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City Council Interviews Five Applicants for Vacant Seat

by Maurice Crawford

On Tuesday, January 23, the Greenbelt City Council interviewed the five candidates seeking to fill the seat left empty by the death of Councilmember Ric Gordon shortly after his re-election to a two-year term. The five candidates are Matthew Inzeo, Amy Knesel, Kevin Lockhart, Leon Schachter and Julie Winters. The only new candidate in the extended application period was Lockhart, a resident of Franklin Park. (The News Review previ-

ously asked each candidate why they are running and what they would bring to the position. You can read those statements in the January 4 issue and Lockhart's on page 7 of this issue). During the interviews on Tuesday, each applicant was given five minutes to introduce themselves, then asked a series of questions posed by councilmembers, before making a five-minute closing statement.

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Applicants for City Council: Matthew Inzeo, Amy Knesel, Kevin Lockhart, Leon Schachter and Julie Winters

Watch Out: Valentines Day 2024 Is Coming. Get Ready!

Members of the News Review staff, far from being the hard-boiled reporters you might expect, are really a bunch of incurable romantics.

Each year, we publish a special Valentines issue, tastefully embellished with hearts, puppies, roses, kittens and sometimes bicycles made for two. The ads flit from loving hearts across Greenbelt to friends, family, lovers and even institutions like the Co-op Supermarket or, gosh-darn-it you guys, this newspaper.

This year's display will be available electronically at GreenbeltNewsReview.com on Wednesday, February 14 by 7 p.m. and at doorsteps and newsstands the next day. It's a cheap and cheerful way of acknowledging who and what you love. It's less expensive than a dinner date and much less fattening than chocolate.

Here's how to get one for those you love.

If you're feeling neglected, you can send one to yourself.

Timeline

All submissions, with payment, must be received by Saturday, February 10 at 6 p.m.

Electronically: Easiest Way

Go to greenbeltnewsreview.com and click the Valentines heart button on the home page.



Greenbelt Will Celebrate Black History through Arts in February

by Lois Rosado

The theme for this year's Black History Month programs is African Americans and the Arts. Black Americans, Caribbeans and Africans have contributed to fashion, literature, spoken word, dance, visual and performing arts, painting/fine arts, architecture, music and many other artistic forms that have influenced America and preserved cultural traditions through the arts. This year, in collaboration with other Greenbelt organizations, a variety of programs are being presented to enlighten and entertain residents during this historical anniversary month. Black history is examined, discussed and celebrated 365 days a year. February is considered the anniversary month, by this writer, and an acknowledgement of Carter G. Woodson's goal of advancing knowledge about the contributions Americans from the African diaspora have made to American society, culture and history.

Programs organized by the Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee are dedicated to the memory of Ricardo "Ric" Gordon, a valued member of our committee and beloved city council member.



PHOTO BY JAMARIE SPENCER

Participants focus on their projects during last year's Black History Month Artful Afternoon at the Community Center.

Thursday, February 1 – City Art Exhibitions: The Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee will host an art exhibition curated by Shaymar Higgs, founder of The SPACE, at the New Deal Café, located at 113 Roosevelt Center.

An exhibit of Uhuru Quilts and fashion by Venue Staton, curated by Nicole DeWald, will be displayed at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Sunday, February 4 – Opening Art Reception and Artists' Market will be held at the New Deal Café from 1 to 3 p.m.

Sunday, February 4 – Artful Afternoon: Create no-sew quilt block wall art with Karen Arrington, artist in residence. This activity will take place on the Community Center Ground Floor East space. Sign up for one

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American Graffiti '58 Chevy Brings Back '73 Memories

by Cathie Meetre



PHOTO BY JEFFREY ALLEN JONES

Malin Kennedy stands next to his 1958 Chevy Impala in front of the Greenbelt Cinema. The Cinema had a one-night showing of American Graffiti for the 50th anniversary of the movie's release. Kennedy's car is an exact match for a car that featured prominently in the movie's plot.

On Thursday, January 18, when the movie American Graffiti was screened as part of Greenbelt Cinema's Classic Movie series, something striking was outside the theater in Roosevelt Center. Parked just in front of the Cinema was a 1958 Chevy Impala – just like the one used in the 1973 movie, which was set in 1963. It is a "tribute car," identical to but not the one actually driven in the movie.

Greenbelter Malin Kennedy, who grew up and still lives in

Greenbelt just a stone's throw from Roosevelt Center, is its proud owner. He explains that as a boy in 1973, he watched American Graffiti in what is now the Greenbelt Cinema just after it first came out and "fell in love" with the Chevy Impala owned, in the movie, by Steve Bolander (played by Ron Howard). It was love at first sight.

"A surreal experience," is how he described seeing his own

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Follow the directions to provide your text and click on the PayPal button to pay.

In Person: Low-Tech and Reliable

Paper forms are available in this newspaper and on displays in the New Deal Café and the Co-op Supermarket. Both locations accept completed submissions sealed in the envelopes provided

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What Goes On

Monday, January 29
7:30 p.m., Council Worksession: City Manager's Quarterly Update/FY2025 Pre-Budget Discussion, followed by Closed Session: Personnel and Pending Legal Matters, Municipal Building

Wednesday, January 31
7:30 p.m., Council Worksession: Buddy Attick Park Master Plan, Municipal Building

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

Letters to the Editor

Beltsville Fire/EMT Should Stay Put

As a resident of Greenbelt, I am concerned about hearing that Beltsville Firefighters and EMT First Responders may be moved to other locations. With the build-up of homes and businesses, not only in Beltsville but Greenbelt, I believe we need to keep these positions in Beltsville. It is especially important as BARC is adding the Bureau

of Engraving and Printing. The future of its impact to the area is unknown but it most likely will add to congestion on roads and buildings. Response time would increase for firefighters and EMTs. We also have the train that runs through Beltsville regularly. Thankfully, safe runs for now. I hope the county considers this issue and can find funds needed to support the Beltsville Fire Station.

Kathy Bartolomeo

Correction

The article, The Impact of the 1950s Red Scare on Greenbelt: Chasanow and East, Part 1 by Jim Giese, which appeared in last week's issue, was contributed to and edited by News Review staff.

