

GREENBELT News Review

An Independent Newspaper

VOL. 89, No. 10

15 Crescent Rd., Suite 100, Greenbelt, MD 20770-1887

JANUARY 29, 2026

Ann McCord Celebrates 100th Birthday, 75 years in Greenbelt

by Joan Estenson



PHOTO COURTESY MCCORD FAMILY

Ann McCord and her daughters enjoy time at a Greenbelt playground in 2008; she has always been young at heart. From left, Joanie, Ann, Ann Louise, Colleen and Judy

"I never dreamt I'd live to be 100," Ann McCord said. "I have never really felt old." She will celebrate becoming a centenarian on Friday, January 30.

McCord moved to Greenbelt in 1950 with her husband Joe and oldest daughter, Ann Louise,

when her husband landed a job at the Pentagon. They had a choice of moving to Wheaton or Greenbelt. Her husband's brother James and family already lived in Greenbelt so it was the obvious choice.

See **MCCORD**, page 7

Bowie Mayor Tim Adams Will Represent District 4, Greenbelt

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

On Friday, January 23, the Prince George's County Council appointed Timothy J. Adams, the current mayor of Bowie, to serve as the new District 4 councilmember, filling the seat vacated by Ingrid Watson's resignation. Greenbelt's Mayor Emmett Jordan had also submitted an application for consideration. Adams was selected from a list of seven candidates who submitted applications during a period of less than a week. On Wednesday, January 21, the council publicly announced they would select a new councilmember at a special meeting on Friday, January 23, less than 48 hours after the brief application window closed. The appointment was originally scheduled to be made on Tuesday, January 27.

Curtailed Public Input

Several Greenbelt residents expressed their support for Jordan's application and some expressed frustration at a timeline that constrained the public input that could have been considered.



Tim Adams

The lack of notice and technical difficulties, including the meeting not yet appearing as an option to register to speak at as of Thursday afternoon, circumvented the public's ability to offer comment at the public hearing, which required pre-registration for

speakers. After the Wednesday news release announcing the Friday meeting, the period in which to register to speak closed Thursday, before many knew about the meeting being rescheduled to Friday. Greenbelt Mayor Pro Tem Kristen Weaver was able to sign up to participate in the general public comment but others couldn't navigate the process. The deadline to sign up was 3 p.m. Thursday and the meeting wasn't listed on the drop-down for the required form as of approximately 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, said Weaver, who emailed someone for help. She received a call in response on Thursday evening,

See **ADAMS**, page 8

Unpaid Taxes, Thousands in Debt, NDC Vendor Faces Challenges

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

The New Deal Café (NDC) board discovered the business was "not in good standing" with the State of Maryland when they were unable to renew their entertainment permit in early October. It was then they discovered contractual food and beverage vendor Kenny Hilliard had not paid any of the required monthly food and alcohol sales taxes to the State of Maryland since he began operating at the NDC. As a result, in November 2025, the Café's entertainment permit expired and the music program had to be suspended until the Café could once again renew its application in December. A subsequent financial investigation by the NDC's board into the Café's operations "uncovered a pattern of financial issues including failure to pay utilities on time including gas, water and electricity," they reported in an email to members on Saturday, January 24. At the start of this year the NDC board had paid over \$20,000 in "critical bills" on Hilliard's behalf in order to keep the Café operating.

Critical Bills

In the fall, board members and Hilliard negotiated a payment



PHOTO COURTESY NEW DEAL CAFE

Inside the New Deal Café

plan with the Office of the Comptroller in order to "ensure the shortest possible lapse in proper permits" and reopen as quickly as possible. The agreement involved Hilliard paying half of what was owed upfront and creating a payment plan for the remainder of the overdue sales taxes, as well as committing to on-time payment going forward. Subsequently, when Hilliard failed to meet the monthly installments, the board

stepped in to ensure the Café could continue. The NDC board then paid what they say were "critical bills," including the sales and alcohol tax and rent, with the plan to seek reimbursement from Hilliard. "After several months of completing these payments on Mr. Hilliard's behalf, Mr. Hilliard owed the New Deal Café over \$20,000 at the start of 2026. As

See **NEW DEAL**, page 8

Winter Storm Fern Hits Greenbelt With Snow, Ice; Closes Schools

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

Winter Storm Fern arrived in Greenbelt late Saturday, January 24. Preceded by bitter cold, snow began to fall that night. On Sunday, residents woke up to at least six inches of snow and more falling. Before noon, however, the precipitation had shifted to sleet. Predictions called for an inch or more of ice to follow the snow, posing a considerable risk of power outages. Though the icy overlay closed businesses and schools, for the majority, power remained. However, a week of temperatures well below freezing created ad-

ditional challenges to the cleanup in Greenbelt and beyond.

In other parts of Prince George's County, residents complained of unplowed and impassable streets, which pose a particular challenge for emergency vehicles and vulnerable residents, including the elderly. In Greenbelt, where residents rely on the city rather than county for storm

cleanup, Public Works was clearing the city's streets throughout the storm. Residents were urged to stay off the icy streets if possible, and Maryland remained under a State of Emergency at the start of the week.

Greenbelt Businesses

The city and several stores

See **STORM**, page 12



PHOTO BY ANNA BEDFORD-DILLOW

Thank you to all the Public Works staff who have been hard at work digging the city out from the snow and ice this week. Special thanks to Charles, Clive and David who cleared the News Review's steps so our staff could get into the newsroom safely on Monday.

What Goes On

Monday, February 2

7:30 p.m., Council Worksession: City Manager Quarterly Update, Public Works, Anacostia Trails Heritage Area, Municipal Building

Wednesday, February 4

7:30 p.m., Council Worksession: Large Unfunded Capital Needs, Municipal Building

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

Letters to the Editor

Not Funny

I have several times wanted to comment on the tenor of cartoons in the paper but have restrained myself. The times we live in are rife with people in power disrespecting groups of people and conversely promoting the

horrible treatment of others. I do not believe I am alone in being repulsed by cartoons that promote sexism as did Pete Reppert's cartoon on January 15 of a satisfied woman literally trashing her male partner. It is not at all funny.
Sandra Miller



Greenbelt Cinema
129 Centerway
301-329-2034
www.greenbeltcinema.org
Members always \$7.00!
Member kids are always FREE!
After 5 PM: adults \$10, kids \$7,
senior/student/military \$9
Before 5 PM:
general admission \$8, kids \$6
OC = Open Captions
CC = Closed Captions
DVS = Descriptive Video Service

SHOWTIMES:
JANUARY 30th - February 5th

Arco (PG)
(CC) (DVS) (2025) (89 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Sat. 2:45 PM, 5:15 PM
Sun. 4:00 PM (OC)
Wed. 5:00 PM
Thurs. 7:15 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Fri. 8:15 PM
Sun. 6:00 PM
Mon. 4:00 PM
Tue. 7:45 PM

A Private Life (R)
(CC) (DVS) (2025) (105 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Fri. 5:00 PM, 7:30 PM
Sat. 7:20 PM
Sun. 6:15 PM
Mon. 4:15 PM (OC)
Tue. 8:00 PM
Wed. 7:20 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Sat. 5:00 PM
Mon. 6:30 PM
Thurs. 8:15 PM

The Testament of Ann Lee
(R) (CC) (DVS)
(2025) (130 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Mon. 6:45 PM
Tue. 5:00 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Fri. 5:15 PM
Sat. 7:35 PM
Sun. 2:45 PM
Wed. 4:15 PM, 7:05 PM
Thurs. 5:00 PM

Sentimental Value
(R) (2025) (133 mins)
Norwegian with English subtitles
Special re-release screening
with exclusive bonus content
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Sun. 1:00 PM

The Sting
(PG) (1973) (129 mins)
Free Cinema Classic
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Mon. 1:00 PM
Thurs. 8:00 PM



Correction

Last week's article about Mayor Emmett Jordan's application for the District 4 County Council seat should have noted that Greenbelt's Charter says: "If a vacancy occurs in the office of mayor, or in case of his absence or disability, the mayor pro tem shall act as mayor for the unexpired term or during the continuance of the absence or disability" (Section 6).

On Screen at Greenbelt Cinema

Arco

In this animated feature, in 2075, a 10-year-old girl, Iris, sees a mysterious boy wearing a rainbow jumpsuit falling from the sky. It's Arco. He comes from a distant, idyllic future where time travel is possible. Iris takes him in and will do whatever it takes to help him return home.

A Private Life

When renowned psychiatrist Lilian Steiner (Jodie Foster) learns of the death of one of her patients she is deeply troubled. Convinced that it was murder, she decides to investigate. Said critic Odie Henderson of the Boston Globe, "Foster and the rest of the cast are so good, I almost want to recommend that you go just for their performances. After all, it's the journey, not the destination, that counts."

The Testament of Ann Lee

From award-winning writer-director Mona Fastvold (The World to Come, The Brutalist) comes the extraordinary true legend of Ann Lee, founder of the devotional sect known as the Shakers. Academy Award nominee Amanda Seyfried stars as the Shaker's irrepressible leader, who preached gender and social equality and was revered by her followers. The film captures the ecstasy and agony of her quest to build a utopia, featuring more than a dozen traditional Shaker hymns reimagined as rapturous movements with choreography by Celia Rowilson-Hall and original songs and score by Academy Award winner Daniel Blumberg (The Brutalist).

Sentimental Value

Sisters Nora and Agnes reunite with their estranged father, the charismatic Gustav, a once-renowned director who offers stage actress Nora a role in what he hopes will be his comeback film. When Nora turns it down, she soon discovers he has given her part to an eager young Hollywood star. Suddenly, the two sisters must navigate their complicated relationship with their father - and deal with an American star dropped right into the middle of their complex family dynamics.

The Sting

Following the murder of a mutual friend, aspiring con man Johnny Hooker (Robert Redford) teams up with old pro Henry Gondorff (Paul Newman) to take revenge on the ruthless crime boss responsible, Doyle Lonnegan (Robert Shaw). Hooker and Gondorff set about implementing an elaborate scheme, one so crafty that Lonnegan won't even know he's been swindled. As their big con unfolds, however, things don't go according to plan, requiring some last-minute improvisation by the undaunted duo.



LOOKING FOR News Review CARRIERS

Each week, Greenbelt News Review carriers fan out across the city to deliver this paper. We're currently looking for carriers for our waiting list for all parts of the city.
Send an email to circ@greenbeltnewsreview.com for more information.

