

Springhill Lake Classes Tie Wildlife and Crafts Together

by Melissa Sites

Building nests, examining oak leaves and fox dens, constructing realistic models of cicadas and dragonflies – students at Springhill Lake Elementary are making fun art projects with the help of innovative online programming, provided by Greenbelt Recreation in partnership with local environmental groups Greenbelt Biota, CHEARS (Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society) and Ikumi Kayama, an award-winning scientific illustrator. With support from the Prince George’s Arts and Humanities Council and the Mary Geiger Scholarship fund, Greenbelt Recreation has provided online instruction this



Breanna shows her cicada puppet during a Zoom art class.

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year and last after a decade of in-person after-school classes. Six different projects are currently offered in four different sessions, reaching about 80 students who have signed up to take part. Elizabeth Gardner produced the instructional videos and, along with Adam Campanile, runs weekly Zoom sessions where the

students share their work and do additional drawing projects. “The kids make their own projects after watching an instructional video,” stated Anne Gardner, arts education specialist for Greenbelt Recreation. Gardner went on to say, “We deliver a bag

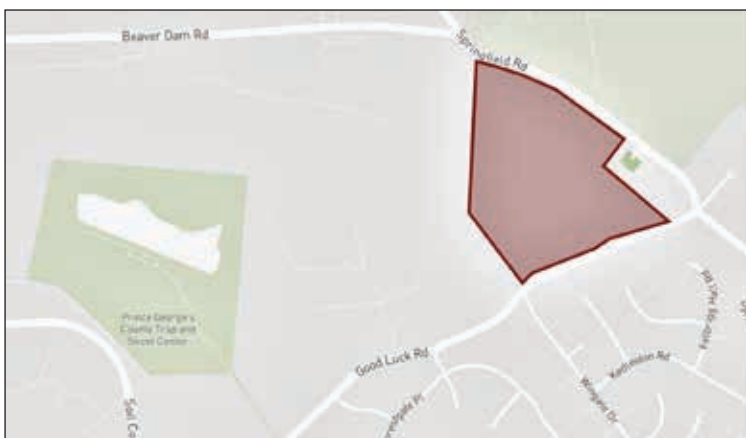
of arts supplies with everything they need to do the projects, such as model magic, construction paper, markers and crayons. The videos are available for anyone at the school to watch and they have had over 400 views so far. A parent came onto the last

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Goddard to Shrink Its Campus Patuxent Refuge May Grow

by Amy Hansen

NASA Goddard Space Flight Center should sell its unused land to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, instead of selling it to a developer. This is the December 27, 2021, recommendation from the Public Building Reform Board (PBRB) which oversees the disposal (sale or transfer) of federal assets as per the Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act (FASTA) of 2016.



The map shows the location of the parcel in Goddard campus called Area 400.

PHOTO COURTESY PBRB

acre primarily flat wooded tract off the main campus and bordered by Springfield Road. The land is currently zoned R-O-S or Reserved for Open Space. None of Goddard’s campus is within

the city limits of Greenbelt. The report says, “The Board recommends the transfer at fair market value of all or a portion of the Property from NASA to the Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) under FASTA authority. The FWS

has expressed interest in acquiring the property or a portion of the property for expansion of the nearby Refuge but has indicated

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Council Passes Police Reform Resolution

After many months of work, the Greenbelt City Council unanimously approved the resolution to modify the police general orders during its January 10 meeting. The first 22 modifications of the legislation were approved. These modifications include defining the term of de-escalation, requiring police to identify themselves loudly and clearly if they are forcibly entering a premises, and modifying the general orders to prohibit officers from preventing civilians from recording police-civilian interactions so long as the person recording is acting lawfully and safely.

Another nine modifications were tabled for further discussion.

After the vote, Mayor Emmett Jordan said, “To my colleagues, thank you very much for what we have done. We have more work to do.”

What Goes On

Monday, January 17
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day:
City Offices Closed
Wednesday, January 19
8 p.m. City Council Worksession:
Roosevelt Center Merchants Association

All meetings are virtual. See the meetings calendar at greenbeltmd.gov for agendas and information on public participation in these meetings.

City to Consult on Priorities For Rescue Funds Allocation

by Matthew Arbach

The city has commenced its community engagement program on the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, with the goal of soliciting ideas from all the city’s residents and groups in an effort to use the funds in the most strategic and necessary ways. On December 20, 2021, city staff and Michelle Ferguson, vice president of Raftelis, the city’s consulting group, presented a draft community engagement plan outlining eligible uses, stakeholders to be targeted and effective communication avenues. All this is in order for the city to ascertain specific needs for this financial opportunity where federal

relief funds have been disbursed directly to a municipality to use as it sees fit, according to approved criteria.

Greenbelt’s Share

ARPA was signed into law on March 11, 2021, and allocated \$362 billion in total. In all, Greenbelt will receive \$22.88 million, half of which has been allocated, with the second half due

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Breaking News

County schools bring in new weekly testing requirement. See story, page 6.

Co-op Distributes Generous Member Patronage Refunds

by Johanna Goderre Jones

The Greenbelt Consumer Co-operative, Roosevelt Center’s Co-op grocery store, had such a profitable year that members received cash back for a portion of their purchases for the first time in seven years. To save on postage and because some members have moved since 2014, refund vouchers were initially distributed to delighted members from a table in the store on December 10 to 21 in two- to four-hour shifts. Co-op staff and volunteer members of the Board of Directors talked with Co-op members, updated their contact information and had a chance to chat with

members about the store. Board President Bill Jones said, “We wanted to connect with members during this difficult time. Giving people unexpected money is a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon!”

Preparing 2,394 vouchers was a Herculean effort. First, Co-op staff, led by Assistant Manager Dave Brinks, closed the books on the fiscal year ending July 31, 2021, and calculated annual profits. Next, the store’s auditors reviewed the Co-op’s financial records and generated a Reviewed

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James Rice (12) shoots over a defender in the Eleanor Roosevelt vs. DeMatha matchup on Wednesday, December 8. See story, page 11.

PHOTO BY ALEXIS ESPARZA-MEDINA

Letters to the Editor

Support Land Transfer To Patuxent Refuge

Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt no longer needs a 105-acre tract of forested land known as NASA Area 400. The tract is located at the corner of Springfield Road and Good Luck Road in Prince George's County. The Public Buildings Reform Board has recommended to the Office of Management and Budget that this parcel be put up for public sale. Under the federal FASTA Act of 2016, OMB must act by January 26, 2022. If sold on the open market, the area most likely will be developed. Contact your Congressional Representative and Senators Ben Cardin and Chris Van Hollen and ask them to support a no-cost transfer of this land to the adjacent Patuxent Research Refuge (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service). As part of the Refuge, this forested tract can support regional air quality, clean water, wildlife habitat and human recreation, in alignment with President Biden's "America the Beautiful" initiative.

Lowell Adams
Friends of Patuxent

Police Reform OK'd

On Monday, we passed police reform in Greenbelt, and I believe that, in doing so, we have helped take an already wonderful police department and make it even more wonderful. Thank you to GREA, PSAC, the FOP and the people of Greenbelt for their engagement throughout the process. Special thanks to Peggy Higgins, Stan Zirkin, Laura Kressler and Eunice Pierre. At times, the debates were intense. At times, the tensions were high, but, in the end, the clash of ideas strengthens democracy.

Special thanks to my colleagues on the city council – the vote was unanimous, and I salute Mayor Jordan, who showed tremendous leadership in helping to keep the issue alive, helping to forge consensus and following through on supporting the resolution. I'm so grateful we were able to work together on this, and I look forward to our shared work together in the future. Of course, there is always more work to be done, but I'm confident that, together, we will get it done.

Colin Byrd



MLK Day Observance Goes Online This Year

Greenbelt's observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service will be modified for Covid safety. Lois Rosado and Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll spoke about MLK Day celebrations at the January 10 city council meeting.

"There're still a number of service activities taking place," Rosado said, noting events in various parts of the county. Carpenter-Driscoll focused on Greenbelt where the day's events have gone virtual. He said individuals are asked to take a picture of themselves doing service activities, such as picking up litter, and send the picture(s) to the city for display. Photos should be sent to Chondria Andrews at candrews@greenbeltmd.gov.

Service or Garden Side?



