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## Great Backyard Bird Count Finds Greenbelt Fertile Ground

by Greenbelt Marc

This past weekend, February 18 to 21, was the weekend of the 25th annual Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) sponsored by the National Audubon Society, Cornell Lab of Ornithology and Birds Canada. GBBC is an event when bird enthusiasts of all skill levels go out and list all the birds that they see or hear and report the list back to the sponsors, primarily on Cornell's eBird app. Birders



PHOTO BY GREENBELT MARC

Birds enjoy backyard feeders.

can spend as little as 15 minutes counting the birds at their feeder or in their yards or spend all day. See **BIRDS**, page 8

## Black History Month

### Self-care and Mental Health Are Topics for this Saturday

by Lois Rosado

During the past two years, many have experienced the breakdown in social civility, even prior to the advent of the Covid-19 virus. The virus further unraveled lives as it destabilized the social, political and economic institutions on which society relies. For children and youth, the era of Covid-19 has been traumatizing as they have been forced to disconnect from peers,

sports, classrooms and all manner of social and supportive gatherings. Society has been forced to navigate a new reality.

Mind, Body and Self-Care, the next session of the Black History Month series, examines how the issues presented above impact the mental health of our youth and families; the need for Black

See **HEALTH**, page 8

## First Phase of Greenbelt Road Revision Gets Community Input

by Haley Kerby

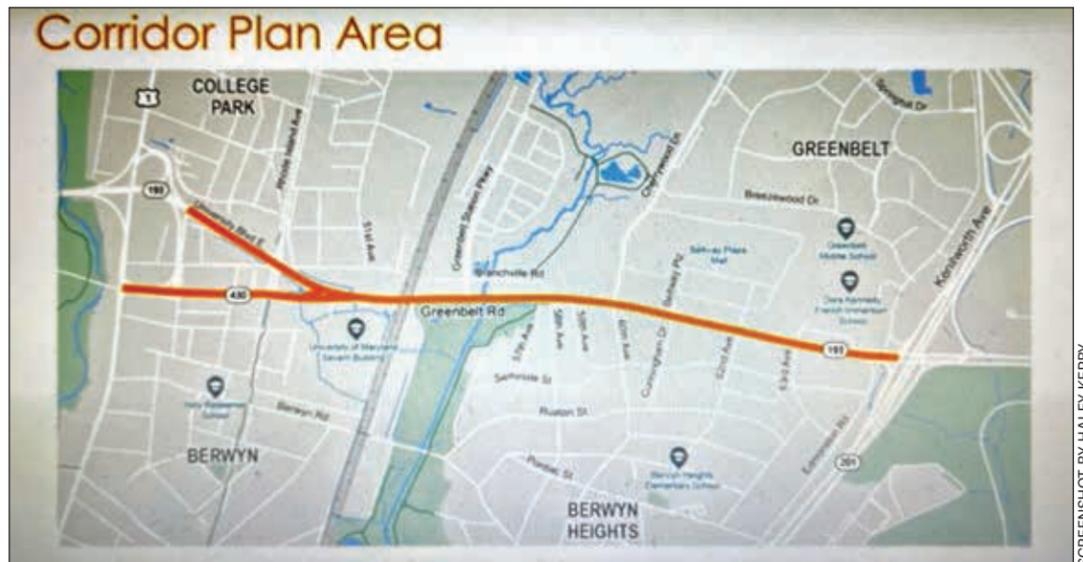
“What is one word you would use to describe Greenbelt Road?” The most popular answers were ugly, dangerous and busy. “What travel purposes would you like to use Greenbelt Road for?” The response was exercise, recreation, shopping and access to walking trails and parks.

These responses were part of a virtual meeting held by the City of Greenbelt partnered with Kittelson and Associates, a transportation and engineering corporation, on February 10. The meeting was open to the public to discuss visioning plans for the Greenbelt Road corridor

revision project. The responses gave insight into the problems Greenbelters face every day when traveling the most heavily used road in the city.

The Greenbelt Road Revision study first began in October

See **ROAD**, page 8



SCREENSHOT BY HALEY KERBY

The part of Greenbelt Road included in the study

## From the Archives

### Greenbelt Got an Early Start On Health Care for Residents

by Jeannette Connors

Picture it. Greenbelt. 1939. A young girl with inflamed tonsils. She is fortunate because Greenbelt has a hospital – the only hospital in Prince George's County. The girl's parents pay \$4 for a semi-private room (the girl wants a private room; it's only 50 cents more, she tells Mom and Dad) and \$5 for a tonsillectomy. She gets to eat ice cream for a week.

Greenbelters are proactive in getting their health care needs met. Indeed, in 1938 the Greenbelt Health Association (GHA), a

voluntary nonprofit cooperative organization, was started “for the purpose of securing the best kind of medical care for themselves and for their families on a budget plan which they could all afford.” Membership and the entrance fee of \$5 and monthly dues rang-

ing from \$1 to \$2.25 allowed a member to get a multitude of services including “a yearly physical examination; routine laboratory services; and special rates for surgery, treatment of fractures, etc.”

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PHOTO BY JULES DELEHANT

Elizabeth Gardner came home to Greenbelt for the weekend to film her senior dance thesis (aided by younger sibling Avery on camera). They braved the cold and wind to film at the Lake at dawn, and shot additional footage at other locations in Greenbelt. Elizabeth will graduate from Barnard College in New York City in May.

### What Goes On

**Monday, February 28**  
7:30 p.m., Council Meeting  
**Wednesday, March 2**  
8 p.m., Worksession: Board of Elections

The council meeting will be in person, with pre-registration required to attend (see city ad, page 5). The worksession will be virtual. Note that the status may change at short notice so check the meetings calendar at [greenbeltnmd.gov](http://greenbeltnmd.gov) prior to attending.



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Each Greenbelt child is entitled to a free physical checkup once a year. Photo taken May 1942.

# Letters to the Editor

## Meetings Not Webinars

We write to express our concern about the use of Zoom Webinar format during council meetings and to urge the council to use the more inclusive Zoom Meeting format in its stead. This feedback applies both to the hybrid meetings launched by the council on February 14 and to fully remote meetings that might be required in the future.

The Zoom Webinar format the council has employed during the current term inhibits resident participation. Residents can see only the names or faces of council members and designated guests; we have no way of knowing which other residents are observing a meeting. This isolation may inhibit some residents from asking questions or offering comments. In contrast, the Zoom Meeting format enables all virtual participants to know who is observing a given meeting and who is attempting to express a concern at any given time. Moreover, whereas residents can only use the chat function to direct questions to the council during Zoom Webinars, Zoom Meetings enable residents to interact with each other by chat and coordinate input to the council.

In conclusion, we strongly urge the council to use the Zoom Meeting option and to continue employing this option for all future meetings. This change would increase resident engagement and council accessibility, both of which are essential to the vibrant democratic process on which Greenbelt prides itself.

*Greenbelt Racial Equity Alliance  
Greenbelt Climate Action Network  
Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness  
Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition*

## Drive Slowly on Dirt

Greenbelt's thoroughfares are paved. However, the odd road is covered with a mixture of crushed rock and dirt, with one consequence that does not register with all drivers. Do you drive to the Northway softball fields, or the Observatory or the mulch

pile? Unless it's just rained, or the road's frozen, even a moderate pace raises dust plumes. This makes walking unpleasant. Slow way down, please, if there are walkers/hikers/runners about.

