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*Fond Memories*

## Greenbelt Childhood Friends Key to Hometown Memories

by Alan Burt

My parents moved to Greenbelt in 1941. They had a 1-year old daughter, when they purchased their home in 2 Court of Laurel Hill Road. In 1945, they welcomed a second daughter and moved to a two-bedroom on Plateau Place. I was the last of three and arrived in 1953.

In 1956, we moved to a three-bedroom in 11 Court of Ridge Road. This was where my memories of Greenbelt began. There were so many kids to play with in the court and it seemed that we had a lot of freedom even at 3 to 5 years old. I started at Greenbelt Center School (now the Community Center) in the first grade. In the beginning, my mother would walk me to school until she was sure I knew the way. In many areas there were no roads to cross and we walked to school in complete safety. Greenbelt's foresight of building underpasses was pure genius. Many lives have been saved in the past 80 years because of this, especially with the freedom and lack of good sense we had back



PHOTO COURTESY ALAN BURT

Alan Burt (front left) and his golf group of the boys of Greenbelt gather for their annual golf outing in 2019, many decades after they became pals in the 1950s in Greenbelt.

in those days.

When I was six, during my first summer vacation after first grade, I met many new pals. The friendships made in those early days are still as solid 60 years later. You see, I was finally allowed to cross Ridge Road and it opened up a whole new

world for me. Most of my new friends went to school across the big field (Braden) at St. Hugh's.

So basically, my Greenbelt adventure began in the summer of 1959. That summer and for many more we played ball in the

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## Alsobrooks Discusses Maglev, Beltway Widening with Council

by Cathie Meetre

*This is the second of three parts of a report on the November 30 worksession between Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks and the Greenbelt City Council.*

Council addressed a number of city- and county-related issues in which transportation played a significant role in the discussion, both during and beyond the pandemic. The discussion on the county's response to and plans for beyond the coronavirus pan-

demuc was reported in last week's News Review.

**Maglev**

Both Mayor Colin Byrd and Councilmember Rodney Roberts spoke in criticism of the maglev project and Beltway widening and in support of transportation initiatives and priorities to support the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). Alsobrooks was vehement in her condemnation of both projects, saying that, "We do

not deserve to be run over with more pavement and concrete." In response to a question from Councilmember Judith Davis, Alsobrooks replied that she is happy to go on record as opposing both projects and that she will join in efforts that allow her to oppose them. Alsobrooks noted that she's interested in projects that help people get around in Prince George's County, not projects that are directed at getting people through the county to somewhere else. Of maglev, she said, "it comes through at a zillion miles an hour and doesn't even stop here," and expressed disbelief that it would ever, in

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### What Goes On

**Monday, December 14**  
8 p.m. Council Meeting  
**Wednesday, December 16**  
7 p.m. Council Worksession: Franklin Park (Stakeholders)

All council meetings are virtual. See the meetings calendar at [greenbeltmd.gov](http://greenbeltmd.gov) for agendas and information on public participation in these meetings.



PHOTO BY PAUL DOWNS

Artwork by Paul Downs is on display at the New Deal Café. See story, page 12.

## Council Hires Experienced Law Firm to Fight Maglev

by Diane Oberg

At its November 23 regular meeting, the Greenbelt City Council unanimously approved hiring the environmental law firm Jill Grant and Associates (JG&A) to assist in its review of environmental impact statements on projects such as the maglev train and the expansion of the Capital Beltway and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, approved a no-cost lease to re-establish a police substation in Beltway Plaza and approved a list of priorities to be discussed with the city's state and county representatives.

**Law Firm**

Council has long sought to hire a law firm to assist in reviewing environmental impact statements where city staff has limited expertise but until now has received no interest in its

inquiries to firms. Councilmember Rodney Roberts engaged in a lengthy search and found a firm that appears to fit the bill. According to their website, JG&A specializes in environmental, Indian and administrative law. Among other activities cited, they negotiate with the Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of the Interior and other agencies and litigate cases on environmental issues.

The city will pay \$120 (paralegal) to \$350 (Jill Grant) per hour for the company's work. It will also pay the firm's out-of-pocket expenses on the case from postage to travel, meals and lodging when required. The firm's attorneys are all members of the

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PHOTO BY HELENOR MESIAS

Lastner Lane is ready for Christmas.

## Capitol Cadillac Dealership In Greenbelt Has Now Closed

by Matt Neufeld

Capitol Cadillac, one of the longest-running Cadillac auto dealerships in the Washington, D.C., region, has closed down in Greenbelt, ending 86 years in business.

Capitol Cadillac – located at 6500 Capitol Drive, half a block off Greenbelt Road – had its last day of operation on November 18, according to a voice message left by the dealership on its main business phone line. The business assets of Capitol Cadillac were sold to the Sport Automotive organization in Silver Spring. Sport Cadillac opened for business on November 19.

Attempts to reach the former owners of Capitol Cadillac and the current owners and managers at Sport Automotive and Sport

Cadillac were unsuccessful, as several phone messages left at the offices of all three businesses were not returned.

Capitol Cadillac first opened for business in Washington, D.C., in 1934. The dealership operated in D.C. until 1979, when the business moved to its new location in Greenbelt. That location was notable for being visible from both the Capital Beltway and from Greenbelt Road.

According to The History of Washington, D.C. Cadillac Dealerships by Richard Sills et.al. ([clcpotomacregion.org](http://clcpotomacregion.org)), Floyd DeSoto Akers took over the representation of Cadillac and LaSalle automobiles in 1934 under

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## Editorial

# Our Carriers Bring Holiday Greetings

With a December issue of the newspaper, the Greenbelt News Review distributes an envelope that requests tips for carriers. Place a tip in the envelope, stamp it and mail it to the carrier's address on the front of the envelope. If you write a check, make it out to the carrier – not the newspaper. All tips go directly to the carriers.

Though they are paid a nominal sum each week, this extra token of appreciation means a lot. Their tips and pay teach the younger ones about how to work, maintain a good attitude and manage money. Carrier families with multiple routes find the income a real boost. It is notable that many of Greenbelt's carriers grow up to become productive adults, taking this positive first work-world experience with them into success in later years. If your carrier is especially meticulous and reliable, delivers promptly and dependably and protects the newspaper from wind and rain, let them know how much they are appreciated.

Despite Covid-19 restrictions and schedule concerns this past year, all those distributing the paper have stuck to their guns and helped us get the paper out every week. Our new circulation manager, Elizabeth Gardner, helps make sure the whole process stays on track. Delivery staff Alan Burt and Amina Khalifa and her grandson Alexander are key links who supply carriers and fill boxes and racks.



The holiday season gives all of us a chance to show appreciation and to provide encouragement for the efforts of these young people and at the same time to show understanding for any minor problems with delivery that may have happened during the year. The News Review thanks everybody involved for doing a great job, caring about the community and braving heat, cold and wet conditions to bring residents their papers.

## Letters to the Editor

### Small Steps To Safer Roads

A simple way to test the sincerity of Maryland lawmakers to make our streets safe for pedestrians, cyclists and all other motor vehicles would be to introduce two pieces of legislation.

1. Lights on When Driving. Period. The overhead electronic signs on the Beltway, etc., that now read Masks on Maryland could read Lights on Maryland.

2. Repeal Right Turn on Red. That's it.

Jean Lombardo

### See and Be Seen

A couple of days ago, I was walking along Ora Glen Road when I noticed a horrific thing.