Greenbelt News Review

AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER
15 Crescent Road, Suite 100, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770-1887
Phone: 301-474-4131
editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com (stories, letters, photos)
ads@greenbeltnewsreview.com (ads)
business@greenbeltnewsreview.com (billing)
website: www.greenbeltnewsreview.com

Presidents: Alfred M. Skolnik, 1959-1977, Elaine Skolnik, 1977-1985
Mary Lou Williamson, Editor
Anna Bedford-Dillow, Managing Editor

STAFF
Matt Arbach, Ann Bauman, Kathryn Beard, Anna Bedford-Dillow, Larry Beyna, Laura Bonkosky, Jerry Bonnell, Letty Bonnell, Asha Brown, Alan Burt, Rasheeda Childress, Maurice Crawford, Deanna Dawson, Christine Doran, Joan Estenson, Anne Gardner, Elizabeth Gardner, Jon Gardner, Oliver Gaycken, Ian Gleason, Patrick Gleason, Carol Griffith, Nick Hall NH, Kyla Hanington, Amy Hansen, Erik Hanson, Michael Hartman, Butch Hicks, Peggy Higgins, Donna Hoffmeister, Erica Johns, Jeff Jones, Tom Jones, Jennifer Jurling, Lesley Kash, Elisabeth Kevorkian, Sandra Lange, Amanda Larsen, Linda Lucas, Charlene MacAdams, Marc Manheimer, Anne Marigza, Cathie Meetre, Mary Moien, Diane Oberg, Rebecca Rackis, Julie Rapp, Peter Reppert, Joe Robbins, Sandy Rodgers, Ian Blackwell Rogers, Lois Rosado, Richard Roth, Bonnie Schrack, Pat Scully, Bonnie Seaton, David Shapiro, Mary Sies, Melissa Sites, Lola Skolnik, Christopher Stark, Beth Terry, Daniel Thies, James Thompson, Nancy Tolzman, Jeff Travis, Mary Lou Williamson, Ray Zammuto and Michael Zelif.

CIRCULATION Circulation Coordinator: circ@greenbeltnewsreview.com
HOA information at: www.greenbeltnewsreview.com/contact-us/distribution

Published weekly since 1937 by the Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association, Inc.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Pat Scully, president; Diane Oberg, vice president; Deanna Dawson, secretary; Tom Jones, treasurer; Carol Griffith, Erica Johns and Sandy Rodgers

PUBLICATION DEADLINES:
- Monday 2 p.m. Articles/photos over 700 words, Display ads (not camera ready).
- Monday 6 p.m. All letters to the editor (300 word limit).
- Tuesday 2 p.m. Articles/photos under 700 words, photographs not associated with a story.
- Tuesday 5 p.m. Co-op dropbox: Classified ads with payment only.
- Tuesday 6 p.m. Classified ads and camera-ready display ads.
- Email submission is available. Hardcopy submissions (delivered by respective deadline) may be mailed to the address above or left in the Co-op grocery store drop box or GNR external office door mail slot, as shown below.
- Payment must accompany ads except by prior arrangement.

MAIL SUBSCRIPTION: \$55/year
Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday and Tuesday, 2 - 4 p.m.
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

At the Library

The 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. Real-time updates to the Library's operating schedule due to inclement weather and other emergencies are posted on [pgcmls.info/alerts](#).

Storytimes

Friday, January 30, 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/15089319](#).

Wednesday, February 4, 12:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/15417757](#).

Thursday, February 5, 10:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/15418157](#).

Ride and Read

Thursday, February 5, 11 a.m., adults. Sign up for an hour ride on a stationary bike with free apps like Libby, Kanopy and Freegal to enjoy while working out. Participants must be 16 or older, sign a waiver before beginning to ride, and be wearing loose-fitting clothing and closed-toed shoes. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/15417394](#).

Participate in Wizards Winter Reading Challenge

The Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) is once again teaming with the Washington Wizards in their Winter Reading Challenge. The free challenge can be joined online by registering at [pgcmls.info/Wizards](#), which leads to the Beanstack app. Participants log their activities including reading, watching Wizards games, attending library programs (virtual or in person), staying active, and engaging with the Library and Washington Wizards. For each activity completed, participants earn points toward obtaining challenge badges. Readers who complete the challenge by March 14 will have a chance to win a variety of prizes, including game tickets and a Wizards prize pack. All ages welcome.

Washington Wizards Book of the Month is an ongoing regional event in partnership with area libraries. The Wizards highlight books for children in various age groups to read each month. PGCMLS will feature one book for readers to explore at the following grade levels: Grades K to 2, Grades 3 to 5 and Grades 6 to 8.



Spellman Overpass Resistance Fridays

Join ongoing Visibility Resistance protests on Spellman Overpass, every Friday (except in rain, wind or snow) from 3:30 to 5 p.m./dark.

Flags, big-letter messages and wave-able signs are provided to cheerfully encourage B-W Parkway motorists' awareness. All progressive concerns are welcome.

Access from Gardenway or from the Eleanor Roosevelt High School crosswalk. Questions? Email kashla@pm.me.

Artful Afternoon: 100 Years Of Black History Month

The Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program invites guests of all ages to a series of free upcoming workshops with a 1926 Harlem dance party theme. Led by professional dancer D'annccio Grier, each one-hour session includes a guided warm-up, dance instruction featuring dance moves from the past 100 years and a freestyle dance party where participants can show off their new moves. They can also enjoy a fun 1920s-inspired art activity featuring flapper headbands and boutonnières. The activity will be offered on Sunday, February 1 from 1 to 2 p.m. and from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Community Center, and on Sunday, February 8 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. This workshop is open to all ages and abilities. Sign up at [sugeni.us/ejJR](#). Walk-ins are also welcome. For more information about Greenbelt arts programs, visit [greenbeltmd.gov/arts](#). Programs are supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.

Writers Group Meets Monday, February 2

The Greenbelt Writers Group Meetup will take place at the New Deal Café on Monday, February 2 at 7 p.m. Writers of all backgrounds are welcome. Whether one is a storyteller, a poet or a musician, the group offers a space for round-table readings and discussion. Bring any work or material to share.



Public Speaking Series

Greenbelt Toastmasters will offer a free online series on Tuesday evenings, 7 to 8:30 p.m., February 10 through March 17, designed to help non-Toastmasters age 18 and older become more confident and effective public speakers. Space is limited and registration ends February 6. Visit [greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org/speechcraft.html](#) for more details.

Bibliophiles Meet On February 11

The Bibliophiles will meet on Wednesday, February 11 at 11 a.m. at the New Deal Café for their monthly meeting, in which the participants discuss a book that they have all read before attending. The book to be discussed in February is *The Last Train: A Holocaust Story* by Rona Arato. Related books on the same topic will also be referenced. For more information about Bibliophiles or the titles of the related books to be discussed, email [Van Caldwell](mailto:VanCaldwell@gmail.com) at Vcaldwell@gmail.com.

Tax Preparation Assistance

For the first time since Covid, AARP's income tax return preparation assistance will resume this year in Greenbelt, coordinated through GIVES. Details are still being worked out and the News Review will provide more information as it is known.

Museum Hosts Valentine Open House Event

Join the Museum for an open house on Sunday, February 8 from 1 to 5 p.m. Come by for a quick tour and a lighthearted look at love in the 1940s and 1950s. See vintage valentines, decorations, funny ads, advice books, magazines and more. This is a free event and tickets are not required. While at the Museum, visitors can make a card for a sick child with We Are Artistic, a youth-led organization supporting artists, artistic people and art fans. The cards will be sent to the nonprofit Cardz for Kidz, which will distribute them.



Museum Virtual Talk On Greenbelt Prehistory

The archeological and historical record documents thousands of years of human presence on the land we now call Greenbelt, most intensely in the past 400 years. This slide talk on Thursday, January 29 at 7 p.m. by historian Alan Virta will present a broad overview of the Black, white, and Native American people who lived here before the New Deal green town was built. Virta will explain how different people made a living off the land, with stories about representative individuals and families, including colonial tobacco planters, the enslaved and those who came after them. The talk will answer some basic questions and raise others on the pre-Greenbelt history of the area.

This is a virtual event. Register in advance via Eventbrite at [tinyurl.com/y2h6vuxs](#). An email with a Zoom link will be sent prior to the day of the talk. This event is free and is sponsored by the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum, the Greenbelt Reparations Commission and the City of Greenbelt.

Poetry in the Garden

The Poetry in the Garden group will meet on Sunday, February 1 between 3 and 5 p.m. in the clubhouse at Schrom Hills Park in Greenbelt. The public is invited to read their own poems or listen and enjoy the power of poetry. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call Effie at 443-415-1053.

Community Art Weekly Meet-Ups

Enjoy two free weekly meet-ups at the Community Center. Yarn & Darn meets on Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. Bring a knitting, crocheting, embroidery, cross stitch or other fiber art project to work on in a relaxing environment.

Craft and Create, a new group for ages 18+, meets on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Bring a project in progress, or enjoy a new themed project each week. Bring personal supplies, or use what the group members provide. Both groups meet in the Community Center, Room 113. For more information, email alarsen@greenbeltmd.gov or mcason@greenbeltmd.gov. For more information about Greenbelt Recreation arts programs, visit [greenbeltmd.gov/arts](#).



Play Cribbage, Board Games

On the second Monday of the month, with the next meeting on February 9 at 7 p.m., join Greenbelt Unplugged for cribbage and other games in Room 114 of the Community Center. Optionally, bring a cribbage board or other game to share.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

Astronomical Society Cancellation

Due to weather conditions, the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt's January 29 meeting is cancelled. Dr. Mawdsley's presentation will be rescheduled on a later date.

Golden Age Club

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

The schedule for February:

February 4 - Business Meeting.

February 11 - Speaker: Carroll R. Gibbs (Historian, Author, Lecturer, Griot (Story Teller)) will be speaking on: To Follow the Path of Liberty: The Forgotten Struggle of Blacks in England & the Americas.

February 18 - Bingo (Annie McFarland will be the caller). Note that this is a change from the usual schedule.

February 25 - Birthday Potluck (bring a dish to share).

The Membership Committee is collecting 2026 dues. Make checks out to Greenbelt Golden Age Club. If paying with cash, have the exact amount.

The Greenbelt Golden Age Club does not meet when inclement weather delays or closes the Prince George's County schools.

Community Orchestra Welcomes Musicians

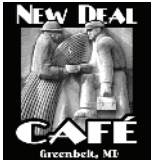
Greenbelt Community Orchestra rehearses on Thursday evenings at the Community Center and welcomes new members. The group is currently seeking additional double basses, percussion and low brass. Their next concert will be on Sunday, March 22, featuring an entire program of women composers. For more information, visit [GreenbeltOrchestra.org](#).



This Week at the New Deal Café

Celebrating 30 Years in Greenbelt! Try Our New Menu & Drinks!

