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Late Poll Openings Thwart Some Greenbelt East Voters

by Emily Hahn

Trinity Assembly of God polling place on Good Luck Road opened late for the primary election on the morning of July 19 due to a holdup with the Prince George's County Board of Elections, Mayor Emmett Jordan said. Trinity Assembly of God, the

polling place for some Greenbelt East residents, did not open their doors until around 8:15 a.m., said Jordan. Statewide voting hours were from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

A chief election judge at the See **POLLS**, page 8



Greenbelt Elementary School sports signs on the lawn during the July 19 primary election day.

PHOTO BY EMILY HAHN

Powerful Storm Disrupts City

by Melissa Sites

"I've never seen anything like it in the 33 years I've been working here, through hurricanes and different storms," said Brian Townsend, assistant director of Greenbelt Public Works, echoing the sentiments of many Greenbelters regarding the storm that slammed into Greenbelt just after 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 12. Utility poles were broken and wires came down at Lastner Lane, Hedgewood, at the corner of Research and Hillside and near the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department. Greenbelt Police noted the downed power lines and dark traffic lights at various intersections but received no reports of serious injuries or deaths. Only one minor injury was called in, caused by a fallen tree.

An estimated 150 trees around Greenbelt were seriously damaged, including many of the city's large mature oaks. According to Townsend, trees normally reinforce their wood as



A tree and downed wires block Crescent and Hillside Roads.

PHOTO BY JEFFREY ALLEN JONES

they bend, twist and turn, but the extraordinary winds of this storm snapped the tops off trees and fractured many beyond their stress point. Cranes were brought in over the weekend to clean up dangerous treefalls. Townsend reports that the cleanup job for Public Works will take three to four weeks to complete. The trail around Greenbelt Lake is now completely open.

Dan Gillotte, general manager of Greenbelt Co-op, reported losses in their refrigerated

sections including dairy, meat, seafood, cheese and ice cream. "Even though it's insured there will still be losses," Gillotte said. "Once you get past that four-hour mark there's not much you can do," noting that Co-op's outage lasted seven hours, with power returning around 1 a.m. Both the Co-op and the New Deal Café were open first thing the next day, offering customers a cool place to sit and recharge their

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A Review

Creative Kids Campers Offer Entertainment for Community

by Kyla Hanington

Greenbelt summer camps are the stuff of legend in our house, and not only because my own children have been involved for many years – starting out as campers, then interns, then camp counselors. Creative Kids Camp (CKC) never fails to provide delightful community entertainment in addition to giving its campers days of art, play, comradery and performance.

This year's CKC show, Summer Circus, is performed outdoors at the Roosevelt Center. Dan and I went to the performance that capped off the end of the first two-week session of camp, Friday, July 8, where we both promptly died of cuteness.

In the play, written and directed by Chris Cherry, a group of cousins are dismayed when they are sent to the country to

spend a summer on the old family farm with their mysterious Uncle Mark, who has recently returned from years of living abroad. There is no electricity at the farm, so the kids will be bereft of their electronic devices – an almost inconceivable deprivation.

Convinced that they are in for See **CAMP**, page 8



Creative Kids Camp participants put on a show in Roosevelt Center.

PHOTO BY ANNE GARDNER

City's Advisory Board Chairs Report Activities to Council

by Matthew Arbach

Greenbelt's advisory boards and committees fill the dual purpose of serving the needs of the Greenbelt City Council and of the city's residents, responding to referrals from both, as well as having the ability to act independently on issues they deem vital. Twelve chairs from these volunteer groups, all appointed by council, met with council on July 6 to report on their past efforts, future plans and concerns. Mayor Emmett Jordan said these boards are essential to council and continue the city's tradition of "residents in leadership."

Employee Relations

Kevin Murphy, chair of the Employee Relations Board, reported that they are at full capacity, with five members. The board acts mostly as an arbitrator, with a level of confidentiality, in city employee grievances and appeals. They are an integral part of developing the Greenbelt Police Department (GPD) collective bargaining agreement with the city.

Public Safety

The Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC), represented by then-chair Laura Kressler (Peggy Higgins is now chair), is a seven-member group focused on all issues around public safety.

They have been active in the recent past on the issues of policing and police reform through several community forums and with their extensive review of the Fair and Just Policing Act proposed by Councilmember Colin Byrd when he was mayor. This review has led council to enact 22 of their recommendations to the GPD's General Orders, with the remaining eight still being studied.

Senior Citizens

Betty Timer, chair of the Senior Citizen's Advisory Committee, described their efforts to solicit feedback from residents

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What Goes On

Monday, July 25
7:30 p.m. City Manager's Update, Municipal Building
Wednesday, July 27
7:30 p.m. City Council Worksession: TBD, Municipal Building

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

Editorial

We Did It!

The Greenbelt News Review is proud of a track record that includes almost 85 years of not missing a week. Last Tuesday, at around 6:30 p.m., it looked like we could kiss this record goodbye. Coming just before the final push to organize and prioritize the week's copy and ads, the power outage was a game-changer. But power outages of the past had taught us to put our materials in the cloud so they'd be available to us if power was available anywhere.

This paid off Wednesday morning when layout team member Jill Connor got up early and went to an electrified coffee shop to lay out the ads. With that initial step done, team members Anne Gardner and Christine Doran, who didn't have power, migrated to the back porch of managing editor Amy Hansen and, with other members of this worker cooperative, managed to meet our publication deadline. Our thanks go to them and to all those who helped Greenbelt recover.

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The Screening Room,
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THE DUKE (R) (CC) (DVS)
(2021) (96 MINS)
FRI. 5:00 PM, 7:30 PM
SCREEN 1
SAT. 5:00 PM, 7:30 PM
SCREEN 1
SUN. 2:30 PM (OC), 5:00 PM
SCREEN 1
MON. 2:30 PM, 5:00 PM
SCREEN 1

MRS. HARRIS GOES TO PARIS (PG) (CC) (DVS)
(2022) (115 MINS)

FRI. 5:30 PM, 8:30 PM
SCREEN 2
SAT. 8:30 PM SCREEN 2
SUN. 2:45 PM, 5:30 PM
SCREEN 2
MON. 2:45 PM (OC),
5:30 PM SCREEN 2

School's Out! Screening: FREE
HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA
(PG) (CC) (DVS) (2012)
(91 MINS)

THURS. 1:00 PM SCREEN 1

Original cartoon by Izzy Parker, September 18, 2003



I SEE DAN'S BEEN REORGANIZING AGAIN!

- Caption by Rosie, added at the News Review open house

Letters to the Editor

Thanks

Thanks to the entire staff who worked to get the paper to press this week during the challenges caused by the storm.

I appreciate your efforts.

Tina Williams

Here's to All of Us!

The city should have declared 7/14/22 as Greenbelt News Review Day in recognition of the staff's Herculean and creative efforts to produce that edition. As one of the GNR's readers who enjoys checking out the new edition early online on Wednesday night, I was pleasantly surprised to see the 7/14/22 edition there. As we reflect on the GNR's history, this edition will be proudly remembered. It also reflects the commitment of the GNR's loyal staff.

Special recognition should also go to the city staff, utility workers, contractors and volunteers who attacked the trees, utility poles and downed lines. Their efforts shortened the length of the power interruption and are greatly appreciated.

Joe Timer

City Manager Search

The city has issued an RFP

(request for proposals) for executive search services for a city manager. Tim George is serving provisionally in that position as interim city manager. Questions:

Why is Mr. George, a potential candidate for city manager, involved in the preparation or editing of this RFP? Does this involvement give Mr. George an unfair advantage in the selection process for city manager?

The RFP, as originally posted, referred to the governing body of Greenbelt as "Mayor and Council" throughout the RFP. Greenbelt has a council-manager form of government. The mayor of Greenbelt is the ceremonial head of the city and has one vote of seven. "Mayor and Council" refers to a different governing structure.

In response to concerns I raised, Mr. George responded the "Search Consultants understand" Greenbelt's form of government. Does this mean the search consultants have been selected before the deadline for submission of proposals?

An open bidding process is not being utilized for this RFP. Firms that submit proposals will not be identified until after the

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On Screen at Old Greenbelt Theatre

The Duke

In 1961, Kempton Bunton, a 60-year-old taxi driver, stole Goya's portrait of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery in London. It was the first (and remains the only) theft in the gallery's history. Kempton sent ransom notes saying that he would return the painting on condition that the government agreed to provide television for free to the elderly. What happened next became the stuff of legend. Only 50 years later did the full story emerge – a startling revelation of how a good man set out to change the world and in so doing saved his son and his marriage. Starring Jim Broadbent and Helen Mirren.

Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris

In partnership with the House of Dior, the film tells the story of a widowed cleaning lady in 1950s London who falls madly in love with a couture Dior dress, and decides that she must have one of her own. After she works, starves and gambles to raise the funds to pursue her dream, she embarks on an adventure to Paris which will change not only her own outlook, but the very future of the House of Dior. "The best 'feel good' movies do a little something to restore our faith in humanity," said Roger Moore of Movie Nation, "and this one does that, time and again."

Hotel Transylvania

In this animated film, monsters who want to get away from it all go to Count Dracula's (Adam Sandler) Hotel Transylvania, a lavish resort where they can be themselves without humans around to bother them. On one special weekend, Dracula invites creatures like the Invisible Man, the Mummy and others to celebrate the 118th birthday of his daughter, Mavis (Selena Gomez). An unforeseen complication unfolds when an ordinary human unwittingly crashes the party and falls in love with Mavis.

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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GNR external office door mail slot is located up a few stairs 25 yards left of the Community Center's east door near the municipal building.

Community Events

Artful Afternoon: Mudcloth Workshop

Greenbelt Recreation invites guests of all ages to enjoy a free workshop with Community Center Artist-in-Residence Karen Arrington. Come paint with pigments made from local mud, as inspired by the bogolanfini tradition from Mali in West Africa. Materials provided. This Artful Afternoon activity will take place on Sunday, August 7 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Community Center. While there, guests can also enjoy an exhibition of paintings by artist Sally Davies. Seating is limited, and advance reservations are recommended. Sign up online by following the link at greenbeltmd.gov/arts. City of Greenbelt arts programs are supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.