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Poor Things (R) (CC) (DVS)
(2023) (141 mins)

Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Fri. 5:00 PM, 8:00 PM
Sat. 8:00 PM
Sun. 2:00 PM (OC), 5:00 PM
Mon. 5:00 PM
Tues. 7:00 PM
Thurs. 7:00 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Sat. 5:00 PM
Mon. 1:00 PM
Wed. 7:00 PM

The Boys in the Boat (PG-13)
(CC) (DVS) (2023) (124 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Sat. 5:15 PM
Mon. 2:15 PM (OC)
Wed. 7:15 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Fri. 5:15 PM, 8:15 PM
Sat. 8:15 PM
Sun. 2:15 PM, 5:15 PM
Mon. 4:00 PM
Tues. 7:15 PM
Thurs. 7:15 PM

Man with a Movie Camera
(NR) (1929) (68 mins)
Film in Focus Lecture - Must
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Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Mon. 7:00 PM



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



Greenbelt Lake on Friday, January 19, as the second snowfall of the week continues

On Screen at Greenbelt Cinema

Poor Things

From filmmaker Yorgos Lanthimos and producer Emma Stone comes the incredible tale and fantastical evolution of Bella Baxter (Stone), a young woman brought back to life by the brilliant and unorthodox scientist Dr. Godwin Baxter (Willem Dafoe). Under Baxter's protection, Bella is eager to learn. Hungry for the worldliness she is lacking, Bella runs off with Duncan Wedderburn (Mark Ruffalo), a slick and debauched lawyer, on a whirlwind adventure across the continents. Free from the prejudices of her times, Bella grows steadfast in her purpose to stand for equality and liberation. The film is nominated in numerous categories for this year's Academy Awards.

The Boys in the Boat

A sports drama based on the #1 New York Times bestselling nonfiction novel written by Daniel James Brown, the film, directed by George Clooney, is about the 1936 University of Washington rowing team that competed for gold at the Summer Olympics in Berlin. This inspirational story follows a group of underdogs at the height of the Great Depression as they are thrust into the spotlight and take on elite rivals from around the world.

Man with a Movie Camera

Part documentary and part cinematic art, this film follows a city in the 1920s Soviet Union throughout the day, from morning to night. Directed by Dziga Vertov, with a variety of complex and innovative camera shots, the film depicts scenes of ordinary daily life in Russia. Vertov celebrates the modernity of the city, with its vast buildings, dense population and bustling industries. While there are no titles or narration, Vertov still naturally conveys the marvels of the modern city.

Community Events

At the Library

Regular hours for the Greenbelt Library are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays; noon to 8 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays; and 1 to 5 p.m., Sundays. Face masks are recommended for all customers over the age of 2 at Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) buildings.

Weekly Storytimes

Friday, January 26, 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at pgcmls.info/event/9685457.

Monday, January 29, 10:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2, Register at pgcmls.info/event/9685382.

Wednesday, January 31, 12:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5, Register at pgcmls.info/event/9685532.

Ride and Read

Thursday, February 1, 11 a.m. to noon, ages 16+. Sign up for an hour ride on one of the Library's stationary bikes with great free apps from PGCMLS like Libby, Kanopy and Freegal to enjoy while working out. Participants must be 16 or older, sign a waiver before beginning to ride and be wearing loose-fitting clothing and closed-toed shoes. Register at pgcmls.info/event/9698971.

Winter Reading Challenge

The Washington Wizards and PGCMLS have teamed up for the fourth consecutive year to get Prince Georgians of all ages reading this winter with the Wizards Winter Reading Challenge. The free challenge runs until March 31.

To help promote youth literacy, the Wizards Winter Reading Challenge provides participants the ability to connect with their library while encouraging them to build a positive reading culture. The free challenge can be joined online through Beanstack, a software platform and mobile app that allows readers to easily record their reading minutes, track their progress and stay motivated to complete the challenge. For more information, visit pgcmls.info/wizards.



Spring & Summer Camp Guide Is Live Online

The Recreation Department has posted its spring and summer camp guide, listing the recreation options available this year. Registration is now open for all. To view the guide or for more information, visit greenbeltmd.gov/camps.

Concert Band Resumes Rehearsals, Seeks Players

The Greenbelt Concert Band is back to rehearsals on Monday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Community Center, Room 201. The band welcomes new members, especially trumpet, French horn and tuba players.

The band also has a Wind Ensemble that meets from 1:45 to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays. New members may join the ensemble as well.

For more information, visit greenbeltconcertband.org or facebook.com/greenbeltconcertband.



Golden Age Club Upcoming Meetings

The Greenbelt Golden Age Club meets on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in the Community Center. However, if public schools are closed (or open late) due to weather issues, the meeting is canceled for the day. The club is now collecting dues for 2024, \$15 for the year. For paid members, a part of the dues goes toward a discount for the annual luncheon in April. Paying dues by check is preferred; make the check payable to Greenbelt Golden Age Club.

Two special speakers are on the calendar in the next few weeks. On January 31, tax preparer Daniel Wendel will speak on tax issues for seniors. On February 14, Marsha Cole, a Civil War reenactor, will be portraying Charlotte Scott, who gave the first money toward building the Lincoln Statue that sits in Lincoln Park in Northeast D.C. According to the National Park Service, Scott began the journey that led to this monument. After President Lincoln's assassination, Scott gave \$5 toward what she hoped would be a memorial. Recently emancipated from enslavement, this was her first money earned as a free Black woman.

January 31: Tea and a presentation on senior tax preparation issues by Daniel W. Wendel, EA, ABA. Bring finger foods and reading materials to share at the tea.

February 7: Monthly business meeting.

February 14: Black History Month presentation by Marsha Cole, Civil War reenactor

February 21: Birthday celebrations. Bring lunch and a dessert or finger food to share.

February 28: Bingo

Help Create Public Art for Greenbelt



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Preliminary rendering of the Motiva sculpture

The Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program invites community members ages 14 to adult to help create colorful glass panels that will become part of a public sculpture at the entrance to the Motiva apartment community on Cherrywood Lane. No experience is needed. Participate in one of three free workshops that will be held at the Washington Glass School, located at 3700 Otis Street in Mount Rainier. The workshops will take place on the following Saturdays from 2 to 4 p.m.: February 10, February 17 and March 2. Advance registration is required; sign up online at bit.ly/3TSnycR. This sculpture commission, awarded to lead artist Erwin Timmers and the Washington Glass Studio, is sponsored by Greenbelt Metro Apartments, LLC with support from the City of Greenbelt. For more city arts information, visit greenbeltmd.gov/arts.

Astronomical Society Meeting January 25

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 25 in Room 114 of the Community Center. ASG member Sue Bassett will speak about the upcoming April 8 solar eclipse. The meeting is free and open to the public.

This is a hybrid in-person/Zoom meeting. A Zoom link will be posted before the event at greenbeltastro.org/events.

