun and announced a robbery. He took the walker's cellphone and fled.

Assault

June 27, 10:07 a.m., 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive. A man approached another man who was walking away from the Metro station, pushed him to the ground and fled. The walker suffered minor injuries.

June 28, 11:10 a.m., Mandan Road Ballfield. A man approached a jogger, pointed a handgun at him and threatened him.

Reckless Endangerment

June 28, 10:40 p.m., 7720 Hanover Parkway. Officers responded to a report of several shots being fired into a residence. A man inside with his family heard several gunshots. Investigation revealed that several rounds had been fired into the residence from outside. No one was injured.

Suspicious Person

June 30, 1:30 p.m., Buddy At-tick Park. A woman at the park with young children observed

a man on foot, circling around them multiple times. He then got to within 10 feet of her and behaved in what she believed to be a lewd manner. She left with the children. He is described as Black, in his 50s, wearing black shorts, white shirt, black hooded sweatshirt along with red, white and blue shoes, and a red hat and large white headphones.

Theft

June 24, 1:30 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. A man agreed to meet another man to sell him a vehicle. The buyer instead took the seller's wallet that was inside the vehicle to be sold, and fled.

June 26, 1 p.m., 19 Court Ridge Road. A blue bicycle with white lettering was taken from the front porch of a residence.

June 28, 6:09 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A dark blue Schwinn hybrid bicycle was taken from a bike rack at Belt-way Plaza after the lock was cut.

June 29, 2:56 p.m., 9004 Breezewood Terrace. Money was missing from a woman's home after a cable repair person went there for a service call. The repair person denied taking it.

June 30, 3:50 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A man took a cab to Five Below and told the cabbie he needed to get money for the fare. He told the cabbie he would leave his cellphone with him as a show of faith. When he came back out to pay the driver he discovered the cab was gone, along with his phone.

Vehicle Crime

The police blotter for this week includes 32 vehicle crimes, of which 10 are thefts of driver's side airbags after access was gained by breaking out driver's side windows.

Four tires and rims were taken from the same vehicle at 7805 Mandan Road. Three tires and rims were taken from a vehicle at 6500 Capitol Drive, where a man wearing all black was seen running from a vehicle. He entered a black SUV and fled.

Two Maryland tags 3CV2747 were taken from 9300 block Canning Terrace. A tag expiration sticker was taken from 7923 Mandan Road. Rear Maryland

tag 1250CJ was taken from 6148 Springhill Terrace and also a front tag from 9120 Edmonston Court.

An insurance card was taken in Pinecrest Court near Lakeside Drive. A surveillance camera showed two men, one wearing a white shirt on his head and the other a black sweater. A wallet was taken from 9116 Edmonston

Court after a window was broken to gain access.

Vandalism was committed at 9126 Edmonston Road, where the glass of a sunroof was broken. At 9206 Springhill Lane one car had four tires slashed, both side mirrors broken and threatening graffiti placed on the vehicle.

The Police 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. Call 1-866-411-TIPS. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 240-542-2145.



Greenbelt Police Captain Gordon Pracht gives a mask to a Greenbelt Lake visitor.

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Addition With Full Bath Downstairs 2 BR GHI townhome with large family room/bedroom on main level. Completely remodeled - opened kitchen.

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Estate Sale GHI 2 Bedroom townhome with hardwood floors, opened kitchen & breakfast bar. Large fenced backyard opens onto protected woodlands.

Brick Townhome with Addition Full bath on main level. Remodeled kitchen & bath. Central A/C, refinished hardwood flrs., shaded & fenced backyard.

Large floorplan w/addition Half bath on main level. Masonry townhome w/ fenced backyard & brick patio. Zoned HVAC system, 11' x 17' master br.

Cape Cod SFH 3br 2 1/2ba home with rem. Kitchen, above-ground pool & wrap-around deck. Finished basement with family room and office space.

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

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

Townhome with addition 2 br townhome w front laundry/office addition. Opened kitchen w/passthru & pantry. Fenced backyard with large deck.

Charlestowne Village Single-level 1-br condo in Greenbelt - no stairs! Parquet flooring throughout. Remodeled kit. With SS appliances. \$149,900

Addition - Backs to Woodlands Completely remodeled throughout; half bath on main level. Central HVAC system. Fenced yard, shed & raised deck.

Brick Townhome 2 Bedroom GHI townhome remodeled throughout. Modern kitchen with s/s dishwasher. Hardwood both levels. \$169,900

Upper Level One Bedroom GHI home with full-sized washer and dryer in separate laundry room. Refinished hardwood flooring throughout. Nice!

2 BR Townhome Remodeled GHI home w/ new carpet fresh paint & ceramic bath. Priced to sell at \$124,900

Your Greenbelt Specialists
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Department of Transportation, the project sponsor, while BWRR reassessed and refined the critical design elements. Work on the DEIS resumed in May and will address the changes made by BWRR. The revised schedule now calls for the DEIS to be completed and sent to “participating” federal, state and local government agencies in December 2020, with a public comment period and hearings anticipated for spring 2021. The final environmental impact statement will be completed in winter 2022.

The route is still planned to basically follow the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, but the specific alignment has not yet been selected (alignment J is on the

east side of the Parkway, J1 on the west side). The train would run below ground through populated areas then emerge above ground on federal or other public properties. The major change is the addition of two possible sites for a train maintenance facility (TMF) on the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC): one includes much of the old airport site off Springfield Road, the other is located in the largely forested area between Powder Mill and Odell Roads; a third possible site is north of MD-198 between the Parkway and MD-32. One site will be chosen, likely depending in part on which alignment is selected.