Donate Supplies For Area Schools

Greenbelt Community Church's annual Paper Drive is now underway to help our local schools with donations of supplies or money. Primary needs include: pencils, colored pencils, crayons, rulers, glue bottles, glue sticks, hand soap, hand sanitizer, antiseptic wipes, erasers, two-pocket folders, and tissues. All donated items must be new and unopened.

The past few years have been extremely difficult for teachers. In addition to donating, consider writing a note of thanks or encouragement to let them know how important they are and to help them as they begin a new and challenging year.

Those who would prefer to donate money, make checks payable to Greenbelt Community Church and write Paper Drive in the memo line or on the envelope. Place envelopes in the offering plate or drop them off at the church office. Donations are also accepted through the GIVE button located on the church website – click on Other and leave a note in the comments section that the donation is for the Paper Drive.

Donation items and checks can be brought to the church office Mondays to Thursdays between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Call 301-474-6171 with any questions. The donation drive will run until Sunday, August 7.

Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club invites all to join them online every 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The club provides a fun and friendly environment for anyone interested in improving their public speaking and leadership skills. Learn more at greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org.

Red Cross Urgently Seeks Blood Donors

It's critically important the Red Cross maintains a stable blood supply for patients this summer. The Recreation Department is hosting a drive at the lower-level east suite on Friday, August 26 from 12:30 to 6 p.m.

To schedule an appointment to donate, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

GreenBELT Pride Meets on July 24

Join GreenBELT Pride Sunday, July 24 from 1 to 3 p.m. at New Deal Café for brunch and games. Grab some food, mingle and play card or board games. Bring a game. LGBTQ+ community, families and allies welcome.

Greenbelt Unplugged: In-person Games

On Friday, July 22, and on every fourth Friday of the month, Greenbelt Unplugged hosts in-person board games. Come join in from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in Room 114 at the Community Center.

New Deal Café Art Show by Paul Downs

Paul Downs' latest art show, Stick Artworks, will be shown at the New Deal Café through Sunday, August 28. An art reception will be held on Sunday, July 31 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Café. According to myth, Atlas was given the task of holding up the heavens and earth, and is well known to most through depictions of him arduously holding the earth on his shoulder. What happened as the generations churned on? Greenbelt artist Paul Downs provides his view of what might have evolved with his latest stick-filled wonders of The Granddaughters of Atlas.

Downs' work highlights the elemental forces of air, water, sun and gravity. In the midst of a world that is sometimes seen as dwindling or threatened, he provides a sense of the bountiful and beautiful.

Golden Age Club Upcoming Meetings

On Wednesday, July 27, there will be a discussion on family history. Each attendee will receive a booklet with questions and topics to start their family history. This can become a keepsake for future generations.

All meetings are held in person on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in the Community Center, second floor Community Room. The back door near the library parking lot is now locked. But, before the Golden Age meeting, staff will allow participants to enter. The other doors to the Community Center remain open.

July Food Collection

The next Greenbelt PORCH food pickups are as follows:

Saturday, July 23 – by 11 a.m. for 14 and 15 Courts Laurel Hill
 Sunday July 24 – by 4 p.m. for 9, 11, 12 and 13 Courts Ridge; by 5 p.m. for Lakeside Drive.

Volunteers who would like to expand Greenbelt PORCH to additional neighborhoods are welcome. This month the 11 and 13 Ridge Road Courts have a new PORCH coordinator, Lien Gareri. PORCH is looking for coordinators in Greenbelt East. Anyone with questions or who is interested in being a volunteer or starting a new neighborhood for monthly food collection with Greenbelt PORCH, contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler at spreadruak@gmail.com.

Crisis Hotline's New Number is 988

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline dialing code has changed, effective July 16. The new three-digit dialing code is 988 and it's available for phone calls and text messages.

The former Lifeline phone number (1-800-273-8255) will continue to be accessible.

Calls and text messages are confidential and free.

"No matter what problems you're dealing with, whether or not you're thinking about suicide, if you need someone to lean on for emotional support, call the Lifeline," the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline says on its website at samhsa.gov/find-help/988.

At the Library

Greenbelt Library hours: Mondays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m. Face masks continue to be required at county libraries for everyone ages 2 and up.

Teen Movie Night

Tuesday, July 26, 6 p.m., ages 13 to 18. Come chill out with a hot teen summer movie and enjoy free snacks and crafts. Register at pgcmls.info/event/6677176.

Art Exhibit

Black and Proud+ is a community art exhibit at the Greenbelt Library curated by the Prince George's County Memorial Library System Black History and Culture Team and LGBTQ+ Team. Works range from poetry to portraits and celebrate the strength and courage of Black Americans. The exhibit will be on display through Sunday, July 31. Featured artists include: Ny'Lah Green (student, Suitland High School); Live'N'Tune (artist, Upper Marlboro); MotherPat (artist, Cheverly); Shaymar Higgs (artist, Greenbelt, Outstanding Citizen, and The SPACE Free Art For All at Beltway Plaza); Leigh Marget (artist and former educator, Laurel); Jasmine Lee (student, Suitland High School); and Rae Akino (artist, Prince George's County native).

Weekly Events

Register online to attend the following events:

Ready 2 Read Storytimes. Wednesdays, ages 3 to 5, 12:15 p.m.; Thursdays, ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m. Come for stories, songs, finger-plays and more.

VolunTEEN Program

Prince George's County teens in grades 6 to 12 can earn student service learning (SSL) hours through participation in the Library's VolunTEEN program. Teens may submit the appropriate information needed for each VolunTEEN prompt in Beanstack via the link on the Teens webpage at pgcmls.info/teens. All of the necessary information must be provided for a teen to earn their SSL hours through the VolunTEEN program, up to a maximum of 12 SSL hours.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

Star Party Saturday

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host an in-person (and Zoom) star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday evening, July 23, at the City Observatory, located at Northway Fields. Attendees can expect to see galaxies, nebulae and star clusters currently high in the sky, viewed through the observatory telescope and astronomical camera. As always, all are welcome, whether ASG members or not, and visitors are encouraged to set up their own telescopes on the hilltop. This event will be also on Zoom, for those who might not be able to come in person. Zoom details may be found on the Events calendar at greenbeltastro.org.

Observing will begin at 9:30 p.m. and continue for two hours. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.

Exploring Maryland's Historic Cookbooks

Historic recipes can give a taste of the food that Maryland was once famous for. They can also offer a window into the past, reveal changing times and trends, and illuminate the lives of everyday people. Join the Greenbelt Museum on Thursday, July 21 at 7:30 p.m. to learn more about historic cookbooks.

Speaker Kara Harris maintains a database of over 50,000 recipes from Maryland cookbooks and manuscripts housed in libraries and archives around the country. She has appeared in local and national publications, TV and radio, including the Baltimore Sun, CBS Mornings and WYPR.

This is a virtual event. Register in advance at the Museum's Eventbrite page. A Zoom link will be sent prior to the talk.

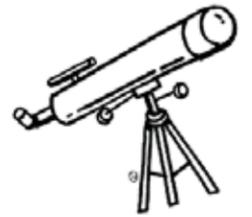
This is a free event sponsored by the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum and the City of Greenbelt.

Astronomical Society, NASA Laud JWST

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt has been chosen as a NASA community partner for the celebration of the first scientific images from the James Webb Space Telescope. The event will be held on Saturday, July 23 from 3 to 5 p.m. in Room 103 of the Community Center.

This celebration will include an introduction to the Webb telescope and its mission; a NASA video presentation of the first images, including a discussion of their significance by a panel of astronomers; activities for kids; and free official Webb stickers and bookmarks from NASA.

All are welcome. This is an all-ages event.



Free Summer Meals For Kids and Teens

The Summer Food Service Program began on Monday, June 27, and will run until Friday, August 12, while supplies last, according to Prince George's County Public Schools.

The program, which runs through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, provides free meals to all children and teens 18 years old and under, according to the Maryland State Department of Education website.

Schrom Hills Park is the Greenbelt location for free meals this summer. Lunch will be available between noon and 12:30 p.m. No identification is necessary to receive a meal, according to Director of Prince George's County Public School Food and Nutrition Services Joan Shorter's secretary Mary Green.

To find other meal sites, use the Maryland Meals Site Search: mars.msde.maryland.gov/mars_sitesearch/.

Greenbelt Access Television

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8am	Democracy Now!	Yesterday's Syndicated Program
9am	GATe Classic Film • Mystery • 1945	The Woman in Green • Basil Rathbone
11am	Greenbelt Newsreel	Community Programming
Noon	Democracy Now!	Today's Syndicated Program
1pm	PGCPS Science Bowl	Bladensburg v Mattaponi
2pm	Music at the New Deal SEASON FIVE	Reggie Right Eye and the Missing Pieces • Blues, Roots
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11pm	Community Spotlight	Local Video Productions
MN	Greenbelt Newsreel	Community Programming

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Greenbelt Storm Damage



PHOTO BY STEVE BUCCA

Trees show storm damage near Hanover Parkway.



PHOTO BY JEFFREY ALLEN JONES

A fallen tree buckles a fence and the walkway at 56 Court Crescent Road.



PHOTO BY HELENOR MESIAS

A fallen tree causes damage to a fence.

- See more storm photos on pages 11 and 15



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Obituaries

Karen Zevallos



PHOTO BY ZEVALLOS FAMILY

Karen Zevallos

Karen Jeanne Zevallos of Greenbelt died peacefully in her sleep on June 20, 2022.

She attended Greenbelt's North End Elementary School.

Karen was one of the strongest, most hard-working and loving women to ever walk this earth and her family felt blessed to have her as the head of it. She worked hard to succeed and earned a master's degree in science.

She is remembered as a wonderful and loving mother.

