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Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Schedule for Sunday, Monday

by Tim King

Greenbelt's beloved Labor Day Festival, running Friday, August 30 through Monday, September 2, offers a plethora of activities for every age and interest. Carnival rides, bingo, fair food, sporting events, music performances, the big parade and many chances to connect with your community and neighbors are all about to begin. This article focuses on getting the most out of Sunday and Monday offerings at the summer-ending Festival.



PHOTO BY JEFFREY ALLEN JONES

Workmen assemble the carousel for the 2024 Labor Day Festival.

Sunday, September 1
For the morning go-getters, the Tour De Greenbelt bike ride has two stages. The first leaves at 9 a.m. from the New Deal Café and heads to Greenbelt Station. The second leg leaves from the New Deal around 10 a.m. and finishes at Schrom Hills Park. Make sure to bring a

bike that can handle the distance. At Braden Field, the egg spoon race starts at 10 a.m., the sack race at 10:15 a.m., T-ball at 10:30 a.m. and the water relay at 11:30 a.m. Over in Roosevelt Center, the renowned craft fair begins at 11 a.m. and runs until

7 p.m. By the main stage, join Katy Gaughan's Drumming for Wellness family-friendly drum circle from 11 a.m. to noon – drums and hand-held percussion instruments are provided.

At noon, the booths and bingo reopen for the day, and the lively Greenbelt Honk! Situation street band entertains until 1:30 p.m.

At 1 p.m., children's bingo will be in the Youth Center, and the cornhole tournament (for 12 and older) gets going at 2 p.m., the youth table tennis tournament (for 12 and under) and the Hot Shot

Braden Field. Then at 2 p.m., the youth table tennis tournament (for 12 and under) and the Hot Shot

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The New Deal Will be a Big Deal Says New Vendor Sharing Plans

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

At the New Deal Café's board meeting on Monday, August 26, their special guest, incoming vendor Kenny Hilliard, who also goes by "The Kale King," spoke about some of his plans for the Café. Fresh lump crab meat, steak, chicken, lamb chops and tuna (the latter currently in his D.C. location only).

Hilliard, who is also a musician, is excited to combine his passion for both food and music at the New Deal. "The New Deal is about to be a big deal," said Hilliard. "With the plans that I have, with the ideas that I already have in my mind, with the team that I already have that's coming to work with me and with those [current staff who are probably going to stay] ... and the board behind me. This is about to be a big deal."



SCREENSHOT BY ANNA BEDFORD-DILLOW

Incoming New Deal Café vendor Kenny Hilliard speaks of his plans for the Café.

Hilliard has a lot of musician friends, he says, and one of his ideas is a future Jazz Sunday brunch. He spoke of Blues Alley, a jazz supper club that draws renowned artists, as an inspiration for a small space with big musicians and crowded tables.

As for food, Hilliard spoke of quality and having a mixture of some "high plates" and "low plates" and creating "an experience." He'd like to bring things to the menu that people haven't tried before, like avocado French fries. He's open to feedback and See **NEW DEAL**, page 6

Who Was Here Before Greenbelt?

by Melanie Iversen

Greenbelt does a good job of keeping its history alive. A stroll through the halls of the Community Center, with its photos of construction of buildings and early residents, always gives me pause. The design and development of this town was unique and timeless. Building a community in this way created connection during a time that was very disjointed and challenging.

Greenbelt continues to thrive and grow, but what about those who are here in spirit: the folks who rest in the cemeteries? How do we keep that part of history going strong as well? Greenbelt has at least three cemeteries that have stood quietly by holding stories, many of which have been forgotten.

A State Heritage Area grant of \$35,000 has been awarded to the city through the planning depart-



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The remains of the marbled headstones from the Hamilton Cemetery are preserved in a display case.

ment for the purpose of bringing back stories and pieces of history long forgotten. The funds will be used to create a master plan that will focus on protecting and preserving these cemeteries. We know when Greenbelt was founded, but who was here before us? Who rests in these graveyards? Enslaved people? Families and people who called these acres home before the plan for the city was even imagined?

The hope is that, with the help of cemetery historians, genealogists and others, we can find some lost graves, clean up some stones that have been neglected

See **CEMETERY**, page 9

Four Greenbelters Tackle Paris To Mont St. Michel Bike Ride

by the Meetres and the Bonnells

From mid-May to early June, two News Review couples, Jerry and Letty Bonnell and Rick and Cathie Meetre, rode rented e-bikes from Paris to Mont St. Michel along a French national cycle trail called the Véloscénie – a distance of about 400 km (250 miles). With much of the mileage on rail trails or separated bike lanes, the experience was (mostly) idyllic and traffic-free. Paris itself has become excel-

lent riding territory, with many cycle lanes and paths. Twenty-five years ago, only the suicidal would have contemplated cycling there, but now it isn't foolhardy at all.

For the first wet couple of days, good rain gear protected the travelers on the trail, though a thorough coating of French mud was unavoidable. After that the weather was cool but sunny – perfect for cycling.

An eclectic mix of lodgings sheltered them overnight and home cooking interspersed with restaurants fueled their daily 60-kilometer rides – with a rest day after each two or three riding days.

Wayside Treasures

Letty Bonnell is an art historian and gleefully provided insights into the structures and artwork encountered on the trip.

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PHOTO BY JERRY BONNELL

From left, Jerry and Letty Bonnell and Cathie and Rick Meetre stand beside the rail trail from Paris to Mont St. Michel with their News Review. Tally: 308km ridden, 150 to go.

First Day of School



PHOTO BY CAITLYN MCGILLEN

Molly McGillen rides to her first day of kindergarten at Greenbelt Elementary School.

What Goes On

Monday, September 2
Labor Day holiday: City Offices Closed, No City Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 4
7:30 p.m., Council Worksession: GHI Board of Directors (stakeholder), Municipal Building

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

Letters to the Editor

Problem Resolved

As many in our community know, recently the Board of the New Deal Café signed a food and beverage contract with a new vendor. The contract was to start on Friday, November 1. Therefore the current vendor, Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative (the Co-op) would need to close on October 31 to proceed with moving out.

However, we soon realized that there are events scheduled for that weekend involving Halloween that would have to be canceled.

So we approached the Co-op in the hope some accommodation could be made for moving out earlier, and I'm happy to say they agreed. They will now close operations and begin moving out as of 4 p.m., Sunday, October 27. This will allow our new vendor time to set up his operations in time for Halloween shenanigans.

On behalf of the Board of the New Deal Café, we would like to thank manager Dan Gillotte and Co-op Board president Bill Jones for their understanding and flexibility. A tough decision was made to change vendors, yet they did not let that make them hold fast to the original agreement.

For that, we are grateful and feel that the community should know.

John Campanile
President, NDC Board

Find More Peace Through Meditation

A huge thank you to all who participated in the summer meditation series, to the Mishkan Torah Sisterhood for sponsoring it again and for the Greenbelt News Review for posting information about it weekly. It has been wonderful to hear of the great interest in meditation. More classes will be offered starting in October. Email me for more information at katrinaboverman@yahoo.com.

Katrina Boverman

Who Shall Investigate?

