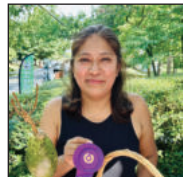




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Summer Bridge for S&T Students Cancelled, PGCPS Savings Unclear

by Hannah Frasure

Facing a multi-million-dollar shortfall for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) many budget cuts included the end of a long-running summer preparatory program for incoming Science and Technology (S&T) students at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS). However, ERHS



S&T students, from unspecified schools, during the 2025 summer bridge program at University of Maryland

teachers and students volunteered for two days in mid-July to provide incoming S&T students with an attenuated version of the bridge program.

"This year unfortunately, our traditional Summer Bridge program is not taking place due to budget cuts, and so what we have instead is a summer assign-

ment and two in-person days," ERHS S&T Coordinator Sharla Peters-Smith told families of the incoming students at a virtual informational session hosted June 9 and added that teachers would be volunteering to run the program.

In then-Interim Superintendent Shawn Joseph's January letter attached to his proposed budget

he described the fiscal climate, saying, "We find ourselves in a year of recalibration. Rising costs, declining enrollment and new Blueprint mandates have created unprecedented fiscal pressure. Specifically, PGCPS has absorbed \$110 million in compensation increases for our employees and retirees while our reserves are depleted and county funding remains at the minimum level — well below that of our regional peers."

The summer program was slashed across four Prince George's County science-focused magnet schools including ERHS S&T program (as well as S&T at Charles Herbert Flowers and

See **BRIDGE**, page 7

From Greenbelt to Dallas: Marshall Extends Contract with Mavericks

by Charlotte Ormond

On August 3, the Dallas Mavericks basketball team posted an image of Naji Marshall standing beneath a Breezewood Court street sign in Franklin Park, with the text, "Naji signs his extension in his hometown of Greenbelt, Md."

Marshall was in Greenbelt preparing for a mental health awareness event when the Mavericks team president Masai Ujiri called to offer him a three-year, \$52.5 million contract extension that could keep him with the team through the 2029-30 season, according to The New York Times/

The Athletic.

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) graduate proved himself a valuable player for the Mavericks this past season, when he averaged 15.2 points on 51 percent shooting to go along with 4.7 rebounds and 3.3 assists over 74 games. Marshall has been playing for the team since 2024, after spending four years with the New Orleans Pelicans.

In an interview with Babcock Hoops in 2020, Marshall described what it was like playing basketball as a child. "I feel like growing up with the youth and grassroots basketball there and to be able to experience both of those areas was unbelievable. It's

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What Goes On

Monday, August 17
No City Council Meeting:
Summer Recess
Wednesday, August 19
No Council Meeting: Summer Recess

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



Naji Marshall visits his hometown.

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Special Exception Application Hearing For a Taco Bell in Greenway Center

by Maurice Crawford



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Location of the proposed new Taco Bell in Greenway Center

A pre-application hearing regarding a proposed Taco Bell in Greenway Center was held on Tuesday, August 4 with 10 members of the public attending. The new Taco Bell would cover half an acre and include a drive-through window. Although the area is in the Commercial, General and Office Zone, the presence of a drivethrough triggered the Special Exception application and associated public hearings.

The meeting was led by Matthew Gordon of Selzer Gurvitch

Attorneys at Law, whose firm is handling the permit applications, and Matthew Pohlhaus of IMEG corporation, whose firm is conducting the site design. Also in attendance was Michael DeGennaro representing Combined Properties, the owners of Greenway Center.

The new Taco Bell would be located in the northeast section of the shopping center, just south of Greenbelt Road, and use

See **TACO BELL**, page 13

Creative Kids Campers Build Their Very Own Newspaper

by Cathie Meetre



PHOTO BY JERRY BONNELL

GNN volunteer Cathie Meetre works with younger campers on writing stories during their visit to the News Review.

In the News Review issue of August 6, we wrote about how Creative Kids Camp (CKC) youngsters worked with News Review staff. Wearing their press passes, they typed on typewriters, created stories, searched GNN archives, produced original artwork and had fun — and so did we. This week, the News Review

is proud to present a kid-sized newspaper nestled within its own pages. See pages 8 and 9.

Authorship

The stories were penned by the older groups and are representative rather than selected as winners of some sort of competition.

See **CKC NEWS**, page 8

Letters to the Editor

Thanks for Rounding Up

Greenbelt Community Orchestra (GCO) and Greenbelt Concert Band (GCB) would like to thank the Co-op Supermarket & Pharmacy for designating us as the beneficiaries of the round-up campaign for the month of July, and we would especially like to thank all the customers who rounded up for us. We now have over \$3,000 for the purchase and maintenance of shared percussion instruments.