Karen is survived by her mother Anne; brothers Keith and Glenn; and her six children, Michael, Christopher, Eddy, Jonathan, Kimberly and Krystal.



A Bit More Peace Through Meditation

In a world where many often attempt to do more, do it better and do it more quickly, the Mishkan Torah Sisterhood has quietly offered summer guided-meditation classes to Greenbelters and non-Greenbelters for the past seven years. Meditation this year will be offered via Zoom.

The series is again offered this summer, from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. every other Monday, July 25, August 8 and 22, with an additional class August 29.

For more information contact Katrina Boverman at Katrinaboverman@yahoo.com or 301-641-1035.

Class sizes have ranged from 8 to 20 people, from teenagers to senior citizens. All attendees have expressed a quieting of their bodies, minds and spirits, a deepening of inner stillness and a better ability to reconnect with themselves. They have described feeling more peaceful, serene, relaxed, mindful and present, both during and between classes. Common experiences outside of the classes have been for attendees to have greater ease falling asleep and more patience during challenging times. These classes offer an opportunity to slow down, become quiet, go within and experience a bit more peace.



Condolences to family and friends of longtime Greenbelt resident Karen Zevallos who died on June 20.

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Reverend Rivera, Pastor

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www.greenbeltbahais.org

The Bible Says...

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Psalm 56:9b



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Rev. Amanda Poppei

Today we are invited to join worship either in person or online, with the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, VA. Their multi-platform service starts at 10:30AM.

The world needs us—our passion, our work, our commitment. It also needs our joy. Join Rev. Amanda Poppei to think together about how we cultivate joy, how we remember to laugh, how we have pure and simple fun...and why it's so important. Music from guest singer/songwriter Maureen Andary and Director of Transformational Music Ministries Sophia Morreale. Physical address: 4444 Arlington Blvd, Arlington, VA. Streaming to Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/UnitarianUniversalistChurchArlingtonVirginia>. Zoom link will be provided closer to the service.



City Notes

After the recent extreme weather event, Horticulture/Parks responded to dozens of requests to remove storm-damaged trees and branches. Street Maintenance cleared storm debris from roadways. Sustainability/Environmental cleared fallen limbs from the Buddy Attick Park trail. Park rangers closed the parks, warning visitors in advance. Afterwards, they assessed storm damage, keeping patrons away from hazards. Refuse/Recycling collected 27.41 tons of refuse and 10.12 tons of recyclables.

Recreation staff responded to heat and power outages, offering an overnight cooling station at Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Summer camps were canceled while staff cleared fallen limbs from outdoor play spaces. The Aquatic & Fitness Center delayed opening until power was restored.

Therapeutic Recreation provided inclusion support and medication intake for summer campers. Fourteen families received financial assistance for Summer Camp Session 2, and 27 seniors received meal delivery.

Green Ridge House's workshop helped residents apply for Energy Assistance benefits and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program vouchers.

National Parks Invite Active-Duty Military

To show appreciation for those who serve in the U.S. Military, and to those who have served, Greenbelt Park reminds military families that the National Park Service offers an annual pass offering free entrance to all national parks for active-duty military members and their dependents. The pass is also for veterans with 20 years of service and veterans with disabilities.

Bicyclists: Take Note!

For those minor repairs, or just a shot of air in the tires to get cyclists on their way, the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) bicycle repair station stands ready to assist.

The station includes tools for basic maintenance and that all-important tire pump to keep PSI up. The GHI Board and the Bicycle Committee invite riders to check it out at its location adjacent to the GHI maintenance building, 1 Hamilton Place, near the flagpole.

Smithsonian Museums Show Free Films

The Smithsonian will offer two free films, *Running on Karma* at the Freer Gallery's Meyer Auditorium on Friday, July 22 at 7 p.m., and *The Song of the Butterflies* at the American Indian Museum's Rasmuson Theater on Saturday, July 23 from 1 to 2 p.m.

The award-winning *Running on Karma*'s apparent quirkiness defies summarization, so see the trailer on YouTube. *The Song of the Butterflies*, a Peruvian/Colombian film, follows the journey of an Amazonian artist to his ancestral homeland seeking understanding of tragic family stories.



City Information & Events

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

MEETINGS FOR JULY 25-29

Monday, July 25 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION - CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE**

Wednesday, July 27 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION**

Thursday, July 28 at 7 pm, **Forest Preserve Advisory Board, On the Agenda: City Council Request: Labor Day Tabling, Master Trail Plan: Section 5 Final Review, Master Trail Plan: Section 8 Use of Volunteers, Science Fund: Green Mechanics Report 2021, Final Review of Stewardship Guidelines, Status of Paths Behind Mowatt, Discussion of In Person Meeting in September, Pumpkin Walk**

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 meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at greenbeltmd.gov

COMMITTEES & BOARDS VACANCIES:

- Advisory Committee on Education
- Arts Advisory Board
- Board of Elections
- Community Relations Advisory Board
- Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability
- Park and Recreation Advisory Board
- Reparations Commission
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (301) 474-8000

Greenbelt ARPA Funds Assistance Programs Update (as of 7/11/22)

Rent and Utility Assistance
· 291 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$1,255,899.40

Mortgage and HOA fee Assistance
· 11 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$37,270.74

MOSQUITO CONTROL

Protect yourself and your home from mosquitoes this summer. Visit <https://bit.ly/3yXpMwD> for tips on mosquito control and preventing West Nile Virus.



National Night Out

Tuesday, August 2 from 6 - 8 pm at Beltway Plaza - Behind Target

Free food, games, prizes, giveaways, and more!

Bring family and friends to enjoy a fun-filled day while we celebrate the friendship between our local police teams and communities across the nation.

ELECTRONICS, STYROFOAM & PAINT RECYCLING

Saturday, July 23 | 9 am - 12 pm
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Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation/ to view and register.

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BACK-TO-SCHOOL MINI FAMILY HEALTH FAIR
August 23rd, 10am-2pm
6101 Cherrywood Ln., Greenbelt, MD

Free dental and vision screenings, fun activities and more!

To register, call (240) 542-2033 or visit <http://ow.ly/ACQ250JRPzk>



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This **FREE PROGRAM** is available to families living in the city limits of Greenbelt, newborn to 2 years old, children who wear pull-ups.

Services include: Monthly diapers, formula, baby accessories; baby wellness nursing assessment; baby milestone progress review; information & resource linkage; healthy eating education

For more information, call Katherine Farzin at (240) 542-2019 or via email kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov

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1 - 3 pm

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ART EXHIBITION

Notation with Harmony: Paintings by Sally JK Davies

Greenbelt Community Center
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Su, 9 am - 7 pm

Holiday hours may vary; call (301) 397-2208

More information at www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts



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Interested in serving on the Reparations Commission?

Find our application at www.greenbeltmd.gov/reparations or look at the back page of this issue of the Greenbelt News Review

St. Hugh Labor Day Weekend Bingo

Friday, Sept. 2 to Monday, Sept. 5
New Location!

The Four-Day Bingo will take place at
 St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church
 135 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD.
 in Grenoble Hall
 (access to hall behind the church).

The Knights of Columbus will be selling hot-from-the-grill hamburgers, hot dogs and chips.
 The Youth Group will be selling bottled water and canned soda.
 Take a break from the heat and enjoy playing bingo in the air-conditioned hall—with brand-new cushioned folding chairs.

Labor Day Weekend Bingo Schedule:

Friday, September 2 - 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday, September 3 - 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Sunday, September 4 - Noon to 9 p.m.

Monday, September 5 - Noon to 6 p.m.

Proceeds from the bingo support the St. Hugh Church Food Pantry.

Any questions, please call
 Mary Ann Treter, 240-517-7559
 President Ladies of Charity

Outstanding Citizen of 2021: Shaymar Higgs a Year Later

by Lois Rosado

In 2021, Shaymar Higgs was selected as the Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen. Many thought it an unusual selection given that Higgs is younger than previous Outstanding Citizens and lived in West Greenbelt. Higgs organized The SPACE – (Sharing Positive, Artistic and Creative Energies) – Free Art For All, which serves Franklin Park, West Greenbelt and all Greenbelt residents at Beltway Plaza. He also contributes to arts events and activities in East and Central Greenbelt, and is a member of the Arts Advisory Council. His dedication to the City of Greenbelt is evidenced by the volunteer work he does in every section of Greenbelt.



PHOTO BY SHARON NATOLI

2021 Outstanding Citizen Shaymar Higgs is driven in the Labor Day parade by Dea Zugby.

When asked how he was enticed to attend the opening ceremony, Higgs indicated that his housemate wanted to celebrate her birthday by going to dinner at Cedars of Lebanon. However, when they arrived, she walked past the restaurant and headed for the field claiming she wanted to see what was going on. That is when he saw the setup in the field and sensed that he was somehow involved.

His reaction to being selected? Higgs stated: "It was a great surprise! Knowing the history and notoriety of this award really made me even more proud of the work that is being done as I attempt to connect all of Greenbelt! At the awards ceremony, I was really speechless and didn't really know what to say. So, I just thanked my crazy volunteer staff for being with me along this journey that we call The SPACE!" Higgs stated that he really is grateful to the volunteers for enabling the art services they provide free to the community children and residents.

What have you been doing since receiving the award in 2021?

"Since the award, I have just continued the godly work of SPACE with everyone. I did open up a second location within Beltway Plaza Mall, Third Space Lounge. A cozy lounge with amazing coffee and tea, a gift shop that helps to support the mission of The SPACE. In addition, we rented a space for small meetings and social gatherings. This last year has been filled with ups and downs, but the reality of being able to bring joy and hope to the community makes it all worthwhile."

Have you experienced anything new or different?