My compliments to the author of the cat-lady story, a trenchant piece of political analysis (How Does Old Greenbelt Figure in the Childless Cat Lady Stakes? Aug. 22). But who, pray tell, is Felinella Contravance? Not since Joe Klein denied authorship of Primary Colors has there been such a whodunit in the publishing realm, but I have faith that the investigative reporters at the News Review will get to the bottom of it!

Noah Z. Reeder
Part Sun Own, Md.

[Mark Sherman, as deduced by our intrepid reporters]



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Between the Temples (R)
(CC) (DVS) (2024) (111 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Fri. 7:45 PM
Sun. 1:45 PM (OC)
Mon. 4:00 PM
Tues. 7:00 PM

Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Fri. 5:00 PM
Sat. 3:15 PM, 8:00 PM
Sun. 12:00 PM
Mon. 3:30 PM
Wed. 7:00 PM
Thurs. 7:45 PM

Good One (R) (CC)
(DVS) (2024) (90 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Fri. 5:15 PM
Sat. 7:45 PM
Sun. 11:30 AM (OC)
Wed. 7:15 PM
Thurs. 5:45 PM

Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Fri. 8:00 PM
Sat. 5:45 PM
Sun. 2:45 PM
Mon. 1:15 PM, 6:00 PM
Tues. 7:15 PM

Wonder Park (PG) (CC)
(DVS) (2019) (86 mins)
FREE!
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Sat. 4:00 PM
Sun. 4:30 PM

Born Yesterday
(NR) (1950) (103 mins)
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Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Mon. 1:00 PM
Thurs. 8:00 PM

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On Screen at Greenbelt Cinema

Between the Temples

Ben (Jason Schwartzman) is a 40-something cantor losing his voice and possibly his faith. Struggling to meet the expectations of his rabbi, congregation and not one but two Jewish mothers (Caroline Aaron and Dolly De Leon), Ben finds his world turned upside down when his grade school music teacher re-enters his life as an adult bat mitzvah student. This warm and anxious comedy from prolific writer/director Nathan Silver explores the complexities of belief, connection and what it means to be a real mensch.

Good One

In India Donaldson's insightful, piercing debut, 17-year-old Sam (Lily Collias) embarks on a three-day backpacking trip in the Catskills with her dad, Chris (James Le Gros) and his oldest friend, Matt (Danny McCarthy). As the two men quickly settle into a gently quarrelsome brotherly dynamic, airing long-held grievances, Sam, wise beyond her years, attempts to mediate. But when lines are crossed and Sam's trust is betrayed, tensions reach a fever pitch, as Sam struggles with her dad's emotional limitations and experiences the universal moment when the parental bond is tested. Selected in both Sundance and Cannes' Directors' Fortnight, Good One is an emotionally expansive work that probes the limits of familial trust, understanding and ultimately, forgiveness.

Wonder Park

Buckle up for an epic adventure in this animated feature, where anything is possible. A young girl named June with a big imagination makes an incredible discovery – the amusement park of her dreams has come to life. Filled with the world's wildest rides and operated by fun-loving animals, the excitement never ends. But when trouble hits, June and her misfit team of furry friends begin an unforgettable journey to save the park.

Born Yesterday

Brassy blonde moll Billie Dawn (Judy Holliday) hits Washington, D.C., with her unscrupulous millionaire sugar daddy, Harry Brock (Broderick Crawford), and his sleazy lawyer, Jim Devery (Howard St. John), who has been pressuring Harry to marry Billie by pointing out that a wife cannot be forced to testify against her husband. In an effort to make Billie more socially acceptable, Harry hires journalist Paul Verrall (William Holden) to smarten her up – and sparks soon fly between the pair.

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Community Events

Lunch on the Lawn At Community Church

Greenbelt Community Church, at the corner of Hillside and Crescent, will once again serve a luncheon immediately following the Parade on Labor Day, September 2. A tasty meal of barbeque sandwiches or hot dogs with baked beans, coleslaw, dessert and beverage will be served outdoors or in the Social Hall. Families are welcome. Children under 5 free. In the event of rain or extreme heat, lunch will be served in the downstairs Social Hall.

Golden Age Club Upcoming Activities

The Golden Age Club meets from 11 a.m. to noon each Wednesday. Visitors are welcome. On Saturday, August 31 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., the club will hold its annual bake sale on the Co-op Supermarket ramp. Proceeds will go to the 2025 scholarship fund for Camp Pine Tree. The schedule for next month is: September 4, business meeting; September 11, members will ask, "Where Were You on 9/11?"; September 18, celebrate members with birthdays this month – bring snacks to share; and September 25, bingo.

Campfire Programs At Greenbelt Park

Saturday, September 7 at 7 p.m., Campfire Program: The American Indian Movement and the Longest Walk. Join a National Park Service (NPS) ranger for a discussion on the American Indian movement and its connection to Greenbelt Park. The talk will include a description of the protests that led up to the Longest Walk and its role in the Civil Rights movement. In addition, information about the local Piscataway Tribe's involvement will be discussed. Saturday, September 14 at 7 p.m., Campfire Program: Cedar Hill: Frederick Douglass' Final Years. Join a NPS ranger from the Frederick Douglass National Historic Site for a talk about the great abolitionist Frederick Douglass who enjoyed his later years at his home in Washington, D.C., only 14 miles from Greenbelt Park. The talk will focus on Douglass' final years at his home called Cedar Hill. For both events, meet at 7 p.m. at the Campfire Circle in B loop of the campground. For more information, call 771-208-1588 or check the park's website, nps.gov/gree.

Give Your Pet Recognition

Floppiest ears? Most cuddly? Most energetic? What makes a pet special? Bring a dog, cat, hamster, rabbit, snake or other pet to the Labor Day Festival's Children and Teen Pet Show on Saturday, August 31 on the Community Center Lawn. All pets are welcome. rain or shine. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.; judging and awards start at 10 a.m. Sponsored by Girl Scout Troop 23007.

Rude Mechanicals: The School for Scandal

The School for Scandal, an 18th century comedy by Richard Sheridan, is the latest offering from the Rude Mechanicals and opened at the Greenbelt Arts Center on Friday, August 23. Set in the 1980s, the eponymous group of gossips at the School for Scandal Morning Show dish the dirt on various society figures. From the ambitiously constructed set to live video segments, The Rude Mechanicals push artistic and technical boundaries in this tribute to '80s television. Says director Alan Duda, "If you remember the '80s, you'll like this show!"

The Rude Mechanicals remain dedicated to the safety of their troupe and patrons. All Rudes productions supplement the theater's air circulation with additional filters to reduce airborne contaminants.

The Rude Mechanicals are a resident company at the Greenbelt Arts Center and have been associated with the Greenbelt community since the troupe's inception 25 years ago.

See the review and ad on page 8 for show times and more information.

Wanted: EV Owners For Sept. 22 EV Event

The Greenbelt Green Team seeks EV owners for its third annual EV Event at the Greenbelt Library parking lot on Sunday, September 22 from noon to 3 p.m. (rain date: Sunday, September 29).

