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Two Roosevelt Seniors Receive Amazon Engineer Scholarships

by Anna Bedford-Dillow



PHOTO COURTESY PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Yeabkal Abeje (left) and Gabrielle Stewart (right) are recipients of Amazon Future Engineer Scholarships, pictured with Eleanor Roosevelt High School Principal Dr. Portia Barnes.

On Tuesday, April 18, seven Prince George's County Public School seniors – including two from Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) – were surprised by a special delivery from Amazon. They each received \$40,000 college scholarships and paid internships at Amazon through the Amazon Future Engineer program. Among the recipients

were Yeabkal Abeje and Gabrielle Stewart of ERHS.

Stewart plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill this fall, where she will major in computer science and information science and minor in entrepreneurship. Last year she interned at College

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Greenbelt's EV Infrastructure To Get Infusion of \$150,000

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

The Maryland General Assembly recently approved a \$63.1 billion operating budget, with an investment of \$2.1 billion in Prince George's County. Funds will go to some major projects in Greenbelt, including rebuilding Springhill Lake Elementary School, renovating and expanding the Greenbelt Museum and

developing electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in the city.

Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll, environmental coordinator for Public Works, confirmed that the city has been awarded a government bond bill of \$150,000 to develop EV charging infrastructure. They

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Metro Announces Summer Travel Alternatives for the Green Line

Metro has announced travel alternatives to help customers prepare for the major construction scheduled for this summer. Starting Friday, May 12, Metro will begin a four-part construction effort focused on system maintenance and modernization, including rail replacement, fiber optic cable installation and improved station facilities.

This major construction will result in rolling service impacts on the Orange, Silver and Green Lines over the summer months. Free shuttle bus service will be available for customers during all station closures. Customers are advised to plan extra time for their travel.

“Continued maintenance work is essential to safe and reliable rail service,” said Chief of Infrastructure Andy Off. “We are working strategically to target maintenance locations and minimize the impacts on customers as we conduct this critical work to upgrade systems, improve reliability and modernize station facilities.”

July 22-23: Greenbelt to Georgia Ave-Petworth Station Closures

Fort Totten (no Green Line service), West Hyattsville, Hyattsville Crossing, College Park, Greenbelt.

Free Shuttle Service

Free local and limited-stop

shuttles will be available during Metrorail operating hours.

Green Line Shuttle: Local service every 10 minutes between Greenbelt, College Park, Hyattsville Crossing, West Hyattsville and Fort Totten.

Greenbelt-Georgia Ave Limited: Limited-stop service every 8 minutes between Greenbelt, College Park, Fort Totten and Georgia Ave-Petworth.

Hyattsville Crossing-Georgia Ave Limited: Limited-stop service every 8 minutes between Hyattsville Crossing, West Hyattsville, Fort Totten and Georgia Ave-Petworth.

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Volunteers Plant 50 Trees, Bushes At French School for Earth Day

by Melissa Sites

Dozens of volunteers of all ages came out to plant trees at Dora Kennedy French Immersion School (DKFI) for Greenbelt's Earth Day celebration on Saturday morning, April 22.

Greenbelt Environmental Coordinator Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll, with assistance from Greenbelt maintenance worker Gustavo Escamilla, demonstrated how to mark out a circle around the new tree in its pot, then break through the sod and dig a deep enough hole. Then take the tree out of its pot, break up the roots and amend the soil with the mulch and compost provided.

Children ran to nearby wheelbarrows to bring back soil for the newly planted trees, while teens



PHOTO BY ANNA BEDFORD-DILLOW

Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll and Gustavo Escamilla demonstrate proper tree-planting technique to volunteers at Dora Kennedy French Immersion School on Earth Day.

and adults plied their strength against the rocky clay soil. Site One Landscape Supply (located in Burtonsville) donated the mulch and compost and gator bags (rings that slowly water new trees).

Mayor Emmett Jordan and Councilmember Ric Gordon; Amy Lahlou, the reading intervention specialist at the school; scouts; students and community members were among the volunteers. Jordan opened the event by reading a proclamation in honor of the 53rd anniversary of Earth Day, in celebration of Greenbelt's year-round dedication to the environment. According to the proclamation, “Greenbelt is recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation, a Bee City USA by the Xerces Society, a Maryland Smart Energy Community, a Sustainable Maryland Certified Community and an Environmental Protection Agency Green Power Partner.”

Carpenter-Driscoll praised the volunteers for such a successful day. Fifty trees were planted, while “little ones were running around picking up trash,” he said. Native species planted included eastern redbud and serviceberry, American beech, arrowwood

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What Goes On

Monday, May 1
7:30 p.m., City Council Budget Worksession: Public Safety, Municipal Building
Wednesday, May 3
7:30 p.m., Council Worksession: ACE Student Award Ceremony, Municipal Building

See the city ad on page 5 or the meetings calendar on greenbeltmd.gov for more information.



PHOTO COURTESY GREENBELT YOUTH BASEBALL LITTLE LEAGUE

Greenbelt Youth Baseball Little League celebrates opening day with their annual parade on Saturday, April 22. Mayor Emmett Jordan, Councilmember Kristen Weaver and Councilmember Ric Gordon threw the opening pitches. See more photos, page 6.

Editorial

Petition to Referendum: An Uphill Challenge

As we wrote several weeks ago, the better way to serve the interests of Greenbelt residents is for a city manager to live here among us.

At its meeting on April 13, by just one vote, the Greenbelt City Council opted to change the city charter so that council alone can say whether a new city manager must live here.

Holding public hearings is futile if council doesn't listen. All the contributors to the hearings spoke on what residency requirements they wanted – none, resident, local, county, etc. – and so did Councilmember Kristen Weaver's interviewees. None spoke or wrote definitively in favor of giving council absolute freedom to decide – as the charter now does.

The group of residents seeking to briefly return the 'must live in Greenbelt rule' until voters can be consulted on their wishes will likely find it an uphill challenge to gather the 20 percent of the roughly 15,000 registered voters required in order to petition this decision to referendum at the next city election.

To put the task in perspective, that is more than the number of residents who voted in the city's last election. This is a high bar to set for voters when council can simply amend the charter on a 4 to 3 vote.

Letters to the Editor

Important Issue For GHI Members

At the GHI Annual Meeting on May 11, members will be asked to vote on a bylaws change that would remove our ability to vote on large, multi-year contracts. This means not only eliminating our vote on the contract (and how our money will be spent) but also ending our participation in the discussion of the contracts' purpose and terms because the board would conduct this business in closed sessions.

When large amounts of money and longer-term commitments are on the line, this seems like the time we most need member input – before our money is spent. This is in keeping with the cooperative principle of democratic member control that gives us the right to be involved in decision-making and policy development.

In the March 16 open board meeting packet, the board provides its rationale for this change. However, each point can be addressed with technology and training without depriving mem-

bers of our vote.

We ask that everyone attend the May 11 meeting to share your views and vote on this important decision that affects member control of our money and contractual commitments. There are options to attend online or in-person. For information on how to attend, read the GHI E-News or check your mailbox for the meeting packet.

