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Prince George's County Council Chair Todd Turner (center) is pictured here after delivering 'Lunch for Heroes' in partnership with In Reach and Panera Bread.

## Foundation Grants Awarded For Facilities, Mentors, Arts

by Stephanie Calhoun

The Greenbelt Community Foundation (GCF) has announced that three local organizations have been awarded over \$12,000 in total during its latest grant funding cycle.

The first project is \$3,350 to the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) for its dressing room renovation. GAC provides fine and performing arts at an affordable price to the entire Greenbelt community. GAC strives to produce programming that involves a diverse array of volunteers and subject matter with recent programming including social justice and family friendly themes, popular musicals and more.

The dressing room renovation will enhance the functionality of

the space and will improve the experience of the actors and volunteers. The work is expected to start soon, under the direction of Pamela Northrup, vice president of programs, and Winard Britt, president, and a staff of volunteers and a contractor who will all be observing social distancing guidelines.

The second grant recipient of this season is first-time grant recipient Higher Achievement: Bridging the Opportunity Gap for Middle School Scholars in Greenbelt, receiving \$5,000. Higher Achievement serves Greenbelt Middle schoolers by providing year-round programming, mentoring and more.

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## Council Approves City/FOP Contract in Heated Session

by Cathie Meetre

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

The big event at the Greenbelt City Council meeting of Monday, July 13 was the proposed approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) between the city and the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) that will run for one year instead of the more usual three-year contract. (The remainder of the meeting will be covered separately.)

The bargaining process for this agreement began some time before recent police brutality cases made headlines, but much of the angst on the question of whether to approve it, not surprisingly, arises out of recent heightened awareness of policing practices. In particular, Mayor Colin Byrd was clearly set against its passage, using his powers as mayor to dominate the proceedings with a number of long speeches that were a significant factor in extending the meeting past mid-

night. His only ally was Councilmember Rodney Roberts.

### Public Observations

Things began civilly enough with expositions from members of the public of things they would like to see added to or removed from the agreement. Lore Rosenthal, for example, doesn't want disciplinary records to be expunged so that officers looking to be hired elsewhere can be fully evaluated, even if an item did not result in any disciplinary action. Resident Melissa Ehrenreich requested public input up front and not at the end after all the decisions were made, and she also brought up Section 19.2 of the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights (LEOBR) that has some sections likely to disappear with the repeal of that legislation. Michael Hartman wanted non-binary language in the agreement.

### Approve or Disapprove

Reference to legal counsel eventually made it clear to everybody that not approving the contract and sending it back re-

questing any change – even one cosmetic or inconsequential to the meat of the agreement – would set the process back significantly. City Counsel Robert Sylvestri stated clearly that council wasn't being asked to doctor the document but to either approve it or disapprove it. Approving would end the matter and the agreement would be ratified and in effect. Not approving it, even for a minor reason, would start the process again.

### Officers' Bill of Rights

One sticking point is language in the CBA that refers directly to the Maryland LEOBR, which seems highly likely to be repealed within the period of the CBA. The question was posed as to whether having an agreement that specifically references that law would include the language of the law by reference – even if the law itself is removed from the state statute books. Sylvestri said that sections of the law that depend on state law become null and void if the state law is repealed, and also that the city can expand the rights of officers beyond those allowed by the state, but cannot reduce them. He noted that this was a one-year

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### What Goes On

**Monday, July 20 8 p.m.** City Council Work-session: Greenbelt NCO Zone  
All meetings are virtual. See the meetings calendar at [greenbeltd.gov](http://greenbeltd.gov) for agendas and information on public participation in these meetings.



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The five ministers, from left, Penny Martin, Linden Dirksen, Kaitlyn Whiting, Kirsten Hanes and Jason Kalshoven, perform in The Phantom Tollbooth at the Greenbelt Arts Center in 2019. GAC actors will have more functional dressing rooms thanks to their GCF grant.

## Schools Will Utilize Distance Learning Through January

by Gary Childs

On Wednesday, July 15, Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) CEO Monica Goldson announced the plan for the 2020-21 academic year. She revealed that after reviewing input from families, employees and community members, PGCPS will continue distance learning through January 2021. Goldson explained that since Prince George's County has been the epicenter of the COVID-19 public health crisis in Maryland and there are health disparities in larger communities such as ours, there is a "significant public health concern if schools were to reopen this fall for in-person instruction."

"During this global pandemic, we cannot ignore the health and safety of our students, parents and educators," said Dr. Goldson. "We recognize that no scenario is

perfect or comparable to a traditional school year. While it is a difficult decision to not reopen our school buildings for in-person instruction, it is necessary to keep our students and communities safe."

In the upcoming semester, PGCPS will enhance the distance learning program with specialized learning software, include more live instruction blended with pre-recorded lessons and make meals available for distribution at all schools. The school system will also establish Parent Support Centers throughout the county to assist families with technology support and other aspects of distance learning such as providing devices and internet connectivity for families in need.

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PHOTO BY CATHY JONES

Emergency vehicles work to dislodge a large boat from powerlines on Southway. The incident happened just after midnight, Tuesday, July 7.

# Letters to the Editor

## Council and Citizens Disconnect on CBA

I was struck by the dissonance of two articles that ran on the front page of the July 9 News Review. First, there was the write-up on Greenbelt citizens' peaceful call for police accountability and for more investment in social services. Then there was the report of resistance in the city council to even hold a discussion about the proposed draft Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) with the Fraternal Order of Police after Mayor Colin Byrd suggested welcoming public comment. The fact that the majority of councilmembers refused to entertain this suggestion is deeply disappointing.

This is a historical moment that calls for us to think and act in radically new ways. This is not a time to do as we always have done before. Protocol and precedent are tools of those who want to maintain the status quo that harms people of color, the poor and people with disabilities disproportionately.

We, as a city and a nation, have a chance to make this moment a true turning point toward a more equitable and humane society. The Greenbelt City Council still could break with convention and take a meaningful turn toward the democratic path and allow us residents to review and weigh in on an issue that so impacts our lives.

Michele Mason

## First Lady?

If Greenbelt should ever consider having a First Lady, I would recommend Lois Rosado. Her supportive, confirming and clarifying words during this difficult time have provided affirmation, insight, solace and hope. I continue to look forward to hearing from her in the weeks ahead as she leads the way through compassion and understanding. And not to mention, she has never gone maskless on her a.m. walks around our lake.

Patricia Novinski

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The Greenbelt News Review has revised its deadlines in view of the impact of COVID-19 on our operations. The new deadlines are:

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**Display ads:** Camera-ready copy – 6 p.m. Tuesday

**Classified ads:** 6 p.m. Tuesday

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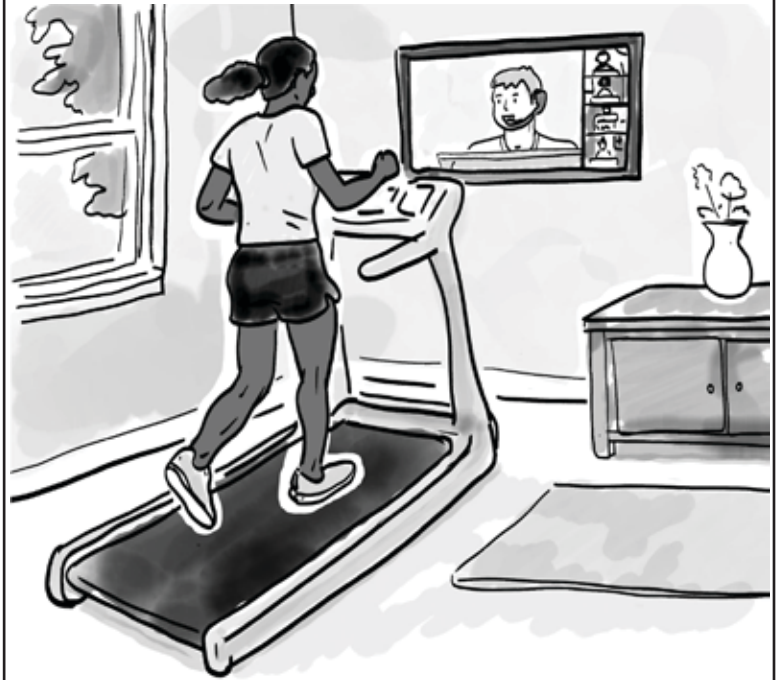
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**Photos:** 2 p.m. Tuesday

**Community events:** 2 p.m. Tuesday

## Service Side or Garden Side?



Steve will not join today's run. Apparently, he was attacked by a squirrel during our last virtual run through the park.

