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My Joni Mitchell Journey

by Liz Tobey

I had never flown across the U.S. to attend a concert. Last weekend, I did just that, attending Joni Mitchell's concert at the Gorge Amphitheatre in Quincy, Wash., on Saturday, June 10. The 79-year-old Canadian-born singer/songwriter gave her first scheduled concert performance in 23 years.

I've loved Joni Mitchell's music ever since I borrowed my Dad's LP record of Ladies of the Canyon (1970) when I was 12. I'm the same age as that album. Throughout the decades, Joni's songs have traveled with me in good and bad times. Her Circle Game was my Dad's favorite song, so much so that we played it at his memorial service in 2022. I watched her 75th birthday concert on screen at the Old Greenbelt Theatre in 2018, never thinking I would ever have the opportunity to hear Joni sing.

This was no ordinary concert. Joni suffered a near-fatal brain



PHOTO BY LESLIE BRICE

Liz Tobey holds the shawl she made inspired by Joni Mitchell's music, with the Gorge Amphitheatre stage in the background.

aneurysm in 2015. Emergency surgery saved her life, but she had a long recovery, relearning how to speak, walk and play the guitar. As Joni recovered, her fellow musicians began holding monthly "Joni Jams" at her home in Los Angeles, where they

would play Joni's and other songs. Washington-state native Brandi Carlile convinced Joni to make a surprise appearance onstage last July at the Newport Folk Festival.

When I heard last October that Joni would be returning again to the stage at the Gorge Amphitheatre on June 10 as part of Brandi Carlile's Echoes Through the Canyon weekend, I knew I had to go. I even sewed a shawl of sky blue, appliqued with images inspired by Joni's songs. I invited my friend Leslie, and on June 8, we flew from Washington Dulles to Seattle, rented a car and drove the next day to the Gorge. The amphitheater, which opened in 1986 is located 155 miles east of Seattle. The venue is built into the face of a

canyon overlooking the Columbia River.

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Small City Newspaper Has Need for Big-time Support

One of the primary duties of this newspaper is to report on city council. Like it or not, city council is pivotal in the quality of residents' lives. Its budget choices affect everything from the flower beds by the B-W Parkway ramp to dog park policy, from city facilities and policing to Buddy Attick Park. Its decisions on priorities affect residents' pockets and the budget it controls serves those in need, children in the summer and bus transportation year long, among many other things. Residents really need to know what's going on in council.

Nitty Gritty

From time to time the News Review is challenged to cover council's many meetings. Now is one of those times. There are typically two council meetings a month and sometimes as many as six worksessions. Regular meetings mean three or more hours of listening to the meetings and then some hours writing the story. Worksessions are usually shorter –

about two hours is typical.

Currently, with only three reporters who routinely sign up for this duty, that's a lot of work. As a result, residents are missing somewhat-less-important meetings that they should nonetheless hear about.

Writing council stories is not a minor commitment and requires at least some background in how the council operates and, of course, the city's ongoing issues and concerns. Also, there are conventions to be learned about News Review style. We ask new reporters to work with a mentor to get them rolling. But if a few big-hearted souls signed up for just one story a month, it would be a boon to coverage and a welcome relief to the few of us (most of whom have other pressing newspaper responsibilities) now bearing the burden.

Can you help? If so, contact us at editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com or call 301-474-4131 between 2 and 4 p.m. on a Monday or Tuesday.

Watson Meets and Greets Greenbelt's Golden Agers

by Mary Moien



PHOTO BY MARY MOIEN

County Councilmember Ingrid Watson, second from left, greets Barbara Wright, Esther Robinson, Erma Butcher and Nancy McAlister at her luncheon.

On June 16, County Councilmember Ingrid Watson, whose district includes Greenbelt, hosted a Meet and Greet luncheon with the Golden Age Club. It was a chance for senior citizens to meet Watson informally and discuss issues of importance. The wonderful buffet from Mission Barbecue was an added attraction.

As some of the seniors have limited walking abilities, Wat-

son and her staff helped serve a number of the guests. She then provided a brief update on items of interest to Greenbelt seniors. Watson reflected on the current county budget, stating that over 60 percent is allocated for education, with an additional 25 percent for public safety. Much of the budget comes from individual

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Clear Backpack Requirement For Middle and High School?

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

Parents have begun to receive a patchwork of ad-hoc mentions of a new requirement for middle and high school students to carry clear backpacks to school come the fall. Some schools within Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) have added clear backpacks to uniform and supply lists on their sites. Others haven't communicated the requirement with their families.

The school system itself mentioned the new requirement in a recent newsletter to PGCPS families on June 12, but it was under section IV "Activities for Teens" and easily missed by many. "While shopping for school supplies, don't forget that middle and high school students will require

clear backpacks, starting this fall," that mention read.

A June 14 parent newsletter from Principal Portia Barnes at Eleanor Roosevelt High School announced, "Please be reminded that clear bookbags/backpacks are a requirement for all PGCPS high school students for next school year. Administration is looking to work with a PGCPS-approved

vendor to sell to parents/students. More information is forthcoming."

A staff member at Greenbelt Middle School said they've heard of the requirement but couldn't provide further details. A representative from Dora Kennedy French Immersion (DKFI) said

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What Goes On

Monday, June 26
No City Council Meeting, Maryland Municipal League Conference
Wednesday, June 28
No City Council Meeting, Maryland Municipal League Conference

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



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Greenbelter Tom Hibbs, right, recently published a book about his son, baseball player Tyler Hibbs, who died of an overdose at age 27. They are shown here in 2014. See story, page 7.

From the Editor's Desk

I read with sadness of the death of Daniel Ellsberg. A story about his life ran in Saturday's Washington Post. For me it was reliving moments in the history of freedom of the press. In the case of the libel suit against the News Review by developer Charles Bressler, at our request for help, the Post asked their law firm Royall, Koegel, Rogers and Wells to take our case pro bono. The young lawyer the firm selected was Roger A. Clark. In May 1970 he won a unanimous decision in our favor from the U.S. Supreme Court saying the newspaper was performing its wholly legitimate function in reporting a public city council meeting.

A year later the New York Times and soon the Washington Post began publishing Ellsberg's copies of the Pentagon Papers, detailing stories the government did not want the public to read. The Nixon administration then won a temporary injunction against further publication by the Post.

Clark led the fight for the Post and the New York Times to continue publishing the Pentagon Papers. The U.S. Supreme Court, by a six to three decision, sided with the newspapers.

Ellsberg went on to co-found the Freedom of the Press Foundation.



PHOTO BY KEN LOO

Two downy woodpeckers dance around a tree in Old Greenbelt. The juvenile female was being a pest and was getting fed by momma. We know the juvenile was a female because males have a thin veil of red tips over their cap.

On Screen at Old Greenbelt Theatre

Asteroid City

In this Wes Anderson film, the itinerary of a Junior Stargazer/Space Cadet convention (organized to bring together students and parents from across the country for fellowship and scholarly competition) is spectacularly disrupted by world-changing events. Starring Jason Schwartzman, Scarlett Johansson, Tom Hanks, Jeffrey Wright, Tilda Swinton and Bryan Cranston. Said critic Katie Walsh of the Tribune News Service, "Anderson hasn't just delivered his best film in years, he's also managed to capture the zeitgeist in his own unique way."