The SPACE: Free Art For All 2024 Programs

Join in commemorating five incredible years and a host of new community partners at The SPACE: Free Art For All. The organization is thrilled to kick off 2024 with an exciting lineup of fresh programs designed to inspire and engage.

Wednesday: Beginners Music Classes in Ukelele and Keyboards, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Thursday: Capoeira (Brazilian Martial Arts), 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Friday: Drum Circles with Rainbow Joe, 7 to 9 p.m.

Saturday: Yoga with Rene Hood, 10 to 11:30 a.m.; Expressive Art Workshops, 2 to 4 p.m.

All classes are not only enriching but also free and open to the public. The program extends a warm welcome for donations to support its community initiatives.

The SPACE is located upstairs in the former Big Lots space at Beltway Plaza, 6000 Greenbelt Road. Details on upcoming events can be seen on Instagram or Facebook @TheSPACEFreeArtForAll. For questions call 240-244-6115.

Senior Nutrition Program Luncheon

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunch for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at 11:30 a.m. Note the updated start time. Meals must be reserved two weeks ahead so that enough food is ordered. Participants must complete a registration form in person at the Community Center office, on Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. There is a suggested donation. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215 with questions.

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.

Help Those in Need

Greenbelt PORCH collects donations of nonperishables and hygiene products and brings them to the St. Hugh's Food Pantry. Donations must be placed by front doors in containers marked RUAK or PORCH visible from the street. The pantry cannot accept food that has expired.

February schedule:

Sunday, February 11 – by 11 a.m. for 1 to 8 Courts Ridge and Crescent Roads

Saturday, February 17 – by 10 a.m. for 14 and 15 Courts Laurel Hill Road

Sunday, February 18 – by 4 p.m. for 9 and 12 Courts Ridge Road, 11 and 13 Courts Ridge Road and Boxwood Village; by 5 p.m. for Lakeside Drive.

If not part of a regular pickup route, email Robert Goldberg-Strassler by noon on Sunday, February 11 at spreadruak@gmail.com. He will come to your porch and pick up your donations.

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

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

A group of people interested in speaking French meets at the New Deal Café every Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. All ages, all levels of fluency are welcome.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

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Featured Film (9am, 3pm, and 8pm)
The Snows of Kilimanjaro (1952)
An accomplished writer (played by Gregory Peck) on his deathbed looks back on his life. Based on the short story by Ernest Hemingway.

New This Month
Tri-Lingual Pre-K Story Hour
Every second Friday of the month, the Springhill Recreation Center, in partnership with Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness (RUAK), the Greenbelt Library, and the Prince George's County Memorial Library systems, hosts a very special interactive storytime for young children and their parents - in English, Spanish, and Sign-Language!

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.

Obituaries

Barbara Stratton Hess



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Barbara Stratton Hess

Barbara Lee Hess, a former Greenbelt resident known then as Bobbie Stratton, died on October 14, 2023, in Martinsburg, W.V., after a brief illness. She was 76 years old. Bobbie was born in Front Royal, Va., on March 7, 1947, to Rolfe Stratton and Bertha Cameron Stratton. Her family moved to the D.C. area in 1952 when her father entered a machinist apprentice program at the U.S. Navy Yard. In 1953, the family, including younger sister Connie, moved to Greenbelt, settling into 3 Court Research Road. Younger brother Bill joined the family soon after. Her father went to work for NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center as a machinist when it opened in 1959.

The Stratton family loved living in Greenbelt, enjoying the camaraderie that came from living in a GHI court close to neighbors and friends. As a young girl, Bobbie and her friends enjoyed riding bikes through town, sledding down Research Road, swimming at the Greenbelt Pool, playing dodgeball and camping in the backyard.

Bobbie attended North End Elementary School where she worked safety patrol and was a member of the Drill Team. She also attended Greenbelt Junior High School and High Point High School, graduating in 1965.

Bobbie and her friends were very involved with the Teen Club, a volunteer organization directed by Joseph O'Loughlin (known as Mr. O.), a sixth-grade teacher at North End Elementary School. The Teen Club held many activities for local teenagers at the Greenbelt Youth Center (opened in 1960), including dances, sports, games and roller skating. The City of Greenbelt eventually hired permanent recreation staff to run Teen Club activities out of the Youth Center.

Bobbie was a member of the High Point Pom-Pom squad. She loved attending high school dances, spending hours on her fashionable look, with blonde hair piled high in the latest bouffant style, a stylish dress and meticulously polished nails.

Bobbie attended the University of Maryland and graduated in 1969 with a degree in psychology. After graduation, she passed the Civil Service Test and was hired by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as an international auditor. During the 1970s, Bobbie accepted two overseas assignments with the IRS – in London and Rome. Bobbie also purchased her first home in Greenbelt during this time, in Charlestowne Village.

Bobbie married Stephen Hess in 1975 and purchased a GHI home on Crescent Road, soon filled with three children – Tori, Michael and Rebecca. The family enjoyed many of the amenities that Bobbie had enjoyed as a child, including the annual Labor Day Parade, Halloween parade and children's classes at the Youth Center.

Bobbie juggled the demands of family and work during the 1980s, all while advancing her career with the IRS. In 1988 she accepted a promotion with the Martinsburg, W.V., IRS Office, as chief of staff, and her family moved to Martinsburg. She retired in 2002, after 33 years of federal service.

Bobbie volunteered with numerous organizations in Martinsburg during her retirement years, including Good Samaritan

Clinic, Loaves and Fishes, Meals on Wheels and the Certified Community Action Professional (CCAP) program. For many years she taught a women's Bible study class at the First Baptist Church of Martinsburg.

Bobbie was a talented artist of many crafts, including needlepoint, counted cross-stitch, crocheting and knitting. But her favorite craft was quilting. She made many cherished gifts for family and friends over the years.

Family was always a priority for Bobbie. She planned family vacations, organized cookouts and never missed her grandchildren's sporting events. She made time for everyone, always with a ready smile and kind word.

Bobbie donated her body to science, a last generous gift from a life well lived.

Bobbie is survived by her husband, Stephen J. Hess; three children, Victoria Myers (Jeff), Michael Hess (Amanda) and Rebecca Hess (Ian Strickland); six grandchildren, Tyler and Isaiah Myers, Kelsey and Connor Hess and Luke and Layah Strickland; and numerous nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her siblings, Connie Perry (Bill) of Columbia, Md., and Bill Stratton (JoAnne) of Cambridge, Md.

