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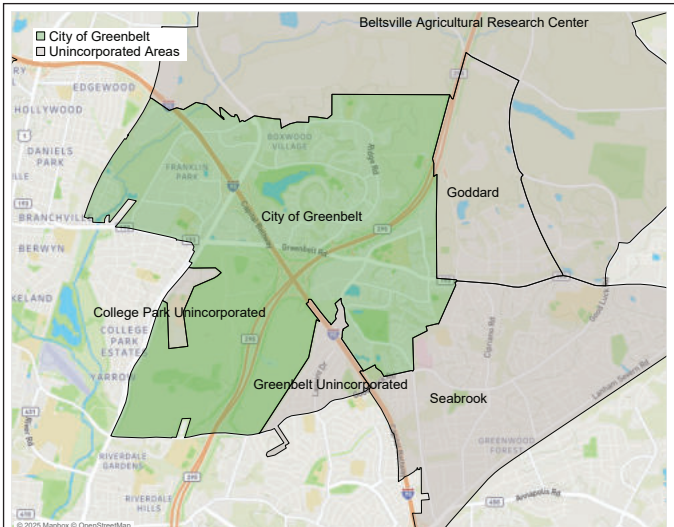
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Council Discusses Annexation Opportunities in Closed Session

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

On May 27 Greenbelt City Council met in closed session in council chambers to discuss the topic of annexation. Present for that meeting were city councilmembers, City Manager Josué Salmerón, Planning Director Terri Hruby and the city's solicitor Todd Pounds (attending virtually).

City staff and councilmembers are prohibited from commenting on items from an executive session. However, the stated purpose of the closed session was to obtain legal advice on an annexation matter. Salmerón confirmed there is nothing further to make public and



Map shows the City of Greenbelt and surrounding areas, which include unincorporated communities (indicated by gray shaded areas).

said the meeting was primarily to discuss the process. The action taken is recorded in the written statement for closing the meeting as "gave staff direction to gather further information about annexa-

tion opportunities."

Rationale

Though the News Review has been unable to get further comment from the city about its rationale for discussing annexation opportunities, increasing the tax base for Greenbelt is a likely motivator. Over recent months the city has managed to balance a challenging budget, but it has few options for increasing its revenue for future years. Annexation would

also give the city more control over requests for variances or

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MD Leads States Suing to Halt Trump's Gutting of AmeriCorps

by Ellie Jornlin

For nine months, Greenbelter Jackson Tuthill, 20, was an AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) member. He and a team of six others built homes in North Carolina, assisted with hurricane disaster recovery in Florida and repaired hiking trails in the Great Smoky Mountains. They were building a retaining wall on the Ohio River in West Virginia when their team leader got a call with shocking news.

"We got the call and by that night, we had packed our bags and were already heading home," Tuthill said.

The Trump administration announced plans to eliminate nearly \$400 million in federal AmeriCorps grants. A notice on April 25 said the grants no longer fit AmeriCorps' priorities, offering no further details. The administration also fired around 85 percent of AmeriCorps staff, dealing a detrimental blow to the organization.

AmeriCorps was founded in 1993, providing opportunities for Americans to serve their communities through education, disaster relief, environmental work and



Jackson Tuthill working for the AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps

public health initiatives. The sudden halt to these programs left many of the communities they served without consistent, reliable

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Libraries, Museums Are Targets Of Trump's Fiscal 2026 Budget

by Joan Estenson

In an executive order on March 14, President Donald Trump ordered the closing of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), a relatively unknown federal agency. When the executive order was challenged by lawsuits Trump completely eliminated funding for the IMLS in his proposed budget for next year.

On May 2, Trump released the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 federal budget proposal, which calls for completely eliminating the budget for the IMLS (the only federal agency dedicated solely to supporting America's libraries and museums), the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, AmeriCorps and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Congress appropriated \$300 million for the IMLS for FY

2025, which amounts to about 0.003 percent of the federal budget, to fund 125,000 public, school, academic, government and special libraries and 35,000 museums. The money has a ripple effect through state and local levels.

Megan Searing Young, Greenbelt Museum director, describes the IMLS as putting "twin prongs under one umbrella," since among other services both libraries and museums maintain archives and provide informative programs to their communities.

County Libraries

IMLS provides both national competitive grants and money to states which they in turn grant to library systems, according to Mark Winston, Ph.D., chief executive officer of the Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS). They

use grants from the IMLS primarily for staff development, including the 15 employees at Greenbelt Library, and for

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What Goes On

Monday, June 16
7:30 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building
Wednesday, June 18
7:30 p.m., Council Work-session: Board of Elections, Municipal Building
Thursday, June 19
Juneteenth: City Offices Closed

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



On Friday, June 6, the City of Greenbelt raised the pride flag to celebrate the LGBTQ+ community and Pride Month.

Letters to the Editor

Sewing Opportunities

I am writing to follow up on your excellent article on May 22, page 6, about clothing swaps. I wanted to mention two additional resources about sewing to the list. First, the Makerspace has one or more sewing machines which you can borrow.

When they have their Repair Café they also have people on hand to repair your clothing or to teach you to use the sewing machine. Perhaps they have other volunteers available to teach you to use the sewing machines at other times of the year?

In addition, in Beltway Plaza there is The SPACE Free Art for All. They have several sewing machines and on Sundays from 1:30 to 3 p.m., they have volun-

teers who will help you learn to use the sewing machines.

The Makerspace and The SPACE are two excellent resources to add to the list.

Lore Rosenthal

More on the Animal Shelter Needs

Thank you to the News Review for the informative article on the opening of the Greenbelt Animal Shelter. One addition to the article, that I'd like to add here, is the 501(c) that was set up to further help the shelter: WAGS (Well-wishers for the Animals of the Greenbelt Shelter), P.O. Box 1672, Greenbelt, MD 20768, phone 301-602-8502.

Laurie E. Siegel



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Sat. 5:30 PM, 8:00 PM
Sun. 2:30 PM (OC)
Mon. 5:00 PM
Tue. 7:00 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Fri. 5:45 PM
Sun. 5:15 PM
Mon. 2:45 PM
Wed. 7:15 PM
Thurs. 7:30 PM

The Phoenician Scheme
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(105 mins)

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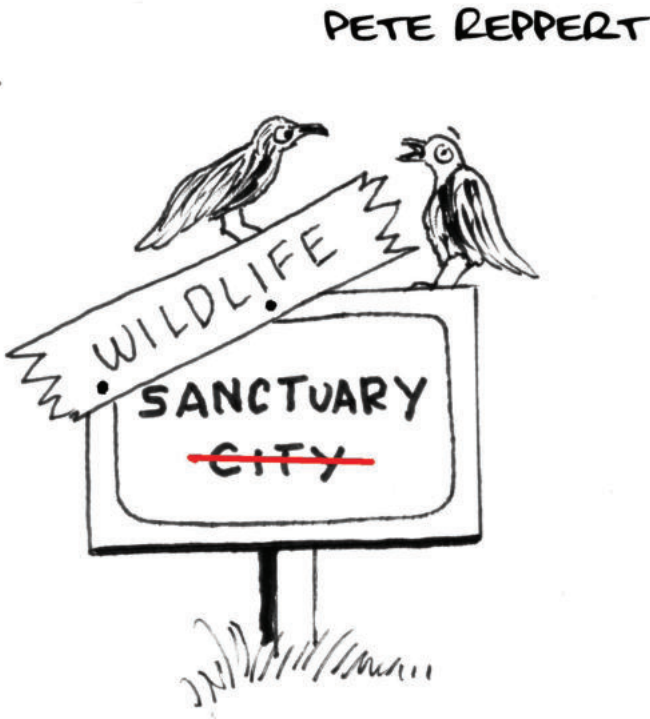
The Muppet Movie
(G) (1979) (97 mins)

School's Out! - FREE
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Thurs. 1:00 PM

But I'm a Cheerleader
(R) (1999) (85 mins)

Cult Classic - Free movie trivia
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Thurs. 8:00 PM

Storytime on Screen - Free!
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Sun. 10:30 - 11:15 AM
Mon. 10:30 - 11:15 AM



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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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On May 16, State Senator Alonzo Washington joined County Councilmember Ingrid Watson's Annual Senior Luncheon in the Community Center to present a check for \$200,000 to replace the Community Center elevator. Pictured from left are: Delegate Ashanti Martinez, City Manager Josué Salmerón, Mayor Emmett Jordan, Senator Alonzo Washington and County Councilmember Ingrid Watson.