- Aileen Kroll
- Anna D. Socrates
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- Stephen D'Esposito and Amy D'Esposito
- Holly and Trent Leon-Lierman
- Stephen Holland
- Bob Rand
- Chris Herman and Wendy M. Webb
- Niranjan Ramachandran
- Regina Hosey
- Kris White
- Cynthia Newcomer



On Screen at Old Greenbelt Theatre

Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret

For over 50 years, Judy Blume's classic and groundbreaking novel *Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret* has impacted generations with its timeless coming of age story, insightful humor and candid exploration of life's biggest questions. In this big-screen adaptation, 11-year-old Margaret (Abby Ryder Fortson) is uprooted from her life in New York City for the suburbs of New Jersey, going through the messy and tumultuous throes of puberty with new friends in a new school. She relies on her mother, Barbara (Rachel McAdams), who is also struggling to adjust to life outside the big city, and her adoring grandmother, Sylvia (Kathy Bates), who isn't happy they moved away and likes to remind them every chance she gets. "Destined to become a classic ... an entertaining comedy that also happens to be a stunning evocation of the fear and yearning that come with standing on the precipice of adulthood," said Lauren Mechling of *The Guardian*.

Chevalier

The film was inspired by the true story of composer Joseph Bologne, Chevalier de Saint-Georges. The illegitimate son of an African slave and a French plantation owner, Bologne (Kelvin Harrison Jr.) rises to improbable heights in French society as a celebrated violinist-composer and fencer, complete with an ill-fated love affair and a falling out with Marie Antoinette (Lucy Boynton) and her court. Critic Peter Debruge of *Variety* said of the film, "Less a definitive portrait than a fascinating departure point for further reading and research."

Sorry, Wrong Number

Due to a telephone glitch, Leona Stevenson (Barbara Stanwyck), a controlling heiress confined to a wheelchair, overhears a conversation about a plan to kill a woman. Unable to leave her home or reach her husband (Burt Lancaster), and written off by the police, Leona struggles to uncover the truth through a series of phone calls that only lead her deeper into a mystery, which may involve her college rival, Sally (Ann Richards), and a scheme to sell pharmaceuticals on the black market.

Crisis Hotline's Number is 988

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline dialing code is now 988 and is available for phone calls and text messages. Calls and text messages are confidential and free.



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DVS = Descriptive Video Service

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Screen 1 - Main Auditorium

Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret (PG-13) (CC) (DVS) (2023) (111 mins)

Fri. 4:30 PM, 7:00 PM
Sat. 5:00 PM, 7:30 PM
Sun. 2:30 PM (OC), 5:00 PM
Mon. 4:00 PM
Tues. 7:00 PM
Wed. 7:00 PM
Thurs. 5:30 PM

Sorry, Wrong Number (NR) (1948) (89 mins)
Free Monday Matinee!

Mon. 1:00 PM
Thurs. 8:00 PM

Screen 2 - The Screening Room

Chevalier (PG-13) (CC) (DVS) (2023) (107 mins)

Fri. 4:45 PM, 7:15 PM
Sat. 5:15 PM, 7:45 PM
Sun. 2:45 PM, 5:15 PM
Mon. 2:00 PM (OC), 4:30 PM
Tues. 7:15 PM
Wed. 7:15 PM
Thurs. 7:30 PM

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- News Review, April 29, 2021

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Community Events

Annual CROP Walk Date is May 7

Each year Greenbelters and others throughout the country participate in CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) walks. Funds raised are distributed by the ecumenical Church World Service which since 1946 has aided refugees and victims of natural disasters. Over the years, members of groups such as Greenbelt Community Church, Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club and the Greenbelt Golden Age Club have participated.

This year's local walk will be held on Sunday, May 7 from 1 to 4 p.m. The walk around Lake Artemesia will begin at 5211 Campus Drive. Free parking is near the Ellen Linson Pool in College Park. Participants walk for those persons in the world who must walk for all of their basic necessities.

Walkers often obtain sponsors who contribute to the walk that they complete.

Recent funds raised have been used to meet several critical needs. East Africa has recurring droughts which affect all, but especially women and girls who must travel for hours a day bringing home large containers of water on their heads. The girls have no time to go to school. Projects are funded to dig wells and retaining ponds. Clean water is an issue in West Timor, Indonesia. Donations have been made to the Timor Zero Hunger program which helps residents build protected wells with raised walls and simple roofs to keep out animal waste, leaves and loose dirt.

To help locally, 25 percent of donations raised will go to Help by Phone of Prince George's County, an organization that helps those with urgent needs for food or temporary assistance through a combination of compassion and social support.

For more information about participating in the walk or to make a donation, email Lyn Doyle at lynbob20770@yahoo.com.

PTA Spring Fair Saturday, May 13

The Greenbelt Elementary School PTA will be hosting a Spring Fair on Saturday, May 13 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the school. The main feature will be an entrepreneurship fair where fifth-grade students will sell their homemade goods, from jewelry to picture frames. The students will put together their business goals and learn about what it takes to make a successful business. Come to the fair to enjoy food, games, climb on a truck from Public Works and buy a handmade gift to support a young entrepreneur.

Boxwood Village Scholarship Open

The Boxwood Village Civic Association offers an annual \$500 scholarship to a current Boxwood Village resident. It is available to graduating high school seniors and full-time (at least 12 credit hours per semester) undergraduate students. The scholarship is partially funded through the proceeds from the Boxwood booth at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival, the annual Boxwood yard sale and other activities.

The application form should be completed and returned by June 30. A scholarship committee comprised of three Boxwood Village residents will choose this year's recipient. For further information and/or to pick up an application form, email Pat McAndrew at pmcandrew@mzmlaw.net.

Fire Department Hosts Craft Fair on July 22

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad and its Ladies Auxiliary invites the community to Be Jolly in July with a vendor show at the firehouse on Saturday, July 22 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Come find handcrafted items, decorations, gifts, crafts and more. Food and drinks will be sold.

Contact Kim Lewis at 240-304-8776 or firemama@msn.com for vendor space information.

2023 Maryland Legislative Recap

Maryland Senator Alonzo T. Washington and Delegates Anne Healey, Nicole Williams and Ashanti Martinez will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, May 2 at Greenbelt Middle School from 6 to 7:30 p.m. to discuss the state legislative session.

Joining them will be Maryland Transportation Secretary Paul Wiedefeld and other local, county and state leaders. The event is free and open to the public.

Star Party Saturday

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday, April 29 at the City Observatory located at Northway Fields. Attendees can expect to see Mars, plus galaxies, nebulae and star clusters currently high in the sky, viewed through the observatory telescope and astronomical camera. All are welcome and there is no charge. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own telescopes to set up on the hilltop.

Observing will begin at 9 p.m. and continue for two hours. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.



More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

Greenbelt Park Has Campfire Program

On Saturday, April 29, at 7:30 p.m. there will be a campfire program: Drum Circle at Greenbelt Park. Join local musician and folklorist Katy Gaughan of Greenbelt for a celebration of rhythmic drumming and National Park Week. Feel one's inner natural rhythm and beat it out on the drum to resound through the forest expressing one's connection to nature and the vitality of spring.

Meet at the Campfire Circle in B loop at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Park campground.

For more information, call 301-344-3944 or check the park's website nps.gov/gree.