B. Glee



## Letters Policy

The News Review reserves the right not to publish any letter submitted. Letters are considered accepted when published.

All letters must include the letter writer's name, physical address and telephone number. Only the name will be published; the News Review will consider withholding the name upon request.

All letters are subject to editing for reasons of space, libel, privacy, taste, copyright and clarity.



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Members of local Scout Troop 214G participate in the international Scout Trash the Trash Day on July 11. Six scouts, three adults and two little sisters collected over 81 pounds of trash throughout Prince George's County including Mitchellville, Greenbelt, College Park and Landover Hills.

## New Deal Announces September Auction

In an effort to raise money to see it through the coronavirus pandemic and beyond, the New Deal Café will be holding an online auction fundraiser from September 8 through 26. The member-owned Café, which has seen its income plummet in the four months since suspending in-house operations, has set a goal of \$25,000 for the Let's Make a New Deal auction.

Auction coordinator Arlene Kaminsky is seeking donations of items or services to sell. "If you have a talent and can offer lessons, can cook, make jewelry, create art, design clothes, have a new item of value or can offer a gift card or gift certificate, we would love to hear from you," she said.

The volunteer-run Café is seeking 200 items or services to auction, and hopes to have these lined up within the next few weeks, so asks the community to spread the word. And to save the auction dates to bid on their favorite items.

To donate or get more details, contact Kaminsky at [AuctionCoordinatorNDC@gmail.com](mailto:AuctionCoordinatorNDC@gmail.com) or donation administrator Meg Haney at [Haney.meghan@gmail.com](mailto:Haney.meghan@gmail.com).

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# Community Events

## At the Library

Greenbelt Branch curbside service hours (starting July 21): Tuesday, 1 to 8 p.m.; Wednesday through Friday, 1 to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m. (by appointment only).

Phase 1 of the library reopening plan will begin on Tuesday, July 21, at 1 p.m. at most libraries, including the Greenbelt Library. During this phase, buildings will remain closed to the public. However, curbside service will be provided for the pickup of up to 25 held items per vehicle/visit by scheduled appointment only. Existing holds placed prior to the library's closure will be filled first, with new hold requests accepted starting Monday, July 20, via the Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) catalog (catalog.pgcmls.info/polaris) or the new Telephone Reference service at 240-455-5451. Individual branch phone numbers will not be available during this phase. Upon notification of item(s) availability, customers may book appointments for pickup through the PGCMLS website (pgcmls.info) or the Telephone Reference service. The Greenbelt Branch will have four curbside pickup spaces for use in the parking lot by the lower level entrance. To ensure the health and safety of everyone, items will be placed in vehicle trunks (or back seats) in as much of a contact-free manner as possible.

Book drops reopened on July 9. Returned items will be checked-in after a 72-hour quarantine period. Any items checked out prior to the closure currently have an extended due date of September 1. To avoid potential contamination of materials, staff may not accept returns by hand. Customers must place all returns directly in the outdoor book drops.

Further information on the reopening process is available on the PGCMLS website at [pgcmls.info/reopening](http://pgcmls.info/reopening).

### Fine Free

PGCMLS has announced that the library is now fine-free. It will waive all existing overdue fines. This policy is to ensure that all Prince Georgians have equal 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.

## Toastmasters Meet Online Wednesdays

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

## Virtual Recreation

Greenbelt Recreation's summer programs are online via the Virtual Recreation Center. Go to [greenbeltdm.gov/recreation](http://greenbeltdm.gov/recreation) to access a wide range of online activities, including classes, summer camps, video tutorials, sing-alongs and more.

## 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 a 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 farm green instead of polluting the water and land.

RSVP to [gccjane@aol.com](mailto: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.

## 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](mailto:spreadruak@gmail.com).

## 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 encourage activism about racism. Thornell Jones ([comingtothetable.org/about-us/](http://comingtothetable.org/about-us/)) is the distinguished guest speaker. All are welcome to attend and share their views. RSVP to [kenlittlefield1@aol.com](mailto:kenlittlefield1@aol.com) for Zoom meeting information.

## PGCMLS Offers Online Programs

Virtual Learning with Live Tutors offers the Summer Skills Camp to keep elementary (grades 3 to 5), middle (grades 6 to 8) and high school (grades 9 to 12) students engaged over the summer. This service is provided for free through the Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS). 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.

Along with the virtual Summer @ Your Library (S@YL) events, the Brainfuse HelpNow Summer Skills Camp will help children avoid the so-called "summer slide," when students lose academic skills over the summer.

### 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 Wednesdays at 4 p.m. until August 26 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 story times 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](http://pgcmls.info/virtual-events).

## Overeaters Meet

Overeaters Anonymous is continuing to hold its newcomer introductory meeting by Zoom at 6:45 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month (July 20, August 3 and 17) and their regular Greenbelt meeting by Zoom or phone at 7:30 p.m. every Monday. Overeaters Anonymous is a 12-step program modelled after Alcoholics Anonymous that provides help and recovery for those troubled by overeating, undereating or other food-related behaviors. For more information, call 240-305-3433 or visit their D.C. region website at [oa-dcmetro.org](http://oa-dcmetro.org).

# Two Communities Now Gone

by James Giese

*This is the last of a series of articles on historic roads in the Greenbelt area. The primary source of information for these articles are internet accessible maps at the Library of Congress website: a circa 1861 map, Martenet's Map of Prince George's County by Simon J. Martenet, C.E. ([loc.gov/item/2002624036/](http://loc.gov/item/2002624036/)), and county and Vansville District maps found in an 1878 Atlas of Fifteen Miles around Washington, including the County of Prince George, Maryland ([loc.gov/item/76354156/](http://loc.gov/item/76354156/)) and also in an 1879 Atlas of Fifteen Miles around Washington, including the County of Montgomery, Maryland, both by G. M. Hopkins, C.E. ([loc.gov/item/87675339/](http://loc.gov/item/87675339/)).*

### Upper Marlboro

Upper Marlboro was established in 1706 as Marlborough Town and became the Prince George's County seat in 1721. In 1744, the town was renamed Upper Marlborough to distinguish it from Lower Marlboro in Calvert County. The town never grew very much, siltation of the Western Branch of the Patuxent River ending its purpose as a port town. Sometime before 1893, a postal clerk is believed to have dropped the last three letters of the town's name to fit it on a rubber post office cancellation stamp.

The 1861 map shows the location of the County Courthouse set in a square surrounded by streets. It was the county's second courthouse, built in 1801 according to an historical chronology for the county provided by the Maryland Manual Online. Upper Marlboro had three hotels needed to house citizens, judges and attorneys from distant parts of the county when in town for legal or other county business.

The Maryland State Archives electronic publication, Beneath the Underground: The Flight to Freedom reports that Prince George's County had the largest population of slaves and the least population of freed blacks of any Maryland county. A large concentration of slaveholders lived around Upper Marlboro.

The Enoch Pratt Free Library has posted a 1935 photo of a stone slave auction block in front of an old hotel on Upper Marlboro's Main Street, on its collections website ([collections.digitalmaryland.org/cdm/ref/collection/mdaa/id/343](http://collections.digitalmaryland.org/cdm/ref/collection/mdaa/id/343)).

### Good Luck

The 1861 Martenet Map shows two small communities that later disappeared, leaving, in one case, just the name of a road and, in the other, only part of its name on a road – Good Luck and Buena Vista.

Good Luck was located near where Greenbelt Road (Md. 193) now intersects Good Luck Road. It was a small cluster of homes probably supporting the Good Luck Plantation which dates back to an 1872 patent to Alexander Magruder. Goddard Space Flight Center now occupies the plantation's land.

