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## Seven of Greenbelt's Children Share Memories of Homes

by Erica Johns

*Part One of a Two-Part Story*  
Secret passages, ladders and Lego house designs are among the memories of seven Greenbelters who live in their childhood homes. Hopi Auerbach and Heather Hart on Ridge Road, Dorothy Dobson and Eva Garin on Lakeside Drive, Marc Siegel on Maplewood Court, Lesley Kash on Woodland Way and Jonathan Murray on Ridge Road invited the News Review into their homes.

### Beginnings

Dobson's family arrived when she was 6 months old, and Hart's when she was 2 years old. Siegel remembered moving as a small child, Kash and Murray in elementary school, and Garin and Auerbach at 15.

Dobson's parents, Fred and Dorothy Baluch, built their house in 1959, moving with six chil-

dren (two more followed) after building and living at another Lakeside house. Howard and Fann Kash moved with Lesley to Woodland Way around 1963 before sister Kim's birth. In the early 1960s Siegel's parents, Harold and Connie Siegel, bought their Maplewood house, today known for its yard decorations on the Greenbelt Lake path. Garin's parents Robert and Sonia Garin built their Lakeside home in 1964, with Eva, younger brother Michael and grandfather.

Jerry and Marie Hart and Heather arrived in the early 1970s from Camp Springs, Md. Auerbach's parents, Bob Auerbach and Mary Carson, moved from a smaller GHI with Hopi and younger sister Jennine around 1970. Murray's parents, Joe and

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PHOTO COURTESY MARC SIEGEL

Marc Siegel and his late sister PJ, dressed in their Easter finery in the 1960s

## City Budget Stays in Bounds; Though in FY26, Maybe Not

by Diane Oberg

In presenting his budget proposal to the Greenbelt City Council on March 25, City Manager Josué Salmerón had good news. Despite earlier projections of a multimillion-dollar budget deficit in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 which begins July 1 the budget deficit has been closed without increasing the city tax rate. Council began its review of the budget at a March 27 worksession with the budget overview.

### Expenditures

This story will focus on the General Fund, which is the city's operating budget. The city also has several other funds, which will be covered as part of the coming worksession reporting.

Salmerón is proposing total expenditures of \$36.6 million versus revenues of \$37.5 million, leaving a surplus of \$842,300. He said this leaves the city in a good position should an economic downturn occur. (See Table 1 on page 10 for department level expenditures.)

Two smaller accounts, Non-

Departmental and Miscellaneous have relatively large percentage increases. The non-departmental increase is due to an increase in Workers Compensation premiums. There are two drivers of the increase in Miscellaneous:

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### What Goes On

**Monday, April 15**

**7:30 p.m.**, City Council Budget Worksession: Grants and Contributions/Social Services/Greenbelt Cinema, Municipal Building

**Wednesday, April 17**

**7:30 p.m.**, Council Budget Worksession: Public Works/Capital Projects, Municipal Building

See the city ad on page 5 or the meetings calendar at [greenbeltnmd.gov](http://greenbeltnmd.gov) for more information.

## Most Greenbelters Stayed Home To View Near-Total Solar Eclipse

by Sandy Rodgers and Lesley Kash

Light clouds on Monday, April 8, mostly dissipated in time for eclipse watchers throughout Greenbelt to clearly view the first eclipse in the area since 2017. This partial solar eclipse – with the moon blocking 89 percent of the sun, according to the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) webpage – brought smiles and a sense of wonder to those who looked at the phenomenon through special glasses.

### Hundreds

showed up for festive viewing at the City of Greenbelt Observatory on Northway. Organizers handed out more than 170 pairs of eclipse glasses to the gathering crowd, according to ASG's Carol Robertson. Adults lounged in beach chairs or sprawled in the grass, while children ran among them waving colanders and making crescent-shaped shadows on the ground. A constant stream



PHOTO BY PAT SCULLY

Close to 200 people, over the course of the eclipse, chose the Greenbelt Observatory and Northway Fields as a prime viewing spot.

of adults and children waited in line to see the eclipse progress through the telescope.

The telescope's moving image was captured for convenient viewing on a large laptop screen

at the base of the observatory while visitors cheerfully waited in line, heads tipped upward. The highlight, a peek up into the

See **ECLIPSE**, page 16

## Recreation Holds Learn 2 Earn Program for Greenbelt Youth

by Lois Rosado

A youth workforce development program called Learn 2 Earn is in full swing through the Recreation Department. It just completed its first and second phases with a cohort of 10 students. The program was initially proposed over a decade ago by Anthony Hamm of Pathways Alternative High School, who runs a successful youth entrepreneurship and workforce development program. Unfortunately, the infrastructure, personnel and funding were not available at that time. When LaToya Fisher was hired as the recreation program

supervisor, Recreation Department Director Greg Varda approached her about instituting a youth employment preparation program for youth 15 to 18, using American Rescue Plan Act funds. The Greenbelt City Council approved.

Hamm worked with Fisher and Anne Oudemans to design and implement the program and served as a consultant/advisor.

Nine students from Eleanor Roosevelt High School and one from DuVal High School make up the first cohort: two seniors,

See **LEARN 2 EARN**, page 6

## School Bell Time Shifts Now Clarified

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

On Thursday, April 4, Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) Superintendent Millard House II ended more than a week of confusion by announcing that the three standardized bell times for schools will include a mix of school levels at each time.



"This plan will not shift all elementary schools to 7:30 a.m., nor all middle schools and Pre-K to 8 academies to 8:30 a.m., nor all high schools to 9:30 a.m.," wrote House in an email.

"Schools will be notified of bell time shifts no later than April 26. Note that 90 percent of schools are expected to have no shift or a shift of 15 minutes or less," House clarified.

Standardized bell times are part of five transportation changes PGCPS will implement for school year 2024-25 (see article in last week's issue). Administrators have announced a series of information sessions about the changes. One will be held on Saturday, April 27, at Eleanor Roosevelt High School from 10 to 11:30 a.m.



PHOTO BY LOIS ROSADO

Recreation Supervisor LaToya Fisher, center, poses with program participant Elias Jackson and workshop facilitator Tim Mitchell.

# Letters to the Editor

## Information You May Need to Know

I'm writing this letter to hopefully inform Greenbelters of questions you may think about asking before hiring someone to do small replacements of items in your home.

I admit I didn't think to ask. And suffered the consequences of paying \$250 for less than a half hour for a handyman fee. There

were two small items I wanted replaced, not repaired. I had both kits for replacement.

These are the questions I suggest you may think about asking:

How much do you charge to replace an item? (Describe the items you want replaced.)

Is there an extra charge for working on weekends? (This is the date the repair person chose.)

Knowledge is power!

I.G. King

## Letters Policy

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).

Letters may be edited for clarity, grammar, civility and space constraints. The News Review may add a comment from the editor if deemed necessary.

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.



## Correction

In last week's back page story about the American Legion Egg Hunt, the child who visited the face painting stand was Raelyn Townsend. She was pictured continuing her egg-hunting adventure with her 1-year-old brother, Lincoln.

Sparky the Fire Dog, a constant attraction for the youngsters, was Ellewaver Weaver.



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DVS = Descriptive Video Service

SHOWTIMES:  
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**Civil War (R) (CC) (DVS)**  
(2024) (109 mins)  
**Screen 1 - Main Auditorium**  
Fri. 7:45 PM  
Sat. 5:00 PM, 7:45 PM  
Sun. 12:30 PM (OC)  
Mon. 5:00 PM  
Tues. 7:30 PM  
Thurs. 5:30 PM  
**Screen 2 - The Screening Room**  
Fri. 5:00 PM  
Sun. 4:00 PM  
Mon. 2:45 PM  
Wed. 7:30 PM

**Wicked Little Letters (R)**  
(CC) (DVS) (2024) (100 mins)  
**Screen 1 - Main Auditorium**  
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Sun. 3:15 PM  
Mon. 2:30 PM (OC)  
Wed. 7:45 PM  
**Screen 2 - The Screening Room**  
Fri. 7:30 PM  
Sat. 5:15 PM, 8:00 PM  
Sun. 1:15 PM  
Mon. 5:15 PM  
Tues. 7:45 PM  
Thurs. 7:45 PM

**Ghost in the Shell (R) (1995)**  
(83 mins)  
Cinema Pop!  
**Screen 1 - Main Auditorium**  
Sat. 1:00 PM subbed

**Hermudad's Cine Con**  
**Corazón Film Shorts**  
(NR) (120 mins)  
Presenting Sponsor -  
CineFiesta  
**Screen 1 - Main Auditorium**  
Sun. 6:00 PM

**Storytime on Screen - Free!**  
**Screen 1 - Main Auditorium**  
Mon. 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM

**Eraserhead (NR) (CC) (DVS)**  
(1977) (90 mins)  
Cult Classic  
**Screen 1 - Main Auditorium**  
Thurs. 8:00 PM



The eclipse at its maximum in Greenbelt, taken by Carol Robertson with a Seestar S50 digital telescope

PHOTO BY CAROL ROBERTSON



## On Screen at Greenbelt Cinema

### Civil War

From filmmaker Alex Garland comes a journey across a dystopian future America, following a team of military-embedded journalists as they race against time to reach DC before rebel factions descend upon the White House. Starring Kirsten Dunst and Wagner Moura. Said critic Matt Zoller Seitz of RoberEbert.com, "It's a great movie that has its own life force."

### Wicked Little Letters

A 1920s English seaside town bears witness to a farcical and occasionally sinister scandal in this riotous mystery comedy. Based on a stranger-than-fiction true story, the film follows two neighbors: deeply conservative local Edith Swan (Olivia Colman) and rowdy Irish migrant Rose Gooding (Jessie Buckley). When Edith and fellow residents begin to receive wicked letters full of unintentionally hilarious profanities, foul-mouthed Rose is charged with the crime. The anonymous letters prompt a national uproar, and a trial ensues. However, as the town's women - led by Police Officer Gladys Moss (Anjana Vasana) - begin to investigate the crime themselves, they suspect that something is amiss, and Rose may not be the culprit after all.

### Ghost in the Shell

In this Japanese adult animated neo-noir cyberpunk thriller, cyborg federal agent Maj. Motoko Kusanagi (Mimi Woods) trails The Puppet Master (Abe Lasser), who illegally hacks into the computerized minds of cyborg-human hybrids. Her pursuit of a man who can modify the identity of strangers leaves Motoko pondering her own make-up and what life might be like if she had more human traits. With her partner (Richard George), she corners the hacker, but her curiosity about her identity sends the case in an unforeseen direction. From director Mamoru Oshii, the film is based on the manga of the same name by Masamune Shirow.