Bicycle Committee Planning Event

Save the date: GHI Bicycle Committee Event, Saturday, May 20, from 1 to 3 p.m. In the planning are updates from Paul Lemieux of Proteus Bicycles on the Greenbelt East Trail and other projects, a brief presentation on the Proteus Velo Club by Brook Boliek and on-site bicycle registration by the Greenbelt Police.

The event will be held on GHI grounds, 1 Hamilton Place, adjacent to the bicycle repair station, on the day after Bike to Work Day. Light refreshments will be available and there will be swag.

The GHI Bicycle Committee wants to hear from you. Plan on attending, engaging and meeting other local cyclists.

Arts Advisory Board Meeting

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, May 2 at 7 p.m. on Zoom. The board will plan upcoming events including an Arts Mixer. For more information and to obtain the Zoom link, contact alarsen@greenbeltmd.gov.

Repair Café Coming On Saturday, May 13

The next Greenbelt Maker-space Repair Café is Saturday, May 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. outside the Granite Building, 115 Centerway. Come learn how to repair tired or broken stuff or help repair others' items (experienced and novice volunteers are welcome). Bring clothing, furniture, appliances, computers, jewelry, toys, etc. for the challenge of making them useful again. Repairs are not guaranteed. See greenbeltmakers.org/category/repair-cafe for more information.

Roosevelt Center Set For Green Man Fest

Join the fun at the annual Green Man Festival on Saturday, May 13, and Sunday, May 14, at Roosevelt Center. Great bands will be playing all day, including the Allman Others Band, KIVA, Kindred Crow, Crush Funk Brass band and our local Greenbelt HONK! band. Drum Circles by Katy Gaughan and Trevor Siegel start the day with much joy. There are over 40 vendors, crafts for kids, info booths, a Green Man Parade, food, face painting and family fun both days. Bring family and friends to this free event. For more information: greenmanfestival.org.



GREa Meets May 2

The Greenbelt Racial Equity Alliance (GREa) will meet by Zoom (audio-only option available) on Tuesday, May 2 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Agenda items include Bridging Communities 2023 planning, opportunities for unspent ARPA funds, Reparations Commission updates and quantifying racial and ethnic disparities in Greenbelt. Visit the GREa website at greenbeltraciaequity.org/events for meeting access information.

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The Stranger (1946)
A high-stakes, cat-and-mouse thriller, in which a war crimes investigator must track and take down a high-ranking Nazi fugitive. Directed by Orson Welles, this film noir classic stars Edward G. Robinson, Loretta Young, and Orson Welles himself.

Music from the New Deal Cafe (2pm, 10pm)
Kate B Penbleeds
The "penbleeds" in Kate's musical alias speaks to the "flooding stream of poetry" she feels when writing, and this stream-of-conscious flow is reflected in her music; this set is easy on the ears and resonant in the heart!

All this and more on the GATe channel this week! Check greenbeltaccessstv.org for the full broadcast schedule, and visit Greenbelt Access Television on YouTube for new video productions.

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MON 5/1	TUES 5/2	WED 5/3	TH 5/4
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For more information, visit the NDC CALENDAR page on our website.



Azalea glory in Greenbelt

PHOTO BY SUSAN TAYLOR

Memorial Service Mona Schlossberg



PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

Mona Schlossberg

Family and friends are invited to celebrate the life of Mona Schlossberg, a longtime Greenbelt resident (1964-2022) who died in June 2022. The memorial service will be held Sunday, June 11 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at the Amani Event Center, 4216 Howard Road, Beltsville.



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Rev. Ann Kadlecek with Worship Associate Jacqui Walpole

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Streaming to our Facebook page, on Zoom and in person at 3:00 at: University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, MD



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.

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The Bible Says...

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2 Corinthians 3:15-16



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City Information & Events

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MEETINGS FOR MAY 1-5

Monday, May 1 at 7:10 pm, **ADVISORY BOARD INTERVIEW**

Monday, May 1 at 7:30 pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION - PUBLIC SAFETY**

Tuesday, May 2 at 7 pm, **ARTS ADVISORY BOARD**, *On the Agenda: Approve April Minutes, Planning Arts Mixer, Planning Art Crawl, Adjourn*

Wednesday, May 3 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION - ACE STUDENT AWARD CEREMONY**

Thursday, May 4 at 5:30 pm, **BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

Thursday, May 4 at 7 pm, **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, *On the Agenda: Status of Request to View Police Shooting Video, Security Camera Report, National Night Out Preparation*

In advance, the hearing impaired is 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. 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 meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at greenbeltmd.gov.

COMMITTEES & BOARDS VACANCIES:

- Advisory Committee on Education
- Advisory Planning Board
- Arts Advisory Board
- Board of Elections
- Community Relations Advisory Board
- Employee Relations Board
- Forest Preserve Advisory Board
- Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability
- Park and Recreation Advisory Board
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL (301) 474-8000.

TREE CANOPY GRANTS

The City of Greenbelt is awarding a one-time, reimbursable grant to go directly towards the purchase of trees to assist homeowners and community organizations with the planting or replacement of trees caused by storm damage, disease or invasive insects. Funding for this grant will be provided through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), and can be used to purchase, install, stake and mulch the area the tree or trees will be planted.

Applications are now open. To apply, visit engagegreenbelt.org or visit <https://forms.monday.com/forms/4a129f7cd3ba497750f3ced54a200b2a?r=use1>.

For questions on the grant, email treecanopy@greenbeltmd.gov.

Deadline to apply is no later than **June 1, 2023, at 4:30 pm.**

GREENBELT MICRO GRANTS

The City of Greenbelt Micro Grant is a one-time, matching, reimbursable grant intended to be a resident-led initiative to build community and engage new people across neighborhoods. This is a one-time, reimbursable grant funded through the American Rescue Plan Act to help communities move beyond the COVID pandemic and to broaden Greenbelt's connections to all its neighborhoods and residents. HOA'S, Condominium Associations, Apartment Complexes, GHI Co-op, and Community Coalitions registered as 501 (c) 3 are eligible to apply for one of three types of grants, 1) Community Event Grant, 2) Neighborhood Communication Grant, and 3) Neighborhood Improvement Grant.

To learn more about and apply for the grant opportunities, please visit <https://forms.monday.com/forms/7575c04647a68ad4ff464c00401f684d?r=use1>

GREENBELT EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP GRANT

The purpose of the Greenbelt Education Scholarship grant is to provide assistance for residents interested in furthering their education beyond high school. Scholarships can be used to assist with the cost of college, trade school, or other educational opportunities. Qualified residents are eligible to receive up to \$10,000 over two years. Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/scholarship.

BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT RECOVERY FUND, ROUND 3

This ARPA program offers financial assistance to local businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Restrictions apply. To learn more, visit <http://ow.ly/9OJ350NMfA8>.

FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS GRANT PROGRAM

Find out more about the City of Greenbelt First-Time Homebuyers grant program today! The grant funds can be used for closing costs and/or down payment for FHA, VA, USDA, FNMA, or Freddie Mac loans. <http://ow.ly/xlKZ50My327>.

ENGAGE GREENBELT

For all up-to-date ARPA program updates including mortgage assistance programs, scholarships, and more, visit www.engagegreenbelt.org.