BECOME A MEMBER!*

**FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!**

113 Centerway, Roosevelt Center, Greenbelt, MD
Monday, 9am-9pm; Tuesday—Thursday, 9am - 10pm; Friday/Saturday, 9am – 12midnight; Sunday, 9am – 9pm

REMEMBER TO TIP OUR PERFORMERS - IT'S THE ONLY WAY THEY'RE PAID!
***** RESERVATIONS: 301-474-5642 *****

TH 1/29	FRI 1/30	SAT 1/31	SUN 2/01	
The Threetles 7 - 9pm A Beatles Tribute band for the Super Fans!	Rock Creek Revival 8 - 11pm A Maryland-based band drawing inspiration from bluegrass history	GET YOUR MARDI GRAS ON! Little Red & The Renegades 8 - 11pm Zydeco, New Orleans Funk & Swamp Rock	THIS MACHINE: PROTEST OPEN MIC, 12:30 - 4pm Seth Kibel Quartet 6 - 8pm High energy jazz and klezmer; winner of 25 WAMMIES.	
MON 2/02	TUES 2/03	WED 2/04	TH 2/05	New Deal Cafe
MONDAY MAUVENESS KARAOKE 7- 9pm With Mike Bennett & Graye Line Band	S.A.W. Open Mic 6:30 - 9:30pm Sign ups begin at 6pm	The Campfire Sessions 7 - 9pm Hosted by Joseph P. Swelterpants	Wolf's Blues Show & Sit-In Jam 6:30 - 10pm A big, bodacious boogie blues jam. Come on out and jam!	IT'S TIME TO RENEW OR BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NDC! See link below*

***Join NDC! Go to NewDealCafe(dot) com, click on "ABOUT", then "BECOME A MEMBER OR RENEW."**
FUNDING FOR THESE ADS PROVIDED BY A GENEROUS DONOR.

Black History Month

Learn More of Black American History in February Programs

by Lois Rosado

This year marks the 100th Anniversary of Negro History Week and the 75th Anniversary of Black History Month. In Greenbelt there are several groups and organizations offering opportunities to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of Black Americans and members of the African diaspora to American society. Throughout February read about four Black American luminaries and their contributions on posters featured at the Community Center, the Aquatic & Fitness Center, Springhill Lake Recreation Center and the Youth Center.

An Artful Afternoon will feature a tribute to the Harlem Renaissance on Sunday, February 1 at 1 p.m. at the Community Center and on Sunday, February 8 at 1:30 p.m. at Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Regina's Black Artifacts Pop-up Museum on Saturday, February 7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Community Center, Rooms 201 and 202, will showcase Black memorabilia collected by Regina Small over decades, as well as interesting everyday items from the past.

An art exhibit opening reception will take place on Sunday, February 8 at the New Deal Café from 1 to 3 p.m. The art is currently on display.

On Wednesday, February 11 at 11 a.m., in Community Center Room 201, the Golden Age Club will present historian Dr. C.R. Gibbs, who will describe the Forgotten Struggle of Blacks in England and the Americas in the War for Independence.

On Monday, February 16, the Peace and Justice Coalition's

Reel and Meal film will feature interviews with leaders like Angela Davis, Stokely Carmichael, Bobby Seale, Huey P. Newton and Eldridge Cleaver, alongside glimpses of Martin Luther King Jr. and Louis Farrakhan. It covers topics such as opposition to the Vietnam War, Black Panther Party activities, COINTELPRO and the war on drugs' impact on Black communities.

On Saturday, February 21, the Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee will feature the first student award winners of the Black History Month Essay Contest from Greenbelt Middle School reading their essays and receiving their prizes from the Greenbelt Rotary Club. Also, Carolivia Herron will re-enact the story of her ancestor Mary Ann Lumpkin who helped create one of the nation's oldest Historically Black Colleges in Virginia; Marquett Milton from the African American Civil War Memorial Museum will share the experiences of the Colored Troops who fought in the war and freed enslaved people nationwide; and John McCaskill from the College Park Aviation Museum will share the experiences of Black American troops during the Vietnam War.

Attend the programs and support Greenbelt's participating students, groups and organizations.

All programs are free and sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department, the Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee, RUAK and the Greenbelt Rotary. See the schedule in the city ad on page 5.



Donate Books To Novel Endings

Novel Endings bookstore at the Greenbelt Library gladly accepts donations of gently used books. The bookstore particularly welcomes donations of popular adult fiction, children's books, sci-fi, fantasy, mystery, classics, non-diet cookbooks, science topics geared to the general public and vintage books.

Popular magazines and hobby magazines, especially those published within the past two years, are accepted. Vintage magazines are also welcome.

Books must be clean and pages not browned with age, torn or heavily marked or underlined with comments. Do not bring books that are moldy, sticky, smelly or missing pages or covers. Missing dust-jackets are not a problem.

The bookstore cannot use books or magazines that are diet-themed, encyclopedias, technical, academic or professional. Audio CDs are not accepted.

Books labeled "not for resale" or soft-covered books missing their covers will be thrown away.

To donate books, email friendsofgreenbeltlibrary@gmail.com. Please do not bring book donations to either the circulation front desk or Novel Endings. Cash and check donations are accepted in the blue box next to the Library's front desk. Come see what Novel Endings has to offer and support the Greenbelt Library at the same time.

City Notes

Public Safety and Community attended a Greenbelt Business Alliance networking event at the Hilton Garden Inn and prepared the community for the snowstorm. Public Information developed improved weather alert modalities and Legislative attended a Four Cities meeting in College Park. Code Enforcement inspected seven commercial suites and seven rentals.

Animal Shelter residents are six cats, five kittens and a dog. Sixteen dog park permits are active and 98 spay/neuter vouchers have been issued, with 53 redeemed. Three staff members attended a quarterly meeting with County Animal Services.

Public Works Department made preparations for the snowstorm, checking supplies, equipment and vehicles. New software was demonstrated for fleet and asset management.

Therapeutic Recreation presented two events for seniors: a seminar on investing and, with Arts, an Art Social, The Gingerbread House.

Park Rangers provided audiovisual support for numerous events, from the Chess Club movie to Police testing.

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living program's emergency diaper distribution served 21 families with 26 children in diapers.

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 optional sharing. All are welcome to attend from all denominations and faith traditions. For more information, email Patience Robbins at patience.robbins@gmail.com.



Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
Open hearts, Open Minds, Open doors
Find us on [facebook.com/mowattumc](https://www.facebook.com/mowattumc)
301-474-5410
Pastor Evelyn Romero

Worship Service, Sundays 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Living Generously in a World that Holds Back





UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
GREENBELT COMMUNITY CHURCH
One Hillside Road
Join Us Sunday 10:15 AM for Worship
www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org



ST. HUGH OF GRENABLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

**Live streamed on Facebook and available on our YouTube page later.*

CELEBRATE WITH US
135 Crescent Rd.
www.sthughofgrenoble.org

Ole Hass Remembrance Rescheduled for Feb. 1

The Celebration of Life for Ole Hass has been rescheduled for February 1 at 2:30 p.m., at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4512 College Avenue, College Park.

Volunteer to Drive For GIVES

Want to meet fellow Greenbelters and help them out at the same time? The Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) always needs volunteers, especially drivers. Choose when and where you will drive (within the 10-mile limit) and if you are also willing and able to help with carrying groceries or other packages.

To be a driver for GIVES, one needs to be a resident of Greenbelt, be a member of GIVES (membership is free), have a valid Maryland license and insurance, and pass a background check. For information or an application, call 301-507-6580 or visit givesgreenbelt.org.



Our Neighbors

We wish Ann McCord a very happy birthday as she turns 100 years old on January 30.


Congratulations to Amy Hansen, whose book, Wanda Hears the Stars, won a Schneider Family Book Award, which honors artistic expression of the disability experience for child and adolescent audiences. The award winners were announced during the American Library Association Youth Media Awards on Monday, January 26 in Chicago. The committee members found the book about little-known scientist Wanda Diaz Merced engaging and vividly illustrated.

Congratulations also to Greenbelt Library staffer Sang-Hee Park who was one of six Prince George's County Memorial Library Associates to graduate from the Fall 2025 Library Associate Training Institute program.

A hearty thank you to Public Works employees who worked long hard hours in cleaning up after the snowfall and ice storm.

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

"Humanity's collective life suffers when any one group thinks of its own well-being in isolation from that of its neighbors."
— Universal House of Justice



Greenbelt Bahá'í Community
www.greenbeltbahais.org

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF GREENBELT

Mass Sundays at 10:00 a.m.
Community Center Room 114
15 Crescent Rd
cathcomgreenbelt.org
ALL ARE WELCOME!

A Roman Catholic Intentional Eucharistic Community

OR - Join us on ZOOM!
For ZOOM link:
[CCG1985-ownergroups.io](https://cgc1985-ownergroups.io)

St. John's Episcopal Church
11040 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20704
301-937-4292 www.saintjohnsbeltsville.org

Welcomes you each Sunday for Worship & Sunday School at 10:00 AM



Mishkan Torah Congregation

10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
Rabbi Saul Oresky, Cantor Phil Greenfield

An unpretentious, historic, welcoming, liberal, egalitarian synagogue that respects tradition and becomes your extended family in the 21st century.

Friday evening services at 8:00pm
Saturday morning services at 10:00am
Offering hybrid services, online and in-person activities
For further information, call (301) 474-4223 www.mishkantorah.org
Affiliated with these movements: Conservative and Reconstructing Judaism



Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

Postal address: P.O. Box 676, Laurel, MD 20725
Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org

Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

February 1, 2026, at 3 p.m.

Front and Center
Anthony Jenkins with Worship Associate Erin Wiley



In the spirit of our February theme (Centering Love) and of this first Sunday of Black History Month, we'll explore the experience of being an African-American trailblazer. Together we'll consider the unique challenges faced by beloved Black pioneers in all walks of life--and the center of gravity needed to be "first" successfully.

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



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 FEBRUARY 2-6

Monday, February 2 at 7:30pm, **WORK SESSION - LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

Tuesday, February 3 at 7pm, **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE** *On the Agenda: Continued planning of PSAC's upcoming Forum on Teens, Follow-up review of complaint procedures required by Md Police Accountability Act including roles of Police Accountability Board, Administrative Charging Committee and Trial Board*

Tuesday, February 3 at 7pm, **REPARATIONS COMMISSION** *On the Agenda: Discussion of reparations framework and a writing update*

Wednesday, February 4 at 3pm, **BOARD OF APPEALS** *On the Agenda: Summary of Activities of Department of Planning and Community Development, Overview of Applicable Codes and Policies and Procedures*

Wednesday, February 4 at 7:30pm, **WORK SESSION - LARGE UNFUNDED CAPITAL NEEDS**

Thursday, February 5 at 7pm, **CHARTER REVIEW TASKFORCE**

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

CITY OF GREENBELT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ANNEXATION RESOLUTIONS

Monday, February 23, 2026 at 7pm

Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, a municipal corporation, has initiated legislative action to annex three large areas of tax-exempt land, as described below:

- BARC Annexation Area #1 (Resolution # 2125-2026): Consists of approximately 223 acres of tax-exempt land owned by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) and the United States Government (Beltsville Agricultural Research Center).
- BARC Annexation Area #2 (Resolution # 2126-2026): Consists of approximately 843 acres of tax-exempt land owned by the United States Government (Beltsville Agricultural Research Center).
- BARC/NASA Annexation Area #3 (Resolution # 2127-2026): Consists of approximately 1,196 acres of tax-exempt land owned by the United States Government (National Aeronautics and Space Administration).