At that time Greenbelt Road did not exist nor any other road heading west in the Greenbelt direction from Good Luck. However, Good Luck Road is on the 1861 map. Following the route of today's road, the 1861 road went southwest from the plantation to the Baltimore Washington Turnpike (now U.S. Route 1) just one block from the new Maryland Agricultural College building (now University of Maryland College Park). Good Luck Road also went northeast from the plantation, connecting to other roads that led to a Patuxent River crossing and into Anne Arundel County.

Another road went from Good Luck southeast and then south to Buena Vista. Much of that section of road has become Glenn Dale Road.

### Buena Vista

The community of Buena Vista was on the Annapolis Road, located between the Glenn Dale Road crossing and the intersection of Lottsford-Vista Road a little farther west. Annapolis Road (Md. 450) generally follows many roads shown on the 1861 map.

Buena Vista consisted of a store with a post office, a

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Friday July 17 - Thursday July 23		
PROGRAM SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE		
CONNECT WITH GATE ON  		
7 am	Greenbelt Newsreel Breaking Community News	• or Selections From the GATE Archive From our collection of Past Shows
8 am	Democracy Now! Syndicated Programming	• Repeat of Yesterday's Program With Host Amy Goodman
9 am	GATE Classic Film ★	• Murder in Harlem • 1935 • Oscar Micheaux • or Greenbelt Democratic Club Zoom "Picnic" with Maryland Party Chair Yvette Lewis
11 am	Greenbelt Newsreel	• or Selections From the GATE Archive
SAT/SUN	Member Spotlight	• GATE Community Producers
12 pm	Democracy Now! Syndicated Programming	• Today's Program • Independent News With Host Amy Goodman
1 pm	Science Bowl PGCPS Local Programming	• Kids Quiz Show • Longfields v Perrywood • Porter Ridge v Tulip Grove
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# Rev. Grindstaff Is Retiring

by Jo-Anne Fournier

Greenbelt Community Church (GCC), United Church of Christ (UCC) announces the retirement of Rev. Glennyce Grindstaff. Pastor G (as she is affectionately known) and her husband Michael have served GCC for six years and will be missed by many. Pastor G's last services will be on Sunday, July 19 and 26 on GCC's Facebook Live at 10:15 a.m.

Pastor G and Michael will return to their home state of Michigan. They are excited about spending more time with family and friends, and being closer to their daughter and granddaughter in Indianapolis.

Leading by example, and through her sermons and prayers, she has demonstrated the UCC's mission that "No matter who you are and no matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!" GCC also participates in the UCC Open and Affirming Coalition, welcoming lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer members and acting as allies.

During her time at GCC, Pastor G has fostered a social justice ministry. Following the death of George Floyd, Pastor G sent the following message, "I feel like we need to gather as a witness to the need for equality and justice that is the real truth of our faith. Please let me know if you would like to gather on the church lawn on Sunday, June 7." Wearing masks and practicing social distancing, Pastor G gave the community a chance to stand as witnesses for justice along Crescent Road, while inviting other faith groups in Greenbelt to join in.

Pastor G uses her weekly sermons and prayers to show God's world and the opportunities to be a part of that world. As she preaches from scripture, she explains the text and offers context, focusing on what the speaker and God are asking. Even when she admits wrestling with the biblical text or centuries old law, she goes back to the scripture to point out how God can help us understand what we can do now. She repeatedly shares two rules to follow, "Love God. Love your neighbor."

These last few months of COVID-19 and official quarantine have been difficult, and many people turn to houses of worship for comfort during crisis. Church moderator Karen Yoho said, "Pas-



Rev. Glennyce Grindstaff and her pet goat, Swan, sit on the church steps.

tor G has taken us from 'zero to 60' in the world of virtual worship. On the first weekend the pandemic hit our area, she sat down at her dining room table and delivered a worship service on Facebook Live. Within a week we had Zoom, and then daily FB Posts, Wednesday concerts, meetings, simulcast with Zoom and Facebook, a YouTube channel, in-sanctuary productions, and now we're using webcams. Through her loving leadership, she has further connected us to one another through our computers and digital devices."

While it is difficult to say goodbye during this time of physical distancing, she did get a special wish granted last week.

Pastor G has long supported the Sunday school's annual fundraiser for Heifer Project International, and each year she has gleefully shared her love of goats. Pastor G posted a challenge on a Facebook post initiated by Stacy Hindalong directed at the pastor's love of goats. Within a couple of weeks, with the help of Jan Derry, "Swan" the goat from Frederick, Md., visited Pastor G last week at church.

Join GCC in thanking Pastor G and Michael and wishing them well as they leave Greenbelt and continue their lives' journey. Cards and notes can be sent to: GCCUCC, 1 Hillside Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

## In Memoriam

# Dave Wigley

by Rick Ransom

In my earliest days of playing in bands, roughly 1964-65, I enjoyed a friendship with a developing bass player named Dave Wigley. He played with me and Lee Dorsey in the band Donnie & The Diablos, and with me and Ross Wiener in The Fifth Edition. Dave died on May 23 after a short battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife Johanna and son Brian, son Michael and daughter-in-law Diti, and son Matthew.

Born in Georgia, Dave was raised as a Greenbelt boy on Woodland Way. He was a gregarious guy who loved a good joke. He had a great smile that he donated often to any joyous occasion. He was three years younger than me, which led to some minor troubles with alcohol for him hanging around with a bunch of 18- and 19-year-olds. He survived and graduated with the High Point High School Class of 1968.

Dave subsequently joined the Air Force and served in Vietnam. Afterward, he was stationed at Williams AFB in Arizona where he met his future wife on a blind date. Upon their marriage in 1973, they settled in Vacaville, Calif.

After his active duty service,



Dave Wigley appears with the band at age 16.

Dave worked for Kaiser Foundation Hospitals and the State of California. He also served in the Air Force Reserve until his retirement in 1999 at the rank of Chief Master Sergeant. He volunteered at Travis AFB for the past 10 years and was director of the Retirees Activities Office at the time of his death.

I never saw Dave again after he left Greenbelt but we were able to reconnect by phone a couple of years ago. He was the same happy guy that I remember who played a steady bass for us in those first-generation days of growing up in Greenbelt.



## Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors

Find us on [facebook.com/mowattumc](https://www.facebook.com/mowattumc)

301-474-9410

Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

In person worship services cancelled for now.  
Live streaming on our Facebook page @mowattumc.  
10 a.m. Sunday mornings

## Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi

Phone: 301-937-3666 [www.pbuuc.org](http://www.pbuuc.org)



Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

July 19 10 a.m.

"Shifting Ideas About Policing"

Rev. Rachel Christensen; with Worship Associate Samantha Evans

What does Defunding the Police mean? What might it look like in our world? How might we get there?

ONLINE ONLY. Streaming info at <https://bit.ly/PBJuly2020>



"If thine eyes be turned towards mercy, forsake the things that profit thee and cleave unto that which will profit mankind. And if thine eyes be turned towards justice, choose thou for thy neighbor that which thou chooseth for thyself." —Bahá'u'lláh

Greenbelt Bahá'í Community

1-800-22-UNITE

301-345-2918

[Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com](mailto:Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com) [www.greenbeltbahais.org](http://www.greenbeltbahais.org)

Greenbelt Community Church

God is Still Speaking



Check us out on Facebook Live  
this Sunday at 10:15 AM  
<https://www.facebook.com/GCCUCCMD>

1 Hillside Road

301-474-6171

Rev. Glennyce Grindstaff

## ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

RETURN TO PUBLIC CELEBRATION

With joy, we return to the public celebration of Mass. Attendance is limited to 100 persons per Mass, all (3 and up) must wear masks. All details available on our website. Mon-Fri 7:15am, Sat 9am; Sat vigil 5pm; Sun 8am, 9:30am, 11am  
Confessions Saturday 3pm - 4pm

135 Crescent Rd.

[www.sthughofgrenoble.org](http://www.sthughofgrenoble.org)

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[www.greenbeltbaptist.org](http://www.greenbeltbaptist.org)

301-474-4212

@GreenbeltBaptist

**City Notes**

Horticulture/Parks installed sanitizing stations at the Dog Park.

Building Maintenance installed plastic sneeze guards in city facilities.