--Anne Stratton



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LIHEAP provides grants in varying amounts with no payback required. Requirements include a household income below a set threshold based on household size (see benefits.gov/benefit/623). Homeowners, renters, roomers and subsidized housing tenants may be eligible. Customers do not have to be behind on their bills in order to receive assistance.

Maryland customers can visit the Maryland Department of Human Services website at dhs.maryland.gov/office-of-home-energy-programs/low-income-household-water-assistance-program or call 800-332-6347 for more information and to apply.

For customers who do not meet the LIHEAP eligibility requirements but are still having difficulty paying their energy bills, Pepco Customer Care is also available to help by offering flexible payment arrangements, extending payment periods for balances, connecting customers to other assistance programs and budget billing. Pepco customers can contact Pepco at 202-833-7500 or visit pepco.com/EnergyAssistance.

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Rev. Ann Kadlecik with Liturgist Rene McDonald

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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



City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

GREENBELT CITY CALENDAR

Be sure to check out the City calendar for all up to date events at greenbeltdmd.gov/calendar.



MEETINGS FOR JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 2

Monday, January 29 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION - WORK SESSION - CITY MANAGER'S QUARTERLY UPDATE/FY 2025 PRE-BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Monday, January 29, **SPECIAL MEETING/CLOSED SESSION - PERSONNEL AND PENDING LEGAL MATTERS (IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORK SESSION)**

Tuesday, January 30 at 3:30 pm, **SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE, On the Agenda: Approval of November Minutes, Discussion on Annual Open Forum Report for City Council**

Wednesday, January 31 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION - BUDDY ATTICK PARK MASTER PLAN PRESENTATION**

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@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:banderson@greenbeltdmd.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 www.greenbeltdmd.gov/calendar.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) and (7) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, a closed session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Monday, January 29, 2024, immediately following the Council Work Session – City Manager's Update/ FY 2025 Pre-Budget Discussion, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building: 1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; 2) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.

The purpose of this meeting is 1) to address personnel matters over which this public body has jurisdiction.

2) to consult with legal counsel regarding outstanding legal matters.

*** The public may attend the Council Work Session prior to the closed session and observe the vote of the Council to move into the closed session on Monday, January 29, 2024.**

Bonita Anderson, City Clerk

GREENBELT BUSINESS CONFERENCE

February 7, from 8:30 to 10:30 am

Martin's Crosswinds 7400 Greenway Center, Greenbelt, MD 20770

Moving Forward with Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation (PGEDC): Please join the City of Greenbelt at our business conference featuring PGEDC! We will gain insight from the latest resources, trends, and vision for economic growth and development in Prince George's County and our community. Take advantage of this opportunity to connect with business leaders and hear from the leading experts in economic development in Prince George's County! Continental breakfast is included.

RSVP with Kevin Simpson at (240) 542-2044 or ksimpson@greenbeltdmd.gov.

UPCOMING ARTS PROGRAMS

HELP CREATE PUBLIC ART! - FEBRUARY 10, FEBRUARY 17, & MARCH 2
Free workshops: 2/10, 2/17 and 3/2. Ages 14 to adult. Details and registration (required) at <https://bit.ly/3TSnycR>.

ARTFUL AFTERNOON WORKSHOP - FEBRUARY 4

Create no-sew quilt block wall art with artist Karen Arrington. All ages. FREE. Sunday, February 4, 1-3pm. Greenbelt Community Center Ground Floor East. Details and sign-up: <https://bit.ly/3RH2c9P>.



Spotlighting African American Contributions to the Arts

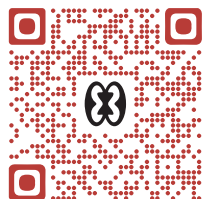
Celebrate Black History Month in Greenbelt. This year's Black History programs are dedicated to the memory of Council member Ricardo "Ric" Gordon, a valued member of our committee and beloved by residents of Greenbelt.

CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Greenbelt Recreation and the Black History & Culture Committee invite you to celebrate Black History Month in Greenbelt. For more information on events in February, please visit www.greenbeltdmd.gov/recreation.



Greenbelt Black History & Culture Committee
blackhistoryandculturegb@gmail.com



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GREENBELT WAYFINDING SURVEY

The Neighborhood Design Center (NDC) is preparing a Greenbelt Strategic Wayfinding Plan for the City of Greenbelt funded by the Prince George's County Planning Department's Planning Assistance to Municipalities and Communities (PAMC) Program, and we are looking for input from the community. Community members are encouraged to take this brief survey, and to identify wayfinding signage gaps or needs in the City of Greenbelt on this interactive map.

Wayfinding can encompass various elements, including signage, maps, landmarks, and other cues that help individuals understand their location, the direction they need to go, and how to reach their intended destination. The Greenbelt Strategic Wayfinding Plan will facilitate pedestrian, automobile, bicycle, or transit travel to key sites by providing clear directions along safe and convenient routes.

If you have any questions regarding the survey or interactive map, please email Anusree.Nair@ppd.mncppc.org.

Thank you for your participation!



FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

**UPCOMING PRODUCE DISTRIBUTIONS
FEBRUARY 15, MARCH 21, & APRIL 18
TWO LOCATIONS**

Community Center Ground Floor East: 1 pm, while supplies last. Open to all Greenbelt residents. **Must have a registration card** via Brendy Garcia at (240) 424-0302 or bgarcia@greenbeltdmd.gov.

Springhill Lake Recreation Center: 3 - 4:15 pm, registration required. For Greenbelt West residents only. Register via email bgarcia@greenbeltdmd.gov.

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.

COMPOSTING PILOT PROGRAM

For 18 months, your food scraps can be collected for free to reduce food waste and return valuable compost to Greenbelt.

The Compost Crew will pick up your food scraps weekly and deliver them to their Compost Outpost at Trinity Church on Good Luck Road. Quality compost will be returned to Greenbelt for use as a soil amendment to improve Greenbelt gardens and public space lands. Composting will reduce food waste going to the landfill and lower greenhouse gas emissions coming from the landfill. Compost Crew, the City of Greenbelt, and Trinity Assembly of God worked together to obtain the funding for the pilot through a grant from the USDA.

- Open to all Greenbelt residents
- Join with close-by neighbors to help fill a 7 gallon tote for weekly pickup
- Purchase a collection tote for a one-time cost of \$20
- Residents who are seniors, have fixed or low income, or have a disability are encouraged to participate



Register with Compost Crew at <https://compostcrew.com/greenbelt/> or by using the the QR code.

Questions? Email: lrobes@greenbeltdmd.gov.