On Screen at Greenbelt Cinema

The Life of Chuck

Charles "Chuck" Krantz experiences the wonder of love, the heartbreak of loss and the multitudes contained in all of us in a buoyant and often wonderful adaptation of one of Stephen King's more cosmically optimistic tales. The film is a departure for horror film director Mike Flanagan (Absentia, Oculus and Doctor Sleep). Said critic Odie Henderson of the Boston Globe, "This film feels like the coziest of blankets enveloping you in the theater. However, you should expect a few jolts of static electricity as you snuggle into that blanket. After all, this touching, beautiful film is based on a novella by Stephen King."

The Phoenician Scheme

From director Wes Anderson (Asteroid City, The Wonderful Story of Henry Sugar, The Royal Tenenbaums), the film tells the story of a family and a family business. Travis Hopson of Punch Drunk Critics calls the movie, "the most enjoyable and daring movie Anderson has ever done."

The Muppet Movie

After Kermit the Frog decides to pursue a movie career, he starts his cross-country trip from Florida to California. Along the way, he meets and befriends Fozzie Bear, Miss Piggy, Gonzo and rock musicians Dr. Teeth and the Electric Mayhem. When Kermit is offered a job by Doc Hopper (Charles Durning) to advertise the fried frog legs at his restaurant chain, Kermit turns Hopper down. However, Hopper refuses to relent and pursues Kermit and his companions to a final showdown.

But I'm a Cheerleader

This 1999 American satirical teen romantic comedy film is directed by Jamie Babbit in her feature directorial debut and written by Brian Wayne Peterson. Natasha Lyonne stars as Megan Bloomfield, a high school cheerleader whose parents send her to a residential in-patient conversion therapy camp to "cure" her lesbianism. At camp, Megan realizes that she is indeed a lesbian and, despite the "therapy," comes to embrace her sexuality. The supporting cast includes Clea DuVall, RuPaul and Cathy Moriarty.

Community Events

Rotary Hosts Talk On Greenbelt Museum

On Thursday, June 12 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center, Room 114, the Greenbelt Rotary Club will sponsor Greenbelt Museum Director Megan Searing Young’s talk about the Museum, its past, present and, most importantly, its future. Hear about plans for the new Greenbelt Education and Visitor Center located next door to the original historic house that has served as the Museum’s main site since 1987. The new redesigned facility will significantly expand the Museum’s educational programming and be an important starting point for residents and visitors who want to explore Greenbelt’s unique history. The evening also offers an opportunity to learn about the community services that Greenbelt Rotary provides to Greenbelt residents. Arrivals between 6:30 and 7 p.m. are welcome for light refreshments and conversation before the talk begins at 7 p.m.

No Kings Event Saturday, June 14



A previous protest on the Overpass

On Saturday, June 14 from 3 to 5 p.m., a No Kings peaceful protest will be held. Assembly and a rally will be at the Municipal Building from 3 to 3:30 p.m., with a march to the Spellman Overpass at approximately 3:30 via Southway and Ridge Roads, a 15- to 20-minute walk.

Those participating are encouraged to bring signs, noisemakers and respect for a peaceful protest.

A core principle behind all No Kings events is a commitment to nonviolent action. Organizers expect all participants to seek to de-escalate any potential confrontation with those who disagree with their values and to act lawfully at these events. Weapons of any kind, including those legally permitted, should not be brought to events. All events should be held in public spaces or on public property.

CARES Needs Fund Donations

The Greenbelt Emergency Assistance Fund continues to be a safety net for Greenbelters in a financial crisis whatever the reason. Those who are able can help by donating to the fund.

Make checks out to Greenbelt CARES, write Emergency Assistance Fund in the memo space and mail to Greenbelt CARES, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 (or place in the secure drop box at that address). Or, go to GreenbeltMD.gov, click Pay Online at the top of the page and choose Charitable Donations. Complete the form, indicating the donation is for the Emergency Assistance Fund, and click submit; the payment page then will come up with a form to enter credit card or PayPal information.

Friends of the Library Children’s Book Sale

Did you know the Friends of Greenbelt Library operates the Novel Endings bookstore inside the Library? Anyone can shop during Library hours and pay a suggested \$1 per book (50 cents for children’s books) in the blue cashbox near the front desk. Proceeds from book donations help pay for Library programming and supplies, and fresh books are stocked in the bookstore throughout the week.

There are a ton of children’s books in storage at the moment – everything from board books to graphic novels – and they’ll be bringing it all out for a special children’s book sale on Saturday and Sunday, June 21 and 22. Come on by during Library hours and stock up.

The bookstore is at the back of the Library, on the left as one enters from the main door. Those who have books to donate or are interested in volunteering may contact the Friends of Greenbelt Library by email at friendsofgreenbeltlibrary@gmail.com.

Chess Club Meets

The Greenbelt Chess Club will meet next Tuesday, June 17, at the Youth Center from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. The club welcomes people of all ages and skill levels. To be added to the mailing list, visit tinyurl.com/ycy2nz4m and complete the brief form. Email questions to greenbeltchessclub@gmail.com.

Boxwood Village Scholarship Open

The Boxwood Village Civic Association offers an annual \$500 scholarship to a current Boxwood Village resident. It is available to graduating high school seniors and full-time (at least 12 credit hours per semester) undergraduate students. The scholarship is partially funded through the proceeds from the Boxwood booth at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival, the annual Boxwood yard sale and other activities. The application form should be completed and returned by June 30. A scholarship committee comprised of three Boxwood Village residents will choose this year’s recipient. For further information or to pick up an application form, email Janet Mirsky at mirskyjanet@gmail.com.



Greenbriar Yard Sale

Greenbriar Condominiums, located at 7600 Hanover Parkway, will host a community yard sale on Saturday, June 28, 8 a.m. to noon.



Reel & Meal Screens Palestine Exception



On Monday, June 16, the Reel and Meal at the New Deal Café will host a free screening of The Palestine Exception, a 2024 documentary of the greatest anti-war movement since the 1970s happening across college campuses in the face of suppression that’s been called The New McCarthyism. The documentary features footage of student demonstrations and interviews from a range of academics who explain the history of censorship around criticism of the state of Israel. Following the screening, Georgetown Anthropology Professor Laurie King will lead the discussion about the film, the dangers academics face by being vocal and the greater danger of being silent. An expert on Middle Eastern studies, she has written on the anthropology of human rights for three decades.

The event starts at 6:30 p.m. and will be both in person at the Café and online via Zoom. Registration is required to attend the Zoom meeting at tinyurl.com/RnMJJune25. For more information, visit Reel and Meal’s Facebook page at facebook.com/reelandmealNDC. A trailer for the film can be viewed here: <https://tinyurl.com/462c9k76>.

Community Orchestra Welcomes Musicians

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



GIVES Election Saturday, June 14

The annual GIVES (Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service) election meeting will be held Saturday, June 14, beginning at 10 a.m. in the Community Center, Room 202.

GIVES members will vote on president, vice president, treasurer and secretary for the next two-year term. New and prospective members are encouraged to come and get acquainted with other GIVES members and its mission.

Members may nominate themselves or other members for these offices. Contact the office at givesoffice@gmail.com or call 301-507-6580 to offer suggestions for nominations.

Golden Age Club

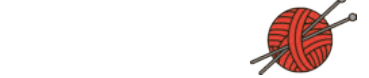
The Golden Age Club meets on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in Room 201 of the Community Center.

June 18, Birthday celebration for June celebrants; bring a snack to share.

June 25, Bingo.

Yarn Donations Needed

Gifts from the Heart is a group of knitters and crocheters meeting Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon at the Community Center. Every year they donate hundreds of hats, scarves, shawls, blankets, walker bags and baby items to schools, churches, nursing homes, Project Linus and other organizations. Donations of acrylic yarn are welcome and may be dropped off when the group meets or at the Community Center office during business hours.



More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

Bayard Rustin Movie To Be Shown June 21

The Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee and the Greenbelt Cinema invite Greenbelt residents to attend a screening of Rustin, starring Coleman Domingo, on Saturday, June 21 at 1 p.m. Attendance is free and open to the public.