Join fellow EV owners in inviting the general public to come and ask questions about the cost of purchase and ownership, real-life range, cost of charging, types of chargers, etc.

Contact John Lippert, Greenbelt Green Team chair, at ecolivingmag@aol.com and indicate which all-battery, electric EV or plug-in hybrid EV you would like to bring.

There will be posters and handouts to help educate EV owner wannabes.

Greenbelt Museum Labor Day Events

On Saturday, August 31 at 9 a.m., the Greenbelt Museum will be the starting point for a Bricks and Blocks Walking Tour. This tour will highlight historic Greenbelt's domestic architecture, the "brick and block" homes that make up the majority of the original planned community. The guide will show the walkers how to "read" the brick and block homes.

The Bricks and Blocks tour leaves from the Greenbelt Museum at 10-B Crescent Road and takes approximately two hours, including the Museum's orientation film. Additionally, guests will have the opportunity to visit the interior of the Museum's historic home after the walking tour. Pre-registration is required via Eventbrite. Dress for walking outdoors. Space is limited to 12 participants. The tour will not be conducted in thunderstorms or if the temperature is above 95 degrees.

The Retro Town Fair is on Sunday, September 1, and is much like the event early Greenbelters enjoyed, starting in 1939. Ribbons will be awarded for the best entries in a number of categories including flowers, vegetables, baked goods, canned goods and needlework/sewing. Entries will be accepted from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and the winners displayed from 1 to 4 p.m. Entry forms are available on the Museum website (greenbeltmuseum.org), at the Co-op Supermarket and at the event registration table. All items must be picked up between 4 and 5 p.m. Free short historic house tours will be given from 1 to 4 p.m. during the fair. Questions can be sent to education@greenbeltmuseum.org.

On Labor Day, look for the Museum's float in the parade and visit the Museum from noon to 2 p.m. for a free and quick historic house tour.



At the Library

All county library branches will be closed Sunday and Monday, September 1 and 2, for the Labor Day holiday. Greenbelt Library regular hours are Mondays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays noon to 8 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays 1 to 5 p.m. Face masks are recommended for all customers over the age of 2.

Weekly Storytimes

Friday, August 30, 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at pgcmls.info/event/10815023.

Wednesday, September 4, 12:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at pgcmls.info/event/11270459.

Thursday, September 5, 10:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2. Register at pgcmls.info/event/11270633.

Come join in for stories, songs, fingerplays and more.

Books at Bedtime

Wednesday, September 4, 6:30 p.m., ages newborn to 3. Stories, music and activities for children with and without special needs. Presented by the Prince George's County Public Schools Infants and Toddlers Program for early intervention students and up to 12 community families. Register at pgcmls.info/event/11270644.

Ride and Read

Thursday, September 5, 11 a.m., ages 16+. Get some physical activity in while at the library. Sign up for an hour ride on a stationary bike with free apps from PGCMLS like Libby and Kanopy to enjoy while working out. Participants must be 16 or older, sign a waiver before beginning to ride and be wearing loose-fitting clothing and closed-toed shoes. Register at pgcmls.info/event/11291701.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

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THIS WEEK on GATE • Your Community Access Station
 Featured Production (9am, 3pm, and 8pm)
Member Spotlight (2020)
 Did you know that you can become a Member at Greenbelt Access Television? Did you also know that Members' productions make it to our television channel?! After tuning in to see a curation of some of our favorite GATE Member productions, sign yourself up to a Membership and discover all the amazing perks!

New This Month
Creative Kids Camp Artist Profiles
 Here at GATE, Session 3 Creative Kids Campers made original art pieces, and talked about their art on camera. This week, we debut the interviews from these amazing, burgeoning young artists!

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

This Week at the New Deal Café
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Obituaries



Jeffery Patterson

Jeffery Lawrence Patterson, of 13 Hillside Road, died Sunday, August 11, 2024. He had been ill with breathing problems and had recently been hospitalized. Jeffery was born May 24, 1964, in Cheverly to Carol Ann and Donald Patterson.

He lived for a time in Greenbelt when he was growing up and attended Eleanor Roosevelt High School. He next lived in Honolulu, Hawaii, later moving back to Greenbelt.

Jeffery had artistic talent and started drawing as a child. As an adult, he worked as a roofer for some years.

Jeffery is survived by his mother Carol Ann Patterson, sister Debbie Huser, daughter Danielle Patterson and three grandchildren. He was predeceased by his father Donald Patterson and his brother Daniel Patterson, who is survived by his wife Angie Patterson of Delaware.

Originally from New York, she grew up in Berwyn Heights and was a graduate of Northwestern High School and the University of Maryland.

Bonnie leaves a legacy as a life-long teacher, which was her favorite thing to do. She taught physical education for over 35 years and was a Sunday school teacher for nearly as long. She also taught swimming lessons for many years. She was an avid reader of books and magazines.

While perhaps not classified as an artist, her creative ability and artistic prowess was always on display in bulletin boards, handmade cards, Christmas ornaments, costumes and other sewing/knitting/quilting projects, all done to enrich the lives of others.

Bonnie loved to sightsee and travel. She never met a museum she didn't like. Her adventures took her through all 50 states, every province of Canada and several trips through Mexico. She added many more locations around the globe, even if only from the confines of a National Geographic lecture hall or inside her collection of magazines.

In her last great act of charity, she donated her earthly remains to the Maryland Anatomy Board.

She is survived by her sister, Darlene Keane; three children, Kevin, Jonathan and Leerin; seven grandchildren and 13 great-

grandchildren, with countless other "children" claimed through years of service for various pools, the Prince George's County School System, St. John's Lutheran Church, Greenbelt, friends, neighbors and a plethora of acquaintances made over her 86 years on earth. She was known affectionately as Aunt (or Grandma) Bonnie to thousands.

A memorial service will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Riverdale on Friday, September 13 at 11 a.m. It will also be viewable through the following link: <https://youtube.com/live/ANPv5pW6nyA?feature=share>.

In Memoriam Aphrodite Matsakis

I was a young social worker, new to the mental health field, when the Health Department offered training on veterans and post-traumatic stress disorder. The presenter was a young, vibrant, inspiring, knowledgeable, skillful therapist who gave one of the best presentations I have ever attended. I remember being quite energized and informed thanks to her wonderful presentation and it helped direct much of my work over the following decades. Her name was Aphrodite Matsakis, and the training has stuck with me ever since.

Our condolences to the family and many friends of Bonnie Lou Shields who died on March 11. She and her husband Lee had been residents of Greenbelt since 1959. Bonnie was known for her many creative abilities and love of travel.

Our sympathies to the family and friends of Jeffery Patterson who died on August 11. He grew up in Greenbelt and returned as an adult.

Best wishes to Greenbelt's students and teachers for a successful new school year.

Send details of your news to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

Holiday Services At Mishkan Torah

Mishkan Torah invites all to join in the High Holidays this year. Come and celebrate in this warm, friendly and inclusive Jewish community. Interfaith and LGBTQ+ families are very welcome. Rosh Hashanah services will be held October 2 to 4 and Yom Kippur services October 11 to 12. Children's services will be available. Learn more and register on the website at MishkanTorah.org.