At the intersection of Frankfort Drive and Ora Glen, there is a traffic circle and a pedestrian crossing. I was walking there in the evening when I saw a car approach headed to the circle. As it passed by I saw that it did not have its lights on, though it was getting dark and one would expect the lights to be on. It did not slow down for the circle.

At the same time, I noticed a couple of boys on bikes coming downhill from Frankfort Drive at high speed and without stopping dashed across the Ora Glen in the path of the car. They were in dark clothes with no reflectors or any kind of lights on the bikes.

Fortunately nothing bad happened. The car missed the boys by about 20 feet or so but I wonder if the driver had enough time to react if they had seen the cyclists in time. I was horrified by the negligence of both the parties.

It is getting dark earlier these days. We must make efforts to be seen and avoid such mishaps. I would appeal to the following:

1. Kids and their parents: Wear light colored clothes and reflective strips. Have lights on the bikes. And most importantly, slow down and look around for any vehicles when crossing any street.

2. Motorists: Turn on your lights. They are not only there for you to see the road but also there for others to see your vehicle.

And 3. Greenbelt Public Works: Have all intersections, particularly those with pedestrian crossings, well lit. People need to see and be seen through these.

Rahul Mehta

### New Deal Café Reality Check

The New Deal Café (NDC) Board of Directors is honored and humbled by the task of serving the Greenbelt community for over 25 years. We are a group of volunteer community members who give our time, energy and expertise to provide a community living space for all.

We were delighted by the attendance and engagement at the November 30 NDC virtual board meeting. The questions, comments and helpful feedback of first-timers and regular attendees were, as always, greatly appreciated. Like so many groups and cooperative endeavors in Greenbelt, the NDC survives and thrives because of the constructive engagement of community members.

Mistruths and rumors abound in times of transition. As discussed at the NDC board meeting, our food services contractor (DC Vegan) signed a three-year Management Agreement, for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021, setting forth clearly defined and mutually agreed upon terms and conditions. Beginning in 2019, long before, and unrelated to, the coronavirus pandemic, serious and ongoing breaches to the agreement were committed by DC Vegan. Attempts to address and resolve these concerns, orally and in writing, began in 2019 and continued into 2020. With no resolution in sight, the NDC board sent a letter on September 5, 2020 to the Moons citing nine of the most egregious breaches and advising them that pursuant to the terms of the agreement the "Company [NDC] shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon notice in writing to the Manager [DC Vegan] should Manager fail to comply with the terms of this Agreement, such failure, having continued without remedial measure being taken within thirty (30) days of notice of breach."

The NDC board offered to work with DC Vegan on remedies; the offer was refused. The NDC offered to work with a neutral mediator; the offer was refused. Instead, DC Vegan chose to leave as of November 30, a full seven months before the end of the agreement. This early abandonment of their responsibilities was yet another breach of

the agreement, and subjected the Café to significant financial loss.

We are, however, excited about the opportunities this moment provides us. Local vendors have reached out to us and have expressed interest in partnering with us to re-open the Café as soon as practicable. We welcome additional letters of inquiry at: [boardofdirectors@newdealcafe.com](mailto:boardofdirectors@newdealcafe.com). We are also delighted about the formation of a new outreach committee, which will help us in spreading the word (go to [tinyurl.com/NDCvenderAD](http://tinyurl.com/NDCvenderAD)) and in decision-making focused on serving the best interests of the community.

The feedback we receive from the survey will guide us in our decision-making and we encourage everyone to complete it (go to [tinyurl.com/NDC2020Survey](http://tinyurl.com/NDC2020Survey)).

As always, questions, comments and requests for information should be sent to the New Deal Café Board of Directors at [boardofdirectors@newdealcafe.com](mailto:boardofdirectors@newdealcafe.com) or the New Deal Café audit committee at [audit@newdealcafe.com](mailto:audit@newdealcafe.com).

We warmly embrace a diversity of ideas that advance this community project. We are working with the Center for Dynamic Community Governance to develop a strong governance structure that will help us to serve you in a welcoming, consent-based, transparent and accountable way.

We are living through difficult and challenging times, but we can make a difference on the local level. We invite you to join us in making the New Deal Café, once again, an affordable, fun, welcoming place to sit, schmooze, eat, drink and make merry in 2021.

*Board of Directors and Audit Committee of the New Deal Café*

### Holiday Hours and Deadlines

Christmas and New Year's deadlines for submitting ads and content to the News Review will remain the same as usual for 2020.



### Service or Garden Side?



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B. Glee



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- Tuesday 2 p.m. Articles/photos under 700 words, photographs not associated with a story.
- Tuesday 6 p.m. Classified Ads and camera-ready display ads.
- Email submission is available. Hardcopy submissions (delivered by respective deadline) may be mailed to the address above or left in the Co-op grocery store drop box or GNR external office door mail slot, as shown below.
- Payment must accompany ads except by prior arrangement

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 6 - 8 p.m.

Office is currently closed to the public. Please phone or email.

GNR external office door mail slot is located up a few stairs 25 yards left of the Community Center's east door near the municipal building.

# Community Events

## Collaborative Listening To Build Relationships

The Prince George's Community Collaborative Resolution Center (PGCCRC) offers a virtual learning series designed to help improve relationships between individuals, whether family, neighbors or work colleagues. This local mediation center has partnered with the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy to help fulfill one of the city's goals of building a community that embraces diversity and fosters relationships across cultural and ethnic lines.

The four-part series, on successive Saturdays starting January 9, 2021 from 10 a.m. to noon, is called Collaborative Listening for Relationship Building. The goal of the series is to help families and individuals develop tools to better communicate in ways that strengthen their relationships, even when conversations are hard. Developing these skills will help individuals closed in at home by the coronavirus and on a collective level when the community begins to reconnect as the pandemic subsides. The series will take place virtually and free of charge as follows:

January 9, Listening When It's Hard; January 16, Speaking When Emotions Are High; January 23, Asking Questions That Encourage Understanding; and January 30, Brainstorming for Agreements and Resolutions.

All sessions can be accessed through Eventbrite: [eventbrite.com/e/collaborative-listening-for-relationship-building-tickets-130063903637?aff=ebdssbeac](https://eventbrite.com/e/collaborative-listening-for-relationship-building-tickets-130063903637?aff=ebdssbeac). Or simply go to [eventbrite.com](https://eventbrite.com) and search for Collaborative Listening. For more information email the PGCCRC at [pgresolutioncenter@gmail.com](mailto:pgresolutioncenter@gmail.com).

## Astronomical Society Virtual Potluck

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will be holding a virtual holiday potluck and winter solstice party at 7 p.m. on Thursday, December 17. Come discuss a favorite astronomical event or experience from 2020. Zoom information will be posted on the Society's webpage at [greenbeltastro.org](https://greenbeltastro.org) by the day of the potluck.

## Free Student Meals At Greenbelt Schools

Meal pickup and delivery is free for all Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) students through Thursday, December 31. All schools in Greenbelt serve as meal distribution sites. Students picking up meals do not need identification. Parents and guardians should bring a student ID or most recent report card. It is possible to collect for others by bringing the appropriate student ID numbers.