*David Shapiro*

## Scams

Be skeptical: Always have your guard up!

I have to admire Ms. Novinski in bravely sharing her scamming experience with the News Review. Too many times we hear of someone falling for email-based or phone-based scams. It is not about being tech savvy or not, it is about healthy skepticism. While I feel absolutely horrified Ms. Novinski was scammed, my first thought was why no alarm bells went off during the two-hour phone call where the perpetrator extracted sensitive information.

My first experience of identity theft was a phone call from a security official at a bank I do business with, stating there was odd activity on my account. Warning 1: Cold calls. I politely asked for the agent's name, business office and title. I then hung up, called the main bank number and located him within the company. I short-circuited a possible scam, because I went down a clean, proven path rather than blindly accept the "help" while we were on the line. He proved legit. One must verify to whom one is speaking. Grifters ply their trade by convincing people they are genuine using well-practiced lies and confidence techniques.

Warning 2: Texts or emails claiming charges on an account. This is easy to check. Using a known, safe means, in this case, amazon.com, log on to your account and check recent activity. Most likely that transaction is not showing on your account. Do not under any circumstances use the link or phone number provided in the text or email. Go to a known source. Be skeptical. Be safe. A note to Ms. Novinski - cancelling your credit card was a good idea - though unlikely to have interrupted all processes in time. See [consumer.ftc.gov/articles/what-do-if-you-were-scammed](https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/what-do-if-you-were-scammed).

*Frank Kayser*

## Thank You

I wanted to take this time to thank every Greenbelter for the love and well wishes during my cardiac event and emergency heart surgery. Please know that even in my recovery my mind is set on #TPW247 (The People's Work 24/7). I will continue to give Greenbelt all of me, with every fiber of being and 'til the last breath I will give you all of me, because I believe we have so much work ahead.

I also want to thank my council colleagues for all the warm sentiments. I must say I was touched by a special phone call from John Henry Jones who wanted to check on me. Thank you to so many such as Lois Rosado, Robert & Judy Goldberg-Strassler, Leeann Irwin, Kristen Weaver, Iona King and Katie Pugliese for making sure I received healthy meals during my recovery time. Most importantly, I must thank Carla Johns for being the one who got me to the hospital in time and helped to save my life and keep my family and Greenbelt aware of my condition and for help during my on-going recovery.

With love,

*Ric Gordon  
Councilmember*



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## On Screen at Old Greenbelt Theatre

### Cyrano

Award-winning director Joe Wright envelops moviegoers in a symphony of emotions with music, romance and beauty in *Cyrano*, re-imagining the timeless tale of a heartbreaking love triangle. A man ahead of his time, *Cyrano de Bergerac* (Peter Dinklage) dazzles whether with ferocious wordplay at a verbal joust or with brilliant swordplay in a duel. But, convinced that his appearance renders him unworthy of the love of a devoted friend, the luminous Roxanne (Haley Bennett), *Cyrano* has yet to declare his feelings for her - and Roxanne has fallen in love, at first sight, with Christian (Kelvin Harrison, Jr.). The production is based on the stage musical.

Rated PG-13, running time 123 minutes

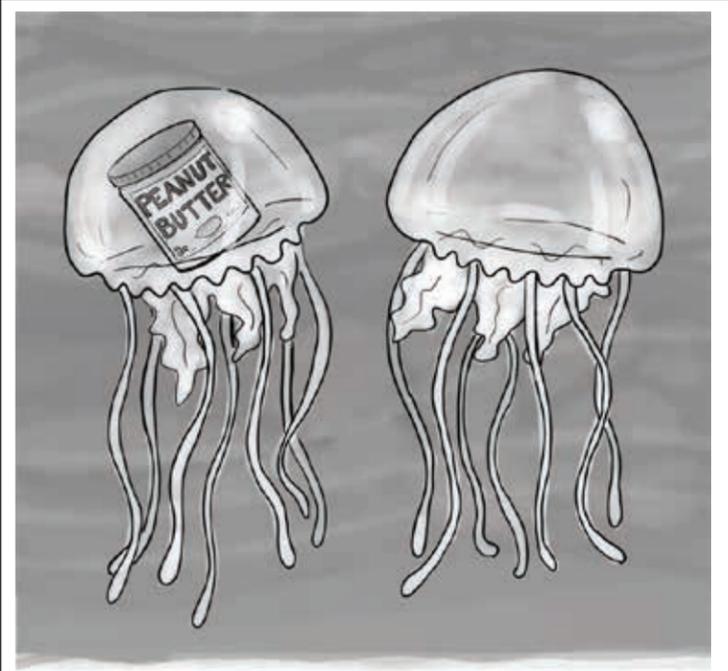
### Special Black History Month Screening

#### King Richard

FREE admission, limited seating, pre-registration required at [greenbeltmd.gov](http://greenbeltmd.gov). Presented in partnership with Greenbelt Recreation

Armed with a clear vision and a brazen, 72-page plan, Richard Williams (Will Smith) is determined to write his two daughters, Venus and Serena, into history. Training on tennis courts in Compton, Calif., Richard shapes the girls' unyielding commitment and keen intuition. Together, the Williams family defies seemingly insurmountable odds and the prevailing expectations laid before them.

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You just have to be weird, don't you.

- Michael Kusie

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# Community Events

## Arts Advisory Board To Meet March 1

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet virtually on Tuesday, March 1 at 7 p.m. Agenda topics will include a conversation with community arts groups regarding their FY 2023 Recognition Group applications. For meeting information, email at [ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov) (preferred) or call 301-474-8000 Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

## Afghanistan Vigil

The Prince George's Peace and Justice Coalition will hold a vigil regarding U.S. policies toward Afghanistan on the bridge over the Baltimore-Washington Parkway on Saturday, February 26 from 3 to 5 p.m. The purpose is to ask that, in order to prevent famine, Afghan assets should be returned now. Additionally, the vigil opposes the use of Afghan money to settle lawsuits. Those in the Greenbelt area are invited to join the protest and/or to donate to the World Food Program through [wfp.org/emergencies/afghanistan-emergency](http://wfp.org/emergencies/afghanistan-emergency).

## Racial Equity Alliance Meets on Tuesday

The Greenbelt Racial Equity Alliance (GREA) will hold its next monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 1 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Zoom.

Agenda items include council Zoom format request letter, Reparations Commission, city elections, 2022 Maryland Legislative session, American Rescue Plan Act funds allocation, upcoming events and meeting in person.

For a link to the meeting, go to the GREA website, [greenbeltraciaequity.org/events/](http://greenbeltraciaequity.org/events/).

## Propagate Native Plants

Help fight invasives and plant natives. The GHI Woodlands Committee is hosting a workday on Saturday, February 26 from 9 a.m. to noon. The mission is to dig out roots of invasive plants and to plant seeds and cuttings of native plants in the new propagation area for native trees and shrubs. Meet at the picnic table between 8 and 10 Courts Laurel Hill Road for work next to the blackberry patch at the woodland edge.

What to bring:

1. A face mask for use when near others. All participants are required to socially distance as much as possible for their safety and that of others.

2. Clothes that cover the skin. Wear leather gloves and thick pants to protect against scratches.

3. Bug repellent and hand sanitizer.

4. Tools and equipment will be provided, but extra shovels, rakes or mattocks are welcome to facilitate other volunteers' involvement.