Bonnie Lou Shields



PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

Bonnie Lou Shields

Bonnie Lou (McCaw) Shields died on March 11, 2024, just 100 days following the death of her beloved husband, Lee Barron Shields. They were residents of Greenbelt since 1959.

"Service to humanity is service to God."
- 'Abdu'l-Bahá



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 - 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.

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Psalm 27:1a

Sunday Worship Services
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Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

September 1, 2024.
No Service

Labor Day Weekend: No service today: In recognition of the year-round labor of our professional team and volunteers, we are taking this Sunday off and hope you all enjoy some leisure. Please join us for Ingathering next Sunday, September 8.

**Holy Cross
Lutheran Church
-Missouri Synod-**
6905 Greenbelt Road

SUNDAY
Divine Service:
9:30am
Fellowship/Bible Study:
11:00am

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City Notes



PHOTO BY JEFFREY ALLEN JONES

Mother and Child, cleaned and refurbished

Greenbelt CARES conducted the annual Back-to-School Health Fair with 12 vendors at Springhill Lake Recreation Center, attended by over 350 residents.

The Public Works Horticulture crew was busy around Roosevelt Center. They refurbished the benches, power-washed the concrete walkways, retrofitted tree grates with larger support areas to accommodate growing trees and weeded the landscaping in preparation for the Labor Day Festival.

The Fall Recreation Guide was completed and shared on all communication channels.

The Animal Shelter currently houses five dogs, five cats and one kitten. The annual Pooch Plunge at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center outdoor pool is scheduled for Saturday, September 7.

Preparations are in full swing for the Labor Day Festival.

GILA Holds Memorial Service at the Festival

Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association is holding their Greenbelt Resident Memorial Service at the Labor Day Festival on Sunday, September 1. Those who have a relative or friend who died between Labor Day 2023 and the present are asked to review the list on greenbeltinterfaith.org. Click the Memorials 2024 tab in the far right of the top bar for the list. Use the contact form to send any changes, corrections or additions.

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. 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, 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.

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

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



City Information & Events

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

MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 2-6

- Monday, September 2, **NO MEETING - LABOR DAY**
- Tuesday, September 3 at 7 pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES**, *On the Agenda: Approval of Agenda/Minutes, Finalize ACT Report on Buddy Attick Park Master Plan*
- Tuesday, September 3 at 7 pm, **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, *On the Agenda: Upcoming October Community Meeting on Dangers of Radon, Carbon Monoxide, and Severe Weather; PSAC Elections; Fire Department Staff Coverage Issue; Review of Department Draft General Order Re: License Plate Readers*
- Wednesday, September 4 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION - GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS (STAKEHOLDER)**

Wednesday, September 4 at 6:30 pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD & ARTS ADVISORY BOARD (JOINT MEETING)**, *On the Agenda: Approval of Agenda/Minutes, Council Liaison Updates, Discussion: Neighborhood Design Center Presentation on Wayfinding Sign Design Concepts and Outline of the City's Strategic Wayfinding Plan, Staff Updates*

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. 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.

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.

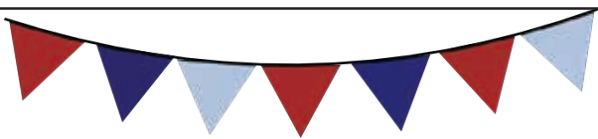
COMPOST YOUR FOOD SCRAPS Join Round 2 of Our Composting Pilot Program

For one year your food scraps can be collected for free to reduce food waste and return valuable compost to Greenbelt: Open to all Greenbelt residents. You may join the program in combination with close-by neighbors to help fill the 7-gallon tote for weekly pickup. Purchase the collection tote for a one-time \$20 cost. Register with Compost Crew at <https://compostcrew.com/greenbelt/>.

GREENBELT LABOR DAY WEEKEND

70th Annual Greenbelt Labor Day Festival August 30 - September 2
Carnival, food, craft fair, parade, live entertainment, photo & art show, used book sale, games, and more! www.greenbeltlaborday.com.

Recreation Activities August 30 - September 2, varies between 10 am - 6 pm
Join Greenbelt Recreation for a weekend full of fun and games. Activities will be happening between 10 am - 6 pm at Braden Field & the Youth Center. Check our full list of activities at www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar.



RETRO TOWN FAIR

Sunday, Sept. 1, 2024, 1-4pm
On Grounds of 10A & 10B Crescent

Categories: Flowers, Vegetables, Baked Goods, Canned Goods, Needlework, & Crafts

Retro Town Fair Registration Form

Please check off category/ies you are entering—only two entries per person per category, please.
Please note: we are not responsible for damage to or loss of items entered in the fair.

Flower and Vegetable Contest
Cut flower ___ Floral arrangement ___ Fruit ___
Homegrown produce: Vegetables ___

Baked Goods Contest
Please include an index card with ingredients with item
Cake ___ Pie ___ Cookies ___ Other ___

Canned Goods Contest
Preserves/Jams ___ Vegetables ___

Needlework Contest
Crochet ___ Knitting ___ Embroidery ___ Sewing ___
Needlepoint ___

Crafts, Open Category
(examples: jewelry, woodworking, dollmaking)

Inside at 10A Crescent:
Learn about our Education and Visitor Center!
We'll have renderings of the proposed design on display, FOGM Board members on hand to answer questions, and info about how you can help!

SCHEDULE
Please drop off ALL entries Sunday, 9/1 between 10am-11:30am
10A Crescent Rd, Greenbelt, MD 20770
Open to public for viewing from 1pm-4pm
Please plan to pick up ALL items by 5pm! Thanks!
Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____
E-mail: _____

Volunteers Wanted! We need your help to make this event a success! Interested in volunteering or have questions about the fair? Contact Sheila Maffay-Tuthill, education@greenbeltmuseum.org. For more information visit the Museum's website, GreenbeltMuseum.org.
Thank you for your interest!

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed on Monday, September 2, in observance of Labor Day
THE GREENBELT CONNECTION WILL NOT BE OPERATING.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE Week of September 2

- Monday Route – Collected Tuesday
- Tuesday Route – Collected Wednesday
- Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday
- Thursday Route – Collected Friday

There will be no appliance, odd metals, hard plastics, or yard waste collections on Friday, September 6.

CURRENT CARES PROGRAMS

- CARES is happy to provide the following programs FREE of charge:
- Pink Pantry Opn Registration.** This quarterly program assists low-income Greenbelt residents to access free menstrual products. To register call (240) 424-0302 or email bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.
 - Greenbelt Nursery Project.** Our Greenbelt Nursery project is dedicated to supporting families with young children. We provide 6 Home Visits that offer personalized care and resources. To register call (240) 424-0302 or email bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.
 - Emergency Diaper Distribution.** Must register <https://forms.gle/q92AAhgUyNhQ43UU8>. Call (240) 424-0302.
 - Produce Distribution** at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, Lower Level Parking Lot, 25 Crescent Road
Upcoming Dates: September 19, from 1 - 3 pm
 - Produce Distribution** at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Ln (*Greenbelt West Residents Only*)
Upcoming Dates: September 19, from 3 - 4:15 pm
- For descriptions and information, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/CARESPROGRAMS and see ads on this page!