Multi-day meals are available for pickup Mondays and Wednesdays between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Visit the PGCPS website, [pgcps.org](https://pgcps.org), for more information and a list of delivery locations.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

## Monthly Mindfulness

On Sunday, December 13 take a break from online shopping to do something that will really prepare you for the holidays. Yoga Nidra, or Yogic Sleep, helps a person enter a state of consciousness between waking and sleeping. This free mindfulness session will be held over Zoom on Sunday between 1:30 and 3 p.m., and led by Laura Bonkosky. Bonkosky has many years of experience as a Yoga teacher, specializing in this form of meditation. No mat or stretchy yoga pants (or a stretchy body for that matter) are needed – this form of yoga can be done lying down in the comfort of home. Only an internet connection (or a phone) is needed. Read more about it at [greenbeltunplugged.org](https://greenbeltunplugged.org). To get the Zoom link send an email to [events@greenbeltunplugged.org](mailto:events@greenbeltunplugged.org).

## Celebrate Greenbelt Community Art

Artist-in-Residence Rachel Cross will lead participants in Hopes and Dreams for our Community, a community art event on Saturday, December 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participants will come to the turn-around area between the Community Center and the Aquatic & Fitness Center (GAFC), receive art materials through contactless pick-up, create their art in the comfort of their cars and then add their work to a collaborative community art piece on the GAFC fence. The community art will celebrate and display our hopes and dreams for Greenbelt and surrounding community. To participate, sign up at [signupgenius.com/go/2020communityart](https://signupgenius.com/go/2020communityart).



## Virtual Recreation

Greenbelt Recreation's winter classes and special events are online via the Virtual Recreation Center. Go to [greenbeltmd.gov/recreation](https://greenbeltmd.gov/recreation) to access a wide range of online activities, including classes, video tutorials, sing-alongs and more. Art activities can be accessed in the Visual Arts section of the Virtual Recreation Center.

## 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](https://greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org).

**GAC**  
GREENBELT ARTS CENTER

**GUTENBERG! THE MUSICAL!**

by Anthony King and Scott Brown, directed by Zach Walsh

Online: Fridays and Saturdays, December 11, 12, 18 and 19  
[greenbeltartscenter.org](https://greenbeltartscenter.org)

Coming Soon: Twelfth Night: Jan 8 - 10

## Juried Art and Craft Fair

The Greenbelt Recreation ARTS Program is sponsoring an extended online edition of the city's annual Festival of Lights Juried Art and Craft Fair. This event runs until Sunday, December 20. Guests can shop safely online with 54 regional fine artists, artisans and authors. Wares available for purchase include wall art, housewares, clothing, accessories, books, seasonings, soaps and more. Shoppers can also purchase tickets for online events through the Greenbelt Arts Center and merchandise supporting the Greenbelt Museum and Greenbelt Nursery School. To access the fair, guests should visit [greenbeltmd.gov/craft](https://greenbeltmd.gov/craft). For additional information, email Anne Gardner at [agardner@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:agardner@greenbeltmd.gov).



PHOTO BY RACHEL CROSS

Rachel Cross is an artist in residence at the Community Center who creates artwork using repurposed materials such as dried gourds, vintage beads and found objects.



PHOTO BY REBECCA OSSI

Greenbelter Damien Ossi, a member of DC Area Spoons and Woodware, carves wooden spoons.

Carol-lynn Swol, a studio artist based in Hyattsville, creates jewelry inspired by nature. She uses both antique tools and computer-aided design (3-D printing and laser cutting). Says Swol, "My processes for creating jewelry purposely flit between the traditional and the experimental as I seek to adorn the fashionably modern."



PHOTO BY ED MEIDENBAUER

## 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 and its 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 its D.C. region website at [oa-dcmetro.org](https://oa-dcmetro.org).

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7 am	Greenbelt Newsreel	• or Selections From the GATE Archive	
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SAT/SUN	Member Spotlight	• GATE Community Producers	
12 pm	Democracy Now!	• Today's Program • Independent News	
1 pm	Science Bowl PGCPS	• Greenbelt v Kenmore • Martin Luther King Jr v Oxon Hill	
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# Connecting Across Greenbelt: Festive Dishes and Traditions

by Gettie Audain, Tom Adams, Lois Rosado, Robert Goldberg-Strassler

Delicious, mouthwatering foods are eaten during the various holidays celebrated throughout Greenbelt at this time of the year. Learn from our diverse Greenbelt family why certain foods are connected to different holidays, share recipes and swap stories about our traditions. "The best way to get to know people is by learning about their culture," says Barbara Ann Jones, a Greenbelt resident.

On Thursday, December 17 at

## Learn About Latkes With Mishkan Torah

Join Mishkan Torah's expert latke maker Phil Williams on Zoom on Sunday, December 13 at 12:30 p.m., to learn how to make these delectable treats. Free registration is required. To register and receive the link, send an email to WaysandMeans2@mishkantorah.org.

While most are familiar with candle lighting and playing the dreidel game, eating oil-based fried foods is also a traditional component of a correct Hanukkah celebration. Oil-based foods honor the miracle of the lights in the story of the Maccabees. As the story goes, an enemy desecrated the Temple in Jerusalem, which contained the sacred lamp called the menorah. Even though they were outnumbered, the Jewish people went on to win the battle. When Judah Maccabee, the leader of the Maccabees, returned to the Temple in Jerusalem, the first thing he did was to restore the sacred lamp. There was almost no oil left – only enough for one day. However, when the menorah was filled with this oil and lit, miraculously instead of lasting only one day, it lasted eight days, long enough to obtain additional oil and keep the menorah lit. Jewish people remember this by eating symbolic foods, as they do on other Jewish holidays.

The ultimate meaning of the holiday – which means "dedication" – is about rededicating ourselves, as the Maccabees had to rededicate the defiled Temple.

Latkes (a.k.a. potato pancakes or levivot in Hebrew) are simple fare and delicious. Those registered for the session will receive the recipe and should have the ingredients ready at hand. Phil will guide participants through his step-by-step process. Happy Hanukkah!

7 p.m., there will be a Zoom get-together (meeting ID 810 3695 3405) to share delicious recipes and the festive traditions behind them. Hear about Soup Joumou, a Haitian Independence Day food tradition; learn about sufganiyot and latkes, eaten during Hanukkah; learn about coquito of Puerto Rico, a delicious drink that is consumed during Noche Buena, an important Christmas eve celebration in many Spanish-speaking countries; obtain a favorite recipe for Irish soda bread or Christmas cookies; learn about Muharram, the Islamic New Year and Dhanu Sankranti, that acknowledges the arrival of new brightness in India as well as many other traditions, including winter solstice celebrations. This is an opportunity to make delicious memories and swap stories that will delight and whet the appetite.

Connecting Across Greenbelt (CAG) is a multi-cultural, multi-racial, multi-generational group of Greenbelters working to build connections and relationships to enhance the quality of life for all.



# Obituaries

## Christa Leckliter



PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

Christa Leckliter

Christa Colleen Wilkinson Leckliter, age 69, died on December 2, 2020, from complications of lupus. She was born on May 17, 1951, in Fredericksburg, Va. Christa, along with many members of the Wilkinson and Leckliter families, grew up and lived

for many years in Greenbelt.

She was predeceased by her parents, Joseph and Virginia Wilkinson, and her beloved Jimbo Leckliter. She is survived by her three siblings, Bob (Jeanne) Wilkinson, Beth (Nicholas) Wilkinson and Kevin (Arlene) Wilkinson; her three children, JC (Ratna) Leckliter, Don (Shana) Leckliter, Tina (Steve) Strickland; eight grandchildren, Bo, Gloria, Ty, Jenna, Jake, Jaida, Priya and Alexa; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at a later date when family and friends can safely gather to celebrate her life. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to the Lupus Foundation of America, support.lupus.org/goto/Christa\_Leckliter.



