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County Executive Aisha Braveboy Talks All Things with Residents

by Erica Johns

Greenbelt's Mishkan Torah Synagogue hosted Prince George's County Executive Aisha Braveboy for a community discussion on Sunday, February 8, with about 75 attendees from Greenbelt and beyond. It being the first time in 20 years a county executive visited Mishkan Torah, the audience was welcoming, though several substantive questions arose. The event included Braveboy's prepared remarks about faith and local issues, queries of particular concern from Mishkan Torah and audience questions. Attendees included City Councilmembers Frankie Fritz, Emmett Jordan, Danielle McKinney, Jenni Pompi, Silke Pope and Kristen Weaver and City Manager Josué Salmerón. Mishkan Torah Men's Club President Mark Shroder moderated the event.

Faith, Unity

Braveboy said she is a woman of faith and called religion a force



PHOTO BY ERICA JOHNS

About 75 Greenbelters and other Prince Georgians gathered on Sunday, February 8 at Greenbelt's Mishkan Torah Synagogue for a discussion with Prince George's County Executive Aisha Braveboy.

to many seeking it. She said good people of all faiths unite for inclusion and civil rights, and cited the Jewish community's history of doing so.

"You are valued, your families are valued and your religion is valued in Prince George's County," said Braveboy. Prince George's County Police Chief George Nader monitors intelligence and incidents affecting the Jewish community and increases patrols accordingly, Braveboy added.

She said her June 2025 inauguration speech emphasized unity because recent past conflict among county officials did not help residents, especially amid federal divisiveness. She spoke about ensuring county residents "have a government they can believe in," and resolving internal differences in favor of addressing external impacts on the county.

First Eight Months

Braveboy said her early results include reducing homicides by 40 percent and carjackings by 58 percent; increased hiring of police and fire personnel, 911

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City Council Considers State Legislation, ATHA and Snow

by Lesley Kash

The Greenbelt City Council met Monday, February 2 for a worksession focused primarily on proposed state legislative bills deemed relevant to Greenbelt. Council also considered Maryland's recently published 2030 Housing Production Targets, heard about the programs of the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area

(ATHA) and advocacy against a proposed data center from the No Landover Data Center group. City Manager Josué Salmerón updated council on persistent snow and ice remediation issues.

Legislative Bills

Just over two weeks into the

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PHOTO BY LESLEY KASH

Impromptu band performance for the weekly Friday afternoon protest at Spellman Overpass, featuring, from left, Vanessa Zanin, Rebecca Hoop, other local musicians and mascot, Captain Midnight.

What Goes On

Monday, February 16
Presidents Day Holiday: No City Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 18
7:30 p.m., Council Worksession: Advisory Board/Committee Interviews

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

The proposed budget for Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) for 2027 has taken many by surprise, not least with its timing. Some impacted communities are still unaware that their students will be affected as soon as this summer by the interim superintendent's proposed budget that was presented with specific cuts outlined for the first time only on January 22. The timeline is in clear violation of PGCPS Board Policy 3130, which states that the superintendent's proposed budget must be presented to the board by the last

Snowcrete Recovery Challenging; Franklin Park Felt Forgotten

by Laura Charleston



PHOTO BY AMEERAH BRIDGES

Children walk over an uncleared path in Franklin Park on February 5, holding hands for support. Schools reopened February 4.

As various communities in the city attempted to deal with the aftermath of the storm, some areas were clear sooner than others and some sidewalks remain under snow at time of press.

Residents of Franklin Park and Greenbelt Station apartments say they dealt with uncleared snow and ice for nearly two weeks following the recent winter storm.

Residents say these hazardous conditions have led to falls, limited accessibility for people with disabilities and delayed return to

school for children.

However, according to Franklin Park, salt, sand, snow-removal contractors and equipment were secured in advance to begin snow removal without delays.

"Snow removal operations began as soon as conditions allowed," said Denise Knight, general manager of Franklin Park. "Some areas experienced more severe accumulation and icing than others, which required additional

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School Budget Process Violates Policies, Preempts Board Input

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

regularly scheduled board meeting of December. A waiver may be requested, notes the policy, but it wasn't. The difference in the timeline is between a budget presentation that should have taken place at a public meeting on December 1, 2025, and the presentation that happened seven and a half weeks later, on January 22, 2026. The FY 2027 proposed budget book was not published until January 30. In addition, PGCPS administration began acting on the superintendent's proposed budget on January 23 as if it had been adopted, prior to any public hearings or the formal adoption of the budget by the board.

Abbreviated Timeline

PGCPS Board Policy 3130 outlines that the superintendent's presentation of the proposed budget in December must be followed by a minimum of two public hearings to allow for community engagement and feedback and then the Board of Education must adopt a budget and submit it to the County Executive on March 1. Instead of three months between a December 1 presentation of the interim superintendent's proposal and a March 1 submission, the

Board of Education is now squeezing three public hearings into the month of February - one took place on February 5 and others were planned for February 12 and February 19. The Board of Education is scheduled to adopt their budget on February 26 and then transmit it to the county on February 27. Parents complain this hasn't given time for meaningful engagement and feedback from those impacted, who are only now hearing about what is planned for their schools, communication that was delayed further by over a week of school closures and snow taking priority. In addition, PGCPS began acting on January 23 to close programs identified for cuts in the proposed budget, just a day after its presentation to the Board of Education, including sending letters to students who had already applied to affected programs. Yet those changes remain to date only a proposal by the interim superintendent, not yet adopted by the Board of Education.

Budget Only a Proposal

School Board Member Jonathan Briggs represents District

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Letters to the Editor

A Letter Correction

The New Deal Café (NDC) board would like to correct an error that appeared in a letter in the February 5 issue of the News Review.

In his letter, Mr. Beron stated that food and beverage vendors do not receive the revenues from liquor sales. This is a mistaken assumption.

Although this was the case in years past, recent vendors have received these profits, not the NDC. And most of our previous vendors did make a profit from their association with the Café.

Mr. Beron's comments about the feasibility of the current business model have merit, and, with input from our members and patrons, the NDC board will consider options to make our operations more efficient and profitable.

*John Campanile
President, NDC Board*

The Emperor's Clothes?

I wish to thank New Deal Café's Audit Committee, Rex Wingerter (chair), Ray Zammuto and Teresa Petrovic for sending to the NDC membership the February 9, 2026, Memorandum: Policy Options Regarding the Future of the New Deal Café. It is possibly the finest work I've seen regarding the operation of the New Deal Café.

Their clear-eyed analysis and prognosis are spot on, consolidating many of the observations folks have made over the years. In it, they also laid out some possible and difficult futures of the Café. I hope all involved with the Café can find the correct path and the courage to move forward.

Frank Kayser

Trash Pilot Concerns

I am writing to share concerns about the Purple Bag trash pilot program. A few of my neighbors are not English speakers, and I am worried they may not be fully informed about the program's requirements. As a result, trash has been piling up in front of several homes. The trash truck has not picked up their trash for the past two weeks as the issue is continuing.

I have also noticed that someone has dumped their trash on the side of the street along Hanover Parkway, which is adding to the problem.

I wanted to bring this to your attention and ask whether additional outreach, especially in other languages, might help prevent further issues and keep our neighborhood clean.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Matthew Inzeo

Concern Regarding End To Immersion Program

I recently learned that the Chinese Immersion Program at Paint Branch Elementary School is planned to be closed. I believe this would be a significant loss for our city and our school community. PBES has been remarkably successful at integrating students from diverse backgrounds, and its Chinese Immersion status allows the school to support populations that often receive insufficient educational support elsewhere.

The presence of the Chinese Immersion Program was a key reason my family chose to live in College Park. While many University of Maryland faculty members choose to live in Montgomery

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On Screen at Greenbelt Cinema

“Wuthering Heights”

Tragedy strikes when Heathcliff (Jacob Elordi) falls in love with Catherine Earnshaw (Margot Robbie), a woman from a wealthy family in 18th-century England. Directed by Emerald Fennell.

Song Sung Blue

Based on a true story, two down-on-their-luck musicians (Hugh Jackman and Kate Hudson) form a joyous Neil Diamond tribute band, proving it's never too late to find love and follow your dreams. Rotten Tomatoes reported the critics' consensus: "Bringing a sweet amount of dignity to the art of imitation, [the film] mostly avoids becoming a mere cover of the documentary on which it's based thanks to Hugh Jackman and Kate Hudson's heartfelt performances."

Sound of Falling

Over the course of a century, as four girls from different time periods experience their youth on a German farm, their lives become intertwined until time seems to dissolve. "Haunting images layer the past and the present over the course of the film, making quiet connections that transport the audience to other worlds and times and, ultimately, to mortality," said critic Thelma Adams of AARP Movies for Grownups.

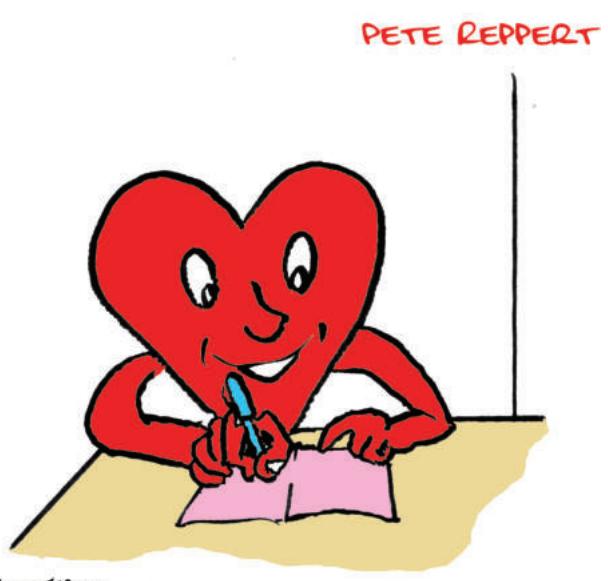
Paul McCartney: Man on the Run

What happens when you wake up the morning after leaving the most important rock band of all time? In April 1970, Paul released his first solo album, McCartney, alongside a shocking press release that announced the beloved band had split. When asked what he'd do next, he said his only plan ... was to grow up. The film captures Paul's transformative decade in the wake of The Beatles' break-up. Through stunning archival footage, Linda McCartney's exceptional photographs and interviews with Mick Jagger, Chrissie Hynde, Sean Ono Lennon, Mary and Stella McCartney, all the living Wings members and, of course, Paul himself, the film examines this time through a uniquely vulnerable lens.



Correction

Germaine Timmermans' name was misspelled in last week's issue.