Bayard Rustin was the primary architect/organizer of the March on Washington in 1963 and was fiercely attacked for being a gay male. Civil Rights leaders had to decide if they were willing to work with him, as some of them held deeply prejudicial and homophobic views.

For further information contact blackhistoryandculturegb@gmail.com.

Upcoming Art Share

Participate in a relaxed show-and-tell event with other local art makers on Sunday, June 15 from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Community Center, Room 113. All experience levels are welcome. Bring one to three pieces of artwork to present and discuss in a supportive environment. Art shares are a monthly community gathering. Find future dates and sign up for updates at sugeni.us/VEKR. For more information about Greenbelt Arts programs, visit greenbeltmd.gov/arts. Programs are supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.

Donate Sneakers For People in Need


Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ (GCC) is collecting athletic shoes by partnering with GotSneakers. This sneaker recycling program helps to keep sneakers out of landfills, where they have harmful effects on the environment.

A donation box is located outside the Fellowship Center (the small building behind the church) for people to drop off sneakers at any time.

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<div>FRENCH CONVERSATION, 5:30p - 6:30pm</div> <div>The Bachelor & the Bad Actress 7 - 9pm</div> <div>BENEFIT FOR THE SPACE, "FREE ART FOR ALL"</div>	<div>The Paulverzizers 8-11pm</div> <div>Hard driving blues with some of the DMV's best musicians</div>	<div>COMMUNITY DRUM CIRCLE CANCELED FOR JUNE</div> <div>The Roustabouts 8 - 11pm</div> <div>Offers roots-blues lovers a fresh take on the blues.</div>	<div>FATHERS' DAY</div> <div>Grateful Sunday with Purple 6 - 8pm</div> <div>Playing a good dose of Grateful Dead</div>	
MON 6/16	TUES 6/17	WED 6/18	TH 6/19	New Deal Cafe
<div>REEL AND MEAL 6:30 - 8:30pm</div> <div>A monthly film series exploring vital social issues</div>	<div>NDC Open Mic w/ Joey Campfire 7 - 9:30pm</div> <div>Sign-ups at 6:30pm</div> <div>Bring it to the NDC stage!</div>	<div>Pub Quiz 7 - 9pm</div> <div>Can your team beat last month's winning team?</div>	<div>JUNETEENTH: NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE DAY FRENCH CONVERSATION, 5:30p - 6:30pm</div> <div>Classic Jam w/ the Low Rent Quartet 6:30-9:30p</div> <div>Long-running jam</div>	<div>IT'S THE CAFE'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY!</div> <div>Visit our donations page to help fund our October celebration festival!</div>

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Farmers Market and Co-op Hope To Match SNAP \$20 with Local \$10

by Suzette Agans

The Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy and the Greenbelt Farmers Market (Market) are partnering together to provide more Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) matching benefits to recipients. Dan Gillotte, general manager of the Co-op, reached out to the Market board, asking if it was interested in partnering with them on their Round Up program, and the board said yes.

Currently, Maryland Market Money (marylandmarketmoney.org/mmm1010) provides up to \$20 (a \$10 decrease from last year due to federal and state reductions) in matching funds to SNAP recipients at the Market.

The Farmers Market Board thought if they could get a bit more from the Greenbelt Community Foundation, they might be able to add a local \$10 match. So a brand-new homegrown Green-



belt program was created – the Greenbelt Local Match (GLM).

This idea is dependent upon a number of factors, such as how many people choose to round up at the Co-op during the month of June and whether the Market will win a grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation, also to be determined in June. If this program comes to fruition, SNAP recipients will get \$30 credit to spend at the Market. The Extra \$10 program will start in July and continue to the end of the season or when extra funds run out.

The new GLM program will improve life for families struggling to put food on the table. Last year, the Market served almost 500 local families with SNAP benefits.

The Market is open Sundays in Roosevelt Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the Round Up Program at the Co-op benefitting the Market will run through the month of June. Donations are also welcome at greenbeltfarmersmarket.org; click the Donate button on the left.

Suzette Agans is on the Greenbelt Farmers Market Board of Directors.

Contemplative Prayer Group Meets Tuesdays

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

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

Find More Peace Through Meditation

Katrina Boverman, a longtime meditation instructor with the SAGE program, and the Mishkan Torah Synagogue Sisterhood are offering summer Guided Meditation classes via Zoom only.

Classes began Monday, June 2 from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. for seven sessions, held every other Monday through August 25. There is no charge; donations are welcome.

For more information email Katrinaboverman@yahoo.com or call 301-641-1035.

Food Bank Pop-ups For Federal Workers

To support those who have been impacted by recent reductions in federal jobs and funding, the Capital Area Food Bank is holding pop-up food distributions this spring.

Pop-up distributions will offer pantry items and fresh produce food boxes on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon, or until supplies last, in the parking lots of the following Giant supermarket locations: 7546 Annapolis Road, Lanham, 7074 Allentown Road, Camp Springs, 5500 Silver Hill Road, District Heights.

Anyone in need of food assistance can find the times and locations of additional food distributions among the group's partner network by visiting the Get Help page at capitalareafoodbank.org, or call the Hunger Lifeline at 202-644-9807.

Farmers Market Jam Session



A young market patron joins the musicians at the Farmers Market.

PHOTO BY JESSICA O'ROARK



Peace Camp Coming Back to Greenbelt

For the past three summers, Little Friends for Peace, a local organization, has been hosting a peace camp at Greenbelt Community Church for children and teens ages 5 to 14. Scheduled for July 21 to 25, the theme will be Mission Imagination, which includes cooperative games, storytelling, team building, conflict resolution and creative ways to inspire positive change. There is a fee, but needs-based scholarships are available. For more information, go to lffp.org/peacecamp.html.

St. Hugh Rummage Sale

St. Hugh's Annual Rummage Sale will take place on Saturday and Sunday, June 21 and 22, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. There will be great bargains on toys, books, linens, furniture, jewelry and more. Lunch and homemade baked goods will be available for purchase. Admission is free.



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Obituaries

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

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

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– Bahá’u’lláh



Greenbelt Bahá’í Community

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The Bible Says...

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He loves righteousness;
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Psalm 11:7



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Father Figures

Anthony Jenkins with Worship Associate Sue Bollens

In the spirit of both our June theme (Redemption) and Father’s Day, we’ll contemplate the full spectrum of fathers (birth, adopted, foster, step, grand, spiritual, etc.) – and how those figures often bring opportunities for redemptive love into our lives.

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

City Notes

Many city departments contributed to Greenbelt Day, Pride and Greenbelt Station events. The Animal Shelter reopened with new emergency kennel capacity and staff responded to 70 calls.

Public Safety attended WSSC Water’s municipal townhall and Constituent Services coordinated Know Your Rights canvassing in Greenbelt West.

Public Works sold two tractors and provided 132 Greenbelt Connection Rides. Horticulture/Parks installed wood fiber chips at the dog park.

At the Community Center, Recreation hosted an employee health fair, Therapeutic Recreation offered seniors a guest lecture on oceanography and Arts staff supported CARES art fundraiser.

An Artful Afternoon at Springhill Lake Recreation Center featured entertainment by Greenbelt Honk! Situation. Museum staff offered neighborhood and Museum tours.

Park Rangers oversight included a 5K walk/run at Buddy Attick Park and graduation festivities at Schrom Hills Park pavilion.

CARES offered a mental health resource event and film at the Cinema. In May, CARES educators provided tutoring, GED, ESOL and Workforce instruction to 29, 19, 11 and 10 students respectively.



At the Library

All Prince George’s County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) branches will open at 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 12, with passport acceptance service starting at 2 p.m. All branches will be closed Thursday, June 19, for Juneteenth.

Greenbelt Library’s regular hours are Mondays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays noon to 8 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays 1 to 5 p.m.

Storytimes

Friday, June 13, 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at pgcmls.info/event/13509314.

Wednesday, June 18, 12:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at pgcmls.info/event/13509209.

Storytime on Screen

Sunday, June 15 and Monday, June 16, 10:30 a.m., ages 1 to 5, at the Greenbelt Cinema. Greenbelt Cinema, in partnership with PGCMLS, is offering a free program of stories, songs, and a short film. This program is best suited for children ages 1 to 5 and their caregivers. No unaccompanied children or adults. Register at pgcmls.info/event/13235319 (June 15) or pgcmls.info/event/13509537 (June 16).