"The biggest change since this acknowledgement is that I have been able to bring people from all over Greenbelt and the county to Beltway Plaza Mall to assist in providing services and resources to the people who need it most. From our Community Library to the Free Market (nonperishable food and housewares) to our free clothes racks, the community really shows up to support! Thanks to the many, many News Review articles, I am also being recognized in the streets by more residents. Undoubtedly, this award has put me on a larger platform within the city and county as a community activist and changemaker. Politicians and other changemakers have greet-

ed me and mentioned that they heard about my work through this award. As mentioned above, the "difference" is that I am being recognized while I am walking around Greenbelt or just sitting in a local shop. Even when I was in College Park at a bike shop, a few of the staff knew who I was, thanks to the selfless services that I am providing to the community!

There are also those people who will just walk up to me and have conversations as if we are longtime friends because they say they've learned so much, or follow what's happening through the News Review. As much as I do not like attention, the respect is appreciated. Ultimately, I am honored that the committee selected me, as I continue to give people a place to feel connected within their community, to grow beyond their known potential through leadership opportunities, and unlocking that self-actualization through creative self-expression."

Any general comments to share with the Greenbelt Community?

"It is an honor to be selected as the Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen of 2021. I will continue to wave this flag (and trophy) proudly! Many, many, many thanks and blessing to the Selection Committee! If you would have told me when I was a youth that I would be selected as Outstanding Citizen, I would have said you were full of boloney. I had no idea that this guy (me) would have the opportunity to represent many underrepresented populations ... From being brown, to being queer, to living in West Greenbelt to name a few. From here, who knows what will come next.

I would be remiss if I did not give a special moment of gratitude to Quantum Companies, and Beltway Plaza Mall, who have given me the opportunity to be the ear of the unheard, the shoulder for those who have no one to lean on, and the power to make changes for all sides of this city. I would also like to thank the Greenbelt residents for your continued support and trust in my vision. Again, thank you to the selection committee for picking me out of all of my fellow changemaker cohorts as Outstanding Citizen of 2021!

Lastly, many more thanks to all of the gods for making all of these opportunities possible. As the brother James Baldwin stated, the role of the artist is to make the world a more human dwelling

place. Many blessings and I look forward to passing the torch to the next selected individual. May the gods be with them in their journey as we continue to Make Greenbelt Weirder (as the sticker says)!"

If you know of an individual who should be selected as the 2022 Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen, make the nomination. Include signatures from other community residents who have volunteered with them and support their work also. The more information the committee has about an individual, the greater the chance that they will be selected. Use the nomination form in this paper before the deadline: Monday, August 1. Submit to outstandingcitizengb@gmail.com or to Bob Zugby, Outstanding Citizen Committee, 94 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770. Don't let a hard-working volunteer go unnoticed; raise them up.

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Chondria Andrews Spends Her Vacation Cleaning Up

Chondria Andrews, public information and communications coordinator for the City of Greenbelt, celebrated her birthday last month with an all-expenses-paid trip to Boston for four days and three nights. It was a fun vacation, but the environmental component was "life-changing," she said.

As part of the sweepstakes prize package, sponsored by Trip-Advisor and Mount Gay Rum, Andrews had the opportunity to work with a company called 4Ocean, which has a mission to end the ocean plastic crisis.

Andrews and her brother worked with 4Ocean representatives on Spectacle Island in Boston, collecting over 30 pounds of trash.

"Much more needed to be collected," she said, "and tiny Styrofoam particles were everywhere."

Andrews said the work opened her eyes to the need to do more for the environment, both now and for future generations, even at the local level.

The sweepstakes competition was called Giveaway to Giveback, part of Ocean Awareness Month. To learn more about 4Ocean, visit 4ocean.com.



PHOTO BY MARIA YRENE SIERRA

Chondria Andrews (right) stands with her brother Marcus Wallace (left) and Ryan Dick, Director of Brand and NGO Partnerships. They are holding four fingers up in support of the work done by 4Ocean.



PHOTO BY CHONDRIA ANDREWS

Chondria Andrews and her brother Marcus Wallace fill several bags with plastic after working for two hours on Spectacle Island near Boston.



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- Emceed by Greenbelt author Mark Opsasnick ("Rock the Potomac")
- Friday, 7/22, Miles Gannett Band, 8 - 11pm
- Saturday, 7/23, Jazz Jam, 2 - 5pm
- Stealing Liberty (Grateful Dead tribute band), 8 - 11pm
- Sunday, 7/24, Deaf Brunch, 10:30 - 12 noon;
- DOGOU du Togo (West African rhythms), 6 - 8pm
- Monday, 7/25, NEW DEAL CAFE BOARD MEETING,*
- All are invited, 6:30 - 9pm
- Tuesday, 7/26, Early Bird Tunes Open Mic, 6:15 - 9pm
- Wednesday, 7/27, The Bachelor & the Bad Actress, 7 - 9pm
- Thursday, 7/28, Frenchy & the Punk (dark cabaret), 7 - 9pm

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*Board meeting: Visit the New Deal Cafe's web page for more information.

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a terrible summer, the cousins are surprised to find that Uncle Mark is a dashing free spirit, who is trying to revive a failing circus that he won in a card game. Naturally, the kids pitch in to help, and they end up having the best summer ever.

Because it is a circus, an array of circus animals and performers are on display, from elephants to dogs to equestrians to unicyclists to a puppet tight-rope walker and more. And this is where the dying of cuteness comes in, so consider yourself warned. The elephants – with ears made beautifully by Arts Supervisor Nicole DeWald – joyfully celebrate who they are, singing “they feast their eyes on my size; it’s a prize I maximize / no one denies I’m a magnificent sight” as they stomp and sway on stage.

At one point, the circus dogs try to determine if one of the cousins really is the good person she claims to be. “She says she’s good,” they sing, “but she really thinks she’s better,” before concluding, “to be better is far worse than being good.” As an adult sitting in the audience, I had to wonder how many times I, too, believed that I was good but really thought that I was better. A somber reflection, yes, but a welcome one.

I can’t decide if the best thing about this musical is seeing all the children, happy, sharing their skills and killing me with cuteness, or if the best thing is seeing the radiant smiles on the faces of Cherry and pianist Stefan Brodd throughout the performance. That Cherry, Brodd and the other adults who make CKC happen so genuinely enjoy the experience makes it that much more delightful for campers and parents alike.

“After two years without any live theater performances, we are delighted to present a live show in Roosevelt Center, the heart of the historic New Deal planned community,” said Cherry. “Live outdoor pageants and shows were a highlight of Greenbelt life in the town’s early years, so we’re very happy to renew the tradition. There’s something magical about neighbors gathering to watch



Young campers dressed as elephants sing their song in the show.

- Photos by Anne Gardner



Circus dogs sing with Uncle Mark, played by Finlay McNabb.

a joyful summer show outside, performed by enthusiastic young actors.”

The oldest group of CKC campers play the cousins, who also take the stage in the circus show as clowns, while younger campers play the aforementioned circus dogs, elephants, acrobats and equestrians. Campers enrolled in the afternoon Circus Skills class are featured in a circus specialty act. In total, the cast includes more than 60 performers.

The remaining free outdoor performances of this summer’s camp show, Summer Circus, in Roosevelt Center, will take place on three Fridays: July 22, August 5 and August 19 (weather permitting). The shows start at 9:15 a.m. and last about 50 minutes. The public is invited to enjoy the fun – bring a lawn chair.



PHOTO BY KATHRYN BEARD

Gray catbird after a bath

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Community Center confirmed that she heard about the issues Trinity had with opening on time.

There were an estimated 15 to 20 voters who were “turned away, more or less,” without being given provisional ballots, according to Jordan.

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School polling place also opened late, according to Alonzo Washington, Maryland Delegate for District 22, affecting more Greenbelt East voters.

The County Board of Elections did not respond to requests for comment on the delayed opening at Trinity or Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Greenbelt voting locations include Trinity Assembly of God, Springhill Lake Elementary School, Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Greenbelt Elementary School and the Community Center.

While the morning was not particularly busy in foot traffic to the polls, there still were Greenbelters trickling in to vote. During the early morning, some voters at Greenbelt Elementary were in and out in less than half an hour. A Greenbelt resident for over 40 years said that her voting



PHOTO BY EMILY HAHN

Greenbelt News Review Intern Emily Hahn takes a selfie after voting in the July 19 Maryland primary election.

experience at Greenbelt Elementary was “pleasant” and not too crowded.

At Eleanor Roosevelt High School, a voter thanked the poll workers for all that they do, and appreciates their hard work.

Final election results may not be available until August. Provisional ballots will be counted on Wednesday, July 20, but mail-in ballots cannot be opened and counted until Thursday, July 21, per state law, and counting can continue through Friday, July 29.

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Visitors Do Their Own Thing At News Review Open House

by Sandy Rodgers

There were many smiles in the hands-on room at the News Review's Open House on Sunday, July 10, as visitors wandered through and took part in activities. Some sat down at decades-old typewriters and punched keys, listening to the satisfying mechanical sounds. Others tried their hand at drawing their own cartoon – not so easy. Three-year-old Shaya Neveu used colored pencils to draw a many-hued picture on her cartoon page. Her mother, Svetlana Neveu, said she was “in her rainbow phase.” Another visitor wrote an updated caption for an archive cartoon. Regular News Review cartoon contributor, Pete Reppert, came in person to talk to people and show original artwork for his own cartoons that have run in the paper and elsewhere.

The most ambitious visitors took the opportunity to create a personal News Review front page – old style. While the paper these days is put together digitally, for many years it was pasted up in pieces of paper. With staff help, participants assembled the masthead, columns of text, a photograph or two and a cartoon and pasted them onto a prepared grid.

The first step was to sit at a vintage typewriter and have a picture taken by staff member Rahul Mehta. The photo was set up to imitate the historic photograph by photographer Marjory Collins of a woman typing that was used extensively in *Defending Utopia*, a film by Susan Gervasi. The film is about the newspaper and the 1965 libel case against the News Review that went to the Supreme Court. Mehta was kept busy taking the staged photographs, then running back and forth to the main newsroom to retrieve the printouts, along with columns of text – and he inserted their names into the first story.