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www.greenbeltcinema.org

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OC = Open Captions
CC = Closed Captions
DVS = Descriptive Video Service

SHOWTIMES:
FEBRUARY 13th - 19th

“Wuthering Heights” (R)

(CC) (DVS) (2026) (136 mins)

Screen 1 - Main Auditorium

Fri. 5:15 PM, 8:15 PM

Sat. 5:15 PM, 8:15 PM

Sun. 2:10 PM (OC), 5:15 PM

Mon. 2:15 PM, 5:15 PM

Tue. 7:15 PM

Wed. 7:00 PM

Thurs. 4:00 PM

Song Sung Blue (PG-13)

(CC) (DVS) (2025) (133 mins)

Screen 2 - The Screening Room

Fri. 8:35 PM

Sat. 5:00 PM

Sun. 5:35 PM

Mon. 2:00 PM

Tue. 7:35 PM

Wed. 4:15 PM

Thurs. 7:20 PM

Sound of Falling

(NR) (2025) (155 mins)

German with English subtitles

Screen 2 - The Screening Room

Fri. 5:00 PM

Sat. 7:50 PM

Sun. 2:00 PM

Mon. 5:00 PM

Tue. 4:00 PM

Wed. 7:15 PM

Thurs. 3:40 PM

Paul McCartney: Man on the Run (2026) (126 mins)

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Thurs. 7:00 PM

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Screen 1 - Main Auditorium

Mon. 10:30 AM

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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, February 13, 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at pgcmls.info/event/15417924.

Wednesday, February 18, 12:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at pgcmls.info/event/15417897.

Thursday, February 19, 10:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2. Register at pgcmls.info/event/15418159.

Storytime on Screen

Monday, February 16, 10:30 a.m., ages 1 to 5, at the Greenbelt Cinema in Roosevelt Center. Children's author Ruth Forman will read her newest book *Do I Love You? Yes, I Do!* at the love-themed storytime. Greenbelt Cinema and the Library are offering a free program of stories, songs and a short film. This program is best suited for children ages 1 to 5 and their caregivers. No unaccompanied children or adults. Register at pgcmls.info/event/15421617.

STEM Fun

Tuesday, February 17, 4:30 p.m., ages 5 to 12. Dive into the world of science, technology, engineering and math with fun, hands-on experiments and activities. Explore making easy circuits through interactive challenges that spark curiosity and creativity. Register at pgcmls.info/event/15433733.

English and Spanish Story Time at SLRC

On Friday, February 13 at 10:30 a.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center (SLRC), Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness (RUAK) with the Prince George's County Memorial Library System will present engaging, lively stories and activities in English and Spanish for young children and their caregivers to help build early literacy skills. This monthly program is an introduction to reading aloud to children as a way to instill the love of literature. After the readings, children can stay and play with balls in the gym. There will be free children's books and free healthy nutritious snacks. Come, and spread the word to friends and family.

Los Niños Leen y Juegan

El viernes 13 de febrero a las 10:30 a.m. en el Centro Recreativo de Springhill Lake, RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness) con el Sistema de Bibliotecas Conmemorativas del Condado de Prince George's presentarán interesantes historias y actividades divertidas en inglés y español para niños pequeños y sus cuidadores, para ayudar a desarrollar las habilidades de alfabetización temprana. Este programa mensual es una introducción a la lectura en voz alta a los niños como forma de inculcar el amor por la literatura. Después de las lecturas, los niños pueden quedarse y jugar con pelotas en el gimnasio. Habrán libros infantiles gratis y aperitivos saludables y nutritivos. Como dijo un padre al irse, "Fue muy bueno!" Unete a nosotros, y corra la voz a amigos y familiares.

Art Exhibition



PHOTO BY JOSEPH HYDE

Embankment by Margaret Morris

A new exhibition at the Community Center Art Gallery features detailed and immersive large charcoal drawings of the forest floor by Ann Margaret Morris. Her meticulous compositions convey the drama of crashing trees and boldly advancing vines and roots, as well as lacy leaf litter and the perpetual motion of the water cycle. The gallery is open daily: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. RSVP for a free Artist's Talk on Friday, March 20 at 6 p.m. The show is on view through March 22. City of Greenbelt Arts programs are supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council. For more program information, visit greenbeltdmd.gov/arts.

Hunger Relief: Greenbelt PORCH Initiative

Greenbelt PORCH continues to collect food in February. Food placed on porches by the time listed will be picked up after that time.

Sunday, February 15 - by 4 p.m. for 33 Court Ridge, Eastway, Boxwood Village and P.A.L. (PORCH at large) members (including former Woodland Hill donors). Email Robert Goldberg-Strassler by noon on February 15 at spreadruak@gmail.com. He will come to your porch.

Saturday, February 21 - by 10 a.m. for 14 and 15 Courts Laurel Hill Road.

Sunday, February 22 - by 5 p.m. for Lakeside Drive and 18 Court Ridge Road; after 6 p.m. for 11-S Ridge Road, 14 and 16 Courts Ridge Road; 8 and 10 Courts Southway.

Saturday, February 28 - by 10 a.m. for Mathew Street to Megan Court including Brett Place.

Plant-based Gluten-free Dinner Wednesday

Join CHEARS Great Food Transition as we explore a delicious meal that is both plant-based and gluten-free. During the evening some considerations will be discussed for preparing meals for family and friends who eat a gluten-free diet.

The program is on Wednesday, February 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. (if possible come at 5:15 to help cook or set up) in the Community Center dining room adjacent to the kitchen. Registration is required for this free program: scan the QR code.



Scan to register.

Chess Club Meets

The Greenbelt Chess Club will meet on Tuesday, February 17 at the Youth Center from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The club welcomes people of all ages and skill levels. To be added to our mailing list, go to tinyurl.com/ycy2nz4m and complete the brief form. Direct questions to greenbelchessclub@gmail.com.

Black History Month African Food Connection

February is Black History Month, celebrating the many contributions of Black Americans and honoring their stories, which are so essential to the fabric of American culture.

It's probably no surprise that one of the favorite ways to honor Black history in Greenbelt is through food. Many of the foods associated with "southern" cuisine can be traced back to enslaved Africans who brought their foods and culinary skills to the Americas. Foods such as black-eyed peas, okra, watermelon, sorghum, coffee, millet and yams were introduced to the Americas by West and Central Africans. Additionally, crops such as kale, collards, eggplant, rice and sweet potatoes, while not originating in Africa, gained prominence in southern culture and cuisine as Africans demonstrated new ways to grow and cook them.

While honoring the contributions and celebrating the achievements of Black Americans, it's important also to recognize the unfortunate reality that food insecurity continues to disproportionately affect people of color in this country. According to recent national data from Feeding America, 24 percent of Black Americans experienced food insecurity - more than three times the rate of white Americans.

So this month, let's honor Black history, but let's also reaffirm a commitment to eliminating injustices, particularly in the food system. We at Greenbelt Porch commit to showing up for this challenge every month of the year. Those who want to invest along with us to this commitment may consider starting a recurring monthly donation. We are grateful for your partnership!

- Robert Goldberg-Strassler



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The Nighthawks 7 - 9pm Legendary DC-based band brings blues, R&B, honky tonk and rockabilly to the NDC	Dance Little Sister 8 - 11pm A memorable night of entertainment for Stones fans and enthusiasts	COMMUNITY DRUM CIRCLE, W/ KATY GAUGHAN , 3:30 - 5pm VALENTINE'S DAY W/ Marianna Previti 8 - 11pm A show that's sweeter & more romantic than a box of chocolates	Grateful Sunday W/ Dawg & Dell & Friends 6 - 8pm A psychedelic jam dance that plays Dead classics and more!
MON 2/16 PRESIDENTS' DAY REEL AND MEAL 6:30 - 9pm A monthly film series exploring social justice issues	TUES 2/17 NDC Open Mic W/ Joey Campfire 6 - 9:30pm Sign ups begin at 6pm	WED 2/18 BOOK CLUB, 11a-12p PUB QUIZ 7 - 9pm Bring a team or form one. Beat the winning team!	TH 2/19 Classic Jam w/ the Low Rent Quartet 7 - 9pm Long-running jam; all skill levels welcome.
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Quilts Across Maryland Display at Courthouse



PHOTO BY PAT SCULLY

Tumbling Cubes by Pat Scully

Maryland Quilts 2026 is the 23rd exhibition of quilts on display at the Greenbelt Federal Courthouse. Three floors of the atrium are alive with vibrant color, as the works of Maryland quiltmakers demonstrate a wide range of styles and techniques, illustrating the versatility of the quilt artists and the capabilities of the medium. The quiltmakers come from all across Maryland, including local artists from Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights and College Park.

The Courthouse is open to the public Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., except for federal holidays. The quilts will be on display through the end of March.

Art Share Sunday

Artists of all experience levels are invited to participate in a free Art Share from 2 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 15 at the Community Center, Room 113. Bring one to three pieces in any medium for discussion at this monthly meetup. This activity is intended for teens and adults. Registration is not required, but participants are encouraged to sign up to receive communications about this series at sugenius.us/eQTD.

Golden Age Club

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

The following is the schedule for the rest of February.

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. This is also a schedule change.

The Membership Committee is collecting 2026 dues. Dues are due and should be paid with a check made 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.

Greenbelt Chess Club Movie Night

The Greenbelt Chess Club will present a film titled *Life of a King*, an inspirational true story about a man who finds redemption by establishing a chess club for at-risk youth. The showing will be at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17 at the Youth Center. Light snacks will be served. The public is welcome to attend. Direct questions to Greenbeltchessclub@gmail.com.

More Community Events throughout the paper.

Obituaries

Jacqueline Magness



PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

Jacqueline Magness

them from Alaska to Florida, North Carolina, Virginia, Kansas, New York and Germany. As the children got older, she taught elementary school in the U.S. and Germany, including several years at St. Thomas More Cathedral School in Arlington, Va. Jackie loved teaching, and she would tell stories of the things her young students did, including one first grader who drew a picture of her - all legs from his perspective of her 5'9" height.

One of the parents she met while teaching was Liz Roslewicz, who became a dear friend of over 45 years. While both in their 50s, Jackie and Liz decided to continue their educations, with Jackie earning the degrees of Master of Science in adult and continuing

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Ole Hass Remembrance Rescheduled for Feb. 28

The Celebration of Life for Ole Hass will be held on February 28 at 2:30 p.m., at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4512 College Avenue, College Park. There will be light refreshments afterwards.

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Sue Krocchik

Longtime resident and News Review volunteer Sue Krocchik died on Sunday, February 8. Viewing is at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, on Monday, February 16, 3 to 5 p.m.

Funeral is Tuesday, February 17 at 9 a.m. at St. Gregory of Nyssa Byzantine Catholic Church, located at 12420 Old Gunpowder Spur Road, Beltsville. Burial is at Ft. Lincoln Cemetery, 3401 Bladensburg Road, Brentwood, at 11:30 a.m.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made to St. Gregory's.