Persian Lessons

German with English subtitles
Set in occupied France in 1942, Persian Lessons follows Gilles (Nahuel Pérez Biscayart), a Belgian Jew who narrowly avoids sudden execution by swearing to the guards that he's Persian, not Jewish. While the lie temporarily saves him, Gilles is then assigned the extraordinary task of teaching Farsi, a language he doesn't know, to Koch (Lars Eidinger), the officer in charge of the camp's kitchen who dreams of opening a restaurant in Iran once the war is over. Through an inspired and clever deception, Gilles not only manages to survive, but also devises an astonishing strategy to remember the names of his condemned brethren.

Grateful Dead Meet-Up at the Movies

A year after Brent Mydland's passing, the Grateful Dead returned to the summer stadium circuit, playing Chicago's Soldier Field for the first time, with two keyboard players filling the seat Brent left vacant. Bruce Hornsby and Vince Welnick's presence and musical contributions reinvigorated and revitalized the Grateful Dead, and the inspiration of the Dead's playing was palpable. On a Saturday night in front of 60,000 fans, the Dead played what is often considered one of the greatest shows of the Bruce-Vince era, up there with the second Giants Stadium show from a few days earlier. From the original six-camera video feed that appeared on the stadium's big screens and the pristine soundboard audio, Chicago 6/22/91 is an incredible performance start to finish.

Toy Story

Woody (Tom Hanks), a good-hearted cowboy doll who belongs to a young boy named Andy (John Morris), sees his position as Andy's favorite toy jeopardized when his parents buy him a Buzz Lightyear (Tim Allen) action figure. Even worse, the arrogant Buzz thinks he's a real spaceman on a mission to return to his home planet. When Andy's family moves to a new house, Woody and Buzz must escape the clutches of maladjusted neighbor Sid Phillips (Erik von Detten) and reunite with their boy.

Correction

The headline for last week's article on Corporal Matthew A. Inzeo receiving a lifesaving award suggested he is a Greenbelt Police officer. He is a Prince George's County Police officer.



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JUNE 23rd - JUNE 29th
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Asteroid City (PG-13) (CC) (DVS) (2023) (104 mins)
Fri. 5:45 PM, 8:15 PM
Sat. 8:00 PM in **Screen 2**
Sun. 2:30 PM in **Screen 2**, 5:30 PM
Mon. 2:30 PM (OC), 5:15 PM
Tues. 7:00 PM
Wed. 7:00 PM
Thurs. 6:30 PM

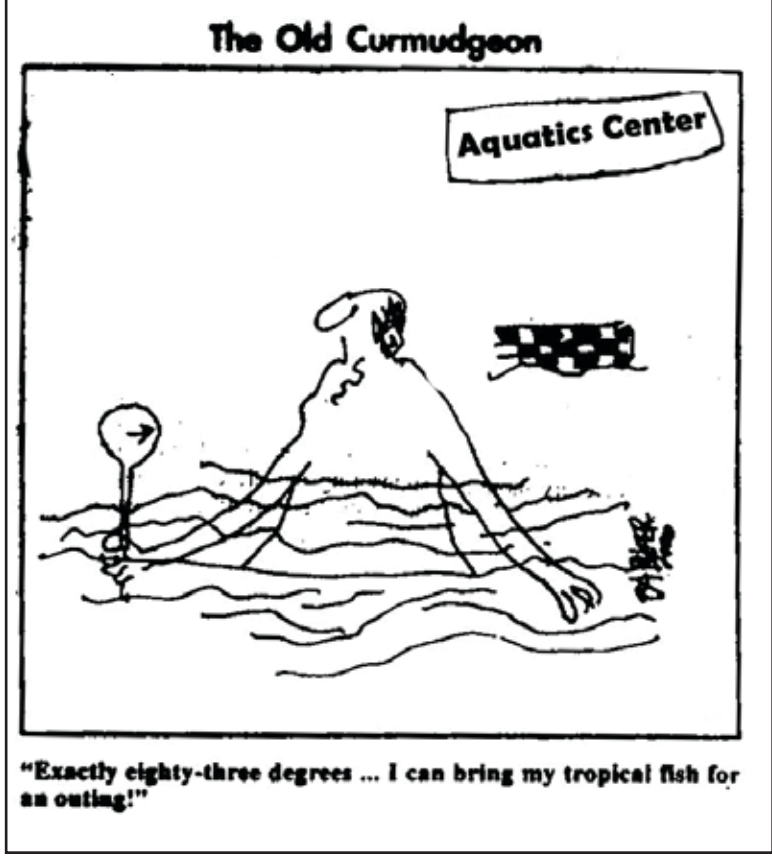
Into the Mist - Nepal America International Film Fest
nafilmsociety.org for more info
Fri. 3:00 PM FREE!
Sloane: A Jazz Singer - Nepal America International Film Fest
nafilmsociety.org for more info
Sat. 3:30 PM FREE!

Grateful Dead Meet-Up At the Movies (NR) (2023) (190 mins)
Sat. 7:30 PM
Toy Story (G) (1995) (77 mins)
Free School's Out screening!
Thurs. 1:00 PM

Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Persian Lessons (NR) (2023) (127 mins)
German with English subtitles
Fri. 5:00 PM, 7:45 PM
Sat. 5:00 PM
Sun. 5:00 PM
Mon. 2:00 PM
Tues. 6:45 PM
Wed. 6:45 PM
Thurs. 6:15 PM

Let's Make a Movie - Soundtrack! with Andrew Simpson
Educational workshop - Must Register Online!
Sun. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Cleo From 5 to 7 (NR) (1961) (90 mins)
Cinema Classics Lecture - Must Register Online!
Mon. 5:30 PM



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Deadline for letters is 6 p.m. Monday. Submission does not guarantee publication. Letters should be no longer than 300 words (shorter letters are more likely to be published).

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All letters must include the letter writer's name, physical address, and telephone number. Only the name will be published; the News Review will consider requests for the name to be withheld.



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Community Events

Senior Nutrition Program Luncheon

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunch for seniors Mondays and Wednesdays at the Community Center beginning at 11 a.m. Meals must be reserved one week ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext. 4215.

Two menu options, one vegetarian, will be offered for each luncheon. All meals, which provide at least one-third of Recommended Dietary Allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk.

MakerSpace Volunteers

The Greenbelt MakerSpace is seeking volunteers to staff the tool library and organize classes and other events. People are asking for more open hours (currently only Saturdays 10 a.m. to noon). Your help is needed for us to expand. Come to drop-in training sessions on Saturdays June 24 and July 1 from 10 a.m. to noon. Sign up for shifts at signup.com/go/UNkLnqk or email staff@make125.org if interested in other times or jobs.

The Greenbelt MakerSpace is down the outside stairs on the west side of the Granite Building at 115 Centerway.

Register for Recreation's Summer Art Classes

Registration is open for all Greenbelt Recreation summer arts classes. From ceramics and painting, to fused glass and sewing, a large range of media and creative experiences are available for all ages. Full class listings and registration information are posted at greenbeltmd.gov/arts.

Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club invites all to join them online every first, third and fifth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. A fun and friendly environment for anyone interested in improving their public speaking and leadership skills. Learn more at greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org.

Astronomical Society Meeting via Zoom

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will be holding its monthly meeting online over Zoom on Thursday, June 22 at 7:30 p.m. The speaker will be Dr. Kevin Hand of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, who will be speaking on Alien Oceans: The Search for Life in the Depths of Space. The Zoom link will be available on the Astronomical Society website's calendar page, greenbeltastro.org/events, before the meeting begins.

Support PORCH

Greenbelt PORCH remaining June food pickups:

Sunday, June 25. By 4 p.m. for 9 and 12 Courts and 11 and 13 Courts Ridge Road, by 5 p.m. for Lakeside Drive.

Leave donations of nonperishables and hygiene products by the front door marked RUAK or PORCH visible from the street. Ensure donated items have not expired.

Volunteers who would like to expand Greenbelt PORCH to additional neighborhoods in Greenbelt are always welcome; especially needed are coordinators in the Greenbelt East area. Anyone with questions or who is interested in being a volunteer or starting a new neighborhood for monthly food collection with Greenbelt PORCH, email Robert Goldberg-Strassler at spreadruak@gmail.com.



Wednesday Lunch At the New Deal Café

Telecommuters, retirees and all others are invited each Wednesday this summer for lunch at the New Deal Café, 113 Centerway. Interested in meeting new people, building community and supporting your Café? Join us from noon to 1 p.m.

For questions contact rspeterson1@gmail.com.

3 Sisters Garden Floral Photography



PHOTO BY EFFIE LEVNER

The floral photography exhibit in the Three Sisters Garden

All are invited to visit and enjoy the Floral Photography exhibit at the Three Sisters Garden in Schrom Hills Park. It is a self-guided tour throughout the day. Feedback and comments are appreciated. Send them to Effielevner@aol.com.

Upcoming Poetry in the Garden meetings will be on Sundays, July 9, August 6 and September 10 from 3 to 5 p.m. All meetings take place in the garden if weather permits. Otherwise they will be at the clubhouse in the park.

Meditation Classes Offered via Zoom

Katrina Boverman, a longtime meditation instructor with the SAGE program, and the Mishkan Torah Synagogue Sisterhood have quietly offered Summer Guided Meditation classes to Greenbelters and others for the past eight years. Although the synagogue itself is a wonderful peaceful setting welcoming to all, meditation this year will be offered via Zoom to attend from the comfort of home.

Classes started on June 5 and will be held every other Monday from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. through August 28. There is no charge; donations are welcome.

For more information email Katrinaboverman@yahoo.com or call 301-641-1035.

Croquet and Cornhole

On Sunday, June 25 from 1:30 to 4 p.m., join Greenbelt Unplugged for our Sixth Annual Community Croquet event in front of the Library. Free and open to all ages, croquet experience is optional. There will also be other lawn games such as cornhole. Also optional, but much appreciated, would be a non-perishable food donation to Greenbelt PORCH.

Chess Club Meets

The Greenbelt Chess Club will meet on Monday, June 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the New Deal Café. The group meets on the second, third and fourth Mondays of each month.

This group is for all ages and skill levels. For more information, call Effie at 443-415-1053.

Food Rescue Group Needs Volunteers

Prince George's County Food Equity Council (pgfec.org) has collaborated with Food Rescue US to prevent food waste. One such "rescue" is located right here in Greenbelt, our local Farmers Market, scheduled each Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. until mid-November. Two volunteers with two cars will show up around 1:45 p.m. and will check in with farmers and vendors to see if they would be willing/able at the close of the market to donate surplus food to a church-run food bank in Laurel. Volunteers will bring cardboard boxes to collect food, then drive for 15 minutes up to Laurel to drop off collected food to church staff, who will keep that food in cold storage until ready to distribute to those in need. If interested, one of the local Food Rescue volunteers, Joe Robbins (robbins629@gmail.com), is happy to answer any questions. Sign up at the following website: bit.ly/pgcfr_signup. The group's motto is Be the Rescue.

Mosquito Tip of the Week



Statistics agree that neither sharks nor snakes, lions nor rhinos are the most dangerous animals on earth. The most deadly animal on earth is the mosquito, killing between 700,000 and one million people a year. Sharks, in comparison, kill between five and 10 people a year.

Mosquitoes, especially in the tropical regions of the planet, carry dangerous infectious diseases like malaria, Zika or dengue fever. These diseases kill hundreds of thousands of people, and sicken millions. A changing climate might bring these diseases closer to our doorsteps, too, which makes mosquito prevention and mitigation even more urgent. One cannot rely on pesticides to do the job: Pesticides are not very efficient in killing adult, flying mosquitoes and they have already led to the development of pesticide-resistant mosquitoes in some states of the U.S.

But there are ways to protect oneself: Be diligent and consistent in removing mosquito breeding sites from property. This will have a big impact on reducing the number of mosquitoes in the neighborhood, thus reducing the risk of mosquito-borne disease.

To learn more, to support this work and/or to volunteer, email GreenCAPS – Greenbelt Citizens Avoiding Pesticides, at GreenbeltGreenCAPS@yahoo.com.

Français, s'il vous plaît: French at the Café

A French conversation group will meet at the New Deal Café on Thursdays at 7 p.m. starting on June 29. All levels and ages welcome.

Book and Lyrics by Adrian Mitchell
Music by Andy Roberts

The Patchwork Girl

Based on the book by L. Frank Baum

Directed by Eliot Mahamuth
Choreographed by Summer Moore

Music Direction by Christine Wells
Produced by Jenna Jones Paradis

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*For more information on these events, visit the NDC CALENDAR page on our website.
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Obituaries

Tal Brosh



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Tal Brosh

Tal Brosh of Berwyn Heights died with his wife of 30 years Kathy (Besket) Brosh by his side on June 1, 2023. Born on September 18, 1964, in Israel, Tal came to the United States in 1990. Although Tal did not reside in Greenbelt, he was well known and loved by many Greenbelters.

Tal's first job was as a cook at Beautiful Day Trading Co., a health food store and café located in College Park. It was there that he met Kathy. They later married and together they established a vegan/Mediterranean food cart called Pita Plus, situated in the heart of Takoma Park. It wasn't long before they established themselves as a favorite among the locals. As luck would have it, they were able to seize the opportunity to expand their business with the purchase of Beautiful

Day Trading Co, the very café where they first met. The café became known as Berwyn Café, situated in the town of Berwyn.

Most recently, Tal focused his talents working for Olive Tree Company, a hummus production and distribution company in Takoma Park owned and managed by Yaron Semitsky, Tal's friend with whom he grew up in Kibbutz Alonim in Israel.

When not cooking, Tal loved to spend time at home gardening, playing his acoustic and electric guitars, fishing with his sons and watching his favorite soccer team, Liverpool. He was a devoted husband to Kathy and loving "Abba" (father) to his three sons.

Tal is survived by his wife, Kathy; their three sons, Shawn, Jeremy and Daniel; sisters Galia Brosh, Inbal Barda and Lotem Ben-Shaul; and many nieces and nephews, both in Israel and the United States. Tal is predeceased by his father Yona and mother Ruti (Albeg) Brosh.