Next, visitors chose one of several historic cartoons on metal engraved blocks from the paper's early days and, with the help of former staff member JoEllen Sarff, printed the cartoon as well as the News Review masthead block. Printing involved rolling ink onto the blocks and pressing them into paper. After participants had chosen all their pieces, Sarff painstakingly showed them the paste-up process – deciding what went where, then carefully cutting pieces out and gluing them onto the grid for the finished product that they took home with them.

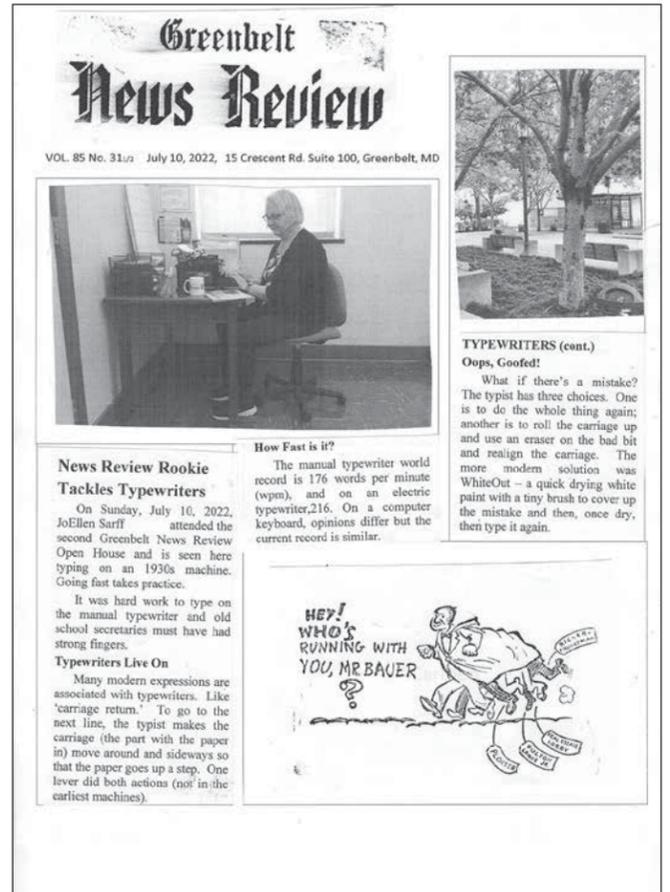
In the newsroom across the hall, visitors had a chance to see how a modern-day newspaper is produced as the room buzzed with staff members at their computers working on email, editing, layout and proofing for the July 14 issue, while answering questions about the process. As a result of the open house, the News Review was pleased to get a couple of new members to help in sorely needed areas like the ad desk. The paper can always use more volunteers – writers, editors, proofers, cartoonists, ad desk personnel and more. Those who are interested can find out more by emailing editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.



Mary Moien channels *Defending Utopia* at the GNR Open House.



The whole Neveu family poses for a photo: Svetlana, Marc and daughter Shaya.



JoEllen Sarff creates a sample front page, including a photo of herself at the typewriter.

- Photos by Rahul Mehta



Three-year-old Shaya Neveu didn't need a caption for her cartoon.

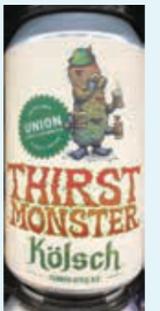
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contract award. Why the secret process?

The RFP states council has “adopted” certain objectives, goals and top priorities for the city as part of a strategic plan, yet no one can point to a regular council meeting where council voted on such plan.

The goals for the city used to come from its residents. Then council moved to setting goals in a strategic planning worksession. Traditionally, this session is not recorded; no public input is allowed; and such plan is not subsequently brought to a regular council meeting for a vote. Council has effectively robbed constituents of the opportunity to have a voice in the future of our city by not allowing us to speak to or provide input on such strategic plan.

Molly Lester

Don't Downplay Murder

Justin Devaughn Mack, age 23, murdered 1/13/22; Russell Jermaine Gaines, age 23, murdered 1/29/22; Kareem Tyriq Wilson, Jr., age 15, murdered 2/1/22; Daryl Garret McRae, age 20, murdered 6/24/22. All were murdered in Greenbelt in the first six months of the year. They are all homicide victims, but according to the Greenbelt Police Weekly Crime Reports “Incident Type” and the Greenbelt News Review, they are “Shooting Combined” victims. Say what?

Why does the city report these homicides, these murders, in such a confusing statistic as “Shooting Combined”? On 1/9/22 a “Shooting Combined” report was for two individuals shot and wounded. On 4/29/22 a “Shooting Combined” resulted in shell casings found, but no victims and no property damage. How can no victims and four homicides be the same type of incident? Why are the city government and News Review downplaying these homicides? Yes, all were victims of gun violence, but why not list them as homicides? They list the victims as deceased but not as homicides, or as murders. It is wrong. When the criminals are arrested and charged, they will not be charged with “Shooting Combined,” they will be charged with homicide and firearm charges.

The public needs to know exactly what happened. How can the public help when the police department does not properly inform the public? The use of Twitter and Facebook is great for real time information, but not everyone is on those sites. The police department has not released a press release since the shooting (1st degree assault) of 1/9/22. Why has the police department stopped issuing press releases that the public can access?

The News Review also needs to change its coverage of serious crime. The paper cannot claim that they are just following the police lead. If the paper can do a front-page story on the locking of doors at a public building, it can do a story on the homicides, carjackings and robberies. Lives are at stake. The residents, business employees and visitors need to know what is actually happening in the city. Hiding serious crime, especially homicides, in the back pages is wrong, and a dereliction

of the paper's stated purpose.

Ask yourself this: If a family member, friend, neighbor or employee of yours was the victim of a homicide, would you want it downplayed by the city police department and the local newspaper?

I am asking the Greenbelt Police Department, the Greenbelt City Council and the Greenbelt News Review to change the way that homicides are listed in Weekly Crime Reports and in the newspaper. Be factual.

James William Thompson

Hard Row to Hoe

Working cooperatively is hard. Encouraging people to be actively supportive requires a commitment to open meetings and participatory governance. The way that GHI's board is currently functioning does not invite meaningful participation by the general membership. As an example, on July 17 and 18, the GHI board of directors engaged in worksessions to discuss the cooperative's priorities over the next year. In advance of the worksessions, stakeholders contributed new suggestions for the list of actionable items. Contributing stakeholders, as listed on the management document, were board members, committee members and staff. The membership was not invited to contribute to the list, nor to vote on priorities for the cooperative.

As listening to meetings seems to be the only role left to the general membership of Greenbelt's largest cooperative, GHI is falling far short of the expectations for cooperative housing governance. When members who comment and question are ignored or met with indifference and hostility at board meetings, and “town hall” meetings are structured presentations rather than open forums, board members are establishing and enforcing an oligarchic, not a cooperative, form of governance.

I would like the cooperative to move in a different direction, one that is actually cooperative.

Leah Cohen

Tugwell, Tested

In response to (and in solidarity with) Molly Lester's recent letter, “Library Culls Tugwell,” July 7, Greenbelters and researchers thereof all should be concerned with changes taking place within the Tugwell Room.

Of late, the microfilm viewer has been sent to the Hyattsville branch. Next, there is talk that the entire News Review original issues are to be removed. “They're available online,” we are told. Yes, but why the drive to remove them? A piecemeal paring down. The understanding with the city was to hold the collection en masse.

There appears, from time to time, a mindset or attitude negative to the room's future. In recent years, I witnessed this: A senior staff member, showing a new intern the general facility, pointed to the room and said: “That's the space for the city's history – it's a dead collection”. Well ...

So, stop by for a look, sign in and browse. Access is available at the front desk.

Mark Hanyok



Ready for Next Storm

Living in GHI (Greenbelt Homes Inc.) allows us to belong to a group of houses called “court.” In times of power outages, it can be comforting and empowering to reach out to others in your court, perhaps by using a printed contact list that someone has made in advance so that we can check in on our neighbors, pass along the latest information and suggestions or offer resources to each other.

Two resources that we happen to have that might have been helpful had the power outage extended beyond 24 hours: a solar oven which allowed us to cook simple meals without the use of electricity, and a portable battery power station attached to a solar panel which, depending on the size of the battery, could allow us to run some lights, fans and a refrigerator and, most importantly, to keep our smartphones charged up!

Joe & Patience Robbins

Lakeside Hero

Kyle Peterson was last Tuesday's hero, when a number of trees had been felled by the thunderstorm and made Lakeside Drive impassable. Kyle was on his way home after a long day at work, when the trees stopped him. He grabbed his chain saw and began to clear the street on his own, just a Greenbelter helping Greenbelters. Inspired by the example he set, within minutes many neighbors from around Lakeside Drive showed up and began to push the trunks and branches to the side. Lakeside Drive was cleared in half an hour, allowing First Responders to focus on all the other emergencies in town. Instead of going home, Kyle then moved over to the parking lot in the City Center and cut two smaller trees there that had fallen and blocked parking spaces. A heartfelt thanks from the neighbors at Lakeside Drive to Kyle Peterson and his chain saw!

Evelyn Crellin

Another Big Thanks To Public Works

I'd like to send a huge thank you to the dedicated men and women of the City of Greenbelt Department of Public Works for their efforts in clearing the roads and cleaning up after the storm on Tuesday, July 12. Once again, these first responders answered the call, literally, and came back to work that evening, working late into the night to clear roadways and make commuting possible and safe for the next day. These essential employees then continued this effort first thing Wednesday morning and throughout the rest of the week and on Saturday, ensuring roads and pedestrian paths were clear and safe. The DPW personnel risked their lives, putting their safety at risk to ensure Greenbelt residents could commute to work, power company personnel could access down and damaged powerlines, and emergency services could access all areas of the community. So, on behalf of at least one humble citizen thank you again for all you do DPW.

Jason Martin

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Kyle Peterson, chain-saw wielder extraordinaire

- Photos by Evelyn & John Crellin



Many hands deal with some heavy work on Lakeside Drive. Below: Greenbelters help Greenbelters.