The annexation resolutions were initiated by the City Council pursuant to Maryland Code Annotated, Local Government Article, § 4-403.

The exact legal descriptions and annexation plans for the above Annexation Areas are available online at www.greenbeltmd.gov/news, or may be reviewed in person at the City of Greenbelt Department of Planning and Community Development, 15 Crescent Road, Suite 200, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770, between the hours of 9am and 4pm., Monday through Friday.

The City Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed annexations on February 23, 2026, at 7pm, in the Council Room at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770. Public testimony will be received by the City Council at the hearing.

Written comments may be presented at the public hearing or submitted in advance to the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770

Bonita Anderson, City Clerk
City of Greenbelt
301-474-8000

REMINDER TO SHOVEL YOUR SIDEWALK

Prince George's County Code Section 23-150 requires property owners, tenants, and managers to clear snow and ice from sidewalks adjacent to their property that are accessible to the public and near a public roadway within 48 hours after the end of the snow event.

Failure to clear your sidewalk within 48 hours may result in a civil fine of \$100 per day.

For more info visit: <https://www.greenbeltmd.gov/582/Snow-Removal>

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>.

CURRENT GAIL PROGRAMS

CARES is happy to provide the following programs **FREE** of charge. For more information, email Katherine Farzin at kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov or (240) 542-2019.

- **OPEN COMPUTER LAB FOR ADULTS** 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. Weekly sign-up required.
- **FREE MONTHLY DIAPER DISTRIBUTION** Greenbelt Residents Only. First time participants must provide proof of residency, state-issued ID, birth certificate (or copy) for each child.

WSSC REQUESTS ESSENTIAL WATER USE ONLY

Due to an unusually high number of water main breaks and leaks caused by the extreme cold, WSSC Water has issued an Essential Water Use Only request for all customers in Montgomery and Prince George's counties, effective immediately.

At this time, your water is safe to drink, and no Boil Water Advisory is in effect. However, WSSC Water needs everyone's help to preserve water for fire protection and system reliability while crews work to locate and repair breaks across the region.

Learn more at www.greenbeltmd.gov/m/NewsFlash/home/detail/78

RESCHEDULED MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY OF SERVICE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 10 AM - 1 PM

Buddy Attick Park, 555 Crescent Road

Be a part of the community effort to protect trees from beaver herbivory and invasive vines at Buddy Attick Park. Volunteers will work with Public Works staff to place wire caging around the trunks of native trees to protect them from beavers and remove invasive vines.

Email kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov or visit our [Sign-up Genius page](#).

RECOGNITION GROUP APPLICATIONS

Deadline February 3

The City of Greenbelt is currently accepting all Recognition Group Applications for FY2026 (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027). The deadline is February 3, 2026. Applications can be found at <https://www.greenbeltmd.gov/465/Clubs-Contacts-and-Recognition-Groups>

For further information, please contact cpracht@greenbeltmd.gov.



Sunday, 02/01 Artful Afternoon: Harlem Art Party! Go back with us to 1926, Harlem, NYC! 1 PM Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd, Greenbelt, MD 20770 Ground Floor East

Saturday, 02/07 Regina's Black Artifacts Pop-Up Museum: 9 AM-4 PM Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd, Greenbelt, MD 20770 Rooms 201 & 202

Sunday, 02/08 Artful Afternoon: Harlem Art Party! Go back with us to 1926, Harlem, NYC! 1:30 PM Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Ln, Greenbelt, MD 20770 Game Room

Sunday, 02/08 Art Exhibit Opening Reception: 1-3 PM New Deal Cafe, 113 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD 20770

Wednesday, 02/11 Dr. C.R. Gibbs (historian) To Follow The Path of Liberty: The Forgotten Struggle of Blacks in England and the Americas During the War for Independence: Golden Age Club 11 AM Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd, Greenbelt, MD 20770 Room 201

Monday, 02/16 Reel & Meal: Black Power Mix Tape 1957-1975: 6:30 PM New Deal Cafe, 113 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD 20770 and virtually through Zoom

Saturday, 02/21 Interactive Historical Reenactments & Greenbelt Middle School Student Essay Contest Award Ceremony: 2-4 PM Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd, Greenbelt, MD 20770 Room 106 (Gym)

Presented by the Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee, Greenbelt Recreation, and the Greenbelt Rotary Club.

FEATURED PETS

STORM

Ready for Adoption?

Call (301) 474-6124



need a home without other cats (or with cats already FeLV+).

If you're interested in adopting Stellar Storm, please reach out to us at animalservices@greenbeltmd.gov or call us at (301) 474-6124.

GREENBELT CITY CALENDAR

Be sure to check out the City calendar for all up to date events at www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar.



* VOLUNTEER * VACANCIES * APPLY FOR A COMMITTEE OR BOARD 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, Arts Advisory Board, Board of Elections, 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!

Call (301) 474-8000.

ARTS HAPPENINGS

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

Sign up for ARTFANS, a weekly e-newsletter, at www.greenbeltmd.gov/list.aspx.

Artful Afternoons - FREE

Sunday 2/1; 1-2pm and 2-3pm Greenbelt Community Center, Sunday 2/8; 1:30-2:30pm Springhill Lake Recreation Center Travel back to 1926 Harlem for a high-energy dance party celebrating 100 years of Black History Month! Participants can also craft flapper headbands and boutonnieres. Walk-ins welcome. Sign up at sugeni.us/ejJR.

Friends & Family Workshop:

Love Bugs and Honey Bees

2/6; 5:30-7pm Greenbelt Community Center. Participants will be provided materials to create two mixed-media buzzy, buggy ornaments. Students should wear appropriate art-making clothes. All ages welcome. No experience needed. Registration required; see page 26 of the winter activity guide (www.greenbeltmd.gov/activityguide) for details.

MORE ARTS HAPPENING SOON

- **Fused Glass Jewelry** 1/31; 11am - 12:30pm Greenbelt Community Center
- **Explore the Wonders of Watercolor** 2/5-3/5; 6:30 - 8:30pm Greenbelt Community Center

Registration required for the above activities, see www.greenbeltmd.gov/activityguide for details.

- **Art Share (meet-up)** 2/15; 2-3pm Greenbelt Community Center, Room 113

SIGN UP FOR CURBSIDE COMPOSTING

Make composting the easiest resolution to check off of your list in the new year! For just \$10 you can help Greenbelt reduce food waste and create productive compost. Sign up today at compostcrew.com/greenbelt.

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.

Council Moves to Develop Charter Amendment on Collective Bargaining

by Matthew Arbach

On January 21, the Greenbelt City Council convened a worksession to develop a charter amendment that would possibly expand the rights of city employees to engage in collective bargaining and unionization. The council is already exempt from organizing. Currently, the charter allows only non-managerial, sworn officers in the Greenbelt Police Department to unionize.

Present at the meeting were Steven Silvestri and Blaine Taylor from the city’s legal counsel Jackson Lewis P.C., who will be drafting this amendment, as well as the city code in this matter once the amendment has passed. This firm has worked with the city for about 20 years and has handled the recent, successful contract negotiations with the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) which represents the city’s Police Department.

Jobs to Include, Exclude

Council will need to deliberate on the city’s wide variety of job classifications to determine their inclusion or exclusion from collective bargaining. A major group for analysis and definition would be professional and non-professional employees. A group that was discussed for exclusion is the city manager and other department heads.

This effort is built upon and inspired by the recent council approval on January 12 for a charter amendment that would allow non-managerial employees in the Department of Public Works to unionize. (See January 22, 2026, issue.) Fifty days are required for this to take effect to allow for any petitions.

As discussed at the meeting, confidential employees are a commonly excluded group in collective bargaining. According to Silvestri, confidential employees are defined by the National Labor Relations Board as workers who have access to personal information, thus presenting a possible conflict of interest in a collective bargaining situation. The following city departments that fall under this category are: Human Resources, Finance and Information Technology. Not all Finance workers would be covered by this definition.

In the event of both the charter and city code being amended, eligible city employees will then have the unilateral choice of organizing or not. Townhall meetings and education from the City Manager’s Office and Human Resource Department are likely

conduits to inform employees of these new rights.

It was pointed out at the meeting that Greenbelt has a wide diversity of job classifications and services which will result in a possible plethora of bargaining units chosen. Silvestri said that the two departments that have most commonly chosen to organize across the region are Public Works and Parks and Recreation.

Councilmember Frankie Fritz pointed out the state’s non-centralized and case-by-case approach to collective bargaining, citing this as an opportunity for the city to develop its own rule.

Silvestri outlined a procedure by which the city and the unions would go through a deliberation process as to what job classifications to include or exclude.

Compensation Study

There was a long discussion on the city’s last compensation study which resulted in higher and more fair wages for city employees. This change has been fully implemented. Silvestri advised the council that this analysis should ideally be done every three years and at least every five years. He said that a reputable firm needs to be used that charges a reasonable fee and uses up-to-date information. City Manager Josué Salmerón explained that many difficult choices have been made to the city’s budget to sustain these wage increases.

Resident Concerns

Resident and union organizer Trent Leon-Lierman proposed that the city use the “community of

interest” model from the National Labor Relations Act, citing Public Works and Parks and Recreation as being good examples of such a designation. He urged that union representatives be present at any collective bargaining negotiations.

Resident Lois Rosado expressed the need to use public unions as a guideline for deliberations. She also advocated for protections for the city’s part-time employees, to avoid them being “invisible, ignored and erased.”

Louise Weissman, another resident, stated the need for unions to have their own legal counsel to avoid any conflict of interests, with employees always being part of any negotiations.

Silvestri offered to provide the city with a spreadsheet that would outline the bargaining units being used by nearby municipalities to give council a better idea of what the local union environment looks like.

Charter Amendment

Silvestri awaits council direction on the language to be used in the charter amendment, avoiding any “vagueness and ambiguity.” Once this adoption process is done, he said that drafting the city code should be done quickly.