Arts Staff met with Public Works about studio cleaning and safety during a possible limited summer reopening.

Code Enforcement staff inspected Chevy's restaurant for COVID-19 compliance.

At the Museum, some large items in the collection were transferred into long-term fine arts storage.

Refuse/Recycling collected 30.90 tons of refuse and 14.41 tons of recyclables.

The Animal Shelter now houses two dogs, four cats and eight kittens.

Environmental/Sustainability staff inspected Greenbriar Park and may install an interpretive trail.

Recreation Administration and Park Rangers met to review July 4 park activity. Youth and Recreation staff continue planning for ongoing summer camps, reopening, outdoor movies, adult sports and fitness classes.

Therapeutic Recreation hosted Greenbelt's first COVID-era blood drive, at capacity with 35 donors, and provided meals and puzzles to 39 seniors.

**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 [archive.org/details/GNR1985080101/page/n1](https://archive.org/details/GNR1985080101/page/n1).)

This year, on the 75th anniversary of the first, and ever more fearfully, possibly not the last nuclear bombings, 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](https://facebook.com/ribbonwashingtondc), [peaceactionmd.org/issues/nuclear-disarmament](https://peaceactionmd.org/issues/nuclear-disarmament) or [youtube.com/watch?v=c5FiK79mvYk](https://youtube.com/watch?v=c5FiK79mvYk).



# 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 20-25**

Monday, July 20 at 8pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
**re: Greenbelt NCOZ Zone.** Virtual meeting will be shown live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv)

Wednesday, July 22 at 7:00pm, **FOUR CITIES COALITION,**  
 Hosted by Berwyn Heights (Virtual)

Thursday, July 23 at 7:00pm, **FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD (Virtual)** On the Agenda: Green Mechanics 3 site determinations, Delineating Community Garden & Forest Preserve boundaries, Soliciting public comment for Master Trails Plan, Website update, Maglev update, Grant proposals for storm water management, Stream naming.

*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](http://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

**For more information call 301- 474-8000**

**CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION TO ONE OF THE CITY'S CHARITABLE FUNDS**

*The City of Greenbelt receives no portion of these funds nor does it charge an administrative fee for processing the donations*

**GOOD SAMARITAN FUND TO ASSIST ST. HUGH'S FOOD PANTRY:** This fund is overseen by the Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association (GILA). The St. Hugh Food Pantry will also take food donations that are dropped outside of the church office at 135 Crescent Road. Thank you so much for your help!

**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.

**Donate online at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/donations](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/donations)**



**Seniors Avoiding Isolation by Navigating Technology SAINT Pilot Project**



Amazon ECHO SHOW 8

+ Free Comcast Internet Essential Service (for 1 year)

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program is launching a pilot program for 50 seniors 60+ or disabled adults 50+ living in incorporated Greenbelt to provide:

- Free Comcast Internet Essentials for one year
- Amazon Echo Show to link residents with family and friends, classes, music and more.

Households must have a smart phone not a flip phone and participate in one of the following to enroll:

- SNAP—Food Stamps, Section 8 Housing, Medicaid, SSI, or Veterans Pension Recipient

For more information please contact Sharon Johnson, Community Case Manager

**Guide to SUMMER ARTS CLASSES**



Music, Dance, Visual Arts and Ceramics for All Ages  
 Live on Zoom!

Registration now underway!

Visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation) to download the guide.

A wide variety of programs for all ages are available!

Classes going on now!

For information on City services, events and more visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov).

Follow the City of Greenbelt on Facebook and on Twitter @cityofgreenbelt.



**GREENBELT RECREATION CELEBRATES PARK & RECREATION MONTH**

Children that have easy access to a playground are approximately five times more likely to have a healthy weight than children that do not have easy access to playgrounds. Greenbelt has 35 playgrounds! Search for one near you at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/playgrounds](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/playgrounds)



**REGISTER NOW AND CONNECT WITH YOUR CAMP FRIENDS!**

Summer fun plans for youth ages 3 through 17 years.

For the first time, anyone near or far, can attend our summer camps!

Reach out to invite faraway friends and family to join your child for camp this summer! Enrollment is ongoing. Call 301-397-2200 for more information.

**[www.greenbeltmd.gov/summerconnect](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/summerconnect)**

Greenbelt Recreation

*Summer Fun Activity Kits*

Join us on Monday, July 27 from 10am-12 noon (or until they're gone)  
 Schrom Hills Park, 6915 Hanover Pkwy,

Summer Fun Activity Kits will be provided free of charge to Greenbelt residents. Kits are designed for youth ages 3+ and are filled with art supplies, sports equipment, and more!

Please bring proof of Greenbelt residency.

**COUNCIL CHAIR TODD M. TURNER PRESENTS GRAB AND GO MEALS FOR SENIORS**

**Wednesday, July 29 from 10-11am**  
**Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road**

Pre-registration is required for the "District 4 Seniors Grab-and-Go Meals" event. Please contact City of Greenbelt Community Resource Advocate, Christal Batey at 301.345.6660 ext. 2012, Monday, July 20 – Wednesday, July 22, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The "District 4 Seniors Grab-and-Go Meals" events will distribute 500 pre-packaged meals prepared by Martin's Catering to residents 60 years and better in District 4. Each box will contain one breakfast and three lunch meals, pre-cooked and frozen for convenience.

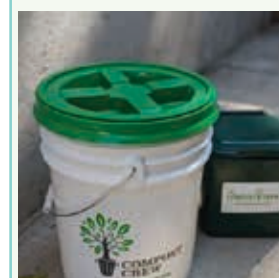
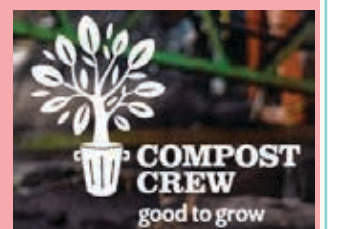
Registered seniors should wear a mask and stay in their cars. Staff will be on hand to provide parking lot guidance, collect registrations and obtain check-in information. One food box per registrant will be provided and placed in the truck or back seat. This is a non-contact event and all staff and volunteers will wear protective equipment.



*The City of Greenbelt is proud to introduce the new...*

**Food Scraps Drop-Off Program beginning August 1st, 2020!**

Food scraps normally fill up the land-fill and slowly release greenhouse gases. By partnering with Compost Crew, Greenbelt residents will now be able to bring excess food scraps to the Recycling Center located in between Buddy Attick Park and the Public Works Building at 555 Crescent Road.



The first 100 interested participants to register for the program will receive a complimentary kitchen caddy and 5 gallon bucket for food scraps!

To register please send an email to Environmental Coordinator, Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll: [kdricoll@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kdricoll@greenbeltmd.gov)

## GRANTS continued from page 1

This grant will allow Higher Achievement to provide academic support, small group mentoring and year-round engagement by a dedicated staff working in concert with the Middle School administration and teachers. Three programs will be available to students: Afterschool Academy, Summer Link and High School Placement.

The final grant recipient for Spring 2020 is The Space Free Art for All, Inc., a nonprofit focused on building community through art. The SPACE is receiving \$4,943.75 to launch a program called STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) Ahead. STEAM Ahead will build a cohort of diverse children, youth and adults who feel empowered to use STEAM to explore and create their worlds.

The purchasing of computers, digital cameras, software and hardware, made possible through this grant, will allow community members to experience STEAM for themselves. The SPACE is already planning virtual workshops and at-home tutorials for use during the COVID-19 related restrictions, and plans to launch the new STEAM Ahead in-person elements as soon as safely possible.



PHOTO COURTESY HIGHER ACHIEVEMENT

**GCF grantee Higher Achievement provides mentoring for middle schoolers.**

sible.

Since opening in 2018 and under the direction of founder and executive director Shaymar Higgs, The SPACE has hosted over 8,000 local residents and visitors in art-making experiences, such as sewing, painting, poetry, dancing and meditation workshops.

Grant applications are carefully considered based on viability, effect on the community and the funding available during the given grant cycle. To help support these and future projects, GCF encourages donations and promo-

tion of the funded events or by volunteering to serve on one of the several governing committees.

