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Greenbelt Officer Joshua Forney Receives Lifesaving Award

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

In July, Steve Edmonds was moving a piece of glass he intended to turn into a table onto a truck when it collapsed, slicing him in multiple places, including an artery. “There was so much blood it scared me to death,” recalls Edmonds.

That afternoon, in the parking lot of Greenway Center, Edmonds began rapidly losing blood. He recalls a bystander called an ambulance, but they were fielding so many questions from the dispatcher that Edmonds asked another man to call the police. “It seemed like when I told them to call the police, Officer Joshua Forney got there [in] less than a minute,” said Edmonds, who remembers the police car flying across the parking lot to help him. “If he hadn’t have got there I would have died,” said Edmonds.

On Thursday, September 5, Officer Forney was recognized with a Lifesaving Award at a ceremony at the police station. Chief Richard Bowers praised Forney’s timely intervention, his ability to stay calm, not panic, follow his training and assess the situation in the face of Edmonds’ severe injury and gushing blood. Edmonds was there to help pres-



Officer Joshua Forney, left, shakes hands with Steve Edmonds, whose life he saved in July.

ent the award to the officer who probably saved his life.

Edmonds said Forney got right to work as he arrived and warned him it would hurt as he put two tourniquets in place. “The blood was shooting up like water ... when he put that tourniquet on

there ... it immediately just calmed down. ... But I screamed and hollered from Greenbelt to See **AWARD**, page 11

\$429,000 for Firefighter Training; Impact on Current Shortage Unclear

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

Although no money was allocated to Greenbelt Fire Department, on September 6 U.S. Senators Chris Van Hollen and Ben Cardin and U.S. Representatives Glenn Ivey, David Trone and Jamie Raskin (all D-Md.) announced \$951,500.90 in federal funding for fire departments in Prince George’s and Montgomery counties, resources intended to enhance emergency response capabilities and ensure better protection for the public and the firefighters, they said. In addition to supporting individual departments – specifically, funding the purchase of a turn-out gear extractor and dryer at Bladensburg Volunteer Fire Department (allocated \$37,283.80) and the same at Hyattsville Volunteer Fire Department (allocated \$32,673.63) – the federal funds will benefit Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute’s State Fire Training Academy, based at the University of Maryland, College Park, and its six regional training centers across the state, which will receive \$429,369.56 in federal funds. Another \$452,173.91 will go to Montgomery County Fire

& Rescue to support their cancer screening program.

Prince George’s County Fire Chief Tiffany Green pointed to a “critical shortage” of firefighters as she announced the temporary removal of career personnel from Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department in June. The Prince George’s County Fire Department has maintained that the staffing changes, described as temporary summer measures, are necessary due to insufficient staffing (there were 21,000 mandatory overtime hours in May and June of 2023) rather than financial necessity. One of the complaints at a June Fire Department meeting was the length of time it takes to onboard and train new volunteers and career staff during a firefighter shortage. Prince George’s County Deputy Fire Chief James McClelland, speaking at that meeting, estimated it takes 30 weeks to get a new recruit ready to be “out on the street.” McClelland announced the hiring of 150 uniformed firefighters in this budget cycle, all of whom will

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How History Repeats Itself In Utah Defamation Case

by Cathie Meetre

The Millard County Chronicle Progress, a small local newspaper with a long name that serves remote communities around Delta, Utah, has been sued for \$19 million by a local developer, after the newspaper reported factually on some of the name-calling that went on in a meeting about a proposal for a local development project. Those News Review readers who know the story of our own paper’s years with litigation will doubtless experience a frisson of déjà vu all over again. Salt Lake City Fox reporter Nate Carlisle has delved into the story, giving the details here: <https://tinyurl.com/y35hc9d5>.

Sixty Years Ago

In 1965, Greenbelt developer Charles S. Bresler sued the News Review for libel, accusing the newspaper of malice. In a heated meeting at the time about a development project, an opposed participant had described Bresler’s proposal as “blackmail” and the News Review accurately reported that term. Today’s News Review Editor Mary Lou Williamson was already working for the News Review at that time and knows only too well what followed. Bresler sued the news-

paper and won. He was awarded \$17,500 by a Prince George’s County Circuit Court jury, a sum more than enough to put the News Review out of business.

Upping the Ante

The News Review, with legal assistance from the Washington Post, took the case to the Maryland State Court of Appeals and lost again. The last available resort was an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court which, providentially, accepted the case – ultimately ruling unanimously for the News Review and dismissing Bresler’s suit.

This ruling has been hailed as a landmark First Amendment decision because it said that the newspaper was, “performing its wholly legitimate function as a community newspaper when it published full reports of these public debates in its news columns.” The court also said, “To hold otherwise would subvert the most fundamental meaning of a free press.” In other words, reporting what people said in a public meeting is a public service. Interestingly, the court also ruled that even the initial spoken

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Council and GHI Discuss Water Pipes, Stormwater Drains, More

by Maurice Crawford

On Wednesday, September 4, the Greenbelt City Council held a worksession with several members of Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI) Board of Directors, including President Stefan Brodd, Vice President Debbie McKinley, Treasurer Chuck Hess, Nancy Boyd, Philip Larkin and General Manager James Claggett Jr. GHI is a cooperative of about 1,600 units. Brodd said the three things that GHI members value most about it are the sense of community, the amount of green space and its walkability.

Pipe Replacement

An area of concern for GHI is the disagreement with WSSC Water regarding ownership of

the underground pipes leading to GHI masonry units and their replacement. Under an agreement made in 1958 WSSC committed to maintaining the pipes. However, with new water meters installed some distance from the buildings WSSC is only interested in pipe maintenance up to the water meters. This would leave GHI responsible for the pipes between the water meters and the buildings. However, GHI does not wish to assume this responsibility, plus there is a concern that with the aging pipes there will be

a cascade of failures that would be very expensive to repair.

Mayor Emmett Jordan said the city stands by GHI’s position but that it is up to GHI to move the discussion with WSSC forward. Councilmember Rodney Roberts pointed out the city is an equal party in the 1958 agreement and has just as much of a responsibility in this matter as GHI.

Brodd said that at one time WSSC came for a visit and they began to see what the issues were

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What Goes On

Monday, September 16
No City Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 18
7:30 p.m., Council Worksession: Beltway Plaza (stakeholder), Municipal Building

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



The Tornado ride at twilight. See Labor Day Festival news and photos throughout the paper.

PHOTO BY JEFFREY ALLEN JONES

Letters to the Editor

Single Riders Shut Out of Ferris Wheel

I've been going to the Labor Day Festival for almost 30 years and look forward to riding the Ferris wheel. Today I got in line to ride but when it was my turn to board, the operator stopped me and pointed to a handwritten sign saying "No single riders." I asked when this policy was put in place. He answered that it was this year and that single riders could unbalance the ride and damage it. This made no sense to me, as people come in different sizes and weights. I felt hurt and left the Festival after that. It's not so much not getting to ride the Ferris wheel but the feeling of being excluded that hurt.

Liz Tobey

Is Maglev on the Rise?

The Maryland Coalition for Responsible Transit (MCRT) has an important update for Greenbelt News Review readers and a request for community action.

Despite the belief of many in our community, the Superconducting Magnetic Levitation (SCMaglev) train project is still alive and being actively promoted by Northeast Maglev.

The SCMaglev's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) has been placed on pause by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for over three years. We have become aware that meetings held between federal agencies and AECOM, the consulting firm conducting the

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On Screen at Greenbelt Cinema

Look Into My Eyes

In this documentary, a group of New York City psychics conduct deeply intimate readings for their clients, revealing a kaleidoscope of loneliness, connection and healing.

Beetlejuice Beetlejuice

Beetlejuice is back! After an unexpected family tragedy, three generations of the Deetz family return home to Winter River. Still haunted by Beetlejuice (Michael Keaton), Lydia (Winona Ryder) finds her life turned upside down when her rebellious teenage daughter, Astrid (Jenna Ortega), discovers the mysterious model of the town in the attic and the portal to the Afterlife is accidentally opened. With trouble brewing in both realms, it's only a matter of time until someone says Beetlejuice's name three times and the mischievous demon returns to unleash his very own brand of mayhem.

DAN DA DAN: First Encounter

This animated film follows Momo, a high school girl from a family of spirit mediums, and her classmate Okarun, an occult freak. The two start talking after Momo rescues Okarun from getting bullied. An argument between them ensues – Momo believes in ghosts but denies aliens, Okarun believes in aliens but denies ghosts. To make the mutual deniers believe in each other, Momo goes to an abandoned hospital known for UFO sightings, and Okarun goes to a tunnel said to be haunted. In each place, they encounter overwhelming paranormal activity that transcends comprehension. Amid these predicaments, Momo awakens her hidden power and Okarun gains the power of a curse to challenge the paranormal forces.

Winner

Based on a true story, the film follows the life of Reality Winner (Emilia Jones), a brilliant young misfit from a Texas border town who loves her pink gun almost as much as helping others. After teaching herself Arabic in high school so she can be of service in the Middle East, Reality is recruited by the Air Force but quickly becomes disillusioned when she finds her morals challenged. After transitioning to a money gig as an NSA contractor, Reality stumbles upon government secrets regarding Russia's election hacking during the 2016 Presidential campaign. Does she expose the truth or keep quiet? Ultimately, she decides to leak the truth leading to her trial and historic sentencing for espionage.