The News Review sends its condolences to the friends and family of Christa Leckliter. She grew up with her family in Greenbelt and died on December 2.

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

## Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.



PHOTO BY FLORY LIETZ

Ewok says, "Who's ready for Christmas?"



Happy Hanukkah!



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY of GREENBELT

During the pandemic, we gather VIRTUALLY for Liturgy of the Word Sundays, 10:00 a.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

For ZOOM link:

FDeBernardo@aol.com

## 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. Join us Saturday, December 19 Christmas Concert

## 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

December 13 10 a.m.

Annual Holiday Choir Service"

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**At the Library**

For the winter, items reserved through the Greenbelt Library should be retrieved from the tables placed outside the lower-level entrance. Signs on the tables indicate the five separate pickup spots for masked, socially distanced customers. Staff will not come to a customer's vehicle unless a customer indicates a need for assistance in their appointment request.

Curbside service hours are now Tuesdays to Fridays from 1 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 1 to 5 p.m. by appointment only. Customers may place requests for up to 50 items in advance.

**Biblio Consulta**

The library's new Spanish language call center is available by calling 240-455-5451 (press option 2) Tuesdays to Fridays from 1 to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m.

**3D Printing**

The library's 3D printing program is available for customer print jobs that can then be picked up through curbside service. For more information visit [pgcmls.info/3d-printing](http://pgcmls.info/3d-printing).

**Mobile HotSpots**

Families can borrow mobile hotspot devices for up to nine weeks at a time. Adults 18 and older with library cards in good standing may request a SmartSpot through the curbside booking form. One device per household may be borrowed. No LINK or student accounts will be allowed.

**Read Woke Challenge**

The library is participating in the Read Woke Challenge, a national initiative to encourage reading, personal growth and racial and social equity. Readers of all ages are encouraged to read or listen to at least five books by Tuesday, December 15 that explore diversity, inclusion, equity, anti-racism and the many perspectives of the human experience. Readers can register on Beanstack to participate. All who log five titles through December 15 will be entered in a raffle to win a \$50 Amazon gift card.

**Play "I Spy..."**

Although PGCMLS library buildings are closed to the public, the Greenbelt Library welcomes families to stop by the upper-level entrance to view the "I Spy..." discovery station. Library staff have created a display of various items to be viewed through the glass. Remember to observe social distancing etiquette during your exploration.

**Author Talk**

On Monday, December 14 at 7 p.m. Lambda Literary Award finalist and Maryland native Zack Smedley discusses his hit book *Deposing Nathan*, which was a 2020 ALA Rainbow List Selection and winner of the 2019 YA Bisexual Book Award. He is joined by Kelsey Hughes and Isaiah West of PGCMLS. Co-presented with the Prince George's County Human Relations Commission.

**Expungement Clinic**

On Saturday, December 12 at 10 a.m., Community Legal Services of Prince George's County, Inc. and the Library host a free expungement clinic for adults who have a criminal record and need assistance with obtaining work or housing. Registration required at [pgcmls.info/event/4702352](http://pgcmls.info/event/4702352).



# 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, December 14, 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**  
-Introduction of Jill Grant & Associates  
-America Recycles Day 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 Meetings**

- Statement for the Record - September 21, 2020  
- Statement for the Record - November 10, 2020  
- Statement for the Record - December 2, 2020

**Administrative Reports**

**Committee Reports**

\*-Recommendation to Amend Section 8-4 of the City Code (Mail-In Voting Procedures)

**LEGISLATION**

- City of Greenbelt Apartment Electronic Security Ordinance  
1st Reading

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- Improved Medicare for All
- Mental Health Support
- Bureau of Engraving and Printing DEIS
- SCMaglev Public/Agency Coordination Plan - Updated October 2020
- SCMAGLEV ACTION REQUEST: Writing Campaign to Request Extended DEIS Commenting Period
- PG 406-21: Prince George's County – Land Use – Magnetic Levitation Transportation System Siting (Prince George's County Stop the Maglev Act of 2021)
- Appointment of Council Members to Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Board and Policy Committees
- Council Activities
- Council Reports
- \*- Community Center – News Review Lease
- \*- Contract Renewal for Red Light Camera System
- \*- Employee Special Holiday
- \*- Appointments to Advisory Boards
- \*- Resignation from Advisory Group

**MEETINGS-Scheduling of Future Meetings**

**COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE VIRTUAL** Cablecast on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996 and [www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv)

**Resident participation: Information will be posted on Meetings Calendar at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://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](mailto:banderson@greenbeltmd.gov)*

**VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on:

- Arts Advisory Board
- Youth Advisory Committee
- Board of Elections
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee

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

**AMERICAN LEGION 33RD ANNUAL PUBLIC SAFETY AWARDS**

**Premiering on Friday, December 11th at 6pm**  
On City of Greenbelt Facebook and YouTube@Cityofgreenbelt  
Watch as we recognize this year's outstanding public safety personnel!

**EMERGENCY DIAPER PICK-UP**

Need help with diapers? In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, The Greenbelt Nursery Project is supporting needy Prince George's county families by distributing diapers on Thursday, December 17th, 2020.

Parents are required to bring state-issued photo ID, each child's birth certificate, proof of Prince George's residency (mail from a federal, state, or local government agency which display their name and Prince George's county residential address) - if it is their first time attending the event. No walk-ups accepted. Please register online at <https://forms.gle/ocb2V1ZuV3LrYGq26>. Registration required.

Time and location given upon submitted registration.



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**VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR DECEMBER 14-18**

Monday, December 14 at 5:30pm, **YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, Virtual Meeting. *On the Agenda: Crime Prevention, continuing discussion, Advisory Committee Liaison Reports Takoma Park Youth Council, Socialization in Online Schooling*

Monday, December 14 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING** Virtual meeting will be shown live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 & 996 and streaming on [www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv)

Tuesday, December 15 at 7:00pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES**, Virtual Meeting. *On the Agenda: Discussion about possible representative from ACT on the Greenbelt SCMAGLEV Opposition Task Force*

Wednesday, December 16 at 7:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/Franklin Park at Greenbelt Station, (Stakeholder)**, Virtual meeting will be shown live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 & 996 and streaming on [www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv)

Thursday, December 17 at 5:30pm, **BOARD OF ELECTIONS**, Virtual Meeting.

**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).**

## FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

The City of Greenbelt looks forward to celebrating the winter holidays with you. Programs will be tailored to the prevailing conditions. Please visit the Greenbelt Virtual Recreation Center for event information as it is announced. Also, mark your calendar for these upcoming programs:

Santa and his helpers will make a special call to your home to check whether your kids are being naughty or nice. Complete the informational flyer available online on our Greenbelt Virtual Recreation Center for your child's opportunity to chat.

# Climate Action Network Sets Priorities, Looks for Volunteers

Accomplishing something important requires establishing priorities, setting goals and finding people to help reach those goals. At the November 11 Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN) meeting, group members participated in a poll to choose the top five priorities for our advocacy work. These top campaigns include:

1. Brandywine Power Plant and Charles County Pipeline. The Mattawoman Energy Company, LLC plans to build a fifth power plant just east of Route 301 and just south of Brandywine Road. This 990-MW plant would be fueled by natural gas from a 7.6-mile pipeline that would run from Charles County, through the headwaters of Mattawoman Creek and the Zekiah Swamp and through parts of Cedarville State Forest. GCAN opposes this plan which will use fracked gas. Brandywine has become a "sacrifice zone."