GCF's mission is to support worthwhile initiatives by local organizations benefiting the Greenbelt community. GCF has two grant cycles a year; grant awards range from \$500 to \$5,000 and are given to Greenbelt community groups, cooperatives and nonprofit organizations. Interested groups may next apply for a grant on October 15, for new or existing projects.

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contract, meaning that anything in it could be rethought shortly as the process began again.

### The Question Called

After impassioned and lengthy speeches on one side and a fair number of sharp exchanges, expressive faces and finger wagging on both sides of the question, the motion to accept the agreement passed by 5 to 2 with Roberts and Byrd against. To get to this point, however, Councilmember Judith Davis had called the question (to force a vote) and the majority backed her. Byrd complained that calling the question was unfair to those who still had much to say, at which point Davis noted sharply that the discussion had become circular, the majority of her colleagues apparently agreed with her and that members of the public had been heard from as well as counsel. As far as she was concerned, there was no more to be achieved by discussion.

### Next Steps

Councilmember Emmett Jordan, Ehrenreich and counsel pointed out that citizen input

needed to go in before the draft was negotiated to closure and that a series of public meetings in the fall, before the draft was prepared, would be a productive way to accommodate citizen and council concerns.

Attorney Patrick J. McAndrew, who represents the FOP, noted that the agreement as it stands is a significant investment by the city and the FOP, that the prior agreement had expired and this agreement is, in fact, a stopgap in that the new agreement will be in negotiations at the end of the year into early 2021 while the state legislature is working on LEOBR. He also pointed out that Greenbelt wasn't like Atlanta and Minneapolis in its policing – which drew some sharp criticism from Byrd who felt the city did not have a spotless record.

The public can see the entire discussion for themselves on the council video [greenbeltnm.d.granicus.com/player/clip/1389?view\\_id=2](https://www.greenbeltnm.d.granicus.com/player/clip/1389?view_id=2). The discussion on the CBA begins at about 1:25 into the meeting and ends at around 2:50.

## SCHOOLS continued from page 1

Classes will be held five days a week and will also be broadcast on PGCPSTV for younger students.

Next week, PGCPSTV will release a report outlining how it will support all students, especially English language learners, those with special needs and youth from low-income families.

August 31 will be the first day

of school for all grade levels. If health conditions allow, PGCPSTV will offer hybrid instruction during the second semester. This would include two days of in-person learning and three days of distance learning. Full-time distance learning would continue for those students who opted in.

## Greenbelters Wear Masks



PHOTO BY LISA CRAWLEY

**Benjamin Banneker and Booker T. Washington want to encourage all Greenbelters to wear their masks.**



PHOTO BY DI QUYNN RENO

**The Community Center's Di Quynn Reno sports a catchy chequered number.**

## Public Notice

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate potential environmental impacts of implementing a new Master Plan for the GSFC Greenbelt Campus. The GSFC Greenbelt Campus Master Plan would be implemented over a 20-year period during which time numerous buildings would be demolished, constructed, and renovated and general infrastructure maintenance and improvement activities would continue throughout the installation. NASA would explore different options for some excess buildings and land areas to include divesting land, divesting buildings and potential future partnerships with non-NASA entities.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), GSFC invites the public, government agencies, and other interested parties to comment on the scope of the environmental review. The input will be used in the development of the EA. The Draft EA is expected to be released in January 2021 for public review and comment.

Please provide comments in writing, within 30 days of the publication of this notice. Comments may be submitted via mail or email, however due to the current situation with COVID19, email is preferred.

Submit comments via email to [lizabeth.r.montgomery@nasa.gov](mailto:lizabeth.r.montgomery@nasa.gov) or postal mail to Lizabeth Montgomery, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Code 250, 8800 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, MD 20771.

For further information, contact Lizabeth Montgomery at [lizabeth.r.montgomery@nasa.gov](mailto:lizabeth.r.montgomery@nasa.gov) or 301.286.0469.



### PRELIMINARY AGENDA GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS Thursday, July 23, 2020

- A. GHI Special Open Session – starts at 7:00 p.m. (open to members and visitors)**  
Approve Motion to Hold an Executive Session Meeting on July 23, 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 18, 2020
  - Member Financial Matters
  - Request by a Member for a Rental Permit Extension
  - Contract for Pre-sale Repairs to a GHI Unit - 2nd reading
  - Member Complaint Matter
- C. GHI Open Session (open to members and visitors) – starts at 7:45 p.m.**
  - Announcement of Executive Session Meeting Held on July 23, 2020
  - Approval of Addendum for Trust Ownership and Trustee's Affidavit
  - Approve Minutes of Special Open Session Meeting Held on June 18, 2020
  - Approve Minutes of Regular Open Session Meeting Held on June 18, 2020
  - Member Proposal to Establish a COVID-19 Fee Deferral Relief Fund for GHI Members
  - Proposed Repairs to a Retaining Wall and Staircase at 2 Ct Plateau Place Damaged by Roots of a Redwood Tree
  - Architectural Review Committee's Recommendation re: Revisions to Section V11: Fences of the Member handbook

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:

Time: Jul 23, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)  
Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83869896783?pwd=UEJQL0NUNUJiVnMFBkRkEhUxMzNvZz09>  
Meeting ID: 838 6989 6783  
Password: 402883  
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+1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown)  
Meeting ID: 838 6989 6783  
Password: 402883  
Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83869896783>



To request a sign language interpreter for a board meeting, go to <http://www.ghi.coop/content/interpreter-request-form>, contact us by phone (301-474-4161) or fax (301-474-4006).

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

## Turner to Host Greenbelt Grab-and-Go Senior Meal

Prince George's County Council Chair Todd M. Turner, in partnership with the Prince George's County Department of Family Services and the cities of Bowie and Greenbelt, will host two free District 4 Seniors Grab-and-Go Meals drive-up events, one in Bowie and the other in Greenbelt. The Greenbelt event will be held on Wednesday, July 29 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Community Center.

The Grab-and-Go Meal events will distribute 500 pre-packaged meals prepared by Martin's Catering to residents 60 years and above in District 4. Each box will contain one breakfast and three lunch meals, pre-cooked and frozen for convenience.

Turner, who represents Greenbelt and Bowie as the District 4 councilmember, says supporting seniors has become even more critical as families continue to struggle with food insecurities resulting from COVID-19. "While the COVID-19 pandemic prevented us from hosting the Annual District 4 Senior Luncheon events this year," Turner said, "we are continuing to serve the needs of

our seniors and honoring their community contributions. Many of our senior residents were vulnerable pre-pandemic, and as families continue to struggle with food insecurities resulting from COVID-19, we are privileged for the opportunity to host these events and provide this support."

Registered seniors should wear a mask and stay in their cars. Staff will be on hand to provide parking lot guidance, collect registrations and obtain check-in information. One food box per registrant will be provided and placed in the trunk or back seat. This is a non-contact event and all staff and volunteers will wear protective equipment.

Pre-registration is required. For additional information, questions or to register by phone, contact District 4 Outreach Coordinator Evelyn Archie at 240-619-9775 or EJarchie@co.pg.md.us. Greenbelt residents wishing to register should contact City of Greenbelt Community Resource Advocate Christal Batey at 301-345-6660 ext. 2012, Monday, July 20, to Wednesday, July 22, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

## Reel and Meal Will Screen Immigration Documentary

by Frank Gervasi

The film *Illegal* is a must-see to better understand who the people are who seek entry to this country and why they risk so much. It will premiere on Monday, July 20 at 6:45 p.m. at the Reel and Meal monthly film program hosted by the New Deal Café. The free film, presented on Zoom, with discussion after the screening with the filmmakers, shows why so many refugees come to the U.S. from El Salvador and other Latin American countries.

Laz Ayala came to the U.S. at age 14 in the trunk of a car, fleeing the civil war in El Salvador in 1980. Now a naturalized citizen and successful entrepreneur, he returns to his original home town. Ayala and the film crew, led by filmmaker Nick Alexander, trace the path that he and so many others have taken seeking refuge and opportunity. They interview people waiting at the border, people who are here legally or are undocumented, and those on temporary work permits.

They show the real people who come here wanting safety and a better life – good, hardworking people in pursuit of the American dream.