## Hermudad's Cine Con Corazón Film Shorts

Hermudad, Inc. is a nonprofit corporation in Maryland dedicated to serving those in need in Puerto Rico. They are presenting this film shorts festival as a fundraiser for Puerto Rico. Come watch seven short films from Puerto Rico, Spain and Iran, including award winners.

### Eraserhead

Henry (John Nance) resides alone in a bleak apartment surrounded by industrial gloom. When he discovers that an earlier fling with Mary X (Charlotte Stewart) left her pregnant, he marries the expectant mother and has her move in with him. Things take a decidedly strange turn when the couple's baby turns out to be a bizarre lizard-like creature that won't stop wailing.

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# 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 all Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) buildings.

### Pre-K Story Hour

Friday, April 12, 10:30 a.m., ages newborn to 5, at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane. Enjoy the wonderful world of storytelling. Friends and family welcome. Hosted by Library staff and Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness (RUAK). Register at [pgcmls.info/event/10182368](http://pgcmls.info/event/10182368).

### Storytimes

Friday, April 12, 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/10196414](http://pgcmls.info/event/10196414).

Monday, April 15, 10:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/10196390](http://pgcmls.info/event/10196390).

Wednesday, April 17, 12:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/10196433](http://pgcmls.info/event/10196433).

### Bibliobop Dance Party

Saturday, April 13, 10:30 a.m., ages newborn to 5. Bust a move and shake the sillies out. Bring a parent or caregiver. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/10197200](http://pgcmls.info/event/10197200).

### Storytime on Screen

Monday, April 15, 10:30 a.m., ages 1 to 5, at the Greenbelt Cinema, 129 Centerway, in partnership with PGCMLS, is offering a free program of stories, songs and a short film. This program is best suited for children ages 1 to 5 and their caregivers. No unaccompanied children or adults. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/10188913](http://pgcmls.info/event/10188913).

## Golden Age Club April Activities

April is a busy month for the Greenbelt Golden Age Club. The Annual Spring Luncheon takes place on Wednesday, April 17 at the Holiday Inn in College Park. Of course, the month ends with BINGO.

With the exception of the Spring Luncheon, all the meetings are held at 11 a.m. on Wednesdays.

April 17 – Annual Luncheon at the College Park Holiday Inn, with entertainment

April 24 – BINGO at the Community Center



## Greenbelt Concert Band Hosts Instrument Garden

The Greenbelt Concert Band invites the community to Be Our Guest by dressing as a favorite Disney or Pixar character and enjoying Instrument Garden. This is a chance to meet the musicians and learn about their instruments on Saturday, April 20 at 11 a.m. in the Community Center gym.

While participants may not increase their musical knowledge “to infinity and beyond,” they will get to see different instrument families, hear the sounds each instrument makes and learn about the different parts of each instrument.

Then they can sit back and listen as the sounds blend and harmonize while the Concert Band performs hit tunes from favorite Disney films.

Space is limited for this free event. Register before Thursday, April 18 at [greenbeltconcertband.org/page4/page4.html](http://greenbeltconcertband.org/page4/page4.html).

## Reel and Meal Monday

On Monday, April 15, the Reel and Meal at the New Deal Café will present Angel of Gaza and three other short films dealing with refugees. All are Muslims and start with the British Empire in 1947, the year Britain left its colonial territories of India, Burma and Palestine.

After years of strife in all three places, the Rohingya Muslim minority in Burma (now Myanmar), the majority Muslim population in Kashmir between India and Pakistan and, in the Gaza Strip, the Palestinians, all face intensified and intolerable situations.

Millions have died and millions more have been displaced by land grabs and seemingly endless wars and oppression.

Angel of Gaza presents a bright spot in the worst of these places. Award-winning filmmaker Ahmad Mansour will be with us as the discussion leader.

The program is free and live at the Café or available on Zoom. Register for Zoom at [tinyurl.com/Reel-n-Meal-April-2024](http://tinyurl.com/Reel-n-Meal-April-2024). The program starts at 7 p.m. with online access at 6:30 p.m. Presented by the Greenbelt Refugee Aid Committee. For further information, call Frank at 301-467-2418.

## Poetry in the Garden

A poetry reading will take place on Sunday, April 14 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the clubhouse of Schrom Hills Park. Bring a favorite poem to share and discuss in the group. For more details, contact Effie at 443-415-1053.

## GHI Bicycle Committee Will Hold Spring Social



PHOTO COURTESY JOHN CAMPANILE

### Cyclists use the GHI tool facilities.

The first of an ongoing series of GHI Bicycle Committee social events will take place on Saturday, April 27 from 1 to 3 p.m. (rain date: May 4). It will include a demo of how to get your bike ready for spring, a short update on the Greenbelt East Trail and a discussion of bicycle backpacking. The event takes place at the GHI Building, 1 Hamilton Place, adjacent to the bicycle repair station. Contact John Campanile, chair, GHI Bicycle Committee, at 240-360-9637 or [jbelltower@yahoo.com](mailto:jbelltower@yahoo.com) for more information. (See the ad on page 13.)

## Writers Group Meets On Friday, April 19

The monthly meeting of the Greenbelt Writers Group will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 19 in the Community Center. All interested writers are invited. Open readings will be held and members will continue discussion of a potential joint writing project. For more information, email Barbara Ford at [barb.ford@comcast.net](mailto:barb.ford@comcast.net).

## Chess Club Meeting

The Greenbelt Chess Club meets on Tuesday, April 16, from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. at the Youth Center.

More Community Events throughout the paper.

## Calling All Artists

Friends of New Deal Café Arts needs artwork for the Green Man Festival Art Exhibit to be displayed in the New Deal Café in May and June.

The theme this year is Dragons of the Earth: Where Myth Meets Nature celebrating the Chinese Year of the Dragon.

Submit photos of artwork to [artworksbymaryann@gmail.com](mailto:artworksbymaryann@gmail.com) no later than Monday, April 29.

## More Library Events

### STEM-tastic

Tuesday, April 16, 4:30 p.m., ages 8 to 12. Build a satellite! Become a scientist by conducting hands-on, fun science activities using basic scientific principles. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/10197192](http://pgcmls.info/event/10197192).

### Teen Action Group

Wednesday, April 17, 4:30 p.m., ages 13 to 18. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/10139375](http://pgcmls.info/event/10139375).

### Talk Health

Friday, April 12, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., adults. Led by University of Maryland School of Nursing students, get blood pressure checked and bring medications for a personalized review. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/10127174](http://pgcmls.info/event/10127174).

Friday, April 12, 12:30 p.m., ages 18+. This session will include a short presentation on adult vaccinations followed by an opportunity for discussion, a 20-minute energetic and low impact seated exercise class, and a 5-minute mindful meditation practice. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/10127092](http://pgcmls.info/event/10127092).

### Fair Housing Forum

Thursday, April 18, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., ages 18+. With the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights. Engage in targeted workshops, dynamic keynote speeches and interactive activities on discrimination based on sex and race, discriminatory appraisals, and fair lending practices. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/10239422](http://pgcmls.info/event/10239422).

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MON 4/15	TUES 4/16	WED 4/17	TH 4/18	SPECIALS!
REEL AND MEAL 7-9pm "ANGEL OF GAZA" SEE NDC CALENDAR FOR INFO	Open Mic, w/ Joey Campfire 7-9:30 Sign ups at 6:30pm	Pub Quiz 7-9pm Test your knowledge from Aardvarks to Zymurgy	FRENCH CONVERSATION, 5:30p - 6:30pm Jeff Miller 7-9pm Nashville-based songwriter	HAPPY HOUR 4-7pm \$1 OFF BEER AND WINE WEDNESDAY \$1 OFF PER GLASS \$5 OFF A BOTTLE

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THIS WEEK on GATE • Your Community Access Station  
Featured Film (9am, 3pm, and 8pm)  
**Penny Serenade (1941)**  
Starring Irene Dunne and Cary Grant, the latter of whom was nominated for the Academy Award for Best Actor in his role. Classified as a melodrama, Penny Serenade offers poignant insight into what keeps love alive and a marriage intact.

New This Month  
**Promo: Greenbelt Concert Band's "A Day with Disney & Instrument Garden"**  
Join us on April 20th at 11am in the Greenbelt Community Center Gym for a morning full of Disney classics, courtesy of the Greenbelt Concert Band. Come dressed as your favorite Disney / PIXAR character! Catch our promotional video for more information.

All this and more on the GATE channel this week! Check [greenbeltaccessstv.org](http://greenbeltaccessstv.org) for the full broadcast schedule, and visit Greenbelt Access Television on YouTube for new video productions.

# Obituaries

## Linda Edwards



PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

### Linda Edwards

Linda Edwards, longtime Greenbelt resident and Prince George's County school teacher, died at Bowie Assisted Living Home on March 30, 2024. She had resided there for several years after a fall at the house she shared with her husband, Stan. She and Stan were married for 58 years. Linda was 81.

Linda was born in Washington, D.C., but her family moved soon after her birth to Avondale, Md. After her graduation from Northwestern High School in 1960, she attended Montgomery Junior College. That is where she met Stan, a fellow student. He related that he had asked a friend of Linda's to a dance. The friend responded that she had a

date, but that Linda did not. They dated five years before marrying in 1966.

Not long after their marriage, they purchased a house on Gardenway. Stan grew up in Greenbelt, and the city had been appealing to Linda on excursions as a child with her grandfather. She liked the Mother and Child statue in Roosevelt Center in particular. When Stan's father, Stan Edwards, Sr., died, the couple moved into Stan's family home to take care of his mother Vivian, who suffered from dementia. They continued to reside there after Vivian's death.

Linda became a secretary at the University of Maryland. Tuition was free for employees, so Linda pursued a degree in anthropology and graduated summa cum laude. Subsequently, she attended Bowie State University and obtained a teaching certificate. She taught second grade, first at Pullen Arts School and later at Glenarden Elementary.

Linda joined the Greenbelt Community Church and served on various boards and a three-year term as moderator, which is the highest sectarian administrative position. Stan and his family were members and it is only a short walk from the family home.

Linda loved the beach. For many years, she and Stan rented a beach house at Cape Hatteras. She loved to travel as well. They visited various places in Europe. Stan related a story of a time when he and Linda were in London and he mentioned to Linda that he was feeling a bit out of

place with all the pomp and circumstance. Linda replied, "Stan, look at the waiter. His clothes are wrinkled and his fly is open." After that, Stan said he felt much more on an even keel.

Linda also liked cruises. They went with family members and occasionally with their good friends from church, Jeff and Laura Knutson and family. Linda and Stan kept Westies dogs, and Linda loved them like children. She also loved Stan's brother Bill and his wife Carol, as well as her nephew Billy and her niece Katie.