Join or Die

This feature documentary about why you should join a club – and why the fate of America depends on it – follows the half-century story of America's civic unraveling through the journey of legendary social scientist Robert Putnam, whose groundbreaking *Bowling Alone* research into America's decades-long decline in community connections could hold the answers to our democracy's present crisis. Flanked by influential fans and scholars, as well as inspiring groups building community in neighborhoods, Putnam explores three urgent civic questions: What makes democracy work? Why is American democracy in crisis? And, most importantly ... what can we do about it?

Lost in Translation

A lonely, aging movie star named Bob Harris (Bill Murray) and conflicted newlywed Charlotte (Scarlett Johansson) meet in Tokyo. Bob is there to film a Japanese whiskey commercial; Charlotte is accompanying her celebrity-photographer husband. Strangers in a foreign land, the two find escape, distraction and understanding amidst the bright Tokyo lights after a chance meeting in the quiet lull of the hotel bar. They form a bond that is as unlikely as it is heartfelt and meaningful.



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Look Into My Eyes
(R) (CC) (2024) (108 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Fri. 7:00 PM w/ guest speakers!
Sat. 5:30 PM
Sun. 2:00 PM (OC), 4:30 PM
Tues. 7:30 PM

Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Mon. 3:45 PM, 6:15 PM
Wed. 7:30 PM
Thurs. 7:45 PM

Beetlejuice Beetlejuice
(PG-13) (CC) (DVS) (2024) (104 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Mon. 2:30 PM (OC), 5:00 PM
Wed. 7:15 PM
Thurs. 5:30 PM

Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Fri. 5:15 PM, 7:45 PM
Sat. 5:15 PM, 7:45 PM
Sun. 4:15 PM, 6:45 PM
Tues. 7:15 PM

DAN DA DAN: First Encounter
(NR) (2024) (83 mins)
Japanese w/ English subtitles
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Fri. 5:00 PM
Sat. 8:00 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Sun. 2:00 PM

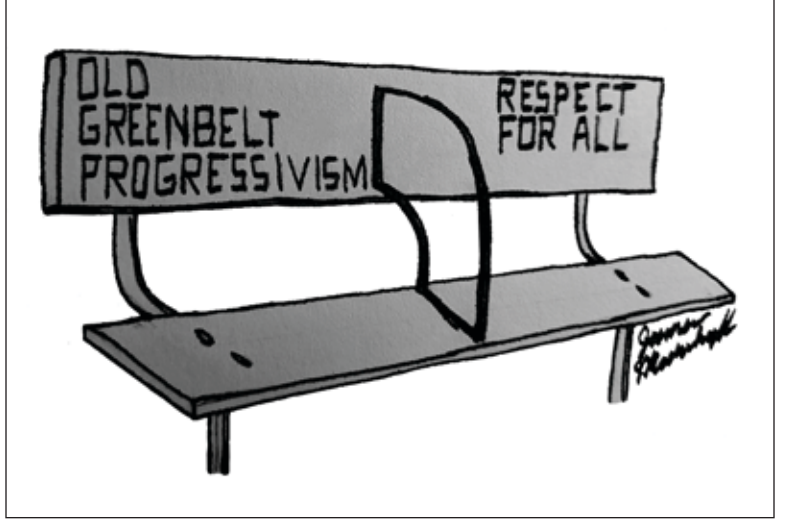
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(2024) (103 mins)
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Fri. 2:30 PM
Sat. 3:00 PM
Sun. 11:30 AM
Tues. 5:00 PM

Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Mon. 1:15 PM
Wed. 5:00 PM
Thurs. 5:15 PM

Join or Die (NR) (2024) (99 mins)
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IRLMovieClubMember for
\$5 tickets! (email required)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Sun. 7:00 PM

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Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Mon. 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM

Lost in Translation
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Thurs. 8:00 PM



- James Marshall

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Community Events

Bilingual Story Time At SHL Rec Center



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Two young readers share a book at Bilingual Story Time at Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

On Friday, September 13 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, 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 family. Register at pgcmils.info/event/11291698.

Los Niños Leen y Juegan

El viernes 13 de septiembre 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.

City Hosts Town Hall On Fire Staffing Plan

On Thursday, September 12 at 6:30 p.m., the city will host a town hall meeting at the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department Station to discuss the impact of the Prince George's County summer staffing plan and the removal of career personnel from the Greenbelt Fire Station. County Fire Chief Tiffany Green has been invited to address the city's ongoing concerns and to share information in an open dialogue.

The Fire Department's Ladies Auxiliary will provide light refreshments.

For more information, call 301-474-8000 or the Volunteer Fire Department at 301-345-7000.

SCAC Hosts Open Forum September 21

The Senior Citizens Advisory Committee (SCAC) is hosting its annual Open Forum on Saturday, September 21 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The forum will be held in the Community Center, Room 201. No registration is required. Greenbelters of all ages are welcome to attend this in-person meeting. Participants are invited to discuss what they like about living in Greenbelt and what they find are the challenges to living here. The main concerns will be reported to the city council. Members of council, the Police Department and Public Works have been invited. For transportation, consider the Greenbelt Connection bus which provides rides within Greenbelt to all residents of Greenbelt. To arrange transportation call 301-474-4100 at least 24 hours in advance. Fares each way are one dollar for senior citizens and two dollars for adults. For more information on the SCAC Open Forum, call 240-542-2189.

Community Orchestra Welcomes Musicians

Greenbelt Community Orchestra rehearses on Thursday evenings at the Community Center and welcomes new members, especially string players and low brass. For more information, visit GreenbeltOrchestra.org.



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.

Peace Month Events



PHOTO BY MICHAEL HARTMAN

Greenbelt members of Prince George's Peace and Justice Coalition accept the City Proclamation declaring September Peace Month in Greenbelt.

After a proclamation by the Greenbelt City Council on September 9, Peace Month is underway. Interesting programs are planned for each Saturday at the Community Center. On Saturday, September 14, John Steinbach will present a program, The Impact of Arsenals from Israel to Ukraine and Beyond, in Room 201 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Saturday, September 21 will see a program on Peace around the World. This program is co-sponsored by multiple Greenbelt groups on International Day of Peace from 3 to 4 p.m. in Room 202.

And on Saturday, September 28, Miriam Pemberton will talk on Pollution and Militarism: Why we need to Fight Both Together, from 2 to 4 p.m. in Room 201.

Chess Club September Meetings

The Greenbelt Chess Club meets on Tuesdays, September 17 and 24. The meetings take place at the Youth Center from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. The club welcomes people of all ages and skill levels. Direct questions to greenbeltchessclub@gmail.com.



Learn About Scouting

Want to learn about Scouting? Boys and girls from kindergarten through fifth grade are welcome to join Greenbelt Cub Scout Pack 202. Join them Thursday, September 12 between 6 and 7:30 p.m. at Greenbelt Community Church at 1 Hillside Rd. Meet the pack and have some fun.

Upcoming Saturday Programs at TheSPACE

A Poetry and Spoken Word Workshop, Coffee with Whiskey, will be offered for people age 13 and up on four Saturdays, September 14 and 21 and October 19 and 26, from 2 to 4 p.m. with @WhiskeyGirlDC. On September 21, The SPACE will hold an Open House. Join the celebration of the sixth anniversary of The SPACE Free Art For All. The day begins with a yoga and meditation class from 10 to 11:30 a.m., setting the tone for a day of creativity and connection. From 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., dive into crafts and cocktails, a paint-and-sip, scrapbooking and vision boarding session. From 2 to 4 p.m., enjoy Coffee with Whiskey, a poetry and spoken word gathering for ages 13 and up. At 5 p.m., the celebration concludes with an adult-only paint and sip. They are also excited to unveil their new Greenbelt WorkForce Development and Training Center and the launch of their Artrepreneurship Tech Lab, featuring cutting-edge equipment like a 3D printing farm, laser engraver and laser cutter. Celebrate six years of art, community and new opportunities. More details will be shared as the dates get closer.

Golden Age Club Upcoming Activities

The Golden Age Club meets from 11 a.m. to noon each Wednesday. Visitors are welcome.

The schedule for the rest of September: September 18, celebrate members with birthdays this month – bring snacks to share; and September 25, bingo.

Ernie & Joe Film At Reel and Meal

Reel and Meal will begin its 17th year with the film Ernie & Joe: Crisis Cops on Monday, September 16 at 7 p.m. at the New Deal Café and via Zoom. The documentary film follows two officers with the San Antonio Texas Police Department who are diverting people away from jail and into mental health treatment, one 911 call at a time.

After the film, a discussion will focus on how to help people with mental health challenges, both by intervention and in the event of a crisis. Local resources will be introduced and listed on a handout available to participants and online. Ernie & Joe: Crisis Cops is hosted by the Prince George's Peace and Justice Coalition and the Greenbelt Bahá'í Community to draw attention to community mental health resources.

The film begins at 7 p.m. in the New Deal Café, and is also broadcast over Zoom. Registration is required for virtual viewing at tinyurl.com/Sept162024.

Café attendees are encouraged to order dinner from the New Deal Café's menu, which includes several vegan options. Film attendance is free, but donations to Reel and Meal are appreciated.

The Reel and Meal at the New Deal Café is a monthly film series focused on environmental, social justice and animal rights issues. For more information see the Reel and Meal Facebook page at facebook.com/reelandmealNDC or email Joy Allchin at njallchin@gmail.com.