The film is sponsored as a "sneak preview" by the 2020 Utopia Film Festival, scheduled to take place in October. This film is an important counterbalance to some of the rhetoric that has been heard recently regarding those who seek to immigrate to the U.S.

The Utopia Film Festival is now in its 16th year. The Reel and Meal at the New Deal Café has presented films with discussion monthly for almost 14 years. Utopia typically sponsors two of those months.

Use the link provided at [tinyurl.com/July20MealandReel](http://tinyurl.com/July20MealandReel) to participate in the July 20 program.

Participants can order the vegan meal special at [dc-vegan.com/](http://dc-vegan.com/) order-online by noon on Sunday, July 19, for pickup from 3 to 5 p.m. on Monday.

# Labor Day Retro Town Fair Will Be Held Virtually This Year

by Sheila Maffay-Tuthill

The Greenbelt Museum staff hope Greenbelters have been planting, baking and creating this spring and summer and will consider sharing the fruits of their labors with the community through the Museum's annual Retro Town Fair, to be held as an online event at Labor Day time.

The fair will have all the traditional categories that have been so popular; in addition to one new sewing/crafting section: mask making. Greenbelters are creative, and with so many citizens making face coverings, the Greenbelt Museum staff and Retro Town Fair judges are excited to see what will be entered.

The fair will accept entries via emailed photographs and all judging will be done online. Folks that participate in the always hotly contested baking category will be asked to include a copy of the recipe of the baked goods in the photo. Judges are disappointed they cannot actually taste the entries this year, but have alternative parameters to use for awarding ribbons. The entries will be highlighted on the Museum's website, with virtual ribbons affixed. More details will be coming in early August, including deadlines for entries. Every category from last year will continue, with the addition of mask making.

For further information email Greenbelt Museum Education and Volunteer Coordinator

Sheila Maffay-Tuthill at [education@greenbeltmuseum.org](mailto:education@greenbeltmuseum.org).



This floral arrangement is pretty as a picture.

- Photos by Megan Young



Black tea and cardamom combine to make winning cookies.



PHOTO BY SHEILA MAFFAY-TUTHILL

This cucumber is ready for its close-up.



### Send Us Your High Resolution Photos!

The News Review encourages readers to send in photos of Greenbelt landmarks, activities and the changing seasons. Photos should be at least 300 dpi, and must include the name of the photographer and a caption. The caption must name any identifiable people in the photo, as well as explain the picture.

If you are sending photos from your phone, please choose the option to send "actual size", or upload the photos to your computer first and then email the photos at full size. Send photos to [editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com).

### Continental Movers

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\$90 x three men  
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202-438-1489  
[www.continentalmovers.net](http://www.continentalmovers.net)

**GREENBELT**  
10-2 Sunday.  
Parking lot  
by Roosevelt  
Center  
FARMERS MARKET  
Masks, distancing  
required. Entry metered.  
[Greenbeltfarmersmarket.org](http://Greenbeltfarmersmarket.org)  
We accept/match SNAP

**REQUEST A MEAL**  
**DONATE A MEAL**  
**MCFcc.org/FeedGreenbelt**  
FEED GREENBELT  
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**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**NEW DEAL CAFÉ**  
**ONLINE FUNDRAISING AUCTION**  
SEPTEMBER 8TH THROUGH SEPTEMBER 26TH

**CALL FOR DONATIONS**  
Consider donating an art or music lesson, tutoring, a gift card or certificate. Offer a service, a work of art, an amazing photo, a membership, or a musical performance. Any item that showcases the best you or your business has to offer.  
We need your help to make this auction a huge success and keep the New Deal rockin' for years to come.  
Email [auctioncoordinatorndc@gmail.com](mailto:auctioncoordinatorndc@gmail.com) or [Haney.meghan@gmail.com](mailto:Haney.meghan@gmail.com) for more details.  
Visit us at: [www.newdealcafe.com](http://www.newdealcafe.com)

# FOGM Committed to Fighting For Diversity and Equality

by Jennifer Ruffner

On July 2, the board of the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM) issued a statement to members of the Friends group. The statement noted that the board is saddened and outraged by recent events and “stands in solidarity with all those fighting for equality.” Among other commitments, the board stated that “we have a duty to our visitors and members to confront racism and social inequities in our own organization and community primarily through educational initiatives that explore Greenbelt’s past, present and future.” The board also committed to training initiatives for the board in inclusion and equity and to diversifying board membership. Importantly, the board, in

collaboration with the Greenbelt Museum, will establish an ongoing paid internship focusing on the history of minorities in Greenbelt. The board welcomes other ideas for how they can take a more active role in anti-racism work as an organization (email Jennifer Ruffner, board president, at [Jen.ruffner@greenbelt-museum.org](mailto:Jen.ruffner@greenbelt-museum.org)), and invites the public to read the full statement at [greenbeltmuseum.org](http://greenbeltmuseum.org).

Jennifer Ruffner is board president of Friends of the Greenbelt Museum, Inc.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL HARTMAN

Greenbelt police officers join the Community Solidarity gathering on the corner of Hanover Parkway and Ora Glen Drive on Saturday evening, July 11, 2020. This weekly event focuses on participants sharing stories, especially the violence inflicted by police brutality on Black, Indigenous and Other Women of Color.

# E & F Democratic Club to Hear From the Biden Campaign

by Konrad Herling

The Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will meet via Zoom on Sunday, July 26 at 3 p.m. to chat with leaders in Maryland’s campaign for Joe Biden for President.

The club’s Zoom picnic on June 28 marked an important message from Maryland’s Democratic Chair, Yvette Lewis: Democrats from all over the state will be calling folks to urge that they vote for Biden for President and for Democrats running for reelection to Congress or to defeat incumbent Republican Andy Harris on the state’s Eastern Shore. Lewis and club members attending the “picnic,” wore hats and sunglasses as if they were actually present at a summer event. Moved by Lewis, the local Democrats agreed to be

part of an effort to call folks in Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania. The picnic will be aired on Greenbelt Access Television in the near future. Details will be available on the club’s web page: [rooseveltclub.com](http://rooseveltclub.com).

Lewis, in response to Governor Larry Hogan’s decision to provide voters with a choice as to how to vote (mail absentee vote or in person), urged that regardless of how one votes, club members reach out to registered voters. While the polls have looked good even in reliably Republican voting states, she urged all not to take this for granted. (Governor Michael Dukakis had an 18-point lead in July 1988 only to lose to Vice President George H.W. Bush in November of that year; Secretary of State Hillary Clinton also

had a lead over Donald Trump but lost in key states which resulted in Trump’s victory.)

Shortly after Governor Hogan’s decision, Maryland Attorney General Brian Frosh, who supports voting by mail ballot, expressed his opposition to the governor’s decision as one that “unnecessarily puts voters’ lives and the lives of poll workers at risk.” In the meantime, the governor’s decision stands.

The club urges members and potential new members to access [rooseveltclub.com](http://rooseveltclub.com), where the link to the Zoom event can be found. For any additional information, readers may contact Club President Konrad Herling at 301-345-9369 or [kongeneherl@gmail.com](mailto:kongeneherl@gmail.com).

# Peace & Justice Coalition Seeks Volunteers August 8



PHOTO BY LUCY DUFF

Marjory Donn, Donna Hoffmeister and Marjorie Gray of the Prince George’s County Peace & Justice Coalition are seeking 27 people, each to hold one poster on August 8, to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings. For more information or to volunteer contact [marjgray3@gmail.com](mailto:marjgray3@gmail.com).

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# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, [www.greenbeltmd.gov/police](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police). Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents. The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Call 1-866-411-TIPS. Drug Tip Line 240-542-2145

### Stabbings

July 12, 10:26 a.m. Officers responded to a report of the sound of shots coming from a residence in the 9000 block of Breezewood Terrace. Officers located a man suffering from apparent gunshot wounds. Despite life-saving efforts by officers, he was pronounced dead on the scene. A possible suspect seen running from the scene is described as Black, wearing skinny-type jeans, who got into a black vehicle and fled the area. No further information is available.