The maglev project has caused

considerable debate among residents of Greenbelt and other communities along the proposed route. Proponents tout the environmental and economic benefits of mass transit. Opponents focus on the disruption – and possible loss of property value – of construction and operation of a train tunnel beneath homes as well as damage to forests and other natural areas. The possible location of a TMF on BARC property will pose an additional concern to Greenbelters who are already concerned about the “industrialization” of BARC by the proposed construction of a Bureau of Engraving and Printing plant there.

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against officers, transparency with regards to officers’ records and allowing investigations of officers.

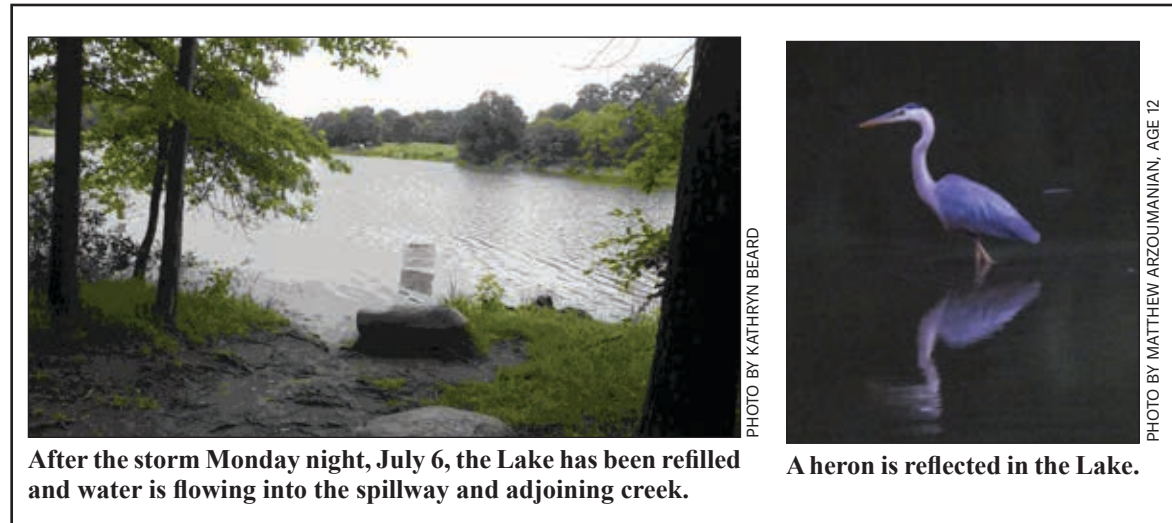
Several important demands for police reform are outlined at 8cantwait.org: ban chokeholds and strangleholds; require de-escalation; require warning before shooting; exhaust all alternatives before shooting; duty to intervene; ban shooting at moving vehicles; require use of force continuum; require comprehensive reporting. City of Greenbelt police and Prince George’s County police have already adopted these practices as their official policy.

PGC demand that police be held more strictly accountable to these policies.

They distributed a printed list of their demands, which fall under the headings of Answer Us, Empower Us and Protect Us: “institute a transparent hiring process for the chief of police that includes community input; repeal LEOBR; pass Anton’s Law; cut

police funding and re-invest in communities; fire officers who assault residents, use racist language, or are proven to be racially biased; ban no-knock warrants; take law enforcement out of schools; pass a law prohibiting the use of excessive force; allow for the disclosure of all investigations into police misconduct under the Maryland Public Information Act; demilitarize the police force; ban the use of the 1033 program [distribution of military property to police forces]; include community activists on civilian review boards; and ensure police officers live in the county.” More about the group can be found on their Facebook page.

The rally closed with a chant, using the words of Black feminist revolutionary Assata Shakur: “It is our duty to fight for our freedom. It is our duty to win. We must love each other and support each other. We have nothing to lose but our chains.”



After the storm Monday night, July 6, the Lake has been refilled and water is flowing into the spillway and adjoining creek.

A heron is reflected in the Lake.

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Everyone was a bit confused for a while because other members of council had requested that the item not be placed on the agenda of this meeting at all and were happy to postpone it – but not for the same reason Byrd proposed. Councilmembers Emmett Jordan, Judith Davis and Edward Putens said the document was incomplete, with some parts of it having been received just before the meeting. For the reason that it was not yet ready for discussion, Jordan seconded Byrd’s motion to remove the CBA from the agenda, and the rest of council supported the motion.

Davis then said that at this point there was no agreement, and there would not be until the CBA was accepted by both parties. Without citing a source, Byrd replied that his information was that there was currently a draft CBA that had been ratified by the FOP. It was that draft he wanted to be made public to have adequate time for review before council acted on it. Davis reiterated that it would be inappropriate to release anything before there is an agreement and that public comment would be solicited then.

Byrd said he believed council should not vote on the document without more extensive time allowed for public review. He added the negotiations had been “secret” in the past but he did not agree with that approach and would move that in the future they would be open to public comment prior to a vote. He described the existing CBA process as “anti-democratic” and suggested that the entire process might be made public.

Davis said this matter could not be handled by changing rules mid-stream in a bargaining process that was accepted by both parties. She made a motion to call the question, which was sec-

onded by Councilmember Leta Mach. The motion to call the question, which meant the discussion was closed for this meeting, carried five to two, with Byrd and Roberts voting against. Byrd’s original motion to release the draft to the public failed, with only Byrd and Roberts voting in favor.

In the city ad in the July 2 issue of this paper, City Manager Nicole Ard provides background information on this year’s collective bargaining process.

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