Passports

Greenbelt Library serves as a U.S. Passport Acceptance Facility. Applications are accepted by appointment only; schedule a 30-minute appointment by calling 240-455-5451 or visiting pgcmls.info/passport-services.

The PGCMLS Ask-a-Librarian telephone reference service line is being phased out. Customers may call the Greenbelt Library directly at 301-345-5800 for their reference inquiries and to book passport service appointments during regular Library operating hours.



City Information & Events

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

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
Monday, June 16 at 7:30 pm

ORGANIZATION

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations
- **Pollinator Week Proclamation**
- **Juneteenth Proclamation**
* **Minutes**
Administrative Reports
* **Committee Reports**

LEGISLATION

OTHER BUSINESS

- Discussion: Letter to the Governor about the Work of Greenbelt’s Reparations Commission
- Discussion of Refuse and Recycling Service Fees and Services, and Pay as You Throw Proposal
- Council Activities
- Council Reports
* Meetings
* Stakeholders
* Resignation/Appointment to Advisory Board

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 agenda is subject to change. For the most up-to-date agenda, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipalTV or call (301) 474-8000.

FEATURED PET - JUNIOR
Ready for Adoption? Call (301) 474-6124.

Six-year-old Junior has been in a foster home for almost a year and is still looking for a forever home! Junior (now affectionately nicknamed Juni) has insulin-dependent diabetes, but he doesn’t let that slow him down. While administering an insulin shot might seem scary, Junior takes his medicine like a champ. Junior’s foster says he’s a gentle soul. He’s super affectionate and loves to be wherever the household action is. His favorite activity is sitting by the door or window and watching the local wildlife and ongoing outside (he’s a great neighborhood watch). He also gets along with everyone he meets — including his cat and dog foster siblings!

MEETINGS FOR JUNE 16-20

Monday, June 16 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION - ADVISORY BOARD/ COMMITTEE CHAIR (STAKEHOLDER)**

Tuesday June 17 at 7 pm, **REPARATIONS COMMISSION**, *On the Agenda: AARN Research Update, Friends of Greenbelt Reparations Group, Synthesize Learning to Educate the Community, Website Updates*

Wednesday, June 18 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION - BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

Wednesday June 18 at 7 pm, **PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**, *On the Agenda: Council Liaison Update, Recreation Department Update, Administrative Update*

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JOIN THE CHARTER REVIEW TASKFORCE

Are you passionate about shaping the future of our city? Do you want to have a say in how our local government operates? Now is your chance to make a difference!

The City of Greenbelt is forming a Charter Review Task Force to evaluate and recommend changes to our city’s charter. We are looking for dedicated residents who are eager to contribute their time and expertise to this important process.

Submit an application at the following link: <https://www.greenbeltmd.gov/government/boards-committees/application-for-appointment-to-boards-and-committees>.

For more information or to apply, please contact City Clerk at banderson@greenbeltmd.gov or (301) 474-3870.

COMMITTEES & BOARDS VACANCIES
VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Volunteering for City of Greenbelt Committees & Boards is an excellent opportunity to engage with your community and make a difference. Choose from a number of committees & boards such as the **Advisory Committee on Education, Advisory Committee on Trees, Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Board of Elections, Community Relations Advisory Board, Ethics Commission, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, or Youth Advisory Committee** and make a difference in Greenbelt!

Take the first step towards making a positive impact and apply for one of these committee vacancies today!

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KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

In the City of Greenbelt, we remain committed to embracing and celebrating the diversity of all. As our nation undergoes change, feelings of pride, uncertainty, and even fear may arise. Yet, we stand firm in the pledge that has defined Greenbelt since its inception and will not falter.

Learn more at <https://www.greenbeltmd.gov/government/know-your-rights-immigration-resources>.

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Diagnosis Dementia: Now What?. June 12. Join Melissa, for a discussion about the ups and downs that come with a diagnosis. It can be a real eye-opener—or even a relief! Let’s begin planning for the future while we navigate life alongside someone with dementia together.

Resilience & Coping Strategies for Caregivers. June 26.Join Miriam Galindo for a discussion on strategies for maintaining emotional and physical wellbeing while caring for a loved one with Dementia. Gain insights into practical tools, self-care techniques, and support resources that can help you navigate the challenges of Dementia caregiving.

GUIDE Model - Intro to Dementia Services. July 12 Join Miriam Ronde-Ponce, for a discussion on exploring the Guiding an Improved Dementia Experience (GUIDE) Model, designed to enhance care and support for individuals with dementia and their unpaid caregivers.

Strategies for Improving Communication with Alzheimer’s Diseases. July 26. Join Dhurti Patel for a discussion on strategies to improve communication with individuals living with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias. This session will explore techniques to enhance understanding, reduce frustration, and support meaningful connection through person-centered communication.

For more information or to register, contact Brendy Maddox at (202) 670-6497 or bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.

FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION
Tuesday, June 17, 1 pm
Greenbelt Community Center

The June Free Produce Distribution in Greenbelt has been **rescheduled due to the Juneteenth holiday**. Instead of Thursday, June 19, it will now take place on: Tuesday, June 17 at 1 PM.

CELEBRATE JUNETEENTH
Saturday, June 21, 1 pm
Greenbelt Cinema

Celebrate Juneteenth! Join us for a film: Rustin, PG-13. FREE.

Sponsored by the Greenbelt Black History & Culture Committee and Greenbelt Recreation.

ARTS HAPPENINGS

Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts for more information and many other opportunities!

Community Art Meet-Ups. All programs take place at the *Greenbelt Community Center, Room 113. Art Share.* Present and discuss your art in a friendly and supportive environment. FREE. S 6/15, 2-3pm. F 7/18, 7-8pm. **Yarn & Darn.** Bring your portable fiber arts to the Community Center to chat and socialize while you work on your individual projects. W 6/18-8/20, 7-9pm.

Lunchtime Sketching. Mondays, 6/16-8/18, 12-1:15pm. *Greenbelt Community Center, Room 116.* Students are invited to join Amanda Larsen & Guests in the studio to sketch along. More information: page 24 of the Summer Activity Guide at www.greenbeltmd.gov/activityguide.

MORE ARTS IN JUNE

- **Fused Glass Knobs and Pulls** 6/22, 11am-12:30pm. *Greenbelt Community Center*
- **Camp Encore** Starting 6/23. Greenbelt Arts Center. More info: www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts
- **Monoprinting Onto Clay** 6/24-7/1, 3:45-6:15pm & 6:30-9pm. *Greenbelt Community Center*

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF
THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET
for the

GENERAL FUND
BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE FUND
CEMETERY FUND
DEBT SERVICE FUND
REPLACEMENT FUND
SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND
GREEN RIDGE HOUSE FUND
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND
GREENBELT WEST INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

At its regular meeting of June 2, 2025, the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, adopted the City’s budget for Fiscal Year 2026, thereby approving expenditures as follows:

General Fund:	\$40,149,100
Building Capital Reserve Fund:	\$1,707,500
Cemetery Fund:	\$0
Debt Service Fund:	\$1,053,400
Replacement Fund:	\$1,231,500
Special Projects Fund:	\$799,100
Green Ridge House:	\$1,800,700
Capital Projects Fund:	\$3,454,800
Community Development Block Grant Fund:	\$230,000
Greenbelt West Infrastructure Fund:	\$3,245,000

Copies of the adopted budget document will be available for examination no later than September 2025 at the City Offices at 25 Crescent Road and on the Greenbelt Website (www.greenbeltmd.gov).

A majority (or quorum) of Greenbelt City Council members may attend community organization meetings, but no official Council action will be taken at these meetings. Please note that meeting locations may change after being published. For information on how to join these meetings, contact the respective organization directly.