2022 Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen Nomination Form

Submit this form (or something equivalent) by **August 1** to

Bob Zugby

Outstanding Citizen Committee

94 Ridge Road, Greenbelt MD 20770

or OutstandingCitizenGB@gmail.com

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Attach a statement (preferably printed or typed) explaining why this nominee deserves recognition as Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen.

Possible subjects include a list of organizations or activities in which the nominee has participated, including length of time, specific accomplishments during their period of service, their impact upon Greenbelt or people within the City, and personal qualities making the nominee special. The award is for **unpaid** volunteer work only.

Any supporting printed material is useful, but not required.

Others' testimonials are also helpful.

You may be contacted for additional information. If you prefer, send this form now and complete the statement later. The form and any additional information must be received no later than the **August 1 deadline**.

Nominated by:

Name(s)

Signature(s)

Telephone

We need your input—thank you!

Letters continued

Greenbelt at its Best

We wish to thank our amazing friends and neighbors in Boxwood Village. Last Tuesday's storm sent a tree down through our roof and into our living room. As soon as the rain stopped, they came from Periwinkle Court and Hedgewood Drive and started working on our roof with a chainsaw to cut the tree that fell, covering the holes with tarps, piling the tree pieces by the curb, and in the house mopping up water while removing drywall and insulation. We were somewhat dazed, and it was these angels who saved our house from further damage and enabled us to sleep in our home that night.

This is why we love living in Greenbelt.

Steven and Janet Mirsky

A Job Well Done

The Public Works staff did an incredible job of clearing the debris from the trails in Buddy Attick Park. There are still a few tricky spots, but in general, the trails are clear enough to navigate safely. Some sections of the park still look like a bomb had been dropped. We lost many tall trees, and it will take years for those to be replaced.

However, the work done by Public Works staff deserves praise and acknowledgement. Thank you for a job well done.

Lois Rosado

My Perspective

Two years ago I wrote this poem after a tree in my neighborhood suffered the end of its life at the hands of a chainsaw after our housing board decided its fate. While the trees that were lost in last week's storm submitted to a higher power, the loss of the trees – whether due to chainsaw or nature's sheer force – leaves a substantial void in our community.

I don't want to diminish the damage or difficulty that some of these trees have caused for many of our neighbor's homes and lives in the last week; however, I do hope that the loss of trees produces appreciation for their value, rather than fear of their potential pitfalls. Yes, a fallen tree can result in maintenance and insurance nightmares, but we cannot ignore their worth, especially if we want our community to remain at the forefront of an equitable fight for environmental justice.

Yes, I find trees beautiful, but equally important is their ability to reduce heat islands – locations which are hotter than others due to an excess of buildings and pavements and an absence of trees and greenery. While Greenbelt benefits from being a planned, green community, the maintenance of our neighborhoods in the next five, 10 and 20 years will determine if we remain both beautiful and equitable. Nationally, race and income are significant factors in determining who suffers from heat inequity.

So now that the cleanup from the powerful storm is well underway, I encourage our entire community to consider how we can rebuild a greener, cooler, more beautiful Greenbelt. Many of our young people are already at work. The Eleanor Roosevelt High School Shrub Club has helped organize and plant 50 new trees on campus in the last four years. I can only hope that the rest of our community can see that the risk of trees pales in comparison to their value. Never has this famous Chinese proverb felt truer: "The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now."

Patrick Gleason

It's usually the victim who screams

It's usually the victim who screams. And often, the mourning may, too, weep openly, like the doves now bereft their evening home or with suppressed sobs of terror.

But not this time. The victim does as it always has – resolute in the forgotten starkness of a wind wearied January midnight or majestic amid late August's swelter.

It persists: silent, solemn, still. And the stillness

is most apparent as its executioner desecrates this life source. Each tooth gnashing, indifferent and indiscriminate evisceration of a somehow still serene victim. And only you can supply the victim's cry.

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devices. Co-op placed big orders to replenish their inventory and were more or less back in business by Friday, Gilotte reported.

Franklin Park faced damage to buildings that displaced residents, as well as damage to trees around the grounds.

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) sent out an electronic newsletter detailing the damage. During the

brief but intense storm, they said, "85-year-old trees were broken into thirds, root balls the size of vans were uprooted and trees blocked Parkway and Crescent Road," GHI Maintenance sprang into action, cutting up a large downed tree near Parkway. Damage to GHI homes, they said, included "large trees leaning on each other, sheds cut in half,

twisted gutters, mangled fences, a crushed deck, and ... 800-pound slabs of concrete yanked out of the ground." Cranes will be required to remove some fallen trees.

Reports from the Forest Preserve committee indicate that the trees in the forest protected each other from the strong winds.

According to the Washington Post and Capital Weather Gang, the storm that went through was classified as a "bow echo," named because of its shape on radar, a type of storm that can produce fierce downbursts and straight-line winds of 60 to 80, or even up to 100 miles per hour. The destructive derecho that swept through Greenbelt on June 29, 2012, was also a bow echo storm.



PHOTO BY JEFFREY ALLEN JONES

After clearing Lakeside Drive, Kyle Peterson continues his chain saw mission in the parking lot near the Aquatic Center.



PHOTO BY HELENOR MESIAS

A tree punctures the roof of a building.



PHOTO BY MOLLY RUBINSTEIN

Two broken sections of a lightning-struck tree behind Green Ridge House



PHOTO BY JOELLEN SARFF

Tree limbs cover a car in front of the apartment building at 54 Crescent Road.

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COMPASS

Wishing Greenbelt's Newest Centenarian a Happy Birthday!

by Rosanne Douglas

On July 23, 2022, Greenbelt resident Rachel S. Mertz turns 100 years old. As she embarks upon becoming a newly minted centenarian, Mertz reflected on her life and shared some memories with one of her granddaughters, and fellow Greenbelter (this reporter).

Mertz, born Rachel Schulken, is from the small town of Whiteville, N.C., the youngest of two children in her family. She recalled her childhood as being carefree, when she spent most of her time outside playing on swings and flipping around a balancing bar with her cousin. Her father, a lawyer, died when she was 10. This event led her mother to become an entrepreneur, opening a successful florist shop on the family property. Mertz went on to attend college at the age of 17; she studied at both Meredith College and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

After graduating, Mertz immediately sought out a job to support the country's efforts fighting World War II. She moved to Washington, D.C., where she initially worked night shifts as a decoder. She went on to work at Walter Reed Hospital and the Library of Congress. She fully embraced city life, loving the vibrancy and excitement of being surrounded by so many buildings and shops. She was, and still is, an avid user of public transportation and remembered being the "personality girl" on the 16th Street bus where she was bound to strike up conversation with other riders. Mertz's face lit up with fond nostalgia as she recalled attending state society dances held at big hotels. It was at one of these dances that she was wooed by the man who would become her husband, Herbert Mertz. After getting married, Mertz went on to get a master's degree from Catholic University and ultimately became a librarian for Montgomery County schools. Mertz had two children, Marguerite Baker and Herbert Mertz III. The Mertz's retired to North Palm Beach, Fla., and were regulars on the dance floor at the Breakers and Brazilian Court for many years.

In December of 2016, Mertz relocated from Florida to Greenbelt, to move in with her daughter and son-in-law, Marguerite and Tom Baker. She likes to joke that they put her right to work, helping to chop up ingredients for dinner every night. While she misses the Florida weather, she seizes every opportunity to take a walk outside during the warmer months, enjoying the green surroundings along the back paths behind her GHI home. She makes conversation with neighbors along the way to a nearby playground where she enjoys watching the children. "Seeing other people happy makes me happy," Mertz says. And then with a serious face she'll ask whether you saw her sliding down the longest slide at the park.

When asked about what invention or technology had the biggest impact on her life, Mertz told her granddaughter about how her family had outdoor plumbing. She chuckled remembering



Rachel Mertz laughs with five of her great-grandchildren during her 99th birthday celebration a year ago. Shown are (back row) Mia Moore, Kira Moore and Elizabeth Moore (front row) Persephone and Castor Douglas.

that there was no toilet paper at that time, instead everyone would use pages of the Sears, Roebuck & Co. catalog. While indoor plumbing was the winner, Mertz also remembers television as the second most life-changing invention. (Sorry folks, the iPhone and cryptocurrency were not at the top of the list, although Mertz does own both.)

Throughout her life, Mertz has been an avid traveler and she considers travel extremely important. She remarked that not only is it fun and educational, but it expands one's perspective in ways unimaginable. Her most memorable trips include traveling through Europe with her husband, visiting Israel where she took a float in the Dead Sea, and taking trips to Turkey, Egypt and Greece. She even rode a camel as a young 89-year-old, and has a picture to prove it.

Mertz loves to read, and her favorite book is *Magnificent Obsession* by Lloyd C. Douglas. Published in 1929, she still finds the message relevant as the author encourages doing acts of kindness without expecting recognition. Kindness and generosity are important to Mertz, who has shared her wealth donating to many organizations as well as contributing to her grandchildren's college education. When asked what motivates her to give, she gave a laugh and exclaimed, "It makes me happy!"

What else brings her joy? Besides the obvious answers (chocolate, beer and UNC basketball),

Mertz said that staying active and having positive interactions with other people is what makes life so wonderful. She reflected on the past six years she's lived in Greenbelt and all of the friendly people she's met. Between talking to neighbors, attending Mowatt Methodist Church, frequenting Maria's Beauty Salon, getting rides from Pastor Brian on the Greenbelt Connection bus and eating at Ko's Kitchen, Mertz has made many treasured relationships. She also enjoys living only minutes away from two of her grandchildren and six great-grandchildren who know her as "Grandma Rachel." When her family members (near and far) were asked how they would describe Mertz, the adjectives included "outgoing, feisty, glamorous, adventurous, ravishing, funny, charming, loving, fearless and confident," among many others. How does Mertz feel about turning 100 years old? One word: "amazed."