For more information, contact [BryanBruns@yahoo.com](mailto:BryanBruns@yahoo.com).

## Spring Activity Guide Now Online

The Greenbelt Recreation spring activity guide is now available online at [greenbeltmd.gov/recreation](http://greenbeltmd.gov/recreation). Registration for residents began on Tuesday, February 22, and opens for nonresidents on Monday, February 28.

## GIVES Office Is Once More in the Office

The GIVES office has reopened and volunteers are taking calls each weekday from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. from people who need services. They are an all-volunteer membership organization that helps Greenbelt residents who need assistance to live independently in their own homes.

GIVES volunteers help transport people to medical and other necessary appointments, take care of pets during hospital stays or other times when seniors cannot, stay with members who can't be left alone so that their family can run errands, and pick up groceries or other items ordered online.

If you need help now or know someone who needs services, call 301-607-6580 to receive a membership application form. Member requests are sent to volunteer providers to find a match. Applications are processed as quickly as possible to get services to those in need.

Because volunteers transport people in their cars, the group's insurance company requires that people receiving or providing services be GIVES members.

For more information about becoming a member, either to receive assistance or to volunteer to help others, call 301-507-6580 or email at [givesoffice@gmail.com](mailto:givesoffice@gmail.com).

## Fortin Exhibit Graces Council Chambers

A new exhibit of paintings by Christine Fortin is currently on view in council chambers at the Municipal Building. Fortin is a participant in Greenbelt Recreation ceramics and visual arts programs. Her work resonates with modern and ancient art history while inviting the viewer to peer through the unique, kaleidoscopic lens of her imagination.

Guests may see the show Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through Friday, April 8. Masks are required. Ring the doorbell at the front entrance facing Crescent Road. For more information email [ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov) or visit [greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://greenbeltmd.gov/arts).

## Order Free Rapid Home Covid-19 Tests

The federal government is making available free at-home Covid-19 tests, with each residential household in the U.S. eligible to order one set of four rapid antigen tests. The brief order form, asking for only contact and shipping information, takes just a moment to fill out. The form and more information can be found at [COVIDtests.gov](http://COVIDtests.gov). Orders will ship within 7 to 12 (or more) days, with delivery by the U.S. Postal Service.

## Local Quilters Featured In Courthouse Exhibit

Quilts Across Maryland are once again on display at the Federal Courthouse on Cherrywood Lane, now through the end of April. A space-theme quilt, called Star Formation, pieced by local Greenbelt quilter (and News Review staffer) Ann Bauman and quilted by Greenbelter Christy Bailey, is among the works hanging on the first three floors of the Courthouse's central atrium.

This is the 19th annual exhibit, organized by the Annapolis Quilt Guild with contributions from guilds throughout Maryland. The quilts on display in the 2020 exhibit were "held hostage" by the Covid-19 pandemic, as the courthouse was locked down after the quilts had been hung. In 2021, the annual exhibit was cancelled due to the continuing pandemic restrictions. The quilts were finally returned to their makers in mid-2021, when the courthouse reopened to the public.

The courthouse is open to the public, including quilt enthusiasts, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, except holidays. Masks and vaccinations required.

## Make Luminaries At Artful Afternoon

Create colorful luminaries with designs inspired by famous women artists at the Artful Afternoon at the Community Center on Sunday, March 6. Sign up for a table at 1 or 2:15 p.m. by registering at [signupgenius.com/go/409084babab2ba4ff2-march2](http://signupgenius.com/go/409084babab2ba4ff2-march2). Masks required.

## City Celebrates Centenarians

The City of Greenbelt would like to celebrate Greenbelt residents who have reached the milestone age of 100 years. To have a loved one or friend recognized, contact Rebekah Sutfin at 240-542-2056 or [rsutfin@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:rsutfin@greenbeltmd.gov). The centenarian can choose from a variety of options to celebrate.

The city will continue to promote senior services and appreciation throughout the year. Recognizing the city's diverse population, Greenbelt seeks to celebrate centenarians' experiences and wisdom, provide activities that meet their needs and encourage seniors to age in place here in Greenbelt.

## Composting Workday Volunteers Needed

On Saturday, February 26, anytime from 9 a.m. to noon, enjoy an outdoor composting workday at the three-bin hot composting station behind Roosevelt Center, alongside the Aquatic Center. It's an opportunity to commune safely with others outdoors and enjoy learning how to make compost from food from Greenbelt's Co-op Supermarket that would otherwise go to the landfill. Bring a mask to wear when working close to others.

Elementary through high school kids are invited to join in. There's lots of work, and snacks to enjoy. Just show up on Saturday morning or email [NewDealWigglers@gmail.com](mailto:NewDealWigglers@gmail.com) for more information.

## City Council Again Begins To Hold In-person Meetings

by Haley Kerby

The Greenbelt City Council has resumed in-person meetings with a live audience, with the first one taking place on February 14. During the meeting, there were technical difficulties in which the Zoom option did not function. This meant less of an audience than councilmembers had been used to over the years with virtual meetings. The option to call in to express concerns was also unavailable during the meeting. Nevertheless, the meeting was still live-streamed over the city's website, allowing people to watch but not comment.

By council's next regular meeting on Monday, February 28,

technical staff plan to introduce a functioning hybrid version where a live audience, Zoom audience and livestream are available.

During the meeting there were six councilmembers present. They sat in an "L" shape at widely spaced tables rather than in the "U" formation that was usual pre-pandemic.

Eight members of the public were present. All people in attendance were wearing masks and sat socially distanced, including councilmembers.

*Haley Kerby is a University of Maryland journalism student serving as an intern for the News Review this semester.*



City council prepares to meet on February 14.

**2022 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**SUNDAY MARCH 20 at 3pm**  
 via Zoom Video Conference

Greenbelt Access Television will be hosting our **Annual Membership Meeting** over Zoom again this year. Current GATe Members will receive a link for the meeting in advance. Guests are welcome and can request the meeting link by email to [greenbeltaccess@gmail.com](mailto:greenbeltaccess@gmail.com)

GATe Members will be voting to fill two open Board Member positions. If the election is contested, anonymous online voting will take place during the meeting. If you are a current GATe Member and would like to run for an open seat, please submit a photograph and short bio over email to be included in the list of candidates.

**Nominations will be open until March 4th at 4pm.** There will be a vote on suggested bylaw amendments. To view the proposed amendments, please visit <https://greenbeltaccessstv.org/proposed-bylaw-amendments>

The 2021 Winners of GATe's Annual Rose Award for Best Greenbelt Community Video will be announced during the meeting!

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8am	Democracy Now!	Yesterday's Syndicated Program
9am	GATe Classic Film • Biography	The Jackie Robinson Story • 1950
11am	Greenbelt Newsreel	Community Programming
Noon	Democracy Now!	Today's Syndicated Program
1pm	PGCPS Science Bowl	Robert Goddard v MLK Jr Middle
2pm	Music at the New Deal	Proverbs Reggae Band • Roots Reggae
3pm	GATe Classic Film • Biography	The Jackie Robinson Story • 1950
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**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

SCREENSHOT FROM CITY COUNCIL MEETING

# Obituaries

## William Hatch



PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

**William E. Hatch**

William (Bill) E. Hatch died suddenly on February 9, 2022, after a long struggle with congestive heart failure and its complications. He was born June 2, 1940, in Melrose, Mass., the eldest of five children, and never lost his native accent even though he lived in Virginia and Maryland for the past 60 years.