July 3, 8:42 p.m., 5906 Cherrywood Terrace. A man said he was stabbed by someone while at a party. He was transported to a local hospital for treatment of a laceration to his arm.

### Dumpster Fire

July 3, 11:28 p.m., 6925 Hanover Parkway. Officers observed several people setting off fireworks and then fleeing. The fireworks resulted in a dumpster fire that was put out by firefighters.

### Theft

July 3, 3:03 p.m., 6 Court Ridge Road. A red Trek Hybrid FX-1 touring bike was taken

from an open garage along with a lock and dolly-type pushcart.

### Fraud

July 2, 5:05 a.m., 6213 Springhill Court. A woman lost her wallet and a credit card inside it was used later to make an unauthorized purchase.

### Burglary

July 3, 10:55 a.m., 9123 Springhill Lane. A man at home heard someone in his apartment and discovered the front door open and money and a set of car keys missing. There was no sign of forced entry.

### Vehicle Crime

Temporary Virginia tags 69111Z were taken from 6225 Springhill Court.

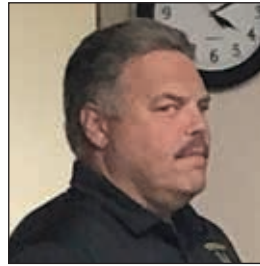
Windows were broken out and handicap placards taken from three locations, 7500 and 8013 blocks Mandan Road and 8000 block Greenbelt Station Parkway.

A wallet was taken from 7500 block Mandan Road and food items from 5817 block Mandan Road, both after windows were broken out to gain access.

Paint was scratched in the 8000 block Greenbelt Station Parkway.



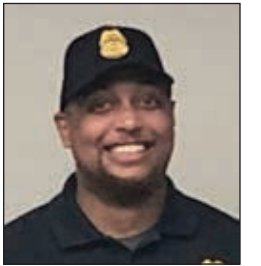
Sergeant Mike Apgar



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The Greenbelt Police Department announced the promotion of the following officers: Mike Apgar from Corporal to Sergeant, Marvin Marks from Corporal to Sergeant, Jermaine Gullede

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Mother deer and fawn are behind the 4 Court of Ridge Road.

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blacksmith, wheel wright shop and a doctor's office. The homes are well separated from the ponds. The residences of five DuValls and three DuVals are in this area. Edmund DuVal resided at Marietta, the former home of Supreme Court Justice Gabriel DuVal (1752-1844). Marietta is now a house museum operated by Prince George's Parks and Recreation.

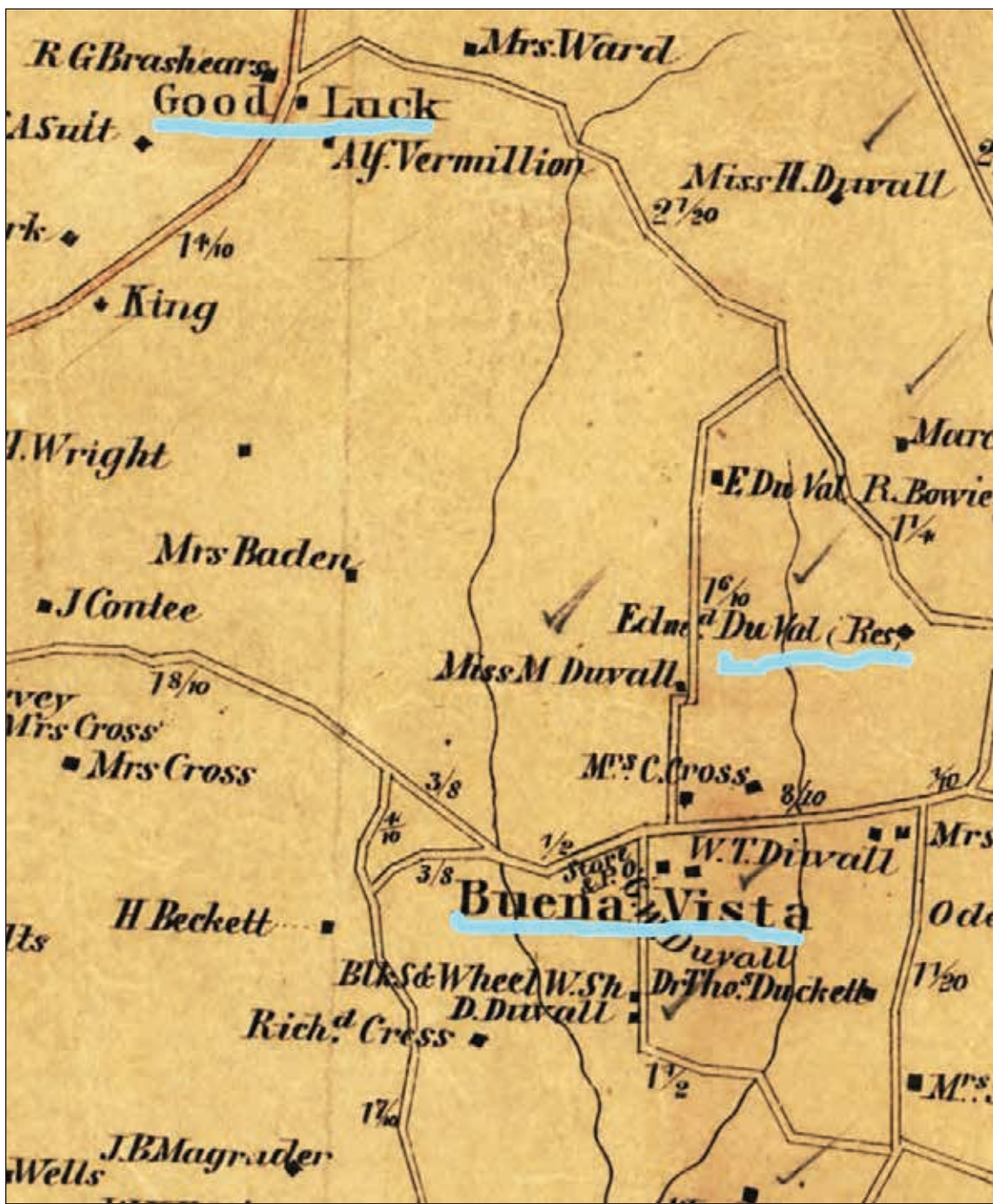
This area of Lanham at the intersection of Annapolis Road with the more modern Martin Luther King Highway (Md. 704) was known as Vista in the 1960s and 70s when an African American Motorcycle Raceway operated there according to a recent John Kelly's Washington column in the Washington Post ([washingtonpost.com/local/answer-man-goes-for-a-spin-at-vista-raceway-a-motorcycle-track-in-maryland/2018/06/02/ce997faa-64dd-11e8-99d2-0d678ec08c2f\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/answer-man-goes-for-a-spin-at-vista-raceway-a-motorcycle-track-in-maryland/2018/06/02/ce997faa-64dd-11e8-99d2-0d678ec08c2f_story.html)).

Looking over the 1861 map, one can find homesites throughout Prince George's County for many of the county's most prominent families such as Bowie, DuVal (Duvall), Hall, Mitchell, Magruder, Turner and Walker. Other names include Hyatt, Calvert, Beal, Pumphrey, Suit, Belt, Lithicum, Contee, Snowden, Duckett, Wooten, Clagett, Sasscer, Baden, Estep, Breashears, Waring (Warring) and Gwynn. Besides being major landholders, holding public offices and having towns, roads and public buildings named for them, these families were likely slaveholders.

**B&P and PRR**

The 1861 map shows the proposed route for the newly chartered Baltimore and Potomac Railroad (B & P) but construction was delayed until 1869, after the Civil War. The tracks ran from Baltimore through Anne Arundel County south to Upper Marlboro, Port Tobacco and St. Mary's County. The railroad was backed by the Bowie family, including Oden Bowie, who later became Maryland governor. Designated stations now within the City of Bowie were Bowie, Collington, Mitchellville and Hall.