A celebration of Tal's life will be held at a later time. An announcement will be posted in the News Review when the information is available.

Ric Gordon Elected to Board Of County's Municipal Assoc.

Greenbelt Councilmember Ric Gordon was elected to a one-year term on the Prince George's County Municipal Association (PGCMA) board as an at-large member representing Greenbelt as well as all 27 municipalities in the county.

The at-large seat entails supporting the president and vice president of the association and the rest of the board to help it serve and support the county in various capacities.

"As an active elected official, I am honored to serve the residents of the City of Greenbelt and all

residents that reside in Prince George's County. Many thanks to my constituents who voted for me, and I look forward to working together doing the people's work," said Gordon.

The PGCMA is an association of the county's elected and appointed municipal leaders working together to benefit the residents of 27 municipalities, Prince George's County and the State of Maryland.



Our sympathies to the family and friends of Sandra Dwiggins, who died June 16. Sandra will be remembered for her wonderful art and teaching, both of which she shared with the Greenbelt community.

Condolences also to the family and many friends of Tal Brosh, who brought wonderful food, music, and warmth to so many.

Send details of your news 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.

"There is no doubt that when women obtain equality of rights, war will entirely cease among mankind."
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City Notes

The Real Juneteenth, a Black History and Culture Committee, Museum and Recreation presentation, drew 40 participants. At Greenbelt Park's campfire circle, a Museum educator spoke about Greenbelt's history.

Street Maintenance/Special Details provided event furnishings for Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program's produce distribution and the Farmers Market. Refuse/Recycling collected 23.71 tons of refuse and 10.07 tons of recyclables and Horticulture/Parks delivered chips and mulch to the community gardens. Building Maintenance repaired the theater's popcorn machine, the Police Station elevator and two HVAC units at the pool.

The Community Center accommodated Scouts, Concert Band, Golden Age Club, Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service, GAIL, Friends of the Greenbelt Museum, Labor Day Festival Committee, Advisory Planning Board, Arts Center, Writers Group and the Prince George's Peace and Justice Coalition.

A new exhibition opened in the Art Gallery, and Therapeutic Recreation coordinated an event featuring a county councilmember.

Park rangers facilitated Greenbelt Station's Summer Picnic. CARES's vaccine clinic at Green Ridge House served 22 residents and staff members.

At the Library

All county libraries will have delayed opening on Thursday, June 22; libraries will open at noon that day. Regular hours at the Greenbelt Library are Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m. In case of inclement weather or an emergency, real-time updates to the Greenbelt Library's schedule are posted at pgcmls.info/alerts.

Summer Prince George's

Prince George's County's summer reading and community engagement program, Summer Prince George's (SPG), offers new opportunities for Prince Georgians to learn, socialize and engage with neighbors. Presented by PGCMLS and the Washington Nationals, SPG 2023 celebrates the national summer reading theme of All Together Now and invites Prince Georgians of all ages to connect across generations and communities by reading, attending library or partner events (in-person or virtually), visiting neighborhood branch libraries and engaging with library resources, whether streaming movies and music or taking LinkedIn Learning classes.

Storytimes

Friday, June 23, ages 2 to 3, 11:15 am. Register at pgcmls.info/event/8384069.

Monday, June 26, ages newborn to 2, 10:15 am. Register at pgcmls.info/event/8384034.

Tuesday, June 27, ages 3 to 5, 6:30 pm. Register at pgcmls.info/event/8390401.



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.

MEETINGS FOR JUNE 26 - 30

Monday, June 26, **NO MEETING**

Tuesday, June 27 at 7 pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES**, *On the Agenda: Review Past Meeting Minutes, Update on Tree Canopy Grant, Update on PEPCO Pruning, Discuss Significant Tree Walk for Fall Fest 2023, Adjourn*

Tuesday, June 27 at 7:30 pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABILITY AND GREEN TEAM**, *On the Agenda: SMC Recerfication, Bee City Celebrations, Green Building - 7010 Greenbelt Rd Update*

Wednesday, June 28, **NO MEETING**

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 Appeals
- 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

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SENIOR PROPERTY TAX CREDIT

Effective fiscal year* beginning July 1, 2023, Prince George's County will provide up to a 20% credit of the County portion of the property tax bill, inclusive of any Homeowners and Homestead Credit (total max of 20%), for up to 5 years.



Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/news

**ALL AGES ART WORKSHOP
FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 5:30 - 7 PM**
Greenbelt Community Center

Create whimsical, felted woodlands creatures with artist Vanessa Zanin. All ages. \$5 residents, \$10 non-residents. Details and sign-up with activity # 333206-1: <https://bit.ly/42UVwyD>.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.
THE GREENBELT CONNECTION WILL NOT BE OPERATING.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of July 3
Monday Route – Collected Monday
Tuesday Route – Collected Wednesday
Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday
Thursday Route – Collected Friday

There will be no appliance, odd metals, hard plastics, or yard waste collections on Friday, July 7.

ASK ME ABOUT ARPA

Your website for all of **Greenbelt's ARPA projects & grants**, including:

- Greenbelt Education Scholarship Grant
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- Tree Canopy Grant
- Micro Grant
- Business Improvement Recover Fund, Round III
- Business Capital Infrastructure Grant program

View all grant programs at a glance at www.engagegreenbelt.org/grants
View the most recently updated ARPA programs by visiting www.engagegreenbelt.org/updates
For all up-to-date ARPA program information including project selection, project updates, department information, and more, visit www.engagegreenbelt.org.

RECREATION SUMMER ACTIVITY GUIDE
www.greenbeltmd.gov/activityguide

JULY FOURTH FANFARE

Celebrate Independence Day with friends and neighbors at Buddy Attick Park:

- Bring a picnic
- Walk the lake trail
- Enjoy the playground
- Museum and Recreation art activity, 4:30 - 6:30 pm
- Community Drum Circle, 5:30 - 6:45 pm
- Greenbelt Concert Band, 7:30 - 8:30 pm
- FIREWORKS approximately 9 pm

In case of inclement weather, please call the weather and information hotline at (301) 474-0646.

GREENBELT NURSERY PROJECT

This **FREE** program starts on September 19 and lasts until November 14. Visits will be scheduled on Tuesdays To be eligible you must: Live within City limits, have children ages newborn to 3 years old, children who wear diapers or pull-ups. Program Features: Up to 10 bi-weekly home visits from student nurses.

Services include:Diapers,formula,wipes and so much more!

Questions? Need help registering? Please contact, Katherine Farzin by calling (240) 542-2019 or emailing kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov.

GREENBELT NURSING PROJECT

This **FREE** program starts mid-September and is open to Greenbelt residents 60+ or disabled adults 50+.

Program Features: Up to 10 visits on Tuesday OR Wednesday between 9:30 am - 3 pm. All nurses are will wear masks and are fully vaccinated.

Services include:Bathing assistance, Medication management, Vital signs monitoring, Medical resource information & advocacy, Mental health & cognitive screenings, Blood sugar monitoring & assist with finger prick.