Bill was a resident of Greenbelt for nearly 40 years and loved his community. He loved his work as a senior software engineer and was a complete geek. He worked on many interesting projects with some pretty smart people, fondly referred to as his "guys." He was also a gym rat and enjoyed weightlifting and watching all sporting events, but especially baseball and kids' soccer games. Bill loved to have parties and cookouts and entertained often in his backyard pool or with family in Virginia. He was famous for his bourbon-marinated flank steaks and would brag proudly about how people devoured every last piece. He loved his pets Joey and Julie and was a regular on the Greenbelters Facebook group. He loved people and was always outgoing and easily made friends from all walks of life wherever he went.

Bill was well-loved; he was quite a character.

A special thanks to his longtime home care helpers Yesenia Miller and Christine who enabled him to live at home until the end. Thanks to all of his neighbors who also watched out for him and helped him as he got older.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents Ernest E. Hatch and Gertrude Hixon, his wife Ada Hatch and his daughter Katherine Ireland. He is survived by his two brothers, David and Richard, and two sisters, Cheryl and Marilyn; his daughter Karen Draddy; his son Kenneth Hatch; six grandchildren, Dylan Ireland, Jessica Arrigan, Kasey Hatch, Jacob Draddy, Nicholas Draddy and Ethan Hatch; and two great-grandchildren, Theo and Jameson; as well as many cousins and friends.

There will be no funeral or services. In lieu of flowers or cards, please donate to a local animal shelter. Forever in our hearts, and never forgotten.

## Mowatt Begins Lent With a Taizé Worship

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church cordially invites all to join them on Wednesday, March 2, at 7 p.m. for their Ash Wednesday service. This year, they will hold a joint Taizé worship service with College Park United Methodist Church at 9601 Rhode Island Avenue, College Park.

Taizé worship has its roots in France in the 1940s when Brother Roger, a protestant, began an ecumenical monastic community. Brother Roger hid Jewish refugees during World War II. His prayer was private until several other brothers joined him later in the 1940s.

Over the decades a unique worship style has developed. Most of the service consists of sung prayers. In the Taizé community in France, everyone sings in a given language, no matter if they speak that language or not. The songs are simple and repetitive, so they are easy to catch on to. Everyone uniting to sing in a single language at a time is symbolic of the Christian unity sought by the Taizé community.

## Order Shrove Tuesday Pancakes by Feb. 25

Pancake Day, or Shrove Tuesday, is the traditional feast day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Lent, the 40 days leading up to Easter, was traditionally a time of fasting. On Shrove Tuesday, Anglo-Saxon Christians went to confession and were "shriven" (absolved from their sins). The association between pancakes and Shrove Tuesday may have arisen as it uses up foods that are discouraged from being eaten during the Lenten season, such as butter, eggs and fat. The specific custom of Christians eating pancakes on Shrove Tuesday dates to the 16th century.

Sharing pancakes and sausage has been an annual event at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church for many years and will occur this year on March 1, Shrove Tuesday. Participants must preorder pancakes and sausage by Friday, February 25 and pick them up in front of Mowatt's Fellowship Hall. While there is no fee, donations are always welcome.

Mowatt is located at 40 Ridge Road. To place an order, call the office and leave a message at 301-474-9410. Specify how many pancakes. Ashes for Wednesday can also be included. All are welcome.



Condolences to the family and friends of longtime Greenbelter Bill Hatch who died on February 9.

Our sympathies to the family and friends of Jim Olson, professional pianist, who died suddenly on February 20 at the age of 70 after a brief heart-related illness. He had lived in Greenbelt with his wife Robin and son Evan until 2005.

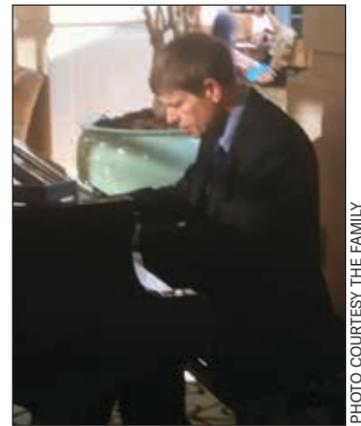


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**Jim Olson**

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



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

**Crocuses bloom on February 20, as the days get warmer.**

### 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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John 13:35

**IN PERSON Sunday Worship Services**  
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**MCFcc.org**

"...peace must first be established among individuals, until it leadeth in the end to peace among nations."  
— 'Abdu'l-Bahá

**Greenbelt Bahá'í Community**

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**Reverend Rivera, Pastor**  
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A gift is not a gift until it's given.

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Sunday School 9:15am

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**United Church of Christ**  
God is still speaking.

**This Sunday's Sermon on Facebook Live**  
Sunday at 10:15

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

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Rabbi Saul Oresky, Cantor Phil Greenfield

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Saturday morning services at 10:00am  
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**ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

- Daily Mass: Mon-Fri 7:15am\*, Sat 9am\*
- Sunday Mass:
  - Sat vigil 5pm\*
  - Sun 8am, 9:30am, 11am
- Confessions Saturday 3pm - 4pm.  
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\*Live-streamed on Facebook and available on our YouTube page later.

**Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church**

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

Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

February 27 10 a.m.  
**The Fire of Commitment**

**Chris McCann - DRE, Rev. Ann Kadlecek** with Worship Associate Jacqui Walpole

This is the time of year when Paint Branch members and friends commit to the financial support of this church for another year. Why do we do that? To what are we committing? What difference does it make? Let's explore together.

**City Notes**

Recreation received a \$10,000 Child Care Stabilization Program grant for preschool programs. Springhill Lake Recreation Center staff completed food handling training required to serve Capital Area Food Bank meals during after school programs.

Animal Control impounded two stray cats and one stray dog. After two kitten adoptions, the Shelter hosts nine cats, one kitten and a dog.

Refuse/Recycling collected 26.28 tons of refuse and 11 tons of recyclables.

The Community Center hosted a well-attended CARES food, diaper, and Covid test kit and mask distribution. At the Schrom Hills Park Covid test kit distribution site, park rangers monitored a safe and efficient event.

Prince George's Fire and Rescue trained in the Aquatic & Fitness Center. Arts staff participated in virtual Maryland Arts Day programs and Recreation staff attended a two-day meeting of the Government Alliance for Racial Equity Cohort. Therapeutic Recreation facilitated the Golden Age Club meeting, restarted Holy Cross Senior Fit and delivered meals to 21 homebound seniors.

**At the Library**

The Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS), D.C. Public Library and Alexandria Public Library are once again teaming up with the Washington Wizards to present the Wizards Winter Reading Challenge through March 31. Prince Georgians can join the fun by participating in challenges for a chance to win prizes. Participants may complete and log activities including reading, watching Wizards games, attending virtual library programs, staying active and engaging with the Library and Wizards. Readers who complete the challenge will be entered into a raffle to win a variety of prizes. All ages are welcome. Customers may register on Beanstack (website or mobile app).