Both groups enjoy sharing our love of music by giving free concerts in the community. The band will be playing a Veterans Day Concert on November 8 at the American Legion, and the orchestra will be giving two performances of Holst's The Planets Suite with NASA imagery and commentary on November 14 and 15 at the Community Center. Find out more about

us at greenbeltorchestra.org and greenbeltconcertband.org.
Anne Gardner (GCO)
and L'il Dan Celdran (GCB)

Former Girl Scouts Band Together

When confronted with a cash only requirement to see the open caption showing of Cookie Queens last Sunday, those of us unable to comply were aided by several donors in line at the Greenbelt Cinema, many of whom were from out of town.

Cash was produced and given, no IOUs, and I would like to thank the person from Old Greenbelt who gave me \$7 to see the show (membership price). Sorry I forgot your name in the happy glow I was in from this experience!

Katy Pape



On Screen at Greenbelt Cinema

Spider-Man: Brand New Day

It's a brand-new day for Peter Parker (Tom Holland). Fighting crime fulltime as Spider-Man in a world that doesn't remember him – and the pressure of seeing his old friends move on without him – sparks a change in Peter he may not have the power to control. But that transformation might also be the only thing that can stop a shocking new threat to the city and those he loves – a powerful villain no one can even see. The world may have forgotten Peter Parker, but he hasn't forgotten it.

Cookie Queens

A celebration of girlhood and the complexities that come with it, Cookie Queens is a coming-of-age story about the joys, pressures and tensions woven into one of America's most cherished rituals: Girl Scout Cookie season. Said critic Mark Jackson of Epoch Times, "While Cookie Queens is a complex look at how America puts pressure on kids to be successful, it's also unquestionably a love letter to Girl Scouts and the magic of girlhood. It's one of the most childhood nostalgia-inducing films I've seen in a while."

National Theatre Live — Mrs. Warren's Profession

Five-time Olivier Award-winner Imelda Staunton (The Crown) joins forces with her real-life daughter Bessie Carter (Bridgerton) for the very first time, playing mother and daughter in Bernard Shaw's incendiary moral classic. Vivie Warren is a woman ahead of her time. Her mother, however, is a product of that old patriarchal order. Exploiting it has earned Mrs. Warren a fortune – but at what cost? Filmed live from the West End, this new production reunites Staunton with director Dominic Cooke (Follies, Good), exploring the clash between morality and independence, traditions and progress.

Tony

Nineteen-year-old Anthony Bourdain (Dominic Sessa) stumbles into the chaotic world of a restaurant kitchen, setting off a summer that shapes the course of his life. Said critic Justin Chang of The New Yorker, "It's a youthful romance, a goofball gross-out, and a Karate Kid fable rolled into one. You might get so caught up in the comedy, familiar beats and all, that you forget you're watching a biopic."

Vivo

This animated feature follows a one-of-kind kinkajou (aka a rain-forest "honey bear," voiced by Lin-Manuel Miranda), who spends his days playing music to the crowds in a lively square with his beloved owner Andrés (Buena Vista Social Club's Juan de Marcos). Though they may not speak the same language, Vivo and Andrés are the perfect duo through their common love of music. But when tragedy strikes shortly after Andrés receives a letter from the famous Marta Sandoval (Gloria Estefan), inviting her old partner to her farewell concert with the hope of reconnecting, it's up to Vivo to deliver a message that Andrés never could: A love letter to Marta, written long ago, in the form of a song. Yet in order to get to Marta, who lives a world apart, Vivo will need the help of Gabi (newcomer Ynairaly Simo) – an energetic tween who bounces to the beat of her own offbeat drum – to fulfill his owner's wishes.

Thanks for All the News

The Greenbelt News Review is a grateful recipient of a grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation, one purpose of which is to allow us to print more pages than ad revenue supports. This week, thanks to that grant we are able to provide our readers with 16 pages of news, events and photos. Our thanks to the Foundation.