Maybe you look down at your phone too much.

- B. Glee

Letters Policy

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

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

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



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Hanover Pond glistens in the snow.



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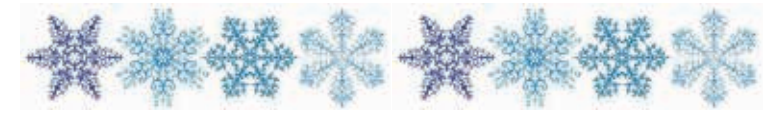
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On Screen at Old Greenbelt Theatre

West Side Story

Directed by Academy Award winner Steven Spielberg, from a screenplay by Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award winner Tony Kushner, West Side Story tells the classic tale of fierce rivalries and young love in 1957 New York City. This reimagining of the beloved musical stars Ansel Elgort (Tony), Ariana DeBose (Anita), David Alvarez (Bernardo), Mike Faist (Riff), Brian d'Arcy James (Officer Krupke), Corey Stoll (Lieutenant Schrank), Josh Andrés Rivera (Chino), with Rita Moreno (Valentina) and introducing Rachel Zegler (Maria). Moreno, who played Anita in the 1961 version of the film, serves as one of the new film's executive producers. The film aims to bring together the best of both Broadway and Hollywood.

Rated PG-13. Running time 156 minutes



Community Events

GHI Seeks Member Input in Survey

The Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) Transition Task Force is seeking members' help to inform GHI's preparation for a general manager leadership transition. Eldon Ralph became general manager in 2011 and has indicated that he has begun to think about retirement.

The task force has prepared a short survey that asks members what they would like to see changed at GHI, what should stay the same and what are key attributes of the next general manager. This feedback will help the Board of Directors understand members' wishes for the leadership transition and inform the board of what types of candidates to look for and ultimately select.

In addition to helping inform the transition and to encourage and thank members for participating, six survey respondents will be randomly chosen to receive \$50 gift certificates to the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket. To be entered into the raffle, name and address must be entered where indicated in the survey. To foster prompt participation, two of the six gift certificates will be awarded to members who have responded by Friday, January 21.

The link to the Google survey form is: surveymonkey.com/r/WDF7LKM. Paper copies of the survey are available from the GHI administration office during usual business hours. Completed surveys may be returned to the office. Members are requested to complete online surveys and return paper surveys to the office before Wednesday, February 9. Complete only one survey per member.

Help Deliver U.N. Treaty Mementos

The U.N. Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons came into force on January 22, 2021 after 50 nation states had ratified it. In order to raise awareness of the treaty, the Peace and Justice Coalition and other groups will deliver a certificate of appreciation and a yellow rose to the embassies of these treaty nations in the week leading up to the first anniversary of the treaty. Only 47 of the nations that have ratified the treaty have embassies in D.C. Several small teams will be responsible for presenting the certificate to a limited number of embassies. If interested in participating on Tuesday, January 18, contact Donna Hoffmeister at justpeacepg@gmail.com.

City Offers Rent, Utility Assistance

Through CARES, those who live within the city limits of Greenbelt are eligible to receive up to \$10,000 per household from the American Rescue Plan Act federal funds for emergency rental assistance. Applicants must show financial hardship due to Covid-19. Previous recipients of rental or utility assistance funds can apply but the previous balances count toward the total grant award allowed.

Email Cares@greenbeltnmd.gov or call 301-345-6660 to receive an application.

Democratic Club Pays Tribute to MLK, Jr.

The Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will pay tribute to the life and spirit of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in a Zoom gathering the evening of Monday, January 17 at 6:30 p.m. Attendees must register by Saturday, January 15 at 2 p.m. by calling 301-858-3155 to receive the Zoom link. People can also reserve a Grab and Go meal from Three Brothers when registering for the event.

For more information about the club and its activities, call Konrad Herling at 301-345-9369 or visit rooseveltclub.com.

February 11 Is Next Local Blood Drive

As a result of low blood-donor turnout in recent months, the Red Cross blood supply is the lowest in more than a decade.

To help, Greenbelt Recreation is holding a blood drive on Friday, February 11. Find the drive and sign up at redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive. Search zip code 20770 under Find a Drive. Appointment times fill up fast and walk-ins are not permitted.



Porch Greenbelt January Collection

Thanks to the generosity of Greenbelters, in the 10 months of 2021 since Porch Greenbelt started, more than three tons of food were collected and distributed to needy residents.

Porch Greenbelt is continuing its program to collect food in the month of January as scheduled below:

Between 9 and 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 15 for 14 and 15 Courts Laurel Hill Road

Between 2 and 4 p.m. on Sunday, January 16 for all of Boxwood Village.

The food collection program in Greenbelt has been expanded to accommodate those who do not live in a neighborhood with volunteer pickups. This new program, Porch At Large, continues this month. To participate, email your address to spreadruak@gmail.com before noon Sunday, January 16, and it will be picked up at 4 p.m. on January 16. To make this a regular monthly donation, indicate so in the email and it will be picked up on the third Sunday of each month at 4 p.m.

For all donors, place donations in bags or boxes marked PORCH or RUAK on a front porch or other location that can be seen from the street. Make sure to check the expiration dates on all food items.

Volunteers who would expand Porch Greenbelt to additional neighborhoods in Greenbelt are welcome. Anyone with questions or who is interested in being a volunteer or starting a new neighborhood for monthly food collection with Porch Greenbelt, contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler at spreadruak@gmail.com.



From left, Parran, Helen and Calvert Sickle show off their snow fort.



Sunset on Wednesday, January 5 at 5:12 p.m. is shown from Charlestowne Village.

Reel and Meal

The Long Struggle for Freedom From Military Rule in Myanmar

by Frank Gervasi



Film still from *The Purple Thanaka of the Angels*

Democracy crushed and the struggle to regain freedom in Myanmar (Burma) is the subject of the next Reel and Meal film program with the showing of the film *The Purple Thanaka of the Angels* on Monday, January 17 at 7 p.m. This Reel and Meal film is presented free by the Utopia Film Festival committee.

The Purple Thanaka of the Angels, directed by Bois Yannick, is a gripping documentary about military abuses in Myanmar and the resistance of the population, especially the younger generation. The film traces developments starting with the coup in early 2021 that put the popular elected leader of Myanmar, Nobel Peace Prize laureate Aung San Suu Kyi, in prison along with their prime minister. Protests over this takeover led to mass demonstrations and brutal repression by the military rulers. The film does not sanitize the violence and pulls no punches.

Two films about Myanmar were screened this past November at the 2021 Utopia Film Festival, this and one about the Rohingya, the Muslim minority that were forced to flee to the world's largest refugee camp in neighboring Bangladesh. The United Nations condemned that recent action by the Burmese military as genocide.

A discussion will follow the screening with Burmese refugee Han Zaw participating. He was

recently granted asylum here in the United States. Yin Htwe, with the Burmese-American Buddhist Association, and Bilal Raschid, with the world-wide Burmese Muslim association and president of the Committee for the Restoration of Democracy in Burma, will also be present during the discussion period.

This free film and the discussion afterward will be held only via Zoom due to Covid restrictions. Registration of virtual participants is required at tinyurl.com/ReelMealJan17.

The special optional vegan meal available at the Co-op Supermarket is Asian-inspired Macro Vegetarian's Shanghai dumplings and sesame noodles with steamed broccoli. To order, call the deli at 301-474-0522 by 1 p.m. on Monday, January 17 for pick-up between 4 and 7 p.m.

The Reel and Meal at the New Deal is a monthly film series focused on environmental, social justice and animal rights issues, presented by the Utopia Film Festival and the Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition. For more information, contact Frank Gervasi at frankgervasi@gmail.com.



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7am	Greenbelt Newsreel	Community Programming
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9am	GATE Classic Film • Film Noir	Quicksand • 1950 Mickey Rooney
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1pm	PGCPS Science Bowl	Charles Carroll v Samuel Ogle Middle
2pm	Music at the New Deal	Pigeon Kings • Folk • Jazz • Rock Fusion
3pm	GATE Classic Film • Film Noir	Quicksand • 1950 Mickey Rooney
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Obituaries



Jennifer "Jen" Farrell



PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

Jennifer Farrell

Jennifer "Jen" Farrell died on January 7, 2022, at the age of 38, at her mother's home in Corpus Christi, Texas. She was surrounded by her son, mother, sister, nephew and niece. She died from multiple inoperable brain tumors, metastatic breast cancer and bone cancer. Jen had resided in Greenbelt with her uncle, James Thompson, from March 6 to December 17, 2021, on Laurel Hill Road, while she underwent chemotherapy and radiation treatments. Jen desired to return to Texas to spend Christmas with her 8-year-old son, who had remained in Texas with his father. After spending Christmas with her son, Jen suffered a seizure on December 27 and was discharged from the hospital on January 1 to home hospice care at her mother's.