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.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

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Sept 14, Sat - Sept 20, Fri
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 (School Programming on Your Cable Guide)
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 Featured Film (9am, 3pm, and 8pm)
Mr. Imperium (1951)
 A visually stunning film about long lost lovers, Italian prince (Ezio Pinza) and American starlet (Lana Turner), and their respective worlds keeping them apart.

New This Month
Creative Kids Camp Interviews!
 When the Session 4 Creative Kids Campers manned the lights, cameras, and microphones for interviews with one another, whackiness ensued! Tune in to see this array of very silly interviews!

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

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In Memoriam

Eugenia Kalnay: Scientist, Neighbor, Beloved Friend

by Bob and Maggie Cahalan

It is with great sadness that we report that longtime Greenbelt resident Eugenia Kalnay died on August 13, 2024, at Holy Cross Hospital, after suffering a blood clot in the heart and a stroke. Eugenia died in the presence of her son Jorge Rivas and several friends and former students. Eugenia Kalnay, Ph.D., was a distinguished professor in the Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Science at the University of Maryland, College Park, from 2002 until her retirement in 2023. She was a founding board member of CHEARS (Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society) and often hosted CHEARS' annual winter solstice party at her home. She co-owned a tree alley cropping sustainable demonstration farm in Pennsylvania with us and enjoyed wading in the streams there.

Eugenia had a remarkable career as a scientific researcher in both government and academic settings, and was mentor and advisor to 45 students through their doctorates. In an interview at engineergirl.org, she said, "I am proud that during my career I have nurtured many young scientists, both men and women that have moved on to great careers of their own. I have found that encouragement and enthusiasm for other people's achievements, which doesn't cost any money, goes a long way in making organizations better." She also said, "My specialty, numerical weather prediction (the computer modeling of the atmosphere), allows me to work in science and to do something useful for mankind at the same time. Another area of research in atmospheric sciences that I work on, perhaps even more important for mankind, is studying climate change



Lake cleanup in 2019 with, from left, Robert Cahalan, Eugenia Kalnay, Kalbi and Margaret Cahalan.

PHOTO BY JOE ROBBINS

and providing guidance on what we can do to avoid a disaster for our children and grandchildren."

Eugenia was born in Argentina in 1942, and received her undergraduate degree in meteorology from the University of Buenos Aires in 1965. In 1971, she became the first woman to receive a doctorate in meteorology from

the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), where she was advised by noted scientist Jule Charney. She then became the first female professor in the MIT Department of Meteorology. In 1979 she moved to Goddard Space Flight Center and in 1984 became head of the Global

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"...until woman and man recognize and realize equality, social and political progress here or anywhere will not be possible." – 'Abdu'l-Bahá



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

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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.

Contemplative Prayer At Comm. Church

A contemplative prayer group meets on Tuesdays at the Greenbelt Community Church, 1 Hillside Road, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. This is a time to pray for oneself, others and the world in silence. It nurtures inner and outer peace and reinforces the oneness of all people and creation.

The format for this group is an opening introduction, 30 minutes of silence and then some sharing. All are welcome to attend from all denominations and faith traditions. For more information, contact Patience Robbins at patience.robbins@gmail.com.



We offer our condolences to the family, friends, neighbors and mentees of Eugenia Kalnay, a noted climate scientist and community activist, who died on August 13.

Congratulations to CARES Director Liz Park, who was appointed by the Governor's Appointments Office to serve on the Commission on Juvenile Justice Reform and Emerging Best Practices. The Commission responsibilities include reviewing and reporting on all juvenile services, facilities and programs in Maryland; the educational programs and services of the Department of Juvenile Services; and programs designed to divert children from the juvenile justice system. Park was appointed to a two-year term.

Kudos to Rachel Bradley who represented Greenbelt on Jeopardy on September 9.

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



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40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
Open hearts, Open Minds, Open doors

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301-474-5410

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6905 Greenbelt Road

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

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Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org



Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community



September 15, 2024 at 3:00 pm

Love the Questions/Live the Questions

Anthony Jenkins with Worship Associate Jacqui Walpole

In the spirit of our September theme (Love), we'll explore the concept of loving and living into life's questions with the UU tradition of a Question Box service.

All are invited to write down any meaningful questions about anything (i.e. love, life, relationships, church, spirituality, humanity, history, politics, the universe, current community/world events, getting-to-know-the-new-minister, etc) on 3 x 5 index cards – unsigned. Feel free to bring those cards with you to this service or submit your questions below before 12pm this Friday. Our new PBUUC minister Anthony Jenkins will aim to offer his answers to as many of your questions as possible 'on the fly' during this service – without having read them beforehand. Some of your especially thought-provoking questions may even become future sermon topics.

<https://pbuuc.org/services/love-the-questions/>

Streaming on PBUUC's Facebook page, on Zoom, and in person. Worship service held at University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, MD

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF GREENBELT MASS
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City Council Room
25 Crescent Rd
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OR - Join us on ZOOM!
For ZOOM link:
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At the Library

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.

Storytimes

Friday, September 13, 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3, Register at pgcmls.info/event/11270606.

Wednesday, September 18, 12:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at pgcmls.info/event/11270461.

Thursday, September 19, 10:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2. Register at pgcmls.info/event/11270635.

Bibliobop Dance Party

Saturday, September 14, 10:30 a.m., ages newborn to 5. Bust a move and shake the sillies out. Bring parents or caregivers and prepare to boogie and bop. Register at pgcmls.info/event/11270436.

Storytime on Screen

Monday, September 16, 10:30 a.m., ages 1 to 5 with a caregiver, at the Greenbelt Cinema. Greenbelt Cinema, in partnership with PGCMLS, is offering a free program of stories, songs and a short film. No unaccompanied children or adults. Register at pgcmls.info/event/11291692.

STEM-tastic

Tuesday, September 17, 4:30 p.m., ages 8 to 12. Explore science, technology, engineering and math. Drop in for hands-on building challenges. Acompañenos a explorar la ciencia, la tecnología, la ingeniería y las matemáticas. Register at pgcmls.info/event/11291690.

Ride and Read

Thursday, September 19, 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 sign a waiver before beginning to ride and be wearing loose-fitting clothing and closed-toed shoes. Register at pgcmls.info/event/11291702.

Hispanic Heritage Month

Liah Perez, Dominican-American singer and songwriter, will perform a free program on Saturday, September 28 at 2 p.m. Perez combines pop, Latin rock and ballads to perform songs for all ages that touch on love, loss, the search for home and the quest for meaning.

Wanted: EV Owners For Sept. 22 EV Event

The Greenbelt Green Team seeks EV owners (all-battery electric, plug-in hybrid or e-bike) 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 EV you would like to bring.

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



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 16-20

Monday, September 16, **NO MEETING**

Tuesday, September 17 at 7 pm, **REPARATIONS COMMISSION**, *On the Agenda: Approval of Agenda/Minutes, Discussion and Approval of the Budget Request for Phase II of the Reparations Work, Subcommittee Reports*

Wednesday, September 18 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION - BELTWAY PLAZA (STAKEHOLDER)**

Wednesday, September 18 at 6:30 pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD**, *On the Agenda: Approval of Agenda/Minutes, Council Liaison Updates, Discussion: Draft Buddy Attick Park Master Plan, Staff Updates*

Wednesday, September 18 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. 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.

EMERGENCY DIAPER DISTRIBUTION September Registration Open

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/2n5KDQYfBhLNaHxw9> or call Brendy Garcia at (240) 424-0302.



ACTIVE AGING WEEK September 30 - October 6

Active Aging Week is an annual event that promotes healthy and active lifestyles among older adults. Organized by the International Council on Active Aging (ICAA), the week-long event aims to dispel the myths of aging, encourage the 50+ population to adopt a healthier lifestyle, and showcases the benefits of stay physically, socially, and mentally active as people age.

Keep an eye out for events during Active Aging Week 2024!

For details, please contact Priya Gardner Lemieux at pgardner@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.

FEATURED PETS KURT COBAIN

Ready for Adoption? Call (301) 474-6124

Kurt Cobain the cat is one chill dude. He's a big lovebug with humans and cats alike! He loves a good snuggle and being held like a baby or standing on your shoulders for a better view. He's also super sweet to his cat roommates. We sometimes see him grooming them (or being groomed back) and playing with toys together. The other shelter cats agree—he exudes good vibes!

If you're interested in adopting this terrific tabby, call (301) 474-6124 or email us at animalservices@greenbeltmd.gov!



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All applicants must have with them a valid State ID or Driver's License and their Social Security card. We cannot accept an application without these two items. All applicants will have a credit and criminal background check performed to determine eligibility. Applicants should be prepared to move within 30 days once they receive a call that a unit is available. Rent is based upon 30 percent of one's income within a maximum gross income of \$54,150 for individuals and \$61,900 for couples. All apartments are one-bedroom units. Only applicants who would consider moving within the next 6 months to one year should apply. Green Ridge House is a Non-Smoking Building. Green Ridge House follows Federal HUD Guidelines with regards to smoking compliance which prohibits marijuana use, medical or otherwise on its properties. Therefore, regardless of any other permitted use by either prescription, State or local law, or any mechanism that permits medical



GREENBELT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT TOWN HALL
Thursday, September 12, 6:30 pm
Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department, 125 Crescent Road

Join us for a town hall meeting to discuss the impact of the Prince George's County summer staffing plan and the removal of career personnel from the Greenbelt Fire Station. We have invited Fire Chief Tiffany D. Green to address our ongoing concerns and share information in an open dialogue.