COMMUNITY NURSING PROGRAM

Made possible through a partnership with the GAIL program, Bowie State, & Catholic University Nursing Students

This free program is open to Greenbelt seniors 60+ or disabled adults 50+ residing within incorporated Greenbelt City limits. Home visits begin mid-September!

Participants will receive up to 10 home visits. Visits will take place on Tuesdays or Wednesdays between the hours of 9:30 am - 3 pm. All visiting nurses are fully vaccinated and will wear masks during the visit.

Available services include: Bathing assistance; Medication management; Vital signs monitoring; Medical resource information & advocacy; Mental health & cognitive screenings; Blood sugar monitoring & assist with finger prick; Health education; Nursing assessment.

To register, contact Sharon Johnson, GAIL Program Community Case Manager, at (240) 542-2029 or email sjohnson@greenbeltmd.gov.

FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

SEPTEMBER 19, TWO EVENTS/LOCATIONS

- Community Center:** 1 - 3 pm
- Springhill Lake Recreation Center:** 12 - 1:30 pm, Must live in: Verde at Greenbelt Station, Greenbelt Station Master Association, Franklin Park, Motiva. Register by emailing bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.

BUDDY ATTICK PARK DRAFT MASTER PLAN WORK SESSION

Wednesday, October 16, 7:30 pm
Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road

The Buddy Attick Park (BAP) Draft Master Plan can be viewed online at <https://www.greenbeltmd.gov/BAPMP>.
A City Council Work Session is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16 at 7:30pm in the Greenbelt Municipal Building (25 Crescent Road). The City Council Work Session is open to the public. If you would like to provide written feedback, please send your comments to BAPproject@greenbeltmd.gov by Friday, October 4, 2024.

POOCH PLUNGE!

Saturday, September 7
11 am - 3 pm

Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, 101 Centerway

Join us on Saturday, September 7 at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center for Pooch Plunge 2024! There will be two sessions: 11 am - 12:50 pm and 1 - 3pm. Entry is \$10 per dog, exact cash only please. One dog per handler, and handlers must be 18+.

You must show proof of rabies vaccination to enter and please note, ***tags are not sufficient!*** 50 dogs max per session, first come, first serve. No handlers in the pool and swimming with the dogs is not allowed. You can pick up registration forms beforehand at the Aquatic Center or at the Police booth during the Labor Day Festival!



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basketball contest (for 17 and under) get rolling.

At the Greenbelt Museum, once again this year the Retro Town Fair will accept entries from 10 to 11:30 a.m., and then display the winning entries of flowers, vegetables, baked goods, canned goods and needlework/sewing from 1 to 4 p.m. In addition, tours of the Museum's historic house run from 1 to 5 p.m. on the half hour.

From 1 to 4 p.m., next to the stage, a community project invites attendees to send a message to the Festival, to Greenbelt, to Maryland, to the United States, to the world or to the universe. In the Community Center gym, the art show and photo show will feature local artists and photographers from 1 to 6 p.m. Come vote for favorites.

For musical performances, Downtown Tumbao comes from Mexico City by way of Baltimore with Afro-Caribbean heat from 2 to 4 p.m. and the Rising Stars performance showcase runs from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

At 6 p.m., during a break, a

memorial gathering will be held to honor all loved ones who have died in the past year. The memorial gathering will include placing flowers on the hill behind the Mother and Child statue. After the Rising Stars conclude, the Honky Tonk Cassanovas perform a mix of country/western and more from 8 to 11 p.m.

Monday, September 2

The big show, the annual Labor Day Parade, begins at 10 a.m. Led by the parade's Grand Marshal (the 2024 Outstanding Citizen) and the Greenbelt Police Department Color Guard, a pipe and drum corps, a variety of musical groups, all manner of local community organizations and more will march and honor the city's spirit of community pride. The parade route will run along Crescent Road, from Greenhill to the reviewing stand at the intersection with Southway, ending about noon.

At 11 a.m., the booths open for the last time until next year. At noon, after the parade, a Luncheon on the Lawn will be held at Greenbelt Community

Church (corner of Hillside and Crescent), with BBQ sandwiches, hot dogs, baked beans and more available for purchase.

From noon to 6 p.m., the craft fair continues at Roosevelt Center. The Museum continues the Historic House Tours from noon to 2 p.m. Award presentations on the stage run from noon to 1 p.m., which will include awards for the art and photo shows as well as parade entries. The art and photo shows themselves will be open from noon to 4 p.m. And then, at the other side of Old Greenbelt, the Greenbelt American Legion Family Picnic offers food and activities for children and adults from 1 to 3 p.m.

Musician and Greenbelt native Kieran Lally opens up the music sets at 1:30 p.m. To close out the Festival, Fast Eddie and the Slowpokes bring a mix of blues and rock to the stage. Booths, bingo, craft fair and the stage all close at 6 p.m., bringing an end to another year of the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival.

Saturday Highlight: Information Day & Community Exhibits

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., visit information and display tables set up in Roosevelt Center to learn more about local organizations. Come and say hello at the News Review's booth!

Playground Plogging: Safe & Sparkly Spaces

Plogging is a wacky way of saying "picking up litter while you jog or walk," invented by Swedish outdoorsman and environmentalist Erik Ahlstrom. The word plogging comes from *plocka*, the Swedish word for pick up. Plogging is an eco-friendly and healthy exercise. It is an opportunity to take action and help prevent stormwater pollution by cleaning up litter from streams and stormwater ponds.

On Labor Day Weekend - Friday, August 30, through Monday, September 2 - Greenbelt Plogs, a RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness) initiative, will be cleaning up the approximately 40 city playgrounds across Greenbelt, making them safe and sparkly.

Those interested should contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler at spreadruak@gmail.com and let him know where they'll be plogging or ask where ploggers are needed, so as to coordinate efforts and spread the wealth of engagement.



Rosedale Attractions is the long-time provider of carnival rides for the Festival.



The carnival rides arrive for the Labor Day Festival.

- Photos by Michael Hartman

Volunteers Needed

The Greenbelt Makerspace seeks volunteers to staff the tool library and organize classes and other events. People are asking for more open hours. Help is needed for the tool library to expand. Sign up for shifts at signup.com/go/UNkLnqk or email us at staff@make125.org if interested in other times or jobs.

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

During Labor Day Festival

No Farmers Market Sept 1



Visit GreenbeltFarmersMarket.org

We'll Be Back Sunday Sept. 8 - See You Then!



We Need Volunteers! Visit our Website To Sign Up

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even recipes, he said. He plans to offer more than lunch and dinner, to continue smoothies, to have breakfast sandwiches and platters, a lunch menu, dinner menu and a late night menu.

Asked the typical cost of a meal, Hilliard suggested \$12 to \$15 but he also pointed to his 32-ounce bowl of lamb, crab and shrimp salad that costs \$30. He plans to offer burgers and chicken sandwiches among other dishes and says the vegan options will be "absolutely amazing."

Hilliard says there will be painting, wallpaper and new furniture to add to the cozy, warm atmosphere. Asked who will pay for new furniture and decor, Hilliard said he will.