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ONLINE CARES SEMINARS FOR AGING RESIDENTS

Thursday, February 1, 7 - 8 pm - Living Well At Home While You Age. Join us as we explore advanced technologies that promote seniors' health and well-being by ensuring safety, independence, and quality of life at home.

Register: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4181859871020437851> or call (240) 424-0302.

Thursday, February 8, 7 - 8 pm - Spiritual Care. Join us for an open discussion on Spiritual Care of People with Dementia, including information on specially adapted services we offer in collaboration with many denominations and houses of worship in our area.

Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3890428816695823960> or call (240) 424-0302.

CURRENT CARES PROGRAMS

CARES is happy to provide the following programs FREE of charge this fall: Emergency Diaper Program, Family and Unpaid Caregiver Resource Fair, Alzheimer's Awareness Month Webinar Series, Coffee & Conversations, two Free Produce Distribution events, Mental Health and Suicide Prevention in Older Adults webinar, Staying Strong webinar, and more.

For descriptions and information, visit www.greenbeltdmd.gov/CARESprograms.



COMMITTEES & BOARDS VACANCIES VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Volunteering for City of Greenbelt Committees & Boards is an excellent opportunity to engage with your community and make a difference. Choose from a number of committees & boards such as the **Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, the Youth Advisory Committee, or the Advisory Committee on Education, Arts Advisory Board, Board of Elections, Community Relations Advisory Board, Employee Relations Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, or the Park and Recreation Advisory Board** and make a difference in Greenbelt!

By dedicating your time and expertise, you will help shape the future of Greenbelt and create a community that values the voices of all its residents. Take the first step towards making a positive impact and apply for one of these committee vacancies today!

Call (301) 474-8000.

GREENBELT SAVE OUR SENIORS GRANT PROGRAM Are you homebound and need help with personal care?

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program, in partnership with Pickett Fences Senior Services, has been awarded a grant to provide temporary home health support, bathroom safety assessment, and equipment to residents 60+ or 50+ with a disability, who reside within incorporated Greenbelt. During this time staff will work to identify and link residents with long-term support programs.

Benefits:

- RN Assessment
- Bathroom Safety Assessment and Equipment
- Home Health Visits

Limited spots are available!

Please email Trinity Cephas, GAIL Student Intern, for more information at tcephas@greenbeltdmd.gov or call the Bilingual Health Caseworker, Brendy Garcia, at (240) 424-0302 or bgarcia@greenbeltdmd.gov.

BRING YOUR OWN BAG ORDINANCE

Effective January 1, 2024, the City of Greenbelt's Bring Your Own Bag bill aims to reduce single-use plastic bag waste and litter in our local waterways and tributary system.

The Bring Your Own Bag bill will prohibit a retail establishment from providing a plastic carryout bag to shoppers and can charge at least 10 cents for each paper bag provided to a customer at the point of sale.

Visit www.greenbeltdmd.gov/BYOBag.



New Pilot Compost Program Collects Curbside in Greenbelt

by Bonnie Schrack

A new, U.S. Department of Agriculture grant-funded, 18-month pilot program is being launched by the City of Greenbelt in partnership with Compost Crew and Trinity Assembly of God Church. As the fruit of a multiyear effort by many Greenbelters and people from neighboring towns in the organization Composting Municipalities Organizing Now (CMON), a composting site has been constructed by Compost Crew on land provided by the church on Good Luck Road.

Compost Crew staff will pick up kitchen scraps weekly from households that sign up for the free program. Compost Crew provides specially designed seven-gallon bins for compostables, which are varmint- and odor-proof, to be purchased by participants at a cost of \$20, their only expense. A bin can be shared by several neighbors if one household generates only a small amount of kitchen scraps. Each participant will be able to access a secure portal where they can receive pickup reminders and arrange for vacation times with Compost Crew.

The program needs a total of 200 participants to sign up, at which time the collections can begin. After six months, capacity will reach 320 households, and after a year, 410. All Greenbelters are eligible and are encouraged to sign up to reach the goal of 200, especially seniors, people with disabilities and low-income residents. After the 18-month grant period, arrangements will



QR code for more information

be made to continue the service at a modest cost, to be determined by the number of participants and the level of funding the city may be able to provide.

The type of composting used will allow more kinds of kitchen waste to be included than in traditional home composting, including meat, dairy, bread and some cardboard (see illustration). High-quality compost will be returned to Greenbelt and made available at the three community garden locations. This compost resembles the familiar LeafGro® in appearance but, according to Alan Van Order of Compost Crew, it is of far higher quality: comparable to a craft brew in contrast with a mass-produced beer. Its small-scale production will allow a product with more beneficial microorganisms, more useful nitrogen and less contamination from trash than that produced at industrial-scale facilities.

When kitchen scraps and other organic material are sent



Steve Skolnik showcases one of the 7-gallon compost collection totes.

PHOTO COURTESY CITY OF GREENBELT

to the landfill, they decompose anaerobically (without oxygen), which generates the greenhouse gas methane. With composting, a high percentage of organic material can be diverted from landfills and much harmful gas production prevented.

Sign up for the composting program at compostcrew.com/greenbelt.



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on the displays. Fill in the form legibly and include cash or check (made out to Greenbelt News Review). Our office hours in the Community Center are Monday and Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. for delivery in person and our door slot can be used at all other times. Ads without payments will not be published.

By Mail: Chancy

Delivery is LEAST predictable by U.S. Mail but if you must use it, send your completed ad submission form (cut from this issue) with a check made out to the Greenbelt News Review to this address: Valentines at Greenbelt News Review, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770. There are potential delays even once the mail gets delivered to the city offices, so send EARLY.

Pricing

The smallest Valentine (Sweetie) costs \$6 for 20 words or fewer. The next size is 21-30 words (SuperSweetie) and costs \$9 and the largest standard size (MegaSweetie) is 31 to 40 words at \$12. Additional words are \$3 per 10 words or part thereof.

We accept checks or cash but do not give change – any overpayment is considered a contribution to the newspaper. There are several examples of ads and their word counts and costs in this issue.

Valentine Ad Submission Form

Drop at the Co-op grocery office or drop/mail to Greenbelt News Review, 15 Crescent Road, Suite 100, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

Your Name: _____ Phone: _____

Make checks payable to Greenbelt News Review.

Text (Please Print Legibly) _____

Count of Words _____ Amount Included _____

(up to 20 words, \$6; 21-30 words, \$9; 31 to 40 words \$12. **\$3 per 10 extra words (or part)** Need Help? GNRValentines@gmail.com or call 301-474-4131 Mon & Tues, 2 to 4.