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OC = Open Captions
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DVS = Descriptive Video Service

SHOWTIMES: AUGUST 14th - 20th

Spider-Man: Brand New Day (PG-13) (CC)

(DVS) (2026) (145 mins)

Screen 1 - Main Auditorium

Fri. 4:45 PM, 8:15 PM

Sat. 4:45 PM, 8:15 PM

Sun. 4:30 PM (OC), 7:45 PM

Mon. 3:45 PM, 7:00 PM

Tues. 6:15 PM

Wed. 6:15 PM

Screen 2 - The Screening Room

Thurs. 7:40 PM

Cookie Queens (G) (CC)

(DVS) (2026) (91 mins)

Screen 2 - The Screening Room

Fri. 7:55 PM

Sat. 5:05 PM

Sun. 7:25 PM

Mon. 4:05 PM

Tues. 5:00 PM

Wed. 7:45 PM

Thurs. 5:20 PM

National Theatre Live - Mrs. Warren's Profession

(CC) (DVS) (2025) (120 mins)

Screen 1 - Main Auditorium

Thurs. 5:00 PM

Screen 2 - The Screening Room

Fri. 5:05 PM

Sat. 7:55 PM

Sun. 4:10 PM

Mon. 6:40 PM

Tues. 7:15 PM

Wed. 5:00 PM

Tony (CC)

(DVS) (2026) (106 mins)

Early Members-only Screening

Screen 1 - Main Auditorium

Thurs. 8:00 PM

Storytime on Screen - FREE!

Screen 1 - Main Auditorium

Mon. 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM

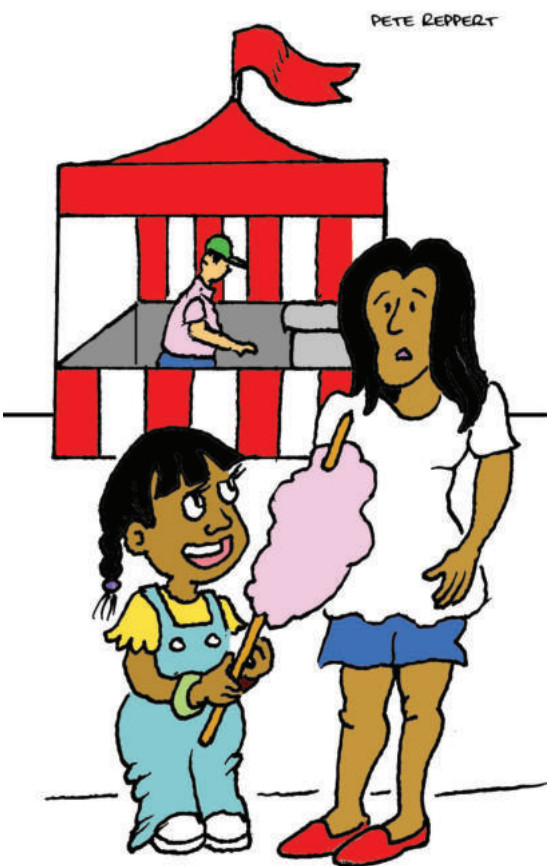
Vivo (PG)

(CC) (DVS) (2021) (99 mins)

School's Out! - FREE!

Screen 1 - Main Auditorium

Thurs. 1:00 PM



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Community Events

At the Library

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.

Pre-K Story Hour/Hora de Cuentos de Prekinder

Friday, August 14, 10:30 a.m., newborn to 5, at the Springhill Lake Community Center. Enjoy vibrant stories, fingerplays and songs led by Greenbelt Library Staff. After the storytime, enjoy playtime in the gym, a healthy snack and a free book from Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness (RUAK). Disfruta cuentos vibrantes, juegos de dedos, y canciones dirigidas por el equipo de la Biblioteca de Greenbelt. Después de los cuentos, disfruta de juegos en el gimnasio, una merienda saludable, y un libro gratis de RUAK. Register at pgcmls.info/event/16485657.

Storytime on Screen

Monday, August 17, 10:30 a.m., ages 1 to 5, at the Greenbelt Cinema. Greenbelt Cinema and the Prince George’s County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) 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/16485771.

Storytimes

Tuesday, August 18, 12:15 p.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at pgcmls.info/event/16645488.

Wednesday, August 19, 12:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at pgcmls.info/event/16486796.

Thursday, August 20, 10:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2. Register at pgcmls.info/event/16486833.

Craft and Create

Thursday, August 13, 2 p.m., ages 13+ (teen/adult). Whether a job, hobby or a passing exercise, sketching is a great gateway into art as a form of creative expression. Come with a sketchbook or use Library materials. People of all ages and skill levels are welcome. Register at pgcmls.info/event/16815753.

STEM Fun

Tuesday, August 18, 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 building various structures using magnetic blocks through interactive challenges that spark curiosity and creativity. Register at pgcmls.info/event/16523382.

Ride and Read

Thursday, August 20, 11 a.m., ages 16+. Get moving and have fun at the Library. Sign up for an hour ride on a stationary bike with free apps from PGCMLS like Libby, Kanopy and Hoopla to enjoy while working out. Participants must be 16 or older, sign a waiver before beginning to ride and be wearing loose-fitting clothing and closed-toed shoes. Register at pgcmls.info/event/16519508.