**Programs**

For Black History Month, the Library's virtual programs explore Black creativity and ingenuity across disciplines with read-alouds for children, an appearance by author and journalist Wanda Smalls Lloyd, a new series that explores Black inventors and innovators curated by the Library's Workforce and Community Development Team, the Black Authors in Sci-Fi & Fantasy series presented by the PGCMLS Writers' Group, book discussions, an open mic event and film discussions. Registration required for select programs at pgcmls.info/10186.

Prince Georgians are encouraged to explore Black history and culture locally and nationally via the Library's online resources and at the Sojourner Truth Room at the Oxon Hill Branch Library.

**Garden Club Meets To Assign Plots**

The Greenbelt Community Garden Club will be having a virtual plot assignment meeting. The meeting will be held Wednesday, March 16 at 7 p.m. An email will be sent to returning gardeners with a link to join. New and returning plot holders may download and fill out the application form on the club's website at greenbeltgardenclub.com.



# City Information & Events

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

**GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING**  
Monday, February 28, 2022 at 7:30pm

**ORGANIZATION**

Roll Call  
Call to Order  
Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag  
Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations (Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by \*] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)  
Approval of Agenda and Additions

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Presentations**  
- Neighborhood Design Center  
**Petitions and Requests**  
\* **Minutes of Council Meetings**  
Statement for the Record - Closed Session, December 15, 2021  
**Administrative Reports**  
\* **Committee Reports**  
- Advisory Planning Board Report #2022-01: Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Planning Group Report  
- Board of Elections Report #2022-01: Post-Elections Report to Council  
- Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability: Recommendation # 2022-02 Report to City Council

**LEGISLATION**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- Discussion on changing the Council Standing Rules Order  
- State Legislation  
- Council Activities  
- Council Reports  
\* Appointment to Advisory Board  
\* Reappointment to Advisory Boards

**MEETINGS**

*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 meeting will be in person, and the City will adhere to COVID restrictions. Therefore, space is limited; pre-registration is required at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DAA823A7FAC43-regular>*

**VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 5**

Tuesday, March 1 at 7 pm, **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, *On the Agenda: Continue to Discuss & Plan Upcoming Community Policing Forums, Discussion About Committee Policy, New Business, Adjourn.*

Tuesday, March 1 at 7 pm, **ARTS ADVISORY BOARD**, *On the Agenda: Conversation with community arts groups regarding their FY 2023 Recognition Group applications.*

Wednesday, March 2 at 7:30 pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD**, *On the Agenda: Call to Order, Approval of Agenda, Approval of Minutes - February 16, 2022, Update of Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan - Hanover Parkway Recommendation Discussion, New Business, Adjourn.*

Wednesday, March 2 at 8 pm, **WORK SESSION - BOARD OF ELECTIONS**, *Virtual meeting will be shown on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and streaming at [greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv)*

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**VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on:

- 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



Greenbelt Recreation's 2022 Spring Activity Guide has been posted! Visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation) for more information.

Follow the City of Greenbelt on Facebook and Twitter @cityofgreenbelt! For City information and events visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)

CELEBRATING THIS WEEK'S  
**BLACK HISTORY PROGRAMS**

**Mind and Body - Self-Care, Staying Mentally Fit, and Physically Health**  
Saturday, February 26 | 2pm-4pm  
Register at [www.signupgenius.com/go/blackhealth](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/blackhealth)

**Black History Month Movie - King Richard**  
Sunday, February 27 | 2pm-3:30pm  
Old Greenbelt Theatre, 129 Centerway  
Register: <https://greenbelttheatre.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/greenbelttheatre/event.jsp?event=1648&>

**Cultural Event (REPLAY)**  
Sunday, February 27 | 2 pm  
Watch on [www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv), Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, or [www.facebook.com/greenbeltmdrecreation](http://www.facebook.com/greenbeltmdrecreation)

**Weed Warriors: Invasive Plant Pull**  
March 5 | 10 am - 1 pm

Be a part of the community effort to remove invasive plant species from the environment at Schrom Hills Park. Volunteers will work with Public Works staff to remove invasive vines from native trees and to pull other invasive plant species. Masks will be required at all times.

**Reminders:**  
Bring a reusable water bottle  
Wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes  
Students: bring community-service forms  
Must register as it is limited to 25 volunteers

To Register, email: [kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov)

**INVASIVE SPECIES WORKSHOP**  
Virtual Event  
March 2 | 7 pm - 9 pm

In recognition of National Invasive Species Awareness week, join the Department of Public Work's Environmental Coordinator, Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll, in a virtual workshop discussing invasive plant species that can be found in the Greenbelt area and what to do about them. Residents will learn how to identify common invasive plant species and effective management techniques to deal with them.

To Register, email: [kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov)

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**Greenbelt ARPA Funds Assistance Programs Update (as of 2/14/22)**

Rent and Utility Assistance  
· 207 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$798,526.79  
Mortgage and HOA fee Assistance  
· 5 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$7,999.34

**FREE TUTORING PROGRAMS**  
Registration open for K-12

Thursdays 3-5:30pm  
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Mathematics, English, Science, Social Studies

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[dayoku@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:dayoku@greenbeltmd.gov)

**FEELING ISOLATED? LOOKING TO CONNECT WITH OTHERS?**

We are here to help. Join the Greenbelt Assistant in Living (GAIL) online support group. Meets every 3rd Wednesday, 2-3 pm.

Pre-registration required. Interested? Contact Sharon Johnson at 240-542-2029 or [Sjohnson@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:Sjohnson@greenbeltmd.gov)

**FEELING STRETCHED AS A CAREGIVER?**

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PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE A BOOK, THE CAREGIVER HELPBOOK  
Classes will be hosted via Zoom on Wednesdays, from 10:00 am - 11:30 pm  
Session #3: March 2 - April 6 | Session #4: May 4 - June 8

For more information or to register contact Katherine Farzin via Office: 240-542-2019 or Email: [kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov)

# In-person Council Meeting Plans Upcoming Initiatives

by Cathie Meetre

All councilmembers except Ric Gordon were in attendance at the Greenbelt City Council meeting of Monday, February 14 – only the second in-person meeting in two years. Some challenges were faced in the hybrid approach with Zoom not working properly. Several residents were present in person. Items relating specifically to Covid-19 are described in a separate article.

## Reparations

Mayor Emmett Jordan introduced a discussion on initiating the reparations commission, which was supported by a significant majority of voters in the November 2021 election. He posed the question of how to organize it – including timeframe, scope and how to engage relevant parties. The consensus seemed to be that a worksession was required to set expectations but not to restrict the commission's activities. Other cities approaching this task have described their strategies by clearly defining the mission, scope, purpose and timeframe for a reparations commission. Some best practices and resourcing recommendations were also considered, including following the work by the commission with a public hearing to validate the conclusions. Councilmember Judith Davis suggested incorporating these recommendations to help frame the city's actions. Resident Bob Rand suggested an initial steering committee. A worksession is to be scheduled.

## Regular Business

After proclamations were read and acknowledged for Black History Month on the theme of Black Health and Wellness and for Random Acts of Kindness Day on February 17, council formally accepted the closed sessions held recently.

Administrative reports delivered by Acting City Manager Tim George produced no surprises, with the preparations for the budget deemed on track. There will also be more distributions of masks and Covid self-test kits – the original delivery was smaller than hoped, with only 550 items, but the city is expecting 5,000 more kits and will be holding more pickup events geared for those who can't pick up during the work day.