Councilmember Kristen Weaver said that the charter amendment could likely be voted on at the meeting on February 9. Mayor Emmett Jordan said that council seems to be in unanimous support of this endeavor.

Silvestri informed council that labor organizing has become an increasing trend across the country.



Participants in a senior arts social on January 20 spend time together working on miniature gingerbread houses. From left, Mary Moien, Rita Sayer, Ana Fernandez, Adam Campanile and Tissa Rogers. Ana and Adam are senior art instructors. These short senior social gatherings with crafts are held monthly this winter.

PHOTO BY MARTI GALVIN

News Review Ad Department Seeks Paid Ad Sales Support

The News Review is looking for some paid help to develop a wider base of advertisers and sponsors in Greenbelt. This is a temporary paid position funded by a grant. The requirement is to contact a list of potential advertisers drawn up by the newspaper (and to innovatively extend the list) and encourage them to advertise in the newspaper. A completed contact comprises a documented sequence including initial contact, follow-up and, optimistically, an ongoing investment in advertising with us. We recognize that like any sales activity, we may not succeed with some organizations so this is not a commission position.

First Steps

The preferred candidate will have energy and commitment. Prior to speaking with us, they will take the time to come to grips with how the newspaper came to be and how it operates today. They will have read some newspaper issues prior to speaking with us to understand our mission to the community. They will realize that advertising is not only a boost for the advertiser

but an investment by them in the welfare of the community in which the advertiser does business – keeping their customers thriving and buying from them.

A Good Fit

We require an individual with a pleasant but not pushy manner, tidy appearance and clear speech – the ability to speak fluently in English and Spanish will be an asset. The ability to listen and understand the needs of potential customers is at least as important as the ability to speak to them. The individual must be a disciplined self-starter and will likely already have a degree and may be working on a graduate degree. The initial commitment is to make 30 completed contact sequences and the schedule is flexible but should be completed within three months of start. An initial two-hour orientation with News Review staff and regular progress reports are also required. Depending on funding and program success, an extension to the engagement is possible.

To obtain further information, email admin@greenbeltnewsreview.com.



No one was outside enjoying lunch at the picnic area of the Glen Oaks apartment complex on Mandan Road during the snowstorm on Sunday, January 25.

PHOTO BY MATT NEUFELD



January 30, 31
February 1, 4, 6, 7

Wednesday, Fridays & Saturdays ~ 8 PM
Sunday ~ 2 PM

Facemasks required Sunday February 1st
Pay What You Will Wednesday February 4th

scan QR code for tickets or visit GreenbeltArtsCenter.org

at GAC
GREENBELT ARTS CENTER



SUNRISE
CARIBBEAN RESTAURANT

The Big Game CATERING SPECIAL
Game Day • Big Flavor • Island Vibes

Wing Packages
20 Wings \$35
30 Wings \$50
40 Wings \$65

Wing Flavors (Choose Up To 2)

- Jerk Wings
- BBQ Wings
- Sweet Chili
- Honey Jerk
- Lemon Pepper

Optional Add-Ons

- Seasoned Fries
- Mac & Cheese
- Rice & Peas
- Coleslaw

Drinks

- Sorrel
- Ginger Beer
- House Lemonade

Sliders \$36 a dozen

Vegan Options Available

- Vegan Fried Chicken & Fried Broccoli
- Vegan Garlic Sauce & Tamarind Sauce Dressing

131 CENTERWAY • GREENBELT (301) 996-1956



How Do I Love Thee?

Let Me Count the Ways

The word “love” is overused. It creeps into the most banal of circumstances, for example, I love toffee apples or quilts. We love vacations, strawberries and Bach.

Perhaps we should have another word for the kind of emotion associated with everyday objects – or even great art. Circumstances where the recipient of our love can have no possible sense of being cared about.

Frankly, the Mona Lisa is long past caring if you love her. And the average casserole is immune to your sentiments. But the fact is, we’re stuck with using one four-letter word for the sublime to the ridiculous. And who are we at the Greenbelt News Review to fuss?

Few of our Valentines are in praise of stoically unappreciative audiences like telephone poles and pizza. Most simply cherish friends, neighbors and families and appreciate the people who help us daily. We’re good with that.

And what about our favorite neighbors 2-year-old Tootsie Flana-

gan and Granny Annie Smith, the apples of our eye. For the mail carrier, out in all weather. And Public Works without whom our city’s residents would sink under trash and snow or be barricaded in their courts by fallen limbs.

You don’t have to love with grand passion to send a Valentine, we’re not hardliners on the subject, and we believe St. Valentine would approve of appreciating the people who help in your lives and so do we.

Can you imagine, 50 years from now, Little Tootsie, with graying hair and a lot less spring in her step, going back into the archive and seeing the News Review of February 12, 2026, with a little love poem to her?

Wouldn’t that be dear?

Get your Valentine in before the deadline of Sunday, February 8. Use the online form at greenbeltnewsreview.com, the Valentine kits at the New Deal Café and the Co-op, or email us at GNRValentines@gmail.com. There are several ways to pay. See page 11.

MCCORD continued from page 1

She has lived in the same house for 72 years, which she now shares with two of her daughters.

“I love Greenbelt,” McCord said. “It was a great place to raise children.” She loved being able to walk everywhere. She would walk to what is now known as Roosevelt Center every day, and on Sundays walked to St. Hugh of Grenoble Church, which she still attends regularly.

One of her favorite activities was attending exercise classes, which were as much about her friends there as the exercise.

Changes McCord has seen to Greenbelt are small but noticeable, such as when the bank in the Center moved out and when the post office moved.

A highlight of her year is the



Ann McCord at age 99

Labor Day Festival. She loves music and dancing and going to hear the bands every year. Her favorites are Johnny Seaton aka Elvis, The Nighthawks and especially

Granny and the Boys with Alice Donahue, her longtime neighbor and friend.

She plans to celebrate her milestone birthday with her family, as she does every year. Most of the family is in Maryland or Virginia, so family gatherings occur regularly. “My family is really good to me,” McCord said. She has four children, five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Her long life is not too surprising – all four of her sisters lived into their 90s. She also had two brothers.

As one of her daughters was taking her home after a doctor’s appointment recently Ann said, “Now I’m walking like an old lady, but I’m not old.”

McCord unknowingly followed today’s advice for staying young: a youthful mindset, a sense of humor, regular exercise, a spiritual life and a connection with people and place.



Nearly a half-century ago, during the big Greenbelt snowstorm of 1979, longtime resident John Henry Jones shoveled a long path through two feet of snow to ensure his backyard bird feeders could be filled for the birds.

This week, at nearly 98 years old, John Henry is much wiser, as he feeds the birds from his window feeder and enjoys seeing the cardinals and blue jays from the warmth of his bedroom while enjoying breakfast and coffee.

- Photos courtesy the Jones family



A backyard family photo taken in 1960. Back row from left: Ann Louise, Joe and Ann; front row: Judy, Joanie and Colleen

- Photos courtesy the McCord family



On Sunday, January 25, teenagers go sledding by Greenbelt Lake.



A view across the snowy expanse of BARC from the Ridge Road playground on Monday, January 26

GREENBELT LISTINGS

1F Northway



2 BD | 1 BA | \$325,000

The owner of this large 2 bedroom brick unit has put their heart and their good design sensibilities into their home, and it shows. Beautifully renovated kitchen, upgraded lighting, screened back porch, and a tankless hot water heater!

11B SOUTHWAY



2 BD | 2 BA | \$180,000

Need an entry level half-bath on a tight budget? Here’s a smart, thrifty Greenbelt home for you. Centrally located near the center of town.

Kim Kash

Realtor®
m 301.789.6294
kim.kash@compass.com

Compass is a licensed real estate brokerage that abides by Equal Housing Opportunity laws. Information is compiled from sources deemed reliable but is not guaranteed. Compass is licensed as Compass Real Estate in DC and as Compass in Virginia and Maryland. 660 Pennsylvania Avenue SE Suite 300 Washington, DC 20003 | 202.545.6900

COMPASS



A six-dollar Valentine
Can never go wrong
Canoodle your sweetheart
In Poem and Song

14 words = Sweetie at \$6

See page 11 to get yours!



www.mccarldental.com

We Welcome New Patients!

\$75 NEW PATIENT DISCOUNT
INCLUDES DENTAL EXAM, CLEANING AND X-RAYS

OVER 700 5-STAR REVIEWS!
INFECTION CONTROL CERTIFIED

CALL US AT 301-474-4144



Dr. Dianna Lee, Dr. Clayton McCarl, and Dr. Richard Duarte are licensed general dentists.

NEW DEAL continued from page 1

of today, Mr. Hilliard owes the NDC some \$13,692.40,” the Café board announced to members on Saturday.

The Café itself has had long-standing and ongoing cash-flow challenges for most of its existence. Financial concerns prompted their split with the Co-op Supermarket as their food and beverage operator prior to Hilliard. A new debt of over \$13,500 is unlikely to be something they can absorb and the dispute also draws into question the future of Café operations. The prospect of “possible legal action” against the current vendor was raised in their January 24 email. Though the email outlined “critical and challenging circumstances related to our operations and sustainability,” NDC Board President John Campanile was hopeful that the NDC could reach a solution with Hilliard, he told the News Review on Tuesday. Hilliard was presented with notice to pay the bill in full in early January; he had promised to make the payment this week. As outlined in their contract, the NDC board will attempt a mediation process with Hilliard, said Campanile. He hopes a mediator will be able to “get things back on track,” he told the News Review.

The NDC board will also soon call a membership meeting “to answer questions and explore next steps in the operation of the Café,” they said in their email.

Previous Vendors
Kenny’s Kale opened as the Café’s contractual food and beverage manager on November 1, 2024 (see the August 28, 2024, and October 30, 2024, issues). The Café has now had a string of food and beverage vendors that have failed to last more than three years since they parted ways with their original contractual chef, Karim Kmaiha in 2016. Kmaiha and his wife Maria Almeida were the longest-term food operators at the NDC, offering a Lebanese menu there for eight years. Following the NDC board’s decision not to renew their contract, Kmaiha serendipitously won a considerable sum on a scratch-off lottery card he purchased at the Minimart in Roosevelt Center and used it to renovate the empty Roosevelt Center unit that had previously been a Curves gym. He and Almeida then opened Cedars of Lebanon, their own family restaurant (see the story in the December 19, 2024, issue).

Following Kmaiha, the NDC experimented with a period of self-management in the food and beverage segment of the business. Different chefs had limited success during this period, with some quality and consistency challenges with the menu.



**ANACOSTIA TRAILS
HERITAGE AREA, INC.**

Explore the History, Culture, Arts and
Nature of Prince George’s County!