More Community Events
are located throughout the paper.

Fire Department Bake Sale at Co-op on Sunday

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a Bake Sale & Raffle Sale on Sunday, August 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Greenbelt Co-op ramp.

The community is invited to stop by, enjoy a variety of delicious homemade treats and take part in the raffle.

Community support helps strengthen a dedicated organization committed to serving Greenbelt with pride and compassion.

Golden Age Club August Meetings

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

August 19, Birthday celebration with a potluck luncheon. Bring a dish to share. If you are a birthday celebrant during August, be ready to tell your story.

August 26, Bingo.

Reel and Meal Refugees: Then, Now

The Reel and Meal at the New Deal Café for Monday, August 17 will show four Utopia Film Festival films, including three from earlier festivals. Italian filmmakers show Ukrainians fleeing to Hungary at the start of the 2022 Russian invasion in Train to Budapest.

Kharkiv, Ukraine: My Beautiful, Suffering (Resilient) City records the 2022 events in their second largest city, located just eight miles from the Russian border. It is updated to 2026 showing people enduring, helping each other, and heroically maintaining their community despite daily bombings and wartime hardships.

Remember Everything: To Not Forget Anyone takes us to an island off Greece where hundreds of refugees who lost their lives at sea fleeing hostilities are commemorated.

The fourth film, Red, White, Blue and Yellow, is a sneak preview for the upcoming 2026 Utopia Film Festival. In the film, Ukrainians in Atlanta use their culture, cuisine, music and art to raise funds for their country in its hour of need.

Two other things make this Reel and Meal program special. The normal discussion about the films will be followed by everyone’s recall of either their own journey to refuge or of an ancestor who made that journey to safety and freedom.

Sponsored by the Greenbelt Refugee Aid Committee, the event will feature ceramic ware as thank-you gifts for donations to help Ukraine.

With the recent changes to our cooperative, we are returning to the volunteer-cooked-and-served buffet line meal that worked so well for many years. Dinner at 6 p.m. will be the famous vegan New Deal Chili, with sides and dessert for \$15. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit the Café.

The program, as always, is free. To join on Zoom, register at tinyurl.com/ReelMeal2026.

Greenbelt Chess Club Meets August 18

The Greenbelt Chess Club will meet on Tuesdays, August 18 and 25. Meetings will take place at the Youth Center from 6:30 to 8:50 p.m. The club welcomes people of all ages and skill levels. To be added to the mailing list, visit tinyurl.com/ycy2nz4m and complete the brief form. Email questions to greenbeltchessclub@gmail.com.

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, August 16 at the Community Center, Room 113. Bring one to three pieces in any medium for discussion at this monthly meetup sponsored by the Recreation Arts Program. 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/eE4I. For more Greenbelt Arts Program information, visit greenbeltmd.gov/arts.

Hear from Greenbelt Outstanding Citizens

Join the Greenbelt Rotary Club in honoring past Greenbelt Outstanding Citizens during the leadup to the announcement of the next awardee at the Labor Day Festival next month. As one of the long-standing sponsors of the Outstanding Citizen Award, Greenbelt Rotary will hold an informal conversation with past honorees as a celebration of community and the varying ways people contribute to Greenbelt. The Club will also present certificates to induct the Outstanding Citizens as honorary Rotarians. The event will be on Thursday, August 13 at the Community Center, Room 114, with refreshments and conversation at 6:30 p.m., and the talk and certificate presentation at 7 p.m.

Community Energy Workshop

Women Offering Wealth invites Greenbelt-area residents to a workshop designed to help households lower their electric costs. On Saturday, August 15 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Community Center Multipurpose Room, learn how eligible homeowners and renters may save 10 percent on their electric bill through energy savings opportunities without rooftop solar panels or installation costs. Participants should bring a current electric bill showing their account number and service number. Additional savings may be available for recipients of SNAP, TANF, WIC, SSI or Medicaid. An award letter confirming benefits will be required to verify eligibility. Qualification is based on ZIP code availability. To attend, register at energycreditsnow26.eventbrite.com.

Playground Plogging Labor Day Weekend

Plogging is a wacky way of saying “picking up litter while you jog or walk,” invented by Swedish outdoorsman and environmentalist Erik Ahlström. The word plogging comes from plocka, the Swedish word for pick up. Plogging is an ecofriendly and healthy exercise. It is an opportunity to take action and help prevent water pollution by cleaning up litter from streams and stormwater ponds.