NASA Announces New Round Of Voluntary Separations

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

On Monday, June 9, a message to NASA employees from Acting Administrator Janet Petro announced a new Deferred Resignation Program (DRP), Voluntary Early Retirement (VERA) and Voluntary Separation Incentive Program (VSIP). The message from Petro talks of building “a leaner, more agile organization.” Thus, depending on the uptake of voluntary separations, which have an acceptance deadline of the end of July, they are likely the harbinger of a Reduction in Force

(RIF) in August or the fall. As Keith Cowing of NASA Watch quipped, “You can jump or risk being pushed out of the airlock.” Said Petro, “NASA is preparing for the implementation of the Fiscal Year 2026 budget and realigning to the Administration’s priorities. While it is still moving through the legislative process, the proposed funding requires action now. We need to take proactive steps to align our workforce and resources with evolving priorities and position the agency

for continued mission success in the new fiscal year.” Under the Trump administration’s proposed budget, NASA faces an approximately 20 percent cut overall but cuts will be concentrated in its Science Mission Directorate (SMD) which would be reduced by almost 50 percent (see the April 17 issue). In our March 20 issue, we reported SMD was being asked to plan for a 50- or 60-percent reduction and that Goddard Space Flight Center may bear the brunt of the cuts.

Prince George’s County Teachers Vote “No Confidence” in Superintendent

by Ellie Jornlin

Prince George’s County educators expressed “no confidence” in Superintendent Millard House II in a meeting on Wednesday, June 4.

According to the Prince George’s County Educators Association (PGCEA), over 75 percent of union members who participated voted against House, who has served as superintendent of Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) for two years. Not all union members participated.

“The children of Prince George’s County cannot thrive in a system where the adults responsible for their education are unheard, unsupported and disrespected,” said PGCEA President Donna L. Christy in her statement. “We took this vote because our concerns and the needs of our students have been ignored.” The union has been involved in negotiations with PGCPS over recent months, during which time teachers have rallied outside school board meetings.

PGCEA cited multiple issues under the superintendent’s leadership, such as staffing shortages, payroll errors, delayed responses to bullying and harassment complaints and poor communication regarding educator concerns.



Prince George's County Public Schools Superintendent Millard House II

House released a statement addressing specific educator concerns in response to PGCEA. “Most recently, PGCEA rejected the most comprehensive proposal of any PGCPS administration to raise starting educator salaries, an impactful 24 percent over three years through cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) and step increases – a proposal honoring the vital role of our teachers, and safeguarding the district’s long-term stability,” said House.

He also cited an increase in PGCPS’ graduation rate and improvements in school safety in the statement. House was appointed superintendent two years ago by then-county executive Angela Alsobrooks.

“I’m proud of the work, thus far,” House told WUSA9 in an interview. “It’s unfortunate that the politics can sometimes overshadow the positive work.”

PGCEA and PGCPS are engaged in ongoing negotiations over a new contract as their current agreement expires at the end of the month.

The Prince George’s County Board of Education had a public meeting scheduled for Thursday but has cancelled it to hold a closed session following PGCEA’s vote.

“I can confirm that the board has cancelled its public meeting on Thursday to hold an extended closed session discussion on this topic,” said District 2 Board of Education Member Jonathan Briggs, who represents Greenbelt. “The goal is that, following the meeting (perhaps this week), a statement will be released about this issue,” he told the News Review.

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strategic planning including data analysis and consultants, Winston said.

Winston hopes the continued existence of IMLS would allow PGCMLS to make more ambitious use of these grants, perhaps research oriented and some in partnership with other organizations, possibly including the University of Maryland.

Professional Development

Matt Hartman, a Library Associate II in Greenbelt, completed the Library Associate Training Initiative (LATI), part of the stringent training required for librarians by the State of Maryland. LATI extends over a four-month period and includes online and in-person components. Maryland chooses to use funds from IMLS’s Grants to States for this professional development program, administered by the Maryland State Library Agency.

When asked what the training includes, Hartman said, “What doesn’t it include?” He added, “the training is very dense but extremely practical.” It includes visits to other county library systems, to libraries both rural and urban, a chance to interact with colleagues and be mentored by seasoned librarians. Among other things, “It helps librarians answer reference questions, assist with technology and ensure equity for all library patrons, including those with seen and unseen disabilities”, he said.

Hartman particularly enjoys planning story times, held both at the Library and in partnership with Greenbelt Cinema, and through the training was able to connect with other story time librarians.

Greenbelt Museum

Young said the museum has



PHOTO BY DERMOT KELLY

Greenbelt Museum Director Megan Searing Young said closing the Institute of Museum and Library Services, as President Trump has ordered, would come as a blow.

not received a grant from IMLS during her tenure but she always keeps track of what grants are available. She was considering applying for a grant for some upcoming digitization.

The IMLS provides more than money, it also provides information. “They are very well thought of by those working in the field. I could always reach out to them with questions,” Young said. “It would definitely be a blow to have that potential removed.”

Two lawsuits have been filed to protect the IMLS. One is by the American Library Association and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to request a preliminary injunction, which was issued May 1 to prevent the mass layoffs scheduled for May 4. The other was filed in the U.S. District Court District of Delaware by 21 state attorneys general (including Maryland’s) for an injunction against the executive order while the case is being heard, which was issued by the court on May 5. To sign the petition to support IMLS funding go to everylibrary.org/trumpfy2026budgetimls. To send an email to Congress members to support continued IMLS funding go to action.everylibrary.org/email2026imls.



Stamp Out Hunger Close to Home

Greenbelt PORCH will collect nonperishable food placed on porches as scheduled below.

Sunday, June 15 – by 4 p.m. for PAL (PORCH at large) members (including former Woodland Hills donors). Contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler at SpreadRUAK@gmail.com. He will come to your porch.

Saturday, June 21 – by 10 a.m. for 14 and 15 Courts Laurel Hill.

Sunday, June 22 – by 4 p.m. for Boxwood Village; by 5 p.m. for Lakeside Drive; after 4 p.m. for 11-S Ridge Road, 14 and 16 Courts Ridge Road and 8 and 10 Courts Southway.

Many people will go on vacation and might miss the date for their porch pickup. They should contact Goldberg-Strassler at SpreadRUAK@gmail.com to make alternate arrangements for participation.

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Local SADD Chapter Saving Lives One Event at a Time

by Alan Morales, Krisha Patel and Joanne Read

On Sunday afternoon, December 29, 2024, at the Washington Commanders’ Northwest Stadium, Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) officers Rachel Eshetu, Taylor Scarlett and chaperone Nathan Scarlett, with Commanders Head Coach Dan Quinn and Atlanta Falcons Head Coach Raheem Morris, and their assistant coaches and former NFL players, participated in the Coach Greg Knapp Memorial Stair Climb. Knapp was an assistant coach for seven different NFL teams, the last one being the New York Jets. To honor the life of Coach Knapp, tragically killed by a distracted driver in July 2021, his wife, Charlotte Knapp, along with his agent and his late close friend Jeff Sperbeck, established The Coach Knapp Memorial Fund. The fund’s mission is to raise awareness about the risks of distracted driving, advocate for reform and help prevent fatalities caused by it.

SADD officer Scarlett noted, “This event was enlightening for me because it allowed me to personally meet the people who were affected by Coach Knapp’s passing and the severity of how distracted driving affects all individuals involved. This event was also impactful to the public to show how important safe driving is.”

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School SADD chapter was established in 2002 and aims to support its local community through both in-school and community-wide chapter events, with a recent highlight focusing on raising awareness of the dangers of distracted and impaired driving and walking (pedestrian safety).

On April 3 the ERHS senior class gathered outside in the parking lot for an emotional event organized by their SADD chapter. A mock car crash entitled Every 15 Minutes was staged to show the devastating consequences of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. It was given this title because, according to statistics, every 15 minutes someone is killed in a drunk driving crash.

Prince George’s County Fire and EMS Company 806 personnel from Springdale joined the demonstration, lending realism to the scene. As sirens blared and the wrecked cars sat in the middle of the parking lot, students watched in silence. Many were visibly moved by the intensity of the performance.

Four SADD officers – Ajibola Ajani, Jin Hao Cao (co-vice president), Alan Morales (co-president) and Krisha Patel (co-president) – took on difficult roles to bring the scene to life.

Cao portrayed the perpetrator of the event, acting as if he were under the influence. With the help of Greenbelt Police Officer Abbey Kipke, he performed several



SADD officers conduct a Prom Promise Pledge during the recent senior assembly.

Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFSTs), which are designed to assess impairment. Ajani was the deceased victim, who was covered by a white cloth as a reminder of how quickly lives can be lost. Patel acted as the walking victim, dazed and injured but able to move. Morales was the living victim who was taken onto the stretcher, which was then loaded into an ambulance.