NOTICE OF CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION

At its regular meeting of April 11, 2023, the City Council adopted a resolution to amend the City Charter. As required by state law, this resolution will be posted in its entirety for 40 days, until May 21, at the Municipal Building, as well as on the City's website at www.greenbeltmd.gov. Copies may also be requested of the City Clerk. It will become effective on May 31, 2023, unless a proper petition to submit the amendment to the voters on a referendum is filed as permitted by law. As also required by state law, this notice is given to provide a fair summary of the resolution.

CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION NUMBER 2023-1 RESOLUTION NUMBER 2105

Charter Resolution of the Council of the City of Greenbelt, to amend §35, City Manager-Appointment; Qualifications; Term of Office; Removal; Acting City Manager, to provide the Council the Discretion to permit a City Manager to live outside the City of Greenbelt, and update gender references to the City Manager

Purpose: To amend the City Charter §35 City manager-appointment; qualifications; term of office; removal; acting city manager, **TO PROVIDE THE COUNCIL THE DISCRETION TO PERMIT A CITY MANAGER TO LIVE OUTSIDE THE CITY OF GREENBELT.**

For additional information, contact Bonita Anderson, City Clerk, at (301) 474-8000 or banderson@greenbeltmd.gov

YOUTH CENTER GYM CLOSED APRIL 10 - MAY 8

Recreation's Youth Center Gym will be closed due to floor resurfacing.

JOB FAIR

Saturday, May 6, 12 - 2 PM
Beltway Plaza

Join us to learn about the latest job opportunities, connect with local employers, and get access to a variety of employment resources and training.

Contact: cares@greenbeltmd.gov

BIKE TO WORK DAY GREENBELT PIT STOP GAFC PARKING LOT FRIDAY, MAY 19, 6:30 - 8:30 AM

Registration is open and free!
www.biketoworkmetrodc.org

GREENBELT HOME ADVANTAGE FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS MEETING

Saturday, May 6, 12 - 2 PM
Greenbelt Community Center

The City of Greenbelt in partnership with the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development will be hosting a "Greenbelt Home Advantage First-Time Homebuyers*" Community meeting to help residents learn more about how to apply for a grant for up to \$15,000 to put towards down payment or closing costs on the purchase of their first home in the City of Greenbelt using the Maryland Mortgage Program.

Visit: <https://mmp.maryland.gov/Pages/GreenbeltHomeAdvantage/default.aspx>

ART STUDIO OPEN HOUSE Sunday, May 7, 1 - 4 pm

Greenbelt Community Center
Mingle and shop with the Greenbelt Community Center Artists in Residence and other local artists. Free for all ages.

Visit <https://bit.ly/3UwcUa0>.

ARTFUL AFTERNOON WORKSHOP

Sunday, May 7, 1 - 4 pm
Greenbelt Community Center

Make pocket puppets with Black Cherry Puppet Theater. Free for all ages.

Details and sign-up at: <http://bit.ly/3KAiXpo>.

CITY BUILDINGS NETWORK UPDATE & OUTAGE

On May 2, from 1-3 pm, all network services and phones will be down across all City buildings. Dial 911 or the Greenbelt Police for emergencies.

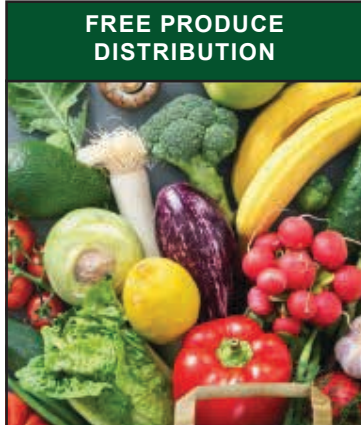
THE MAGIC TOY SHOP

Presented by the Greenbelt Dance Performance Club
Saturday, May 6, 3:15 pm
Sunday, May 7, 3:15 pm
Greenbelt Community Center Gym

Directed by Lisa Pellittiere and Gabriela D'Andrea, this original show features a range of styles including ballet, tap and contemporary, and features dancers of all ages.

Details: <https://bit.ly/3UwcUa0>.

Purchase tickets at the Community Center Business Office or by phone (301)-397-2208.



FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 1 - 3 PM
GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER

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18 DE MAYO, 1 - 3 PM

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FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

THURSDAY, MAY 18
12 - 1:30 PM
SPRINGHILL LAKE RECREATION CENTER

Registration is required. Only 50 slots are available. Must live in the following locations only:
• Verde at Greenbelt Station resident • Greenbelt Station Master Association resident • Franklin Park resident • Motiva resident

18 DE MAYO, 12 - 1:30 PM

Para residentes oeste de Greenbelt. SOLO 50 ESPACIOS DISPONIBLES.

NON-PROFIT RECOVERY GRANT

The City of Greenbelt has begun accepting applications from eligible nonprofit organizations for a one time "recovery" grant made possible through the allocation of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Qualified nonprofits will be eligible to apply for grants up to \$25,000, as allowed by ARPA, to address negative impacts caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Funding for this grant program is provided under the American Rescue Plan Act through the U.S. Department of Treasury. Under the U.S. Treasury guidelines, nonprofits eligible for assistance are those that experienced negative economic impacts or disproportionate impacts of the pandemic and meet the definition of "nonprofit" – specifically those that are 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19) tax-exempt organizations.

To apply, visit <https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/87940-City-Of-Greenbelt>

CURRENT CARES PROGRAMS

FREE AGING SOLO SERIES (VIRTUAL CLASS) WEDNESDAYS MAY 17 - JUNE 21, 11:30 AM - 1 PM

Ageing solo will allow you to reflect on your priorities, map out your support network, put plans in place. Call (240) 424-0302.

DEMENTIA LIVE

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 10 AM - 12 PM & 1 - 3 PM

This in-person experience will help you have a better understanding of what it's like to live with dementia, empowering you with the tools and techniques to improve communications. Call (240) 424-0302.

EMERGENCY DIAPER PROGRAM

The Greenbelt Nursery Program is supporting Greenbelt families in need of diapers. Greenbelt residents only, you must sign-up each month. Call (240) 542-2019.

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Rail Service

Red Line service, which connects to the Yellow and Green Lines at Gallery Place, will remain open at Fort Totten.

July 24-September 4: Greenbelt to Fort Totten

This shutdown will focus on installing fiber-optic cables to improve rail network technologies. Once installed, the fiber-optic cables will allow Metro to get more updates done during non-customer hours, which means less downtime in the future.

While Green Line customers in this location experienced a recent summer shutdown for station improvements, the installation of fiber optics was unable to be addressed at that time due to the use of the tracks to move equipment.

Station Closures

West Hyattsville, Hyattsville Crossing, College Park, Greenbelt

Free Shuttle Service

Free local and limited-stop shuttles will be available during Metrorail operating hours.

Green Line Shuttle: Local service every 8-10 minutes between Greenbelt, College Park, Hyattsville Crossing and West Hyattsville.

Greenbelt-Fort Totten Limited: Limited-stop service every 5-10 minutes between Greenbelt, College Park and Fort Totten.

Hyattsville Crossing-Fort Totten Limited: Limited-stop service every 5-10 minutes between Hyattsville Crossing, West Hyattsville and Fort Totten.