Curated routes and trail maps:
anacostiatrails.org



The New Deal Café

PHOTO BY LESLEY KASH

NDC Food and Beverage Management
Kenny’s Kale, November 2024 to Present
Co-op Supermarket, July 2021 to October 2024
Michael and Leah Moon, July 2018 to June 2021
Self-management of food and beverages, November 2016 to June 2018
Karim Kmaiha and Maria Almeida, March 2008 to November 2016
Prior to March 2008 the Café had a volunteer-run kitchen.

The NDC then turned to professional food managers and Pianta operated out of the Café for three years under the management of Michael and Leah Moon of DC Vegan (see the April 12, 2018 issue). The Moons operated during a difficult period that included Covid and moved to offer fewer hours, focusing more on their catering business over the final several months of their time at the NDC.

Next, the Co-op Supermarket was contracted to serve food and drink at the NDC beginning in 2021 (see the June 24, 2021, issue). The Co-op lost money on the joint venture, reporting over \$200,000 in losses after 18 months. The Café then took over paying the mortgage and the

way through that contract, a move the NDC said was financially necessary given the conditions of their contract with the Co-op, which included the mortgage payment (see the June 5, 2024, issue).

Hilliard’s Tenure
Hilliard has now been the Café’s food and beverage vendor for 15 months. It seems he did not run into financial difficulty and stop making tax payments but instead never made any. Given this, it could have been a misunderstanding, Campanile said, though he noted Hilliard owns other businesses and ought to be aware of the processes. There have also been failures to pay other bills, including the rent, which Hilliard pays to the NDC, who then makes the payment. At times that had fallen into arrears, said Campanile. Utility bills were also mentioned among unpaid items in the email. However, Campanile said, the Café’s patrons have been appreciating the growing menu and new options and the atmosphere. “Overall we appreciate Kenny’s tenure,” said Campanile, who is hoping for a positive resolution to the current issues. Hilliard’s current contract with the NDC runs until November this year. Hilliard did not return the News Review’s call for comment.



ADAMS continued from page 1

after the official deadline, at which point Friday’s meeting was listed so the form could be filled out.

“I was disappointed with how rushed the process was, as it didn’t allow time for input from the residents of District 4 in any meaningful way,” Weaver told the News Review. “I believe Mayor Jordan was a highly qualified applicant for the appointment, and I hope he will consider running for the seat in the upcoming election, as he would be a powerful voice for Greenbelt and an advocate for all of District 4 on the County Council,” she said.

The Appointment
The seven candidates considered for appointment were Adams, Jordan, Juliet Agocha, Ashlee E. Burks, Cameron Davis, Dominic Henry and Preston W. Thomas III. Prince George’s County Council’s Public Information Officer Pete DeLuca told the News Review no video of the meeting is available due to technical difficulties and minutes of the meeting were not yet available at time of press. Multiple sources the News Review contacted reported that the council recessed for far fewer than 10 minutes following the hearing before reconvening to vote. DeLuca told the News Review the recess was “roughly ten minutes to convene in executive session prior to the vote.” Councilmember Sydney Harrison recused himself due to missing most of the testimony and all other councilmembers voted in favor. Adams’ appointment as the new councilmember had been widely predicted.

Due to Adams’ and his company’s financial contributions to current councilmembers, the News Review reached out to the county council’s media office and the county administration’s Office of Ethics and Accountability to ask about protocol for potential conflicts of interest in the appointment process, but neither responded to calls or emails (see the January 22 issue).

Tim Adams
Adams has more than 30 years of experience in business, government and philanthropy, noted the county council in their announcement of his appointment. He will be the first councilmember using a wheelchair to serve on Prince George’s County Council, something Council Chair Krystal Oriadha (District 7) lauded as a milestone in inclusivity. “I know his leadership will inspire us to prioritize accessibility and representation in our legislative efforts,” said Oriadha.

Adams has served as the mayor of Bowie since 2019 and is Bowie’s first African American mayor. He is also the founder, president and CEO of Systems Application & Technologies, Inc. (SA-TECH), a Defense Department contracting firm founded in 1989 and headquartered in the county.

“District 4 reflects many of the same priorities I’ve addressed at the municipal level, including strong schools, reliable transportation, affordability, environmental stewardship and thoughtful development that serves existing communities as well as future generations,” Adams told the council during Friday’s public selection process. “My commitment is to listen first, govern responsibly and be a reliable partner focused on advancing the best interests of District 4 and Prince George’s County as a whole.”

Appointments Now Three
Pursuant to the County Code, when there is a vacancy on the county council that occurs during the last year of a term, a majority of the remaining councilmembers make an appointment to fill the vacancy. The District 4 seat is now the third to be filled by appointment since the beginning of December 2025, meaning that now more than a quarter of the councilmembers are in positions to which they were appointed rather than elected. This number includes Wala Blegay who was initially elected but then appointed to her current At-Large seat.



Greenbelt CO-OP
Supermarket & Pharmacy
good food brings us together
Historic Greenbelt, MD

Something for Everyone!

121 Centerway, Greenbelt
301-474-0522

Tag us on your next Co-op run!
@greenbeltcoop
Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket & Pharmacy



**SHOP LOCAL.
EAT WELL.
FEEL GOOD.**



look for our local brews!

cheers-worthy beers



co-op-made!

dips & spreads



check out our Co-op Crafted & seasoned meats

party wings



local favorites



fresh picks

**ORDER A CO-OP-MADE PARTY PLATTER!
CALL THE DELI FOR MORE INFO.**

Explore the History, Culture, Arts and
Nature of Prince George’s County!

Curated routes and trail maps:
anacostiatrails.org

Police Blotter

Incidents reported here occurred January 19-25, 2026. Readers are encouraged to contact the police if they have information that may aid in an inquiry. Call the non-emergency number 301-474-7200 or email pd@greenbeltmd.gov. Times provided are when the incidents were reported.

Incident Summary

Greenbelt Police reported two domestic assault incidents and one mental health diversion.

Welfare Check

On January 22 at 9:49 a.m. near 7242 South Ora Court, a 2-year-old girl was outside alone. Officers returned the child to her mother who had left the home without telling other family members at home that she was leaving or asking them to look after the child.

On January 23 at 2:26 p.m. near 5905 Cherrywood Lane, a girl was lying on the stairs, appearing to be asleep. She said she was waiting for her mother to return home, and was released to her mother's custody.

Burglary Attempt

On January 20 at 4:51 p.m. near 6726 Village Park Drive, a woman was alerted by her security system that a man was trying to force entry at a bottom floor window. When the man noticed the security camera, he took off running.

Warrant Arrest

On January 23 at 9:19 p.m. near 6102 Breezewood Court, an officer recognized a man in the building's common area preparing to smoke crack. His paraphernalia and substances were confiscated and field-tested positive for crack. He had an open warrant through the U.S. Marshals Service. Charges were filed for possession other than marijuana, paraphernalia, loitering and trespassing, and he was transported to the Department of Corrections.

Threats

On January 22 at 3:25 p.m. near 7501 Greenway Center Drive, a patient made threats to wait for a staff member after they left work.

Fraud

On January 21 near 7702 Hanover Parkway, a personal check was altered and cashed.

On January 22 near 16 Woodland Way, several credit cards were opened in a man's name without his permission.

On January 23 near 14 Ridge Road, a credit card was compromised; the bank was notified.

Theft and Shoplifting

On January 19 at 11:12 a.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a case was documented on a repeat offender responsible for multiple thefts, and a warrant was submitted.

On January 19 at 3:18 p.m. near 7435 Greenbelt Road, money was missing from the safe; the manager suspected an ex-employee.

On January 22 at 5:07 a.m. near 5247 Stream Bank Lane, a burgundy Trek bicycle was stolen

from outside the residence; at 1:51 p.m. near 5807 Cherrywood Lane, a package was delivered but was missing when the recipient went to get it.

On January 23 at 11:41 a.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a man was stopped with stolen merchandise; he was cited and banned.

On January 23 at 4:19 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a repeat shoplifter was captured on video taking items and identified; officers will apply for charges.

Vandalism

On January 19 near 6116 Breezewood Drive, officers conducting foot patrols located some graffiti.

On January 20 near 8000 Greenbelt Station Parkway, the community manager reported that unknown subjects spray-painted graffiti on the community sound wall.

Vehicle Crimes

Stolen Vehicles

On January 20 near 7718 Hanover Parkway, a white 2004 Ford Econoline work van was stolen, containing cash and work equipment.

On January 22 near 9154 Springhill Lane, a white BMW (Va. temp X38922) was stolen from the parking lot.

Stolen Vehicle Recovered

On January 21 near 5903 Cherrywood Lane, an officer found an Infiniti G37 with a broken sunroof, confirmed stolen through Prince William County Police Department.

Theft from Auto

On January 20 near 7200 Hanover Drive, a GMC Denali had a window broken, and all tires stolen; near 5813 Cherrywood Lane, someone used a brick to break the rear window of a Toyota RAV4 and stole items from inside; near 9006 Breezewood Terrace, a 2011 Toyota Avalon had a window broken and items stolen.

On January 23 near 9102 Springhill Lane, a 2007 Ford F-150 (Md. 7EL5954) had the registration year sticker stolen; near 7921 Mandan Road, a rear tag was stolen; near 9162 Edmonston Road, a 2010 Honda Odyssey window was broken with a brick and items were stolen.

Vandalism to Auto

On January 22 near 5717 Greenbelt Metro Drive, a vehicle windshield was shattered.

On January 23 near 8107 Burkart Court, a man suspected that his neighbor vandalized his vehicle, a 2014 Toyota RAV4.

Two Teens, 15 and 16, Charged With First-Degree Murder

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

The Greenbelt Police Department arrested a 15- and a 16-year-old who have been charged as adults with first-degree murder for the shooting of Mancel Johnson on September 12, 2025.

Johnson was shot on September 12 at approximately 9:25 p.m. in the 6100 block of Springhill Terrace, near the intersection with Edmonston Court. The night of the shooting, Greenbelt police officers in the area heard three or four shots being fired and ran toward the sound of gunfire, where they found Johnson suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. Greenbelt Police conducted a search of the area, assisted by a U.S. Park Police helicopter, but were unable to locate any suspects. Johnson was transported to the hospital in critical condition and died from his injuries more than three weeks later, on October 5.

Johnson was 49 years old when he was shot and would turn 50 while in the hospital. According to court documents, he was a resident of Lanham.

On January 21, Greenbelt Police Department announced that, following an extensive investigation, detectives identified and charged two suspects in the shooting. Both are juveniles - a 15-year-old from Lanham and a 16-year-old from Laurel. Both are charged as adults with first-degree murder. They were taken into custody on the morning of January 21 with assistance from the U.S. Marshals Service Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force and the Anne Arundel County Police Department.