She was loved and appreciated even during her final days at the assisted living facility. Family and others from the church visited and Stan came every day and often brought her specialty coffee and snacks. He noted that he always knew how lucky he was to have had her as his partner.

A memorial service will be held at Greenbelt Community Church on Friday, May 31, where Linda's ashes will be buried in the Memorial Garden. Time is yet to be determined.

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[www.facebook.com/GCCUCCMD](https://www.facebook.com/GCCUCCMD)  
[www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org](http://www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org)

### ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

- Daily Mass: Mon-Fri 7:15am\*, Sat 9am\*
  - Sunday Mass:
    - Sat vigil 5pm\*
    - Sun 8am, 9:30am, 11am
  - Confessions Saturday 3pm - 4pm.
- Masks for the unvaccinated encouraged.

\*Live-streamed on Facebook and available on our YouTube page later.

CELEBRATE WITH US  
135 Crescent Rd.  
[www.sthughofgrenoble.org](http://www.sthughofgrenoble.org)

## City Notes

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, supported by Public Information, hosted two two-hour town halls highlighting results of the DEI Audit Report, with about 75 employees attending.

At the Community Center, Public Works installed a lobby exhibit about composting. The facility accommodated the Golden Age Club, Concert Band, Community Orchestra, Honk! Situation, Racial Equity Alliance, Public Safety Advisory Committee, Girl Scouts and 14 rentals.

After six adoptions, Animal Shelter residents are five cats, two kittens, five dogs, a rabbit and a snake.

At the Aquatic & Fitness Center, Public Works and contractors removed and serviced the pool motor.

Park Rangers and Public Works cooperated on installation and contents for a new bulletin board at Schrom Hills Park and Rangers surveyed parks for damage and creek litter after heavy rains.

A Museum Open House welcomed guests for tours and typical kids' activities from the 1950s. CARES provided training to Department of Aging staff from Richmond, Va., in fortifying unpaid caregivers.



Condolences to the family, friends and fellow parishioners of Linda Edwards, who died on March 30.

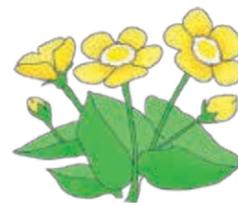
Send details of your news to [editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com).



## 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.



"Take heed, lest in thinking too earnestly of the things of the body you forget the things of the soul: for material advantages do not elevate the spirit of a man."

— 'Abdu'l-Bahá



## Greenbelt Bahá'i Community

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

The Bible Says...

Therefore bear fruit  
in keeping with repentance  
Matthew 3:8



Sunday Worship Services  
10a-11:15a @ Greenbelt Elementary School  
(66 Ridge Rd.)

[MCFcc.org](http://MCFcc.org)

## Mishkan Torah Congregation

10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
Rabbi Saul Oresky, Cantor Phil Greenfield  
An unpretentious, historic, welcoming, liberal, egalitarian synagogue that respects tradition and becomes your extended family in the 21st century.

Friday evening services at 8:00pm  
Saturday morning services at 10:00am  
Offering hybrid services, online and in-person activities  
For further information, call (301) 474-4223 [www.mishkantorah.org](http://www.mishkantorah.org)  
Affiliated with these movements: Conservative and Reconstructing Judaism

## Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi  
Phone: 301-937-3666 [www.pbuuc.org](http://www.pbuuc.org)



Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community



April 14, 2024 at 3:00 pm  
It's Hard to be Humble

Rev. Ann Kadlecck with Liturgist Sabrina Jones

"We honor the interdependent web of all existence. With reverence for the great web of life and with humility, we acknowledge our place in it." So begins the definition of "Interdependence" in the proposed revision to Article II. What might humility might have to do with our value of interdependence? Let's explore together.

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

## Obituaries

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

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

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF GREENBELT MASS

Sunday 10:00 a.m.  
City Council Room  
25 Crescent Rd

ALL ARE WELCOME!

OR - Join us on ZOOM!  
For ZOOM link:  
[CCG1985+owneregroups.io](https://ccg1985+owneregroups.io)

## Greenbelt BAPTIST CHURCH

Christ-centered  
Biblical  
& Reformed

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am

Sunday School 9:15am

Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00pm

101 Greenhill Rd. Greenbelt, MD  
[www.greenbeltbaptist.org](http://www.greenbeltbaptist.org)





# 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 [www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar).



### MEETINGS FOR APRIL 15 - 19

Monday, April 15 at 7:30 pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION - MISC. - GRANTS & CONTRIBUTIONS/SOCIAL SERVICES/ GREENBELT CINEMA**

Tuesday, April 16 at 7 pm, **REPARATIONS COMMISSION**, *On the Agenda: Adoption of Agenda & Minutes, University of Maryland Report Summary, Goals and Pathways Update, Subcommittee Updates, Strategic Planning Working Group, Executive Committee Update & Announcements*

Wednesday, April 17 at 7:30 pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION - PUBLIC WORKS / CAPITAL PROJECTS**

Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30 pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD**, *On the Agenda: Approval of Agenda & Minutes, Council Liaison Updates, Discussion of Permit Application to Install 110' Temporary T-Mobile Tower at 211 Ridge Road (WSSC / Water Tank Property), Staff Updates*

Wednesday, April 17 at 7 pm, **PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**, *On the Agenda: Approve Agenda, Council Liaison Update, Recreation Department Update, Administrative Report*

*In advance, the hearing impaired are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email [banderson@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:banderson@greenbeltmd.gov). 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.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar).*

### OFFICIAL NOTICE

**PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD  
MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024, 7:30 PM**

**CONCERNING THE PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND EACH OF THE OTHER FUNDS OF THE CITY.**

This is the first of two Public Hearings on the budget. The second will be held on Monday, May 28, 2024.

The Public Hearing will be held in person at the Municipal Building and virtual via Zoom. Public attendance and participation are encouraged.

All residents of Greenbelt will have a reasonable opportunity to provide written and oral comments and ask questions concerning the entire budget.

Copies of the proposed budget may be examined at the City Offices, 25 Crescent Rd., during normal operating hours. The proposed budget is also posted on the City Web site at <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov>. For more information, please call 301-474-8000

Bonita Anderson, City Clerk

### PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY NORTHERN SECTOR DEMENTIA FRIENDLY AMERICA WEBINARS

April - June, 2024, Thursdays 7-8 pm, Virtual via GoToWebinar

**May 2: Nutrition for Older Adults**

**May 9: Living with a Serious Illness**

Join us as we discuss misunderstandings and myths about serious illnesses that make it difficult for patients to receive the appropriate medical support.

**June 6: The Positive Path Towards Dementia Aware End of Life Care**

Join us as we discuss affirming responses to raise Dementia awareness..

**June 13: A Place for Dad: One Maryland Caregivers Journal**

For more information or to register, please contact Brendy Garcia at (240) 424-0302 or [bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov). In partnership with CARES, Dementia Friendly America, the Department of Family Services, and Prince George's County.

### NATIONAL BIKE TO WORK DAY 2024 MAY 17, 6:30 - 8:30 AM

*Parking Lot of Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, 101 Centerway*

Commuter Connections and the Washington Area Bicyclist Association invites you to join over 16,000 area commuters for a celebration of bicycling as a fun, eco-friendly, low-cost commuting option and it provides both physical and mental health benefits. The Greenbelt Pit Stop will be one of 100 Pit stops in the regional area.

Register at [biketoworkmetrodc.org](http://biketoworkmetrodc.org);

Pit Stop Manager: Di Quynn Reno, [dquynnreno@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:dquynnreno@greenbeltmd.gov) (240) 542-2053.



### GREENBELT RECREATION'S SPRING ACTIVITY GUIDE

[www.greenbeltmd.gov/activityguide](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/activityguide)

Registration currently open. Sign-up today!



### FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

**UPCOMING PRODUCE DISTRIBUTIONS  
MAY 16 - 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@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov).

**Springhill Lake Recreation Center:** 3 - 4:15 pm, registration required. For Greenbelt West residents only. Register via email [bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:bgarcia@greenbeltmd.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.

### EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

**APRIL 20, 10 AM - 1 PM**

*Buddy Attick Park, 555 Crescent Road*

Be a part of the community effort to rejuvenate the forest understory in Buddy Attick Park. Volunteers will work with Public Works staff to remove invasive species and install native trees and shrubs in the understory.

Register by email at [kdricoll@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kdricoll@greenbeltmd.gov).

### CURRENT CARES PROGRAMS

CARES is happy to provide the following programs FREE of charge:

- Dementia Friendly America Webinars, April - June. See ad on this page.
- Emergency Diaper Distribution. Must register. See ad on this page.
- Produce Distribution at the Greenbelt Community Center, Ground Floor East, 15 Crescent Road  
*Upcoming Dates: March 21, April 18, May 16, from 1 - 3 pm*
- Produce Distribution at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Ln (*Greenbelt West Residents Only*)  
*Upcoming Dates: March 21, April 18, May 16, from 3 - 4:15 pm*

For descriptions and information, visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov/CARESPROGRAMS](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/CARESPROGRAMS).

### WALKING FOR WELLNESS 2024

**Saturday, May 18, 9 am  
Buddy Attick Park Lake**

May is observed as Mental Health Awareness Month. Help the Greenbelt Police Department raise awareness and provide support for those in our community. Join us for a delightful spring walk around Buddy Attick Park Lake. Enjoy the fresh air and other smiling faces.

Vendors for this event should arrive by 8 am.

The Wellness Walk will begin at 9 am, but walkers and runners are encouraged to start arriving by 8:30 am.



Sponsored by the Greenbelt Police Department. 550 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD. (301) 474-7200.

### ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

**Saturday, April 13, 10 am - 12 pm**

The City of Greenbelt is Celebrating Arbor Day by planting seeding trees to help the woods at Buddy Attic Park recover from the July 12th storm that damaged many mature trees in the woods. We are asking for volunteers to help plant over 150 seedling trees, pull invasive plants that are making it hard for our native trees to reclaim the woodlands and pick up litter.

Participants should wear work gloves, clothes and shoes that can get dirty, and they should bring a reusable water bottle. Individuals and groups are welcome. Students can bring your community service hours forms to earn hours for school. We will be meeting at the corner of Lakecrest Drive & Prince James Way.

For more information contact Brian Townsend by phone at (240) 417-2158 or emailing [btownsend@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:btownsend@greenbeltmd.gov) or contact John McMillian by emailing [jMcMillian@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:jMcMillian@greenbeltmd.gov).

### EMERGENCY DIAPER DISTRIBUTION Open Registration

Please remember that you must register each month.

Parents must present proof of Greenbelt residency displaying parent's name and residential address, state-issued photo ID, each child's birth certificate.