On Labor (of love) Day Weekend – Friday, September 4 through Monday, September 7 – Greenbelt Plogs, a RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness) initiative, will be cleaning up the approximately 40 city playgrounds across Greenbelt, making them safe and sparkly. Those interested should email Robert Goldberg-Strassler at spreadruak@gmail.com and let him know where they’ll be plogging or ask where ploggers are needed, so as to coordinate efforts and spread the wealth of community engagement.

Community Gathering Saturday, August 15

There is a Community Gathering at the Community Center, Room 114 on Saturday, August 15 from 3 to 5 p.m. The theme of this week’s meeting is community. Come share a poem, a song, a prayer, a thought, food or just be present to connect and uplift. Bring a mug if possible.

This Community Gathering normally occurs on the third Saturday of each month at 3 p.m., sponsored by multiple Greenbelt groups. All are welcome. Sharing is optional. This is a devotional gathering to build friendships and a vibrant community life integrating arts and culture.

Recreation Activity Guide Is Live

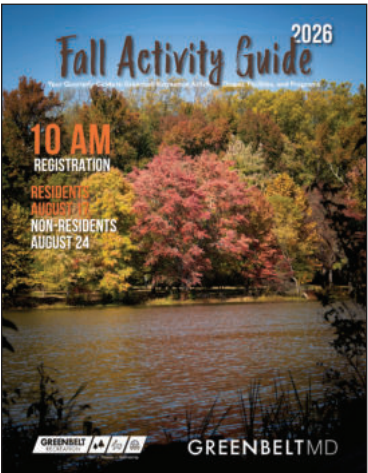


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The Fall 2026 Greenbelt Recreation Activity Guide can be viewed at www.greenbeltmd.gov/activityguide.

The Greenbelt Recreation fall session begins Monday, September 7. Find information about workshops, classes, drop-in activities and events for all ages at greenbeltmd.gov/activityguide. Registration will open for Greenbelt residents on Monday, August 17 at 10 a.m. Nonresident registration opens on Monday, August 24 at 10 a.m. Art class registration remains open until the week before the scheduled start date, but many activities are soon filled, so sign up quickly to reserve a seat.



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MON 8/17	TUES 8/18	WED 8/19	TH 8/20	New Deal Cafe
REEL AND MEAL 6:30-9pm A monthly film series exploring social issues	NDC Open Mic w/ Joey Campfire 6 - 9:30pm Sign ups begin at 6pm; Open Mic starts at 6:30p	PUB QUIZ 7 - 9pm Bring your team or form one on the spot!	The Classic Jam w/ The Low Rent Quartet 6:30 - 9:30pm If you dream of jamming, this is your chance!	CH-CH-CH-CHA, CHANGES! We need your support now more than ever. See link below* THANK YOU!

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Obituaries

George Moore Jr.



George P. Moore Jr.

On July 24, 2026, Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department sadly lost George P. Moore Jr., an icon of the department. George was born April 29, 1945. His parents moved to Greenbelt in 1946. George and his siblings Judy, Brian, Marsha, Dave and Pam grew up in Greenbelt. He attended Center School, Greenbelt Junior High and High Point High School, where he graduated in 1963.

George joined the fire department in 1961 at the age of 16. He joined the Air Force in 1965, married his sweetheart, Cheryl Bateman, in October of 1966, served in Vietnam in 1968 and earned his engineering degree in 1978. After completing his military service, he worked at Bendix Field Engineering, Potomac Research, the CIA and finally NSA.

He and Cheryl decided to move to College Park, where they lived for 30 years as they raised their four children: Benja, Brenda, Jillian and Daniel. Daniel died in 1983 at the very young age of 7. George was always a very, very hands-on dad and was active in the College Park Boys and Girls Club and participated in school activities.

As George was helping to put in new windows at their home, he fell off the ladder and broke both arms. Quite a challenge for Cheryl; now most of the responsibility fell on her to take care of the household chores, four children and George. Both family members and members of the fire department were there to lend a huge helping hand as George slowly recovered from his fall.

After retiring from NSA in 2002, with children all grown, he and Cheryl decided to move back to Greenbelt to continue living there happily ever after. George was an avid moviegoer and watcher. Over the years, he collected hundreds of movies, videos and CDs. During the football seasons at the University of Maryland George had the opportunity to take care of the team's equipment and drive the equipment truck to and from the field. There he was not only able to be on the field but also watch his Terrapins. He loved each and every moment and was the proud recipient of three championship rings that the University of Maryland won during his tenure.