Jen loved Greenbelt. She made very good friends with her neighbors Linda, Brandi, Mike and Russ, along with Greenbelt residents Cyndi, Flo and Don and Amanda. Jen loved the food at Generous Joe's and the fresh coffee at the Greenbelt Co-op.

Jen is survived by her son Liam Cantu, her mother Joann Spurrison, her sister Mary Albert, all of Corpus Christi; her cousin Bobby Lilly of Frankfort, Ky.; and her Uncle James of Greenbelt. A memorial service in Corpus Christi will be held in March 2022.

John Richardson, Sr.

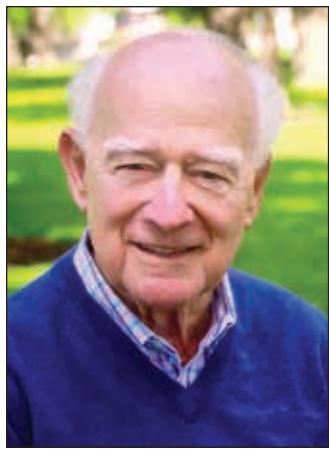


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John G. Richardson, Sr.

John G. Richardson, Sr., died peacefully on December 19, 2021, at the Stroudwater Lodge in Westbrook, Maine. John was born on November 4, 1933, in Washington, D.C. He grew up in the nearby town of Mount Rainier, Md., and lived in Greenbelt from 1982 to 2000. As a young child, family and friends gave him the nickname "Chick." John graduated from DeMatha Catholic High School in 1951, where he lettered as a halfback for the varsity football team. He served four years honorably in the U.S. Air Force. On January 8, 1955, he married Patricia Ann St. Peter of Washington, D.C. Together they raised three boys: John G. Richardson, Jr., of Brunswick, Maine; Mark W. Richardson of Hookstown, Pa.; and Brian P. Richardson of Newtown Square, Pa.

John had a strong desire to be active in community service starting as a youth by volunteering at the Mount Rainier Volunteer Fire Department in the late 1940s. When John and his family moved to Riverdale in 1963, he joined the Riverdale Heights Volunteer Fire Department, serving as chief from 1966 to 1977.

John and his family were avid

sports fans, particularly of University of Maryland athletics. He was a Diamondback Terrapin Club member contributing to the booster club from 1977 through the 2020 season. The family enjoyed watching live sporting events as a way of making lasting family remembrances. They had an affinity for the state of Maine through his wife's family hailing from the Orono and Springfield communities. They enjoyed making the annual family vacation to their lakeside camp on Bottle Lake, aptly named, Cead Mile Failte, which translates to "a hundred thousand welcomes."

John enjoyed a rich and rewarding career in the U.S. government initially as an air traffic controller starting in 1957 at the Washington, D.C., Air Route Traffic Control Center, originally at Hangar 6, Washington National Airport, and then transferring to the newly constructed facility at a Leesburg, Va., location in late 1963. His career spanned over 30 years, which saw the commercial aviation jet age transform the nation's air transportation system. He was influential in building the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Air Traffic Management system. He retired from the FAA in 1989 having served as Branch Manager of the Air Traffic Control System Command Center at FAA Headquarters, Washington, D.C. After retirement, John went on to work for the Computer Sciences Corporation as director of air traffic management systems, where he supervised the installation of equipment allowing for the safe and efficient flow of air traffic between air traffic facilities.

John was predeceased by his wife Patricia and son John, Jr. He was known as, "Chief" or "Grampy" to his two surviving

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Condolences to the family and friends of John G. Richardson, Sr. He lived in Greenbelt from 1982 to 2000 and was an avid fan of University of Maryland athletics.

Though she lived in Greenbelt for a short time, Jennifer "Jen" Farrell, who died on January 7, will be missed by her friends and family. We send our condolences.

Condolences also to the family and friends of Warren "Hoot" Gibson who grew up in Greenbelt and died on Christmas Day in Florida, where he had lived for nearly 20 years.

Congratulations to Christianah Olufade, who attends Eleanor Roosevelt High School, on winning a Posse scholarship to Lewis & Clark College. Along with 11 other Prince George's County students, she will receive a four-

year, full-tuition college scholarship. Students winning the Posse scholarships join with nine others (their posse) at the same school in a mutual support team which enhances graduation rates and results in students who are likely to make contributions to their school and society as a whole.

Congratulations to Emmett Jordan, whose Halloween photo at the Farmers Market represents October in the 2022 Maryland Milestones calendar. Anacostia Trails Heritage Area grants promote Prince George's County attractions and organizations, and their calendar's inspiring photos attract visitors and encourage support.

Share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

Obituaries

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

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



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Then and Now

Rev. Ann Kadlecek with Worship Associate Carol Carter Walker

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The Bible Says...

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Colossians 3:17



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At the Library

All Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) branches will open at 11 a.m. on Thursday, January 13, to accommodate an all-staff meeting. Operating hours for the day will be 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

All county branches will be closed Sunday, January 16 and Monday, January 17 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday. All regularly operating branches will reopen on Tuesday, January 18 at 1 p.m.

PGCMLS continues to offer virtual events for the public. A full schedule of upcoming programs may be accessed at pgcmls.info/events.

Covid Tests

The PGCMLS supply of Covid-19 rapid antigen self-test kits has been exhausted. An announcement will be issued via pgcmls.info and @PGCMLS on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram when additional test kits become available. Customers should call 240-455-5451 or email askalibrarian@pgcmls.info with questions.

Library staff are maintaining a Covid-19 Testing Resources guide that can help individuals source PCR and rapid-antigen testing from various local and online providers. Visit pgcmls.info/coronavirus for more information.

Covid Vaccines

The remaining PGCMLS Covid-19 vaccine clinic is on Tuesday, January 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the New Carrollton library, for ages 12 and up. First, second or booster doses of the Pfizer vaccine are available. Appointments are not required. The supply of vaccines is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Vaccines for children are going quickly at the PGCMLS clinics and may not be available toward the end of the scheduled clinic time. Flu shots are also offered.

U.S. Passports

The Greenbelt Library, along with five other PGCMLS branches (Accokeek, Largo-Kettering, Laurel, New Carrollton and Oxon Hill), has resumed service as a U.S. Passport Acceptance Facility. Applications are accepted by appointment, so schedule a 30-minute appointment by calling 240-455-5451 or visiting pgcmls.info/passport-services. Families with multiple applicants must schedule separate appointments for each person.

FAFSA Help

Live assistance in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application is offered via Brainfuse HelpNow. This service provides students and families with personalized support as they navigate the process of applying to college and seeking federal financial aid. Tutors are available Mondays through Thursdays from 2 to 11 p.m. to assist students and parents with the FAFSA application at any stage in the application process.



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.

VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR JANUARY 13, 17-21

Thursday, January 13 at 6 pm, **BOARD OF ELECTIONS**, *On the Agenda: Call to order, Approval of Agenda, 2021 Post-election Review, Other business.*

Monday, January 17, **MLK HOLIDAY - NO MEETINGS**

Tuesday, January 18 at 7 pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES**, *On the Agenda: Call to order, Review past meeting minutes, Old Business, New Business-Discussion of Arbor Day Event, Adjourn.*

Wednesday, January 19 at 7:30 pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD MEETING**, *On the Agenda: Call to Order, Approval of Agenda, Approval of Minutes of December 1, 2021, Election of APB Chair, Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan, Presentation to the Board: Hanover Parkway- A Modern Traffic Calming Strategy Overview, Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Update, New Business, Adjourn.*

Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 7:30 pm, **PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**, *Call to Order, Agenda Approval, Approve December 15, 2021 Meeting Minutes, Council Liaison Update, New Business, Old Business, Recreation Department Update, Administration Report, For the Good of the Order, Adjourn.*

Wednesday, January 19 at 8 pm, **WORK SESSION – ROOSEVELT CENTER MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION**, *Virtual meeting will be shown on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and streaming at greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv.*

Saturday, January 22 at 9:30 am, **COUNCIL RETREAT**

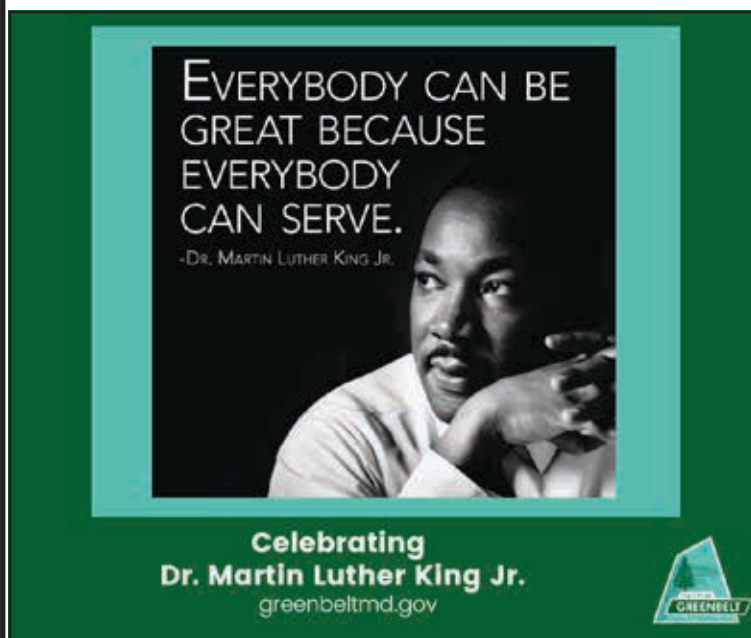
In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov. This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000. For information on public participation for the virtual meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at greenbeltmd.gov

ELECTRONICS, STYROFOAM & PAINT RECYCLING

Saturday, January 22, 2022
9 AM - 12 NOON
 Public Works Yard, 555 Crescent
 NO Alkaline Batteries
 NO Tube TVs
 \$5 per paint container
Questions? Call 301-474-8004

GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER IS SEEKING NEW TEAM MEMBERS!

Recreation Assistants (Community Center)
 Part-time, supportive work culture. If you enjoy working with the public, please apply at www.greenbeltmd.gov/jobs



To honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's legacy, on 1/17 we will be hosting a "virtual" day of service. To participate, send in your pictures picking up litter in your neighborhood, helping a neighbor, donating food or performing any service to candrews@greenbeltmd.gov. We look forward to your participation and sharing your acts of service.

MOM'S MORNING OUT

Does your pre-school aged child enjoy helping you cook, like exploring, and love to learn? Then check out Greenbelt Recreation's pre-school programs Mom's Morning Out and Pre-School Enrichment and Fun.

Mom's Morning Out is a licensed traditional pre-school program that focuses on social development, fine and gross motor skills, listening, and following instructions. The Pre-School Enrichment and Fun program focuses on group games, sports skills, cooking classes, nature walks, science experiments, and much more. Both programs have a heavy emphasis on learning in a fun way! We offer pre-school programs Monday through Friday at the Youth Center. Financial aid is available for eligible Greenbelt residents.

For more information, visit our Virtual Recreation Center online at greenbeltmd.gov/recreation or give us a call at 301-397-2200.

GREENBELT EMERGENCY DIAPER DISTRIBUTION

In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Greenbelt Nursery Project is supporting Greenbelt families in need of diapers on Wednesday, January 19, 2022.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
<https://forms.gle/894acwQRdVe5YDWV9>

Contact Katherine Farzin
 Office: (240) 542-2019
kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov

DISTRIBUCIÓN URGENTE DE PAÑALES

Debido al impacto de COVID-19, el Greenbelt Nursery Project apoya a familias en Greenbelt con la distribución de pañales miercoles, 19 de enero 2022.

SE REQUIERE REGISTRACIÓN
<https://forms.gle/894acwQRdVe5YDWV9>

Contacto Katherine Farzin
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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Monday, January 17, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of January 17
 Monday Route – Collected Tuesday
 Tuesday Route – Collected Wednesday
 Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday
 Thursday Route – Collected Friday

There will be no appliance, odd metals, hard plastics, or yard waste collections on Friday, January 21

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

- Advisory Committee on Education
- Arts Advisory Board
- Board of Elections
- Park & Recreation Advisory Board
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee

For more information, call 301-474-8000

CELEBRATION OF CENTENARIANS

The City of Greenbelt would like to celebrate Greenbelt residents who have reached the milestone age of 100 years. If you would like to recognize your loved one or a friend, please contact Rebekah Sutfin 240-542-2056 or email at rsutfin@greenbeltmd.gov

The Centenarian will choose from a variety of options to celebrate their birthday!

Photo: Mrs. Mary Rita Babbitt celebrated her 103rd Birthday on October 21, 2021.



THE MONTHLY PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION IS BACK WITH A NEW LOCATION!

FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

Thursday, January 20
 1:00PM - 3:00PM

Greenbelt Community Center
 15 Crescent Road
 Greenbelt, MD 20770t

Greenbelt ARPA Funds Assistance Programs Update (as of 1/3/22)

Rent and Utility Assistance
 • 153 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$525,389.10

Mortgage and HOA fee Assistance
 • 3 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$6,525.53

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION!

Your discarded Christmas tree can be recycled. Public Works will pickup trees at locations listed below or online. Please insure all ornaments and lights are removed. Drop off your trees for recycling at specified areas up until February 11, 2022.

- GHI**
- Ridge Road, 73 Court (opposite playground)
 - Plateau Place and Ridge Road (corner on playground side)
 - Research Road and Hillside Road (corner)
 - Ridge Road, 44 Court (Area near playground)
 - Eastway & Crescent Road (corner)
 - Ridge Road, 21 Court (across from Green Ridge House)

- Crescent Road and Ridge Road (playground at junction)
- Parkway (corner across from 58 Court Crescent Road)
- Parkway (corner across from Community Church)
- Southway, 7 Court (playground at Little League field)
- Ridge Road, 11 Court and 13 Court (area between courts)

- BOXWOOD**
- Ivy Lane and Lastner Lane (playground)

- Lakewood**
- Greenhill Road & Crescent Road (by Baptist Church)

- CHARLESTOWNE VILLAGE AND CHARLESTOWNE NORTH**
- Property adjacent to Attic Park

- UNIVERSITY SQUARE**
- In front of swimming pool

- LAKESIDE NORTH**
- Near Swimming pool

- SPRINGHILL LAKE**
- Field past 9294 Edmonston

- GREENBRIAR**
- Between buildings 7708 & 7710
 - Between buildings 7728 & 7730
 - Between buildings 7826 & 7828
 - Between buildings 8003 & 8009

- GLEN OAKS**
- Between buildings 7903 & 7905
 - Between buildings 7509 & 7511

- HUNTING RIDGE**
- Between buildings 6936 & 6978

- WINDSOR GREEN**
- At court entrances, picked up by Windsor Green staff

- GREENBROOK VILLAGE AND ESTATES**
- Southeast corner of Ora Glen Drive & Matthew Drive
 - Southeast corner of Hanover Parkway and Greenbrook Drive
 - In front of barricade at Mandan Road & Matthew St

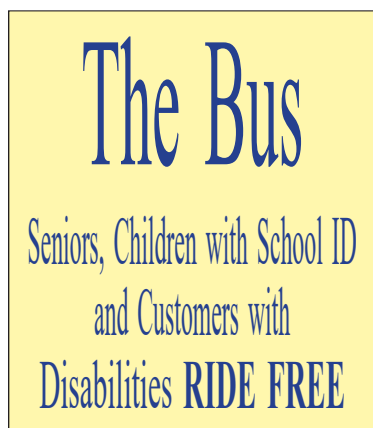
- GREENWOOD VILLAGE**
- Opposite 8175 Mandan
 - Opposite 7646 Mandan
 - Opposite 7648 Mandan

- GREENSPRING AND GREENSPRING II**
- Southwest corner of Megan Lane and Craddock Road
 - Park area between 7926 and 8006 Greenbury Drive
 - Corner of Spring Manor Drive and Springshire Way
 - Open area between 6519 and 6515 Springcrest Drive

- BELLE POINT**
- Corner of Vanity Fair Dr. and Prince James Way
 - Open area between 7800 and 7801 Vanity Fair Dr.
 - Open area beside 7962 Vanity Fair Drive

- GREENBELT VILLAGE**
- Open area between 6729 & 6715 Village Park Drive
 - Open area across from 6632 Lake Park Drive
 - Open area across from 6510 & 6512 Lake Park Drive

- GREENBELT STATION**
- Central Park field along Stream Bank Lane



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Zoom to say how great it was and how much their kids enjoyed it." According to her, one of the students said, "I'm really sad because we won't have art class over winter break!" She added, "They don't all show up for the Zoom sessions, but at least they have the art supplies and are making art. At the end of the year, we'll do a virtual art gallery showing all the art projects in a slide show, so they can see what everyone has made."