Toward the end of the demonstration, firefighters from Station 806 used the Jaws of Life on the crashed car, demonstrating the powerful set of hydraulic tools used to free crash victims from wrecked vehicles and leaving a strong impact on the spectators.

“This is not just a performance,” said Michael Thoundayil, a SADD member. “We want students to understand that one bad decision can change everything – forever.”

The SADD mock crash is held each year before prom season to encourage members of the senior class and their guests to make safe, responsible choices. This year’s event left a lasting impression on many, reminding everyone of the real-life consequences that reckless driving can bring.

The ERHS SADD Chapter continues to work toward raising awareness of the causes of distracted driving (mainly drinking and drugging and cell phone abuse), all of which can be devastating. On April 23, during the last senior assembly in the auditorium, the school’s SADD officers conducted the “Prom Promise Pledge,” informing all seniors about the dangers of distracted driving by holding a pledge signing event to stay safe when in a vehicle by wearing seatbelts, refraining from distractions such as phone calls and texting and, of course, refraining from drinking alcohol or taking drugs.

After senior students signed the pledge, SADD officers handed out goodie bags of treats and safety messages to have a fun and safe time during prom and graduation season.

To promote safety and positive change in the local community, the ERHS SADD chapter is planning future activities including a Mental Health Awareness campaign outside the cafeteria lobby during all lunch periods on Friday, May 23. They will be offering resources for students and teachers, and seeking to reduce the stigma surrounding mental health.

Alan Morales and Krisha Patel are ERHS students and members of SADD. Joanne Read is the ERHS SADD Advisor and a retired ERHS English teacher.





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Greenbelt Museum Has A New Vegetable Garden

by Sheila Maffay-Tuthill



Justin Donaldson, docent and board member at the Greenbelt Museum, waters the garden there.

The Greenbelt Museum has a new exhibition garden on the museum grounds, filled with lettuces and squash plants, eggplant and basil, cucumbers and fennel. Greenbelt families were gardening from the start, with allotment plot gardens built into the design of the community. Victory gardens were encouraged during the war effort to keep commercially grown produce for the soldiers and to supplement food rations for civilians. Greenbelters are still very active gardeners today.

Friends of the Greenbelt Museum board member and museum docent Justin Donaldson spearheaded the movement to bring a garden back to the museum at a time when interest in vegetable gardening is surging. The volunteers are also looking at period

recipes from the museum’s vintage cookbooks to make salads and other tasty dishes with the fresh ingredients.

Also, a reminder to all Greenbelt gardeners: keep the museum’s Retro Town Fair in mind during growing season, and bring your beautiful produce to the Fair on Labor Day Festival Sunday.



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TheBus P22 and new Metrobus P14) and 61 (new TheBus P19). Several new routes begin morning service later and end evening service earlier than old routes, and may have different service intervals than the old routes.

Changes in Greenbelt

The new P21 MetroBus will follow the same route as the current G12 (wmata.com/service/bus/route-profiles/upload/P21_042525.pdf). TheBus 11 will be eliminated and riders in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt Center will have to use the closest stops along the P21 route. There will no longer be bus stops along Greenbrook Drive, Hillside Road, Greenhill Road and Crescent Road from Gardenway to Ridge Road (near the police station) or by the Greenbelt Federal Courthouse.

The new P20 MetroBus will follow the same route as the current G14 (wmata.com/service/bus/route-profiles/upload/P20_042525.pdf) except in the easternmost portion of its route, where it will continue to Lanham-Severn Road and Annapolis Road to the New Carrollton Metro Station. Riders who use stops currently served by the G14 along Good Luck Road and Cipriano Road (wmata.com/schedules/timetables/upload/G14_241215.pdf) will need to use the new P24 MetroBus, which will run between Bowie State University and New Carrollton Metro Station, boarding at a stop near DuVal High School if coming from Greenbelt. The P24 will also stop at the Lidl on Mission Drive and along Greenbelt Road east of Good Luck Road, which currently are on the G14 route.

The new P2X (TheBus) follows the same route as current TheBus 15X. The new P22 (TheBus) follows the same route as the current TheBus 16 but continues onward from the New Carrollton Metro Station to the Cheverly Metro station. (See TheBus Route Profiles document below.)

Chris Stark and Mary Sies contributed to this article.

- Existing TheBus Routes with possible alternatives:
- 11 – Metrobus P21

13A – TheBus P43; Metrobus P32, P10

14 – Metrobus P35, P31

17 – Metrobus P1X, P10, M44

19 – TheBus P43; Metrobus P32, P10, P35

37 – TheBus P95, P88; Metrobus P97, P96





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New Greenbelt Bus Routes		
If you currently ride ...	Your new route could be ...	Description
89M	P12	The P12 has a similar routing to the current 89M.
B27	P24, P20	Two routes will replace the current B27: - Route P24 has a similar routing to the B27. - Route P20 runs between Greenbelt and New Carrollton Metro stations. The P20 has a similar routing to the current B27.
C2	M12, P31, P32	Three routes will replace the current C2: - Route M12 runs between Twinbrook and Hyattsville Crossing Metro stations. The M12 has a similar routing to the current C2. - Route P31 runs between New Carrollton Metro and Langley Park. The P31 has a similar routing to the current C2. - Route P32 runs between Greenbelt and Fort Totten Metro stations. The P32 has a similar routing to the current C2.
G12	P21	Route P21 has a similar routing to the current G12.
G14	P20, P24, P21	Three routes will replace the current G14: - Route P20 runs between Greenbelt and New Carrollton Metro stations. The P20 has a similar routing to the current G14. - Route P24 runs between Bowie State University and New Carrollton Metro. The P24 has a similar routing to a portion of the G14. - Route P21 runs between Greenbelt and New Carrollton Metro stations. The P21 has a similar routing to the current G14.
R12	P14	The P14 has a similar routing to the current R12.

Bus Routes

Explore the routes you depend on with the following resources:

The WMATA Trip Planner (wmata.com/schedules/trip-planner) Includes MetroBus and TheBus. It allows one to explore trips before and after June 29-30.

TheBus Overview: princegeorgescountymd.gov/departments-offices/thebus-new-routes-2025. Lists which routes change very little, have simple changes or have significant changes.

Maryland Bus Neighborhood Profiles wmata.com/schedules/timetables/upcoming-changes/metrobus-neighborhood-profiles.cfm?state=MD. Provides maps displaying MetroBus and TheBus coverage by area, including Greenbelt, College Park/Hyattsville and Beltsville/Laurel.

MetroBus Maryland Service Map: wmata.com/initiatives/plans/Better-Bus/upload/Resource_2025-Network_Maryland-Map.pdf

The following MetroBus and TheBus route profile documents cross-reference old route names with new route names and for each new route, provide a route map, daily service start/stop times and frequency:

TheBus: princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/default/files/media-document/TheBus%20Summer%202025%20Route%20Profiles%20EN%20new.pdf

MetroBus: wmata.com/initiatives/plans/Better-Bus/upload/EN-Route-Profiles-and-Crosswalk-05-06-24.pdf

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support. “We are concerned about what this means for the programming the terminated members will leave behind, with many serving in public and charter schools as tutors, providing a safe environment and quality activities in afterschool programs, coordinating food distribution at pantries and responding to recent storms and other disasters,” said a statement from America’s Service Commissions, a nonprofit that manages AmeriCorps funding.

This decision has caused damage to more than 1,000 AmeriCorps programs across the country and has prematurely terminated the service of some 32,000 members, leaving them without a living stipend and forcing them to rapidly rethink their plans for the future.

Following his NCCC service, Tuthill had been accepted to work with an after-school program in Alaska as a part of the AmeriCorps State and National program.

“About, maybe one or two weeks after I’d gotten sent home from NCCC, I got the call from the State and National program saying, hey, we got DOGED too. Sorry, there’s no job anymore,” Tuthill explained.

Tuthill is now home in Greenbelt, deciding between going back to college in the United States or studying abroad. He is still heavily considering working with AmeriCorps or a similar program in the future, but wants to feel secure in its stability.

“I would be hesitant to work with AmeriCorps in the future because I feel as if I have no way of knowing that they wouldn’t simply be shut down midway through again,” Tuthill said. “And it’s a crying shame it’s no longer an option anymore because I believe it was one of, if not the best, alternative path to traditional higher education.”