To register: <https://forms.gle/LdwT7y5deVQJctMa6> or call Brendy Garcia at (240) 424-0302.



### GREENBELT ARPA GRANT PROGRAMS

**Applications Deadlines Extended Through August 30, 2024**

To better assist Greenbelt individuals, families, and businesses affected by COVID-19, Greenbelt's ARPA programs have extended deadlines through the end of the year for grants and other assistance.

Grants include:

- **Childcare Vouchers, Healthcare Vouchers, Higher Education Scholarships**
- **First-Time Homebuyer Downpayment Assistance, Workforce Development**
- **Micro Grants, Tree Canopy Grants**

To view grant programs, or to see how other ARPA programs are helping your community recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, visit [www.engagegreenbelt.org](http://www.engagegreenbelt.org).

### 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.

### ARTFUL AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

**Create Paper Cutouts Inspired by Henri Matisse with Artist Barbara Combs**

**Sunday, April 14, 1 - 3 pm, Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Ln -**  
Details <https://bit.ly/3Vfz0Lq>.

### ARTFUL AFTERNOON SPRAY AND PAINT

**Sunday, May 5, 1 - 4 pm, Greenbelt Community Center.**

Spray paint art workshop, Art Studio Open House and Sale, plus a Chinese dance concert!

Info & Sign-up: <https://bit.ly/4axwZn4>.

### WELCOME KITS

The City of Greenbelt's Public Information Office is now accepting items to be added to the 2024 Welcome Kit for new Greenbelt residents. Please send 200 promotional items to 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770, by Friday, April 19.

Contact [candrews@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:candrews@greenbeltmd.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.greenbeltmd.gov/BYOBag](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/BYOBag).



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seven juniors and one sophomore.

### Topics and Workshops

Phase One – Ready, of the three-phase program, ran from October through March. Tim Mitchell, who organized a youth entrepreneurship program some years ago with the CHEARS Earth Squad, facilitated these twice monthly, 90-minute workshops. Special guests helped youth explore specific topics: skill assessment, how to network, job interview preparation (mock interviews and negotiating in the job market), financial literacy, work ethic (being on time, dressing appropriately and putting your best self forward), resumé building and entrepreneurship.

Bill, a 19-year-old from Franklin Park, spoke with the group about business ownership, an interest expressed by some of the youth. He shared his journey of beginning B.I.L.L. Media two years ago at age 17 and offered insights of what to think about when starting a small business. One question that made Fisher pause: can the participants sign their names on documents? Cursive writing is no longer taught in schools. She is going to look into that.

### Program Incentives

The program included stipends and incentives for those who performed well. Those who showed up on time received special responsibilities: master of custodial arts, attendance taker, timekeeper and distributing information. After the first six weeks participants were eligible to receive \$75 for good attendance (only one absence, excused in advance), increased to \$100 for the next six-week session. Extra money could be earned by winning some of the workshop trivia exercises.

At the Phase One completion ceremony participants received business cards with a LinkedIn account, business card holders, customized pens, a Learn 2 Earn padfolio, a certificate of program completion, a certificate for financial literacy and a gift card. Participants were thrilled that the mayor, city councilmembers, other city officials and guest speakers came to celebrate their achievements.

### Internship Opportunities

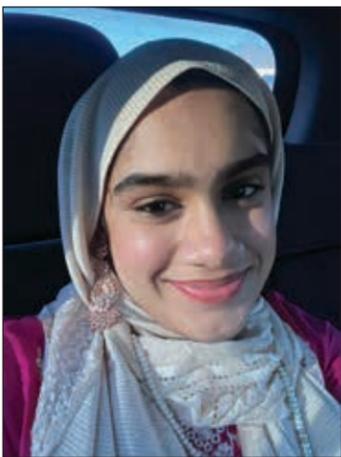
For Phase Two – Get Set, Recreation staff reached out to local businesses based on the interests of the participants. For example, a participant interested in family law may obtain a paid placement with the Johnine Clark law firm, located in Greenbelt. Greenbelt Access Television (GATe) will offer an internship for the summer for students interested in animation and video production. Realtor Kim Kash has also expressed an interest in having an intern. The hope is to locate local Greenbelt businesses first for placements and later look beyond the city's boundaries. Some participants are interested in trades like HVAC and landscaping, so Fisher will speak with Brian Kim from Public Works about their summer employment program. Staff are also searching for businesses to address other areas of interest such as information technology, fashion, medicine, media and business management.

### Workforce Experience

In Phase Three – Go, participants go into the workforce and gain experience either through a summer internship or longer-term



Attendees at the Learn 2 Earn ceremony, from left, City Manager Josué Salmerón, Councilmember Amy Knesel, Vennela, Elias Jackson (L2E participant), Khadijah Samiya (L2E participant), Councilmember Kristen Weaver, Xeniah Macauley (L2E participant), Jazmine Dumeny (L2E participant), Mayor Emmett Jordan, Britney Nchotaku (L2E participant), Anthony Hamm (L2E advisor), Dr. Marcal Graham (UMD), Councilmember Danielle McKinney, Julissa Osorio (L2E participant), Dontay Filani (L2E participant), Antonio Pope (L2E participant), Kyrell Johnson (L2E participant), Timothy Mitchell (L2E facilitator), Danielle Gittens (Brewington Management), Councilmember Silke Pope, Recreation staffer Brian Butler, Councilmember Jenni Pompei, Kevin Lockhart and Director of Recreation Greg Varda



Eleanor Roosevelt student and Learn 2 Earn participant Khadijah Samiya

employment. The difference with this youth workforce program is the determination to place the participants with companies and organizations that align with their passions and interests discovered during the Phase One assessment process, according to Fisher. The program's internships are seasonal for students still attending school. However, one senior from DuVal was able to secure a 9-to-5 job in the maintenance department of Six Flags Park after completing the program. This participant will have a long-term placement opportunity. For Fisher, placing participant interest first was essential if the program is to be successful (and that included their snack preferences).

### Business Involvement

Fisher mentioned that, since not all businesses can offer a paid internship, there are other types of opportunities to participate with the program, such as mentoring, coming in to speak with the youth about work expectations or helping to review resumé. The Greenbelt business community is encouraged to reach out to the Recreation Department to assist with the Learn 2 Earn program.

Sheila Tilter, executive director of GATe, learned about this program through Anthony Hamm and later met with Fisher to learn more. She is excited to be a business partner of Learn 2 Earn and wished that this type of program was available to her when she was in high school. Tilter expects that many youth who are interested in working in video production are unaware that it is a good possibility for them. She envisions that the intern will work to teach video production classes with Creative Kids Camp and film the productions created

by Chris Cherry. They will also learn to edit and produce a completed video.

### Participant Feedback

When Khadijah Samiya first joined Learn 2 Earn, she was under the impression that it was just going to be another sit-and-take notes career workshop – go over resumé in one session and how to communicate better in another. She realized that this program was so much more. Participants needed to consider their long-term goals, especially after learning their skill interest. Samiya said that, as a high school senior, it's stressful to think even about the next few months.

For Samiya the activities in this program really helped in breaking everything down and taking it one small step at a time. The program has helped improve her leadership skills and taught her how to work better with a team. She is able to communicate better, carry herself better both professionally and personally, build a professional network, ask the right questions and so much more.

### Outreach

The program was advertised through fliers distributed during the Labor Day Festival and via Robert Goldberg-Strassler, during Cookies on the Bridge outings. Frank Jones and Brian Butler spoke with Eleanor Roosevelt High School students who frequent the Springhill Lake Recreation Center to ensure that youth from Greenbelt West had an opportunity to participate in the program.

When asked if they had advertised on TikTok, Fisher laughed and said the city has Instagram but not TikTok. Maybe some of the participants will do a TikTok one day about their experiences

in the Learn 2 Earn program.

Fisher is appreciative of the support that the program has garnered so far and hopes that more local Greenbelt businesses will step up and participate in any way that they can.

## Arts Center Presents A Man of No Importance

Through special arrangement with Music Theatre International, Greenbelt Arts Center will present A Man of No Importance for four weekends, opening April 12 and closing May 4.

Alfie Byrne is a bus conductor in 1964 Dublin whose heart holds secrets that he can't share with anyone but his imagined confidante, Oscar Wilde. When he attempts to put on an amateur production of Wilde's Salome in the local church hall, he confronts the forces of bigotry and shame over a love "that dare not speak its name." But the redemptive power of theater changes his life and brings his friends back to his side.

Directed by Julia Arbutus, based on the 1994 Albert Finney film, with music by Stephen Flaherty, lyrics by Lynn Ahrens and book by Terrence McNally.

Content warning: A Man of No Importance contains depictions and themes of violence and homophobia and includes slurs and strong language that may be upsetting to some viewers.

Tickets are required and may be purchased online or at the box office.





# A MAN OF NO IMPORTANCE

Starting this weekend!

APRIL 12 – MAY 4\*

Fri + Sat (8pm) \*Facemasks  
Sun (2pm) required Sun 4/28.

Book by **TERRENCE MCNALLY**, Music by **STEPHEN FLAHERTY**, lyrics by **LYNN AHRENS**, and based on the film "A MAN OF NO IMPORTANCE" Directed by Julia Arbutus, produced by Greenbelt Arts Center, musical direction by Johanna Alonso.

A MAN OF NO IMPORTANCE is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. [www.mtishows.com](http://www.mtishows.com)



## PORCH Food Pickups

April food pickups are as scheduled below. Note changes due to Passover.

Sunday, April 14 – by 11 a.m. for 1 to 8 Courts Ridge Road, 1 to 8 Courts Crescent Road and 1 to 2 Courts Westway

Saturday, April 20 – by 10 a.m. for 14 and 15 Courts Laurel Hill

Sunday, April 28 – by 4 p.m. for Boxwood Village, 9 and 12 Courts Ridge Road and 11 and 13 Courts Ridge Road

Sunday, April 28 – by 4 p.m. for P.A.L. (PORCH at large) members (including former Woodland Hill donors). Contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler at [spreadruak@gmail.com](mailto:spreadruak@gmail.com) by noon on April 28 and he will come to your porch.

Sunday, April 28 – by 5 p.m. for Lakeside Drive

Leave donations of nonperishables and hygiene products by the front door, marked RUAK or PORCH and 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, particularly for the Greenbelt East area. Anyone with questions or who is interested in being a volunteer or starting a new neighborhood for monthly food collection, contact Goldberg-Strassler at [spreadruak@gmail.com](mailto:spreadruak@gmail.com).

## Novel Endings Update

Novel Endings bookstore at the Greenbelt Library gladly accepts donations of gently used books. The bookstore particularly welcomes donations of popular adult fiction, children's books, sci-fi, fantasy, mystery, classics, non-diet cookbooks, science topics geared to the general public and vintage books.