George loved the married life and being a proud dad to his beautiful daughters that he absolutely loved and adored. Family was always, always first and foremost to him. George and Cheryl were happily married for 60 wonderful years. They were each other's best friend and true love since their teen years.

After running fire calls dur-

ing his younger years, when he grew older he took on more of an administrative role at the fire department. He was there each and every day ready for the next assignment or responsibility. He served on the Board of Trustees for many years. As new members came on board, George would love to take them "under his wing," share with them the history of the department and what it will be like to be a volunteer fireman, running calls both with the fire truck and ambulance. He was a wonderful storyteller and a fantastic historian, sharing his experiences and knowledge during his 65 years with a department he loved so very much. To him, each day was an adventure that he treasured and shared with his fellow volunteers and recruits.

His pride and joy of the department was the antique fire truck. He was an important and engaged participant in locating the antique along with its beautiful restoration that we all love and admire today. What a beauty.

Today at the firehouse sits George's empty chair and now, on that chair, sits his cane, his bottle of Pepsi and a book with all the details and history of the department and of the antique fire truck. The items are there to represent and honor a man who loved and dedicated his 65 years to the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad each and every day.

As we look back to the early years, one can still hear the klaxon (fire siren) blaring to notify the volunteers that they are needed for a fire call or ambulance. One can still see a young 16-year-old running across Braden Field so he could be the first on the fire truck, and that 16-year-old was George P. Moore Jr.

To George: Thank you for your 65 years of dedicated service you so proudly gave and served to Greenbelt and its residents. Now, the fire truck is waiting for you, good and faithful servant. May you continue to watch over us and protect us, as you have always done. You will be forever loved, remembered, honored and missed.

— Kathrine Reynolds

David Granite



Dr. David Granite

David Samuel Granite, M.D., FAAFP (Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians), aged 79, died peacefully on July 10, 2026, from complications of heart disease. After living in Greenbelt for 43 years, David had moved to an extended care facility in Rockville in November 2025.

Born in Buffalo, N.Y., David was the middle child of Hilda Mary Kaminer and Herman Reuben Granite. His two sisters, Rev. Joy Gail Granite Croft, currently of Norwich, England, and Jane Yetta Granite, deceased, joined the family in 1943 and 1949, respectively.

David enjoyed becoming a Cub Scout from the age of 8. Here, he met his lifelong friend, Michael Schultz, who lived nearby. Other pursuits "Doctor Dave" enjoyed included riding his bicycle all over Buffalo, and spending hours on weekends in the local library, reading books on all kinds of history. Academic excellence enabled him to receive a merit scholarship for four years of undergraduate study.

David matriculated at the University of Rochester where he excelled in premedical courses, and majored in his lifelong love, history. He graduated magna cum laude in 1968. He spent his junior year abroad at Hull University in England. During that time, he, his roommate and two other fellows toured Europe, which led David to want to travel to other "exotic" places in later life.

His scholarship continued when David matriculated at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry in 1968.

He graduated in 1972. During his first year there, he met, on a blind date, a girl from Oklahoma, Mary Lou Oster. She was a senior who was going to move to Baltimore at summer's end to attend the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

This led them to spend a number of years commuting to see each other. They married in 1970 and were finally together in Baltimore when David spent his senior year of medical school in absentia at Johns Hopkins, taking rotations like rehabilitation medicine and specialty surgical clerkships.

In 1972, David moved to Riverside Hospital in Newport News, Va., for his residency training in Family Practice, again commuting between there and Baltimore. In 1975, David and Mary moved to Lanham and David joined what became Physicians Family Practice in Old Greenbelt.

Memorial Service: Dr. David Granite

There will be a memorial service on Sunday, August 23 at 4 p.m. at Mishkan Torah, 10 Ridge Road in Greenbelt for longtime Greenbelt physician Dr. David Granite, who died on July 10. Many Greenbelters remember his care for them and their families. The Granite Building in Roosevelt Center is named in his honor.

He and his partners would continue with the practice until retirement or, in David's case, sale of the practice in 2014. David continued with the new owners until his retirement in 2016. The building was sold to new tenants then and was recently named the Granite Building.

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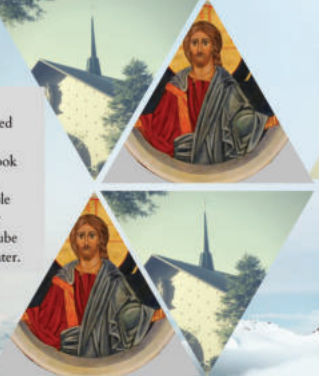
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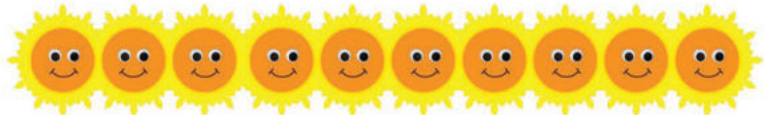
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Congratulations to ERHS graduate Naji Marshall on extending his contract with the Dallas Mavericks basketball team. Marshall was in Greenbelt giving back to the community when he heard the news.