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/2n5KDQYfBhLNaHxw9>. 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!

PUBLIC HEARING ON ALL-RESIDENT VOTING

A public hearing will be held **Monday, September 23, 2024** during the Regular Meeting of the Greenbelt City Council on the City's all-resident voting initiative.

This meeting will be hybrid and can be attended in-person in the Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, 20770 or via Zoom. The meeting will also be livestreamed at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipalTV, [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com), and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com).

Please note that comments can be made in-person or via email. Please email your comments to council@greenbeltmd.gov.

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.

ONLINE BILL PAY

The City of Greenbelt launched online bill pay services on Tuesday, September 3, 2024. Residents are now able to pay their bills via check, bank transfer, debit card, or credit card.

To find out more information and to sign-up, visit ow.ly/Jo9450TaHTH.



INTRODUCTION TO BIRDING
Saturday, September 21, 8 - 10 am

Buddy Attick Lake Park

Have you ever wanted to try birding but don't know where to begin? Join Environmental Coordinator Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll and the Greenbelt Park Rangers for an introductory tour around Greenbelt Lake. We will go over keys to bird identification, choosing and using binoculars, as well as using different mobile apps in the field.

To register, visit <https://ow.ly/eLoR50TkITM>.

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 **Advisory Committee on Trees, 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!

Beijing to Close after 30 Years

Beijing of Greenbelt has announced their final day of service will be Saturday, September 14. The Chinese restaurant has operated in Roosevelt Center for 30 years. "This decision was not an easy one to make," said managers in an announcement to the community. "Over the past three decades, we have been blessed to welcome countless patrons through our door, celebrate milestones and share in the joy of

good food and great company. Your loyalty and support have been the backbone of our success, and we are deeply grateful for the trust and patronage you've shown us."

With the termination of their current lease, the reduction in customers has convinced the owners to close. Not ready to retire, they have not decided on the next step in their path.



PHOTO BY ANNA BEDFORD-DILLOW

Beijing Restaurant in Roosevelt Center

Reel and Meal

Film Showed Reparations Efforts across the Country

by Nancy Joy Allchin

An audience of 50 gathered in the New Deal Café, with 43 more on Zoom, on August 19 for the Reel and Meal screening of *The Cost of Inheritance*, a documentary about reparations efforts in the United States. Annapolis-based reparations advocate Briayna Cuffie spoke after the film, joined by Lois Rosado, chair of the Greenbelt Reparations Commission, to answer questions. Cuffie is the co-founder of Reparations4Slavery, and appeared in the film speaking about her personal experiences with the racial healing organization *Coming to the Table*. "Reparations" has been defined as "a process of repairing, healing and restoring a people injured because of their group identity and in violation of their fundamental human rights."

Reparations are not only made with monetary compensation, Cuffie pointed out, but may be in the form of statements of apology, educational opportunities, land rights or just plain sharing of information. A friend from *Coming to the Table*, for instance, mentored Cuffie on the home-buying process, and now she owns her own condominium.

The *Cost of Inheritance* film focuses on the enduring effects of slavery in the United States and notes that while reparations for African Americans have never happened on a federal level, cities, institutions and individuals have stepped forward with reparative action. It explores the controversy surrounding reparations, details cases setting the groundwork and makes a case for all parties working together to solve the issue.

The film was hosted by the Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association (GILA) Reparations Education Task Force to support the work of the Greenbelt Reparations Commission, which was established by referendum after receiving a majority vote in the 2021 city election. The task



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The Cost of Inheritance

force, which grew out of a 2023 collaboration between GILA, the Baha'i Community and individuals, plans to continue their efforts with a monthly "coming to the table" dinner and conversation for the purpose of increasing friendship and understanding among people of diverse races and ethnicities in Greenbelt.

According to the Greenbelt Reparations Commission's May 2024 report to council, Greenbelt's commission is one of only 13 across the country. The 21-member commission is investigating historic injustices to Native Americans and African Americans within the city borders, and has begun its work with research into what has been done in other places nationally, focusing on policies and history in order to ultimately draft reparations proposals for council.

The GILA Reparations Education Task Force invites Greenbelters and their friends to register their interest in the monthly multicultural dinner and discussion initiative by emailing Jim Fischer at jfischer@verizon.net.



Election 2024

Register Now Through October 15 To Vote in November Election

by Joan Estenson

Tuesday, October 15 is the deadline for registering or changing a name or address on an existing registration in order to vote in the 2024 presidential election. Registrations must be received by the Prince George's County Board of Elections at 1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A, in Largo, no later than their closing time at 4:30 p.m.

Verify Registration

Anyone who wishes to verify that they are properly registered can either call the County Board of Elections at 301-341-7300 or look up their registration on the website of the Maryland State Board of Elections at elections.maryland.gov.

In addition to being a resident at the time of registration, an individual wishing to register to vote in Prince George's County must be a U.S. citizen and at least 18 years old by November 5.

How to Register

Registration may be done online, by mail or in person. For anyone holding a Maryland driver's license or a substitute Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA)-issued ID card, an easy way to register is on the state Board of Elections website using Maryland's Online Voter Registration System (OLVR). It requires submission of a name, date of birth and the last four digits of a social security number that match information already on file with the MVA. The signature on file at the MVA will then become the official voter registration signature. Anyone who has neither a valid Maryland driver's license nor a substitute MVA-issued ID card must complete a paper voter registration form and either mail it to the County Board of Elections or submit it in person at their office (see address above) by the deadline. This form cannot be faxed or emailed because it requires an original signature. Voter registration forms may be downloaded and printed from the State Board of Elections site.



PHOTO BY CAROL GRIFFITH

On Tuesday, September 10 Greenbelt Cinema hosted a free showing of the presidential candidate debate. The theater was nearly full with a lively and engaged crowd who made their political leanings known with cheers and jeers.

Individuals can also register to vote during early voting or on election day, at an early voting center or their election day polling place, with a document that proves where they live. Examples include an MVA-issued license, ID card, or change of address card, or paycheck, bank statement, utility bill, or other government document with their name and address.

Registration Changes

Registered Maryland voters are no longer required to reregister if they move to a new address within the state, even if they are crossing county lines. However, they must update their informa-

tion. Address or name updates can be made using the same methods listed above for registering: online using the OLVR system at the State Board of Elections site if one has a Maryland driver's license or MVA identification card; or using a voter registration form to be mailed to the County Board of Elections or submitted in person in Largo by the October 15 deadline.

The political parties currently recognized in Maryland are the Democratic, Republican, Libertarian, No Label and Green. There are also unaffiliated candidates on the ballot. Choosing no political party results in an unaffiliated registration.

Voters may choose to vote by mail, during early voting October 24 to October 31 or on Election Day.

Instructions to request a mail ballot, which may be requested by mail, fax or via the internet, will follow closer to Election Day.



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School News

Lure of the Unexpected Draws Book Lovers to the Festival

by Mark W. Sherman

Editor's Note: Due to a processing error only the start of this article appeared in last week's paper. Here it is for all to enjoy in its entirety.

For Calista Ausema, it was a chance to feed her interest in Russia and Eastern Europe. For Jason Delp, it was an opportunity to learn more about his wife's homeland. And for Sandra Flowe, it was a moment to pick up some items to homeschool her daughter.

Each was at the Labor Day used-book sale on Sunday, poring over boxes that seemed to beckon them personally.

Ausema was actually making sure she hadn't missed anything on Saturday, when she snagged a copy of *Crime and Punishment*, the 1866 Russian novel by Fyodor Dostoevsky, along with a 1991 volume on travel in the former Soviet Union.

"I've basically been coming my whole life," said the Greenbelt resident. "It's definitely gotten bigger, but in a lot of ways, it's remarkably the same – lots of big boxes of books."

Delp scored an uncorrected proof of *Modern Japanese Diaries*, in which various Japanese individuals describe their travels to China, Europe and the United States between 1860 and 1920.

The Rockville resident, who was at the sale with his wife, Saori Yanagiya, and their daughter, Mia, said he hoped to gain more insight into Japan, where he worked for four years for the U.S. Defense Department.

"I was always interested in the culture," he said. Japan is a very homogenous society, he said, and he marvels at how the values that guide it "haven't changed much in the past 100 years."

Flowe, a Greenbelt resident and first-time festivalgoer, found *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*, whose 10-year-old protagonist, Minli, is the same age as Flowe's daughter, Phoenix.

For herself, she grabbed *The Forgotten Garden*, by Kate Morton, in a bid to expand her reading repertoire. "I always gravitate towards personal development, autobiographies, but I always wanted to read more fiction," she said.

She also bought *Books Kids Will Sit Still For*, by Judy Freeman, for guidance on the next chapter of her parenting life. "It makes it a lot easier for me as a first-time homeschooler," she said, "so whoever donated this book, thank you very much."

Thanks also go to those who helped receive, sort and transport the books, according to Jessica O'Roark, president of the Greenbelt Elementary School PTA. In fact, she said, two of those people – a book coordinator and volunteer coordinator – are being paid for the first time in the event's 59-year history.

"It's a big endeavor, and we wanted to compensate people for their time," she said.

Other changes this year include using St. Hugh of Grenoble Church as a staging ground and



Melisa Yashinki, right, with her daughters Violet, left, and Amelia, center, work at the book sale in aid of the Greenbelt Elementary PTA.

PHOTO BY CHRISTINE DORAN

Greenbelt Elementary School PTA President Jessica O'Roark holds some of the items on hand at the Labor Day Festival book sale.