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(See love note examples in this issue)

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of the two seatings, 1 to 2 p.m. or 2 to 3 p.m. Reserve enough “slots” for everyone, even if working together. Learn more and sign up to register at bit.ly/3RH2cgP. Walk-ins are welcome as space allows.

Saturday, February 10 – Health Screening: The Kaiser Permanente mobile bus will provide free health screenings and flu shots at Beltway Plaza, near the TJ Maxx entrance, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, February 10 – A Collage Art family activity will be held at The SPACE – Second floor at Beltway Plaza, from noon to 3 p.m.

Wednesday, February 14 – at their weekly meeting at the Community Center in Room 201, at 11 a.m., the Golden Age Club will host FREED (Female Renactors of Distinction).

Sunday, February 18 – Black History Month Cultural Program emphasizes youth and features Nana Malaya in The Dancing Diplomat; spoken word artists Jefe of Greenbelt and Whiskey Girl, a mental health advocate; Kalen Wright will salute 50 years of hip-hop through his award-winning dance performance; Eleanor Roosevelt High School students will entertain with Jazz music; and De’Jah Taylor from the Suitland High School Per-

forming Arts department will engage the audience through an interpretive dance selection. This program will be held at the Community Center gymnasium, 15 Crescent Road, at 2 p.m.

Monday, February 19 – The Peace and Justice Coalition’s monthly Reel and Meal program will show the documentary, Invented Before You Were Born, at the New Deal Café, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 24 – The Greenbelt Reparations Commission presents Exploring Black History in Prince George’s County and Greenbelt, featuring Megan Searing Young, director of the Greenbelt Museum, and Artura Jackson, historian for the Black History Program of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. The program will be held in the auditorium-ground floor at the Greenbelt Library, 11 Crescent Road, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Come out and view the art exhibitions and support the various programs presented by Greenbelt organizations as we observe Black History Month. All programs are free and sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department, RUAK, The SPACE, Beltway Plaza, the New Deal Café and the Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee.



Prince George’s County Poet Laureate Joy Matthews Alford performs spoken word with a djembe accompaniment by Doc Powell at the Greenbelt Black History Month Program in February 2020.

PHOTO BY MICHELLE SIEGEL

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\$3 per 10 extra words (or part)
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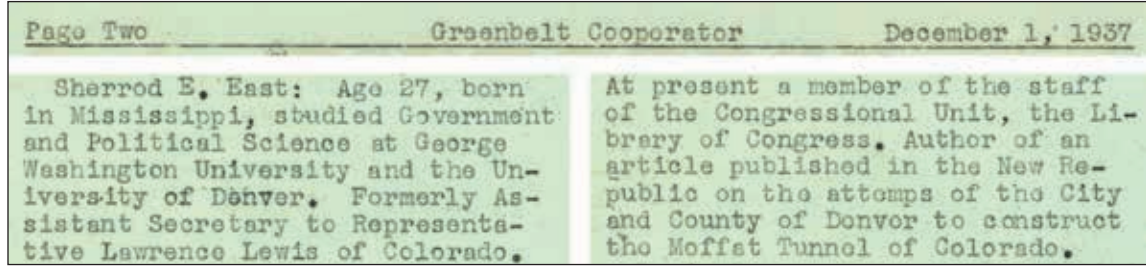
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Part 2

The Impact of the 1950s Red Scare On Greenbelt: Chasanow and East

by James Giese



Sherrod East was among the five members of Greenbelt's first town council. He was profiled in the second issue of the Greenbelt Cooperator.

I am fortunate to have a copy of an extensive oral history by Sherrod East given to Marylu D'Angelo and another by his wife, Dorothy, done for Catherine Crawford, both for the University of Maryland. They were done in 1980 and related to the Easts' life in Greenbelt. East also provided two articles he wrote about his experiences in Greenbelt. Information from these sources helps to supplement East's testimony before the McCarthy Committee.

He was interviewed by McCarthy's committee prior to Abraham Chasanow, on October 30, 1953. McCarthy was not present. Nor was any other Senator. McCarthy's chief consultant G. David Schine presided with chief counselor Roy Cohn interrogating. Staff Director Francis Carr attended as did John Adams, counselor to the secretary of the Army. Minority committee members were not represented.

Charges

Filed near the start of the transcript is this interesting document:

"A memorandum regarding Sherrod East, from Thomas W. LaVenia to Francis P. Carr, October 30, 1953, stated: Subject is a member of the Greenbelt Housing Association and the Greenbelt Health Association; the latter has been found to be Communist-dominated. He was instrumental in the appointment of Dr. Samuel Berenberg as a member of the Board of the Health Association. The Dr. is a known Communist sympathizer and is reported to be a member of the Communist party. The Dr. also had Communist literature in his home. Subject is a close associate of Abraham Chasanow, a member of the National Lawyers Guild who was suspended on July 30, 1953, from his position as Director of the District Control Office at the U.S. Navy Hydrographic Office as a result of security charges. Subject is also a close friend and former co-employee of Thurman Wilkens, a former War Department employee who was dropped from the rolls as a security risk because he was an associate of Samuel Witzcak, who was mentioned as a member of the Canadian Spy Ring on the atomic bomb. Subject stated in the pres-

ence of witnesses that Witzcak should have fought the charges against him because he saw nothing wrong in it. In 1941-1942 subject had a lawn party at his home to raise funds for the Spanish Loyalists. It is suggested that subject be asked if he was an associate of and friendly with Max H. Salzman who resigned July 31, 1953, from the U.S. Navy Hydrographic Office while under charges involving security. Subject is a member of the Panel from which the Security Screening Board of the Department of the Army is drawn. He has for several years sat on that board until very recently when he was not called up from the Panel. The derogatory information contained in this memorandum is known to G-2 and is part of the subject's official file. None of this derogatory information was made known to the Secretary of the Army. The appointment to the Panel and to the board is made by the Secretary of the Army."

When asked by Cohn, East said he was an archivist for the Chief Department Records Branch of the Adjutant General's Office in Alexandria and had 146 civilians working under him, plus an attachment of a 17-person military detail. He had been working there for 10 years. (In his oral history, East said his job was to go through the voluminous World War I records to sort out those that needed to be archived to make room for all the World War II records.)

Cohn apparently knew something but asked the wrong question: "Who got you the job?" East responded that persons from the Adjutant General's Office had come to him about the job while he was working for the National Archives. (East had received a patronage appointment to the National Archives in 1935 after helping get a Democratic Congressman elected to office in 1932.)