We are deeply saddened to hear of the death of Sue Krocchik, who spent many long hours working for the News Review. A full obituary will be published next week.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Jacqueline (Jackie) Magness, who died on January 13. She lived in Greenbelt for 27 years after living in many other states. She was known for her love of teaching and zeal for travel.

Congratulations to Matthew Inzeo who was recognized as De-

member's Prince George's County Police Officer of the Month for his role in apprehending a car-jacking suspect while on duty.

Congratulations also to Stan Zirkin for being named to the Capital Area ProBono Attorney Honor Roll. For the past 13 years Stan has served as a volunteer attorney for the Workers' Rights Clinic, which is part of the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights.

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ASH WEDNESDAY

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nothing God
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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 16-20

Monday, February 16, **NO MEETING - PRESIDENT'S DAY**

Tuesday, February 17 at 7pm, **REPARATIONS COMMISSION** On the Agenda: Community Questions, Discussion of the Reparations Framework, and Discussion of the Style Guide

Tuesday, February 17 at 7pm, **ENVISIONING A NEW PARK AT INDIAN CREEK** at Springhill Lake Recreation Center

Wednesday, February 18 at 7:30pm, **WORK SESSION - ADVISORY BOARD/COMMITTEE INTERVIEWS (VIRTUALLY)**

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@greenbeltdmd.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.greenbeltdmd.gov/calendar.

CITY OF GREENBELT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ANNEXATION RESOLUTIONS

Monday, March 9, 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.greenbeltdmd.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 March 9, 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

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed on Monday, February 16, in observance of President's Day.

THE GREENBELT CONNECTION WILL NOT BE OPERATING.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of February 16

Monday Route – Collected Tuesday

Tuesday Route – Collected Wednesday

Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday

Thursday Route – Collected Friday

There will be no appliance, odd metals, hard plastics, or yard waste collections on Friday, February 20

FEATURED PETS

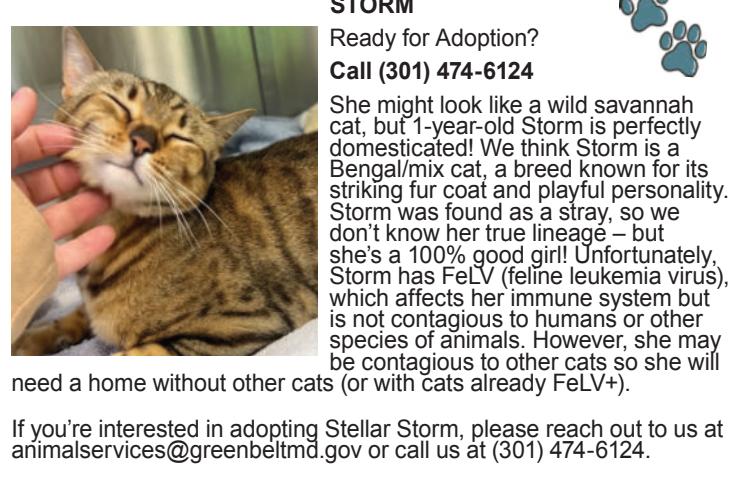
STORM

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Call (301) 474-6124



She might look like a wild savannah cat, but 1-year-old Storm is perfectly domesticated! We think Storm is a Bengal/mix cat, a breed known for its striking fur coat and playful personality. Storm was found as a stray, so we don't know her true lineage – but she's a 100% good girl! Unfortunately, Storm has FeLV (feline leukemia virus), which affects her immune system but is not contagious to humans or other species of animals. However, she may be contagious to other cats so she will 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@greenbeltdmd.gov or call us at (301) 474-6124.



CURRENT GAIL PROGRAMS

CARES is happy to provide the following programs **FREE** of charge. For more information, email Katherine Farzin at kfarzin@greenbeltdmd.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.

MONTHLY FOOD DISTRIBUTION

February 19, March 19, and April 16 at 1 pm
Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road

The Monthly Food Distribution is a community resource here for you, your family, your neighbors - everyone! The dates are February 19, March 19, and April 16 located at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 at 1:00pm while supplies last. Please don't forget to bring your CAFB card! Don't have one? You can sign-up for a free card same-day and receive food.

SPRING & SUMMER CAMP GUIDE 2026

www.greenbeltdmd.gov/camps

We are excited to share our plans for Spring and Summer Camps in Greenbelt with you! Full-day camp options are available for youth ages 3 1/2 - 17 years. Before care and after care options are available as well.

- Resident registration began Monday, February 9
- Non-resident registration begins Tuesday, February 17 at 10 am

We can't wait to welcome you to our camps! Please call (301) 397-2200 or (301) 397-2208 for more information.

GREENBELT BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2026

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.

HEALTHY FOOD MAKES CENTS!

Thursday, February 19 at 11 am
Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 201

Learn why eating more whole foods like whole grains, beans, vegetables, and fruits is not only great for your health, but also for your budget. Join Greenbelt Recreation and Food For Life in this fun and supportive class!

FREE - Registration Required

Contact: Priya Gardner Lemieux at pgardner@greenbeltdmd.gov or call (240) 542-2056

BILINGUAL PRE-K STORY HOUR

HORA DE CUENTOS DE PREKINDER

Friday, February 13 | 10:30 - 11:30 am

Springhill Lake Recreation, 6101 Cherrywood Lane

Join us on the second Friday of every month!

Children Ages 0-5

Come and enjoy the wonderful work of storytelling and free health snacks. Friends & family are all welcome to attend.

Niños de 0-5 años

Ven y disfruta del maravilloso mundo de contar cuentos y bocadillos saludables port gratis. ¡Amigos y familiares bienvenidos!

This series is sponsored by RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness); Prince George's County Memorial Library System; Greenbelt Recreation, American Legion Auxiliary, and Greenbelt COOP.

Contact joseph.vincent@gpcmls.info or spreadruak@gmail.com.

GREENBELT CITY CALENDAR

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



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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.greenbeltdmd.gov/arts for more information and many other opportunities!

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

The School For Super-Heros Presents "Orlando Furioso," The Musical

3/7 at 7pm, 3/8 at 3pm, 3/14 at 2pm & 7pm Greenbelt Community Center Gym. A group of students don't feel like they fit in at a high school for super-powered teenagers. Drawing on their combined abilities, they decide to produce the most ambitious high school musical in history! Call the Community Center business office (301) 397-2208 to purchase tickets (\$5).

Plus...a prologue! THE ADVENTURES OF GRIFFON AND AQUILANT

3/8 at 1pm, 3/17 at 7pm Greenbelt Community Center Gym. This short and lively show is a freestanding prologue to Orlando Furioso that is perfect for younger theatergoers. Admission is free, but tickets are required. Call the Community Center business office (301) 397-2208.

MORE ARTS HAPPENING SOON

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

• **Senior Art Social: Knit & Crochet 101** 3/3; 2-3:30pm Greenbelt Community Center

• **March Artful Afternoons** 3/1; 1-2pm & 2-3pm (Greenbelt Community Center) and 3/8; 1:30-2:30pm (Springhill Lake Recreation Center) Sign up here: sugeni.us/ePwG

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.greenbeltdmd.gov/government/know-your-rights-immigration-resources>.

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.

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time and resources to address safely and effectively."

Due to the rapid freezing and quick formation of 'snowcrete,' their equipment and labor force was not enough. "Equipment was strained by these conditions, requiring us to increase manpower and bring in additional contractors to continue operations," said Knight.

This was a similar issue across the city and state.

Warnings Issued

Director of Planning and Community Development Terri Hruby told the News Review that Community Development issued verbal warnings and notice of violations to several properties, primarily apartment complexes and home owners associations, during the first two weeks following the storm. To date, no citations had been issued. Enforcement efforts will continue this week, said Hruby on Monday, including issuing fines when warranted.

Greenbelt requires snow removal 48 hours after the weather event before providing notice of violations and citations. Nearby College Park requires removal after 24 hours. One College Park resident who comes to Greenbelt for work shared their warning notice to clear the public sidewalk in front of their house that was issued on January 29, with a compliance date of February 5.

Responsibilities

Homeowners are responsible for sidewalks in front of their property but in apartment complexes, the landlords or management companies are. Thus, across the city responsibilities varied from individuals to apartment complexes and HOAs.

Residents took it upon themselves to clear sidewalks in crucial areas regardless of responsibility. Ameerah Bridges, a Franklin Park resident, said she shoveled out her own car Monday morning after the storm because no maintenance crews had arrived. "We didn't have salt over here," Bridges said. "Neighbors were shoveling out. [Maintenance was] nowhere to be found."

Bridges, who has multiple sclerosis and uses a cane at times, said she is not supposed to shovel due to her disability but felt she had no alternative. She said when plows eventually arrived, salt was applied and then scraped away, leaving behind solid ice.

Travel Difficult

According to Bridges, Breezewood Drive was reduced to a single lane after the storm, and Metro buses avoided their usual route through the complex.

Snowbanks near sidewalks created visibility issues for children walking to and from Greenbelt Middle School, which reopened



PHOTO BY ANNA BEDFORD-DILLON

The sidewalk opposite Springhill Lake Elementary School, at the end of the school crossing, at midday on Wednesday, February 4, the day schools reopened. Parents complained walking routes were uncleared and dangerous for children when the county reopened the schools.

on Wednesday, February 4, said Bridges. "You can't really see the children," Bridges said. "Drivers can't see them because the mounds are so high."

Because of road and sidewalk conditions, Bridges delayed sending her daughter back to school. Although schools reopened with a two-hour delay on Wednesday, February 4, Bridges said her daughter's first day back at Greenbelt Middle School was Thursday.

Springhill Lake Elementary is also located in Franklin Park and the sidewalk opposite the school was filled with snow and ice when schools reopened.

Carla Gordon, another resident of the apartment complex, said along Springhill Drive sidewalks connecting parking lots to residential buildings were not cleared until late February 6, nearly two weeks after the storm.

"We did not have sidewalks giving us accessibility from the parking lots to anything other than the main entrances," Gordon said.

Treacherous Conditions

Gordon said she and her daughter both slipped and fell on ice outside their building. Her daughter sustained injuries that required ongoing treatment. "It was extremely treacherous," Gordon said. She said she contacted Franklin Park management February 6 with photos and video documenting the conditions. Sidewalks were cleared later that night, but she said large patches of ice remained untreated. "There are still areas that need to be salted or sanded," she said.

Gordon also raised concerns about residents with mobility limitations. She described a neighbor who uses a walker and is unable to travel safely beyond the parking lot. "She could get out of her building," Gordon said, "but then she couldn't do anything else."