On April 29, Maryland, along with 24 other states and the District of Columbia, sued the Trump administration in an effort to stop the dismantling of AmeriCorps. The suit claimed that the sudden budget cuts failed to provide sufficient public notice and exceeded presidential powers.

These claims were echoed in an April 23 letter to President Donald Trump, led by U.S. Senator Chris Koons (D-Del.) and signed by 147 Congress members.

“We are deeply concerned that this is the goal: to eliminate AmeriCorps, in direct conflict with recently enacted appropriations,” the letter said. “We urge you to reverse these actions and instead work with Congress on bipartisan improvements to AmeriCorps so that more Americans have the opportunity to serve their communities.”

U.S. District Judge Deborah L. Boardman on Thursday ordered the Trump administration to restore AmeriCorps programs and workers in the states that participated in the lawsuit. She issued a temporary order blocking the cuts made by the administration. This order does not affect the programs in states that were not part of the suit or cuts aimed at the agency’s headquarters.

There have also been significant efforts made by AmeriCorps members to keep the spirit and mission of the organization running despite the sudden changes.

“There is a lot of fight for AmeriCorps to come back. There are some teams in the Pacific region that have decided to self fund, essentially just continuing to independently work on the projects they were doing for another year. Just kind of going rogue as an independent team,” said Tuthill.





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Incident Summary

Greenbelt Police reported one sexual assault; three mental health diversions, one involving attempted suicide; and three domestic incidents with two resulting in arrest. Two missing persons cases were resolved.

After a concern about a strong odor, police found a homeowner who then refused any assistance.

A resident turned in an old firearm that was passed down to her in a damaged condition.

Assault

On June 5 at 12:19 p.m. near 107 Centerway, a boy assaulted a girl, but her parent did not want any further police involvement. The boy was released back to the high school.

On June 8 at 12:53 a.m. near 6100 block of Springhill Terrace, officers found a man bleeding from a cut above his eye after two intoxicated men had an argument that turned physical; one was charged with second degree assault.

Armed Person

On June 5 at 9:37 p.m. near 5915 Cherrywood Lane, two roommates were fighting; one brandished a knife and was arrested.

Robbery

On June 7 at 2:04 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, two individuals brandished a firearm, stole a man's bag, and ran out of the mall. Surveillance showed them throwing the firearm into the woods; it was found by the K9 officer and was a realistic-looking BB gun.

Break-in

On June 3 at 7:46 a.m. near 5510 Cherrywood Lane, a store was broken into; a stolen white Ford panel van was involved.

Disorderly

On June 6 near 6301 Golden Triangle Drive, a hotel guest was alleged to have been disorderly toward a staff member. He denied any wrongdoing, was asked to leave and complied.

On June 8 near 9121 Springhill Lane, two roommates had a heated dispute and vandalized each other's property. Warrants were advised.

Vandalism

On June 8 near 6223 Springhill Court, a woman heard a noise in her bedroom and found a hole in the window consistent with a fired bullet.

Threats

On June 6 near 9134 Edmonston Court, a resident was threatened.

DUI Arrest

On June 4 at 10:45 p.m. near 6301 Breezewood Drive, a man was arrested and charged with DUI after driving erratically.

Animal Complaint

On June 6 at 4:54 p.m. near 7595 Greenbelt Road, a dog was inside a vehicle with the windows rolled up and the vehicle turned off. Officers were about to open the vehicle when the owner returned.

Fraud

On June 3 near 6932 Hanover Parkway, someone opened a joint checking account using a man's information and tried to transfer funds.

On June 4 near 7607 Greenbelt Road, the bank found suspicious transactions on an account; at 1:30 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, someone used the ATM to withdraw funds from a man's account.

On June 5 at 1:24 p.m. near 5910 Greenbelt Road, someone withdrew money from a woman's account using an ATM.

On June 6 near 7525 Greenway Center Drive, a woman made a payment over the phone using her credit card, and additional charges appeared on her account.

Theft and Shoplifting

On June 2 near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a woman stole items and was banned.

On June 3 near 7511 Greenbrook Drive, a package was stolen from a doorstep; near 101 Centerway, belongings were taken from an unsecured locker.

On June 4 near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a girl concealed several items on her person; the property was returned, and she was released to her guardian.

On June 6 near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a woman was detained after shoplifting, and was banned.

On June 7 near 6116 Breezewood Drive, a grocery delivery was stolen.

On June 8 near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a wallet was stolen from the gym, and a credit card from it was used at a nearby store. A suspect was identified; the investigation is ongoing.

Vehicle Crimes Stolen Vehicles

Five vehicles were stolen: on June 2 near 5906 Cherrywood Terrace, a beige 2017 Hyundai Elantra (Md. 7GP8827); near 7807 Mandan Road, a 2020 Acura TLX (Md. 8FB6383); and near 7706 Hanover Parkway, a gray 2024 Honda CRV (Md.

2GG2065); on June 3 near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a blue Hyundai was stolen from the front mall parking lot; and near 5905 Cherrywood Lane, a light blue 2012 Acura TL (Md. 1GL3310).

Stolen Vehicles Located

On June 2 near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace, officers found a Hyundai Elantra left running with damaged ignition. On June 8 near 6101 Cherrywood Lane, officers located a vehicle that had been reported stolen.

Attempted Theft from Auto

On June 2 near 2 Plateau Place, someone entered a vehicle and rummaged through its contents.

Theft From Auto

All four wheels were stolen on June 4 from a 2025 Toyota Corolla near 7800 Hanover Parkway, and from a 2025 Toyota Camry near 7513 Mandan Road; on June 5 near 126 Westway from a 2025 Toyota; and on June 6 near 6158 Springhill Terrace from a 2024 Lexus RX350.

Tags were stolen on June 2 near 9242 Edmonston Road, Md. 4CW6727 (front); June 3 near 6000 Greenbelt Road, Md. 4CV1268 (rear); and near 6000 Greenbelt Road, Md. 1CL5470 (rear); and on June 5 near 207 Lakeside Drive, Md. 4GR6237 (rear).

Vandalism to Auto

On June 2 near 9280 Edmonston Road, a vehicle had a broken window; near 9001 Breezewood Terrace, a vehicle had scratches on the exterior.

On June 8 near 9264 Edmonston Road, the windshield wipers and front windshield were damaged on a Ford F-150; near 6023 Springhill Drive, a woman found her vehicle windshield smashed along with a note from the unknown suspect indicating that they intentionally damaged it.



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Mariame Toure Sylla Murder Trial by Jury Begins This Week

by Ellie Jornlin

The trial begins this week for Harold Landon III, accused of the murder of beloved Greenbelt teacher Mariame Toure Sylla in September 2023.

Sylla, a Greenbelt resident and teacher at Dora Kennedy French Immersion School, went missing on July 29, 2023, while on an evening walk in Schrom Hills Park. After a month-long search, her body was found decapitated and dismembered in a park on Old Alexandria Ferry Road and identified by the police on September 1, 2023.

Landon, 34, was reported to the police as dumping something from his pickup truck at the park

in Clinton two days after Sylla went missing, and phone records placed him in Greenbelt during the time of the murder. Police do not believe he and Sylla knew each other.

When he was identified as the suspect, Landon was already in police custody on unrelated domestic violence charges, to which the charges of first- and second-degree murder were added. He has a Greenbelt address listed in court filings.

The jury for this trial was chosen on Monday, June 9, according to official court documents. The trial is scheduled to continue until Tuesday, June 17.

Abrego Garcia Returned To U.S. to Face Charges

by Will Hammann

Kilmar Abrego Garcia was returned to the United States on Friday, June 6, three months after his erroneous deportation, to now face federal criminal charges accusing him of smuggling undocumented immigrants throughout the U.S. from Central America and abusing women he was transporting.

The allegations date back to 2016, but the charges themselves stem from a traffic stop in 2022 by the Tennessee Highway Patrol. He was stopped with passengers without luggage who listed Abrego Garcia's home address as their own, leading officers to suspect him of human trafficking.

But Abrego Garcia had not been charged with a crime until Friday, and the Tennessee officers only gave him a warning for an expired license, according to a report released by the Department of Homeland Security. Abrego Garcia's wife said that he often transports construction workers between job sites, which the report said he was doing when he was stopped. The couple and their children live in Beltsville.