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Mishkan Torah Celebrates High Holidays Services

Mishkan Torah will celebrate the following holidays in September.

- Rosh Hashanah on September 11 through 13.
- Yom Kippur on September 20 and 21.

Mishkan Torah is located at 10 Ridge Road and can be reached at mishkantorah.org.



Vijay Parameshwaran with the News Review at the Eleanor Roosevelt Val-Kill historic site in Hyde Park, N.Y. It was Eleanor’s home and getaway for many years.

PHOTO BY GITA SUBRAMANIAM



City Information & Events

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GREENBELT CITY CALENDAR

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



MEETINGS FOR AUGUST 17 - 21

Monday, August 17, **NO MEETING - COUNCIL SUMMER RECESS**

Tuesday, August 18 at 7 pm, **REPARATIONS COMMISSION - Greenbelt Municipal Building, On the Agenda: Native American Engagement, Report Update, June Town Hall Follow Up**

Wednesday, August 19, **NO MEETING - COUNCIL SUMMER RECESS**

Friday, August 21 at 11:30 am, **ETHICS COMMISSION - Council Chambers**

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

OFFICIAL NOTICE - PUBLIC HEARING

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND
CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION NO. 2134
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Notice is hereby given that the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, a municipal corporation, has initiated legislative action to annex into the corporate limits of the City of Greenbelt lands contiguous and adjoining to the city’s existing corporate boundaries, as described below:

A Charter Amendment Resolution of the City Council of Greenbelt Enlarging the Corporate Boundaries of the City of Greenbelt By Annexing Into The Corporate Limits of the City of Greenbelt Lands Contiguous and Adjoining to the City’s Existing Corporate Boundaries Property Commonly Known As Lanham Boys Club, Consisting Of Approximately 10 +/- Acres of Land In Total Located Generally at the Lanham Boys Club.

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

The exact legal description and annexation plan for the above Annexation Area are available online at www.greenbeltmd.gov/news, or may be reviewed in person at the City of Greenbelt Department of Planning and Community Development, 15 Crescent Road, Suite 200, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The City Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed annexation on **September 14, 2026, at 7:30 p.m.**, 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.

GREENBELT CARES PROGRAMS

BACK TO SCHOOL HEALTH FAIR
Tuesday, August 18, 10 am - 1 pm
Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane

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Saturday
September 5

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	11:15 am	Water balloon Toss (all ages)
	11:45 am	Pie Eating Contest (all ages)



Youth Center	1:00 pm	Photo Scavenger Hunt (all ages)
	2:00 pm	Hotshot (12 & under)
	3:30 pm	2 Ball Tournament (16 & older)

Sunday
September 6

Braden Field	10:00 am	Egg Spoon Race (all ages)
	10:30 am	Sack Race (all ages)
	11:00 am	3 Legged Race (all ages)
	11:30 am	Water Relay (all ages)
	1:00 pm	Cornhole Tournament (12 & older)



Youth Center	1:00 pm	Children’s Bingo (12 & under)
	2:00 pm	Youth Table Tennis Tournament (17 & under)
	3:30 pm	3-Point Contest (ages 13-17)

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



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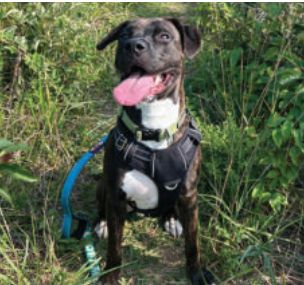
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If you’re interested in adopting bright-eyed Blu, please email animalservices@greenbeltmd.gov or call 301-474-6124 for more information.



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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Fall Activity Guide Now Online Sign-up for classes, workshops, meet-ups, and special events for all ages. Registration opens for Greenbelt Residents on 8/17 at 10am. Non-resident registration begins 8/24 at 10am. See brochure and more information at www.greenbeltmd.gov/ActivityGuide. Fall session begins September 7.

Fused Glass Suncatcher 8/30, 11am-12:30pm & 12:30pm-1:30pm (Greenbelt Community Center). Register for section 1 to make two suncatchers or for both sections to make four pieces. Registration required: bit.ly/4vYvclm.