Siblings Ester, Joel and Gabriel show the model dragonflies they made.

Members of Greenbelt Biota contributed video footage for three of the six projects offered this year. Greenbelt Biota, the Natural History Society of Greenbelt, organizes monthly walks and shares observations on their Facebook page. They catalog the flora and fauna of Greenbelt's urban green spaces and teach about their importance for the conservation of biodiversity.



Haja shows off her drawing of the school.

Damien Ossi and his son Jude made a video in the North Woods, showing the leaves of various oak trees that thrive in Greenbelt, including white oak, red oak, scarlet oak, willow oak and swamp white oak. After watching the video about oak trees in Greenbelt, students can use construction paper and supplies provided in their materials kit to build an acorn that unfolds to reveal the sprouting oak tree.

Catherine Plaisant produced a video featuring common local animal habitats, including birds' nests, squirrels' nests and a fox's den. The corresponding art project was to weave a bird's nest out of pipe cleaners, raffia and natural components like grass and twigs, complete with model-magic eggs.

- Photos courtesy Greenbelt Recreation Arts



Matthew poses with his folded paper acorn-to-oak-tree project.

Jamie Jorgensen and Maria Hult made an informative video about the periodical cicadas of Brood X, that emerged in May of 2021. Students then made cicada puppets, with an emerging nymph coming out of a toilet paper tube and an adult with red pompoms for eyes.

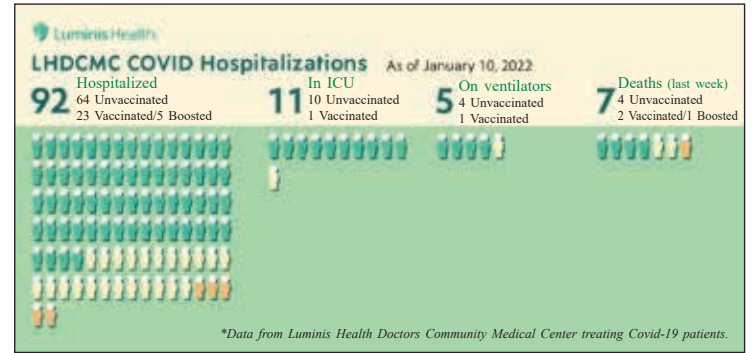
Kayama works with science experts to create accurate illustrations for scientific and medical purposes. Kayama has won numerous awards for her illustrations and lectures and teaches workshops on scientific illustration. For this series, she leads students to go outside and collect different types of leaves and then shows the students how to measure and draw the leaves accurately. She recommends drawing lightly so that an eraser can be easily used to fix problems, or putting a whole new sheet of paper over a mistake and redrawing to fix it. Kayama suggests another way to improve a drawing: "Turning it upside down really helps me see the shapes. With practice, and asking for help, you get better really fast."

Carolyn Lambright-Davis, coordinator of the CHEARS Three Sisters Demonstration Garden at Franklin Park, talked about the Springhill Lake Earth Squad, a group of elementary school stu-

dents who design, implement and maintain the garden. The associated art projects were to make paper plate masks of animals, like rabbits or owls, that might be seen at the garden as well as dragonflies made out of model

magic, wire and colored film for the wings. CHEARS leads education and environmental stewardship projects to promote the health of all life in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

Local Covid Statistics



The infographic, courtesy of Luminis Doctors Hospital, shows the dramatic difference in hospitalization and death rates for vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals in nearby Doctors Hospital. The small figures in yellow represent patients who received either one or two shots and the orange figures show patients who also received a booster. The green figures represent unvaccinated patients.

Schools Go Back In Person With Regular Weekly Testing

On Wednesday, January 12, Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) issued a press release that laid out plans to test students and teachers frequently as in-person classes reconvene on Tuesday, January 18. Here are the PGCPS expectations:

Home test kits and KN95 masks will be distributed to all students and staff. One kit containing two tests will be available for each child enrolled in the school system. The distribution will be held at schools and offices. Students will be requested to test weekly in order to return to school the following week. Every Sunday, tests should be taken and results uploaded from Sunday, January 23 through Sunday, February 27. The link for uploading will be provided next week. Home test kits will be distributed biweekly until the end of February to facilitate this request.

More students will be randomly tested in weekly pools. The schools expect to test 20 percent of the students each week.

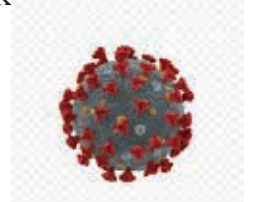
In addition, new county and state quarantine rules were recently implemented with clear guidance on when students can return to school after contracting or being exposed to Covid-19.

Staff testing was expanded during virtual learning. All employees, regardless of vaccination

status, were able to get free Covid testing provided by PGCPS due to the difficulty of obtaining tests in the community. Weekly testing of unvaccinated staff will also continue.

No spectators will be allowed at athletic events through the end of January. Athletes who are not vaccinated will continue to be tested weekly. Starting Tuesday, February 1, attendance at athletic events will be limited to 25 percent of building capacity.

The Temporary K-6 Virtual Learning Program will conclude on Friday, January 28. This program was always designed to be a temporary option in the absence of a vaccine for children ages 5-11. PGCPS does not have permission from the Maryland State Department of Education to go beyond the timeframe established at the beginning of the school year. Each school will facilitate a return-to-school orientation meeting for virtual elementary school students during the week of January 24, and upon their return to school buildings, these students will also receive a home test kit and KN95 mask.



Green Ridge House Opens Wait List

Green Ridge House, the City of Greenbelt's HUD Section 8-202 apartment building, will open its waiting list from Tuesday, January 18 thru 21, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Green Ridge House is an independent living apartment building located at 22 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

All applicants must apply in person and be 62 years of age or older. 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 \$45,150 for individuals and \$51,600 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.



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How Do You Deploy JWST? Practice, Practice, Practice

by Amy Hansen

From December 31 through January 4, the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) unfurled its five layers of sunshield. The sunshield, about the size of a tennis court, is held out by booms and pulled tight.

“This is the first time we’ve done this deployment in zero gravity. Every other time we’ve done it in the clean room, we’ve had to take gravity into account,” former Greenbelter Julie Van Campen said on NASA TV. Van Campen is deputy commissioning manager for JWST. There were serious questions about how the sunshield would react. In the end, it opened just as planned and there was cheering from the mission crew. One of the many critical steps was done.

On January 5, JWST accepted commands from Earth to move its secondary mirror into place.

“That was what I was most nervous about,” said Greenbelter Jonathan Gardner, deputy senior project scientist for JWST. “Without that mirror, the observatory would have collected light in the big mirror, but not been able to focus it.”

The mirror, like the sunshield, went into place without a hitch.

JWST launched on December 25, 2021, riding on an Ariane 5 rocket supplied by the European Space Agency. JWST is designed to look at ancient galaxies, and is the successor to the Hubble Space Telescope, which began gathering images of space in 1990.

For launch, the whole telescope was collapsed down. Getting it to pull its transformer act – changing from a bulky domino-shaped box into its almost flower-shaped finale – has been a nail-biting experience for the mission team and the audience alike. But so far, almost everything has gone according to plan.

“It’s very exciting and kind of amazing,” Gardner said, having just watched the latches close on the big mirror, the last of the big pieces of equipment to snap into place on Saturday, January 8. “We tested it before we launched to make sure it worked, and it did.”