A developer subdivided lots at Bowie Station and named it Huntington, the genesis for the City of Bowie. Collington Station was just south of Annapolis Road (Md. 450) at its intersection with Collington Road (Md. 197). The Mitchellville Station was a short distance west of the intersection of Mitchellville and Mt. Oak roads, where the Mitchell family had a store and post office. Hall



Good Luck is in the upper-left corner of this enlargement of a part of the 1861 Martenet's Map with Good Luck Road cutting across that corner. The Edmund DuVal residence (Marietta Mansion) is marked at the right-center of the photo. The road to the west (left) is Glenn Dale Road, running from Good Luck to Buena Vista (lower center). The road east of the mansion is approximately where Glenn Dale Boulevard (Md. 193) is now located. The east-west road is Annapolis Road (now Md. 450). Running southward on the west side of Buena Vista is Lottsford-Vista Road. On the east side is Enterprise Road (Md. 193). The road in-between south of Annapolis Road running to Enterprise Road is the southern segment of Glenn Dale Road.

Station is just off Central Avenue and now is the name of a commercial development.

Before the B&P was completed, the company made a deal with the Pennsylvania Railroad (PRR) which was building a mainline between Washington and New York City, but could not obtain right-of-way south of Baltimore. B&P was authorized to do branch lines up to 20 miles long, more than the distance between Washington and Bowie. Completed in 1872, that branch line became the PRR mainline and is now the Amtrak Baltimore-

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## Newspaper, Readers Reach Beauchamp Scholarship Goal

by Mary Lou Williamson and Brogan Gerhart

A hearty thank you to our many readers who together donated \$4,015 to the Virginia W. Beauchamp Scholarship to benefit a graduate student in the University of Maryland Department of Women's Studies. As agreed to by the News Review Board of Directors, the newspaper mailed its check for the matching \$4,015 to the university's foundation that manages scholarship funds.

In early March, the funds for the scholarship had been at nearly \$15,000 toward the \$25,000 endowment goal with a deadline of June 30, 2021. Thus the \$8,030 raised by Greenbelt, plus an anonymous gift of \$5,000, has more than reached the goal. That means the scholarship will be made permanent.

Assistant Director of Development for the College of Arts and Humanities Norah Quinn McCormick wrote to the News Review: "I am thrilled we could reach the Beauchamp Scholarship endowment goal, and a full fiscal year ahead of the deadline. The scholarship will now live in perpetuity, offering opportunities to generations of students in Women's Studies. It is a fitting tribute to Virginia Beauchamp and it could not have happened without the support of the Greenbelt community."

The Beauchamp Scholarship, which was conceived by the Campus Club in 2016, has provided annual need-based awards of \$750 since its creation for graduate students in Women's Studies. That amount is now expected to increase to \$1,000 or more annually.

Beauchamp, a proud Greenbelter, was an avid supporter of women's rights and a journalist and sometime editor of the News Review for more than 60

years. Beauchamp copy-edited the paper every Tuesday afternoon until she was well into her 90s and increasing frailty kept her reluctantly at home. "She was a feminist and a tireless volunteer for Greenbelt in Greenbelt," said University of Maryland Campus Club President Sarah Bourne.

Bourne met Beauchamp in the 1960s. They were both members of the Prince George's County Historical Society and strong proponents of the Equal Rights Amendment. Throughout their long history, Bourne said she always viewed Beauchamp with "a great deal of respect." Bourne said if it hadn't been for Beauchamp's persistence, a women's studies program at U-MD would have taken a lot longer to come about, adding that Beauchamp was instrumental in spreading awareness for women's issues and perspectives.

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

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

*A series of four stories about Virginia Beauchamp and the News Review's challenge to complete the funding for the endowed scholarship were written by the News Review's spring semester intern Brogan Gerhart and published during March and April.*



Gladiolus after rain

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## McCarl Dental Group Puts Focus on Their Patients' Safety

by Susan Harris (adapted from greenbeltonline.org)



The McCarl Dental Group's surgery on Ridge Road has reopened after being closed for all but emergency and palliative care from March to June. That's how long it took to make huge changes in order to comply with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations and protect its staff and patients.

### Seeing Patients Safely

McCarl's has made extensive augmentations to their normal standards of care to meet or exceed all Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), OSHA and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines for dental practices.

For staff, these new practices mean:

- Advanced training
- Daily checks of the staff
- New personal hygiene for the staff (e.g., no jewelry or long nails), and staff now changes out of their work clothes at work
- Cleaning after every appointment and deep cleaning every evening
- CDC-approved instrument sterilization
- N95 and ASTM Level 3 masks and face shields, plus disposable protective hats (when appropriate) for clinical staff
- ASTM Level 3 masks for front-desk staff
- Negative pressure rooms for highest levels of self-containment and climate control
- HEPA air filtration, which captures viruses
- Installed clear barriers throughout the practice

For patients, the protocol includes:

- Screening via questionnaire and no-contact temperature-taking
- No handshakes or hugs, no office tours and gloves from outside not allowed
- A virtual waiting room – in patients' cars – and no magazines in the waiting room
- Socially distanced seating throughout the facility
- Anti-microbial rinses for all patients before work begins
- Advanced chair-side suction (high speed evacuation to minimize aerosol contamination and improve air quality)

In a phone interview, Dr. Clayton McCarl stated that the practice had hired a safety consultant – the lead inspector for OSHA in Maryland, in fact – who conducted mock inspections and all-staff virtual meetings. As a result of this effort the practice was certified OSHA- and CDC-compliant. In addition, the

Above, McCarl's dental staff celebrate Mardi Gras just before COVID-19 forced closures. From left, Drs. Jay McCarl, Dianna Lee, Clayton McCarl and Richard Duarte

At right, Dr. Clayton McCarl sports his full PPE regalia. Inset: what he really looks like

- Photos courtesy McCarl Dental Group



clinical staff underwent an infection control program and were certified.

Though he has "embraced the new normal," it's not without difficulty. McCarl remarked, "The layers of PPE (personal protective equipment) are unbelievable." The masks make their mark. This includes dents in their faces from the pressure of the masks – a look the staff is stoically calling the "mask-nose bridge of honor." McCarl said, "You should see the staff lounge – it's full of supplies like hairnets, gloves, face shields."

In addition, the protective gear causes a substantial slowdown in their work. A visit that used to take 30 minutes can now easily take 60, so they're scheduling fewer patients.

McCarl also noted that there's an unfortunate impact on how well the staff can communicate with patients. "Those layers of masks can make speech sound muffled and patients can't see our smiling faces. Also, it's scrubs only – no more tie and jacket."

### Increased Costs

Initially, the protective apparel was disposable, so at \$10 each patient, that adds up. They've since found a uniform company to supply surgical gowns that can be laundered, which reduces the unit cost.

"The N95 masks are expensive. We don that first, then a less expensive Level 1 mask on top of it, which gets changed after each patient."

"We haven't wrapped our arms around the economics of it but are grateful that we got a government loan to offset the PPE and sterilization expenses. Like many businesses, we're hoping to have that forgiven."

### Patient Impact

The McCarl website shows many recent and positive patient reviews on Google and the practice's Facebook page.

This one was posted to the Greenbelters Facebook group: "Kudos to McCarl's Dental for taking the COVID-19 threat to their patients and staff deadly seriously. I was there twice this week and they are doing everything right to minimize risk."

Clayton McCarl confirmed that the patients are "very, very pleased." The only pushback has been about the suction devices used in patients' mouths, which for some can be intrusive.

Another impact is that appointments with hygienists are harder to get, primarily due to the three-month backlog while they were closed, exacerbated by the retirement of a key staffer. The practice is also seeing numerous new patients from practices that still haven't opened up or have closed permanently.

McCarl's advice is that patients requiring cleanings shouldn't wait to make the call. Patients who live close by can also put their names on a will-call list to be contacted to come at short notice in the event of cancellations.

### Supply Concerns

McCarl says their biggest concern is about the supply of all that protective gear. "The Health Department of Prince George's has been very good at getting masks to us and there's a good supply of clothing. The masks are treated like gold bullion, being stored in the doctors' offices and doled out carefully."

"But what would cause the practice to close again is a lack of PPE due to supply chain problems or a major flare-up across the country," he said, noting that several times already, their supplies have been redirected to medical facilities by the Maryland Department of Health. That's in addition to worrying about a national redirection of supplies to other states.