One change will be table service, which Hilliard believes will make dining at the New Deal more of an experience. Hilliard was asked how he plans to balance table service and the community living room vibe that the community may not want to lose. He responded that he believes the menu they'll create and the food will be so good that they may have to sell tickets for shows. He imagined popularity such that even on a night without a band, patrons will wait 20-30 minutes for a table at 8 or 9 p.m. He also mentioned that patrons who come to hear bands and not buy food mean the Café is missing out on money, and suggested it may be necessary to sell tickets for bands. He was asked to consider if they'll be able to accommodate folks who just want to listen to music and stand rather than eat. He replied that if it gets to a point where they have to charge to make money then he's open to

that. Hilliard said he would also like to be able to pay musicians (currently they receive tips).

The New Deal will be Hilliard's third restaurant but when he was asked about his divided attention, he assured the board and guests that though he'll be maintaining his other locations he has staff and a general manager for them, so he will be able to be present at the New Deal. He'll be bringing two chefs and a manager with him and plans to talk with current employees who may wish to stay. Hilliard also said he won't be using the kitchen to do catering unless it's catering for the New Deal location.

"I'm very energetic and fun," said Hilliard, who used to put on costumed children's parties. He said he learned to play the keyboard by ear and played for the choir when he was at Largo High School. Hilliard's father was a pastor of a church, where Hilliard, who also plays the organ, used to play. For six months he toured with Montel Jordan and went on to work with other artists. Later, Hilliard began a career in education and became the behavior intervention director for D.C. public schools. He got into kale as part of a weight loss initiative. After one of the principals he worked with asked him to create kale for the staff during a special event, she told him he needed to do it fulltime. That was in October 2014 and he gave his two weeks' notice and began creating flavored kale from his condo. Ten years later Hilliard is ready to open his third location with the New Deal Café. A soft opening is planned on or about November 1.



PHOTO BY MARIA HUMPHRIES

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians National Convention in Orlando was attended by two Greenbelters this year, proudly displaying their hometown newspaper. From left, Marti Galvin, Mary Ann Lubinsky (new President), Marilyn Madigan (former President) and Donna Peterson.

Greenbelt Youth Baseball

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Bingo at the Labor Day Festival

Location: Community Center Lawn on the festival ground

Games: 50¢ for 1 card/game, \$1 for 3 cards/game

Memorial Games and Blackout Games

Pull Tabs!

Nonperishable items will be collected to support

the St. Hugh's Food Pantry

School News

County School System Achieves “Financial Close” on Blueprint II

Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) along with its selected partner, Progressive Education Partners (PEP), has reached financial close on the PGCPS Blueprint Schools Phase II Project.

The Phase II Project includes the construction of eight new school facilities – six elementary schools and two PK-8 academies. The new schools include Springhill Lake Elementary School, for which a new building will be constructed on its current site. PEP will be responsible for maintenance and rehabilitation for each school throughout the 30-year operating term.

“Blueprint Schools Phase II is an unprecedented demonstration of true collaboration across all levels of government: the Board of Education, County, County Council and the state legislature,” said Superintendent Millard House II. “Once again, PGCPS is at the forefront of utilizing this innovative alternative delivery approach to deliver much-needed schools our students deserve, as quickly as possible.”

Highlights of Phase II include pre-kindergarten classrooms in all schools, and all eight schools will be delivered as “net zero schools,” underlining a commitment to sustainability and their Climate Change Action Plan, say PGCPS representatives.

“Phase II of the Blueprint Schools construction represents a major advancement in our ongoing efforts to provide world-class educational facilities for Prince George’s County students,” said Prince George’s County Executive Angela Alsobrooks. “This innovative model not only accelerates the construction of modern, state-of-the-art schools but also does so in a fiscally responsible manner, maximizing the benefits of public-private partnerships. By prioritizing efficiency and collaboration, we are creating learning environments that empower our children to thrive, ensuring a brighter future for our entire community.”

Prince George’s County Council Chair Jolene Ivey praised the project as a collective achievement. “This collaborative effort to reach this milestone reflects our dedication to providing top-notch, innovative learning environments that inspire and empower students,” Ivey said. “It’s a win for everyone and will have a transformative impact on the county for generations to come.”

The project will be financed through both public and private sources. Public funding will account for \$228 million during construction while the long-term financing includes \$650 million in taxable municipal bonds. Private capital will be repaid over the concession in the form of Availability Payments.

PEP will now begin the design-build phase of the project, with construction expected to begin in September and be completed in 2028 with three delivery dates: summer 2026, summer 2027 and summer 2028 – unlike Phase I where all six schools were delivered in one school year. Springhill Lake Elementary’s new building is ex-

pected to be complete in 2028, with the school using the current Dora Kennedy French Immersion building as a swing space from 2026 to 2028 during its construction.

“Over the next four years, the second phase of Blueprint Schools will create more than 8,000 seats in eight schools across the county,” said Prince George’s County Board of Education Chair Lolita E. Walker. “These new buildings are critical, and will replace and/or right-size 14 schools as we continue to modernize our facilities, the second-oldest in the state of Maryland. Ensuring this plan is fully funded is one of our top priorities and is integral to the success of our scholars.”

Maryland State Delegate Nicole Williams, chair of the Prince George’s County delegation, described the beginning of Phase II as a continuation of the collaboration between the state, county executive, county council and PGCPS to modernize school infrastructure and provide children with the high quality education they deserve.

Delegate Ben Barnes also emphasized the importance of modernizing school facilities, highlighting the strong partnership between the county executive and the state. “We are thrilled that our collaboration will deliver eight new schools in Prince George’s County,” Barnes said.

This article draws on a press release from Prince George’s County Public Schools and was contributed to by New Review staff.



The School Year Begins for Young Greenbelters



PHOTO BY JEAN SCOTT

Greenbelt resident Kayleigh Scott on her first day of school



PHOTO BY JAMES MARSHALL

Oscar Marshall, 3, is off to the Greenbelt Children’s Center and Ruby Marshall, 6, will head to Dora Kennedy French Immersion School.

TIME CORRECTION

Greenbelt American Legion Family Picnic

Monday September 2, 2024 -- 1 - 3 p.m.