PHOTO BY MARK SHERMAN

raising the prices for the first night of the festival.

Even at twice the usual rate, O'Roark said, the Friday prices were still a bargain: \$4 for hardcovers and \$2 for paperbacks. And on Monday, as always, everything is free, although donations – of money, not books – are encouraged.

This year, O'Roark said, the leftovers will go to the Bowie Lions Club, The SPACE in Beltway Plaza and My Dead Aunt's Books in Hyattsville, which will consign the books for the PTA.

The book sale is the PTA's primary fundraiser and they use the funds for school needs throughout the year, for things like classroom and teacher sup-

plies, teacher and staff appreciation, and student enrichment programs such as field trips or hosting visiting teachers or artists.

Pairing people with books always involves a bit of serendipity, of course. After all, what are the chances that someone would want an out-of-date travel guide, a set of century-old diaries or a book about books?

But that's the magic of it, said Abigail Moore of Baltimore. For example, she said, one year a woman found her own childhood books, inscribed by her mother.

"You always find interesting things," said Moore, who grew up in Berwyn Heights. "You always find gems here."

Greenbelt Elementary School's Loss Of Teachers Matched by Hiring Boon

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) lost approximately a dozen teachers over the summer but, speaking with the News Review in the second week of class, Principal Joel Nelson says the school has no teacher vacancies and there is reason to be optimistic. That is thanks to more hiring and recruitment than there has been in the last 15 to 20 years, he said.

Teacher Turnover

The loss of teachers has to be put in perspective with a national loss, suggests Nelson. Nationwide, Covid played a role, though he suspects the pandemic's role was not too significant in Greenbelt. This summer he lost a couple of people due to the bell-time change, he says. The school's start time went from being a fairly late one of 9:15 a.m. with dismissal at 3:25 p.m., to a morning start of 8:30 a.m. and dismissal at 2:40 p.m. In addition, Nelson says he lost about 11 teachers due to retirement, promotions, lateral moves and resignations, all in one year. "We've lost some good people," he said, but the school has also brought in some good people and has "reason to be optimistic."

In fact GES has not only filled the teacher vacancies but is growing its staff. They filled a pre-K teacher position that had been open for a while (GES has 20 pre-K seats each year) and they're expanding their autism program. Where there used to be two teachers in that program there are now three, and they have added an additional fourth position for which they are planning to hire a new teacher.

Expanding Programs

Nelson highlighted the additions of a reading resource teacher, a math resource teacher and three English Language Department teachers instead of the expected two. They have also added a parent engagement assistant to connect with families over stu-

dents' needs, attendance or other areas and to bring engagement to marginalized populations who might need it. Where the school lost their part-time librarian (who was shared with another building) they've added a full-time media aid assistant.

Transportation

GES has eight buses. Nelson believes transportation is going rather well this year. "I think we have to exercise not so much grace, which we do, but patience," he reflected. The first day one bus arrived an hour and a half late, and though it's never pleasant, says Nelson, that was the first day. Excluding opening week, when folks are learning the routes and so forth, late buses have been 15-20 minutes late rather than an hour and a half, Nelson told the News Review. There's been one alleged case of a bus driver not picking up children and leaving them behind because there were too many, he reported. It's tricky, he reflected – it could be much improved and also could be a lot worse. "I've been around too long to say it's awful and too long to say it's great."

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Meetings of the GHI Board of Directors
on September 19, 2024

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

- Approval of Minutes of the Closed Meeting held on May 16, 2024
- Legal Matters
- Member Financial Matters

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

- Statement of Closed Meeting held on September 5, 2024
- Statement of Closed Meeting held on September 19, 2024
- Approval of Minutes of the Open Meeting held on May 16, 2024
- Approval of Construction at the Greenbelt Museum
- Fee Schedule Changes Recommendations
- Email Communication to Members
- Complaint Process Recommendations
- 2024 Strategic Action Plan Review and Confirmation
- YARDI Task Force
- Motion to Hold a Closed Meeting on October 3, 2024

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

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CITY COUNCIL PROCLAMATION
7 PM - GREENBELT MUNICIPAL BLDG
Proclamation by Greenbelt City Council of September as Peace Month

THE NUCLEAR WORLD
3-5 PM - COMMUNITY CENTER, RM 201
Talk by John Steinbach on the Impact of Arsenals from Israel to Ukraine and Beyond

PEACE AROUND THE WORLD
3-4 PM - COMMUNITY CENTER, RM 202
Multiple Greenbelt Groups Cosponsor a Celebration on International Day of Peace

POLLUTION AND MILITARISM
2-4 PM - COMMUNITY CENTER, RM 201
Talk by Miriam Pemberton on Why We Need to Fight Both Together

The Beauty of Sitting Still: Lessons at Greenbelt Lake

by Kyla Hanington

Once I asked photographer and former Greenbelt resident Graeme Simpson how he took such incredible pictures, aside from skill, talent and years of experience. “I sit,” he said. “Sit for hours.”

I thought of this Saturday morning. Sitting is 100 percent inside my skillset. I decided to head down to Greenbelt Lake with my camera and my incredible capacity for sitting and see what happened. I didn’t have a lot of optimism I’d see much – after all, it was nearly 10 a.m., practically mid-day, well past the dawn activity hours of so many animals. “But who knows,” I said to Daniel. “You can’t win if you don’t play.”

We sat on a bench on the peninsula. Almost immediately a great blue heron flew in. “Ha,” I said, as though it had not been me who was pessimistic about wildlife viewing. Daniel does not have quite the same capacity for sitting for hours that I have, so after about 15 minutes of watching the heron do absolutely nothing, he left me perched on a rock at the end of the peninsula and walked around the lake.

I watched the heron catch a fish and then another. To watch the heron meant missing the drama of the turtles just in front of me; to focus on the turtles meant missing the drama of the heron; to focus on either meant miss-



An eastern painted turtle basks in the sun.

PHOTO BY KYLA HANINGTON

ing the drama of the hundreds of blue dragonflies darting among the waterlilies and, at times, flying circles to scoop at the water. To focus on any of those things meant ignoring, at my peril, the basic truth that I am a 50-year-old woman with arthritis, and at some point I am going to have to get back up off the ground. Daniel returned and I learned that focusing on the heron and turtles and the dragonflies and the lilies on this side of the peninsula meant missing the green heron on that side of the peninsula.

To sit meant to discover there was something wonderful and interesting to see in any direction. It required sitting, and being

still, and watching and listening. It meant being out of my house and, most importantly, off of my phone. It meant risking being bored.

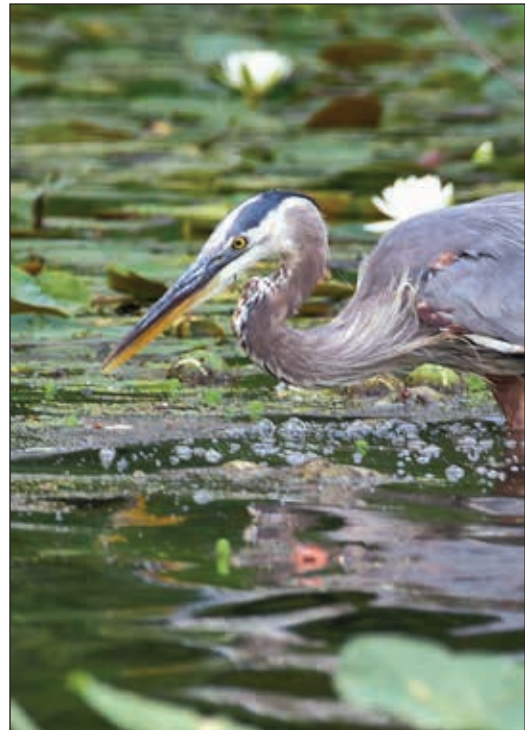
“To sit and take in what is right in front of us,” Daniel said, reflecting on our morning later, “doesn’t require effort or ability or money ... all of these gifts are right in front of us – or behind us! – if we just pause.”

Pause.



A green heron spotted by Daniel Hamlin

PHOTO BY DANIEL R. HAMLIN



A great blue heron hunts at Greenbelt Lake.

PHOTO BY KYLA HANINGTON

Greenbelt Community Foundation



Fall 2024 Grant Cycle Deadline October 15

This may be the last grant cycle for the GCF*, so if you’ve been thinking about applying for a grant, don’t put it off any longer. There will be a Zoom-based grant workshop session on Tuesday, September 24, at 7 pm. If you want to participate, RSVP to greenbeltcommunityfoundation@gmail.com Visit <https://greenbeltfoundation.org/> for more information.

* Come 2025, unless something changes, there will no longer be enough board members for the GCF to operate. If you’d like to help change that and join us (in the immortal words of Charles Schulz) as being great philanthropists with other people’s money, contact us at greenbeltcommunityfoundation@gmail.com

Rising Stars Light Up Stage, Put Their Hearts in Their Art

by Michael Cooney

Rising Stars Showcase Winners

- First: Phonophobia
- Second: Justice Jay
- Third: Adelina Forster
- Fourth: Maevie the Songbird
- Fifth: Vanesseka Brazier

The Sunday of Labor Day weekend was hot and humid, but it did not dampen the spirits of those who took the stage at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Rising Stars Showcase. A talent show has been a recurring act on the Festival stage. The Showcase, a juried talent show with cash prizes, was this year's offering.