Oral History

According to his oral history, his appointment to the Archives caused him and his wife to move to Washington in 1935. About the time his first child was born in 1936, he heard about the construction of Greenbelt. He applied, was accepted and

his family was one of the first to move into the new town in October 1937. A month later, with the residents forming a civic association and numerous other organizations, the first city council election was held. East ran and came in first. While the association first recommended that the person with the highest votes should become the mayor, as the council was to elect the mayor from its own, East said the recommendation was rescinded the following week as not being in keeping with the new city charter. Louis Bessemer, who placed third in the election, was chosen mayor.

In 1939, East got a promotion, putting his salary above the maximum limit a resident family could earn with one child in the federally-controlled housing project. City Manager Roy Braden found a way to keep the East family in Greenbelt. There was a large, 19th-century deteriorating farmhouse unoccupied within the city since the government purchased it. Braden hired East to be a live-in caretaker. This is likely the house located where Beltway Plaza is now located and later occupied by the family of former city manager Charles McDonald. The Easts and their children, eventually three, lived there for 10 years.

East commented that he ran for council a second time but was not elected because he was considered to be "an outsider."

Screening Panel

At the hearing, Cohn next asked East about his service on a loyalty screening board panel representing his agency. East said he had been appointed in 1952 and had served until February or March 1953, but had not served since then, although he never had been told that he was not on the panel. Cohn asked questions about the board's procedures and whether East had heard any cases involving the Army Signal Corps, the agency the McCarthy Committee was investigating. East said that he had but refused Cohn's request to proffer names on the basis of confidentiality.

Cohn then switched topics, asking if East had ever been

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Greenbelt Council Receives New Applicant: Kevin Lockhart

The Greenbelt News Review invited applicants for City Council to share their motivation for running and skills they'd bring to the role. In the January 4 issue we published responses from the six applicants at that time. During the recently reopened application period, the city received one further application, from Kevin Lockhart. Lockhart was among the applicants interviewed on Tuesday evening. Here is his response to our questions.

Kevin Lockhart

I am a dedicated single father residing in Franklin Park for the past 16 years. I am currently applying for the City Council because I am deeply committed to enhancing our community, Greenbelt, to be a safer and better place for both children and parents. With a substantial amount of ideas and practical strategies, I am confident in turning these aspirations into reality. My strong presence and reputation within the community, gained through coaching various sports at Greenbelt, including baseball, football and basketball, as well as involvement with the Boys and Girls Club, make me a trustworthy figure. I am well-known at Springhill Lake Recreation Center, Springhill Lake Elementary School, Greenbelt Middle School and Eleanor Roosevelt High School, earning the trust of both teachers and students. Beyond Franklin Park, I am



Kevin Lockhart speaks at the recent listening session in Greenbelt East.

to bring unity across Central Greenbelt, West Greenbelt and East Greenbelt, envisioning a more together Greenbelt. My outreach extends to helping young adults secure employment, and I have been called upon by the Springhill Lake Recreation Center during times of need, contributing to the smooth operation of events like Christmas giveaways. Furthermore, my service in the U.S. Army National Guard stationed at Fort Jackson, S.C., and Fort Sam Houston reflects my commitment to duty. As a faithful member of Capital Temple Ministries in Hyattsville, I am dedicated to both civic and spiritual responsibilities, making me a well-rounded candidate for City Council.

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There were ten questions posed by the City Council, including: Identify one unique issue that impacts a specific area of Greenbelt, historic, east or west. If you had the opportunity to make one major change in the city what would it be and why? How would you approach building community engagement and participation especially in Greenbelt east and west?

Matthew Inzeo felt that it was important that all residents of Greenbelt attend Greenbelt schools and would support building another elementary school in Greenbelt. Amy Knesel thought that there were communication barriers that needed to be overcome and one major change she would support is more resources devoted to Franklin Park. Kevin Lockhart held that unity across all parts of Greenbelt was important, as well as conducting activities that benefited youth. Leon Schachter stated that the \$2.5 million deficit facing the city impacted all parts of Greenbelt and moving toward a ward system would be an important change. Julie Winters felt the poor housing in some sections of Franklin Park needed to be addressed and a major change that should be

examined is rank choice voting and a ward system.

The next step in this process is selecting one of the five applicants. A "special meeting/closed session" for deliberation and selection is scheduled for Wednesday, January 24 at 7 p.m. What that meeting will look like or how the process will go remains unclear. Mayor Emmett Jordan and Councilmember Silke Pope supported having a closed session before balloting but others were less inclined. Despite a request from the floor for further information or decisions about the meeting, Jordan expressed the desire to "ruminate" and invited a motion to adjourn, which was made by Pope.

The meeting for deliberation and selection will have taken place by the time this article goes to press.



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connected with the Greenbelt Housing or Health Association. Noting that they were two different organizations, East said that he was one of the organizers of the Greenbelt Housing Association and had served on the board of the Greenbelt Mutual Homeowner's Association which eventually "bought the town of Greenbelt." He worked quite diligently to effect the sale of the community to a resident veteran corporation (until the family moved to Falls Church in 1950).

As to the Health Association, East said that he had served on its board of directors since its inception in 1938 until 1942 or 1943 when he severed connections. Cohn then asked, "Now, was this Greenbelt Health Association under Communist domination or heavily infiltrated by Communists?" "I don't think so. I never thought so," East replied. Upon further questioning East said that upon looking back there might have been a doctor who might have been a Communist sympathizer who had a wife who might have been a Communist.

East was referring to Samuel Berenberg and his wife, Frederica Martin Berenberg. The doctor was one of three employed by the association but had left in about 1939 to work for the Department of Interior in the Pribilof Islands in Alaska, but the war had ended that work and he returned to the Greenbelt Health Association. East was then on the board of directors but could not remember his involvement with the doctor. As president, he may have written a letter of employment. The association was in need of a doctor and doctors were scarce at the time. Berenger was reemployed in 1942 and stayed about a year but was not very popular as a doctor, according to East.

Lawn Party

Cohn asked if East had ever given a lawn party for Spanish Loyalists. East responded that because he lived in a large farmhouse instead of in town, Mrs. Berenger had asked if he would let her use his lawn to hold a benefit to aid Spanish refugees. She had been a nurse with the Loyalists. East admitted

attending the lawn party, not as a guest but because it was on his premises.