2. Eastern Shore (Delmarva) Pipeline. The Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company has applied for a tidal wetlands license. This is part of a 6.83-mile, 10-inch diameter gas pipeline beginning in Salisbury and extending to University of Maryland, Eastern Shore. Organizations such as GCAN oppose the disruption of the wetlands as well as the use of fracked gas, creating new fossil fuel infrastructure, rather than transitioning to renewable energy.

3. Prince George's County Climate Action Plan. The recently formed Prince George's Climate Action Commission plans to create a Climate Action Plan by fall of 2021. The plan will include strategies for decreasing greenhouse gas emissions and also increasing community resilience in the face of the changes that are expected to occur. GCAN plans to provide input to the

plan, through the local Sierra Club chair, who serves on the Commission.

4. Beltway Expansion. A plan to allow a P3 (public private partnership) to build toll lanes on I-495 and I-270. This project will result in more traffic congestion, not less, defeating its "purpose and need." Chronic traffic congestion must be made to continue indefinitely in the "free" lane or there will be no incentive for motorists to pay to use the toll lanes. Despite assurances, the P3 will need to be subsidized by Maryland taxpayers.

5. Northeast Maglev and Baltimore-Washington Rapid Rail. The promoters describe Northeast Maglev as an innovative, green transportation option that would carry passengers at 311 mph, travelling from D.C. to New York in an hour, decreasing intercity trips by cars and using less energy per seat than traditional automobile or air travel. Opponents, such as GCAN, are against this plan, because it will destroy homes and green spaces along its route, tickets will be very costly and the train will not serve Prince George's County.

As a grassroots organization, GCAN affirms its need for volunteers to work on various tasks such as attending city council meetings, writing letters of support, testifying at hearings, attending coalition meetings and reporting back to GCAN, posting on social media (GCAN Facebook page) and posting to the GCAN Google group. GCAN invites interested Greenbelt residents to join them to learn how volunteers can help change the world.

More details are available at [chears.org/gcan](http://chears.org/gcan).



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District of Columbia Bar. Grant qualifies for the Maryland Bar and will apply immediately upon execution of the agreement.

The firm will be looking at the entire maglev route in its work and Councilmember Judith Davis noted that this could make it easier to ask other groups to help fund the work.

This is not the only expense the city will likely incur in fighting these environmental battles. If JG&A determines that consultants or experts are needed, they will so advise the city. Roberts said that in his discussions with Grant, she said that the firm would make recommendations as to the experts required. The agreement does not limit the city's ability to hire other firms, but Roberts noted that JG&A has firms and experts with whom they have a good working relationship. He said that the city needs to give some deference to their recommendations. City Solicitor Todd Pounds agreed, cautioning council that the city should not interfere with how the attorneys will handle the case. He said that they are the ones who should decide what firms to hire and doubted that the city would do anything to override what the experts are looking for to protect and represent the city.

Grant was planning to Zoom into the council meeting but when they got to this issue it was nearing midnight and she had already left the meeting due to commitments the next morning.

### Police Substation

Council unanimously approved a no-cost lease to restore the police substation in Beltway Plaza. Unlike the previous arrangement, there will not be an officer assigned to Beltway Plaza. The officer assigned to Franklin Park will be the primary officer using the space, which could also be used for additional programming for residents of that apartment complex. The city will not be

charged rent for the space.

### Legislative Priorities

Council unanimously approved a set of legislative priorities to be discussed with the city's state and county representatives, probably in late December or early January. The priorities are: Greenbelt Road streetscape improvements, Greenbelt Metro Station improvements, statewide police reform, opposition to the relocation of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing facility, blocking the maglev train routes through Greenbelt and Prince George's County, opposition to a proposed state takeover and privatization of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, opposition to widening the Capi-

tal Beltway and coronavirus relief spending.

Council did not agree to include Mayor Colin Byrd's request to add repeal of the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights and reform of the Maryland Public Information Act. Davis pointed out that council has not discussed these proposals.

### Other Actions

Director of Planning and Community Development Terri Hruby introduced Holly Simmons to council as a new city planner. With Simmons's hiring, the department is now fully staffed.



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fact, be built. Also in opposition to the high-speed rail system, Councilmember Leta Mach pointed out that the assertions about additional jobs associated with maglev and the Beltway lane addition have not been clarified or validated and that she "doesn't believe anything the maglev project says." Alsoobrooks echoed that the county is "shocked and angered" by how lightly the promoters of these projects take coming through the county with "no regard to the benefit of the people living there." In the ensuing discussion, Councilmember Emmett Jordan noted that the resources that would be spent on maglev and widening the Beltway are needed to support WMATA, which has lost 70 percent of its income during the pandemic. He pointed out that the bulk of WMATA's employees live in Prince George's County and that over 3,100 bus and rail service jobs have been lost.

### Beltway Widening

Alsoobrooks commented that the widening project also was designed to benefit others and

not Prince George's, stating, "We always are considered last." Department of Public Works and Transportation Deputy Director Martin Harris, speaking for the county transportation office, remarked that he was still trying to figure out the rationale from a transportation point of view and is trying to get any information that shows the benefit to Prince George's County. His priority is to help get county residents through and around the county. Roberts remarked that the coronavirus has shown that a lot of people can work at home which may reduce commuting, and that "there is no profit in a private partnership to make a route that only rich people can afford to ride."

Roberts also viewed it as antithetical to encourage widening highways when climate change is a concern. He pointed out that the automobile is not a good way for large numbers of people to move around and that, in an era of climate change, investing in mass transit is key. Alsoobrooks agreed.

**Co-op Closed Dec. 16 Morning**  
 The Co-op Grocery Store and Pharmacy will be closed during the morning of Wednesday, December 16 for Pepco to accomplish the changeover that includes power from the array into the electricity flowing to the store. Co-op will open at 1 p.m. and there will be no curbside pickup all that day. This is the culmination of two years of effort to bring solar power to the store, reduce energy costs and use renewable power.

**GREENBELT The Farmers Market will reopen on Mothers Day, Sunday, May 9, 2021**  
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Happy Hanukkah!



# Mary Ann Canter: Founder of Greenbelt's Firefly Sanctuary

by Eva Sanchez

Mary Ann Canter knows the narrow and winding walkways around Greenbelt like the back of her hand. Her love of walking the outdoor pathways led her to create the first firefly sanctuary in Maryland. "It just came on like a lightbulb – the idea, firefly sanctuary," Canter says. "Usually when I have an idea like that, I think, 'Oh, somebody else has had that idea too.'"

But after doing research, she discovered she was the first to have this idea in Greenbelt. So she acted on it.

Canter spent her free time researching firefly sanctuaries. She learned how to write a proposal to the city, and with the help of some neighbors a committee was formed, and the firefly sanctuary was approved. A Greenbelt resident for over 30 years, Canter says, "We moved here because it is a walkable community. There is a park behind my house so every summer I would walk through the park at night and I saw the fireflies. They were just unbelievable."

During her research Canter learned that firefly populations were vulnerable and that populations were declining due to habitat loss and pesticide use. "So, I thought, I've got to preserve the fireflies, we've got to make them safe," Canter says.

When she first decided to start the project, she knew little about fireflies. She did research online, read books about fireflies and learned as much as she could about the lightning bugs that captured her heart.