The show began when local musician and emcee Michael McTrouserspants took the stage as host, decked out in a rainbow suit, cowboy hat and pink tennis shoes. The crowd reflected his enthusiasm by cheering, supporting and celebrating each act as the artists gave their best.

Artists who take the stage and share a part of their heart (for that's what art is) in front of an audience of strangers are truly courageous. The audience was as generous as the artists were brave. Unstinting with their applause and cheers, the crowd at the Rising Stars Showcase was a wonderful part of the whole afternoon.

Young children all the way to older adults offered dance, song, music and more on the Festival stage. Music spanned the genres of rock 'n' roll, folk, funk, R&B, soul and traditional Irish to bring delight to all in attendance.

The jurors, all Greenbelters, had much work to do choosing the top five acts. Greg Rusk, Allison Gary, Debbie Ashpes and past Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen Shaymar Higgs diligently worked their evaluation forms, collaborated and came up with the winners.

Vanesseka Brazier took fifth place with her magnificent rendition of The Greatest Love of All as performed by Whitney Houston. Fourth place was taken by Greenbelt's own Maevie the Songbird, singing traditional Celtic songs with a bit of dancing. In third place was Adelina Forster, a student of Greenbelt's Dance Studio, who performed a ballet piece that easily captured everyone's hearts. Greenbelt's own Justice Jay performed a song that handily took second place and then she announced that her own album had just been released the day before.

A while ago, a group of students at Eleanor Roosevelt High School started getting together to play music. When their group, Phonophobia, took the stage, they swept up everyone in a charismatic, high-energy rock & roll performance that left no question as to who would finish in first place.

This incredible afternoon would not have been possible if not for the tireless volunteers supporting all aspects of the show. Special thanks go to the sound and tech volunteers, Scott Stark, Frank Kaiser and Matt Severson.



Phonophobia: From left, Braeden Keffer (guitar), Jason Gallardo (bass), Gus McComb (drums) and Grayson Hough (vocals).

PHOTO COURTESY LABOR DAY FESTIVAL



Rising Stars winner: Phonophobia. From left, Jason Gallardo (bass), Grayson Hough (vocals), Braeden Keffer (guitar). Not pictured, Gus McComb (drums)

PHOTO BY JON GARDNER



The News Review goes to the talent show. The singer is Vanesseka Brazier, who won fifth place in the Rising Stars Showcase at the Labor Day Festival.

PHOTO BY JEFFREY ALLEN JONES

Photo Community Favorites



First place in its category and also the community favorite: Legacy by Erica Banner



Skylar Leisnham's kitten photo Meow? wins second place in the community favorites at the Photo Show.



This frog captured by Mary Murchison-Edwards at the Pond in Schrom Hills Park wins third place in the community favorites.



Fourth place winner in the community favorites: Heron at Greenbelt Lake by Missy Priest

- Photos courtesy the Labor Day Festival



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Modeling and Simulation Branch there. From 1987 to 1997, Eugenia was director of the Environmental Modeling Center of the National Center for Environmental Prediction, National Weather Service, and oversaw the NCEP/NCAR reanalysis project and numerous other projects in data assimilation and ensemble forecasting. After leaving NCEP, Eugenia held the Robert E. Lowry Chair of the School of Meteorology at the University of Oklahoma. In 2002, she joined the Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Science at the University of Maryland, College Park, where she served as department chair and was selected as the first Eugenia Brin Endowed Professor in Data Assimilation.

Eugenia described her beginnings and early scientific life in her “maniac” talk given at Goddard in March 2015. (Watch at <https://earth-gsfc.nasa.gov/maniac/kalney>). As she was known especially for her humility and humor, the title of her talk was “Sheer Luck: How I managed to stumble my way through a fantastic scientific career.” The story of her flight from what was then a repressive military regime in Argentina and arrival at MIT is riveting. She lost friends and acquaintances in this time in which many people were “disappeared” in Argentina. Later she returned many times to give lectures and teach courses in Argentina.

Among her many awards, Eugenia received the 2024 Jagdish Shukla Award from the American Meteorological Society (AMS), the 2019 Roger Revelle Medal from the American Geophysical Union, the 2015 Joanne Simpson Mentorship Award from the AMS, the 2009 International Meteorological Organization Prize from the World Meteorological Organization, the 1995 Jule Charney Award from the AMS and the 1981 NASA Gold Medal for Scientific Achievement.

Eugenia was a fellow of the American Geophysical Union, the AMS, the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. She was a member of the National Academy of Engineering, a foreign member of the Academia Europaea and a member of the Argentine National Academy of Physical Sciences.

Eugenia often could be seen walking briskly around Greenbelt Lake or riding her bike to get groceries from the Co-op. She was a longtime peace and social justice activist, beginning while still a student in Argentina. She maintained an amazing schedule of professional work, but she found time to volunteer in the



From left, Malise Dick, Jorge Rivas and Eugenia Kalnay in 2006

- Photos by Robert Cahalan



Eugenia Kalnay tutors a young student in 2007.

community, like tutoring first-generation immigrant youth in Langley Park. Sometimes she joined CHEARS volunteers in cleaning up the lake in Buddy Attick Park, using canoes kept behind her house. She often traveled in the U.S.A. and abroad with her son Jorge and her second husband, Malise Dick, who died in 2007.

We will long remember Eugenia’s warmth, humor, humility and frequent expressions of gratitude. She was always there to encourage us, no matter how crazy our ideas were or how

difficult to implement. Whether with students, colleagues or neighbors, she always helped to bring out the best in us and encouraged us to “keep on keeping on” even when times were hard. We feel very lucky to have met her and to have been her friend and neighbor for so many years. She inspires us all to “Carry It On” as best we can. Two of her favorite responses were “Wow!” and “That’s great!” As we reflect on her life, those words certainly describe Eugenia Kalnay.

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DEIS, have begun. Earlier in 2024, the FRA stated the following:

“The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) are reaching out regarding the proposed Baltimore-Washington Superconducting Maglev (SCMAGLEV) Project. The [National Environmental Policy Act] NEPA process for this project has been on pause on the Federal Permitting Dashboard since August 2021. FRA and MDOT had been working through financial issues associated with the grant over the past few years. FRA and MDOT have worked through those issues and now can resume working to review project elements, consider agency comments and determine potential next steps of the environmental review process. We are focusing our initial outreach to a select number of federal agencies that have property that will be directly impacted by the SCMAGLEV Project.”

Closed-door discussions about the project and its potential environmental impacts on our community are taking place among NASA Goddard, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, the U.S. Secret Service, the National Security Agency, Fort Meade Army Base, the U.S. Department of Energy, the Maryland Department of the Environment and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

We believe the public should

be privy to what is being said. Contact your local elected officials and the FRA and MDOT and tell them we want transparency about the actual status and activities of the SCMAGLEV project.

Go to MCRT-action.org for more information. Contact us at mcrtaaction@gmail.com.

Kathy Bartolomeo,
Board Secretary
Maryland Coalition for Responsible Transit

Beijing’s Last Hurrah

It’s with a sad heart to hear that our long-lived neighborhood restaurant will be closing this weekend. Since the 1980s it has served up more than a few holiday eve dinners. Since ’93 I’ve been enjoying my shared flaming volcanos with whatever I decided to eat that night. Join me this Thursday night if you care to have dinner one last time. I’ll be in front of the fish tank, my usual spot counting fish. David and Zhen deserve a great last hurrah – thank you two for such a warm welcome every time and best of luck to you both!

Peter May

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Largo and they had to take me straight to trauma because ... once they took the tourniquets off they couldn't stop it from bleeding," said Edmonds, who also said when doctors removed the tourniquets at the hospital his blood began shooting back up. It took an hour or so to stitch and staple his wounds in the trauma department, he said. After they stitched him up they told him that without the tourniquet put in place by Forney he wouldn't have made it to the hospital alive. "You'd have died in that parking lot'. ... They say, 'waiting on the ambulance, you'd have never made it,' but he put that tourniquet on there just in time, 'cause I had lost consciousness, my mouth was dry, my clothes were soaking wet," Edmonds recalls. "[Officer Forney said.] 'It's going to hurt, man, but I'm gonna save your life.' And he did. He saved my life and I'm glad to be here today."

Greenbelt Police Department didn't have information about the response time of the ambulance nor which fire department responded to the EMS call.

After he was released from the hospital, Edmonds called Bowers, looking for the officer who had saved his life to thank him. Edmonds lives on Good Luck Road and every day since he's kept an eye out for the officer who saved his life: "Every Greenbelt police car I see, I'm looking for Officer Forney." The Lifesaving Award ceremony was Edmonds' first chance to see Forney since he saved him. "I'm just so happy to see this guy today," said Edmonds.

All Greenbelt police officers are trained in lifesaving first aid. They go through an annual in-service refresher course for dealing with trauma like gunshot wounds, stabbings or cuttings and carry trauma kits in their cars, said Public Information Officer Ricardo Dennis.

Part of Edmonds' hand is still numb and he can't make a full fist. Complete recovery will take a while, he's been told. "I'm healing and I'm good," he said, following the ceremony. "I'm just so glad and thankful for [Officer Forney]," reiterated Edmonds.

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need training. Public Information Director Alan Doubleday did not return calls from the Greenbelt News Review to enquire how this funding for the training academy might impact the 30-week timeline or help with the firefighter shortage in the county.

The federal money awarded is provided through the Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program with funds from Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 annual appropriations. The lawmakers additionally worked to reauthorize the AFG program through FY 2028 within the Fire Grants and Safety Act

of 2023, which passed Congress and was signed into law earlier this year.