Rail Service

Daytime and weekends: Green Line trains every 8 minutes between Fort Totten and Branch Ave. Late night (after 9:30 p.m.): Green Line trains every 8 minutes between Fort Totten and Branch Ave.

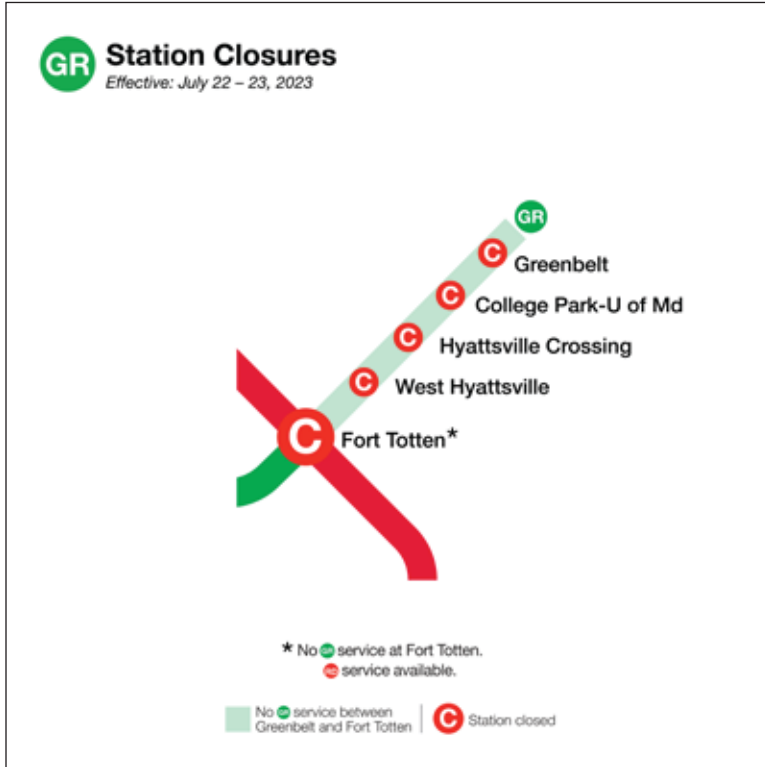
Additional Resources

Metro will keep customers and regional partners informed at wmata.com/2023majorconstruction. Customers are encouraged to sign up for email updates to receive the latest project news and information.

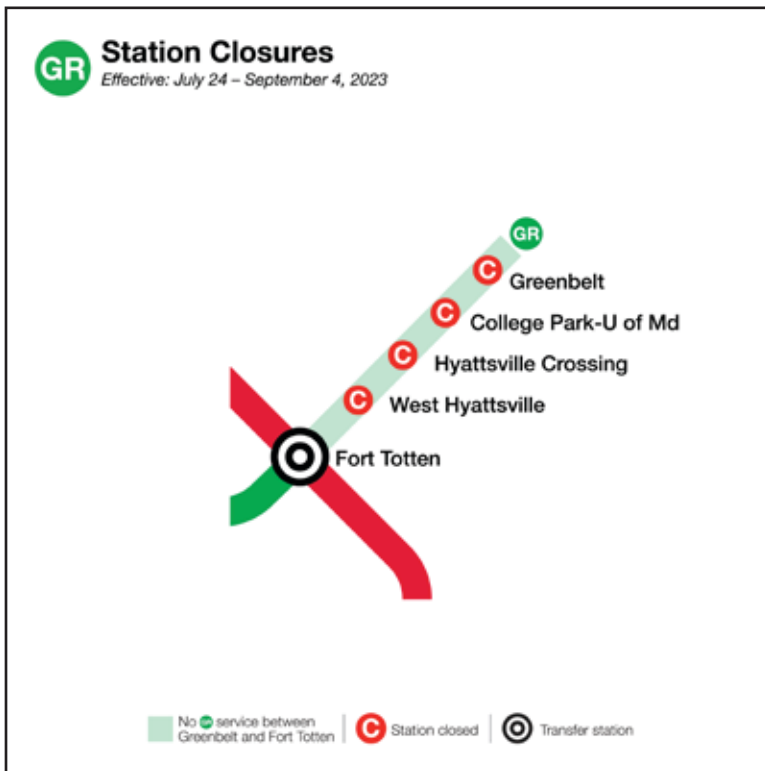
Registration Now Open For Bike to Work Day

Registration is now open for the Washington metropolitan area's Bike to Work Day, to be held on Friday, May 19. Greenbelt will be hosting a pit stop in the Aquatic & Fitness Center parking lot from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Commuter Connections and the Washington Area Bicyclist Association co-organize the celebration of bicycling as a green, low-cost commuting option with raffles, food and giveaways and a free Bike to Work Day T-shirt for the first 15,000 registrants who attend.



Metro green line station closures - Maps courtesy WMATA



Greenbelt Youth Baseball Little League teams march from the Center to McDonald Field on Saturday, April 22.



- Photos courtesy Greenbelt Youth Baseball Little League

Greenbelt Makerspace Repair Café
Toss it? No way!

Greenbelt Makerspace Repair Café
Saturday May 13 from 10-2
outside the Granite Bldg, 115 Centerway

Come learn how to repair your tired or broken stuff or help repair others' items (experienced and novice volunteers welcome). Bring your clothing, furniture, appliances, computers, jewelry, toys, etc. for the challenge of making them useful again. Repairs are not guaranteed.

greenbeltmakers.org/things_to_do/repair-cafe

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Baltimore Kinetic Sculpture Race
Saturday
6 May 2023
KineticBaltimore.com
website by Tom Jones

Wilma the Wombat
Photo by Andy Carruthers

PLANT SALE!

Saturday, May 6
9am to 12 Noon
Rain or shine

ROOSEVELT CENTER PARKING LOT
CENTERWAY, GREENBELT, MD

Education News

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Action Program, working on the organization's website and presenting at the Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program Student Research Conference. Stewart is a member of the National Society of Black Engineers and the National Honor Society and is currently taking computer science classes at Bowie State University through the College Pathways Dual Enrollment Program.

Abeje recently returned from some college visits and is still considering where she will attend this fall. She won first place in her category at the school's STEM fair in February and went on to present at the Prince George's Area Science Fair last month. She is an intern at the science, engineering and technology company Science Systems and Applications, Inc. in Lanham. Like Stewart, Abeje is taking computer science classes at Bowie State through the dual enrollment program, and she also took a business management course at Prince George's Community College.

The Amazon Future Engineer Scholarships are awarded to 400 students across the U.S. Criteria considered in the selection process include: class performance, primarily GPA; engineering experience through after-school clubs, competitions and so forth; work experience; students' short answers in the application; a teacher survey; racial, ethnic and gender diversity; and financial need, usually household income. According to Amazon, the goal of the scholarships is "supporting underserved students in their engineering education," which they identify as "imperative to building a diverse tech industry and ultimately future."

Three Sisters Gardens Need Volunteers

The Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS) seeks volunteers to help develop and maintain the Three Sisters Gardens at Schrom Hills Park Garden, Center Garden (behind the Community Center), and Springhill Lake Garden (near the Springhill Lake Recreation Center).

Three Sisters provide gardening opportunities for urban dwellers and promote edible and native plant landscapes, and community and learning opportunities. Orientation and training will be provided.