Questions? Need help registering? Please contact, Sharon Johnson by calling (240) 542-2029 or emailing sjohnson@greenbeltmd.gov.

MY GROCERIES TO GO

The Greenbelt Assisted in Living Program (GAIL) is piloting the My Groceries to Go program in partnership with the Maryland Department of Aging and the Capital Area Food Bank. Limited slots are available. Participants will receive a monthly grocery box if you are a Greenbelt senior resident, aged 60 and older, and meet the income eligibility requirement:

Household Size	Gross Monthly Income
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2	\$2,137
3	\$2,694

To apply or learn more, please contact Brendy Garcia by phone at (240) 424-0302 or by email at bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.

CURRENT FREE CARES PROGRAMS

BACK TO SCHOOL FAMILY HEALTH FAIR
August 22, 10 am - 3 pm

Sign-up required. Contact Brendy Garcia at (240) 424-0302 or bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov

EMERGENCY DIAPER PROGRAM

Supporting Greenbelt families in need of diapers. Greenbelt residents only, you must sign-up each month. Call (240) 542-2019.

POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS

Thursdays June 5 - July 6
6 - 7:30 pm

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DINING WITH DIABETES

6/21, 6/28, 7/5, 7/12

5 - 6:30 pm, Zoom

A national program designed for adults with Type 2 Diabetes. The program teaches skills needed to identify and understand important information about managing this disease. Register at <https://rb.gy/j58gi>.

FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

JULY 20 TWO EVENTS/LOCATIONS

Community Center: 1 - 3 pm

Springhill Lake Recreation Center: 12 - 1:30 pm, registration required. For Greenbelt West residents only; must live in: Verde at Greenbelt Station, Greenbelt Station Master Association, Franklin Park, Motiva. Register by visiting <http://ow.ly/uGnV50OHgTN>.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

Volunteers are needed every third Thursday of the month at the Spring Hill Lake Recreation Center & the Greenbelt Community Center. Volunteers will assist with setting up tables, sorting and organizing fresh fruits and vegetables, and distributing them to families in need.

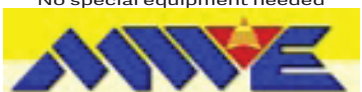
Springhill Lake Recreation Center Volunteers - For information, contact Katherine Farzin (240) 524-2019. To register, please use the link: <https://forms.gle/AqNxCARjwioCntWf9>.

Greenbelt Community Center Volunteers - For more information, contact Flora Li (301) 412-2480.

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Local Author Amy Hansen Talks to Golden Age Club

by Mary Moien

The Greenbelt Golden Age club had a full house on May 31 to hear Greenbelt author Amy Hansen describe her writing activities and her successes as a science writer. Hansen loves science and majored in environmental studies and journalism in college. She has been in Greenbelt for 25 years, but in her earlier career she worked at newspapers in Ohio and Milwaukee. One of her earlier independent assignments was for Highlights for Children, a well-known children's magazine.

There must have been a number of hopeful writers at the meeting, as Hansen was peppered with questions of how to get published. She described the difficult process of searching out possible writing gigs, writing up and submitting proposals and hopefully being hired for a specific project.

Hansen described having to think like a fourth grader (or



Greenbelt author Amy S. Hansen addresses the Golden Age Club.

younger) and think of information that they would want to know about the birds and mammals she writes about. She also writes stories for children about how machines and other inventions work.

It was a great presentation and Hansen was surrounded at the end of the meeting by members seeking even more information. To learn more details about Hansen and her writing, visit amyshansen.com.

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Turn off Outside Night Lights, Then Step Outside After Dark

by Mary Ann Canter

Light is often necessary at night for safety, security and convenience, but does illumination extend to places where it serves little or no purpose? Are lights reaching into natural areas where they are not needed?

Light pollution is becoming an important issue as more and more people realize what is at stake. For insects with sensitive night vision such as fireflies and moths, even low levels of artificial light may be glaringly bright and disruptive.

For fireflies, darkness is necessary for their survival. If their environment is too bright to see the flash of a female, they cannot mate.

There are, however, ways to help the fireflies and minimize light pollution. Turn off outside lights just for their season, which is June to early July. Shield porch lights and turn them on only when needed by using a timer or a motion sensor. Bulbs that are dimmer or less white will also be helpful.

Turning lights off starting now will increase chances for seeing fireflies. Step outside, let your eyes adjust to the dark and enjoy the amazing natural light show.



Adult Firefly - Photuris lucifescens

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Super Bloom Gallery Show Features Artist Gina Denton

by Becky Squire

Gina Denton's solo exhibition Super Bloom is now open at the Community Center Art Gallery. Denton draws inspiration from dense proliferations of both flowers and microbes. This whimsical please-touch show includes soft sculpture/jewelry pieces that guests of all ages can try on. Selfies are encouraged. The gallery is free and open Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sundays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Holiday hours vary; call 301-397-2208 for more information. The show will run through August.

Denton will lead a Friends and Family Art Workshop on Friday, July 21. Participants of all ages can create their own hand-sewn stuffed monster or animal using upcycled fabrics. Registration is required. See page 11 of the Greenbelt Recreation Summer



Electric Fruit Loop (necklace) by Gina Denton

PHOTO COURTESY GINA DENTON

Activity Guide for details at bit.ly/42UVwyD.

Greenbelt's arts programs are supported in part by a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council. For additional program information, visit greenbeltd.gov/arts. See more of Gina Denton's artwork at ginadenton.com.

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taxpayers and she is working to increase the number of businesses in the county to increase tax revenue.

that a future town hall meeting is being planned to address violence.

Watson said the county is keeping an eye on the Bureau of Engraving and Printing development on the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. The subject of violence came up and Watson indicated



County Councilmember Ingrid Watson, center, is assisted by Chief of Staff Tomeka Bumbry, left, and Director of Policy and Communications Jobina Brown.

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Greenbelt Farmers Market

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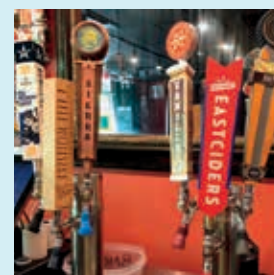
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A Review

Revisiting the Land of Oz With GAC's Current Play

by Carol Griffith



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From left, Marianne Virlnelson as Scraps, Zoe Northrup as Ojo the Unlucky and Daniel Dausman as the scarecrow, in a scene from *The Patchwork Girl of Oz* at Greenbelt Arts Center

There are no scary wicked witches or flying monkeys in *The Patchwork Girl of Oz*, now playing at the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC). Oz is now ruled by a kind princess, Ozma, a regal Jenna Jones Paradis, who is also the producer. The Tin Man and Scarecrow, whom we all remember from the 1900 book of the same name and the 1939 movie, are still in Oz, as is the Emerald City and the famous yellow brick road. But in this play Oz is now a fun and comical place, full of dancing, singing and fantastical characters. L. Frank Baum wrote *The Patchwork Girl of Oz* about halfway through his series of books about Oz in 1913 and perhaps decided to portray a different side of Oz.