Popular magazines and hobby magazines, especially those published within the past two years, are accepted. Vintage magazines are also welcome.

Books must be clean and pages not browned with age, torn or heavily marked and/or underlined with comments.

The bookstore cannot use books or magazines that are diet-themed, encyclopedias, technical, academic or professional, and audio CDs are not accepted.

Do not bring books that are moldy, sticky, smelly or missing pages/covers. Missing dust-jackets are not a problem.

Books labeled "not for resale" or soft-covered books missing their covers will be thrown away.

# Greg the Groundhog Returns

by Li'l Dan Celdran

“Greg” the groundhog has returned to living under our red shed for his second season. Groundhogs, also known as woodchucks, belong to the group of large ground squirrels known as marmots. Although this plump, well-fed rodent dines on our flowers and weeds, these animals can be destructive to gardens. We aren't so concerned with the few flowers in our garden.

We are simply delighted by his comings and goings – how he sticks his snout out and how he sits on the shed's entrance sunning himself, as seen in this picture. We are certain he can spot us from inside our home as we peer at one another. Only when the coast is clear will he emerge from under our shed, as he's also on the lookout for our dog, Toby.

According to Encyclopedia Britannica, groundhogs can weigh up to 13 pounds, be up to 20 inches long with short, bushy tails up to 7 inches long. “Thick fur on the upper parts,” says Britannica, “range in color through



PHOTO BY LIL DAN CELDRAN

Greg the Groundhog returns.

various shades of brown; the feet are darker and the underparts are buff.” We have learned that groundhogs are solitary except in the spring, when a litter of four to six young is born. The young stay with the mother for two to

three months. So, it's very possible our rotund rodent is actually a she. We'll be on the lookout for any pups. In the meantime, we'll greet Greg every time he/she pops up to say hello. How interesting wild animals can be.

# Reduce Standing Water to Help Control Mosquito Populations

The Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) Mosquito Control Program is urging residents to act now to reduce mosquito populations by eliminating standing water on their properties. Aside from being nuisances, mosquitoes can carry a number of diseases that are harmful to humans and animals, including West Nile virus and eastern equine encephalitis.

“Now is the time to be proactive about protecting yourself and your family from mosquito-borne diseases by eliminating places they may breed,” said MDA Secretary Kevin Atticks. “After the recent heavy rains, containers that hold rainwater are prime locations for mosquitoes to lay their eggs. Taking five minutes a day to ensure water containers on your property are empty will greatly reduce the amount of mosquitos in your yard later this summer.”

It is important to start before mosquitoes become adults because some mosquitoes can live for several weeks, including Maryland's biggest nuisance, the Asian tiger mosquito (*Aedes albopictus*). These small black insects have a white stripe on the back and white spots on the legs. They do not fly very far – the majority will fly less than 500 feet – so eliminating their breeding locations may get rid of them in a yard. Asian tiger mosquitos breed in anything that holds rainwater, especially toys, tarps, abandoned swimming pools and plastic gutter extenders, which hold water in their ribbing and curves. The department recommends covering gutter extenders with a fine mesh material and a rubber band and cleaning the leaves and debris out of them twice a year.

For items that hold water but

cannot be dumped, residents can consider putting a biorational larvicide such as Mosquito Dunks or Mosquito Torpedoes into the water. These options only kill mosquito larvae and are available at most hardware stores and other retailers. Read the label of all pesticides before use.

For more helpful tips and information, visit MDA's Mosquito Control Program webpage. For information on mosquito-borne diseases and West Nile virus, visit the Maryland Department of Health's website.



# Zombie Deer Disease Found In Maryland National Parks

During recent white-tailed deer reduction operations and subsequent disease sampling at Antietam and Monocacy National Battlefields, three deer tested positive for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), which has become known as “Zombie Deer Disease.” These cases mark the first detection of the disease in National Park Service (NPS) parks in Maryland but the disease was first found elsewhere in the state in 2010.

## Deer Reduction Operations

NPS reduces deer populations to protect and restore native plants, promote healthy and diverse forests and preserve historic landscapes. All Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia national parks conducting deer reduction operations also participate in a CWD monitoring program to track wildlife health. Until this year, all results had been negative.

## Venison

Although there is currently no evidence that the disease can infect humans, the venison from the deer that tested positive for CWD was destroyed. It is recommended that people not eat any

part of an animal that is suspected or confirmed to have CWD.

Whenever possible, NPS donates venison from its deer culling operations to local food banks, consistent with public health guidelines. NPS has reached out to the local food bank that depends on and expects venison donations to let them know about the CWD results and that all CWD-positive meat was destroyed.

NPS will continue to monitor collected deer and destroy venison testing positive for CWD, according to NPS guidelines.

## Park Visitors

Always keep a safe distance from wildlife. If you see sick or dead wildlife, avoid contact with the animal and notify a NPS employee as soon as possible. Some disease-causing organisms can be passed between wild animals and people. NPS employees trained in wildlife health use specific protective measures to safely deal with a wild animal that may have died of disease.

*This article is based on a news release from the National Park Service.*

## Bike Repair at Lake



PHOTO BY KATHRYN BEARD

A bike repair station is operational at Buddy Attick Park.



### PRELIMINARY AGENDA Meetings of the GHI and GDC Boards of Directors on April 18, 2024

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

- a) Approval of Minutes of the Closed Meeting on February 1, 2024
- b) Contract for Frame Roof Repairs
- c) Contract for Structural Repairs/Waterproofing

#### GHI Open Meeting – starts at 7:45- open to members and visitors

- a) Statement of a Closed Meeting Held on April 18, 2024
- b) Approval of Minutes of the Open Meeting on February 1, 2024
- c) Review of 2023 Audit
- d) EV Charging Stations
- e) Investment Report
- f) Motion to hold a Closed Meeting on May 2, 2024

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

- a) Statement of a Closed Meeting Held on November 16, 2023
- b) Presentation of GDC Reserve Study from April 18, 2024

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

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After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

## April 15th Grant Application Deadline



[greenbeltfoundation.org](http://greenbeltfoundation.org)

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Alice Murray, came from Woodland Way, building their Ridge Road passive solar house with early 1980s energy efficiency tax breaks. Jonathan, about 7, helped the builders move cement blocks, earning the nickname "Blockhead" from older brother Joey. Inside the unfinished house, warned by his father to avoid the open airshaft and promising he would, he instead fell from the second floor to the basement, no harm done.



PHOTO COURTESY THE KASH FAMILY

A 1974 photo of Kash's sister Kim shows her standing with their mother Fann's china cabinet, in the dining room where it stands again today.

### Growing Up

Jonathan Murray said the house had extensive insulation, large south-facing windows, interior spaces further enclosed with glass, and crawl spaces and window treatments to manage temperature. He remembers cold mornings and the bathroom heater, but also that the basement wood stove was little needed, though appreciated by a rat snake his father showed him on a beam over the stove ("Don't tell your mother."). He and friends used the garage attic as a clubhouse, playing video games, sweating in the summer and decorating beams with graffiti (which he repainted before his children asked about the words). He also rebuilt a VW in that garage.

Eva Garin's father planned their 1964 passive solar house. Its spaciousness and privacy stand out in her memory because her family of five came from a one-bedroom apartment. The basement contained her parents' master suite and a rec room, while the main floor had a great room from front to back, a wood cathedral ceiling and floor-to-ceiling windows at both ends. That floor had bedrooms for her, her brother and her grandfather, whose room had a half bath and door to the

backyard (places that were his smoking areas). A house rule had everyone in their bedrooms by 11 p.m., which "worked out nicely because I had a regular bedtime and the house was quiet." Before 11, it was often a party house, with adults upstairs and children downstairs, sometimes decamping to the Weintraub house two doors away. Thirty-person Passover seders were normal, at a table the length of the great room.

In Marc Siegel's home with eight children, bedrooms included a bunk bed room for three brothers and one for sisters. He used the sub-basement for alone time. He later got his own room with an exterior door useful to a teenager, though below his parents' room. At meals he felt he had to beat his siblings to the food. Seven siblings is why he talks fast: "If you didn't get it out first, you didn't get it out."

Hopi Auerbach's bedroom felt private: it was her family's GHI dining room, with the dining table in the living room to this day, as in the Greenbelt Museum. She said being a teenager downstairs at night gave her privacy and nighttime walks, "alone and independent." When younger, with no television she felt different from classmates, not knowing the TV shows they discussed, until the Monkees' TV show began and "I was no longer willing to not have a TV," leading to a small black-and-white TV upstairs.

Heather Hart remembers she could always go to her parents for anything. Board games and card games were a staple after not replacing a broken television, as was raising and showing Irish terriers with her mother.

Dorothy Dobson enjoyed growing up with seven siblings in lots of shared bedrooms. The basement had two bedrooms, the first floor three and the attic three. A narrow, dark first-floor hallway led to two bedrooms, in one of which she shared a "huge" bed with sister Ruth: "We had so much fun in that bed, we never slept." Her brothers accessed their attic rooms through the stairs in her closet. Husband Norm said all the bedrooms were 13' x 9', because Dorothy's father Fred designed the house with Legos.

He also built a basement bomb shelter, equipped with a



PHOTO BY ERICA JOHNS

The Dobsons' sloping yard means that both the basement and first floor are bright, above-ground spaces.

shovel for digging out. This reporter remembered another Lakeside house once had a bomb shelter, to which Dorothy said, "Yes, my dad built that house, too!" The basement has a second kitchen and a playroom (now a home office), which the sloping backyard makes a bright, above-ground space. She said Fred temporarily replaced the lower windows with wood when she fell through them (unhurt) during a game of chicken.

He built the basement kitchen when her friend Sally Laster's parents moved to Iowa in Sally's last high school year, and she and Dorothy lived in the basement. Her two youngest brothers later lived there with a friend whom her parents took in. It has served backyard picnics then and now.

Lesley Kash, a Nancy Drew mystery reader, was sure a small basement door hid a secret passage, so she "painstakingly took off all the screws and took that door off, and of course it was just plumbing." The main floor had two bedrooms: the master bedroom and her tiny bedroom. When her sister was born she used the tiny bedroom; Lesley moved to the basement.

She said the original Woodland Hills house designs did not take advantage of their potential, and her mother knew it. With no back doors, her mother said going to the backyard from the kitchen (on the upstairs rear wall) meant she had "to go around Robin Hood's barn," out the front of the house and all the way around. She would have enjoyed a screened porch, but said it would block light into the basement. And she knew the carport could have been more productive with something built over it, but felt they shouldn't change the house. It seems that Fann Kash never met Fred Baluch.