LUNCHEON ON THE LAWN

Adults \$18

Children \$7



2 SEPT

Greenbelt Community Church UCC
One Hillside Road

AFTER PARADE

Barbecue, cole slaw, baked beans, dessert



PRELIMINARY AGENDA Meetings of the GHI Board of Directors on September 5, 2024

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

- a) Approval of Minutes of the Closed Meeting held on May 2, 2024
- b) 2024 Contract for Replacing Roofs and Gutters on Masonry Block Homes - Second Reading
- c) HVAC Service Contract for Mini Split Units
- d) Contract for Tree Removal
- e) Contract for Repairs at a GHI Unit
- f) Discussion Concerning Citizen Energy Charging Stations Contract
- g) Request to sublease a GHI Unit
- h) Legal Matters

GHI Open Meeting – starts at 7:30 p.m. - open to members and visitors

- a) Statement of Closed Meeting held on September 5, 2024
- b) Statement of Closed Meeting held on August 29th, 2024
- c) Approval of Minutes of the Open Meeting held on May 2, 2024
- d) Approval of Membership Applications
- e) 2024 Strategic Planning Values
- f) Email Communication to Members
- g) Member Outreach Committee Name Change
- h) Bench Design Change Request
- i) 2024 GHI Mission and Vision Statements
- j) Motion to hold a Closed Meeting Motion on September 19, 2024

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

https://us06web.zoom.us/joining/register/tZwtd-uqzoiG9XHGq9rswP_N9LZj33ebi9r

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



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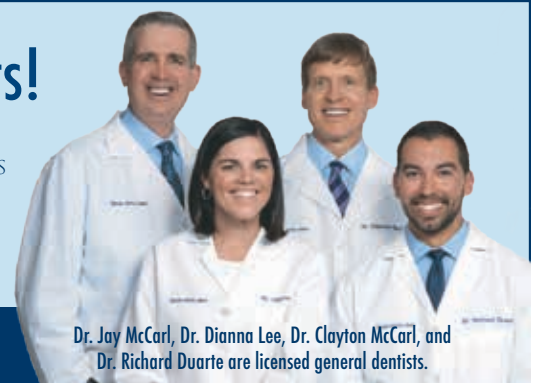


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School for Scandal at GAC Brings Us Back to the 1980s

by Carol Griffith



From left, Sarah Pfanz as Lady Sneerwell, Will Robey-Lambert as Joseph Surface, Penny Martin as Mr. Crabtree, Lindsay Warrick as Maria, Valerie Mikles as Sir Benjamin Backbite and Liana Olear as Mrs. Candour enjoy a good scandal in 1980s Manhattan in School for Scandal, now playing at Greenbelt Arts Center.

A play written in Britain in the 1770s updated to a 1980s Manhattan setting? Only the Rude Mechanicals, the resident theater troupe at Greenbelt Arts Center, could pull off such a production so successfully. It's great entertainment with witty repartee and comedy, so get a mullet haircut or legwarmers and travel back in time for an evening of laughs.

The story involves two brothers who are complete opposites in character. One, described as "a man of sentiment," is highly regarded for his kind nature; the other wastes his share of the money their rich uncle sends the brothers on wild living. When the uncle returns to New York from India to check on his nephews, he devises a clever way to test the character of each. Meanwhile, the brothers are involved with the same heiress but for different reasons. There are love triangles, forged love letters and secret meetings, all aided by the comic

School for Scandal, a group of five characters who interfere in the action and, as a portent of television to come, create a television show around their gossip and antics.

A highlight of the play is the video production of the Rude Mechanicals called RMTV, a takeoff on the new MTV of the 1980s that plays on a futuristic "television" onstage. RMTV even plays some music videos sure to bring back the 1980s. Fun costumes, wigs and sets round out a great production that's appropriate for all audiences.

School for Scandal will play at the Greenbelt Arts Center, located at 124 Centerway, on Fridays and Saturdays, August 30 and 31 and September 6 and 7 at 8 p.m., with a matinee on Sunday, September 1 at 2 p.m. There is a Pay-What-You-Will show on Wednesday, August 28 at 8 p.m. See greenbeltartscenter.org for tickets and information.

Attention Filmmakers

Mark your calendars for the 20th anniversary of the Utopia Film Festival October 18 to 21. Submit your films! For questions contact the Festival organizers at UtopiaFilmFest20770@gmail.com or call GATe at 301-507-6581.

Toastmasters Meet

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

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Churches and cathedrals included everything from monster Gothic masterpieces to Art Deco from the 1930s. Though Chartres and Mont St. Michel were obvious standouts, smaller, less well-known edifices encountered by chance in villages along the way offered magically painted ceilings and vivid stained glass as well as inspired stone exteriors, wall paintings or tile work. Notre Dame, the ride's starting point, is not yet reopened after the fire of 2021, but already looks magnificent as it stands out from the scaffolding that remains.

Many towns had markets that were themselves as much masterpieces as the churches they often surrounded. Fish, cheese and vegetables carefully arranged were a feast for the eyes. A stall might sport a single type of mushroom, or only strawberries. One was entirely nuts (in a manner of speaking) – Brazil, almonds, peanuts, walnuts and others more exotic. Early morning trips to bakeries found by following the sniffed scent of new bread yielded croissants, pain au chocolat and chaussons de pommes still warm from the oven. Nobody lost weight on this trip.

Mont St. Michel

It's a tourist trap – there's no

doubt about that. Even in early June, the causeway was busy with walkers and cyclists, and bus after loaded bus disgorged passengers on the flat area in front of the mount. But despite being so busy, it was still worth the trip.

The island is like a volcano-shaped layer cake. The bottom layer is secular and the top layer is the abbey – with a clear demarcation between them. The town below the abbey is a welter of sandwich shops, souvenir shops and tackiness, though off the main trail there are tantalizing glimpses of a less-frenzied existence. The smaller lanes in the town are peaceful with stone cottages overlooking the bay. The views from the abbey ramparts are spectacular, and the interior is massive and striking. Pillars four feet in diameter and spaced only a handful of feet apart hold up the massive stone structure towering above. Chapel succeeds chapel as the tourist follows the route down from the top. But accessibility is not a priority and many older visitors were visibly



Paris to Mt. St. Michel is along the Véloscénie — a mostly off-road trail.

struggling with the steep steps and long climbs.

In high summer, a son et lumière program bathes the interior in colored light and plays music throughout the complex of arched and vaulted chambers. Quite what the monks would have made of that, nobody knows.

Parting of the Ways

With Mont St. Michel achieved, the two couples parted company for the next phase of their respective journeys. The Bonnells headed by train for Monet's two painting passions – the cathedral in Rouen and his water lily garden in Giverny – while the Meetres stuck to their bikes and set off for St. Malo and the U.K.'s Bailiwick of Guernsey – an island off the coast of France. See the next installment in a future issue for more.

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Greenbelt Police Department reported five domestic incidents, including two arrests, one involving assault; two mental health diversions, one involving attempted suicide; and one sexual assault.

Armed Person

On August 25 at 6:42 p.m. near 8101 Ryan Way, a masked man holding a knife knocked on a man's vehicle window; he drove away unharmed.

Suspicious Person

On August 25 at 7:33 p.m. near 8162 Mandan Terrace, a man exited his vehicle and was approached by a young man who demanded his keys. The man refused and the young man walked away.

Break-in

On August 22 at 3:49 a.m. near 9160 Edmonston Road, a man entered an apartment through an unlocked sliding door and stole a purse and credit cards.

Disorderly with Arrest

On August 25 at 4:34 p.m. near 5506 Cherrywood Lane, a woman got into an altercation with a store employee. The manager advised her to leave, and she kicked the store window, causing it to break. She was arrested.

DUI Arrests

On August 21 at 7:35 p.m. near Crescent Road and Greenhill Road, a vehicle drove up the wrong side of the road and crashed into a telephone pole. The driver was swaying and stumbling while walking and said she had been drinking. After sobriety tests, she was arrested and charged.