Snow Removal Variable

Both Gordon and Bridges said snow removal efforts varied

widely by location within the complex. "They made it accessible for us to come and pay rent," Gordon said, "I think they were focused on the wrong areas."

Gordon acknowledged the storm was more severe than typical winter weather in the region but said a lack of preparation and communication worsened conditions.

"I don't feel like anyone was necessarily prepared or proactive in making sure that things were clear," Gordon said.

Residents also expressed frustration with limited communication from city officials. Gordon said she tagged city leaders in online posts and sent messages, but received little response until after sidewalks were cleared. "I feel like Franklin Park was forgotten about again," she told the News Review.

"Snow and ice conditions, including hardened 'snowcrete,' created unprecedented challenges for both residential and commercial properties, particularly related to equipment limitations," said Hruby.

Knight said Franklin Park thanks its residents and the city for their cooperation and communication throughout the event. "Residents helped by identifying areas that needed prioritization or additional attention due to refreezing. These situations truly highlight the importance of community collaboration, and we appreciate everyone's patience and support as we worked through the storm together," said Knight.

Residents who spoke with the News Review said they hope the situation leads to improved planning and coordination during future winter storms, particularly for residents with disabilities, families with children and those who rely on public transportation.

Laura Charleston is a University of Maryland student at the Philip Merrill College of Journalism interning with the Greenbelt News Review.

Snow Removal Violations

Community Development issued verbal warnings or Notice of Violations during the first two weeks following the storm event to the following properties:

Charlestowne North: 8150 Lakecrest Drive

Franklin Park: ALL

GHI Parkway Apartments: 21-27 Parkway

Glen Oaks: 7509 Mandan Road

Greenbrook Estates and Greenbrook Village

Greenway Shopping Center

Jane Apartments: 8-14 Parkway

Lerner University Square: 157 Westway

Motiva: 6440 Cherrywood Lane

Parkway Gardens Apartments: 2-6/16-22 Parkway

MRI Hanover Parkway

Post Office: 7600 Hanover Pkwy

Windsor Green HOA: Ora Glen Drive

7701 Greenbelt Road

Dozens of Residents Saved from Snow By One Unwavering Greenbelter

by Stephen Lotz

Snow piled high across Greenbelt after the most recent winter storm, trapping residents inside their homes and burying cars along neighborhood streets for days on end. After the snowfall stopped, one resident spent nearly a week moving block to block, helping people clear their way out.

John Soule, a lifelong Greenbelt resident and the owner of Neighborhood Remodelers, a local contracting business, estimated that he helped 42 people clear snow, persisting even when he felt exhausted and his tools began to break. He also cleared walkways at the Greenbelt American Legion after learning that elderly residents and veterans were struggling to safely enter the building due to ice. "What else could I do but dig?" Soule said.

Soule said he decided to offer the help for free after seeing online posts advertising driveway clearing for hundreds of dollars, which he worried many older and disabled residents could not afford. "For some of our neighbors, that could be the difference between being able to eat that week or not," Soule said.

Soule said he began by clearing snow in front of his own home, then drove through nearby neighborhoods and stopped when he saw people struggling to get out. In some cases, he said, residents were buried in by snowplows or trapped by thick ice. "I saw little old ladies that were out there with pickaxes trying to dig out their cars," Soule said.

Soule said he worked from

morning until dark, often moving directly from one house to the next as neighbors asked for help. "Sometimes I'd be working at one person's house and then a person two doors down would yell out the door and say, 'Hey, can you, can you help me?'"

Soule said the response he saw during the storm reinforced his view of Greenbelt as a community. "Greenbelt has always been a place where people look out for each other," he said.

The work came with physical and financial costs. Soule said some of his tools broke during the week, including a pickaxe that bent while he was breaking through ice. He also said his truck was damaged while navigating snow-covered streets, and the long days took a toll on his body.

"By the end of the second day, my hands were hurting so bad and my forearms were so tight that I couldn't sleep at night," he said. Yet he went back out to dig for more neighbors for four more days; shoveling for a total of six days straight.

Would he do it again? Soule said whether he does the same in future storms will depend on circumstances, but helping neighbors when he is able is something he values.

"I didn't plan to do this and everything depends on the situation, but if I'm available, absolutely," he said.

Stephen Lotz is a University of Maryland student at the Philip Merrill College of Journalism interning at the Greenbelt News Review.

Schools Add Instructional Days

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) will now be open on the following days: March 20, May 27 and June 15 to 18. March 20 was originally scheduled to be off for Eid al-Fitr.

Although Presidents Day was considered as a potential make-up day, schools and offices will remain closed on February 16. Instead, at a special meeting on Wednesday, February 4, the board approved adding one additional make-up day to their five scheduled ones: June 18. PGCPS will ask the state for a waiver of the 180-day requirement and if that is denied they will add Monday, April 6 as an instructional day. In the event of another winter storm or inclement weather, PGCPS will implement virtual learning to avoid losing more instructional days. Their virtual learning plan



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WIFEY UNKNOWN
Written & Directed by Abhisek Bhattacharya

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HATTI MATIM TEAM

Wifey Unknown at GAC Is A Show Full of Deep Passions

by Greg Young



PHOTO BY GREG YOUNG

From left to right: Abhisek Bhattacharya, Didhiti Mukherjee, Sumanta Banerjee and Lexi Kay will perform in *Wifey Unknown* at the Greenbelt Arts Center.

Once again Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) is bringing wide-ranging and worldwide experiences of local talent to the local theatrical community thirsting for a unique audience experience in live performances. Born and raised in India, Abhisek Bhattacharya has been writing, directing and performing in his plays for decades. His work has been seen in India, the United Kingdom and Canada, and in the United States in Los Angeles, New York, Kansas and most recently Silver Spring, Maryland.

Bhattacharya, who currently lives in Bethesda, focuses heavily on live theater and the independent art scene, blending cultural heritage with contemporary narratives. Now Greenbelt audiences will have the opportunity to be the first to see his most recent creation, *Wifey Unknown*.

This is an emotionally driven show with deep passions on full display by all the characters, and a storyline with which any audience member can identify. When hope and dreams clash with parental love and cultural changes, the viewer will see it as a metaphor for similar experiences in their own lives. The play, directed by Bhattacharya, is the story of hopes lost and found, grief and guilt accrued and erased, and love questioned and prospered in the context of Rita, a teenage athlete whose life-threatening injury during a competition changes the

course of her life. Tormented by grief and guilt, plagued by suicidal thoughts, and neglected by her work-addicted husband, Rita finally confronts her inner demons after a friend saves her from a near-death experience.

Bhattacharya and his company, Hattimatim-Team, founded in 2019, is a bilingual community theater company based in Maryland to primarily develop new, unpublished work by emerging playwrights.

In recent years they have performed original plays all over the U.S., from Los Angeles to off-off-Broadway play festivals in New York City.

Having been the first outsider to view a portion of the play in a recent rehearsal, this reviewer assures the reader that they will have an experience leaving them deep in thought and introspection. The staging is simple and emphasizes character performances which at times are raw and sensitive.

Take a break from this cold winter weather and get warm watching a performance worth seeing. Performances are weekends starting Friday, February 13 and ending Saturday, February 21.

Warning: The central character suffers from severe grief and guilt, and at one point in the play, experiences suicidal impulses.

Tickets are required. For more information visit greenbeltartscenter.org.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL HARTMAN

While the rest of the world was glued to Superbowl LX, a couple dozen "nonbelievers" chilled out at the New Deal Café to the sometimes soothing and other times lively tones of The Phraseology Quartet, with (L-R) Seth Kibel on clarinet/flute, Sambarta Rakshit on sitar, Haroon Alam on tabla and Sid Lahiri on guitar. They presented traditional and experimental pieces drawing on Indian classical and folk themes infused with elements of jazz and flamenco.

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

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

Date/Time: Saturday, February 14, 2026 • 3:00-4:30 PM (EST)
Location: Meditation Museum, 9525 Georgia Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20912
Admission: Free event

More info: rif2rise.org

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GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW

Black History Month

The Black Power Movement Is Focus of February Reel and Meal

by Donna Hoffmeister

The Black Power Mixtape 1967-1975 is a 2011 collage of rare, archival footage covering the Black Power Movement and the social changes that took place in the 1960s and early '70s. It's more a time machine than distant history. Assembled from long-lost Swedish television footage, it splices together interviews and remarks made during one of the most turbulent and transformative periods in American life.

The film captures rare, startlingly candid moments with figures who defined the Black Power Movement - Stokely Carmichael, Angela Davis, Huey P. Newton, Bobby Seale, Eldridge Cleaver and others - speaking not for the record, but in the moment. Decades later, activists shaped by that era, including Erykah Badu, Harry Belafonte, Talib Kweli, Melvin Van Peebles and Sonia Sanchez, provide voice-over reflections on what it meant then - and why it still matters now.

The Black Power Mixtape explores the movement's push for self-reliance, pride and truthful history, while also grappling with its internal debates and contradictions. The film examines tensions between nonviolent civil rights activism and Black Power nationalism, opposition to the Vietnam War, the government's covert COINTELPRO campaign and the heroin epidemic that devastated Black communities. It also traces how the movement helped spark second-wave feminism, gay liberation and Native American struggles for justice.

The Black Power Movement reshaped how racial justice is talked about and organized in the United States today. Ideas like self-determination, community control, cultural pride and skepticism of state power show up today in movements such as Black Lives Matter, prison abolition organizing, mutual aid networks and debates over policing and surveillance. Even the tensions the film documents - nonviolence versus militancy, media framing, government repression - are the same fault lines still seen in contemporary activism. The Black



PHOTO FROM THE FILM

Black Power Mixtape is this month's Reel & Meal feature.

Power Mixtape reminds us that today's struggles are rooted in questions first fiercely argued half a century ago.

Netfa Freeman, the events coordinator and analyst for the Institute for Policy Studies, will lead the discussion following the film. He is also an organizer in Pan-African Community Action (PACA), on the Coordinating Committee of the Black Alliance for Peace, and is co-producer/host for the radio show and podcast Voices With Vision on WPFW 89.3 FM that airs Tuesdays from 9 to 10 a.m.

The film will be shown at the

New Deal Café, 113 Centerway, on Monday, February 16 at 6:30 p.m. (note earlier start time). Reel and Meal is a monthly film series focused on environmental, social justice and animal rights issues. The Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee sponsors this month's film. While the film is free, the Café has a full dinner menu for purchase including several plant-based options. The screenings are hybrid: in person at the Café and via Zoom. Those unable to attend in person can register to watch via Zoom at <https://tinyurl.com/RnMFeb2026>.