### Roving Bands of Teenagers

Dobson, Kash and Murray all remembered sledding, Murray north of Ridge Road on sled runs that may or may not have entered BARC property, Kash in Forestway woods and Dobson where the library is now. She didn't want it to be built in 1970 on "our big sledding hill," but sledding still happens there today.

Kash said the baby-booming mid-1960s saw "vast numbers of children doing every activity: kickball in the street, sledding, out on the frozen lake, play-

noisy boys, and scary.

Murray said he was among "roving bands of teenagers" playing laser tag in the dark, sledding, and biking, including teens from the nearby Clark, Cooney and Spear families. Siegel was outside with lots of kids, skating, kayaking and sailing, playing hockey, hopscotch, red rover, four square and army, with the lake as backyard. He recalled little brother Trevor running naked in Maplewood Court with multiple parents after him. It seemed normal, "just Maplewood with 30 kids going wild."

Garin was close to best friend Linda White, Elaine Zubkoff (Blackman) and Barbara Skolnik (Goldman). The Weintraubs, Paskalides and Sterns were near neighbors. She loved being near the lake; in winter, a police car would be parked on the ice as a sign it was really frozen, ready for skating. She relished the freedom of walking everywhere, including North End School summer camps. Younger brother Michael wanted to go, too, sneaking from Lakeside to the school: "My parents went berserk looking for

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PHOTO BY STEVE BUCCA

Early spring flowers bloom at Schrom Hills Park.

## Greenbelt Garden Boosters

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Sunday, April 21 from noon to 4 p.m.



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Some of Garin's home's skylights are visible through the large windows on a sunny March day.



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him.” Of the pool she said, “It was just wonderful, and one summer they did water ballet; oh my God, I loved it so much.”

### Friends with Ladders

Auerbach’s best friend Mindy Walder was one year older: “We were Beatles fans together.” She loved walking through Old Greenbelt’s underpasses, learning they protected children from traffic. She remembers their graffiti: “Some of the words I knew, but one I didn’t and that’s the one my parents told me was a really bad word.”

Hart used the Library underpass to go to Center School. Living near the Gardenway-Parkway overpass, her high school friends met at her house to walk to Eleanor Roosevelt, where she played flute in the Wind Ensemble.

Dobson’s best friend Sally Laster “was always over here, telling my mom ‘this is where the fun is.’” Lakeside neighbors the Weiners owned the Ben Franklin store in Roosevelt Center, where Mrs. Weiner gave them candy. “You knew all the neighbors. My mother was very social, she knew everyone. It was a wonderful place to grow up. We could ride our bikes to the grocery store, the lake, the pool, the tennis; everything was here.”

Some of Kash’s Woodland Hills neighbors were the Donnelly’s, Gaffney’s, Marions and Kastners. The Gaffney sisters

led explorations of their brothers’ fort in the woods. Sandy Marion’s family was “so prosperous, she had all the Nancy Drews,” so in the dark as a snowstorm began, Kash walked to her Forestway house for the next book, preparing to be snowbound. In junior high, Sandy and sister Jody hosted a backyard party, “the coolest social occasion ever, with so many kids, and not one but two bands” consisting of Sandy’s boyfriend and his friends, and Jody’s friends including Bob Reilly, a local musician to this day. “The matching suits – we were so impressed, you would have thought the Beatles were there.”

Siegel said neighbors Mrs. [Louise] Craig and Mrs. [Gudrun] Mills (later Greenbelt city clerk) were his other mothers, and described good times with Maplewood children Gina Mills, Edith and George Beauchamp, and next-door neighbor Debbie Craig. Gina and Edith still live in their Maplewood childhood homes. “Naughty stuff ... Three



PHOTO BY ERICA JOHNS

Hopi Auerbach made this Siamese cat portrait in fourth grade at Campfire Girls. It's made of rice and uses pieces of glass that she found at McDonald Field for the eyes.

of us boys, I told them that when Debbie changes, she doesn't pull her shade. So one night we all got this ladder – I still have it. I was at the bottom, James and Doug climbed up, and she was undressing. We got so nervous we fell off the ladder. Every time I talk to her, I remind her how we almost saw her naked.”

Next week: *Not Your Typical Boomerang Kids*

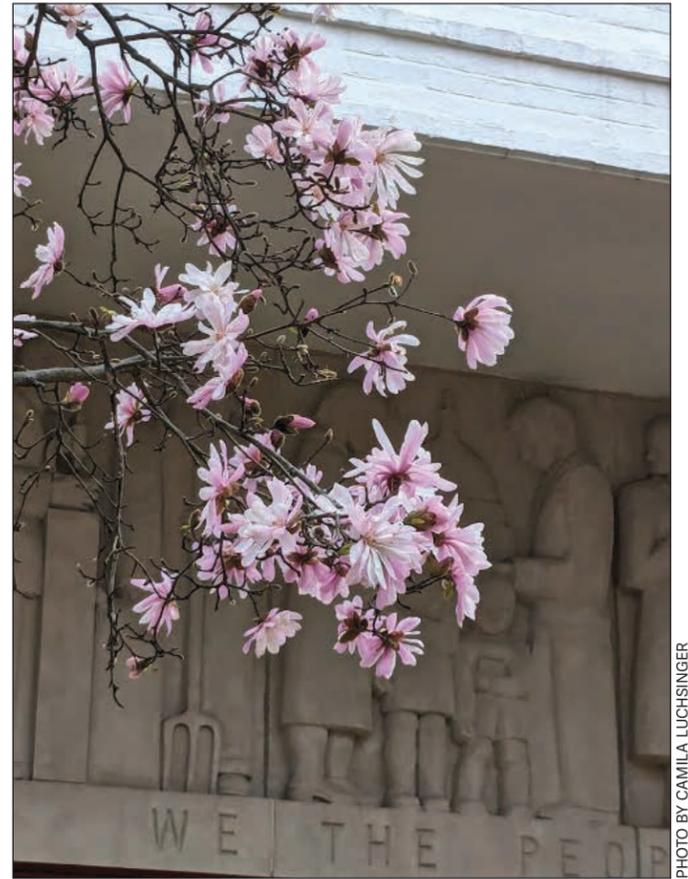


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We the People welcome spring.



PHOTO COURTESY THE DOBSON AND BALUCH FAMILIES

The Baluch and Dobson families gather in the back yard in 1981, at a picnic table that Fred Baluch built, complete with lazy susan. From left around the back, father Bill Dobson, Freddy Baluch, father Fred Baluch, Ruth Baluch, Barbara Baluch Haines (now Stevens), Mary Willer, Dorothy Baluch Dobson, Doug Haines, Sandra Dobson Randlett, mother Ursula Dobson, Inga Hoffman, mother Dorothy Baluch

### Outdoor Chess Event

Greenbelt Chess Club will be holding a community chess event in Roosevelt Center on Saturday, April 13, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All ages and skill levels are welcome.

For those who can, bring a chess set. Teaching will be provided on request.

For questions, contact Effie at 443-415-1053.

### Stream Cleanup Coming April 19

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increased salary and benefits for the Greenbelt Connection and the proposal to give sizeable contributions to several new groups: The SPACE (\$20,000), the Greenbelt Business Alliance (\$5,000), the Refugee Aid Committee (\$5,000), and other, smaller additions. In addition, the contribution to the Greenbelt Soccer Alliance is proposed to rebound to its previous level (\$4,000) after dropping to \$2,500 in FY24.

### Revenues

Salmerón said that council had directed that there be no property tax increase in FY25. Mayor Emmett Jordan noted that the property tax rate had not changed in six years. Real and personal property taxes account for roughly two-thirds of the city's projected revenue. City Treasurer Bertha Gaymon expressed concern about the city relying so heavily on property tax revenue. While the city managed to balance the budget without raising taxes for the coming year, she does not see this as sustainable. At some point, she said, the city will need to make decisions as to whether to raise taxes or reduce expenditures.

### Revenues by Source

See Table 2 for a breakdown of estimated revenues by source. The increase in "other taxes" is driven by continuing rebound of the admissions and amusements tax and the hotel/motel tax post-Covid and by an increase in highway tax revenues. The increase in revenue from other agencies is due to an increase in the state police protection grant. The increase in service charge revenue is mostly due to recreation-related fees. However, Salmerón cautioned that substantial repairs are needed for the pool, the cost of which is not yet reflected in the budget. The increase in fines and forfeitures is largely related to increasing red-light camera violations.

### Charlestowne North

Although the city assessed significant fines related to Charlestowne North, these have not resulted in an increase in the municipal infractions revenue estimate as the city may negotiate some of these fees as a carrot for the new owner to bring the property back into compliance.

Salmerón also calls for transferring \$1.5 million from the Capital Reserve (part of the city's general fund balance) to the General Fund account.

Salmerón is proposing to keep city refuse and recycling fees unchanged.

### Staffing

Salmerón is proposing a net increase of two full-time positions. Two positions previously funded through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), a crisis intervention counselor and a CARES counselor, will now be funded using city revenues. The Recreation Department will add 2.5 full-time equivalents (FTE), Greenbelt CARES will gain one-half FTE and Public Works will lose one position (parks supervisor for playgrounds, currently vacant).

The executive assistant position in the administration budget has been eliminated. In its place Salmerón is proposing to create a lower-grade constituent services coordinator. The coordinator will report directly to Salmerón and assist him in responding to requests from residents such as

FY25 Proposed Budget Expenditures			
Department	Proposed Expenditures		% of City expenditures
	\$M	% Change	
Gen Govt	\$ 5.11	3.7%	13.5%
Planning & Comm Develop	\$ 1.39	-0.9%	3.7%
Public Safety	\$ 12.21	5.7%	32.2%
Public Works	\$ 4.71	2.7%	12.4%
CARES	\$ 1.90	18.5%	5.0%
Rec/Parks	\$ 8.10	8.7%	21.4%
Misc	\$ 0.43	33.8%	1.1%
Non-Dept	\$ 1.51	20.1%	4.0%
Fund Transfers	\$ 2.53	-13.8%	6.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 37.91</b>	<b>5.2%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Table 1 - Expenditures

FY25 Estimated Budget Revenue			
Revenue Source	Estimated Revenues		% of City Revenues
	\$M	% Change	
Real Estate Taxes	\$ 23.49	4.4%	61.9%
Personal Prop. Taxes	\$ 1.82	-4.0%	4.8%
Other Taxes	\$ 4.72	4.3%	12.4%
Licenses & Permits	\$ 1.30	0.3%	3.4%
Other Agencies	\$ 1.63	20.1%	4.3%
Service Charges	\$ 2.26	12.7%	6.0%
Fines & Forfeitures	\$ 0.69	27.6%	1.8%
Interest & Dividends	\$ 0.15	0.5	0.4%
Misc	\$ 0.40	60.2%	1.1%
Intrafund Transfers	\$ 1.48	-7.3%	3.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 37.96</b>	<b>5.2%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Table 2 - Revenue

providing hands-on involvement in situations like Charlestowne North, public safety issues not within the police department's jurisdiction, coordinating with county and state resources and attending meetings with homeowners' associations and civic organizations.