Gardner has worked on JWST for almost 20 years and is one of 100 or so members of the mission team watching. The team, headquartered at the Space Telescope Institute in Baltimore, will work around the clock for the first 30 days. The launch and deployment is a process they know well; they’ve been practicing for the last two years.

To do those rehearsals, the JWST team used a giant computer program that simulated everything from launch to full deployment of the telescope. The order of deployment is organized by the timeline coordinators, and everyone listens to their MOM or Mission Operation Manager, who tells engineers when to send commands to the telescope.

“Some of the processes go very, very slowly,” Gardner said, explaining that heating up motors, for example, can take as much as 18 hours. “And we’re always looking for things that could go wrong.”

And that’s where the RAT comes in. RAT stands for Re-



PHOTO BY JONATHAN GARDNER

Jonathan Gardner works a shift in the mission control center in Baltimore.

hearsal Anomaly Team. The job of these engineers is to meet secretly and come up with anomalies that could happen, and then introduce them into the rehearsal program.

What if the motor pulling the sunshield open didn’t turn on? The motor was designed for super-cold space, but sometimes motors object to being that cold.

The RAT-introduced problems “gave the team practice in how to respond when something goes wrong,” Gardner said, and the answer for the sunshield would be to switch to the secondary motor electronics.

The other part of the rehearsal is the coordination of the ground crew and their equipment. JWST commands are sent to one of three sites in the world: California, Spain or Australia, where 30-meter antennas can communicate with the deep-space telescope. As the Earth turns, a different antenna rotates into position to point in the right direction. The ground team had to practice the hand-off from one antenna to another.

The team also realized they needed to know what to do should the power go out in Baltimore. In an early rehearsal, the electricity did go out, Gardner said, and the emergency power came on. However, the air con-

ditioning for the computer room wasn’t hooked into the emergency power, so computers overheated and that practice came to a stop. From then on, the air conditioning was put on the emergency power system as well.

In the last two weeks, however, the team hasn’t needed too much of their RAT training, Gardner said. So far, the only anomaly has been in the solar array. “Our solar array was not putting out as much power as we needed,” he said. “So we went through the process to tune it.” The tuning, he explained, was supposed to get done on Day 30, but was moved up in the schedule so that the sunshield motors had power.

Gardner, who is also the chief of the Laboratory of Observational Cosmology, says that if JWST stays on schedule, the science and images that everyone is waiting for will start coming in about five months. “We should have first science images in early July,” he said.

And then, JWST will start peering through dust to look at stars and galaxies that haven’t even been imagined.





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Scientists Julie Van Campen (left) and Michelle Thallen (right) narrate the deployment of the James Webb Space Telescope on NASA TV.

- Screenshots of NASA TV




The mission control team applauds the last latch being closed on the JWST mirrors on Saturday, January 8.



PHOTO BY MARC NEVEU

Snowy dawn at Roosevelt Center



PRELIMINARY AGENDA
GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, January 20, 2022

A. GHI Closed Meeting – begins at 7:00 p.m. (closed to visitors and members)

- a) Contract for Repairs to a GHI Unit - 2nd reading
- b) 2022-23 Contract for Yardi Property Management System -2nd reading
- c) Approve Minutes of the Closed Meeting Held on December 16, 2021
- d) Member Complaint Matters
- e) Member Financial Matters


B. GHI Open Meeting begins at 7.45 p.m. (open to visitors and members)

- a) Statement of Closed Meeting Held on January 20, 2022
- b) Approve Minutes of the Open Meeting Held on December 16, 2021
- c) Woodlands Committee Proposal to Install Temporary Fencing for a Native Plant Propagation Area between 8 and 10 Laurel Hill
- d) Discuss Next Steps for Negotiating with WSSC re: Replacement of Water & Sewer Pipes for Masonry Units
- e) Proposed Work Session with GHI Legal Counsel and Topics for Discussion
- f) Request the Buildings Committee to Recommend Revisions to the GHI Member Handbook Based on Approved Neighborhood Conservation Zone Regulations for Greenbelt.
- g) GHI Proposal that the City of Greenbelt Allocate Some ARPA funds Towards the Maintenance, Repair, and Improvement of Storm Drains
- h) Review 2021-22 Board Action Plan & Committee Task List
- i) Motion to Hold a Closed Meeting on February 3, 2022

To deter hacking, GHI requires persons who wish to attend the GHI Open meeting on January 20, 2022, to register in advance by accessing the following link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZUkdO-qj4pEtEwIz1MeFJuOrDFrydA1oRT>

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



To request a sign language interpreter for a Board meeting, go to <http://www.ghi.coop/content/interpreter-request-form>, contact us by phone (301-474-4161) or fax (301-474-4006).

Regular Board meetings are open to Members
For more information, visit our website: www.ghi.coop

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Financial Report. After careful consideration of long-term finances, the Board of Directors voted to distribute \$100,231 in patronage refunds and \$40,000 in staff bonuses and retirement plan contributions.

Refund Calculations

To calculate each member's patronage refund, staff totaled every member's spending at Co-op over the year. Equitably distributing refunds meant each member should receive an amount equal to 1.1

percent of purchases made with their member number. For example, if a member made \$4,000 in purchases, they received a voucher for \$44. Jill Stevenson, the Co-op's membership, marketing and community outreach coordinator, led the distribution effort by creating a personalized one-page letter and voucher for each member's refund, a massive mail merge. Staff spent several days printing and organizing the letters. Each member initialed a tracking sheet to confirm in-person receipt of their voucher. Members picked up approximately 748 vouchers in the store. Remaining vouchers will be mailed through the U.S. Postal Service before the end of January.

Amounts Vary

Since a member's refund is based on what they spent, the amounts received varied from a few dollars to over \$400, with an average of \$41. This is why it's important for members to give their membership number every time they make a purchase. Pharmacy purchases greatly increased some member refunds as both the member's payment and what the insurance company pays are all part of Co-op's net earnings.

Surprise! Surprise!

Many members were surprised and full of questions. One member had no idea refunds



PHOTO BY KIM KASH

Kim Kash, Co-op board member, hands out member refunds at the Co-op.

were part of Co-op membership, since she had never received a voucher in seven years of membership. "We've refreshed everyone's memory about how we all share in the Co-op's profits. It's been nice to hear people's excitement at a little holiday surprise," said Director Kim Kash. Another member exclaimed she was going to spend her refund on plane tickets. Each member can choose to spend their refund at any checkout line, add it to their member capital account or donate it to the Co-op's sustaining equity. Patronage refunds under \$2 were automatically added to the member's capital account. Since the current Co-op started in June 1984, it has returned \$2.15 million in patronage refunds to the community.

Happy Members

"It's always gratifying to have a financially successful year and to be able to return a portion of that back to Co-op members. We are doing our best to bring people the groceries they want and demonstrate that Co-op membership keeps their money in the community," said Dan Gillotte, Co-op general manager since 2020.

Johanna Goderre Jones is a member of the Greenbelt Consumer Co-operative Board of Directors.

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it needs additional documentation on the environmental condition of the property."

In a January 6 OpEd in the Washington Post, Ann Swanson, of the Chesapeake Bay Commission, and Joel Dunn, president and chief executive of Chesapeake Conservancy, advocated for the transfer of the property to the Patuxent Research Refuge. This position was echoed by many on the Greenbelters Facebook page this past week.

The PBRB report listed the steps that had been taken to facilitate this transfer: "On September 22, 2021, PBRB staff met FWS Patuxent Research Refuge Manager [Jennifer Greiner] who expressed an interest in acquiring the property to expand the facility for conservation purposes and subsequently provided a written request for transfer on November 3, 2021." The PBRB staff also identified other stakeholders they met with including U.S. Senator Ben Cardin and U.S. Representa-



PHOTO COURTESY PBRB

Goddard's Area 400

tive Steny Hoyer, who approved the idea of the transfer.

The project, however, is not a done deal, and the report notes that developers could still be in the future: "If the parties do not agree on terms for an inter-agency transfer at fair market value for all or for a portion of the property, the board recommends the

property or remaining portions thereof go to public sale."

The entire PBRB report is available at <https://www.pbrb.gov/first-round-submission-december-27-2021/>. The section discussing NASA Goddard starts on page 33.