In the story, magic had been outlawed in Oz but Dr. Pipt has secretly crafted a girl from a patchwork of scraps of fabric and has conjured magic spells to bring her to life. When Ojo the Unlucky (played winsomely by Zoe Northrup) and Unc Nunkie (a delightful Aref Dajani) visit Dr. Pipt, an accident turns Unc Nunkie to marble and gives the Patchwork Girl, now named Scraps, extra magical powers. To restore Unc Nunkie, Scraps and Ojo go on a quest for the ingredients for a new spell. Similar to Dorothy's experiences in *The Wizard of Oz*, Scraps and Ojo meet many different and strange characters, have unbelievable and sometimes challenging experiences and, through their wits and teamwork, prove the underlying theme that honesty and kindness

win the day.

While many of the performers who deserve accolades are well known and popular on the GAC stage, two newcomers deserve special mention. Ashira Cothron shows amazing abilities as she portrays, among other characters, a talking hopping toad. Marianne Virlnelson, as the exuberant Scraps, the Patchwork Girl, carries the show with her comedic talents.

Creative costuming and props add to the fun, and live piano and keyboard music by Christine Wells (music director and pianist) and the News Review's own Pete Reppert round out a delightful play appropriate for children at heart.

GAC is located at 124 Centerway. Performances of *The Patchwork Girl of Oz* run about two hours with one 15-minute intermission. Performances will take place at 8 p.m. on the Fridays of June 23, 30 and July 7, and the Saturdays of June 24 and July 1 and 8. Matinees will be performed at 2 p.m. on Sundays June 25 and July 2. For tickets see greenbeltartscenter.org or call 301-441-8770. Masks must be worn by all audience members at all times.

"A Fall Into Redemption"

A memoir by longtime Greenbelt resident Tom Hibbs about his son Tyler's remarkable but short life. It's a memoir of compelling baseball stories and heartbreak, but ultimately of hope amidst terrible tragedy. Available at Amazon.



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Hibbs Tells Story of Baseball, Addiction, Loss then Hope

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

Thomas Hibbs grew up in Greenbelt. His son Tyler became a household name, an area baseball star, about to be drafted by the pros, when Tyler discovered drugs. As for so many families in the U.S., the opioid crisis played out in a devastating way for the Hibbs. Tyler died from a fentanyl overdose at the age of 27. Tom Hibbs recently published a book about his son, his remarkable baseball career, his experience with addiction and Hibbs's ongoing message of hope, even amidst tragedy.



PHOTO COURTESY THOMAS HIBBS

Tyler Hibbs aged 12 with his father, Tom, in 2002

Thomas Hibbs's parents moved to Greenbelt in 1964. He was one of six children living at 123 Lakeside Drive. He went to Parkdale High School because Eleanor Roosevelt High School hadn't yet been built and Greenbelt was a wonderful place to grow up, he said. Thomas Hibbs planned to play baseball at the University of Maryland but a knee injury prevented him. He's since had 12 operations on his left knee and back then, when he tore his ACL, there was no way to replace it. These days you see players come back after nine months, said Hibbs, but for him it was the end of a college baseball career. His brother-in-law was manager for a courier service and that's what he began doing and still does. "It gave me incredible flexibility," said Hibbs, who sees the positive side of his unintended career. He would be able to attend his children's activities and watch their athletic games – both his sons played baseball and his youngest daughter was involved in competitive cheerleading.

By the age of 3 or 4 it was obvious that his oldest son, Tyler, had a "whip for an arm," and he could tell he had a future in baseball, recalls his dad.

As a ninth grader, his first year in high school, Tyler was

the starting pitcher in the state championship game for the school. In 10th grade he led Arundel High School to the state championship, and was named the Baltimore area Player of the Year. At 16 and 17 years old Tyler was twice on the U.S. national teams (the 16-and-under and 18-and-under teams). "He was going to be drafted for the pros," said Hibbs.

The first call his parents received about Tyler using drugs was when he was 16 and he claimed he was "just trying it" and it was "never going to happen again." But then the summer between his junior and senior year he was pulled over with baggies of marijuana and a scale. "Then all heck broke loose," recalls Hibbs, whose family was inundated with calls from reporters. Hibbs remembers that he didn't know what to say because he, like them, couldn't understand why Tyler would risk everything when he had it all. He lost his chance to play baseball his senior year. He was kicked out of his high school and had to enroll instead in night school at Meade High School. His scholarship to Florida State was rescinded.

After Tyler's arrest and after

he spent some time at rehab, there were still colleges that wanted Tyler to play. "Coaches want to win, so they were willing to take a chance with him," reflected Hibbs. Tyler went on to play at Tallahassee Community College, "and he did great but of course we were always worried – what's he doing down there?" said Hibbs, who describes the experience of parenting and loving an addict as being on a rollercoaster: "You know, just up and down, up and down."

"I would kind of joke and say I wish I could handcuff him to me so I knew where he was at all times, you know. And then slowly but surely, he got into the harder stuff," said Hibbs. Tyler was thrown out of Tallahassee Community College but went on to two other colleges. The family hoped he'd make a comeback but Hibbs said he only really cared about being free from drugs.

The family had an intervention. They were advised to toe a hard line by a strict interventionist. Hibbs agreed but he always thought Tyler would acquiesce. Family members sat, cried and talked with him, and Tyler was given an ultimatum: if he didn't go to rehab he'd be thrown out of the house. His father was shocked at the end of it, when

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the school's administration had not yet received official communication about it from the system but they believe clear backpacks may be put in place for every grade at their school, which serves students from kindergarten through eighth grade.

District 2 Board member Jonathan Briggs, who has sat on the Policy and Governance Committee since mid-January, told the News Review this week that he had not seen a new policy requiring clear backpacks.

Asked about how requirements for middle and high school students would be implemented at K-8 schools, Briggs said it was "open to interpretation for parents and the community in schools like DKFI around what they should do." Yet, he said, "it is likely that if you have a child that is middle school-aged or high school-aged, then you should plan to purchase a clear bookbag."

Asked what would happen if students arrived at school with non-complying bookbags, Briggs referred the News Review to PGCP's administrative policy 5152, which states: "The intention of the Student Dress Code is to seek compliance from students, but implementation of the Code should avoid keeping students out of class. This may necessitate admitting students to school whose dress is not in compliance with the Student Dress Code, possibly retaining him/her in the office, and calling the parent/guardian to bring a change of clothing. Reasonable and prudent judgment should be utilized by school administrators in the enforcement



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PGCPS will require clear backpacks for middle and high school students this fall.

of the System-wide Student Dress Code. Suspension is not expected to be used in the implementation and enforcement of the Student Dress Code, unless there are serious aggravating circumstances."

Briggs agreed with the suggestion that a change in policy to require clear bookbags is likely motivated by safety concerns. "We have had big issues with drugs and violent incidents throughout the year," he noted. He added that PGCP's is piloting a new security system in nine schools this summer, with plans to expand to other schools in the fall. "Hopefully, this will address the need for clear bookbags since the advanced system can detect objects on a person," Briggs told the News Review.

A representative from the Office of the Board of Education suggested contacting the PGCP's CEO's office, which had not responded by the time of press.