The departments will also designate special event coordinators from among existing staff to be sure all necessary arrangements are made.

### Salaries

Under the proposed budget, employees will receive a two percent cost of living increase, and up to a three percent merit increase, tied to performance. Salmerón also recommends that the city should continue expanding nonclassified benefits by introducing vacation time and formalize a policy giving nonclassified staff the cost-of-living adjustment just as classified staff receive. He also proposed exploring a second tier of nonclassified staff for positions requiring certifications or special training.

### ARPA

While many of the ARPA programs will be winding down, Salmerón has budgeted for the city's supplementation of the food distribution programs to continue with city revenues supplanting the ARPA funding, once that runs out. Staff will need to continue monitoring and adjusting spending on ARPA-related projects until the program ends.

### Ongoing Issues

Crime reduction is a top priority for city staff. The police department will work with other city departments and partner agencies to reduce crime and the fear of crime citywide and to identify repeat offenders.

Office and facility space continues to be a problem. While council and staff have done some needs assessment work for a new building; a new building, if built at all, is years away. Salmerón and team will be exploring ways to make more efficient use of the space it has, as is being done with the ground floor of the Mu-

nicipal Building.

Another initiative is to provide more services in Spanish and other languages. CARES now has counselors who speak English, Spanish, French and Arabic. There is also a desire among council for more documents to be made available in languages other than English.

### Want More?

There is a wealth of information in the 297-page budget document. The manager's letter to council, his description of issues facing the city, his vision for the city's future and the foundational pillars of the budget such as sustainability, forward thinking and diversity, equity and inclusion. To view the document on the city's website, go to [greenbeltmd.gov/government/city-administration/finance/city-budget/-folder-1568](http://greenbeltmd.gov/government/city-administration/finance/city-budget/-folder-1568).

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# Greenbelt Park Reopens Its Metro, Perimeter Trails

After a long wait and a lot of hard work, the Metro access trail and the perimeter trail at Greenbelt Park have reopened. The trails were damaged after a severe storm in July 2022 that felled or damaged more than 100 trees and washed out parts of the trail.

The Metro access trail takes campers straight from Greenbelt Park to the College Park Metro Station. The trail itself through the park is only a half mile, and then there's another mile or so to go down Campus Drive to reach the station, though the R12

Metrobus stops along the way for folks who prefer not to walk so far.

The perimeter trail takes visitors throughout the scenic park and connects to other trails and routes.

The reopening of the Metro trail and perimeter trail would not be possible without the hard work of dedicated volunteers, in particular John Hampton, Cyrus Hampton and Glynn Wilson and the National Park Service maintenance staff, who worked to fix bridges, remove deadfall and make the trails safe and accessible.



Clearing the trails of downed trees and other debris was a massive effort.

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A rebuilt bridge on one of the newly reopened trails

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# Police Blotter

Incidents reported here occurred are from April 1 – 8, 2024. Readers are encouraged to contact the police if they have information that may aid in an enquiry. Call the non-emergency number 301-474-7200 or email [pd@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:pd@greenbeltmd.gov). Times provided are when the incidents were reported.

Greenbelt Police Department reported six domestic disturbances, six mental health diversions and one report of child abuse referred to Child Protective Services.

### DUI Arrest

On April 5 at 12:44 a.m. near 6460 Capitol Drive officers observed a vehicle turn out of a parking lot and strike the curb. The vehicle then backed up and began driving down the street the wrong way before officers stopped it. Upon contact with the driver, the strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emanated from her breath. The driver stated that she didn't have a driver's license. After conducting field sobriety tests she was arrested and charged with DUI.

On April 5 at 9:26 p.m. near Kenilworth Avenue/Greenbelt Road, officers made contact with the driver of a vehicle who was involved in a single-vehicle accident in which the vehicle struck a brick wall, almost flipping over the wall into oncoming traffic. The driver was passed out and had an alcoholic beverage on the front passenger floorboard. The driver refused to take a breath test and was arrested on suspicion of DUI.

On April 7 at 3:21 a.m. near Greenbelt Road/Hanover Parkway, officers responded to a report of a female driver found asleep behind the wheel of a vehicle on the sidewalk. The driver of the vehicle was awakened by officers who could smell the strong odor of alcohol; she was arrested on the suspicion of DUI.

### Fraud

On April 3 at 6:20 p.m. near 6200 Springhill Drive, the victim reported that her credit card was being used to buy items online.

### Missing Person/Juvenile

On April 3 at 6:55 p.m. near 9338 Edmonston Road, a juvenile's mother stated that her daughter left the house after an argument. The juvenile later returned home safely. On April 5 at 5:11 p.m. near 213 Lakeside Drive, a parent reported that his child was missing. The juvenile returned home later in good health.

### Residential Package Theft

On April 5 at 5:15 p.m. near 444 Ridge Road, a package was reported delivered but was not there.

### Robbery

On April 6 at 12:15 a.m. near 6008 Springhill Drive, a victim stated that two males tried to rob him when he was selling his gaming system.

### Shoplifting

On April 3 at 11:44 a.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a witness stated that a male suspect entered a store and stole several Nike sweat suits. The same suspect has stolen from this store multiple times. On April 6 at 2:44 p.m. near 7595 Greenbelt Road, an employee advised that the subject entered the store and took multiple items; the shoplifter was taken into custody; the items were returned and he was banned from the premises. On April 7 at 11:50 a.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a loss prevention manager witnessed two males and one female walk out of the store with merchandise. Officers were

able to locate two of the subjects and place them into custody; the merchandise was returned to the store.

### Stalking

On April 4 at 4:38 p.m. near 7600 Greenbelt Road, a resident notified officers that she noticed a small device in her vehicle that was recording her conversations. She is going through a divorce and was advised that she should look into getting a peace or protective order.

### Theft

On April 1 at 11:20 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a loss prevention manager informed police that a repeat shoplifting offender had been confirmed as the suspect in an incident when he entered the store and gathered multiple items before exiting the store without rendering payment. Police were able to confirm the suspect's ID and submitted an application for a statement of charges. On April 1 at 11:22 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a loss prevention manager confirmed a suspect involved in multiple thefts from that location. An application for charges was completed and a warrant was issued for the suspect's arrest. On April 1 at 11:49 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a loss prevention manager said that a repeat offender had entered the store, gathered multiple items and left without rendering payment. Police confirmed the suspect's identity and completed an application for charges. On April 1 at 3:39 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, an employee stated that four males walked around the counter into the storage room and took various gaming systems. On April 2 at 7:10 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a victim stated that a customer stole her wallet off the sales counter. The camera footage caught the act of

stealing the wallet. On April 3 at 7:41 p.m. near 7501 Greenbelt Road, a store manager reported that a female walked into the store, grabbed items and fled out of the store. On April 5 at 3:48 p.m. near 6200 Greenbelt Road, security reported that four unknown suspects (3 males, 1 female) walked through the store and stuffed clothes into trash bags before exiting the store. On April 6 at 9:54 a.m. near 7327 Hanover Parkway, an employee was caught stealing items from the store and was terminated.

### Vehicle Crimes Stolen Vehicles

On April 7 near 7927 Mandan Road, a victim reported that his 2022 gray Kawasaki ZX1400 motorcycle (Md. 2414Y9) had been stolen. On April 7 near 7101 Ora Glen Court a victim reported that his 2023 gray Honda CB650 motorcycle (Md. 4017Y9) had been stolen from the parking lot.

### Vandalism

On April 1 near 5 Gardenway, a victim's 2013 blue Subaru Forester was rummaged through but nothing of value was taken from the vehicle. On April 6 near 9158 Springhill Court a victim reported that his 2020 silver Dodge Journey was broken into. The rear window glass was smashed by a rock that remained in the trunk area of the vehicle. There was nothing taken from the vehicle and no other damage was found.

### Theft From Auto

On April 2 near 8107 Miner St. a victim reported that somebody had broken into his father's 2017 Volkswagen Jetta and stolen his backpack that contained his laptop and company ID.

On April 3 near 5707 Cherrywood Lane a victim reported that his front and rear passenger-side windows were broken and two suitcases were stolen. On April

4 near 5409 Stream Bank Lane a victim reported that her 2017 white Ford Escape's front passenger-side window was broken out and her wallet was stolen. On April 4 near 6000 Greenbelt Road a victim reported that his 2006 Chevrolet Cobalt was broken into, and his suitcase with personal items in it was stolen.

On April 7 near 7821 Mandan Road, a victim reported that his 2003 BMW's rear window was broken and his license plate and bracket were missing.

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Gifts from the Heart is a group of knitters and crocheters meeting Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon at the Community Center. Every year they donate hundreds of hats, scarves, shawls, blankets, walker bags and baby items to schools, churches, nursing homes, Project Linus and other organizations. Donations of acrylic yarn are welcome and may be dropped off when the group meets or at the Community Center office during business hours.



## Police Enjoy Easter Dinner

To celebrate Spring and the Easter holiday, the Easter bunny hippity hopped to the police station bearing a homemade Easter dinner with all the trimmings, to be served as a way to show appreciation and thanks for their dedicated service in keeping our town safe.

Easter dinner included baked ham, potato salad, mac and cheese, sweet potato casserole, green bean casserole, deviled eggs, cake and banana pudding.



Shown, from left, are Pfc. Daniel Sandoval, Ofc. Watkins, Mpo. Arron Leathery and Cpl. James Bowne with Claudia Jones in front.

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# A Considerate Greenbelter

by David Shapiro

Someone dropped their jacket near the east entrance to Buddy Attick Park. A Greenbelter must have noticed the escapee and brought a rock over to hold the garment in place against the rail-

ing. And so: maybe the owner comes back for it, maybe not – “Where could I possibly have left that jacket?” – but every passerby sees the evidence of neighborli-



PHOTO BY DAVID SHAPIRO

A lost jacket made easily found

## Free Art



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Free art at the crosswalk by the Library

## Bilingual Story Time At SHL Rec Center

On Friday, April 12 at 10:30 a.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness) with the Prince George’s County Memorial Library System will present engaging, lively stories and activities for young children and their caregivers to help build early literacy skills. This monthly program is an introduction to reading aloud to children as a way to instill the love of literature. After the readings, the children can stay and play with balls in the gym. There will be free children’s books and free healthy nutritious snacks. Come, and spread the word to friends and families.