PHOTO COURTESY CAROL SLATIN

Carol Slatin enjoys the News Review, and a beverage, on the beach in Anguilla.



GREENBELT NURSERY SCHOOL

Open House Sat., Feb. 21, 10 am.—1 pm.

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Classes for children 2, 3, & 4

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LOVE NOTES



J.
Happy Valentine's Day to
my sweetest little angel!
Love, S.

He's shreddin' on the trike
She's bustin' wordplay on the mic
He's throwin' down in the kitchen
Tooth fairy's favorite when one's a missin'
Going to "NASA work" to watch 'em penguin vids
She's the pet whisperer from ants to squishy squids
Diggin' in the snow
Diggin' out that book pile
Shaya and Ilan, yo
You make our hearts smile

Love to all the Greenbelt News
Review's staff and volunteers for
your dedication to high quality local
news we look forward to reading.

Mole!
I love you.
—Mole

Happy Valentine's Day
Aaron!
Love you!

"Hey, do you know who sounds
like an owl?"
Do you know who
loves you and your
dad jokes? I do!

My Love,
Roses are Red
Violets are Blue
I can't wait, to Marry You!
Love you so much,
Ayana

To B,
Let's have another
make-out sesh in the CP
city hall parking lot!
Love,
E

Thank you to the Greenbelt Honk! Situation
community street band, for bringing fun and
energy to Greenbelt every time you play.

Happy Valentine's Day to the love of my life
who gave me the life that I love.
Kimberly Zevallos, will you be my Valentines
again and again.
I love you Colocha.

Don't let the T-jerk get
you down
Be glad at least to have
our town
He's not the first oaf
Nor the last.
Sooner or later, he'll be
past.

I love my family and who wouldn't
Do without them, no I couldn't.
Top of the class is Mister Rick
To do it again, it's him I'd pick.

"You dance love, and you dance joy, and you dance
dreams." — Gene Kelly
Thank you, Greenbelt Dance and Recreation!

The News Review becomes a rarer
bloom. Volunteer to keep her afloat.

Some roses are red.
Violets? are near blue.
I'm such a picky cove;
You I picked true.

If you're in for a penny
And in for a pound
Our lives will be comfy
With kisses all round.
We'll have us some babies
A dog and a cat
We'll make it to 90
And what's wrong with that?

If you are fond of gourds,
join the Farmers Market board!
There will be fruit and flowers
If you'll give us a few hours.
Love bread fresh from the oven?
Come and help us govern!

Consider Greenbelt Farmers Market board
membership. It could be true love.
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¡Mi queridísima Anita! Con alegría,
despierto a tu lado cada día. El calor de
tu abrazo disipa el frío. Tu mirada llena
la casa de luz y amor. La miel de tus
besos endulce la amargura del mundo.
Y cada noche, sueño con otro día junto
a ti.
Siempre tuyo, Marcos.



Oak and Birch,
Annoyingest of cats
We love you anyway.
C,B,D, and R

Ben - the protagonist of your
favorite book.
Lclyf flhy p svcl fvb tvyl.
Khpzf zhfv op.
svcl, yhclu.

Our Young house is Wild,
love's loud on repeat.
Roo keeps us chillin',
while Pepper adds heat.
A clever Fox grins,
wet noses, soft feet.
Laughter, chaos, and joy;
My dreams are complete.
Love you all.

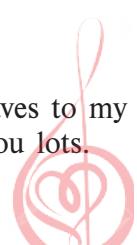
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Love to all the Johns
out there, but mine is
the best.



Love Greenbelt
CO-OP Supermar-
ket & Pharmacy staff
for keeping us fed,
healthy and smiling.

N,
You are the stars to my night sky and the waves to my
shore. Without you, I am not me. I love you lots.
- P



Henry, your generous heart and sharp mind inspire us every day. It is a gift to watch you grow into such a thoughtful and capable young man. We are so proud to be your parents.

On bike runs or after our break
O! The conversations we make
With puffins aplenty
Til years five and twenty
And More! You, Dear, take the cake!

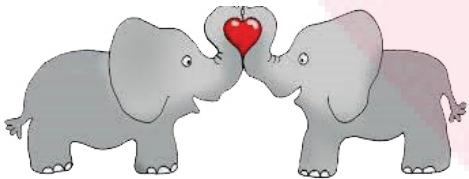
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To my loving wife /
Stega Dreamcast, who
is always in my heart.
Love you forever.
Joe

Nahl,
Kaatun kaise raataan o saawre
Jiya nahi jaata sun baawre
Ke raataan lambiyan lambiyanre
Kate tere sangayan sangayanre
Cham cham cham ambran de taare
Kehnde ne sajna
Tu hi chan mere is dil da mann leve sajna
Love,
Ian

Dearest Raluca,
After the frigid cold and the icy snows,
let's cuddle under covers
to warm our frozen toes :-).
Happy Valentine's Day!
Pupici, Eric al tāu



Amelia ❤ and Victoria ❤
You are the GrrREATest
Love, Becky

Oh washing machine!
You're old but you clean!
When I put in a wash
You wash it by gosh-
Until all of my shirts
Are quite free of dirt
And now clearly state:
Greenbelt Is Great!

SHE HATES BEING CALLED PET NAMES
BUT "DEAR MAMA" SHE IS JUST THE SAME.
THOUGH SHE'D SURELY PREFER CANDY
I'M SENDING THIS POEM TO SANDY

Two hearts, two minds, two souls,
one perfect match.
Every day with you fills me with
love and joy,
I am yours forever!
Love, Matt



No matter how hard the beans are,
how skewed my serving time estimate is,
or how loosely I follow the recipe;
my love for you is always in heavy rotation

I love ... little baby Buttons
Odd ceramic cups
Slow cooking grains
and skeins

I love ... sweet country songs,
sleep when it's long,
KOOP all Saturday
and gray

Maeve and Kai –
Just remember,
Love grows! Pops



Teresa my love:
20 ears since the Corn Palace.
I love you!



Roses are red
You power my soul
My World Famous
Greenbelt Utility Pole



A - Even with a missing piece my love
for you is complete.
I'll be here to hold your hand and
massage your feet. I love you. C



All truly beautiful things
are revealed in their time,
slowly, unheeding.

Loving,
pulsing to the rhythm of the heart.

TLB



Roses are red;
violets are blue.
There was ne'er a fruit
as sweet as Anna Lou



Papa Bear,
You are the rock of our family, as steady
and dependable as the moon. You make us
cackle, light up, swoon. We love
you like no otter, forever and a day.
Mama Bear & Baby Bear



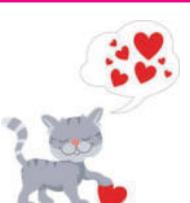
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MOMENT TURNS INTO MAGIC, BECAUSE LOVING YOU
IS EVERYTHING FOREVER. YOU ARE MY HOME,
MY PEACE, MY TRUE LOVE.



Sammy, your energy, bold spirit, and
quick mind light up every room you
enter. You bring strength and generosity
to everything you do. We could not
be more proud of you and the kind,
capable young man you are becoming.



I am so happy in this little big life we have
created together.
Te amo tanto mi corazón. <3

Molly, your intelligence, creativity, and
natural charm bring joy into our lives. We
admire the way you work hard and always
rise again with strength and grace. We are
so proud of you; a steady, determined, and
wonderfully imaginative young lady.



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legislative session, council agreed there were too many bills proposed in Maryland's Senate and House of Delegates to be discussed individually by council. An exhaustive tracking document was displayed (available on the council website) and Councilmember Jenni Pompi was prepared to recommend which bills merit Greenbelt's action or monitoring.

Referring to a meeting on Friday, January 30 with the city's legislative consultants, Darrell Carrington (state) and Jim Tarlow (county), Pompi said Carrington was asked to provide a more consolidated list. For the bills she noted, Pompi provided brief summaries, action recommendations and relevance to Greenbelt.

Mayor Emmett Jordan looked forward to receiving more perspective from Carrington, praising the consultant's sense of which bills have legs and of the mood and timing of the House and Senate.

Salmerón, noting councilmembers' wish to support bills of Greenbelt's delegates, offered to track their bills separately so support can be readily offered. Pompi noted that it being early in the session, there will be more bills, stressing the importance of tracking additions and changes.

Councilmember Kristen Weaver recommended that the bills discussed during the meeting be reconciled into a list of those recommended for support, and that the list be voted on during the regularly scheduled council meeting the following week, in order to, as she put it, "keep the process clean."

Councilmember Silke Pope asked that bills recommended for monitoring also be tracked, even if council will not be voting on them.

J Davis, former Greenbelt mayor and former president of the Maryland Municipal League (MML), participated remotely. Davis monitors the Legislative Committee of the MML and advised council to coordinate with them. She provided a list of bills, available on the MML website, that MML is acting on or monitoring, and suggested alignment. "If they are strongly opposed to something," she said, "there may be more to it than you think."

Bills under Consideration

Visit greenbeltnewsreview.com to see a table summarizing council's position on numerous bills. In addition, the following items provoked lively discussion among councilmembers, particularly those relating to speed monitoring of traffic.

Regarding HB0107 and speed monitoring, Salmerón offered background about Maryland and Virginia motorists fined while driving in Washington, D.C. while Jordan wished for more parity of penalty amounts, which Pope found unlikely. Greenbelt's fine structure is a successful incentive to drive safely, Pope said, whereas, Pompi added, fines levied in D.C. are an ongoing source of funds to that city.

In relationship to speed safety corridors (HB0256), Salmerón referenced certain stretches of road such as Kenilworth Avenue where he felt speed monitoring could provide safety benefits.

Jordan also noted a group of Prince George's County delegation bills concerning alcohol sales in various venues, and requested monitoring of those.

The proposed HB0254, concerning inclusive community adaptation, which could provide grants for flooding, stormwater management, heat mitigation and resilience planning, created some interest. "We're dealing with a lot of stormwater management here in center city as well as in Greenbelt East," Councilmember Danielle McKinney observed. "A lot of our properties are dealing with heat issues, so anything that could potentially create grants and additional funding would be helpful."

Other bills considered worthy of continued monitoring were SB0349 concerning vehicle laws, SB0350 concerning public schools and SB0351 concerning private passenger vehicle insurance usage monitoring.

ATHA Opportunities

Meagan Baco, executive director of ATHA, delivered a presentation about their programs, collaborations and available grants. ATHA promotes community tourism, public history, trail connectivity, public art and capital investments.

In the nation's semi-quincentennial year, Baco encouraged attention to "... how Prince George's County can uniquely commemorate 250 years of remarkable history, with its own ups and downs, and we've taken great pride in having that be particularly inclusive and grassroots."