A former employee at one of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's insect labs, Canter says



PHOTO BY MARY ANN CANTER

Mary Ann Canter, the firefly lady of Greenbelt

she believes that the way people view insects is starting to change. "You know the whole emphasis has been on, let's just kill them," Canter says. "But that's really started to change."

The Greenbelt City Council approved the firefly sanctuary on March 10. The city set aside a designated area in the Stream Valley Park near Canter's home.

Pesticides and herbicides will not be used, and the edges of the forest with taller grasses will remain uncut. In order to protect their habitat, the streams and trees in the sanctuary will not be disturbed.

"I thought it was a great idea and a wonderful opportunity to conserve open space and provide habitat for a species that is in need of our help for survival," said Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll, the environmental coordinator for the Greenbelt Department of Public Works. "Fireflies are an iconic feature of summer nights

and their future will most likely depend on human assistance."

Canter was able to get the firefly sanctuary approved with the help of some of her neighbors. One of them, Anna Chulaki, said the fireflies make Greenbelt special.

"The firefly season in Old Greenbelt is just absolutely amazing and there are maybe three places where the fireflies congregate, and I have never seen anything like this before," Chulaki said. "I always thought this is a fantastic thing, a fantastic opportunity for everybody who lives here."

The year has been filled with racial tensions, political polarization and a global pandemic. Canter says she hopes her firefly sanctuary represents an escape from the chaos of the world.

"We're going to do more outreach when the pandemic is over in the summer, take some students up there or kids or whoever and show it off a little bit. There is still a lot to learn," said Canter.

She hopes that other people will find the fireflies and end up making more firefly sanctuaries around the city.

*Eva Sanchez is a University of Maryland journalism student reporting for the News Review.*



## Happy Holidays!

As we near the end of an unexpected year, I am reflecting on how we view 'home.' It's a place we cherish and call our own. Whether you are able to spend time with your family this holiday season or not, I hope that you, too, are rediscovering the meaning of home and the significance it holds for you.

Cheers to new beginnings!

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## Snippets from the Past

The Police Blotter in the August 4, 1966 issue of the News Review (archive.org/details/GNR1966080401/page/n1) contains this intriguing item:

A young boy entered a neighbor's house armed with a hammer. He claimed to be chasing fireflies. Upon complaint of the occupant the boy was picked up (by the police) and later released to the custody of his parents.



PHOTO BY HELENOR MESIAS

A Christmas Camellia near Laurel Hill Road blooms with bright holiday color.



### PRELIMINARY AGENDA GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS Thursday, December 17, 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 December 17, 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 November 19, 2020
  - Contract for 2021 Property and Business Owner's Insurance Coverage – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading
  - Proposed Procurement of an Integrated Property Management Software System – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading
  - Request from a Member to Assign Their Unit to GHI
  - Member Financial Matters
- C. **GHI Regular Open Session Meeting – begins at 7:45 p.m. (open to members and visitors)**
  - Announcement of Executive Session Meeting Held on December 3, 2020
  - Announcement of Complaint Hearing Held on December 7, 2020
  - Announcement of Executive Session Meeting Held on December 17, 2020
  - Approve Minutes of Special Open Session Meeting Held on November 19, 2020
  - Approve Minutes of Regular Open Session Meeting Held on November 19, 2020
  - Request by a Bank to Become an Approved GHI Share Loan Provider
  - Review Homes Improvement Program Summary Report re: Years 1 through 4
  - Member Comments re: Proposed Policy for Reasonable Accommodations
  - Proposed Revisions to GHI Rule Section III. Minimum Use and Maintenance Standards – Homes and Yards
  - Proposed Assignments for the Buildings Committee

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

Time: Dec 17, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85697337649?pwd=eHVhZjZ3d0lEVXVaeUR5R1NlWkFXdz09>

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Passcode: 135601

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# Business

The News Review invites Greenbelt businesses to submit brief announcements for the business column. Tell us about events such as new employees, anniversaries, awards won, new programs, and other newsworthy items. Send brief (40-50 words) items to [editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com).

## PFC Black Chamber, Franklin, Announce Business Grants

In response to the devastating impact that the coronavirus pandemic has had on small and minority-owned businesses in Prince George's County, the PFC (People for Change) Black Chamber and County Councilmember At-Large Mel Franklin recently announced the establishment of the Covid-19 Open Door Fund. This fund, which launched on Thursday, December 3, will provide on a rolling basis \$1,000 to \$3,000 in short-term relief grants to businesses in Prince George's County with one to 10 employees, less than \$250,000 in an-

nual revenues and a demonstrated impact on business revenues by the pandemic. Black-owned businesses are especially encouraged to apply.

Qualified small businesses may apply for the Covid-19 Open Door Fund at [pfcblackchamber.org/OpenDoorFund.html](http://pfcblackchamber.org/OpenDoorFund.html). The PFC Black Chamber is also encouraging donations to the fund by large companies, organizations, agencies and individuals to expand the number of small businesses that can be assisted. Go to the above website to donate to the fund.

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the name of the Capitol Cadillac Company. Akers, a World War I veteran, was a native of Wabash County, Ind. But the Washington Post reported that he is "no stranger to Washington, having been Cadillac zone manager here for three years before he left in 1928 to assume direction of the Boston zone. A sales and service building at 1222 22nd Street, N.W., containing over 40,000 square feet of space in a four-story building became the headquarters of the new dealership. It provided space for offices, a service department, a parts department and a shop, paint and trim department."

Also, according to the Caddie Chronicle, "In the General Motors hierarchy of sales outlets, Capitol was considered a distributor, which was higher up on the food-chain than a typical dealer." As such, it opened two suburban dealerships, Akers Oldsmobile-Cadillac in Alexandria and Suburban Cadillac-Oldsmobile in Bethesda. Both of these stores were later sold - the Virginia dealership is now Lindsay Cadillac and the Bethesda dealership is Coleman Cadillac.

In the March 1958 issue of Popular Science magazine, an article describes how Capitol Cadillac serviced and repaired the

White House Cadillacs used to transport President Eisenhower, the First Lady and other dignitaries. Akers remained at the helm until he retired in 1970. Aside from his automotive career, he was a civic leader, serving as chairman of the D.C. Armory Board and as a trustee of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. He was also a part-owner of the Washington Senators baseball team. In addition to his other contributions to Washington, Akers had a major role in launching a well-known local success story, the Blackie's chain of restaurants.

(Ulysses George Auger, known as "Blackie," was a Pennsylvania native and a second-generation Greek-American. According to Auger's obituary in The Washington Post in 2004, he served in the military during World War II, and shortly thereafter he came to Washington. He and his wife, Lulu, started a café at 22nd and M Streets N.W.)

# GUTENBERG! THE MUSICAL! Streams Virtually via Zoom

by Anne Gardner

GUTENBERG! THE MUSICAL! follows the comedic misadventures of two hapless writers as they perform the premier reading of their exciting new musical, a biography of Johannes Gutenberg, inventor of the printing press. The video Zoom performance, produced by Greenbelt Arts Center, is available to stream for two weekends, December 11 to 12 and December 18 to 19.

The show is a play within a play, like Hamlet but even funnier. Wannabe Broadway writers Bud and Deb are so excited to share their new musical with an audience, and what better way to share it than through a Zoom call? What they may lack in talent, they make up for in awkward energy. Although their show features an extensive cast, Bud and Deb have decided that for tonight's performance they will read all the parts themselves, wearing a different hat for each character.