Speaking with the News Review in June, Doubleday said the temporary summer plan would be re-evaluated in September. The City of Greenbelt and the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad are hosting a town hall at the firehouse, 125 Crescent Road, at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 12. Chief Green has been invited to attend.

Federal award information in this article is drawn from a press release from Senator Chris Van Hollen.

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Have you written a poem that lends itself to interpretation in a painting or drawing? Have you created a painting or drawing that would inspire a poet to write a companion piece? This might be the show for you!

We are seeking 15 artists and 15 poets to create pieces for this show.

Here's how it works: poets and artists interested in participating submit a poem or a drawing or painting. We'll select 15 poems and 15 paintings or drawings from the submissions. Each poem will be assigned to a visual artist and each piece of visual art will be assigned to a poet for creation of a new piece in response. Identities of the poets and artists will be secret until the show is hung.

Please send submissions to julieawinters@verizon.net by Sunday, September 22. Poems should be sent as Word documents or Google documents if possible. For visual art, please send a good-quality photograph of the piece, along with title, dimensions, and description (mixed media, watercolor, pencil, etc.). Participants will receive confirmation of selection and assignment of pieces for creation of response art/poetry by September 29; the deadline for the new pieces is October 27.

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Police Blotter

Incidents reported here occurred September 2-8, 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. Times provided are when the incidents were reported.

Greenbelt Police Department reported two domestic incidents, one involving a weapon, and two mental health diversions, one involving suicide. A missing person with mental health concerns returned on their own, unharmed. An elderly neighbor was heard yelling for help; officers entered her home and found she had fallen and injured herself, and took her to a nearby hospital.

Fight

On September 8 at 6:55 p.m. near 7825 Mandan Road, a girl went to a residence to fight another juvenile. During the argument, an adult was sprayed with Mace, and the suspects fled.

DUI

On September 6 at 11:45 p.m. near Kenilworth Avenue and the Beltway, a vehicle was stopped for driving abnormally. The driver was intoxicated and was arrested for DUI.

Fraud

On September 3 near 26 Ridge Road, someone sent emails from a woman's account to scam her friends; near 5809 Cherrywood Lane, fraudulent activity appeared on a woman's bank statements.

On September 5 near 6986 Hanover Parkway, someone purchased a car online and was unable to register it because the odometer was not accurate.

Theft

On September 2 at 11:46 a.m. near 5707 Cherrywood Lane, a shirtless man stole two beers from a store.

On September 3 near 110 Greenhill Road, a red Schwinn Meridian tricycle was stolen from outside the home.

On September 3 at 11:47 a.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, officers observed a stolen white Hyundai pull into a store parking lot. The occupant was known to police from previous encounters. The passenger entered a store and stole merchandise. He was taken into custody and will be charged.

On September 5 at 10:14 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, three men entered a store with bags, filled them with merchandise and left without paying.

On September 7 at 3:32 p.m. near 7595 Greenbelt Road, a woman who had stolen items

from a store was located at the bus stop. Officers banned her from the property.

On September 8 at 7:13 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, two women and one man filled two bags with merchandise before fleeing in a black vehicle.

**Vehicle Crimes
Stolen Vehicles**

Four cars were stolen: September 3 near 6005 Cherrywood Court, a black 2020 Infiniti Q50 (Md. 4FF7372); September 5 near 6150 Springhill Terrace, a Honda CRV (Md. 8FG4615); September 6 near 9168 Edmonston Road, a blue 2011 Acura TL (Md. 6EG7423); and September 7 near 6000 Springhill Drive, a white 2011 Chevy Impala (N.C. VCS3091).

On September 8 at 9:45 p.m. near 6100 Cherrywood Lane, a scooter was stolen from the Planet Fitness parking lot.

Stolen Vehicles Located

On September 2 near 7800 Good Luck Road, a vehicle reported stolen was recovered in D.C.

On September 4 near 7704 Hanover Parkway, officers located a vehicle stolen from elsewhere in Prince George's County.

On September 4 near 155 Westway, a vehicle was on fire. It had previously been involved in an armed carjacking in the county. The armed carjacking unit responded to the scene to take over the case.

Attempted Theft of Vehicle

On September 5 near 7812 Hanover Parkway, a 2013 Hyundai Accent had a broken window and ignition damage.

Theft from Auto

On September 4, wheels were stolen from a Toyota near 9125 Springhill Lane and from a vehicle near 7726 Hanover Parkway. Near Hanover Parkway and Ora Glen Drive, the door of a construction vehicle was stolen.

On September 5 near 5907 Cherrywood Lane, a vehicle window was broken. The airbag and radio had been stolen.

On September 7 near 7548 Mandan Road, fraudulent charges were made on credit cards stolen from an unlocked vehicle.

Vandalism to Auto

On September 2 near 8017 Mandan Road, someone shattered a car sunroof.

On September 5 near 9314 Edmonston Road, a side window was broken.



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and came close to a solution. A change in WSSC leadership then derailed any potential agreement but he plans to renew talks with WSSC.

Stormwater Drains

In the stormwater system underlying the city, the city owns the main pipes and GHI is responsible for the lateral pipes. There have been failures in this system and GHI wanted to know the status of the conveyance of the storm drain easements to the county. In addition, GHI wanted to know the status of the memorandum of understanding with the city on what to do when both a main and lateral pipe fail and who would be responsible for repairs.

Jordan said that the city did convey some drain easements to the county but some were not accepted and most of those are in historic Greenbelt. As a pilot project, the city has asked Charles P. Johnson & Associates (CPJ) an engineering firm, to draft an easement agreement for an area near Woodland Way but that has been delayed due to pipe location, mapping and other issues. City staff plan to meet with CPJ to get this project back online.

City Manager Josué Salmerón said that it was regrettable that there was an agreement but the proper paperwork was not filed so the county did not take possession of the drain system and easements. Now the stormwater drains do not meet the design standards set by the county because they are too small.

Councilmember Kristen Weaver asked about federal funding opportunities. Salmerón replied that there is funding available for storm drainage systems and the replacement of lead pipes. He also added that most of these opportunities require a match.

McKinley mentioned that there is a technical assistance grant from the Environmental Protection Agency that does not require a match.

Pathway Lights

The GHI board wanted to know if funds had been allocated to install lights along the pathway between Courts 11 and 13 of Ridge Road. Residents of the courts are in favor of the lights and the estimated cost is about \$35K, however, Jordan said there are no funds for the project in this year's budget.

Former councilmember Judith Davis felt that this issue has been discussed for a long time and urged the council to hold a worksession on the project. Councilmember Silke Pope expressed the same sentiment and reiterated that it is a safety issue. She also believed that perhaps American Rescue Plan Act funds could be used to cover the costs and supported scheduling a worksession. Jordan concurred and asked staff to schedule a meeting.

Cellphone Service

There are sections of Greenbelt that are cellphone dead spots to the extent that for some residents making a 911 call via a cellphone is impossible. The GHI Board wanted to know what it could do to assist the city in trying to resolve this issue.

Salmerón suggested that improving service may come from users complaining to their provider and from the city changing its own cellphone provider because coverage is poor with the current company.

Davis provided some historical context by reminding the council that in the past when new cellphone towers were proposed for construction too many residents objected. Small cell is an option but there is a time set by state law for installation of towers. Weaver suggested that the city be proactive by having a plan in place so that when a company proposes building a tower the city can act quickly on the application.

Historical Records

There are historically important records kept by GHI that need to be organized, stored correctly to ensure preservation and made available to the public. GHI believes that some of these documents are unique but it does not have archiving expertise so it would like to have these materials transferred to the Greenbelt Museum.

Megan Searing Young, Greenbelt Museum director, said the museum could take some of the GHI material and that grants are available for archiving projects. In addition, more room may be available after the planned construction project is completed.

Museum Parking Concerns

The Greenbelt Museum is planning renovation of an addition to its building. Nearby neighbors are concerned that afterwards, with an increase in

visitors to the museum, parking would become more limited along Westway. Jordan asked when this project might begin. Young replied that they hope to get GHI approval and then county approval but she was hesitant to give a date for the start of construction. They are also raising funds for the project.

The council discussed various solutions perhaps by encouraging visitors to park behind the library and walk to the museum or limiting parking along Westway to residents. Although it was not resolved during this meeting the council appeared committed to finding a solution.

Better Bus Plan

The GHI Board expressed concerns regarding the Better Bus Plan of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). Discussion mentioned that changing bus routes to go along Westway would negatively affect seniors' and disabled persons' access to the bus and that buses running along Westway, which lacks a sidewalk, present liability, create noise pollution and reduce quality of life for Westway residents.

Jordan assured the GHI board that these concerns have been noted and would be put forth to WMATA as opportunities arise.

Fire and EMS Services

The GHI Board is very concerned about the Fire and EMS services in Greenbelt and wanted to learn more. Jordan said they are working with Berwyn Heights and others to find a resolution and to understand the reasoning behind the decision to reduce services.

He added that the best way for GHI to assist would be to have its members attend the public meeting scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 12 at the Greenbelt Fire Department (125 Crescent Road).

Cyclists, Save the Date For GHI Fall Social

Cyclists, mark those calendars: on Saturday, October 19 from 1 to 3 p.m., the GHI Bicycle Committee will hold its annual Fall Social at the GHI Building on Hamilton Place. Presentations will include a basic bicycle safety check and tips for backpacking with a bicycle. More details to follow.