In the past, ATHA has helped fund the Greenbelt Cinema, historic cemeteries, Greenbelt Online and Recreation arts programs. Baco recommended \$5,000 Rock- et Grants to jumpstart new ideas.

Jordan asked Baco about capital investment for large projects, for example renovation of the armory building or Greenbelt's historic high school (now Dora Kennedy French Immersion School, though to be vacated by Prince George's County Public Schools within a few years). Baco offered ATHA's guidance and suggested seeking a Rocket Grant for planning and ultimately a Maryland Heritage Area grant for capital investment.

2030 Housing Target

The State of Maryland recently issued guidance and workforce projections related to conversion of residential properties to higher-density housing. Jordan observed that this primarily concerns zoning, and Greenbelt "does not really have planning and zoning authority." However, Councilmember

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Two, which includes Paint Branch Elementary where the 50/50 Mandarin language immersion program is set to be cut; Greenbelt Middle School, where the middle school Mandarin immersion program is to be phased out; and Dora Kennedy French Immersion, from which French immersion students will no longer be able to continue immersion education into high school. The cuts are also set to impact summer programs across the county, including the long-standing summer bridge program for Science and Technology students at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. "The intention was to be as communicative as possible with the community," said Briggs, who agreed to speak with the News Review about the budget process and its timeline. He noted the Dollars and Decisions

series of telephone townhalls, meetings and communications that began in the fall. However, the full details of who and what would be impacted by the cuts only became clear at the official presentation on January 22, he conceded. "All of these things are proposals," Briggs said on Tuesday. He noted the board had their first budget worksession on February 5. Asked about students who received letters dated January 23 telling them immersion programs they'd applied to were no longer available, even though the budget is only a proposal, he said "[that] came as a shock to me as well, when we found out that those notices went out as though they were confirmed and approved by the board; they hadn't been."

We also asked Briggs about the timeline, making changes to high school programs, for example, in the spring, to be implemented this fall, after students' application period for next school year already took place. "I believe that that approach and that process is indefensible," said Briggs. "The goal was for these Dollars and Decisions discussions to ... continuously engage the community," he said. The goal was to have the superintendent's and board's decisions be "completely transparent" and allow the community to anticipate the changes, said Briggs. "These discussions on February 5, 12 and 19 should be the discussion with the community about the proposals," stressed Briggs, unable to speak to why letters and announcements about cuts had already been sent. "You're absolutely correct that we didn't have any formal discussions about any

proposed cuts before January 22."

The Board will approve a budget on February 26 and that should be the point for notices to families about any changes, after the board has voted on a budget, said Briggs. "Just for clarity's sake, the board has not approved anything," Briggs stressed. "We're still being presented with what each department is saying are their final cuts."

Last week PGCPS Senior Public Information Specialist Lynn McCawley said the same, writing, "Keep in mind this is the Interim Superintendent's proposed budget that will move on to become the Board's budget before it is presented to the county - so changes could be made to his proposal for immersion programs during the budget development process."

Policy Violations

What are the consequences for violating board policies? "I think there should be consequences," said Briggs. However, he was unsure if budget discussions that took place in December might have met the requirements of policies. On Wednesday, February 11, the PGCPS Office of Communications responded to the News Review's request to know if a waiver had been submitted and for a copy of it if so. "No Waiver was needed," wrote McCawley, "the FY2027 Budget Update presented on Dec. 1 served as the first presentation of the superintendent's operating budget," she wrote.

However, the update at the December 1 meeting did not share specific budget cuts or a full operating budget and was listed on the agenda as "Budget Update." In contrast, the budget presentation appears on the January 22 agenda as "Interim Superintendent's FY27 Proposed Budget Presentation," and the budget presentation is advertised as taking

place on that date on the website and elsewhere. In addition, there was no published budget book until January 30.

Consequences

Briggs says anyone can report what they believe is a violation to the Office of Integrity and Compliance (OIC), which would investigate. Asked about whether an OIC investigation could make any difference to the budget process now or only offer an opinion after the fact, Briggs pointed to the investigation of former board member David Murray. There were consequences tied to the OIC investigation that went to the State Board in that case, he said, though they were discontinued because Murray stepped down. Yet, we noted that example could also be used to highlight the lack of consequences since Murray circumvented further procedures by stepping down and was recently able to be appointed as a Council Administrator for the Prince George's County Council (see the January 15 issue).

Impact

Sasha Tyukavina, a parent and PTA member at Paint Branch Elementary School in College Park, said there has been "just a complete absence of communication." People should be able to go to hearings while the budget is still being developed and be informed of the proposed cuts, she argues. "They knew it was going to happen. Dr. Joseph and his team were preparing for a long time but they didn't include any stakeholders," says Tyukavina. In fact, at an employee telephone townhall on November 18, 2025, reviewed by the News Review, Joseph, in response to a question about what the tough decisions could be, did say they were

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operators, teachers and some school bus drivers; and reducing by 90 percent a 28,000 backlog of 311 county service requests.

She said hiring interim county school superintendent Shawn Joseph was necessary because "disunity" between the school board, former superintendent and teachers' union obstructed teacher contract negotiations, which they were in the midst of, and she sought someone who is a good listener and fair. She said Joseph and the union reached an agreement within three days of his appointment, leading to a contract and salaries that enabled the county to hire 1,000 teachers. Braveboy did not mention that the union contract negotiated under Joseph, among other items, has led to a 150-million-dollar deficit in the schools' budget since Joseph took over. Nor did she speak to the large severance package of the former superintendent, which was released without any dollar amounts included, lacking fiscal transparency, and without being voted on by the Board of Education, which the Office of Integrity and Compliance determined "constitutes a separate and serious matter beyond the scope of this Management Advisory." Referencing Joseph possibly applying for the permanent superintendent position, Braveboy pledged public processes to vet and select candidates and said a vetting team has been chosen.

Promoting commercial development for tax revenue, she took credit for the Sphere planned for National Harbor, an event venue with a wraparound immersive LED screen similar to the larger Las Vegas Sphere, predicting \$1.6B in economic impact, including 3,000 construction jobs, 4,000 permanent jobs including technology and creative professions and opportunities for local businesses.

Speaking directly to Greenbelters, she called for "waiting this president out" by making needed investments to prepare for bringing the FBI headquarters to Greenbelt. She sees an exciting future for Prince George's, a talented, smart community with a lot to offer, whose story it's her job to tell, a story she said is getting noticed and producing results, with more announcements to come.

Development

When Shroder asked Braveboy what the county executive can do for affordable housing, she said since the county has the most underdeveloped Metro stations in the region, transit-oriented development makes sense for new, quality affordable housing, as well as infill development in established communities. She said Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) has chosen developers for the areas around the Capitol Heights and Addison Road Metro stations, and that she's focused on helping developers include retail with residential developments so residents can spend their money where they live.

She wants to invest in health sciences and technology businesses, and grow the local sports economy with a sports innovation hub for training, competitions and community use near the Morgan Boulevard Metro station as the Washington Commanders prepare to depart Northwest Stadium for Washington, D.C. She spoke of redeveloping the Northwest Stadi-



PHOTO BY ERICA JOHNS

Prince George's County Executive Aisha Braveboy poses with Greenbelt City Councilmembers after her talk at Mishkan Torah on Sunday, February 8. From left: Frankie Fritz, Emmett Jordan, Silke Pope, Braveboy, Jenni Pompi, Kristen Weaver and Danielle McKinney.

um area and the empty Six Flags site to add services to directly benefit Prince Georgians and add tax revenue.

BARC, NASA, Climate

Regarding the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) and NASA, Braveboy said she believes the federal government has realized it can't close BARC. Speaking about federal attempts to cut science programs and move government facilities from the region, she said to applause that, "We have to resist the goals of the administration," and that she will work with persons of any political party to address shared human needs for family, work and childcare.

About protecting the remaining green belt, Braveboy said BARC land is protected. Mayor Emmett Jordan said changing BARC land use requires congressional action,

and that the city council and city manager are working to annex the land to give Greenbelt a voice in any land use decisions, adding "We're doing everything we possibly can to protect that land."

Resident Kathy Bartolomeo asked Braveboy what actions her administration is taking to cut greenhouse gas emissions. Braveboy said a Department of the Environment task force is implementing a county climate change plan, and invited Bartolomeo to participate by contacting department deputy director Derrick Coley. The 2022 Climate Action Plan on the department website calls for cutting greenhouse gas emissions by 50 percent (from 2005 levels) by 2030 and achieving carbon neutrality by 2050.

Data Centers

Shroder asked Braveboy whether and where data centers should

be built in the county. Though she didn't answer whether they should be built here, she said they shouldn't be in residential areas but could be in areas that won't impact how people live. Braveboy said some county residents welcome a data center replacing a rubble field.

She said since the county shares a regional electricity grid with other jurisdictions that are choosing to build data centers, Prince George's is impacted by increased electricity costs without the data center tax revenue obtained by those jurisdictions. "We have to be honest and talk about it."

Referencing the county council's November 2025 data center task force recommendations, she said choosing locations must be a public process, using overlay zones to designate areas appropriate for data centers. She added, "Negotiations will be very public, the public will have to know where data centers will be sited." November 2025 reporting from Maryland Matters described the task force report as indicating data centers will be welcome in the county, under certain circumstances and via community approval processes.

Bartolomeo requested Braveboy's position on hyperscale data centers, to which Braveboy said, "I don't think we've gotten there yet in terms of discussions, but I don't think there's any reason to be secretive about what's going to happen in your neighborhoods. It doesn't make sense in my opinion. I think everything should be above board and people should

know. If you want to build something in an area, you should tell the people."

Bartolomeo asked whether Braveboy supports prohibiting nondisclosure agreements (NDAs) between data center developers and public agencies, upon which Braveboy asked, "Why would they have NDAs?" Bartolomeo explained NDAs are often part of data center development negotiations. Braveboy said she doesn't believe the county council's data center task force contemplates NDAs, instead expecting a public overlay zone process to allow residents to know in which areas data centers could be built. [Creating overlay zones doesn't preclude NDAs for potential projects. The task force report documents multiple public comments against NDAs.]