### Libros, Bolas, Burbujas ... Diversión!

El viernes 12 de abril a las 10:30 a.m. en el Centro Recreativo de Springhill Lake, RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness) con el Sistema de Bibliotecas Conmemorativas del Condado de Prince George’s presentarán interesantes historias y actividades divertidas para niños pequeños y sus cuidadores, para ayudar a desarrollar las habilidades de alfabetización temprana. Este programa mensual es una introducción a la lectura en voz alta a los niños como forma de inculcar el amor por la literatura. Después de las lecturas, los niños pueden quedarse y jugar con pelotas en el gimnasio. Habrán libros infantiles gratis y aperitivos saludables y nutritivos. Como dijo un padre al irse, “Fue muy bueno!” Unete a nosotros, y corra la voz a amigos y familiares.

## Create Matisse-inspired Artwork for all Ages

The Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program invites art makers of all ages to create colorful, cut paper collages inspired by Henri Matisse in a free Artful Afternoon workshop led by Greenbelt teaching artist Barbara Joann Combs on Sunday, April 14 at Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Sign up at <https://bit.ly/3VfZ0Lq> to participate. The workshop will run twice, from 1 to 2 p.m. and from 2 to 3 p.m. Participants under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult. All materials will be provided. Walk-ins will be welcome as space allows, and while supplies last.

City of Greenbelt Arts programs are supported in part by a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council. For more information, visit [greenbeltmd.gov/arts](https://greenbeltmd.gov/arts).

## Weed Warriors

On Saturday, April 6, Weed Warriors attacked invasive plants at Buddy Attick Park.



Asia Andrews and her mother Chondria pull a choking vine from a tree. The cage protects the tree from beavers but not weeds.



Nicole Shyong successfully removes an invasive bush.

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# Spotted Lanternfly Quarantine Zone Includes Greenbelt, Expanded Again

The Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) has announced the expansion of its spotted lanternfly quarantine zone to include two new counties – Charles and Garrett – effective immediately. Prince George’s County was added last year. This quarantine restricts the movement of regulated articles that might contain the spotted lanternfly in any of its life stages, including egg masses, nymphs and adults.

“As we continue to be vigilant in our approach, we understand the negative impact that spotted lanternflies have on agriculture operations,” said MDA Secretary Kevin Atticks. “As a result, we are taking steps to expand the quarantine zone out of an abundance of caution. We remain committed to controlling this destructive insect’s spread and protecting our agricultural community’s interests.”

The original quarantine order from 2019 included Cecil and Harford counties, which have established spotted lanternfly populations. In early 2022, the quarantine zone expanded to nine additional jurisdictions based on the confirmed existence of known spotted lanternfly populations in these areas. These included Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Kent, Montgomery and Washington counties and Baltimore City. In 2023, seven more counties were added, including Allegany, Calvert, Caroline, Prince George’s, Queen Anne’s, Talbot and Wicomico.

Businesses, municipalities and government agencies requiring any regulated item’s movement within or from the quarantine zone must have a specialized permit. The permit may be obtained by taking a free online training course and exam through Penn State Extension. Examples of regulated articles include landscaping, remodeling or construction waste; packing materials like wood boxes or crates; plants and plant parts; vehicles; and other outdoor items.

Managers, supervisors or employees of a business or organization operating in the quarantine zone must receive the training and pass an exam to demonstrate a working knowledge and understanding of pest and quarantine requirements. Training for other employees, inspection of vehicles and products and removal of living stages of spotted lanternflies is also required.



Adults are about 2.5 cm (1 inch) in length. The forewings are light brown with black spots. The hind wings are mainly red with black spots. The red color is especially noticeable when the insect flies. Adults can be found as early as July, and they will remain active until the first hard frost of the year, usually in November. The females begin laying eggs in October and conclude their egg laying by the first frost in November.

- Photos by Lawrence Barringer, PA Department of Agriculture



Early instar nymphs hatch in the first week of May. The early instar nymphs are very small and will grow larger through July when they molt into the 4th instar.

All spotted lanternfly permits for Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware are transferable and valid throughout the region.

The spotted lanternfly poses a major threat to the region’s agricultural industries as it feeds on more than 70 different types of crops and plants, including grapes, hops, apples, peaches, oak, pine and many others. Originally from Asia, the spotted lanternfly was first detected in Berks County, Penn., in the fall of 2014. As a known hitchhiker, the spotted lanternfly has also spread to Connecticut, Delaware, Indiana, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Virginia and West Virginia.

Those living within the quarantine zone are encouraged to be vigilant in containing the spread of spotted lanternflies. Sightings

may be reported through MDA’s online survey. Other informational materials, including a map of the new quarantine zone, are available on the program’s website at [mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/spotted-lantern-fly.aspx](https://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/spotted-lantern-fly.aspx).

*This article is based on a press release from the Maryland Department of Agriculture.*

## Greenbelt Potters



From left, Miriam Goldfarb, Mary Gawlik and Cynthia Swan try the Mocha diffusion decoration technique on pots during a Greenbelt Pottery Group Show Me Sunday. Heidi Olson shared information about this technique.



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- A basic *Get-Your-Bike-Ready-For-Spring-Riding* demo by Graham Squire, certified bicycle mechanic with REI, Washington, D.C.;
- A short update and Q&A with Jeff Lemieux of Proteus Bicycles on the Greenbelt East Trail (for a primer, go to [proteusbicycles.com](https://proteusbicycles.com), click on ABOUT, then ADVOCACY); and,
- A discussion on the How-To’s of bicycle backpacking, city and rural, by committee member Rebecca Squire.

The event takes place at the GHI Building, 1 Hamilton Place, adjacent to the bicycle repair station. Light refreshments will be available. And there will be **SWAG**, as well as **DOOR PRIZES** awarded to ten lucky attendees!

Engage and meet with other local cyclists, and find out more about the GHI Bicycle Committee. **We want to hear from you!**

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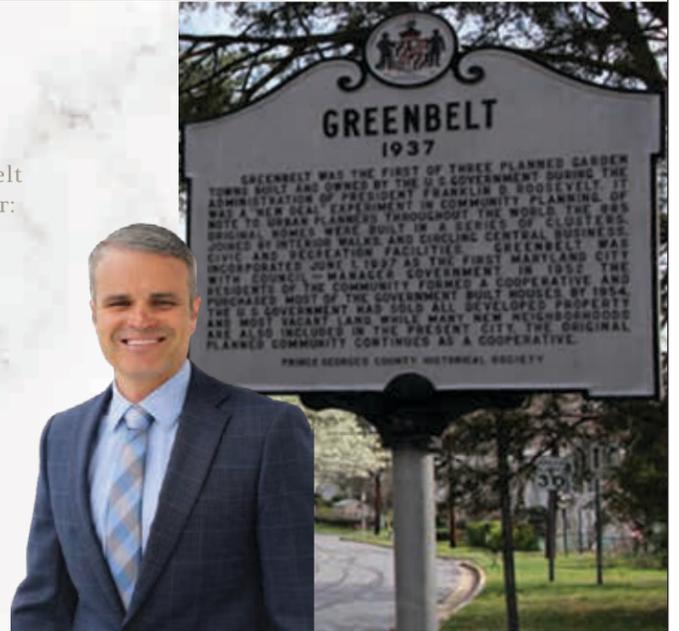
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# Greenbelters Travel



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Malik Antoine and Sarah Eppley, Greenbelt residents since 2020, visit the beautiful islands of Trinidad and Tobago in the Caribbean during spring break. Malik's family hails from Trinidad and this was his first trip to the country.



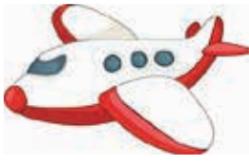
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Terri Goodnow pauses with the News Review under a large prickly pear cactus at El Charco, a botanical garden and nature preserve just outside San Miguel de Allende, Mexico.



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Nicole and Isabel Hoffman in Nassau, Bahamas, are on a cruise with the News Review along for the ride.



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# Greenbelters Watch the Eclipse

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observatory, revealed busy astronomers at work below a bright arc of blue sky sparkling with little clouds. At the adjacent ballfield, bleachers filled and provided seating for the season's most unusual swing-and-a-miss. Everywhere were oohs and aahs, amateur astronomical explanations and shared memories of past eclipses.

Other people gathered in smaller groups throughout Greenbelt, some of them observed by News Review staff outside the newspaper's office in the Community Center as they alternated between viewing the stages of the eclipse and working on this week's issue of the paper.

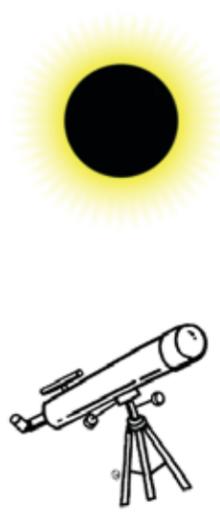


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Eclipse watchers near the Library



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Greenbelters sit in front of the Community Center frieze that proclaims "Promote the General Welfare," as they watch the eclipse. From left are Carolyn Neuendorffer and Carol and Gregg Savard.



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Mary Murchison-Edwards reads the Greenbelt News Review instead of watching the solar eclipse.

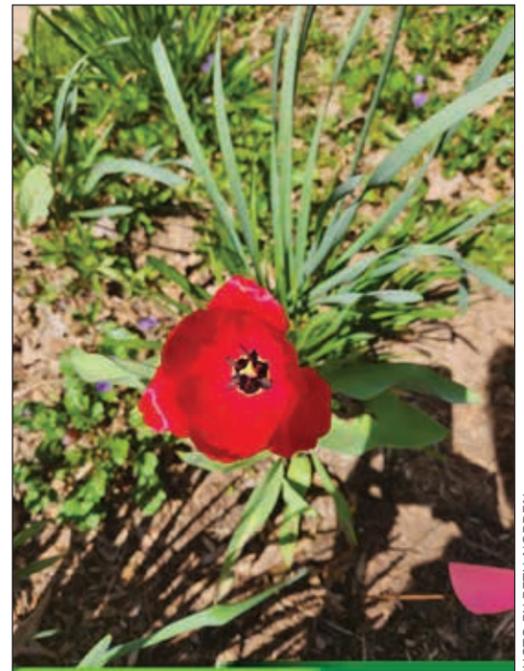


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This tulip opened up during the eclipse, closed at the peak of the eclipse and did not reopen the next morning.



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Judy Terrill's elegant and efficient Sunspotter was available for all viewers.



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Eclipse viewers at the Greenbelt Observatory



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News Review staff step outside the office to watch the eclipse; from left, Julie Rapp, Laura Bonkosky, Sandy Rodgers and Nancy Tolzman.