In his oral history, East says that he and many other Greenbelters sympathized with the Spanish Loyalists, noting that the other side was supported by the Fascists and the Nazis. He said many Loyalists had been expelled from Spain and had sought refuge in other countries. He believed that there was "legitimate basis to raising some money to help support these people."

In her oral history, Dorothy East gave this description: "One of the doctors turned out to be a Communist, and we'd all been going to his house regularly for interesting gatherings without knowing. [Note: There was no evidence presented at the hearing relevant to either Berenger or his wife actually being Communists.] We were there for the pleasure of the company, you know, it was purely social. It was his wife who asked if ... well, when we moved to this farmhouse we had the biggest house in town, and lots of people who wanted to have large gatherings would ask if we could host them. So when the doctor's wife, Frederica, Freddy we called her, Berenger, wondered if we could have a party to support the Spanish Loyalists with whom most of us were in sympathy, we said sure. You can have that party at our house. This had a lot of ramifications because this was a party supporting Communists, you see, and it was held at our house."

In his oral history, Sherrod East had this to say: "They ruffled off phonograph records and played games to raise money. I think they may have raised \$40 at the time. But this became a cause célèbre in the whole security mess. Everybody who attended that party was subject to security investigation, including myself again and Chasanow, and as I may, pretty near any others in Greenbelt who had security

problems ... and, incidentally, no person who was at that party was ever unable to clear himself. ... In my own case, it was resolved after Joe McCarthy got a hold of it and allowed that I was the weak link in the Army security system. ..."

Chasanow

Following East's lawn party testimony, Cohn asked East about Chasanow. Yes, East knew him quite well because they both lived in the same community and were active in the same organizations. East had been to Chasanow's home and Chasanow may have been to his, but they were not close friends. He had not seen or heard from Chasanow since the Easts moved from Greenbelt.

"Did you know him to be a Communist sympathizer," Cohn asked. "No, sir. Never by any slight indication, act or word."

East was then asked about a Thurman Wilkens who worked with him in the War Department. Wilkens allegedly knew a man named Samuel Witczak who Cohn said was a member of the Canadian atomic spy ring. Apparently, upon being suspended, Wilkens sought East for advice and was told of the employee rights under the Army's published regulations. East said he was not aware of Wilkens' association with Witczak and now understood why Wilkens had not appealed his suspension.

Cohn asked if East knew a Max Salzman. East said in a similar manner as he knew Chasanow: with the housing association. Did East know Salzman was a Communist or Communist sympathizer? East responded, "In no way, shape, manner or form did I ever suspect that he had such leanings whatsoever." East had seen less of Salzman socially than of Chasanow and had last seen him in June 1951.

(Note: Michael "Mike" Salzman was the first president of the Greenbelt Veterans Housing

Corporation, now GHI, and was instrumental in getting operational the new housing cooperative that bought most of the original Greenbelt government-built housing. He suddenly resigned to move to California to work at a medical and surgical supply firm, according to the Greenbelt Co-operator, which shortly thereafter changed its name to the Greenbelt News Review.)

Cohn then accused East of voting in an overwhelming majority of review panel cases where an individual was charged with Communist activity or affiliation in voting against suspension. East indicated a willingness to discuss each case with Cohn but since they were confidential matters, he could not without approval from the Secretary of the Army.

Then after further discussion on the matter, some off record, Cohn accused: "I will further say that this committee has been confronted with evidence of suspensions of a number of people with long records of Communist activities and affiliation and the reversal of that suspension by the screening board and panel that Mr. East sat on, and combining that with Mr. East's testimony here today concerning his knowingly or unknowingly, and the record speaks for itself, taking answers at face value, his connection with people who were Communist sympathizers or Communists, as the case might be, I think in view of that that the American people are entitled to protection in this matter because some of these individuals concerned might still be in positions by virtue of Mr. East's vote in their cases, and I think this is a grave abuse of the intent of these directives when an issue such as this is raised."

East responded: "Of course, I am very much disturbed that anyone would take this situation that developed in the community [in] which I lived and tie it together

with my supposed actions on the loyalty screening board, and assume from that that I have a softness for Communists or Communist activities or Communist-affiliated organizations. In view of the statement you have made, I wish to make a categorical statement now that I do not so consider myself, and that disturbs me a great deal as you can well appreciate. I consider myself qualified, otherwise I would not have accepted the responsibility. I know, even with all the protection the secretary is giving us, in these matters, I know a man is only asking for trouble when he accepts this kind of extraneous duty. All of us on these loyalty boards have our hands full doing the job for which we are being paid and it is out of a sense of duty that we are willing to accept these additional responsibilities."

Following a few more exchanges, the committee hearing closed. It may be that no adverse action was ever taken against Sherrod East by the Army.



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doppelganger Impala parked in front of the same movie theater, over 50 years later.

Kennedy bought his '58 Impala about 20 years ago in Philadelphia, after 30 years of yearning. While the paintwork and interior were in good condition, it was mechanically dilapidated – he's not even sure how he managed to nurse it home. He had to replace the engine, transmission and brakes. The car – long, lean and finned – is usually housed in a GHI garage, where it only barely fits.

Kennedy's neighbor, Christina Kavanagh, describes how when the car was parked by the Cinema, Kennedy fielded questions from exiting theatergoers about the car, starting and revving the engine to give them the full experience of its 348-cubic-inch, 8-cylinder engine.

Kennedy takes the car to shows where he helps raise money for charity (rather than competing for trophies) but has yet to drive it in the Greenbelt Labor Day Parade. "Perhaps this year!" he says. He has done several auto shows with Candy Clark, who played Debbie Dunham in the movie, and the interior is autographed by several of the actors who played in the movie: Richard Dreyfuss, Paul Le Mat, Cindy Williams and Bo Hopkins, among others.

The actual car that was used in the movie, of course, is a very expensive collector's item and, sold privately by its original owner in 2015 to collector and NASCAR legend Ray Everham, is now in North Carolina.

But Kennedy has his long-awaited first love right here, just where he first met her.



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Several actors from American Graffiti have autographed the dashboard of Malin Kennedy's 1958 Chevy Impala. Here we see Mackenzie Phillips (Carol in the movie) and Bo Hopkins (Joe).

Travels with News Review



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Stephen Oetken holds his News Review at Fort Clatsop National Historical Park near Astoria, Oregon.



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Oh no! The snow dog has taken the snowman's head and won't give it back! Snow sculpture by Nathan Parker-Feng, Maya Gareri and Lien Gareri on the January 16 day off from school.



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A well-dressed snowman spotted on Northway



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A diminutive snowman with a top hat, spotted on Research Road



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