This remains an active investigation. Anyone with information is asked to call the Greenbelt Police Department's Criminal Investigations Unit at 301-474-7200.



PHOTO BY JEFFREY ALLEN JONES

Some people love the snow!

Brush Fire on Beltway at B-W Parkway Exit

On Thursday, January 22 at 9 a.m., Prince George's County Fire Department (PGFD) responded to a brush fire on the Outer Loop of Route 495 at the Baltimore-Washington Parkway exit in Greenbelt.

Greenbelt Rotary Club members meeting at the Greenway Center IHOP that morning noted a smoky smell gradually entering the restaurant and observed smoke in the air while looking toward the Greenway Center stores

and the high-rise office buildings behind them.

One Rotary Club member who was on the Beltway shortly afterward told the News Review they observed Prince George's County Fire Department personnel and vehicles on the side of the outer loop, using hoses to fight the fire in the undergrowth on the embankment, below the parking lot behind Martin's Crosswinds and the Holiday Inn.



**LifeNet Healthcare Services, Inc.**
A HOME HEALTHCARE AGENCY
NO MINIMUM HOURS REQUIRED
301-798-5678
FOR SENIORS, YOUNG ADULTS & PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED
LifeNet's REGISTERED NURSE ON CALL 24/7
OUR CAREGIVERS ARE FINGERPRINTED & BACKGROUND CHECKED




WE ACCEPT
MEDICAID
PRIVATE PAY
& LONG-TERM
INSURANCE
Call today for a FREE
In-home Consultation



WE SPECIALIZE IN PERSONAL & COMPANIONSHIP CARE
FOR PEOPLE WITH STROKE, DEMENTIA, ALZHEIMER'S, MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS, PARKINSON'S, VISION IMPAIRED-Call Today for Service
WE ASSIST WITH BATHING, LAUNDRY, DRESSING, MEAL PREPARATION, TOILETING, HOUSEKEEPING, MEDICATION REMINDER, WALKING, RESPITE CARE, ESCORT TO DR'S APPOINTMENTS, PICK UP MEDICATIONS, INCONTINENT CARE, THERAPEUTIC EXERCISE, MEMORY STIMULATING ACTIVITIES, 24/7 LIVE IN CARE, & MUCH MORE
We Are Local, & We Serve All Counties in Maryland

With Love, We Rise
A Free Valentine's Day Tribute to
Federal Workers
One year since the first RIF actions



RIF2
RISE












This gathering on Feb 14 is non-partisan and focused entirely on well-being, healing, and community care for:

- Former federal workers and contractors affected by the RIF
- Current federal workers and contractors
- Family members, friends, and community allies who want to show support

*Participate in the Kindness Valentines Project - drop off/card making at Greenbelt Library on Saturday, Feb 7, 1-3 pm.

More info: rif2rise.org

Greenbelt News Review
Seeks Paid Advertising
Representative














Duties: Identify, contact, visit and follow up with area businesses to secure new advertising for our historic, vibrant and essential weekly community newspaper.

Qualifications: Maturity and excellent social skills plus understanding of business imperatives and advertising concepts. Willingness to learn about the newspaper and the initiative to seek advertisers citywide and beyond in a variety of business types. Excellent listening skills and tenacity. Previous sales experience a plus.

Compensation: Modest! Paid as a contractor on completion of the contact sequence described above. Not commission sales. Hours flexible.

Contact: Admin@greenbeltnewsreview.com
Website: www.greenbeltnewsreview.com



CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

SERVICES

HOUSECLEANING – Over 20 years in Greenbelt area. Weekly, bi-weekly, monthly or one-time cleaning offered. Local references and free estimates available. Debbie, 301-523-9884.

COMPUTERS, WIFI, PRINTERS – Installing, Repairing, Troubleshooting; Documents Printing, Pickup, Dropoff, Training. JBS, 240-601-4163.

CUSTOM FLOORING, LLC – Installing all flooring products. Specializing in refinishing hardwood. Starting \$3.50 per sq. ft. Call Now 301-844-8897, www.customflooringllc.net.

HANDYMAN DAVE – Paint, wood-work, exterior house cleaning, bath, kitchens, floor, more. 443-404-0449.

CARING KIM'S PET CARE – Drop-in visits, boarding and walks. Mornings, Noon, Evenings and Nights, seven days a week. By a lifetime animal lover and caregiver. Offered for dogs, cats, and other small animals. Call Kim at 301-520-6708 for appointment or with any questions.

FRANK'S VIDEO CONVERSION – Convert VHS tapes/8mm movies, slides to DVD. LP records to CD. DAT tapes to CD. Home 240-295-3994, Cell 703-216-7293, franksvideoconversion@gmail.com.

HEATING AND COOLING – We specialize in installing Mitsubishi ductless heat pump systems in Greenbelt Homes. Call Mike at H & C Heating & Cooling, 301-953-2113. Licensed and insured since 1969.

PINECREEK CONTRACTING – Roofing | Siding | Gutters; Leo Bustamante 703-400-5128 MHIC #158506.

ANGELA'S HOUSE CLEANING AND PAINTING – Cleaning your home like my own, at reasonable prices. Painting inside and out. References available in Greenbelt. Ten years' professional experience. AngelaLazo1@hotmail.com; 240-645-5140.

KELLAHER MAINTENANCE ENGINEERING, LLC – Junk removal, electrical, painting, drywall, leaf removal, landscape design, mulching flower beds, bucket truck services, stump grinding, pruning trees & removal, pole lighting, power washing siding & decks. Mulch & top soil delivery. Dkellaher@hotmail.com, 301-318-5472. Insured. Visa, MasterCard, Discover. www.Kellahermaintenance.com.

GREENBELT MASTER ELECTRICIAN – with over 20 years of experience. New installation and repair work. Call D&M Electrical Services 301-346-5335.

HAULING AND JUNK REMOVAL – Complete clean out: garages, houses, construction debris, etc. Licensed & insured. Free estimates. Mike Smith, 301-346-0840.

PIANO TUNING – Greenbelt local. Comprehensive piano tuning, service, and restoration. 831-247-0043, www.WhitehousePiano.com.

YARD/MOVING SALES

FIRE SALE and rock-bottom prices asked for household items and assorted quality tools: Nearly new dining table 60" by 42", extendable to 78" four chairs and bench, 3-drawer desk 44" by 20.5", 86" couch 6 months old, single bed and nearly new mattress. SKIL 40 hedge trimmer, EGO portable electric leaf blower. Photos available at shalfisher7@gmail.com or call 240-381-0894.



RATES

CLASSIFIED: \$4.00 minimum for 15 words. \$1 for each 1-5 additional words. Submit ad with payment to the News Review office by 6 p.m. Tuesday, or to the News Review drop box in the Co-op grocery store before 5 p.m. Tuesday, or mail to 15 Crescent Rd., Suite 100, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

BOXED: \$11.50/column inch. Minimum 1.5 inches (\$17.25). Deadline 2 p.m. Monday for ads that need to be set up, including those needing clip art and/or borders. 6 p.m. Tuesday for camera-ready ads. Certs and Notarizations each \$10.

NEEDED: Please include name, phone number and address with ad copy. Ads not considered accepted until published.

DROP ads and payments in the mail slot in the exterior door of the News Review office. The door is located to the left of the main entrance on the east side of the Community Center (side closest to Roosevelt Center and the Municipal Building).

ZELLE: The News Review is now accepting electronic payments through Zelle. Find out more at zellepay.com. Customers should direct their payments to business@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

AD DESK: 301-474-4131 or ads@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

RICHARD K. GEHRING, HOME IMPROVEMENT SPECIALIST IN REMODELING & REPAIRS

CARPENTRY – DRYWALL – PAINTING

KITCHENS – BATHROOMS

SIDING – WINDOWS – DOORS – DECKS

LICENSED – INSURED – LEAD PAINT CERTIFIED

MHIC #84145

PHONE 301-448-8703

GASCH'S

Funeral Home, P.A.

4739 Baltimore Avenue
Hyattsville, MD 20781

301-927-6100
www.gaschs.com

Family Owned and Operated since 1858

- Traditional Funerals
- Memorial Services
- Cremations
- Flowers
- Caskets, Vaults, Urns
- Pre-Arrangements
- Large on-site parking



CROWLEY CONSTRUCTION, INC.
Commercial & Residential
ROOFING SPECIALISTS

NEW ROOFS ♦ REROOFS ♦ REPAIR ♦ MAINTENANCE

EMERGENCY REPAIR SERVICE AVAILABLE 24/7

ASK ABOUT OUR OTHER SERVICES
SKYLIGHTS | GUTTERS & DOWNSPOUTS | SIDING | WINDOWS
CHIMNEYS | BRICK WORK | HARDSCAPING

CALL TODAY FOR YOUR FREE ESTIMATE
(410) 643-3779 OR (301) 345-1349

www.crowleycoroofing.com
M.H.I.C License #90063

Greenbelt Auto & Truck Repair Inc.

159 Centerway Road
Greenbelt, Maryland 20770

301-982-2582

www.greenbeltautoandtruckrepair.com

A.S.E.
Master Certified Technicians

A complete service facility equipped to perform all service requirements that your manufacturer recommends to comply with Preventive Maintenance service schedules & extended warranty programs! Also, routine repairs that keep your vehicles operating safely and reliably.

Auto-body, collision repairs and theft recovery damage
A.S.E. Certified Technicians,
Insurance Claims Welcome.
Free estimates, please call for appointment

VEIP
Let's Clear The Air

GREENBELT SERVICE CENTER

Auto Repairs & Road Service

A.S.E. Certified Technicians
Maryland State Inspections

**161 CENTERWAY
GREENBELT, MD
301-474-8348**

Richard Cantwell | Broker
410.790.5099
4313 Hamilton Street Hyattsville, MD 20871

A Tradition of Trust

I am your Greenbelt neighborhood specialist. I have helped countless buyers and sellers achieve their goals.

Call Today!

I LOOK FORWARD TO HELPING YOU!

TOWN CENTER REALTY

301.441.1071 Serving Greenbelt for 40 Years

National Cooperative Bank

NCB has been financing at Greenbelt Homes for over 40 years. We offer:

- Fixed Rate Mortgages
- Competitive Financing
- Low Closing Costs
- Cooperative Expertise

G. RYAN GREER
Senior Vice President
(202) 349-7455
rgreer@ncb.coop
www.ncb.coop/rgreer
NMLS #507534

Banking products and services provided by National Cooperative Bank, N.A. Member FDIC. NCB NMLS #422343

GHI Court Liaisons Engage, Connect Their Members

by Carol Griffith

Greenbelt Homes, Inc., (GHI) has had a court liaison program for most of its history but the newly revitalized program, a project of the GHI Member Engagement Committee in 2025, is the most active one in recent times. The program received citywide attention in December 2025 when about 30 court liaisons attended a meeting with some city officials, council members and others to help with the Save As You Throw (SAYT) program (see the January 8, 2026, issue). Sponsored by the city and its volunteer Green Team and organized by Green Team member and new court liaison Jane Young, the meeting provided liaisons with information they could use to assist their neighbors with the SAYT changes in trash collecting procedures and regulations. Young credits the court liaisons for GHI's early compliance with the SAYT program.