Director Zack Walsh is an award-winning filmmaker, and the show stars Capital Fringe Festival favorites David Koenigsberg and Aria Velz. GUTENBERG! THE MUSICAL! is the perfect show for the Covid-19 age, since it has no sets and costumes, and relies only on an off-kilter imagination. According to Walsh, "GUTENBERG! THE MUSICAL! is a comedian's dream. Not only are the dialogue and songs laugh-out-loud hilarious, but the two-person musical concept, particularly when adapted to a video format,



Aria Velz performs in GUTENBERG! THE MUSICAL!

- Photos by Zack Walsh



David Koenigsberg appears as Monk in Greenbelt Arts Center's production of GUTENBERG! THE MUSICAL!

has provided such amazing creative opportunities for me, my cast and my crew."

The crew also includes Music Director Lucia LaNave, choreographer Stefan Sittig and producer Pamela Northrup. For

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**Theft**

November 25, 12:55 p.m., 5827 Cherrywood Terrace. Packages were taken from the front stoop of a residence.

November 25, 9:27 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace. One package was taken from each of three residences on November 20, November 22 and November 23.

December 2, 3:17 p.m., 426 Ridge Road. A package was taken from the front stoop of a residence on November 29.

**Reckless Endangerment**

November 26, 1:46 a.m., 9130 Edmonston Court. Officers responded to a report of the sound of gunshots. A witness advised that he was loading a moving truck when he heard several gunshots and then heard a vehicle leave the area. Investigation revealed two vehicles had been damaged by gunshots and several spent shell casings were located in the area.

**Fraud**

November 25, 3:58 p.m., 7900 block Vanity Fair Drive. A man received a check from a supposed survey company, with instructions to deposit it into his account,

transfer a portion of the proceeds to an individual he did not know and then keep the remainder. After following the instructions, he discovered that the check was a fake.

**Burglary**

November 25, 8:39 a.m., 6102 Breezewood Drive. Officers responded to a report of trespassers sleeping inside a vacant apartment. A 45-year-old woman and two men, 25 and 45 years old, were released pending charges for fourth-degree burglary and trespassing. All are nonresidents. The younger man was found to have an open warrant and was released to the Department of Corrections.

**Vandalism**

November 28, 5:35 p.m., 7927 Mandan Road. A marker was used to vandalize the front window of a residence.

**Vehicle Crime**

A 2007 Ford E350 van taken from the 9100 block Springhill Lane on November 24 was recovered the next day by D.C. Metropolitan police in the 2400 block Elvans Road, S.E., Washington.

Two catalytic converters were taken from Hanover Parkway,

both in the 7700 block.

Tags were taken from two vehicles. Rear Maryland temporary tag T0163485 was taken from a vehicle in the 6500 block Lake Park Drive and the front tag of another in the 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace.

A purse was taken in the 7500 block Greenbelt Road from a possibly unlocked vehicle.

Two thefts were reported after windows were broken to gain access. A backpack with hand tools was removed in the 5900 block Cherrywood Lane and cash was taken in the 7800 block Mandan Road.

A vehicle on Cherrywood Terrace near Breezewood Drive was rummaged through after a rock was used to break a window. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

Paint was scratched in the 9100 block Edmonston Court and two days later a windshield there was broken.

A vehicle door lock was tampered with and damaged in the 7500 block Mandan Road.

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

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## Angela Alsobrooks to Install New Democratic Club Officers

by Konrad Herling

The Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club's installation of its new board at its Sunday, December 20, 3 p.m. membership meeting won't be just an ordinary event. County Executive Angela Alsobrooks will swear in the new board of directors. Following the ceremony, Alsobrooks, a close friend of vice president-elect Kamala Harris, may also provide her insights on the first 100 days for the new Biden/Harris administration and perhaps on the challenges Prince George's County faces as well.

Serving as president will be Konrad Herling, the four vice presidents will be Pat Wickersty, Matt Inzeo, Joyce Fitzgerald and Ric Gordon (with the goal that the four will provide input from the various areas within Greenbelt and beyond). James Williams will serve as secretary and Ryan Bradley, as corresponding secretary. Serving as treasurer will be Austin Henry and Sara Henry

will serve as membership chair. Sergeants-at-arms will be Colin Byrd and Vince Wilding.

Former board members Katy James and Bob and Lyn Doyle continue to help out in various roles. Former presidents Nicole Williams and Emmett Jordan will continue as key contributors to the website and offer their keen insight while former president Judith Davis will continue to play a pivotal role as the organization's historian.

It should be noted that the organization's membership was critical in running information and registration tables during

the recent election. Slowly, but surely, the membership of the Democratic Club is growing: a factor critical to its goals of informing the public regarding key issues which affect the health of our communities on local, state and national levels.

To join the club, and learn how to be part of the December 20 membership meeting, see the organization's webpage at [rooseveltclub.com](http://rooseveltclub.com). Direct questions or ideas regarding the club and its activities via the club's webpage or call Konrad Herling at 301-345-9369.



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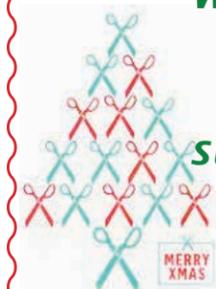
A multi-camera array station is now in place on Springhill Drive at Cherrywood Lane to assist in the deterrence of criminal activity in the area. Other cameras are being deployed in the community in the coming days to assist in the monitoring efforts. This camera array was set up Friday, December 4.

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small fields between the rows of GHI homes until we got too big to play baseball there and started playing wiffleball to avoid breaking windows.

Sometimes we would just stop a while and sit in a circle to discuss things. I remember the summer of 1960 like it was yesterday. Believe it or not, we were talking about JFK and the election. All of my friends were saying that they were voting for him. Of course, I chimed in and supported him but one of my friends, Dewey, said, and I quote, "You can't vote for him; you're not Catholic." Of course, I believed him and was disappointed until being able to tell him the next day that he couldn't vote for Kennedy either because "you're 10."

### The Woods

We would take breaks during games and all go to the front porch of the Bergin's house at 16-B Ridge. It was closest to the field for water. Mrs. Bergin would patiently give each of us a drink and we would get back to the game. We had another field at the top of the sidewalk near 10 Court of Southway and Mrs. Lundregan was our water source up there.

Climbing the apple trees in the neighborhood was another favorite pastime. I always heard the same warning from mom, "You'll get a stomach ache from those green apples." But I don't think I ever did. I even remember seeing a huge truck go by and spray the trees with insecticide. Each tree had its own distinct taste and some of them were guarded by very territorial people. We were chased away from some trees but welcomed to one or two others. Naturally, the ones we were chased from were the best, but the reward outweighed the risk.

As we grew older and were given more and more freedom, we began building forts in the woods. What is now University Square (and has been for many years) was not there. It was all wooded and many a fort, both above and under the ground, was built. We even used discarded trees after Christmas to build forts.

### Fun and Games

When fall rolled around, the baseball fields became football fields and there was never a

shortage of kids. We played tackle almost every day after school, always on the weekends. The field next to Center School was our gridiron. The library was inside the school back then and the library we now know did not exist. In 1961 the new Youth Center opened and quickly turned into my home away from home.