George noted that the Prince George's County indoor mask mandate lapses in the first week of March. The city will most likely follow the county's lead but does have the option to adopt a more stringent (but not less stringent) standard. Under the State of Emergency, the city manager has decision authority. George also noted that though the city plans to reopen its facilities, it does not presently have enough staff to do so immediately or all at once, so he expects reopenings to be gradual.

Some discussion was held on whether to also start worksessions at 7:30 (council meetings now start at 7:30, with worksessions remaining at 8 p.m.) but no consensus emerged. Council, however, seemed to be divided on the topic by whether they were early birds or late owls.

## Getting on the Agenda

Resident Lore Rosenthal questioned how to get items on coun-

cil's agenda and wanted to encourage residents and groups to submit legislative items. Council suggested that submissions should arrive before the end of Tuesday for a meeting the following Monday so that the items could be advertised in advance of the meeting. Rosenthal was also advised that not all requests would necessarily be granted. She also asked that consecutive agenda updates for the same meeting show which items have been changed.

## State Legislation

A list of bills expected in the upcoming sessions of the state legislature and those identified by the Maryland Municipal League (MML) as worthy of support were presented to council by Davis, who serves on the MML. Council considered whether to support them by writing letters to state representatives. Davis noted that although some letters had already been drafted in support of the more obvious choices, none would be sent until council approved them.

The set included bills that would prevent state monies from being used to support maglev development and prevent railroad companies from acquiring land by condemnation for maglev rights-of-way. Also included was a provision to allow the city to lower the speed limit on highways within its boundaries and another to allow local authorities to acquire street lighting equipment by condemnation under certain circumstances.

Funding for a Child-Safe Zone at public parks drew fire from Councilmember Rodney Roberts who complained that it was a "feel-good law that does nothing." Davis pointed out that it made public money available to enhance the safety and accessibility of public parks to children, stressing that it would provide much-needed grant money to jurisdictions that could not otherwise afford to enhance their parks.

Two environmentally oriented bills were also proposed for

council support. One related to statewide goals for zero emissions and the other to funding for development-related transit initiatives that would provide funding for municipalities.

All the initiatives were approved.

## Reordering Agenda

The order of the agenda is spelled out in the council rules. Jordan suggested moving Petitions and Requests to the very beginning of the meeting and potentially offering the public the opportunity to pre-record a petition. He thought, perhaps, that it would address the problem of meetings lasting too long. Councilmember Silke Pope felt that this item should be clearly part of the meeting and not precede the formal start or the pledge of allegiance. There seemed to be some sentiment for moving it earlier but no specific action was taken. The city's legal counsel, Todd Pounds, opined that council had the right to revise the order.

In connection with this item, resident Michael Hartman pointed out several places in the meeting rules that used language that was discriminatory, including binary language and references to the ability to hear. He insisted on reading out the several instances that he had discovered. The item was referred to staff.



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# Understanding Invasive Species; And Why Greenbelt Needs Help

by Xochitl Zamora-Thompson



PHOTO BY XOCHITL ZAMORA-THOMPSON

English ivy and bamboo invade city property.

*This is the first in a series of articles by the Green ACES Pollinator Team on managing invasive plants in Greenbelt.*

Next week, February 28 to March 4, is National Invasive Species Awareness Week – a national event dedicated to increasing the public's understanding of the threat posed by invasive species and how to prevent their

proliferation. Invasive species can be plants, animals, fungi or microbes. According to the North American Invasive Species Management Association, the term "invasive" is used for aggressive non-native species that grow and reproduce rapidly, displace native species and cause major disturbance to the areas in which they

See **INVASIVES**, page 7



**PRELIMINARY AGENDA**  
**Meeting of the GHI Board of Directors on March 3, 2022**

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

- Acquisition of New Radios for the Maintenance Department - 2nd reading - Consent Agenda
- Approve Minutes of the Closed Meeting Held on January 20, 2022
- Member Financial Matters

**B. GHI Open Meeting – begins at 7:45 p.m. (open to visitors and members)**

- Statement of Closed Meeting Held on March 3, 2022
- Approve Minutes of the Open Meeting Held on January 20, 2022
- Proposed Solar PVES Pre-paid Power Purchase Agreement - 2nd reading
- Permit Request to Install a Greenhouse Structure in the Serviceside Yard of a GHI Unit
- Review Dates for Board Meetings During April 2022
- Should GHI Advocate for Legislation to Make Coop Members Eligible for Reverse Mortgages
- Request from the Greenbelt Community Foundation for a Donation
- Schedule a Closed Meeting for the Manager's 2021 Performance Evaluation
- Motion to Hold a Closed Meeting on March 17, 2022

To deter hacking, GHI requires persons who wish to attend the GHI Open meeting on March 3, 2022, at 7:45 p.m., to register in advance by accessing the following link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZUkdO-qj4pEtEwIz1MeFJuOrDFrydAloRT>

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

Black History Month

# Greenbelter Shares Art Honoring a Strong Woman

Carman Washington, a Greenbelt resident, knew she could draw but never tried painting. At the age of 60, she became inspired to bring an image of a beautiful, strong woman to life on canvas.

Wanting to share her work with as many people as possible, an acquaintance suggested Washington place a picture of her work in the Greenbelt News Review. Washington expressed her gratitude for this opportunity to share her work of art, writing, “Thank you to Amy Hansen for being the final piece to this remarkable awakening journey of art and giving me the platform

to share it with the Greenbelt Community.”



Carman Washington

PHOTO COURTESY CARMAN WASHINGTON



PHOTO BY CARMAN WASHINGTON

The Covid-19 lockdown gave Carman time to explore something new, resulting in this painting depicting strength, encouragement, inspiration and victory. She used acrylic paints, white gel pen and pencil.

# INVASIVES continued from page 6

are present. Invasive species can cause irreversible harm to the environment and economy and often pose a threat to plant, animal or human health. Due to the lack of their natural consumers, competitors, predators, parasites and pathogens in the environment to which they were introduced, invasive species can quickly dominate an area, replacing native food sources, altering the diversity, distribution and abundance of native species and changing the composition and functioning of entire ecosystems.

In Greenbelt and surrounding communities, non-native invasive plants are probably of greatest concern. There are more than 244 invasive terrestrial and 43 invasive aquatic plant species in Maryland according to the Maryland Invasive Species Council. Likely the most obvious invasive plants in the city’s natural areas are invasive vines, including Asiatic bittersweet, English ivy, porcelain-berry, Chinese and Japanese wisteria, Japanese honeysuckle, creeping euonymus and sweet autumn clematis.

Non-native invasive vines can negatively affect trees and shrubs in different ways. Some smother them, effectively blocking their leaves from light and reducing photosynthesis. They can twist trees and shrubs as they grow, girdling them and limiting the movement of water and nutrients within the tree or shrub. In this way, invasive vines can maim, stunt or even kill the tree or shrub on which they are growing. As some vines grow on trees, moisture can accumulate against the root flare at the bottom of the tree or the trunk, weakening the bark and allowing insects, fungi and pathogens to enter and weaken the tree. For example, English ivy can be a source of the bacteria that causes bacterial leaf scorch in oaks, maples and elms. And, of course, the added weight of an invasive vine makes a tree more vulnerable to being blown over in high winds or in

snow or icy conditions.