The Trump administration initially admitted Abrego Garcia's deportation was an administrative error, but it has maintained allegations that he is a member of the Salvadoran gang MS-13 despite the fact that he had not been convicted of any crime.

Orders from judges have ruled

that the administration must facilitate Abrego Garcia's return, and its appeal to vacate those injunctions was denied by the Supreme Court in April. Still, the Trump administration had defied orders for Abrego Garcia's return, arguing that he was out of their jurisdiction while in Salvadoran custody.

Yet Abrego Garcia was promptly released into U.S. custody after officials presented a warrant for his arrest to El Salvador President Nayib Bukele.

He now awaits prosecution while detained in the U.S., and will be returned to El Salvador's notorious Terrorism Confinement Center if he is convicted, officials told the Associated Press Friday.



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ing week with a doubleheader scheduled the night of Thursday, June 19.



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departures from various requirements of the Prince George’s County zoning ordinances in the annexed area. Should the city annex a currently unincorporated area, it would become responsible for providing services. Indeed, communities may seek or agree to annexation in order to receive city services and infrastructure. They’d also gain municipal representation, something Chelsea Wood lacked during its residents’ long ordeal without heat over the winter.

Unincorporated Areas
Greenbelt is bordered by various unincorporated areas such as Seabrook, the location of Robert Goddard Montessori School, which is also slated to be the home of Dora Kennedy French Immersion School beginning in fall 2026. According to the census bureau it is approximately 3 square miles and had a population of 19,627 in 2020. Within a mile of Seabrook is DuVal High School, with a Lanham address, and Goddard Space Flight Center, with a Greenbelt address, though it is not within incorporated Greenbelt. Magnolia Elementary, which some neighborhoods in Greenbelt East are zoned for, also falls outside the city limits in what’s identified as Lanham by the Prince George’s County Public Schools. The school is near Luminis Health Doctors Hospital, also in Lanham and close to

communities like Chelsea Wood and Gates of Cipriano, which fall within Seabrook. On the other side of Greenbelt, to the east, is also a small area that appears cut out of the city and is unincorporated (see map).

Process
A city is able to annex unincorporated land adjacent to it through a series of steps. If it is initiated by the city rather than a community seeking to be annexed it would need consent and support from at least 25 percent of voters and property owners in that area. In addition to also requiring county approval, there might be a Greenbelt referendum by ballot.



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Greenbelt Day Weekend



Naturalization Ceremony Here Welcomes Many New Citizens

by Lesley Kash



New citizens place their hands on their hearts.

On Sunday, June 8 at noon in the Community Center gym, a crowd of over 100 celebrated as immigrants from 26 countries completed the Naturalization Ceremony, the official final step on the path to United States citizenship. The City of Greenbelt hosts the ceremony each year on Greenbelt Day Weekend, giving the community a joyful occasion to support and congratulate new citizens who live in the region.

After a welcoming introduction by Mayor Emmett Jordan, the Police Department Honor Guard presented the Colors and Chondria Andrews sang the National Anthem. Then Immigration Services Officer John Morgan, from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) Baltimore, did the Call of Countries, with each immigrant standing up as their country of origin was named. Soon all the candidates were standing, right hands raised, as Francis Villanueva, supervisory immigration services officer from USCIS, administered the Oath of Allegiance. They all swore “to support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic.”

The whole crowd then rose to recite the Pledge of Allegiance, after which the new citizens were called forward individually. Each received their citizenship certificate from Villanueva and Morgan,

and hearty congratulations from a reception line of city councilmembers. The gravity and pride of the occasion moved the crowd from anticipation to solemnity to jubilation. Afterward the new citizens lined up with friends and family to have pictures taken beside the ceremonial flag, holding their certificates and beaming.

Liza Tomimbang, from the Philippines, her smile brighter than her sparkling red, white and blue tiara, said, “I am so happy and grateful I am now a citizen of the United States. I can exercise my freedom!”

In 2024, according to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service, the United States welcomed 818,500 new citizens during naturalization ceremonies held across the United States and around the world.

“This is an exciting, special occasion every year. [Becoming a citizen] is not easy,” City Councilmember Silke Pope, a naturalized citizen herself, said from experience.

J Davis remembered, “We began having the ceremony here when I was on council, to bring our community members together to celebrate this unique symbol of what America is about.”

Jordan, lingering to personally welcome the new citizens and families, said it was “such a great idea for Greenbelt to offer a warm environment for this



A brand new citizen poses for a photo with their certificate.

event, to show off Greenbelt and encourage newcomers to visit and live here.”

Following the ceremony, the new fellow citizens begin a new chapter of American life with new responsibilities, rights and opportunities, stepping into their futures with the good will and support of the Greenbelt community.

Artful Afternoon Brings Tie-dyeing, Music And Dance to Community

by Kevin Ramos

On June 1, Greenbelt residents saw a colorful display outside the Community Center. Residents signed up for an Artful Afternoon, where Instructor Vanessa Zanin prepared for the third Tie-dye Pride showcase. Participants were able to stay and watch the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) dance department perform. “The performance made it worthwhile to stay,” said ERHS student Chris Iraheta.



The Eleanor Roosevelt High School dance department performs.

The tie-dyeing consisted of two one-hour sessions that ran from 1 to 3 p.m. Participants were invited to bring in their own pre-washed, cotton clothes and bandanas; clothes were offered free to those who didn’t bring their own.

Zanin stated that on many occasions, “people walk by and question ‘What’s going on?’ and I invite them to join.” After grabbing their cotton garment of choice participants sat at a table to choose a pattern. Then they folded the garment to match the desired pattern and used rubber bands to hold it together. Participants soaked the fabric in a solution, readying it to be dipped in dye, choosing from a multitude of colors. When the dying process was finished the garment was laid on the warm grass.

Participants enjoyed conversing while waiting for their garment to dry enough to take home in a plastic bag. However, many of them stayed longer and more showed up to watch the creative dance performance that began at 1:30 p.m. For the first time under Angel Chinn, who leads the ERHS dance department, performers put on a display for the Greenbelt community beyond the

school. Chinn couldn’t hide her enthusiasm about the opportunity to show Greenbelt the group’s talent. “I’m excited to do more in the future,” said Chinn. “I hope that I can grow the program ... to be as big as the school’s Science & Tech [Program],” said Chinn, who would like “people to view Roosevelt for their arts” as well as STEM. She is also dedicated to getting her students engaged with the community. Every day she pushes her students to improve and seize opportunities from the surrounding community to provide crucial experience. “I want my students to experience performing for the people outside of school,” Chinn explained. Through her two years leading the dance department, Chinn feels she has inspired her students and given them opportunities to learn.

Zanin said she hopes to keep doing events like this in the future. She hosted another tie-dye event at Springhill Lake Recreation Center on June 8 at which The Greenbelt Honk! Situation performed. She’s a member of the band herself and says they show their creativity through their uniforms. Zanin says she encourages them to dye their own uniforms, blending the arts of music and craft.

Kevin Ramos is a student at Eleanor Roosevelt High School writing for the News Review.

Concert Band Delights Audience At Greenbelt Day Celebration

by Dan Celdran

Audience members were treated to a lively and free performance by the Greenbelt Concert Band (GCB) as part of the Greenbelt Day Weekend festivities. Held in the Community Center gym, the concert offered a vibrant mix of classic and popular favorites, drawing enthusiastic applause and even a few dance moves from the crowd.

The program opened with the rousing Fairest of the Fair, a beloved Sousa march, and continued with cinematic flair in John Williams in Concert, featuring iconic themes – including the suspenseful shark motif from Jaws.

A highlight of the event was Jump in the Line, made famous by Harry Belafonte, which sparked spontaneous joy as audience members formed a conga line and danced through the gym. The program wrapped with the playful What’s Up at the



Greenbelt Concert Band performs.

Symphony?, a musical mashup of Looney Tunes favorites that brought smiles to concertgoers of all ages.

As always, the Greenbelt Concert Band delivered a high-

spirited performance that celebrated community, music and joy – a fitting tribute to Greenbelt Day Weekend. Learn more about the community concert band at greenbeltconcertband.org.

Lake Clean-up



James Sutherland, left, and Clare Alexander participate in the lake clean-up at Buddy Attick Park on Saturday morning, June 7.