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The large white mulberry tree at the Lake has a snowy coat.

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New Greenbelt Listings

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Police Blotter

The police blotter for this week covers the period from January 3 through January 9. Those having any information regarding these incidents should contact the Greenbelt Police Department at 301-474-7200 or greenbeltpd@greenbeltmd.gov. Times given for incidents are the times they were reported. The actual event may have taken place at an earlier time.

Advisory

On January 9, at approximately 5:30 p.m., officers responded to a shooting in the 200 block of Lakeside Drive. One man was transported to the hospital with what appeared to be a gunshot wound to the arm. Later, a local hospital reported another individual was dropped off with what appears to be a gunshot wound.

The individual who arrived at the hospital separately with injuries is a juvenile. His injuries are apparently non-life-threatening. Detectives determined these two events are linked.

Auto-Related Crimes

On January 8 at 9:18 a.m. in the 7800 block of Emilys Way, a 2015 silver Toyota RAV4 was left running unlocked and unattended and was stolen.

The same day at 1:55 p.m. in the 6900 block of Hanover Parkway, a 2019 silver Kia Optima was stolen. A third car was reported taken that day at 9:38 p.m. in the 6000 block of Greenbelt Road, when a black 2021 Ford Escape was stolen. On January 7 at 9:54 a.m. in the 200 block of Lakeside Drive, items were reported taken from an unlocked vehicle.

Break-in

On January 3 at 3:29 a.m. in the 6000 block of Greenbelt Road, there was a break-in. On January 3, at 5:02 a.m. in the

5900 block of Greenbelt Road, cash was reported stolen from a closed business. There were no signs of forced entry.

Fraud

On January 4 at 10:10 a.m. in the 6400 block of Ivy Lane, a money wiring fraud was reported. Also on January 4, at 2:41 p.m. in the 7500 block of Greenbelt Road, an adult male was arrested after attempting to use false identification to withdraw money from an account.

Theft

On January 6 at 3:45 p.m. in the 6900 block of Hanover Parkway, some bags of salt were discovered to have been taken from an apartment complex. On January 8 at 1:29 p.m. in the 8100 block of Lakecrest Drive, a bike was reported to be missing from a storage unit.

On January 9 at 3:52 p.m. in the 6000 block of Greenbelt Road, an employee took money from a business.

Vandalism

On January 8 at 7:50 p.m. in the 5 Court of Gardenway, a homeowner described four juveniles wearing all black who had damaged a light fixture and the door frame of a residence.

The same day at 9:18 p.m. in the 7800 block of Mandan Road, a vehicle was damaged by an individual known to the person making the complaint.

sons, Mark and Brian, and to his seven grandchildren, John, Glen, Madeline, Mark, Emily, Julia and Jordan.

A time of sharing and remembering will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, January 22, 2022, at A.T. Hutchins, 660 Brighton Avenue, Portland, Maine. To share memories of John or to send the family an online condolence, visit athutchins.com. Charitable donations are welcome and appreciated to the Portland Youth Football (portlandyouthfootball.com).

City Notes

The Maryland Homeowner Assistance Fund is now accepting applications, which are available at dhcd.maryland.gov/Residents/Pages/HomeownerAssistanceFund.aspx.

Anticipating heavy snowfall, Public Works had snow removal equipment ready. Roads, parking lots and entrances of city buildings were pretreated and salted and afterwards, snow piles and fallen limbs were removed. Refuse/Recycling collected 26.30 tons of refuse and 14.38 tons of recyclables.

Due to Covid-19 concerns, the recreation centers are open only for restroom use or purchase of tennis light tokens. The Aquatic & Fitness Center reopened on January 10 with a modified schedule.

Arts staff and instructors prepared to transition to virtual, or possibly postpone their 19 winter arts classes. A new exhibition is being prepared at the Community Center celebrating Black History Month. Therapeutic Recreation facilitated delivery of frozen meals to 21 homebound seniors.

The Police Department hired a new animal control/shelter coordinator.

CARES Darren Stephenson and Deji Ayoku launched a series on career readiness. Sharon Johnson and Christal Batey began teaching a six-week, wait-listed virtual class, Powerful Tools for Caregivers.



A happy dog holiday lawn ornament makes Greenbelt Lake festive.

PHOTO BY HELENOR MESIAS

In Memoriam

Warren "Hoot" Gibson

by Rick Ransom

Longtime Greenbelter Warren "Hoot" Gibson died at his home in Hudson, Fla., on Christmas Day. He had turned 73 just two weeks earlier. His wife, the former Linda Sweeney, was raised in Greenbelt from the fourth grade. His sister Darlene Stewart and his son Warren Gibson, Jr. both reside in Greenbelt. He is also survived by a daughter, Sheli Ford of Snowflake, Ariz. He had two stepchildren, seven grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

Warren and Linda were married in Las Vegas 18 years ago and moved to Hudson. He loved to cook for his family and make renovations to his homes. He had suffered from lung cancer for the past year. Darlene surmised that "his body grew tired and God called him home."

Warren grew up in 57 Court Ridge Road with his sister and his mother, the late Helen Rafferty, who worked at the High's Store in Roosevelt Center when our group was younger. We saw her regularly. Like so many of us who grew up together in town in the 1950s and 1960s, he attended elementary school in town, Greenbelt Junior High School and High Point High School. He loved to play baseball and softball in school and for teams in Greenbelt.

In his younger years, Warren volunteered at the Greenbelt Fire House where he became good friends with Tick Mangum and others in the Fire House crew. Billy Parrish wrote this about an incident from their early fire house days: "I was on my way to the firehouse and broke my leg. Everyone thought I was kidding so I tried to walk home to 19-F Hillside. I made it to the Community Church and laid down, couldn't go no farther. Hoot came by and saw me on the hill. He said 'What's wrong?' I told him I couldn't walk so he picked me up and carried me all the way home. My mom thanked him and took me to the doctor's office right there at the Center. After getting a cast, I came out through the lobby and there was Hoot making sure I was OK. He was the best."

Hoot worked for GHI for

many years. He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion Post 136 for 47 years. He loved helping there; pig roasts were one of his specialties, as well as ribs that he barbecued often with his late friends Ronnie and Marsha Sommers.

Hoot also enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a part of the group that included Kirk McCauley, Jeff Chapman, Gary Barbour, Billy Steele and others from the Legion. They shared in the founding and operation of the cabin that served as the Bear Paw Rod and Gun Club in Western Maryland near the West Virginia border. He eventually withdrew from the club and his share was bought out by the other members. He shared many good times with his friends Anthony and Kathy DonBullion at Anthony's beach house in Mayo Beach, where he lived for a time.

I attended school with Linda and spent various times with Hoot right up until they moved to Florida. We were not everyday friends, but we partied at times, often at my house. We once went to a Rolling Stones concert at RFK Stadium with a large group after an early party. I had altered my reality sufficiently to be a loud distraction to Hoot. Being the big guy he was, he picked me up at one point and stuck me in that wooden seat upside-down, loudly laughing himself. It was all in fun.

I related a story in a previous edition of this paper about George Daffon. He and Hoot initiated Tick into the Fire Company by tying him up in the boiler room in the summer. When they finally returned to free him, he asked for water. As Tick says, "Hoot got a glass of water, set it on the floor and walked away without untying me for another 10 minutes." That was Hoot's dry and direct sense of humor.

He loved his wife and his family and was thoughtful of others. He was a plain speaker with a great sense of humor and a belly-shaking laugh. Such people seem to be in short supply these days, but the memories of Hoot will bring mostly chuckles for many in the years to come.