Small Businesses

Riverdale Park small

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Meetings of the GHI Board of Directors
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GHI Closed Meeting – starts at 7:00 p.m. - closed to members and visitors

- Approve Minutes of the GHI Closed Meeting Held on January 22, 2026
- Financial Matters
- Contract Matters

GHI Open Meeting – starts after GHI Closed Meeting - open to members and visitors

- Approve Minutes of the GHI Open Meeting Held on January 22, 2026
- Statements of Closed Meetings Held on January 22, 2026 & February 5, 2026
- Pipe Replacement Program Sequencing Document
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- Revised Employee Handbook
- Motion to Hold a Closed Meeting on March 5, 2026

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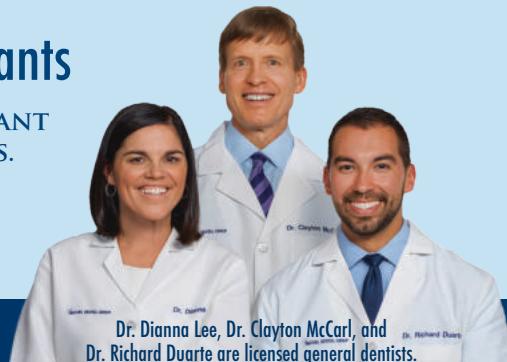
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education and Doctor of Philosophy in adult learning and human resource development.

Jackie and Liz co-founded Light Works, Inc., a nonprofit educational corporation designed to foster collaborative learning to facilitate change in individuals, teams and groups. They became experts at conducting Myers-Briggs personality assessments and spent many years using the test to help information technology students at George Mason University learn the fine art of "people skills" to complement their technical knowledge.

Jackie moved to Greenbelt in 1999, where she quickly became involved in the community, serving on the city's Advisory Committee on Education, acting as an election judge and attending Mass with the Catholic Community. She and Liz enjoyed trips to the condo they co-owned in Rehoboth Beach, Del., and RV trips to Georgia and Florida each winter. Jackie loved to travel, and she and Liz logged many miles visiting national parks, enjoying a boat trip in England and traveling in Alaska for several weeks via the ferry system, small planes and other vehicles.

All who met Jackie commented on her smile, infectious laughter, zest for life and caring nature. She was known for practical jokes, singing loudly off key to embarrass those around her (especially her daughter) and was even certified as a clown. She was will-

ing to try anything – including a brief stint at pickleball in her 80s.

She was diagnosed with two types of breast cancer in 2024 and underwent a double mastectomy. Unfortunately, her breast cancer metastasized to her bones. That didn't stop Jackie – she continued to participate in her online Pilates, yoga and Tai Chi classes as well as weekly games with her Scrabble buddies. She lived life to the fullest.

Jackie is survived by her daughter Julie (Kathy Merritt) and son Charles (Lori), granddaughters Alexandra Engan (Kyle), Noelle Magness, Emily and Lauren Amman, and great-granddaughters Camilla Magness and Josephine Engan as well as a host of beloved friends and family members. She was predeceased by her parents, her husband and her brother Craig Brock.

The family suggests that to honor Jackie's memory, one can make a donation to one of her favorite charities, which include World Central Kitchen (wck.org), Capital Area Foodbank (capitalareafoodbank.org) and Doctors Without Borders (doctorswithoutborders.org).

Greenbelt's Catholic Community will celebrate Jackie's life at their Mass at 10 a.m. on Sunday, February 15 at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 114. Jackie's remains will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery alongside her late husband at a date yet to be determined.

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looking at cuts to underenrolled programs, without naming any. Tyukavina says there was a "transition" letter shared on Class-Dojo on January 23, a day after the presentation of the proposed budget and the Friday before the snowstorm. That letter was dated January 27 and contained what she believes was "intentionally vague language" and communicated the immersion program's "transition" as a fait accompli. At the time the community received that letter the budget book had not even been published, she noted. Tiffany Kenworthy, parent of an immersion student at Greenbelt Middle School, told the News Review those parents were informed on February 4, in a meeting with the principal and academic dean, that there would be no new sixth graders entering the program. While the current students can finish the middle school program they entered, they have been told they won't be able to continue on to a high school immersion since it is being cut. "This came without warning or input," says

Kenworthy.

An article in next week's issue will look at how the proposed budget cuts will impact Greenbelt in particular.

The author has two children who currently attend a PGCPIS immersion program that is not among those proposed to be cut.

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County due to higher school rankings, we intentionally chose PBES for its Chinese Immersion program, and we strongly feel this decision has proven to be the right one.

I would also like to address the argument that newly arriving students cannot successfully join or keep up with the immersion program. This has not been our experience. My daughter transferred to PBES from Germany and entered directly into the 4th grade, having had no prior exposure to Chinese. She would have normally started 3rd grade, but she had to advance directly to 4th grade due to differences between the German and U.S. educational systems. Even despite this challenge, within two years, she made such significant progress that she is now able to participate in summer camps conducted entirely in Mandarin and is currently thriving in the Chinese Immersion program at Greenbelt Middle School, earning an A in both Chinese Literacy and Science, with 100 percent of instruction delivered in Mandarin.

Based on our experience, the concern that late-entry students cannot succeed in the program does not appear to be supported by evidence.

I respectfully urge Prince George's County Public Schools to pay attention to reconsidering

the decision to close the Chinese Immersion Program. Preserving this program is critically important not only for current and future students, but also for families who choose to invest in and commit to nearby communities because of the unique educational opportunities PBES provides.

*Anna Komarova
College Park Resident*

[Editor's Note: The Paint Branch Elementary School Chinese Immersion Program is one that feeds into the continuation program of Chinese Immersion at Greenbelt Middle School.]

On Snow Management

It is time to get smarter about snowstorms in the future after this past week prior to Groundhog Day.

I have seen repeatedly snowplows push snow and ice on sidewalks: not smart.

The City of Greenbelt should learn from the Finnish of Finland, where Snowcuber machines are used instead of plows.

In Canada a snowblower machine and long box truck cleared snows in no waste time.

Bobcat machines and dump trucks are so outdated for a snowstorm.

Joseph Connor

City Notes

Code Enforcement inspected six commercial suites, 16 rentals and five complaints and issued five building permits. Economic Development and Grant Coordinator met with Roosevelt Center merchants.

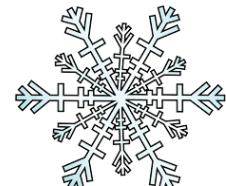
The Animal Shelter (and donors) supplied pet food to neighbors in need. Residents are six cats, seven kittens and one dog. There are 15 active dog park permits and 103 spay/neuter vouchers have been issued, with 56 redeemed.

Public Works continued snow removal; mechanics repaired four vehicles. The Community Center kitchen closed briefly due to a burst pipe. Aquatic & Fitness Center staff, Public Works and contractors worked on pool temperature issues.

Recreation and Greenbelt Cinema presented snow day movies and Arts offered two dance parties with audio help from Park Rangers. An exhibition was installed in the Gallery.

For seniors, Therapeutic Recreation hosted Chess 101 and a Baltimore trip. A Museum guest lecture drew 81 attendees.

During January, CARES counseled 180 individuals; educated 53 learners and distributed food to 137 clients.



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Frankie Fritz suggested, "There are a lot of opportunities for infill development and redevelopment, especially in the longer term when there's a little more certainty about the Metro site."

Data Center Opposition

Paul Howe from Colmar Manor, a member of the No Landover Data Center group, addressed council about data center opposition. Data centers, he said, run 24/7, producing air and noise pollution. He said the task force

charged with approving the data center (Qualified Data Center Task Force, whose presentation is available on the County Council website) did not sufficiently consider opposition views and he requested Greenbelt's support.

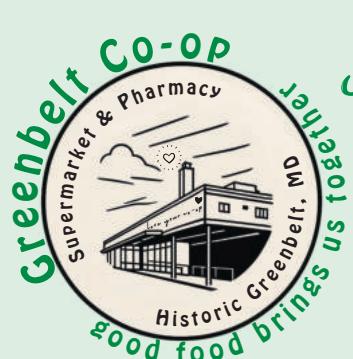
Snow Operations

Salmerón praised the efforts of Public Works, who dealt with snow and ice for 12 days straight. He also cited city administration efforts to prompt commercial property managers to speed up

snow clearance operations.

Jordan expressed concerns about uncleared areas, especially where the State Highway Administration arguably has responsibility. Several councilmembers reported complaints from constituents in different locations about snow impeding streets, sidewalks and bus stops, creating hazards for pedestrians and especially students. Salmerón described varied responses from management companies, and agreed to follow up.

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Greenbelt Police reported one domestic incident resulting in arrest for violation of a protection order.

Assault

On February 7 at 2:14 p.m. near 6242 Greenbelt Road, a man was hit in the face by another man who appeared to be about 35 years old. The man left in a Honda CRV.

Fight

On February 2 at 4:55 p.m. near 5707 Cherrywood Lane, an officer observed a group of men fighting and running in all directions. He was able to stop and detain three of them, and they said they were trying to stop the fight.

Trespassing and Burglary

On February 5 at 8:27 p.m. near 6110 Breezewood Drive, a man who was banned from Franklin Park was found in the storage area of the condemned building; he was arrested and taken to Prince George's County Department of Corrections for trespassing and burglary.

Fraud

On February 2 near 6404 Ivy Lane, a business reported that someone cashed the same check at different banks.

On February 4 near 6301 Ivy Lane, a check that a man mailed was stolen and altered.

Warrant Arrest

On February 2 at 7:33 p.m. near 7500 Mandan Road, an officer stopped a vehicle for expired tags, and the driver had an open warrant; he was taken to the Prince George's County Department of Corrections.

Shoplifting and Theft

On February 2 at 6:09 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, two men stole merchandise and fled in a car.

On February 4 at 10:11 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a man was caught shoplifting and was banned; at 12:44 p.m. near 7706 Hanover Parkway, a package was stolen from a doorstep; at 2:05 p.m. near 6404 Ivy Lane, a man was seen going into tenants' mail-

boxes; when confronted, he ran off and got into a black SUV; and at 5:18 p.m. near 13 Laurel Hill Road, painters were thought to have stolen wall art from a home during a job.

On February 5 at 4:49 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a girl was caught stealing, and was banned and released to her adult sister.

On February 6 at 2:43 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a banned shoplifter, who had been caught stealing multiple times, was arrested on a warrant through Prince George's County for theft and was taken to the Prince George's County Department of Corrections.

On February 6 at 1:38 p.m. near 6600 Capitol Drive, three men stole merchandise, then fled in a grey Mercury Montego (Va. GDVBEZ).

On February 8 at 2:18 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a shoplifter was arrested and issued a criminal citation.

Vandalism

On February 4 near 7511 Mandan Road, someone damaged the building's front door.

Vehicle Crimes

Theft from Auto

All four wheels were stolen from a vehicle on February 2 near 7825 Mandan Road, and on February 7 near 7818 Hanover Parkway from a 2025 Toyota Camry, and near 7915 Mandan Road from a 2023 Toyota Highlander.

On February 6 near 7602 Mandan Road, a rear tag was stolen (Md. 8EY0608).

Vandalism to Auto

On February 3 near 404 Ridge Road, a vehicle had window and headlight damage.