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As Leslie and I drove east along I-90, we marveled at the Cascade Mountains, cloaked in fog and reminding us of a Chinese ink painting. The Cascades yielded to flat desert terrain dotted by sagebrush. We listened to Joni's Amelia, which describes "traveling across a burning desert," and a magpie swooped down over the car. Finally, we reached the Gorge Campground and pitched a tent near other campers. That night as I was falling asleep, I overheard our neighbors singing Joni's A Case of You in angelic harmonies. I wondered if I had gone to heaven.

The next day Leslie and I went to a wine tasting at Cave B Winery overlooking the canyon. I was standing on the edge of a bluff and heard music echoing from the direction of the stage upriver. Suddenly, I heard voices singing. I realized that I was hearing Joni rehearsing Big Yellow Taxi. I delighted in Joni's voice, deepened with age but clear and strong, "pouring music down the canyon."

That evening, we waited in a line over a mile long just to enter the music venue. Brandi Carlile played the opening set. Then around 9 p.m. Joni took the stage, surrounded by a pantheon of other musicians, including Annie Lennox, Sarah McLachlan, Wendy Melvoin, Lisa Coleman and Marcus Mumford. The crowd of 27,000 gave Joni a standing ovation. The ensemble launched into Big Yellow Taxi, harmonizing on its chorus, "Don't it always seem to go/That you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone/They paved paradise/Put up a parking lot."

Joni was onstage for three hours and the ensemble performed 24 songs. Joni sang lead vocals on many songs such as Amelia and Both Sides Now. Annie Lennox performed an ethereal Ladies of the Canyon and Sarah McLachlan sang Blue. The whole crowd joined Joni in singing The Circle Game.

Two moments resonated with me. The first occurred toward the concert's end when Joni played her electric guitar on Just Like This Train and If. I marveled that she had taught herself to play her

signature chords again by watching old videos. The second moment was when Joni and Brandi sang a duet on Shine which has the tag line, "Let your little light shine." Brandi motioned to the audience to turn on their cell phone lights, and within seconds, the Gorge was lit up. Joni was visibly moved by the audience's show of love, and exclaimed, "You look like a fallen constellation!"

It's hard to put into words the feeling of love that reverberated through the Gorge that evening. It was an opportunity to say, "We love you!" and "Thank you!" to Joni Mitchell, a woman who embodies resilience and whose music has touched so many lives. I feel lucky to have made the 2,300-mile journey to see her.



PHOTO BY LIZ TOBEY

Joni Mitchell appears with the Joni Jammers at the Gorge Amphitheatre, Quincy, Wash., on June 10.

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Police Blotter

Incidents reported here occurred June 12 to 18. 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.

Robbery

On June 12 at 5:45 p.m. near Breezewood Drive and Springhill Lane, while a man was taking groceries inside, he was approached by a Black man, wearing a white shirt with blue jeans, armed with a handgun. The robber pointed the gun and demanded money, and the man complied. The robber ran to a gray Volkswagen driven by a Black man wearing all black clothes. They drove off and struck a car at the intersection of Edmonston Terrace and Breezewood Drive. The suspects ran from the car, and when police arrived, they could not be found.

Shots Fired

On June 12 at 9:24 p.m. near 6000 Cherrywood Lane, a domestic dispute resulted in a man firing multiple shots at a car in the 5800 block of Cherrywood Lane. The victim was able to drive off and stop in the 6000 block of Cherrywood Lane to call for help. No one was injured and the man was arrested.

Arrests

On June 14 at 1:03 a.m. while patrolling the 6000 block of Breezewood Drive, an officer saw a man he knew was banned from the property. Further investigation revealed the man had an open warrant and he was arrested.

On June 15 at 2:08 p.m. near Edmonston Road, and Breezewood Drive, a traffic stop for ex-

pired tags resulted in a 28-year-old man arrested on handgun charges.

On June 15 at 2:34 p.m. near 8000 Greenbelt Station Parkway, a man and a teenage boy were arrested after being found in a stolen Hyundai.

On June 17 at 11:58 p.m. near Greenbelt Road and Branchville Road, a DUI arrest was made.

On June 18 at 3:44 p.m. near Greenbelt Road and Cherrywood Lane, a traffic stop was conducted on a stolen Mercedes, and the 21-year-old driver was arrested.

Assault

On June 17 at 5:40 p.m. near 7700 Hanover Parkway, a man was assaulted by a known individual. On June 14 at 3:59 p.m. near 8000 Lakecrest Drive, a dispute between neighbors turned physical.

Child Found

On June 15 at 11:14 a.m. near 7500 Mandan Road, a young child was found unattended, the family was located, and Child Protective Services was notified due to living conditions.

Fraud

On June 12 near Ridge Road, a man was contacted by someone pretending to be a bank employee and gave them information; victim then realized a large amount of money was stolen from his account. On June 14 near Crescent Road, a gift card was used fraudulently. On June

14 near 100 Westway, unauthorized purchases were made with an EBT card. On June 15 near 9100 Springhill Lane, a credit card was used fraudulently.

Missing Person

14-year-old Shaniya Stewart (Black female, 5'5", 120 pounds) was last seen on June 15, 2023, at approximately 2 p.m. in the 9000 block of Springhill Lane. If you have information, please contact Greenbelt Police Department at 301-474-7200.

Theft

On June 17 at 2:54 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a purse was stolen from a shopping cart.

Commercial thefts occurred near 5900 Greenbelt Road June 12 at 8:11 p.m., June 16 at 8:30 p.m. and June 17 at 2:16 p.m.; and also June 16 at 3:39 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, June 18 at 2:01 p.m. near 7400 Greenbelt Road and June 18 at 6:49 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road.

Vehicle Crimes

Stolen Vehicles

On June 12 at 6:45 p.m. near 7900 Mandan Road, a 2018 Hyundai Sonata was stolen, and the owner tracked its location using Lojack technology to Laurel, where it was found with a broken window and damaged ignition.

Other stolen vehicles included: a 2018 Silver Kia Sportage (MD plate: 4EN6479) June 13 near 6600 Lake Park Drive; a black 2016 Chevy Corvette (MD plate:

9FF2509) June 15 near 100 Westway; a 2022 Dodge Challenger (VA plate: TXY8643) June 16 near 9000 Breezewood Terrace; and a gray/silver 2005 Acura MDX June 17 near 5500 Cherrywood Lane.

Vehicles Recovered

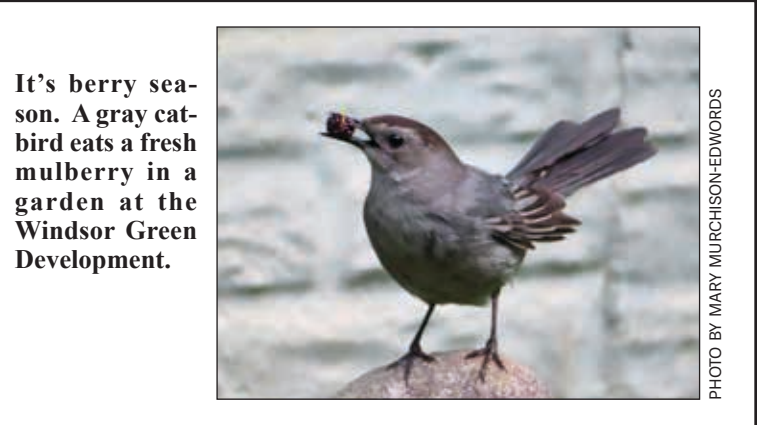
Three stolen vehicles were found June 12: near 7500 Mandan Road, a 2019 Hyundai Elantra with a broken window, damaged ignition and no tags; near 5900 Cherrywood Lane, a 2018 Hyundai Sonata with a broken window, damaged ignition and front bumper damage; and near 7800 Mandan Road, a 2010 Honda Accord.