Between ages 9 and 12 we played baseball in the Greenbelt Little League. Those were the greatest years of all! The feeling was, we had gotten into the big leagues because we had been watching the games since we were little and eyeing the big guys and the cool uniforms they wore. It was amazing to a kid who was 6 or 7. Many who have had the Greenbelt Little League experience remember being a 9-year-old and stepping into the batter's box to face a 12-year-old.

This was where I made so many new friendships with kids from the north side of town. When the season ended, we still played ball during the summer in the morning, choosing teams with gloves, balls, bats and water. After exhausting ourselves, we'd go home for lunch. After that the pool would open at 1 o'clock. Every single day the Greenbelt pool was packed and during the adult swims (18 and over) the entire perimeter of the pool was lined with kids. We'd try to sneak a dip off the side when the lifeguard wasn't looking. If you got caught, the whistle would blow and the lifeguard would summon you over to do your 15 minutes on the bench. We soon learned it made good sense to

try your luck early since the adult swim lasted 15 minutes.

### Treats

Saturdays were movie day and to say the theater was full is an understatement. I still remember the Saturday that the movie, Ben Hur, came to Greenbelt. All the seats and the aisles were filled. I was given 55 cents: 30 cents for admission, 15 cents for popcorn and a dime for a coke. That seemed like a lot of money. If we wanted candy, we could scour the area for bottles. 16-ounce RC bottles brought two cents each and the small High's milk bottles were gold, they got you a nickel each. A couple of those and your pockets were filled with bubble gum or any number of other treats that would destroy teeth.

### Full Circle

As we grew into our teens, we enjoyed many new activities. Dances at the Armory with Lawrence and the Arabians and The Nowhere Men, splash parties at the pool and dances at the Youth Center starring the Midnight Raiders. I could go on and on.

At the age of 10, I started

cutting lawns at \$2 a yard. I guess it got in my blood because today at 65 it seems I've come full circle, still live in Greenbelt and cut lawns for a living. It wasn't a plan but it has worked out pretty well.

Like many others, I have so much to be thankful for from this unique place. For me it was truly a blessing to have been born and raised in Greenbelt.

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# The New Deal's Paul Downs Art Show Starts December 8

by Susan Barnett

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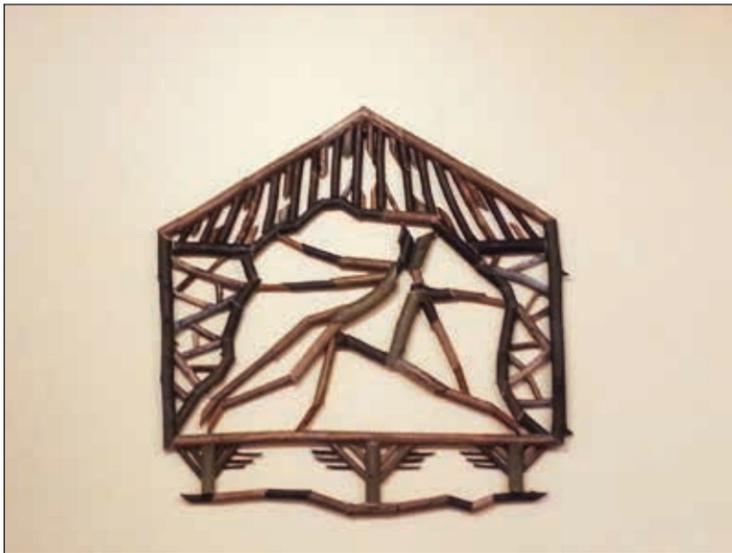
In mid-November 2001, when the world was still reeling from the events of 9/11, I was at a New Deal Café board meeting along with Michael "Mike" McMullin, who was then organizing the art shows for the Café. The meeting was long, and Mike was fidgeting with a piece of paper, which happened to be the list of artists who were scheduled to show their art. I asked to see the list, and immediately I saw that an art show by Paul Downs was scheduled to begin in two weeks. Downs had not mentioned anything to me about the art show. I only knew of one piece of art he had been working on in recent months.

Following the meeting I asked Downs, "Did you know you have an art show in two weeks?" His response was "I do? Really? I guess I should make some art!" And so it began. Downs worked steadily for those two weeks and amazingly had enough to cover the walls of the front room. This is when he began the approach for which he has become so well known, "the wall-hung stick sculptures." Prior to this he had made primarily intricate sculptures of little cabins and shadow boxes. The new idea of sculptures that hang on the wall was a breathtaking approach which brought the viewer deeply into his images. His images, which often depict a peaceful connection between humans and nature, were a much-needed tonic during those post 9/11 days.

He and I installed the show not even thinking about prices. I recall one evening when a friend of ours, Vassily (who worked at the Café) sat down with us and he said "Paul, I would like to buy one of your pieces." Downs said "Oh really, which one?" Vassily responded, "I would like to buy that one," pointing to one in front of him. Downs said, "That would be great, Vassily, how much would you like to pay for it?" Vassily named his price and the deal was made, Downs' first art sale at the Café. This was early in the show, likely the first week. We began putting up



Dancer (above) and House (below) by Paul Downs are on display at the New Deal Café.



- Photos by Paul Downs

prices for his pieces and people began buying them. By the end of the first month, he had sold all of his pieces and he was asked to extend his show another month. He created an entirely new show and all of the first show pieces went home to their new owners. To the amazement of all, all of the pieces sold. Since that time Downs has had art shows at the Café regularly about every two years.

Similar to and different from 2001, this year's show, Bridges, comes at a time of great transition for the world. Transitions can be challenging, but Downs' art tends to express joy and peace and a feeling of connection to the world, especially the natural

world. This show bridges the past 20 years in its ability to bring peace and joy at a time when it is very much needed. Downs is looking forward to introducing Greenbelters to his world through the windows of the Café.

Downs is the resident artist at the Café for the months of December, January and February. His artwork will be visible from the windows so that people can see his work even though the Café itself is not open. The show opened December 8 and the reception will be virtual on Sunday, December 20 at 2 p.m. To attend the virtual reception, send an email to [NewDealCafeArt@gmail.com](mailto:NewDealCafeArt@gmail.com).



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## Comment on Proposed BEP Facility Through December 21

On Wednesday, December 2, the U.S. Department of the Treasury hosted a public webinar as part of the public comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) Replacement Currency Production Facility at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. Slides from the webinar and the Draft EIS and supporting documents can be viewed and downloaded from the project website: [nab.usace.army.mil/home/bep-replacement-project](http://nab.usace.army.mil/home/bep-replacement-project). A virtual reading room with virtual posters and other information relevant to the Draft EIS is located at [bep-eis.consultation.ai/](http://bep-eis.consultation.ai/). Stakeholders may submit written comments on the Draft EIS through December 21, the end of the 45-day public comment period, by mail or email, or on

the project website. A comment form is available for download on the project website. Completed comment forms can be submitted as an email attachment to [BEP-EIS@usace.army.mil](mailto:BEP-EIS@usace.army.mil), or mailed via U.S. Postal Service to: ATTN: Bureau of Engraving and Printing Project EIS, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Baltimore District Planning Division, 2 Hopkins Plaza, 10th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21201. Comments on the Draft EIS are strongly encouraged, and will be addressed in the Final EIS as appropriate. Requests for a print or electronic copy of the Draft EIS can be sent to the email or postal address given above. For questions about the proposed action, contact Harvey Johnson, USACE-Baltimore District, Programs and Project Management Division, at [BEP-EIS@usace.army.mil](mailto:BEP-EIS@usace.army.mil).



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