For more information or to volunteer, call the garden coordinator associated with the location of interest: Joe (Center Garden), 202-445-5964; Carolyn (Springhill Lake Garden), 240-707-5252; or Effie (Schrom Hills Park Garden), 443-415-1053.



Amazon workers deliver to ERHS boxes with awards for each of the seven student winners from Prince George's County.

PHOTO COURTESY PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Yeabkal Abeje stands beside her poster at the 75th Annual Prince George's Area Science Fair on March 18.

PHOTO COURTESY SCIENCE SYSTEMS AND APPLICATIONS, INC.

Three Greenbelt Schools Are 2023 Certified Green Schools

Three of the schools serving Greenbelt students have been recognized by the Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education (MAEOE, maeoe.org) as 2023 Maryland Green Schools. Springhill Lake Elementary received this recognition for the first time, and Greenbelt Middle School and Eleanor Roosevelt High School were recertified.

Maryland Green Schools are part of a national and international community of sustainable green schools whose students are becoming better stewards of the earth's resources and developing a better understanding of their own local environment. There are 642 active Maryland Green Schools, some 36 percent of all Maryland schools.

Despite the challenges of the last few years, teachers and students have continued with school greening efforts, including outdoor learning activities.

Over the past two years, Springhill Lake Elementary has made a continuous effort to integrate sustainability into its environmental management, environmental education curriculum, professional development and community engagement. This award signifies that the school has made a commitment to developing stewards of the earth and reducing the environmental impact of the school.

"MAEOE welcomes the 34 new Maryland Green Schools. Our students can encourage others to recycle, plant vegetables

and native plants and be more mindful of simple steps like turning off unnecessary lights," said Laura Johnson Collard, MAEOE executive director. "Young people are increasingly aware of climate change and how their actions impact the community; we can learn from their commitment to making a difference."

At the Annual Maryland Green School Youth Summit on Thursday, May 18 at Sandy Point State Park near Annapolis, MAEOE will celebrate with Green Schools, Green Centers and schools interested in learning more about the program.

Dance Club to Present The Magic Toy Shop

Tickets are on sale for the Greenbelt Dance Studio's new show, The Magic Toy Shop, directed by Lisa Pellittiere and Gabriela D'Andrea.

There will be two performances: Saturday, May 6, and Sunday, May 7, both at 3:15 p.m. in the Community Center Gymnasium.

The second performance will be in conjunction with the Art Studio Open House and Sale, so plan to come early and interact with local artists and participate in the free, monthly Artful Afternoon before the show.

Tickets are available for purchase at the Community Center Business Office or by phoning 301-397-2208.

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Golden Age Club and Friends Holds Banquet Extraordinaire

by Mary Moien

The Greenbelt Golden Age Club celebrates the anniversary of its founding every April. The group traditionally has had a luncheon at the College Park Holiday Inn but has not met in four years due to the pandemic. On Wednesday, April 19, the club held an affair to remember. Almost 70 guests were present, mostly Golden Age Club members with a few city officials, staff and friends thrown in. Judy Parker, club president, welcomed all back to the Holiday Inn. It was a time to renew friendships, catch up on the past and enjoy a lovely luncheon, which included salad, rolls, a choice of chicken stuffed with spinach or salmon with mustard sauce and pie or fresh fruit. Yum.

Entertainment was provided by The Pandemic Sisters, a group that formed and practiced regardless of the pandemic swirling around. They played ukuleles and other stringed instruments and

led the guests in rousing renditions of traditional songs as well as songs of the '50s and '60s. And some newer songs to boot. Hands were clapping, toes were tapping and voices were raised at every table. The Pandemic Sisters can often be found playing at the Sunday Farmers Market.

Joan Baker, club secretary, led the group that organized the afternoon. It was a lot of work and it turned out beautifully. Robin Olson captured the day with her photography, as she attempted to get everyone in at least one picture. In addition to photography, Olson is the club's email and Facebook page coordinator. She commented on how the guests were laughing and swaying to The Pandemic Sisters music. Many members stayed and stayed just enjoying the moment and speaking to everyone they knew. It was a wonderful afternoon.



From left, good friends Kathy Reynolds, Mary Hooper, Judy Dixon, Betty Price, Bea McCarthy, Shirley Pray and Jerriann King enjoy the Golden Age Club luncheon on April 19.

- Photos by Robin Olson



Membership chair Tissa Rogers, left, and corresponding secretary Joyce Bailey wait for the festivities to begin.



From left, Program coordinator Suze Marley, Linda Kelley and Molly Rubinstein check people in for the luncheon.



City liaison Amber Hall, front left, poses with Ellen Weiss and email coordinator Robin Olson (back row) and Sandy Hamlin (front right).



From left, Jim Marley, Treasurer Ken Mahen and Vice President John Henry Jones man the 50-50 station.

City Notes

The Community Center hosted a blood drive and a food distribution, with help from Public Works.

Refuse/Recycling collected 26.64 tons of refuse and 10.01 tons of recyclables.

Sustainability/Environmental guided a Washington Post reporter's tour of city conservation areas, hosted a Girl Scout tree-planting event and a stream cleanup event by nine local business volunteers. Building Maintenance serviced standby generators at Public Works and the Police Station.

The Community Center welcomed Girl Scouts, Concert Band, Volksmarchers, Advisory Planning Board, Farmers Market, Peace and Justice Coalition, Writers Group, Honk! Situation and 16 event rentals.

Arts offerings included Making Comics, Bookmaking, Wood Carving, Fused Glass Jewelry and Mosaic Stepping Stones. Therapeutic Recreation attended a restaurant luncheon for seniors.

Park rangers inventoried outdoor basketball court facilities for a city council budget work-session.

Liz Park of CARES, the interim city manager and city treasurer met with the State Attorney General's office about city use of opioid settlement funds.

Referendum Petition.

Let council know your views!

On April 11, City Council amended the city charter by 4 to 3 to allow a non-resident City Manager.

Council can now waive the City Manager residency requirement applicant-by-applicant.

If change is needed to City Manager residency rules, it should be consistent, not potentially discriminatory.

Sign the petition!
Reject Council's charter change so voters can decide.

Email CityManager2023@gmail.com and find out how to sign the petition.

Volunteer help is gratefully accepted.

More information on the website.

<https://citymanagerreferendumpetition.godaddysites.com/>

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NOTICE OF New Deal Café ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

May 7, 2023 11:00 a.m.

In person at the Café

113 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD 20770

Sign-in & payment of annual dues, required for voting, begins at 10:30 a.m.

**NOT YET A MEMBER?
COME IN A SIGN UP FOR AN
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For \$50, enjoy the benefits of membership for the rest of this year and all of next year!

**** NOTICE REGARDING ABSENTEE BALLOTS ****

If a member cannot attend the meeting in person an Absentee Ballot for the Board of Directors will be accepted. Contact the Board Secretary at social@newdealcafe.com for information about submitting an Absentee Ballot.

**Elections will be held for:
Board of Directors [2 positions]
Audit Committee [3 positions]**

View the complete agenda www.newdealcafe.com

Come early and enjoy a delicious breakfast or stay after the meeting for a late lunch!

Police Blotter

Incidents reported here occurred April 17 to 23. Readers are encouraged to contact the police if they have information that may aid in an inquiry. Call the non-emergency number 301-474-7200 or email pd@greenbeltmd.gov. Note that the times provided are when the incidents were reported.