On August 22 at 1:24 a.m. near 6040 Greenbelt Road, a driver was found asleep on the side of the road, and after investigation, was arrested for DUI; at 8:40 p.m. near Kenilworth Avenue and Greenbelt Road, a vehicle was speeding. The intoxicated driver was arrested and charged with DUI.

On August 25 at 1:47 a.m. near Greenbelt Road and Kenilworth Avenue, after a two-vehicle accident, investigation revealed that the at-fault driver was intoxicated. He was charged and taken to the hospital.

Fraud

On August 21 near 7501 Greenway Center Drive, a woman found multiple unauthorized charges on her account and reported them to the bank.

On August 24 near 550 Crescent Road, a woman whose identity was stolen in 2021 received a notice from a rental complex where she never lived claiming she owed rent; near 550 Crescent Road, someone used a man's name to open an account in Florida.

Theft

On August 19 at 1:42 p.m. near 9304 Edmonston Road, a bicycle was stolen from a balcony.

On August 25 near 8013 Mandan Road, credit cards were stolen from a wallet and used in Greenbelt.

Commercial Theft

On August 19 at 1:32 p.m. near 7595 Greenbelt Road, a man was seen concealing items inside a backpack. When he tried to leave, he was confronted by loss

prevention employees and fled on foot. Most of the items were recovered.

On August 19 at 2:39 p.m. near 7583 Greenbelt Road, an elderly woman stole miscellaneous products. Officers located her and recovered the merchandise; at 2:47 p.m. near 7551 Greenbelt Road, a man stole items from the display cases.

On August 20 at 9:37 p.m. near 7595 Greenbelt Road, two women stole several items.

On August 21 at 9:56 a.m. near 5910 Greenbelt Road, a young man wearing a backpack and holding a black trash bag grabbed several household items and ran out of the store; at 2:33 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a man stole an expensive appliance; at 9:18 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a shoplifter tried to steal several beauty products; all items were recovered.

On August 23 at 5:03 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, two shoplifters were caught stealing, tried to flee and were arrested; at 5:46 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a shoplifter stole items and fled.

On August 24 at 6:06 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a man stealing items was met at the door by the apprehension team; he gave back an item and refused to stay; at 6:59 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a man loaded items into a bookbag and cart and left without paying.

On August 25 at 6:30 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, suspects stole from the store and fled.

Vehicle Crimes Stolen Vehicle

On August 25 near 6111 Breezewood Court, a black

2019 Chevrolet Camaro (Md. 9CV4995) was stolen.

Attempted Theft of Vehicles

On August 25, two cars had ignition damage: a 2015 Kia Forte near 6510 Lake Park Drive and a 2018 Hyundai Elantra near 8005 Mandan Road.

Stolen Vehicles Recovered

Two cars were recovered that had been stolen in Prince George's County: on August 21 near 7550 Mandan Road, a Hyundai SUV, and on August 23 near Greenbrook Drive and Winterwood Place, a 2016 Infinity Q50.

Theft from Auto

On August 19 near 6301 Golden Triangle Drive, a vehicle window was broken and tools were stolen; at 4:32 p.m. near 7619 Greenbelt Road, while a man was vacuuming the inside of his vehicle another man stole his backpack from the passenger seat.

On August 21 near 5919 Cherrywood Terrace, a wallet was stolen from a vehicle; near 6440 Cherrywood Lane, someone broke into a vehicle and stole both seats.

On August 25 near 6203 Springhill Drive, a window was broken and belongings stolen.

Vandalism to Vehicle

Vehicle windows were broken: on August 19 near 7728 Hanover Parkway; August 21 near 7801 Mandan Road; August 22 near 6600 Lake Park Drive and near 6710 Lake Park Drive (the window trim was also bent, and the vehicle's contents were scattered around the parking lot).

On August 23 near 6227 Springhill Court, tires were slashed.

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and discover people and families we never knew about.

Megan Searing Young, director of the Greenbelt Museum, was a guide in my effort to research this amazing idea. The potential to unlock more history and build more community is exciting.

Curious about these graveyards? In my research, I came across some sources that offer a mix of history and pictures. These include the book Greenbelt: History of a New Town, 1937-1987, edited by Mary Lou Williamson. In Prologue: Before Greenbelt, Alan Virta, chairman of the Prince George's County

Historic Preservation Commission from 1982 to 1986 and Greenbelt resident, tells of the early settlers of the area beginning in 1694.

Greenbelt2012.wordpress.com is a blog that opens up one's curiosity to find these spots and seek answers to the big questions of what stories are waiting to be discovered. Sagittariusedolly.wordpress.com is another interesting site. These sources fill in a few gaps about some of the people who were here long ago.

We keep history alive by sharing old stories. This opportunity has the potential for all that and more. Stay tuned.



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Soccer Team Will Build On Last Year's Success

by Patrick Gleason

After a loss in last season's state quarterfinals, the Eleanor Roosevelt High School girls soccer team is eager to build on their 13-2-1 history. Despite graduating three defensive starters – Victoria Obisesan, Kaia Booker and Angel Ngwane – the Raiders return a strong nine-member senior class including midfielders Jada Savage and Sadie Swart, who respectively tallied 25 and 14 goals last season. Junior Autumn Freeman helps them anchor the Raider midfield, though Swart won't be able to return to action until September 19 as she continues to recover from a torn ACL suffered after last season's conclusion.

In addition to the strong returning core, the Raiders have added a trio of new players who offer an impressive array of speed and skill. Freshman Emery Gregory will help solidify the backline, joining veteran Esther Obisesan at centerback, while sophomore Gabrielle Johnson has infused the Roosevelt midfield with another attacking option on a team with many threats. Senior Alena Beckmann may employ

her lethal speed from fullback or wing, while seniors Alyssa Casey and Gabriella Martinez will also contribute to the Raider offense. Senior transfer Hariette Ngwatum, who played for state finalist Montgomery Blair last year, will be yet another option for the Raider offensive, while Leia Barton, Claire Aolga and Bayleigh Galie will complete the defensive rotation in front of senior keeper Nikki Lilja.

Junior Varsity

The junior varsity squad also expects a successful season with an array of offensive options including sophomores Treasure Wogu, Julia Visnic, Nora Marx, Naomi Petralia, Jocelyn Lopez Tirado and Alima Kargbo. Freshman Morgan Parks adds dangerous speed to the attack while Zeala Tantoh and Adama Kargbo will guide the Raider defense from goal. Roosevelt concludes its preseason with scrimmages against Elizabeth Seton and Sherwood this week prior to the long Labor Day weekend.



Senior Arianna Casalini, right, has helped guide the Raiders in the preseason in preparation for their September 9 home opener against Bladensburg.



Freshman Emery Gregory, third from left, stares down the ball in the August 22 scrimmage against Southern High School.

- Photos by Vanessa van der Have



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Cousins cruise the Blue Lagoon off the coast of Cyprus with the Greenbelt News Review. From left: Euan Bedford-Dillow (3), Emmeline Bedford-Dillow (8), George Christodoulou (6), Callum Bedford-Dillow (12) and Louka Christodoulou (3).

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