The damage to – or death of – individual trees and shrubs cumulatively impacts the wider environment by reducing forest cover, erosion control and carbon absorption. It also changes the local hydrology, nutrient cycling in soils and how fire behaves in the altered landscape. Indeed, a recent report by the Chesapeake Climate Action Network asserts that freeing trees from invasive vines is vital to fighting climate change and promoting local climate resilience. Invasive vines also negatively impact ecosystems by inhibiting wildlife movement, shading and out-competing low-growing native plants, and replacing the native food and habitat that wildlife depends on. Often, invasive plants do not meet the nutritional requirements of native wildlife. Many native trees and shrubs are host plants for native insects, including pollinating insects, and so are vital to the

health of the local food web.

Clearly, threats posed by invasive plants need to be addressed. Do this locally by joining the city’s Weed Warrior events or those sponsored by Greenbelt Homes, Inc. and groups such as the Anacostia Watershed Society or the Sierra Club. Encourage our county and state officials to implement more aggressive invasive plant management strategies, including expanded governmental and volunteer programs, and consider restricting the use and sale of a wider variety of invasive plants. For more information about locally important invasive plants, consult the websites of the Mid-Atlantic Invasive Plant Council at maipc.org, Maryland Invasive Species Council at marylandinvasives.org, Maryland Department of Natural Resources at dnr.maryland.gov and the University of Maryland Extension at extension.umd.edu.

## Not All Vines Are Invasives

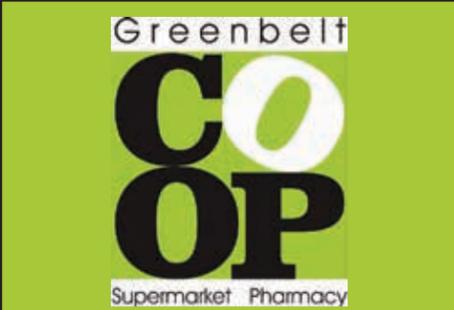
by Susan Cahill

“Think twice before you cut,” Catherine Plaisant tells a group of fellow Greenbelters. Plaisant led a walk on Saturday, February 19, to teach the group which climbing vines harm our woodlands (like the English ivy in the photo) and which don’t – instead providing vital food and habitat for wildlife – and should be left alone. Among the most beneficial vines in Greenbelt is the native wild grape, Plaisant says, and among the most destructive are wisteria and porcelain-berry, which can kill trees.



PHOTO BY SUSAN CAHILL

Catherine Plaisant explains about native vines and non-native invasives.



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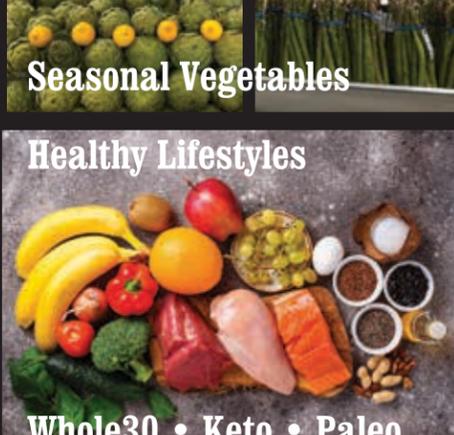
Seasonal Vegetables



Meatless Monday Meals



Fish Friday Meal



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Smoothies



Salads



Plant-based Entrées

**Co-op offers healthy choices at the New Deal Café**

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# Police Blotter

Incidents reported here are from February 14 to February 20. Readers are encouraged to contact the police if they have information that may aid in an enquiry. Call the non-emergency number 301-474-7200 or email [pd@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:pd@greenbeltmd.gov). Note that the times provided are when the incidents were reported; the incidents occurred earlier.

### Robbery

On February 18 at 8:55 p.m. near 9000 Breezewood Terrace, while the victim was walking, the suspect approached, pointed a gray firearm at the victim, and demanded personal property.

### Break-ins

On February 16 at 3:15 p.m. near 6200 Springhill Court, two unknown males were found inside the victim's residence and stole personal property before fleeing. On February 15 at 3:14 p.m. near 9100 Edmonston Court, an apartment was left unlocked, rummaged through and multiple items were taken. On February 16 at 10:29 a.m. near 6600 Lake Park Drive, property was taken from a residence and a vehicle was damaged.

### Fight

On February 18 at 2:03 p.m. in the 200 block of Lakeside Drive, a dispute between neighbors turned physical.

### Missing Person Found

On February 16 at 12:15 a.m. at Greenbelt Road and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway on-ramp, a Prince George's County missing person was located.

### Fraud

On February 15 at 12:23 p.m. near 6100 Breezewood Drive, money was withdrawn from the victim's account by unknown individuals. On February 16 at 11:20 a.m., near 6000 Greenbelt Road, credit cards from a lost wallet were used fraudulently. Several incidents of check fraud

occurred: on February 14 near 4 Gardenway; on February 16 near 9200 Springhill Lane; on February 16 at Hillside Road and Northway; and on February 17 near 7 Court Crescent Road.

### Identity Theft

On February 15 near 6600 Springcrest Drive, the victim's identity was used for unemployment. On February 19 near 6800 Megan Lane, the victim's identity was used to open a Verizon account.

### Stolen Vehicles

On February 16 at 7:58 p.m. near 5800 Cherrywood Lane, a Silver 2013 Volkswagen Jetta was stolen. On February 17 at 3:09 a.m. near 8000 Greenbelt Station Parkway, a Black 2016 Nissan Altima was taken by a known individual without permission.

### Thefts from Auto

On February 14 at 8:30 a.m. near 9100 Springhill Lane, tools were stolen from a vehicle. On February 15 at 8:31 p.m. near the 200 block of Lakeside Drive, a vehicle's rear tag was stolen. On February 15 at 6:38 p.m. near 40 Court Ridge Road, the catalytic converter was stolen from an RV.

### Theft

On February 14 at 8:07 p.m. near 8 Court Ridge Road, mail was stolen.

### Vandalism

On February 19 at 5:05 p.m. near 6200 Springhill Drive, a rock was thrown through a residence window.

# New Covid Cases Settle Back Down to Last Summer Levels

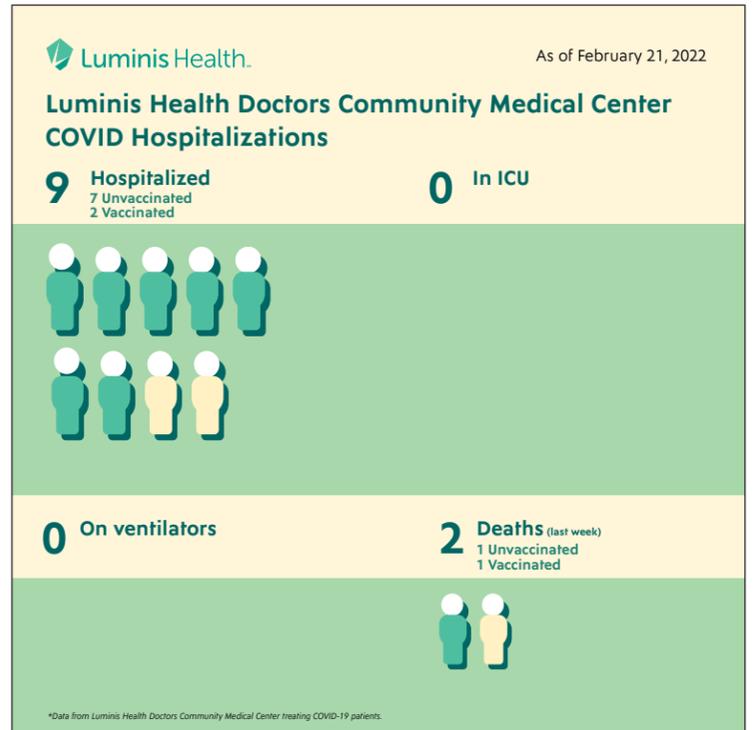
by Cathie Meetre

The new cases for ZIP code 20770 reported over the last several days (apart from a clearly spurious blip of over 140 cases on one day not yet corrected) have settled into a pattern of between zero and three per day – levels seen last summer prior to Delta and Omicron. Statewide, about 74 percent of Marylanders are fully vaccinated (including booster shots) and about 85 percent have received at least one dose.