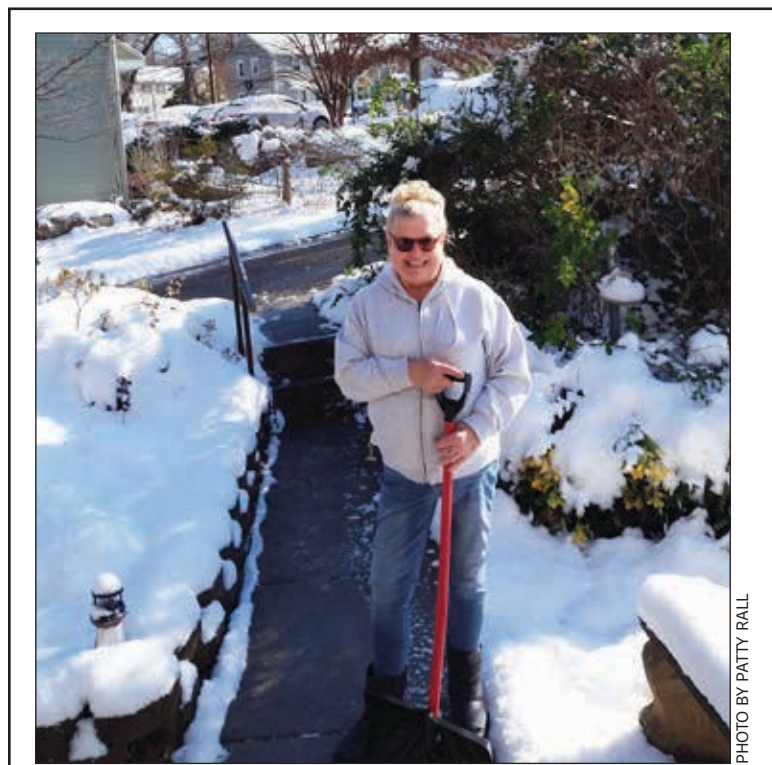
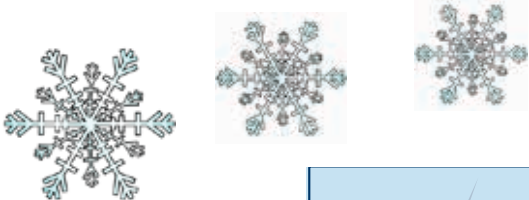


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Donna Peterson thinks the second snow was an easier game than the first biggie of 2022.



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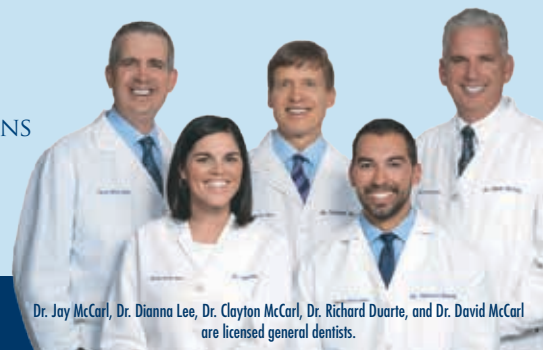
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Sports

ERHS Basketball's Optimistic Return Encumbered by Virus

by Patrick Gleason



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Seniors Ifanieye Lewis, Jaylin Payne, Carlos Kinard and James Rice listen to assistant coach Bryan Hogg during a timeout.

In their first game in nearly 22 months, the Eleanor Roosevelt High School boys basketball team jumped out to a fitting 22-0 lead over the South River Seahawks on December 6. The Raiders never looked back in a game they dominated over their Anne Arundel County foe. And as has become the norm for the last two decades, Roosevelt appears poised for a state championship run. However, the resurgence of the coronavirus pandemic – which halted Prince George's County high school sports on December 20 – appears to be one of the greatest threats to a senior-laden roster ready to compete at the state's highest level. Athletic events are tentatively scheduled to return on Tuesday, January 18, leaving players and coaches in uncertainty for nearly a month.

After their opening romp, the Raiders dropped a home contest to local private power DeMatha on December 8, although the Raiders led the Stags for much of the first half. Roosevelt also dropped a game at Broadneck, the same team they defeated for the 2019 state championship, on December 16. Assuming play can resume as scheduled, Roosevelt will rely on a trio of seniors who played significant varsity minutes as sophomores. Ifanieye Lewis, James Rice and Carlos Kinard

are joined by classmate Jaylin Payne, who will provide the frontcourt with formidable size in his 6'7" frame. Junior Bryson Whitley, another returning varsity player, guides the Raider offense as a steady and sturdy point guard. He catalyzed Roosevelt's December 14 victory over C.H. Flowers, while Rice and Kinard are consistent threats from deep for the Roosevelt offense. Additionally, junior Jermaine Gullidge offers a scoring threat from the Raider bench – an important addition to a team that routinely turns to its deep roster under coach Brendan O'Connell. Despite their current 2-2 record, the Raiders have already exhibited flashes of brilliance. Flashes that we hope are only momentarily overshadowed by the same pandemic that wiped out the 2021 season.



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this year. All allocations must be made by the end of 2024, yet 2026 is the final deadline on actual use of funds thus planned. Any money not used must be returned to the federal government. The city is permitted to accrue usable interest on the funds, with City Treasurer Bertha Gaymon saying that a separate account can be set up to better track it as well as the spending.

Restrictions

All fund usage must be related to the effects of the pandemic. The six eligible areas are: support public health response, replace public sector revenue loss, water and sewer infrastructure, address negative economic impacts, premium pay for essential workers and broadband infrastructure. Some areas that are ineligible are: offsetting of tax reductions, pension funds and debt service. ARPA money should be for one-time projects, not ones requiring ongoing funding, this being best addressed by a city's budget.

At present, the only ARPA funds that have been allocated and spent are rent and utility assistance (\$522,964), mortgage and homeowner association fee assistance (\$6,370) and business assistance (\$400,000). The latter has ended its application process and, said Economic Development Coordinator Charise Liggins in a separate interview, "We are currently coordinating check disbursements with the grant recipients."

Multiple Targets

While not a huge part of the city's financial responsibility, water and sewer, and especially stormwater management, were a frequent possible use discussed. Regarding the latter, the looming challenges of climate change with increased precipitation and flooding made a full appraisal and upgrade of the city's aging system an important area to explore.

Playgrounds and parks, as well as improvement of the city's broadband (as many now work from home), Covid-testing kits for all residents, upgrading of HVAC systems for small businesses, the rehiring of frontline employees furloughed or laid off due to budget, and the transportation system (as it affects residents getting to work) were other pos-

sibilities to review as permitted by ARPA criteria.

The city has use of the services of the Hagerty Consulting Group, hired by the state, to whom the city can bring questions about fund usage.

Feedback Routes

At this stage, the communication channels to be used for gathering feedback are: the city website; possibly Bang The Table, an online townhall-type platform (costs \$5,000, which can be paid through ARPA); a community newsletter; social media; email distributions; online surveys; the Greenbelt News Review; and personal outreach with existing relationships. Already, an ARPA page has been added to the city website.

As community feedback is so crucial, council and staff are focused on reaching the more underserved and underrepresented parts of the city. New channels may need to be employed to meet this need. It was noted that getting a 100 percent response is unrealistic, but the effort will still be made.

Acting City Manager Timothy George expected that, by the second council meeting in January, a working schedule of community forums, an update on current outreach and an estimated cost for the entire effort can be presented. He envisioned a two-to-three-month process beginning in January and ending in March. Meetings may be in-person, but more likely will be virtual, with all being available to stream live or view online later. The city website and the Greenbelt News Review will provide a listing.

Care Paramount

Along with the recommendations to prioritize non-recurring expenditures and partnering with other communities and agencies making use of the ARPA funds, the Government Finance Officers Association reiterated the guideline to "take time" and exercise "careful consideration" in this huge responsibility and boon to the city.



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Photos With Santa Event

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We also partnered with Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & our Community Officer, Sharnice Hawkins to host Franklin Park's Photo With Santa event. It was such a delight for residents to see the vintage fire truck driving through the community and so many families took

pictures with Santa on the fire truck which was set up close to our Leasing Center.

Holiday Toy Giveaway Event

To close out our week-long celebration, Councilmember Ric Gordon along with other co-sponsors, organized a pre-registration toy giveaway event. Although the kids loved receiving toys, they truly enjoyed the other highlight of the event which was the train ride on site, which drove them around the community block.

(photo credit Ric Gordon)



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As we look back at 2021, we want to thank all entities who partnered with us to provide the necessary resources for our community during these unprecedented times. As we enter 2022, we want to wish everyone a prosperous, safe and healthy new year as we look forward to continue serving our community!

During spirit week we also ensured our pets were not left out of



all the fun festivities! We had a social media contest on our Facebook page in which pets were supposed to dress up in their best holiday attire. Judging by the pics they were truly in the holiday spirit! Our patio submissions were so awesome as well.