Mertz will soon be recognized by the City of Greenbelt as part of the city's Celebration of Centenarians, with a tree planted in her honor. If you run into Mertz around town or taking a stroll on one of Greenbelt's back pathways, be sure to stop and say hello. Her positive attitude, sense of humor and friendly nature are sure to leave you with a smile, as you too will be amazed at meeting such a vivacious centenarian.

Rosanne Douglas is Rachel Mertz's granddaughter and also a Greenbelt resident.

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on their positive views and suggestions for improvement on the workings of the city, done through an open Zoom forum last year. The issues that emerged revolved around increasing a sense of community in the city as well as improved traffic safety. Councilmember Judith Davis acknowledged the group's work on getting lighting and non-skid strips at the Community Center. The next open forum will be on Saturday, September 24; whether it will be held in person or via Zoom is undecided. Timer was grateful for the city's program for celebrating centenarians.

Forest Preserve

The Forest Preserve Advisory Board has been updating their stewardship guidelines to include the recent council-approved inclusion of the Greenbriar tract into the city's Forest Preserve. Chair Donna Hoffmeister requested council action on removing the indoor furniture, rusted grill and pavilion at the site.

Environmental Sustainability

The Green Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (Green ACES) and its auxiliary group, the Green Team, both chaired by John Lippert, are active on a host of issues. Recently, they sponsored No Mow Month and the Firefly Sanctuary. Their Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Planning Group is working on having an electric vehicle presentation in all three sections of the city, with one proposed for Schrom Hills Park during National Drive Electric Week in late September. Improving the composting capacity of the city is being deliberated, with Trinity Assembly of God Church on Good Luck Road a likely partner. The Green Team is an offshoot of the state's Sustainable Maryland program; the group is focused on certifying the city every three years, with Greenbelt standing as a local leader. Green Team member Steve Skolnik reported on the ongoing process by Standard Solar Inc., a Rockville company, to build a solar array for the county, from which the city's municipal buildings can draw; completion is expected in Spring 2023. Green ACES, normally at 11 members, has three vacancies.

Appeals

Skolnik, also chair of the Board of Appeals, which oversees issues with the city property standards under Chapter Four of the City Code, reported little to do as city staff are so responsive to resident concerns.

Elections

The Board of Elections, under Steve Gilbert, is looking for a new contractor to deal with the city's next municipal elections, reporting problems with last year's mail-in voting with Electec Election Services Inc. Payment was made for the services rendered. Greenbelt's mail-in voting period exceeds most surrounding

municipalities.

Trees

All things to do with trees are within the purview of the Advisory Committee on Trees, chaired by Charles Jackman. Six walks in the Forest Preserve with the Forest Preserve Advisory Board revealed 49 significant trees (whose diameter is over 2 feet) and a possible county champion. Jackman said that Greenbelt has 62 percent canopy cover.

Education

The Advisory Committee on Education acts as a liaison between the city's schools and council, presenting awards to teachers and students each year. Chair Janet Mirsky revealed that the group, ideally at 10 members, is down to four members yet the committee has managed to function as usual. A high point was the project with Eleanor Roosevelt High School students helping Magnolia Elementary School students with their robotics programs.

Park and Recreation

Chair Jake Chesnutt reported that the Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) has been assessing the Buddy Attick Park Master Plan and the indoor recreation plans of the Beltway Plaza redevelopment. Along with the Recreation Department and members from other boards, PRAB has assisted in the yearly reviews of status and grant applications for city recognition and contribution groups. PRAB has nine members when full and currently has six.

Community Relations

The Community Relations Advisory Board, chaired by Jamie Krauk, has worked alongside PSAC in their community police forums and study of the Fair and Just Policing Act. Three issues they have been considering are: whether collective bargaining agreements should be extended to non-police staff, whether non-citizens should be allowed to vote in municipal elections and whether councilmembers should have term limits.

Planning

The Advisory Planning Board, under Ben Friedman, is involved with much of the ongoing city development, including the Beltway Plaza redevelopment, the Royal Farms proposal, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing relocation to the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center and the Greenbelt Road Corridor Plan.

Discussion

Council encouraged all the boards to be up-to-date in posting their meeting minutes on the city's website, as it is public information, and to make sure all members are current with their reappointment deadline. Interim City Manager Timothy George assured council that staff will send out reappointment notices to all boards.

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Police Blotter

Incidents reported here occurred from July 11 through July 17. 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. Note that the times provided are when the incidents were reported.

Break-in

On July 15 at 6:57 a.m. near 100 Westway, while reviewing camera footage, resident observed someone inside of their apartment, nothing taken.

Auto accident & drug/firearm arrest

On July 13 at 1:52 a.m. near 6100 Breezewood Drive, an adult male was arrested on multiple firearm and drug charges after patrol officers responded to a single-vehicle car crash.

Auto stolen

On July 11 at 12:19 a.m. near 9300 Edmonston Road, a white 2016 Mercedes-Benz GL63 stolen.

On July 12 at 2:56 p.m. near Kenilworth Avenue/Good Luck Road, while returning from court, a GPD officer stopped to assist a disabled motorist. Through routine checks, it was determined the vehicle was stolen out of Bladensburg and the call was transferred to Riverdale Park for proper jurisdiction.

On July 17 at 11:24 a.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a 2014 silver Dodge Caravan stolen.

Auto Tampering

On July 14 at 4:01 a.m. near 9100 Springhill Lane, motorcycle's ignition broken off by a pry tool and two heavy chain locks cut off.

DUI

On July 16 at 12:20 a.m. near 7800 Hanover Parkway, DUI arrest; at 2:46 a.m. near Cherrywood/Greenbelt Road, DUI arrest.

On July 17 at 3:16 a.m. near Greenbelt Road/Southway, DUI arrest; at 11:04 a.m. near 5800 Cherrywood Terrace, DUI arrest.

Fraud

On July 13 at 10:17 a.m. near 5800 Cherrywood Lane, identity theft; at 6:18 p.m. near 7300 Wintergreen Court, eBay fraud.

On July 14 at 10:38 a.m. on Ridge Road, check tampered with after dropping it in a mailbox located at Ridge/Eastway.

On July 16 at 10:30 p.m. on Ridge Road, debit card fraud.

Fraud threat

On July 15 at 3:28 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, telephone kidnapping fraud.

Indecent Exposure

On July 17 at 8:26 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, male got out of vehicle with genitalia exposed, then got back into the vehicle and left the area.

Missing person

On July 12 at 11:34 a.m. near 200 Lakeside Drive, adult male reported missing.

On July 13 at 6:56 a.m. near 7300 Sunrise Court, adult female reported missing, later located.

Shoplifting

On July 15 at 12:47 p.m. near 7500 Greenbelt Road, commercial theft.

Suspicious flyer

On July 11 at 12:26 p.m. near 400 Ridge Road, suspicious flyer reported.

Theft from auto

On July 11 at 5:39 a.m. near 5800 Cherrywood Lane, handicap placard stolen; at 5:46 a.m. near 6000 Springhill Drive, rear van door lock tampered with and disabled by a pry tool, tools taken; at 6:17 a.m. near 6000 Springhill Drive, handicap placard stolen; at 4:43 p.m. near 6100 Breezewood Drive, front and rear license plates stolen; at 5:05 p.m. near 7100 Mathew Street, driver-side door lock tampered with and the vehicle was rummaged through, nothing of value taken.

On July 12 at 2:03 p.m. near 7700 Hanover Parkway, catalytic converter stolen.

On July 13 at 10:30 a.m. near 7800 Walker Drive, rear passenger window broken, personal property taken; at 5:07 p.m. near 7200 Hanover Drive, passenger-side window was shattered, video production equipment stolen.

On July 17 at 8:51 a.m. near 7800 Mandan Road, passenger-side window damaged, nothing taken; at 11:00 a.m. near 7400 Greenbelt Road, locker broken into, personal property stolen; at 3:03 p.m. near 7800 Mandan Road, two vehicles' front passenger windows broken.

Theft

On July 11 at 4:55 p.m. near 6400 Cherrywood Lane, package theft.

On July 12 at 4:03 p.m. near 7600 Greenbelt Road, commercial theft.

On July 13 at 6:14 p.m. near 6100 Springhill Terrace, two bicycles stolen from residence balcony.

On July 14 at 3:28 p.m. near 100 Greenhill Road, iPhone stolen.

On July 15 at 1:37 p.m. near 9000 Breezewood Terrace, package theft.

On July 16 at 11:49 p.m. near 7900 Mandan Road, rims and tires taken from vehicle.

Trespassing

On July 12 at 1:08 a.m. near 6400 Ivy Lane, adult female issued a criminal citation for trespassing on private property.

Vandalism

On July 11 at 2:33 p.m. near 7400 Greenbelt Road, vehicle keyed.

On July 15 at 1:33 p.m. near 7800 Somerset Court, passenger side of vehicle vandalized, possibly keyed.

On July 17 at 6:54 a.m. near 7800 Walker Drive, two vehicles' passenger-side windows broken, nothing taken.

Council Hears Crime Stats, Questions Chief Rick Bowers

by Deb Daniel

At its July 11 meeting, the Greenbelt City Council heard an update on police response to the city's rising crime rate, requested the chief of the county public schools to retain Christine Wichtendahl at Springhill Lake Elementary School and introduced legislation to install gateway signage on Southway.

Crime

Given the increase in city crime, Police Chief Richard Bowers briefed council on what actions his department is taking. He began by noting that carjackings, and crime in general, are increasing throughout the region. In response, Greenbelt police have taken several actions to mitigate this increase, including changing patrol patterns, increasing staffing on directed patrols (where police patrol more heavily in areas and at times based upon crime trends). Bowers has assigned the three-officer community policing unit to these patrols, increasing the effective patrol strength. Many carjacking suspects appear to be juveniles, 16 years and younger.

Cases are taking longer to solve, given the backlog in the court system and the difficulty in recruiting officers. However, he did have good news on that last front as the force now has 49 sworn officers of the 53 authorized. Two more candidates will go to the police academy in September.