The Member Engagement Committee has enrolled enough volunteer court liaisons to cover approximately 74 of the 140 courts in GHI. They recruited the first cohort of about 50 liaisons in July 2025 and about 24 joined in December.

The activities undertaken by the court liaisons are many and varied but, in general, include welcoming new members to their court and fostering community building through encouraging court activities. The liaison program encourages the liaisons to bring general and mutual court concerns to the attention of GHI staff and make sure court members have up-to-date contact information for GHI and city services. The program conveys no authority and is not a means of policing other members.

Court activities are open to all members and are planned to appeal to the diverse residents of each court, while respecting those who choose not to or are unable to participate.

The court liaisons are encouraged to introduce themselves and their role to the members of their court and set up a method to communicate important and urgent information to their neighbors, such as the SAYT program and the GHI pipe replacement program. Some liaisons have worked one-on-one with members of their courts to help solve problems and ensure they have

the knowledge to be able to fully participate in GHI's activities. For those members who are more adept with technology, some liaisons have set up group chats and shared spreadsheets and email lists for contact information and sharing information. The liaisons are willing to provide information on paper or in person if needed so all members have access to the same information.

Many of the activities the liaisons plan are social events so court members get to know their neighbors. Creative court liaisons have held cookie swaps, picnics, firepit get-togethers, farewell parties for neighbors who are moving and birthday parties. Halloween and the winter holidays are popular times for court activities.

Some liaisons are working to improve their courts. One court's members joined together to request that GHI trim the hedges along Ridge Road to improve visibility, and another court combined efforts to ask GHI to reserve an extra parking place for visitors. One court liaison worked with GHI and Pepco to replace a streetlight after the utility pole was changed.

Several courts participate in the food drives for PORCH, a project of Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness (RUAK). One court collected almost 100 pounds of nonperishable food in December.

Another court liaison is considering holding a court training on mosquito suppression in the spring, to help their members alleviate some mosquito problems.

The committee plans another recruitment effort in spring 2026. For more information on the court liaison program, attend the GHI annual meeting in May or watch for announcements in the GHI eNews.



The Mother and Child statue in snow

PHOTO BY JENNI POMPI



Valentine Ad Submission Form

Drop at Co-op office, New Deal Café counter, or Greenbelt News Review, 15 Crescent Road, Suite 100, Greenbelt, MD 20770

Your Name: _____ Phone: _____

Text (Please Print Legibly) _____

Count of Words. _____ Amount Included _____
(up to 20 words, \$6; 21-30 words, \$9; 31 to 40 words \$12.. **\$3 per 10 extra words (or part)** Need help? GNRValentines@gmail.com or call 301-474-4131 Mon & Tues, 2 to 4.

No change given. Overpayments become donations.
(See Love Note examples in this issue)

Valentine's Day is Coming Send a love note to your cuties.

Sweetie (\$6 up to 20 words)
SuperSweetie (\$9 21-30 words)
MegaSweetie (\$12 31- 40 words)
\$3 per 10 extra words (or part thereof)

Submit by 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb 8
Online 7 p.m. Feb 11
and Feb 12 on paper.

Send/Pay Electronically: Use Valentines link at www.greenbeltnewsreview.com

In Person: Place legibly written Love Note with exact payment (cash or check) either at Co-op Grocery Store checkout, New Deal Café counter, or GNR office door slot (Room 100) in the Community Center
Put your name/phone on all items
Need Help?

Email GNRValentines@gmail.com
or call 301-474-4131 Mon/Tues, 2 to 4.
(See Love Note examples in this issue)



**Ready to buy or sell your home?
Let's work together!**

CHECK OUT MY 5 STAR REVIEWS!



MELANIE CANTWELL
REALTOR®

MELANIE.CANTWELL@LNF.COM
C: 240-470-5911/ O: 301-441-9511
9094 BALTIMORE AVE
COLLEGE PARK, MD 20740

LONG & FOSTER
- REAL ESTATE -

BEST WASHINGTONIAN 2025



Realty 1, Inc.
Our 39th Year in Greenbelt
301 982-0044
R1MD.com



Leonard Wallace
Broker and President

301-675-9036



The Leader in
Greenbelt Real Estate
Since 1986



Lakefront Property!

Don't miss your chance to own a home in a quiet cul-de-sac that backs onto Greenbelt Lake! Call now for details.

Coming Soon 3-Bedroom townhome on large corner lot with large deck fenced yard & spacious shed. Being remodeled from top to bottom.

Need to reach us right away?
Text 'Greenbelt' to 88000 on your cell phone and get an instant response! We can show you any listing in Greenbelt.



Scan here with your cell phone and go directly to our website! Search all of the MLS and more.



3 Bedroom townhome in Greenbelt. Modern kitchen with top-shelf appliances. Remodeled baths, laminate flooring on main level, carpet upstairs.



Corner Lot with Garage - 3 BR townhome with large yard and patio. Modern kitchen with extra storage cabinets. Energy-efficient HVAC Mini-split system



Large Corner Lot 2-bedroom home that backs to protected woodlands. Stone patio & large shed. Remodeled throughout & mini-split HVAC system.



3-br on large corner lot, garage available. Completely remodeled throughout.

GRANT PROGRAMS AVAILABLE FOR FIRST TIME HOMEBUYERS!

**Your Greenbelt Specialists
In Roosevelt Center
Since 1986**

STORM continued from page 1

were closed on Sunday and Monday. The Co-op Supermarket was unable to open Sunday due to lack of staff but was operating with a modified schedule by Monday morning. Generous Joe’s was able to open every day and offered free hot drinks to Public Works employees. The Greenbelt Cinema, which usually offers free snow day movies to the community when schools are closed, decided to close on Monday due to the icy conditions. They plan to offer snow day movies on Wednesday and Thursday, when children would still be off school. Prince George’s County libraries were still closed at time of press.

Schools Close

Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) were closed on Monday and, in an unusual move, announced they would not reopen until at least Friday. Prince George’s County spans 499 square miles and is the second largest county in Maryland. Owing to its size, and the need for a single decision for the entirety of the district, the school system tends to be slow to reopen after a storm. Roads throughout the county need to be passable, bus stops dug out, essential sidewalks walkable and school parking lots throughout the county cleared, for example. PGCPS is offering emergency grab-and-go meal services to students on Wednesday, January 28, and Thursday, January 29 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at six sites, including Greenbelt Middle School, where parents, guardians and students can pick up breakfasts and lunches.

Countywide Response

On Saturday, Prince George’s County announced it would close its warming centers at 6 p.m. that day and keep them closed for Sunday and Monday due to the weather. On Sunday afternoon, however, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), Department of Parks and Recreation in Prince George’s County announced they were opening emergency warming centers, one each in the north, central and southern areas of the county to provide safe, heated spaces for residents in need. Later county announcements designated six warming centers for Monday. The webpage on which the county announced that shelters would be closed Saturday evening, Sunday and Monday was later removed. The Greenbelt News Review called the 24-hour shelter hotline to attempt to verify the status of warming shelters but our calls were hung up or else sent to a voicemail after a lengthy hold. Visit tinyurl.com/5b48uw4h for more information.

After a storm a year ago, in January 2025, the county’s administration faced significant criticism for delayed response to snow removal and widespread icy streets and untouched roads, in some areas several days after that year’s first snowstorm. Tara Jackson, who was acting county executive at the time, said in a statement that the storm “exposed key resource limitations that hindered our ability to address both primary and residential routes effectively,” and acknowledged PGC Track Snow portal, which shows which streets have been plowed, “led to inaccurate updates on snowplow progress,” adding to frustration. Later, Public Works and Transportation staff testified to insufficient vehicles for plowing

and a glitch in the plow-tracking software. That year schools were supposed to reopen from winter break on January 6 but remained closed until January 10 due to the multiday impact of the snowstorm.

Greenbelt residents are advised that the police station can be used as a warming center when other buildings are closed.

Essential Water Use

On Tuesday, WSSC Water announced an essential water use only request for Prince George’s and Montgomery counties due to an unusually high number of water main breaks and leaks caused by the extreme cold. Water remained safe to drink and no boil water advisory was issued. However, WSSC called on residents to help conserve water for fire protection and “system reliability” while they worked to locate and repair breaks across the region.

Around Greenbelt

Around the city, youths enjoyed sledding, tunnelling in the snow and building snow caves. Due to the icy layer that quickly developed from Sunday onwards there were fewer snowmen than usual. Walkers were treated to beautiful views, some traversed the lake path on skis, but others struggled to leave home due to persistently icy walkways. More snow is possible, according to the forecast for the weekend. Residents are asked to park their cars in driveways, if possible, and on even-numbered sides of the street if not.



PHOTO BY ANDREA JONES

Winslow Jones, 8, sleds down the hill behind the Mother and Child statue after the storm.



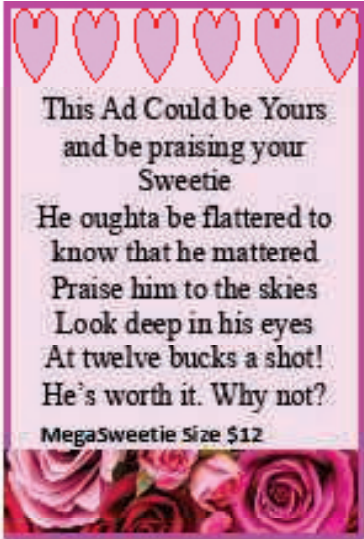
PHOTO BY ANNA BEDFORD-DILLOW

On Sunday, January 25, teenagers built a ramp to enhance their sledding at the side of Greenbelt Lake.



PHOTO BY IAN ROGERS

Jamie Rogers-Sites and Melissa Sites dig out on Hillside Rd after the storm.



See page 11 to get yours!



PHOTO BY ANDREA JONES

A bird's-eye view of the Co-op parking lot after it was cleared of snow – taken from the Parke Crescent Apartments



PHOTO BY ANNA BEDFORD-DILLOW

On Sunday, January 25, McKenna Lynch and Emmeline Bedford-Dillow (both 9) make the trek around Greenbelt Lake to the best slope for sledding there.



PHOTO BY JEFFREY ALLEN JONES

The Canada geese should feel right at home with snow and ice on Greenbelt Lake.