Dispute with Threats

On April 17 at 4:43 p.m. near 6100 Springhill Terrace, an ongoing dispute between middle school children was reported.

Fraud

On April 21 at 1:33 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, check fraud. On April 21 near 6200 Springhill Court, wire fraud. On April 22 near 550 Crescent Road, check fraud.

Theft

On April 23 at 1:21 p.m. near 7400 Greenway Center Drive, personal property was stolen from a residence, with no signs of forced entry. On April 21 near 5900 Cherrywood Lane, mail theft occurred. Commercial theft occurred April 22 at 11:57 a.m. near 7500 Greenbelt Road, and April 18 at 4:47 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road.

Vehicle Crimes

Attempted Vehicle Thefts

Four Kia Optimas had windows broken and the ignition damaged: a 2019 on April 20 near 6100 Breezewood Drive; a 2018 on April 20 near 6000 Cherrywood Court; a 2016 on April 21 near 6100 Breezewood Drive; and on April 20 near 9300 Edmonston Road, a 2020 Kia Optima was found with a broken window and the ignition damaged, and was towed for safekeeping.

Stolen Vehicles

Five vehicles were stolen, including two Kias and a Hyundai: a white Kia Sportage (Va. plate UJM4666) April 18 near 8000 Mandan Road; a 2017 Hyundai Tucson (Md. plate 3CY1249) April 20 near 8200 Canning Terrace; a black 2016 Kia Optima (Md. plate 2EV6547) April 21 near 9300 Edmonston Road; a 2018 white Chevy Impala (Md. plate 9EB6875) April 23 near 7800 Mandan Road, stolen after it was left running and unlocked; and a black Honda Accord (Va. plate UKL5070) April 23 near 9100 Edmonston Road.

Theft From Auto

Steering wheel airbags were stolen from a 2015 Acura TLX April 18 near 8900 Edmonston Road; from a 2022 Honda Accord April 19 near 8000 Greenbelt Station Parkway; and from a 2015 Honda Accord April 20 near 7600 Hanover Parkway.

On April 17 near 6900 Hanover Parkway, a license plate and spare tire were stolen. On April 17 near 6500 Capitol Drive, front and rear license plates were stolen. On April 18 near 8000 Mandan Road, a trailer license plate (Md. plate 307078X) was stolen.

On April 18 near 6000 Springhill Drive, a car window was broken and work tools were stolen. On April 18 near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace, a black handgun was stolen from an unlocked car. On April 20 near 7700 Hanover Parkway, all four wheels were stolen from a 2020 Toyota Corolla.

On April 23 near 9300 Edmonston Road, a car window was broken and property stolen. A second car was found with a window broken, but it's unknown if anything was taken.

Vandalism or Attempted Theft from Auto

On April 19 near 9100 Springhill Lane, a car was vandalized with scratch marks on all four doors and two tires flattened. On April 20 near 9300 Edmonston Road, eight cars in the parking lot had multiple tires slashed. On April 20 near 9100 Springhill Lane, a car had a tire slashed, window broken, and the rear windshield broken.

On April 19 near 400 Ridge Road, a car window was broken. On April 20 near 6200 Breezewood Drive, a car window was broken and the car was rummaged through. Car windows were broken but nothing was taken, April 17 near 9100 Springhill Lane; April 20 near 8000 Mandan Road; April 21 near 8300 Greenbelt Station Parkway; April 22 near 6200 Breezewood Drive; and April 23 near Crescent Road.

Found

On April 20 near 8000 Mandan Road, a stolen car was located.



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EV CHARGING continued from page 1

had just received the notification and couldn't yet say how many charging stations this injection of funding will mean for the city. Each time charging stations are developed, the cost is very site-specific, Carpenter-Driscoll told the News Review. At any given location cost will depend on a number of things, including where the power source is, he explained. While Carpenter-Driscoll can't say how many charging stations residents can look forward to, he did say they will put in "as many as possible" and at more locations.

Public Works is now early in the planning process for the increased infrastructure and Carpenter-Driscoll couldn't say which sites will be selected for the stations. However, the recently renovated Buddy Attick parking lot, which didn't have the budget

for EV chargers, incorporated the infrastructure to service EVs in the future (see "Buddy Attick Park Soon Will Have Greener Parking" in the October 27, 2022 issue) and perhaps this will be its opportunity.


Musicians Needed For Community Orchestra

Plans are underway to start a community orchestra in Greenbelt. Anyone who plays an orchestral instrument or who is interested in helping out in some capacity is encouraged to fill out an interest form to gauge whether there is enough interest to move forward with the plans. The form is available at tinyurl.com/GreenbeltOrchestra.

For more information, contact Anne Gardner at annegreenbelt@gmail.com.

Garden Club Plant Sale in Center

The Beltsville Garden Club's (BGC) popular yearly plant sale returns to Greenbelt on Saturday, May 6 from 9 a.m. to noon. The municipal parking lot behind the New Deal Café will be blooming with affordable, healthy plants to bring beauty to the garden and healthy flavors to the table. All plants are grown by BGC members (including many Greenbelt gardeners) and include vegetables, herbs, houseplants, annuals, native perennials and shrubs. Plants grown by BGC members at the Duckworth School greenhouse will be sold to benefit the school. New this year: The Roaming Stone will provide tool sharpening services at reasonable prices, for example, straight edge and serrated knives for \$7; scissors, hedge shears and pruners for \$10; axes, shovels, spades and edgers for \$11. Come early for the best plant selection.



PRELIMINARY AGENDA
Meetings of the GHI and GDC Boards of Directors on May 4, 2023

GHI Closed Meeting – starts at 7:00 p.m. - closed to members and visitors

- a) Approve Minutes of the Closed Meeting Held on March 16, 2023
- b) Member Financial Matters
- c) 2023-2026 Contract for Providing Uniforms to Employees
- d) Member Complaint Matters

GDC Closed Meeting – starts after the GHI Closed Meeting adjourns - closed to members and visitors

- a) Approve Minutes of the Closed Meeting Held on January 19, 2023

GDC Open Meeting – starts at 7:45 p.m. - open to visitors and members

- a) Approve Minutes of the Open Meeting Held on January 5, 2023
- b) Review GDC's 2022 Year-End Financial Statements
- c) Review Report re: GDC Operations for the Year 2022
- d) Select a Date for the 2023 Annual Stockholders' Meeting
- e) Item of Information: Contracts Approved by the Manager During 1st Quarter 2023

GHI Open Meeting – starts after the GDC Open Meeting adjourns - open to members and visitors

- a) Statements of Closed Meetings of the Transition and Search Committee Held on April 18 and April 20, 2023
- b) Statements of Closed Meetings of the Board of Directors Held on April 27, May 1, and May 4, 2023
- c) Approval of Addendum for Trust Ownership and Trustee's Affidavit for a GHI Unit
- d) Approve Minutes of the Open Meeting Held on March 16, 2023
- e) Request from a Member to Install a New Window and Alter an Existing Window on the Serviceside of Their Unit
- f) Review GHI's 2022 Year-End Financial Statements
- g) Motion to Hold a Closed Meeting on May 18, 2023

Members and visitors who wish to attend the Open meetings must register in advance via the following link:
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Book Discussion

Tuesday, May 2, 6:30 p.m., adults. Participate in a discussion of Ross Gay's Catalog of Unabashed Gratitude part of the National Endowment for the Arts Big Reads initiative. A limited number of complimentary copies of the book will be available for program attendees.