Also locally, this week's graphic from Luminis Health Doctors Community Medical Center shows that the majority of cases have now moved through their course, with the patient either back home, or sadly not. The pattern remains consistent to the last, with unvaccinated and partially vaccinated patients bearing the brunt of the infections. Indeed, for the last few weeks, no person with a booster shot has been hospitalized there.

County non-Covid hospital capacity also shows improvement with considerably fewer beds taken up by Covid patients at all levels of treatment. Good news at the county level is the lower percentage of positivity for test results, as well as a decreasing number of tests conducted. Fewer people feel they need tests because fewer either feel sick or were exposed and of those tested, fewer have Covid.

For those statistically inclined, the steep growth in cases associated with Omicron has been



matched by an equally steep decline as this variant ran out of new victims. This is a predictable behavior based on such curves in many natural processes. The apparently even-more-contagious Omicron BA.2 version now in nature's pipeline to humanity appears to be more contagious even than its predecessor. On February 19, CNN reported that experiments from Japan also show that Omicron variant BA.2 may have features that make it as capable of causing serious illness as older variants of Covid-19, including Delta. Like the original Omicron, vaccines appear to be less effective against it, though once again, the booster shot seems to make serious illness about 74 percent less likely. The need for booster shots remains critical, especially for those whose health is compromised.

According to CNN, BA.2 also seems resistant to some treatments, including sotrovimab, the monoclonal antibody currently deployed against Omicron.



## Brazilian Dance And Percussion

College Park Arts Exchange will offer two free workshops featuring Brazilian dance and percussion on Saturday, February 26 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Old Parish House at 4711 Knox Rd. in College Park.

A Brazilian Frevo Dance Workshop with Kate Spanos from 2 to 3 p.m. will be followed from 3 to 5 p.m. by a percussion ensemble workshop with Brazilian samba master percussionist André Coelho, who will demonstrate essential Brazilian percussion instruments, teach basic rhythms and lead a jam session.

This event is free and open to the public. While primarily intended for adults, everyone is welcome. Vaccination and masks are required. For more information, visit [www.cpae.org](http://www.cpae.org).

## Fire at Chelsea Woods Apartments

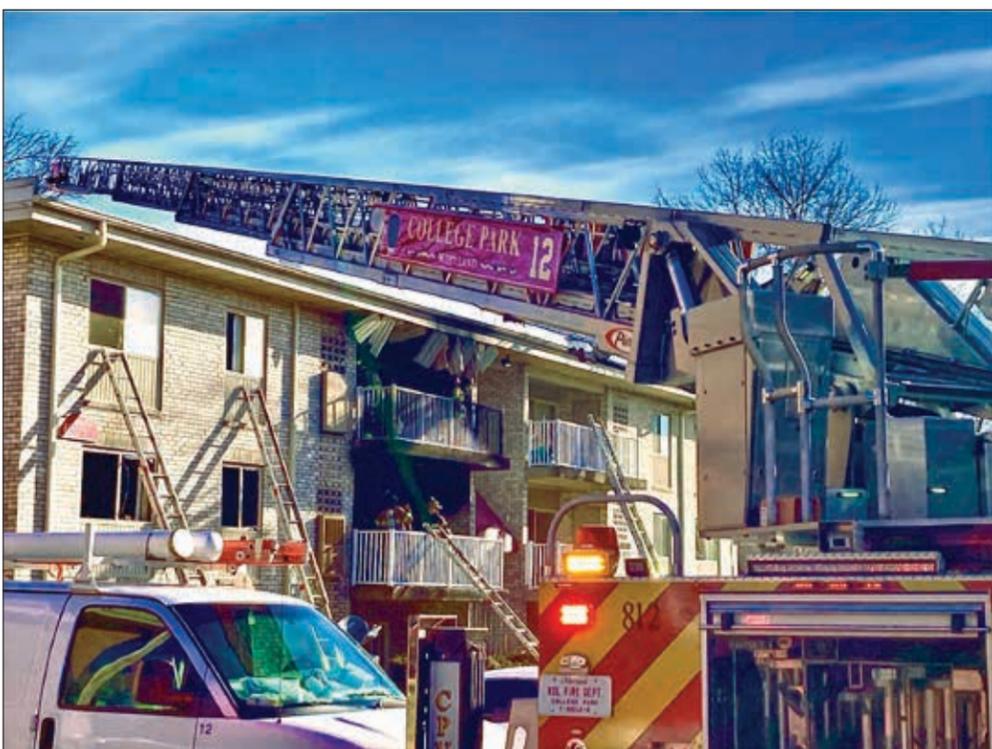


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Shortly after the GHA began, a "hospital was authorized on the basis of a \$5,000 surplus in the 1938 town budget." The hospital, stated a newly arrived nurse, "fills a major need in the well-being of our community and should be a forerunner of many similar projects in other small communities which will have a direct bearing upon the welfare of our nation."

A lack of funding and other issues threatened to close the hospital three years after it opened. The Farm Security Administration turned down a \$23,000 item in the 1942 budget that would keep the hospital in operation. Suggestions were offered to finance the hospital, among them a proposal to directly tax residents \$12 per year; however, a questionnaire issued to Greenbelters indicated that most residents "would prefer seeing some other part of the budget sacrificed in favor of the hospital, rather than pay a direct tax." Dr. Joseph Silagy, medical director of GHA, said "it is very unfortunate that Farm Security Administration did not see fit to permit the Town Council to continue supporting the hospital." The hospital was needed now more than ever, he stated, "in view of the number of additional residents expected here shortly, as well as the fact that Washington hospitals are turning away patients."

The hospital closed its doors in January 1942. In March 1942, the GHA stated it would take over the hospital's emergency equipment on a rental basis. The agreement would serve "as a means of preserving for Greenbelt at least some semblance of hospital equipment as a nucleus for meeting local health needs."

The GHA closed in 1950 "due to the steadily declining membership, the worsening financial position of the organization, and the resignation of Dr. William Self, GHA's physician."

In 1957, GHA's Dr. Wodak and Dr. William Weintraub became partners and practiced at the "then new apartments on Parkway, behind the Co-op Super Market. They remained there until 1964, when, along with Drs. Till Bergemann and Moody, they built the Professional Building at the Center Mall." In later years,



The medical center and hospital were located in the housing units of 30 Court Ridge Road. Photo taken in August of 1939.



Mothers wait with their children to get a physical examination by local doctors, offered free once a year to all Greenbelt children. These are new arrivals in the newly-built defense houses in May 1942.

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