Council Reactions

Councilmembers Judith Davis and Ric Gordon and Mayor Emmett Jordan stressed that council has kept full funding for the police department and provided funds for additional mental health co-responders (one has already been hired by the police department). Jordan commented that the proliferation of guns has made problems worse. Bowers noted that the community is the eyes and ears of good police work. He mentioned that the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) has held 11 town halls although attendance has been low. Neighborhood watches have decreased and people hesitate to report unusual activity in their neighborhoods. Bowers mentioned that the police can help organize static watches (from home) and other types of watch teams. Davis suggested that dog walkers could be helpful for reporting unusual activity.

Bowers gave several suggestions for residents to reduce incidents of thefts from cars and carjackings. He encouraged resi-

dents not to leave valuables, even charger cords, visible in their cars, to park in well-lit areas and to lock their cars. When approaching their cars, residents should have their keys in hand and remain alert to what is going on around them. If they are concerned, they should trust their instincts and, if not comfortable with what they see, return to where they are coming from. Any resident who sees suspicious activity should report it using the police non-emergency number at 301-474-7200.

Davis also mentioned that misinformation on social media is unhelpful to the community and police – such as posts that the police have been “defunded,” which is not the case. Gordon suggested more cameras and bright lights in vulnerable neighborhoods, but Bowers responded that these deterrents are not effective in a spread-out area. Bowers pointed to the Information Technology Department's work to obtain more cameras.

Davis noted that with increased population in newly-developed areas of Greenbelt that additional police staff may be needed, and hoped that Bowers would keep council informed on increasing police work. Resident Bill Orleans suggested a public hearing on security and deploying more cameras. Jordan responded that PSAC had a recent survey on residents' perceptions.

Petitions and Requests

Resident Bill Orleans suggested a memorandum of understanding that would prohibit removal of materials from the Tugwell Room.

Kevin Fomengia of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) 2022 Smart City Challenge (pathwayoz.com/hbcusmartcities) described how HBCU students could develop proofs of concepts for real city problems such as water management, climate change and traffic

control. Staff will follow up with Fomengia.

Springhill Lake Elementary

Council approved sending a letter to Dr. Monica Goldson, chief executive officer of Prince George's County Public Schools requesting that she allow Chris Wichtendahl to become assistant principal of Springhill Lake Elementary School. Wichtendahl has served for many years there. Her current position, special education coordinator, has been eliminated. The letter states that Wichtendahl already attends all assistant principal meetings and performs the responsibilities of the assistant principal role.

Proclamation

Jordan read a Proclamation that July is Parks and Recreation Month and he presented that proclamation to Greenbelt Recreation employees LaToya Fisher, recreation program supervisor, and Frank Jones, recreation coordinator. Jordan hopes that Greenbelt residents will enjoy the opportunities offered by Greenbelt Recreation programs. Davis mentioned that scholarships are available.

Administrative Reports

Interim City Manager Tim George reported that the Compensation Study is well underway. Two people have applied for the economic development position, and staff has completed the request for proposals for a search firm to recruit candidates for the city manager position. The online reparations application was updated, and four applications have been received so far. George noted that some city jobs and internships are still available.

Davis commended staff for their quick action in installing a hot button for police and emergency calls on the Welcome Desk phone in the Recreation Center, as council had requested.

George mentioned that

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Greenbelt Storm Damage



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Downed trees block sections of the Lake path.



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A large tree fell at 33 Court Ridge Road.



PHOTO BY AVERY GARDNER

A large tree fell in the skate park.



PHOTO BY PEGGY HIGGINS

A big tree is down in Schrom Hills Park.

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cameras and lighting for Springhill Lake Recreation Center and the Community Center have been ordered. Councilmember Rodney Roberts asked about the status of the transfer of the Armory building to the city. If there has been no response by the next meeting, he said that he would request that the city send a letter to the city's federal representatives. Jordan concurred, saying that he learned through the Maryland Municipal League that, contrary to rumors that the Armory would go somewhere else, Senator Paul Pinsky and Delegate Nicole Williams are confident that Greenbelt will get the Armory and are pushing to make that happen.

Legislation

A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Construction Service to build a Gateway Signage Wall and install Signage from Jopal Construction, Inc. was introduced for first reading. Jordan questioned, after much discussion, why this was the only signage being purchased. George will investigate what happened to the other signage.

S.I.T.Y Stars

Gordon pointed out that the Greenbelt S.I.T.Y Stars, based

at Springhill Lake Recreation Center, is the International Championship Double-Dutch Jump Rope Team. He asked for a banner to be installed at Springhill Lake Recreation Center where the group practices. Councilmember Kristen Weaver suggested having the S.I.T.Y Stars – S.I.T.Y stands for Sensational. Inspirational. Talented. Youth – design the banner themselves. Council heard a suggestion from Robert Goldberg-Strassler that signage at the entrance to Greenbelt note that it is the home of The S.I.T.Y Stars, International Champions in Double-Dutch Jump Rope. That signage is in addition to the banner.

No action by council is required. George will let council know when the banner-raising ceremony will occur.

Davis moved to accept the Forest Preserve Advisory Report and begin the formal process to rename the stream that parallels Northway. An Indigenous name will be selected that translates to the name Moving Water with Ferns. The motion passed unanimously.

Diane Oberg contributed to this report.

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Recruitment is of vital concern for the boards and council. Lippert asked for more independent and immediate power to recruit when vacancies present themselves. Kressler suggested a group table at the Labor Day Festival Information Day. Jordan proposed an open house event. Council encouraged the boards to let council know if any members are remiss in regular attendance and may require replacement.

Krauk extolled staff for providing a "lens of practicality" to board recommendations – "a reality check," said Councilmember Silke Pope, on whether projects are feasible with city resources and staff. George said that the city strives to do as much as it can with limited staff and must prioritize.

Deb Daniel also contributed to this story.



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Center's New Street Band Plans To March through Greenbelt

by Emily Hahn

A newly formed street band held its first practice in Roosevelt Center on Saturday, July 2, and plans to continue holding practices every Saturday afternoon.

Dan Gillotte, current organizer of the unnamed Greenbelt street band, created the group after getting involved in a band in Texas called School of Honk. Gillotte based Greenbelt's new street band on the open and relaxed practice and performance style that the School of Honk has.

"We're going to make some noise and have fun," said Gillotte in an interview.

Having a brass band makes everyone more mobile, he said. While Gillotte is not a multi-instrumentalist, he does lead the group through practices and plays his sousaphone during each song. While some musicians in the band follow sheet music, Gillotte says this is not a requirement.

"The songs are simple enough that people can learn by ear. We don't quite have the core [instruments] yet to make that promise.



Dan Gillotte uses his sousaphone to oompah with the street band that he is organizing.

there was one of every instrument Gillotte would want, except for missing a flute, he said. He would like a few flute players to join and could use more instruments in general, so everyone is backed up.

"Having a little more coverage helps people sound better. And if someone loses their place or loses their air and can't blow anymore, someone's covering the part. And so, having a couple of everything fills the band out a little bit," he said.

Gillotte's goal is to have the band ready to perform at the Greenbelt Labor Day Parade.

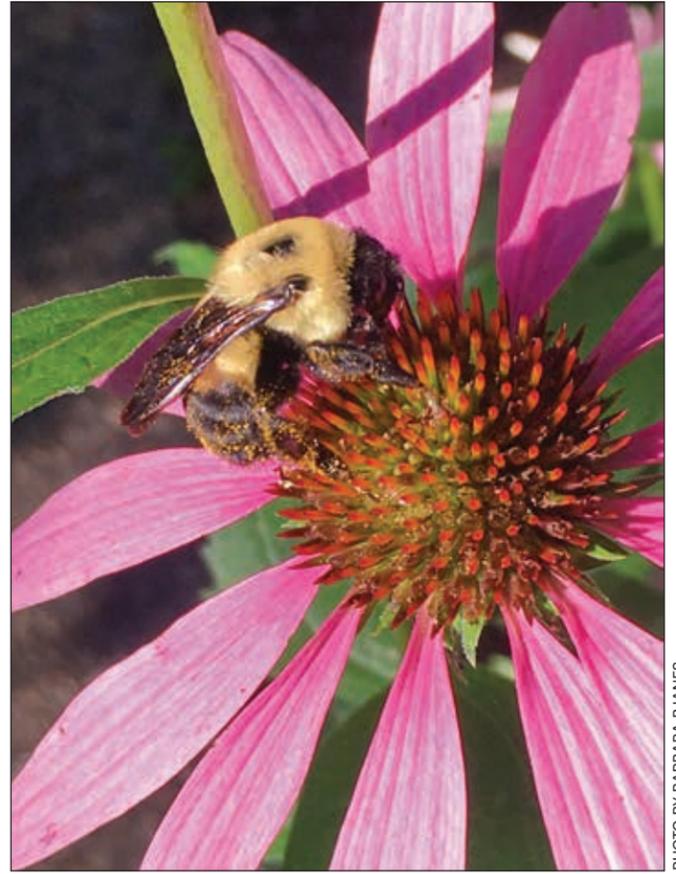
The current set list Gillotte has put together using the School of Honk's website includes We Got That Fire by Rebirth Brass Band, Rock Lobster by The B-52s, Uptown Funk by Mark Ronson featuring Bruno Mars, Groove Is in the Heart by Deee-lite and Push It by Salt-N-Pepa.

Email Gillotte at dangillotte@gmail.com for more information, to donate and loan instruments or to join the street band. Children and adults of all ages are encouraged to join.

But I think we'll get there," he said.

Amethyst Dwyer, percussionist, danced as she played her drum on Saturday, July 9. Her long purple skirt and pigtail braids swayed along with her while practicing Groove Is in the Heart by Deee-lite. During the song, a passerby leaving the New Deal Café called out to the band that she "loved it." Dwyer responded, "We be jamming!" as she grooved along to the beat of her drum.

At the band's first practice



A bumble bee sits on a coneflower.

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