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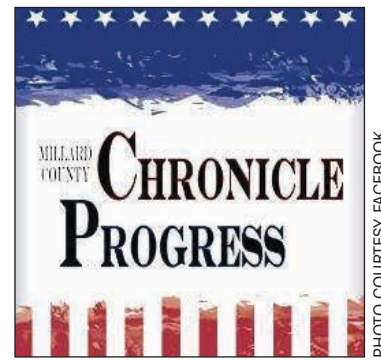
use of the term "blackmail" in the meeting was not slander, just as its use in the newspaper was not libel.

Winning, however, came at a cost. The stress of the five-year span of the case, Williamson believes, seriously undermined the health of then editor Al Skolnik and undoubtedly heaped pressure and anxiety on all the paper's staff. And, of course, its survival was at risk. Had Bresler's suit been successful, nobody would be reading this article today.

Fast Forward 60 Years

Informal contact with our fellow-small-town newspaper indicated that their counsel did indeed cite the News Review precedent during the current oral argument phase of the case – and now they have a link in hand to the News Review article that reported on the eventual decision and which contains its full text. And perhaps some small measure of comfort in knowing that we're still doggedly here.

The News Review, at a significant annual cost, now has libel



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insurance that would hopefully cover the cost of litigation (and likely the Chronicle Progress does too) – but the price in human stress and anxiety would still have to be enormous.

You can read the judgment at greenbeltnewsreview.com/issues/GNR19700521.pdf.

Updates on the Chronicle Progress case will be made available as received. And as Editor Williamson commented recently, "Freedom of the press is always at risk."




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Out and About at the Labor Day Festival



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Festivalgoers write messages to the Universe, to the Earth and to the Labor Day Festival next to the stage on Sunday.



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Festivalgoers big and small enjoy the carousel.



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Even the smallest attendees enjoy the music at the Festival.

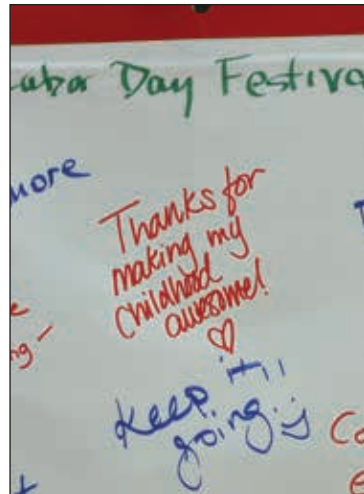


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Some of the messages to the Labor Day Festival, next to the stage on Sunday.



PHOTO BY ANNA BEDFORD-DILLOW

County Executive Angela Alsobrooks, who is running against Larry Hogan for a U.S. Senate seat this fall, greets children along the parade route on Labor Day.



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Ali Atwi, 6, watches his sister, Aline Atwi, 8, trying out the typewriter at the Greenbelt News Review booth at the Labor Day Festival's Information Day, Saturday, August 31.



City Notes

City departments reported supporting many facets of the Labor Day Festival.

The City Manager hosted a city managers' lunch meeting with College Park, New Carrollton and Berwyn Heights.

Planning & Community Development submitted a Program Open Space Development application for the pool deck project.

The Police Department held the Lifesaving Award ceremony for Officer Forney and administered the oath of office to new police officers.

Human Resources prepared to onboard the new Economic Development Manager.

Recreation monitored progress of the Springhill Lake Recreation Center play area renovation.

At the Community Center, 637 guests visited the Art Gallery over Labor Day Weekend, where the current exhibition features experimental fashion by Cassidy English and paintings by Cindy Mehr. The exhibition continues into October.

Therapeutic Recreation finalized details for Active Aging Week 2024 and facilitated a Senior Globetrotting trip to the Prince George's County Recycling Facility.

The Museum is supporting the Reparations Commission with historical research, correspondence, administrative support, scheduling, monitoring email, attending executive committee meetings and working with Public Information on the Commission's website, which launched on August 30. In discussion with city council and GHI, the Museum welcomed the opportunity to archive GHI's historical records if they decide to rehome them. Separately, discussion occurred about GHI members' parking concerns regarding the 10-A Crescent renovation.

Park Rangers and Public Works responded to dangerous conditions in the Animal Shelter, where malfunctioning air conditioning caused interior temperatures over 90 degrees. Public Works installed a temporary AC unit and rangers cared for the animals. The shelter has five dogs, four adult cats and one kitten.

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Raiders Beat Mustangs in ERHS Season Opening for Girls Soccer

by Patrick Gleason

On Monday, September 9, sophomore Julia Visnic of the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Raiders soccer team tallied three goals and an assist in the 6-0 season-opening victory over the Bladensburg Mustangs, followed by an 8-0 triumph for the varsity squad.

Visnic's classmates Treasure Wogu and Alima Kargbo both added a goal and an assist, while freshman Karin Richie completed the scoring after tapping in a throw-in from newcomer Abrianna Wilson. The junior varsity controlled the game from start to finish as goalkeeper Zeala Tantoh never sniffed danger en route to a clean sheet.

Varsity

Varsity built on the momentum with a quick goal from senior Jada Savage, assisted by sophomore midfielder Gabrielle Johnson, who also tallied her own goal in the dominant varsity victory. Senior Gabriella Martinez had the night's best assist after winning a ball on the endline and finding junior Autumn Freeman at the top of the box for a well-placed onetime shot past the Bladensburg



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Senior Nikki Lilja guides the Raiders from goal and as a team captain.

keeper. Senior Arianna Casalini and junior Yadira Reyes Carranza also scored their first varsity goals in a game where the Raiders controlled possession from start to finish.

The season continues with a varsity home contest against Parkdale on Thursday, Septem-

ber 12 at 4 p.m. and a JV game against Brookwood School on Friday, September 13 at 5 p.m.

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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.

See Join or Die At Greenbelt Cinema

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The Labor Day Festival Pet Show: An Event for Critters of All Kinds

by Eliana Young-Wilson

On August 31, the Saturday of Labor Day weekend, the Children and Teen Pet Show was held on the lawn in front of the Greenbelt Library and Community Center. It was hosted by Girl Scout Troop 23007. They were extremely kind and put a small pen there for smaller animals like guinea pigs to be in so they wouldn't get lost.

From dogs, a cat and guinea pigs, to a gecko, bearded dragon, turtle and even more animals, the citizens of Greenbelt got to experience the joy of animals, as did the animals themselves. Dogs got to meet other dogs, and the same with the guinea pigs. They got to mingle for a bit, and then the real fun began.

The Girl Scouts called the name of each pet, and the animals and their owners came up and showed off their amazing buddies. Each animal was unique, doing spins and jumps and even taking naps at times, so cute. After that, every single person and animal got a special award.

Cat in the Hat? What about Cat in a Backpack? And that shy house gecko found in the basement? Even they have amazing talents. Corgis and Red Eared Sliders alike got to show off their gifts, making the Greenbelt Labor Day Pet Show an extraordinary and pet-tastic event.

Eliana Young-Wilson is a 12-year-old Greenbelter and animal lover writing for the News Review.



Scouts Sadie Young and Felix Holden meet one of the canine entrants in the show.



Lirael holds her baby gecko. Also pictured are her younger brother Nevin and scouts (from left) Anna Grim, Brooklyn Scott and Emerson Gary.

- Photos by Alison Gary



Ryan and his gecko, pictured with girl scouts Brooklyn Scott, Sadie Young and Kira Wilkinson.

Pets Shine at Labor Day Festival "Special" Pet Show

by Holly Wheeler

An overcast morning didn't keep Greenbelt's pets and their human companions from attending the Labor Day Festival's Children and Teen Pet Show on August 31. Girl Scouts Sadie Young, Kira Wilkinson, Lien

Gareri, Anna Grim, Felix Holden, Maggie York, Brooklyn Scott and Emerson Gary from Troop 23007 welcomed 68 participants and 19 pets. Each pet's companion shared with the audience what

makes their pet special and all pets received an award, from Most Energetic to Happiest To Be Here. See the accompanying list for all participating pets and congratulations to all the winners.

Pet Name	Pet Type	Winning Category	Owner/Companion
Mimmsy	Guinea pig	Chunkiest	Nickel family
Houdini	Guinea pig	Coolest Name	Nickel family
Pippy	Baby gecko	Smallest	Lirael
Momo	Dog	Best Hair	Lirael
Jasmine	Dog	Track Star	Marie
Blazer	Dog	Prettiest Smile	Gabby
Big Boi	Guinea pig	Honk Shoo (Sleepiest)	Aeryn
Idun	Guinea pig	Most Curious	Aeryn
Sofie	Dog	Most Energetic	Dmitri
Snuggles	Dog	Sweetest	Olivia
Nemo	Gecko	Most Vigilant	Ryan
Oreo	Guinea pig	The Chomper	Maya
Topaz	Guinea pig	Ankle Biter	Maya
Rose	Dog	Old Soul	Nickel family
Michelangelo	Turtle	Michaelangelo Phelps (Best Swimmer)	Nickel family
Hildy	Dog	Happiest To Be Here	McGaycken family
Tango Donut	Cat	Sweetest Ride	Skylar
Mango	Dog	Most Magical	Grace Shipps
Higgins	Dog	Most Extroverted	Withheld at owner's request



Scouts Maggie York, Anna Grim (obscured) and Lien Gareri interview Grace, with her dog, Mango.

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