On June 13 near 6600 Lake Park Drive, a 2019 Hyundai Tucson was found with a broken window and damaged ignition.

Theft from Auto

On June 12 near 6300 Golden

Triangle Drive, a sunroof was punched out and property was stolen; near 7800 Walker Drive, all four rims and tires were stolen from a Toyota Camry; and near Gardenway, property was stolen from a car. On June 13 near 7400 Greenway Center Drive, an Acura RL had a window broken and property stolen; near 8000 Greenbury Drive, a 2018 Mercedes had a window broken, the vehicle rummaged and nothing taken; and near 6400 Ivy Lane, a 2023 Toyota Camry had all four tire lug nuts removed and the tires were leaned up against the vehicle, but the attempted theft of the wheels was unsuccessful. On June 16 near 6900 Hanover Parkway, both driver-side wheels were stolen from a 2018 Honda Civic. On June 18 near 6100 Springhill Terrace, a Honda generator was stolen from inside a truck.



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his son said he wasn't ready to go to rehab. "I thought of course he would go," said Hibbs. Tyler's mother packed her son a sandwich and Tyler packed a suitcase.

Several days later Hibbs found Tyler in the playhouse in their yard. He was in the fetal position, covered in scabs. "I wasn't sure he was alive because he looked like he was dead," recalled Hibbs, who said he cried and held his son like a baby until he came to. Tyler agreed to go to the rehab and Hibbs drove him to a facility in Florida the very next day. There followed a period of improvement during which he was able to hold a job and called home regularly. But eventually the family received a call, which Tyler's brother Connor answered, informing them that Tyler was dead.

"I wanted the casket wide open," said Hibbs. "I wanted all his drug friends to come," he said, noting it was an area in which he'd disagreed with Tyler's mother. "I wanted everyone ... because it was real.... So it was crowded because he was well-known and I wanted it to be. I wanted everybody there to see a 27-year-old kid laying in a casket.... I know a lot of people were there that probably would never even step into a church, I'm sure of that and that's what I was hoping," said Hibbs. "It was a great service.... We were people of hope.... We knew there is more to this story than that casket and him laying there."

A Message of Hope

The message of hope is one of the reasons he's written Tyler's story. With lots of parents going through similar struggles with children and addiction, Hibbs wants them to know that even in the worst-case scenario of his child's death, it's not the end. "There's a ton of families [suffering from the effects of addiction] - in particular fentanyl - they're saying 100,000 people a year are dying of fentanyl," notes Hibbs. He's had friends lose children to car accidents and addiction and seen them changed forever in the absence of hope. Though Tyler's addiction in some ways destroyed his family, said Hibbs, and though his marriage didn't survive their differences in how they wanted to handle Tyler and the stress they were under, he's still hopeful.

He is a Christian who believes in his son's redemption. Their conversations about Jesus, during which Tyler had cried as he asked how Jesus could love him. There's no scale, we're all sinners, said Hibbs. "That's where redemption occurred. [Tyler] understood; he got it. ... He still had an addiction. He still couldn't beat it," but his redemption was secure, believes Hibbs. "I felt like at that point his destiny was secure. Because he believed."

Writing Tyler's Story

Hibbs describes himself as "computer illiterate" and took about a year and a half to write the book. He dictated the story on his phone and sent it to his daughter, Shelby, in California to type.

"I know I'm not going to write any other books," he said, and the slow pace of the process helped him ensure he'd included everything he wanted and he learned how to edit on a computer. Asked if he believes readers would have to be a Christian to appreciate the hope he is trying to convey in his book, Hibbs doesn't think so. He also thinks people will be interested in reading about Tyler and baseball. "Especially in the Washington area ... he was a household name ... a lot of people know him." Though he doesn't know their belief system he thinks they'll enjoy reading Tyler's story. Tyler was very modest, said Hibbs. "He would hate that I did this because, quite frankly, I bragged about him a lot," Hibbs said of the baseball feats he wanted to share. However, "it's all truthful... everything in there was true, even the ugly stuff."

The Path to Addiction

Asked if he has any insight into what makes a child susceptible to addiction, Hibbs said that for his son it was his exposure to marijuana that led him to experiment with harder drugs, crack and then heroin. "I only can speak for Tyler," Hibbs said. "There's a lot of people that smoked marijuana all the time and they don't go any further, I understand that. But he said for him it was marijuana. He said, 'That was my gateway, once I had that I wanted to try something else and then I wanted to try something else.'" Hibbs stressed again that this wasn't a universal experience. "A lot of people don't go past (marijuana) so I don't want to say that's a gateway for everybody. But for him it was. And then once heroin grabs you...."

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Tyler Hibbs aged 16 with the gold medal in Venezuela in 2006

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after violating his probation with alcohol. At Pathways alcohol and drug treatment center in Annapolis he noted the other patients were all under 40, telling his dad that he suspected it was because "nobody lives past 40 years old." Tyler wouldn't live to 30. "That's what's amazing," said Hibbs. "Somebody knows that this could very well kill him and probably will but yet that's how powerful it is. He knew it." His son's death was shocking but not surprising, said Hibbs, who had been saying for years it would end in

tragedy. He always feared his son would get "the wrong stuff." "He told me 'Dad, it's like you haven't eaten for three weeks; that's the way you feel when you need something.'"

Federal data from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention shows over 109,000 deaths from fentanyl last year, when drug deaths more broadly hit a new record.

Hibbs's book, *Fall Into Redemption: The Tyler Hibbs Story* came out in March and is available from most major book sellers.

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Jamal Winfield enjoys Father's Day at the pool with his children.



- Photos by Robin Olson

Derek Salisbury and daughter Tilly after swimming – a Sunday ritual for them

GES Repeats as Cricket League Champions



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Greenbelt Elementary School cricket team

The Greenbelt Elementary School cricket team won the 2023 BEST cricket league championship for the second year in a row. The finals were held on Monday, May 22 against Kenilworth Elementary School.

Greenbelt team members are Muhammad Rayyan, Sophia Lima Da Silva, Ezekiel Kelley, Cole Ezzell, Paul Hill, Eleanor Co-

per, Anna Gottschalk, Maren O'Roark, Safwan Choudhury, Jermamy Hayes, Luca Saunders, Liv Saunders, Niya Karamat and Nyme Karamat.

Information on the Elementary school cricket league can be found at mdyouthcricket.org/announcements/116258/dc-hub-84-youth-cricket-teams.

Swim Team Kickoff



On Friday, June 16, Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team families gather on the grass between the pool and Community Center to kick off the summer season.

- Photos by Anna Bedford-Dillow



Cub Scout Camping Trip



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