Poetry Contest

Prince George's County Memorial Library System will host the 2023 Annual Poetry Contest. This year's theme is heroism. Some examples include, but are not limited to: "Who is your hero?" "What does heroism mean to you?" or even "Who is your favorite superhero?" Submissions will be accepted through Sunday, April 30 at pgcmls.info/poetry.

Storytimes

Friday, April 28, 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at pgcmls.info/event/8031876.

Monday, May 1, 10:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2. Register at pgcmls.info/event/8239789.

Tuesday, May 2, 6:30 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at pgcmls.info/event/8239795.

Teen Action Group

Wednesday, May 3, 4:30 p.m. Register at pgcmls.info/event/8244707.

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Prince George's County teens in grades 6 to 12 can earn student service learning (SSL) hours through participation in the Library's VolunTEEN program. Teens may submit the information needed for each VolunTEEN prompt in Beanstack via the link at pgcmls.info/teens. All of the necessary information must be provided to earn SSL hours through the VolunTEEN program up to a maximum of 12 SSL hours.

Chromebooks

Online 2Go Chromebooks may be borrowed from the Library by those 18 and older with library cards in good standing, one device per customer. No LINK or student accounts are allowed. Further information is available at pgcmls.info/borrow-technology.

Sunday, April 30 Bird Walk with Holly Brevig

The 20th Anniversary of the Greenbelt Forest Preserve continues with a bird walk on Sunday, April 30 at 8 a.m. Enjoy the morning bird songs at the Preserve. The group will set out early to hear and see the beauty of local winged friends. Dress for possible mud and ticks and prepare to climb some steep hills on the trail. Bring binoculars if available. There may be a few extra pairs to borrow.

Holly Brevig is a Maryland Master Naturalist Volunteer as part of the Anacostia Watershed Society Chapter. She leads bird walks for Nature Forward (formerly known as the Audubon Naturalist Society), has taught Introduction to Ornithology to Maryland Master Naturalists as part of the Nature Forward Chapter and is a volunteer for the Montgomery Parks Bird Community Index Project led by the M-NCPPC. She loves the outdoors and has participated in other events, such as bioblitz events in the DMV area, invasive plant removals, stream monitoring and mussel restoration. She has a bachelor's degree in biology and a Ph.D. in biomedical science.

New to Birding? Check out these links for hints and apps: ny.audubon.org/news/bird-watching-101-guide-beginners, backyardchirper.com/bird-info-229.html and opticsmag.com/best-season-birdwatching.

Group size is limited, so RSVP to suzanbwild@gmail.com. Event location will be sent to those who RSVP. As always, refreshments will be provided following the walk, in the tradition of the Committee to Save the Green Belt.



Theater Volunteer Training Session

On Sunday, May 7 at 2 p.m. the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) will hold a training session for people interested in volunteering to work as box office cashiers and front-of-house ushers. The training will be held at GAC, 123 Crescent Road, and will include a tour of the theater. Anyone 18 or older who is interested in this volunteer opportunity is invited.

The main job for these volunteers is to provide a good experience for those attending the theater. Cashiers greet patrons when they arrive at the box office, check patrons in, sell tickets and distribute playbills to patrons. Ushers manage the patrons in the lobby pre-show and during intermission, reserve seats for people with disabilities, greet patrons at the theater door and seat latecomers. Volunteers in both positions must enjoy working with people and be flexible in their work.

Each position works a two-hour shift on a Friday or Saturday evening or a Sunday afternoon for one to two performances per show. GAC shows, both regular and musical, usually run over three weekends for nine performances. Scheduling of volunteers is done using the online program SignUp Genius. Each volunteer can earn one complimentary ticket for each show worked.

If interested, register by emailing your name, address and preferred telephone number to boxgac@greenbeltartscenter.org.

Open Studio, Sale At Comm. Center

The Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program is hosting an Art Studio Open House and Sale on Sunday, May 7 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Community Center. Guests are invited to mingle and shop with the center's artists in residence and other local artists. Tour the studios and learn about different mediums and processes. Try throwing on the pottery wheel.

Guests of all ages can also participate in a free Artful Afternoon activity, making "pocket puppets" on the lawn with Black Cherry Puppet Theater (reservations recommended). See an exhibit of paintings by Kathy Karlson in the art gallery. Attend the Dance Performance Club's original production, The Magic Toy Shop (tickets required). Learn more about all the day's events at http://bit.ly/3UwcUa0.

The Community Center is located at 15 Crescent Road. City of Greenbelt arts programs are supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.

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Greenbelt PLOGS and the Trash Warriors made a special effort to clean up the playgrounds while also continuing to clean up the streets throughout the city. Become a Greenbelt plogger and receive a picker-upper tool and a reflective vest to help in cleanup efforts. Contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler at spreadruak@gmail.com.



Trash Warriors, from left: Skylar Leisnham, Helen Sickle, Maren O’Roark and Evelyn Sage



Ed Kennedy holds a bag for Helen Sickle and Maren O’Roark.

- Photos by Joel Sage

Bees (and their Honey) Congregate Here at the Community Church

by Amy Hansen

Bees attended Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ, on Sunday, April 23, and they showed off their hive to the 50 or so people attending the church’s Bee Fair.

As part of the fair, members of the Bowie-Upper Marlboro Beekeepers Association brought a demo hive to the church lawn. While the day was not hot, the insects were warm enough to move around inside.

The fair also featured opportunities to make beeswax candles, fold origami paper bees, make bee picture puzzles and snack on honey-flavored baked goods. The money raised from the fair supports Heifer International, an organization working to end poverty by providing livestock and training to struggling families.



Will Wertz, right, and Evander Crompton roll beeswax candles during the Community Church’s Bee Fair.



Jim Miers takes a close look at a demonstration hive brought to the Community Church on April 23.

- Photos by Amy Hansen

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viburnum, azaleas, black cherries, black gum, black haw viburnum, flowering dogwood, ironwood (American hornbeam), pin oaks, red maples, red oaks and sweet bay magnolias.

“The trees were native varieties specifically chosen for the soil and environmental conditions, to replace trees that came down in

the July storm, increase biodiversity and beautify the school grounds,” Carpenter-Driscoll said. Four trees donated from Lowe’s included two blue spruces and two Sweet Jim magnolias, and some additional trees were donated by National Geographic to be added to the school’s garden.



PHOTO BY MELISSA SITES

Dad Shane Perkinson, grandmother Liz, and young diggers Finn and Sawyer enjoy another Greenbelt Earth Day.



PHOTO BY ANNA BEDFORD-DILLOW

Amy Lahlou, reading intervention specialist at Dora Kennedy French Immersion School, plants a tree on the school grounds. Behind her, Councilmember Ric Gordon and Mayor Emmett Jordan work together to plant another.



PHOTO BY JAN BLACKWELL ROGERS

Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll gives planting instructions to a group that includes community members, DKFI students, councilmembers and scouts.