On February 4 near 5717 Greenbelt Metro Drive, an unoccupied vehicle was damaged.

On February 5 near 1 Westway, someone loosened the lug nuts on both front tires of a vehicle.

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business owner Jonathan Katz-Ouziel spoke of cumbersome processes that hinder doing business with the county, requiring multiple steps with multiple agencies that don't talk to each other, and of rules further hindering small businesses. He asked about enabling small businesses to "do business with the place where we live." Braveboy said she is moving all procurement to a single office with one procurement policy, to enable holding one agency accountable. She said Procurement Director Alice Williams, who can restrict bids to small businesses, meets at least weekly with small businesspersons and recommended Katz-Ouziel meet with Williams.

Government Accountability

A Cheverly parent requested dashboards to make county service data transparent to residents, saying it is difficult to communicate with county government for accountability and figure out what to do when things go wrong. Her examples were difficulty obtaining county permits, which impedes housing and businesses and with Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS), speaking about a school bus catching fire shortly after her child exited the bus. "I couldn't find a single person to talk to about my child being in a school bus that was on fire," she said. She noted the inability to interrogate the school system about bus fires without bus safety data or to ask the permit office about how long it's taking to inspect a property without access to permit data.

Braveboy said the Department of Permitting, Inspection and Enforcement (DPIE) has created a small business division to expedite review for projects under 5,000 square feet, that DPIE is implementing processes for staff to engage individuals whose permits aren't moving and that data sources are being identified to create dashboards.

Braveboy apologized for the parent's school bus experience and said PGCPS operates independently of the county administration. She said the administration can model transparent behaviors for other agencies to adopt and asked the parent to contact her.

Education

A second Cheverly parent asked Braveboy to identify challenges PGCPS faces and her goals. She said a big challenge is serving special needs students, for



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Greenbelter Kathy Bartolomeo asks Braveboy's position on building large and hyperscale data centers in Prince George's County, non-disclosure agreements around data center development negotiations, and about county administration action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

whom late diagnoses can increase their needs and the cost to support them, so she and County Council Chair Krystal Oriadha are launching an early detection initiative. She said finding teachers and counselors for English learners is a challenge, as is increasing their standardized test scores to increase county scores. She also noted many students are excelling, and many parents and children love their schools.

Public Health, Religion

Shroder asked what the county executive can do about public health and the next pandemic, particularly in relation to religious communities, saying Mishkan Torah had two years without in-person services during Covid-19. Braveboy said she can facilitate discussion, follow the science, respect religious needs and identify alternatives, because it's "difficult for people to not be together to praise and serve God."

Transportation, Access

City Councilmember Frankie Fritz requested Braveboy's help in adding a Capital Bikeshare (CB) station at Greenbelt Metro, saying the already budgeted project has been repeatedly delayed. He called Greenbelt Metro the most important CB station in Greenbelt, since transit systems don't work if they're not connected. Braveboy pledged to follow up with Fritz and the county Department of Public Works.

Hyattsville resident Gloria Cline-Smythe asked for Braveboy's advocacy to add Sunday MetroAccess service for the elderly and disabled. She said, "Sunday morning is when I have my daily



Tax Preparation Assistance

AARP's income tax return preparation assistance will resume this year in Greenbelt, coordinated through GIVES. It will take place on Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Greenbelt Fire Department, 125 Crescent Road, by appointment only. Call 301-941-7123 to make an appointment.

Canasta Group Meets Mondays

The Greenbelt Canasta Group meets on Mondays from 1 to 4:30 p.m. at the Community Center Senior Game Room. Join in for casual and fun play. People of all levels are welcome to drop in to play. Check the Greenbelt Recreation Winter Activities Guide for more information.

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Families seeking pre-school programs are invited to attend the Open House, meet the director, teachers and parents, view the classrooms, and get information about the classes.

The school is located at 15 Crescent Road in the Community Center. Parking is available in the lot behind the Greenbelt Library. For more information, visit the school's website at greenbeltnurseryschool.org or call the school at 301-474-5570.

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My family and friends are my warmth!

- Mary Lou



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Carol



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being my partner in life.
Mason and Freya, you
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and our little GHI with
love.
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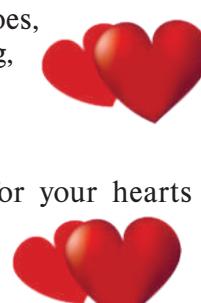
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all my Grandnieces, and my Good Hearted
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Go ahead, make my day.

Pops
Even when your body is tired,
your heart beats strong with
love. We love you!
Corita, Andrea, Kai and
Maeve



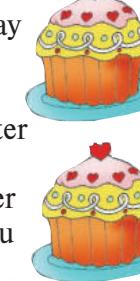
Once upon a midday query,
While I pondered life's wonderous woes,
I noted the date I woke from napping,
The day there came a tapping,
As if someone gently rapping,
Rapping for my hearts galore.
Tis no visitor, I muddled, tapping for your hearts
galore.
This be the good life forevermore.
- From the G in JAG



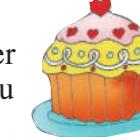
Snowcrete is no
match for the Dad
Bod Squad. Someone
even thought we were
young!! 😂 😂



Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?
(Heck no!) Though art more hot, and not just when
minisplits by yonder window break
Rough winds prefer thee to the buds of May
So to winter's gale shall my allusion make



Like a snow day, you bring play and laughter
And just as all is gorgeous robed in snow
With thrills, outdoor adventures, cocoa after
All's delightful poss'bil'ty with you, my beau

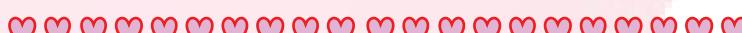


Who'd have thought I could, in winter, laugh?
- An argument teleological still you make!
With wit & plans you spin me (right round) like a
spirograph
And keep me grinning, my infinity-ith pancake!



So thy eternal winter shall not fade
As long's our cozy cuddle doth endure
And even aft' our final escapade
Your wonder shall live on, my paramour

So long as women breathe, reach apogee
So long lives GNR, and GNR gives life to thee



Whether flipping on a trampoline
Or chasing gorillas (by us, unseen)
Or interjecting with comment funny
Or luring flies (well, fly) with honey
Or leading minyan, singing loud,
reading Torah - we're so proud!!
You delight us all the time
And so, with love, we wrote this rhyme
For the sweetest boy who ever flossed!
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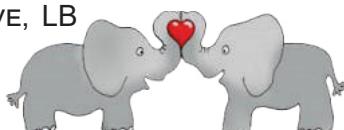
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Our second spring together!
Let the crocuses and daffodils
bloom.
I'll kiss you even when the
parents are home.

Dear Mom, Thx for rescuing me
from New Orleans & mattresses
or couches I've snuck into, being
fast enough to catch me for trips
to the vet for checkups, & always
putting fluffy blankets out for me.
Love, Daisy.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY TO MY BIG-
GEST LOVE AND BESTEST FRIEND BR.
I AM SO GRATEFUL TO HAVE YOU IN
MY LIFE, AND LAZ IS TOO!
LOVE, LB



With socks and pancakes
My love manifests
For imaginative Dora
A budding graphic artist.



Rosie, oh Roosiee, just imagine
this is a clever rhyme expressing
my undying love to you. But I
really DO love you a ton, with rhyme
or with none. Love, Dan.

be mine!

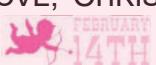


Maeve — we love you
snow much! Your skiing we
can't touch. Ski you later!

Love M/M

TO MY SWEET SAMMI BABY,
MI AMOR, MON AMOUR, WILL
YOU BE MY VALENTINE?

LOVE, CHRIS



News Review
How I love you!
Happy Valentine's Day!

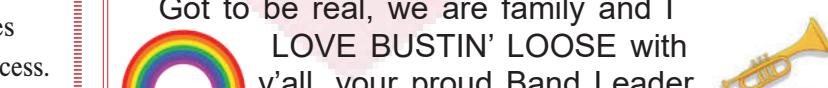


To Dora: A challenge? No problem!
The solution you know: Reverse the
polarity of the neutron flow! Happy
Valentine's Day :-).
Love, E.
P.S. Scarves are cool!

Baby, we met at a movie
and our story would make a good movie.
Here is to many more years of trips and movies
and health and love with and for our dragon princess.



Greenbelt Honk! Situation! I love it when you
push it and do whatcha wanna while you're
funkin' it up in your track suit. Y'all delight and
annoy the community in just the right way! I've
Got to be real, we are family and I
LOVE BUSTIN' LOOSE with
y'all, your proud Band Leader.



TO OUR 24 KARAT DARLINGS,
YM, MM, EM (AND MAMA & DADA).
YOU LIGHT UP OUR WORLD!
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY FROM
GRANDMA AND GRANDBOB



I love you now, and for all time.
Every beat, my heart is thine.
Ayla, will you be my Valentine?



Great big Valentine's love and
gratitude to our amazing and hardworking Public
Works department!
Your hard work in the icy cold warms our
hearts!
Love, your Greenbelt neighbors



My sweetie, Suji. So thankful to God for you.
May He bless our growing Malddong
and generously lead us to new jobs
so we survive it all. 사랑해!
Love you!



I'll show you my secret stash of nuts.
I'll climb the tallest tree for you.
You make my heart scamper.
I'm absolutely nuts about you.
Please be my Valentine!



JLB to MGS

More than a partner, more than a friend,
A love that begins where the others
end.

In each cup of coffee and morning view,
I'm always delighted with my life with
you.

Thirty-three years ago, in a
party's loud hum,
I asked you out and look how
far we've come.
From a Cheesecake Factory
date to our life now,
You eclipse the Oscars and give
my life wow.
Happy Valentine's Day,
Raymond.

Jooojooooo! You may now be old but I
still love you like when you were little and
cute(r). Good job, where my lasers at?

Alexandra & Chris –
Bad politics are red,
Intellectuals are blue,
Thanks for all the favors;
I'm glad I'll always have you!

Chimby Wimby, gorgeous trimby,
Mamatama's little soup dumpling –
Future author, current soccer star,
Happy Valentine's! Love you near and far.

Beabalittlejoonbea,
Mama's vivacious moonbeam –
Happy Valentine's Day
To a martial and creative artist
who brings me joy in every way.

Kai - A last love note, for a senior you are.
Wherever you head, our love goes that far.
Love M/M



My Dearest Rosa,
will you be my Valentine?
____ Yes ____ No



Lisa and Kirk,
Happy Valentines Day! Our love
and appreciation for you are
unmeasurable and you will always
be our relationship goals. Tell Dash
and Musette we said pspspsp (in a
valentiney way)
Love, Rosa and Kerry