MORE ARTS HAPPENING SOON

- **August Art Share** 8/16, 2-3pm - sign up at: sugeni.us/eE4I
- **Circus Camp Presents Under the Big Top** 8/14, 2:30pm. Visit the Greenbelt Community Center business office or call (301) 397-2208 for free tickets.
- **Parent’s Night Out** Meets from 5-8:30pm twice monthly (Greenbelt Community Center). Upcoming dates: 8/14, 8/28, 9/11, 9/25. See greenbeltmd.gov/arts for more information.

Follow the City of Greenbelt on Facebook and Twitter @cityofgreenbelt! For City information and events, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov

Greenbelters Adjust to New City Trash Pilot Program

by Lynne Slater

Despite considerable initial resistance, seven months into the Save As You Throw (SAYT) landfill trash reduction one-year pilot program, the 2,500 participating households appear to be adjusting. According to Luisa Robles, Greenbelt’s sustainability coordinator, the city has experienced a 17.5 percent reduction in residential landfill trash and the recycling program grew by 8 percent without an “increase in contaminants or illegal dumping,” she said.

“While we’re continuing to monitor the data and evaluate trends over time, the early results indicate that the program is achieving its primary goal of reducing the amount of material sent to the landfill while encouraging more sustainable waste management practices throughout the community.”

The pilot program requires residents to pay an annual base fee of \$240 for trash pickup. For weekly pickup it offers the option of paying by purple bag at \$.80 per 8-gallon bag, \$1.25 per 15-gallon bag or \$2 per 33-gallon bag. Alternatively, the Max Trash option for an additional \$140 per year allows three 33-gallon commercial trash bags or a 99-gallon trash bin per week. By using the purple bags, residents can control how much they spend on trash collection whereas households with the Max Trash option have a fixed cost and an upper weekly limit on trash.

Seventy-two percent of households elected to take the purple bag option. A two-week survey from March 9 to 24 by the Department of Public Works shows that purple baggers on average set out less than one bag of trash per week and households with the Max Trash option on average set out the equivalent of 3.6 bags.

Compliance

Initially, some residents were not compliant with the new regulations. Currently, instances of noncompliance are rare, according to the city. “We have found,” said Robles, “that most compliance issues stem from residents being uninformed, misunderstandings or adjustment to the new system rather than intentional violations, and many are resolved through communication and education.” When instances occur, the Department of Public Works sends written notices explaining the program requirements. They will also call residents to discuss issues. If, however, residents are not responsive to notification and outreach, their trash is not picked up. If the problem continues, the resident is fined and the trash will be picked up.

Residents Adapt

Greenbelt residents have adapted to the SAYT way of managing their trash in a variety of ways. For some it did not require much change in their habits. Having joined a Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI) “court influencers pre-meeting,” Lore Rosenthal had a “positive attitude” toward the pilot program from the beginning. Because her two-person, two-cat household already recycled and composted, their only change was having to use a plastic rather than a compostable bag. They set out a small bag once every two weeks.

Rasheeda Childress, whose



A model set of bins set out in GHI: compost, recycling and trash

household consists of four people and two cats, was “not crazy” about and initially opposed to SAYT. However, she has come to accept it. Her family elected the Max Trash option. They already recycled. Even so, she sometimes finds it difficult to fit everything into the bin. “It requires lots of thought to fit everything into three bags,” more time than she thought she would need to spend. She relayed an example: her son received an item packaged with “huge styrofoam” pieces. The styrofoam couldn’t be broken up to get into bags and wouldn’t fit in the bin. They had to hold some of it over until the next week.

“I am concerned that as I get older or if I become injured, I will no longer be able to drag my bin out of the closet to the edge of my property,” Catherine Hardy told the News Review. Like other GHI members, she already recycled and participated in the curbside composting program. She does not believe that she has any less trash than she did before the pilot began; she puts out a small bag per week. One thing that concerns her: before the pilot, she used compostable trash bags. She is “wondering why the purple trash bags are not more environmentally friendly?”

On a weekly basis, Susan Breon, who lives with a cat, takes “advantage of any extra space in her medium-sized bag to help declutter her house.” Initially, she was concerned about getting the purple bags but found the Co-op

resupplied just in time. She appreciates the city’s “hybrid approach in the pilot which gives people a choice as to how they manage their trash. It’s more fair — you pay for what you use,” said Breon.

The city’s Constituent Services Coordinator Gizelle Alvarez told the News Review that a city council work session in the fall will review the pilot.

Editor’s Note: Some types of styrofoam can be recycled at the City of Greenbelt’s quarterly electronics and styrofoam recycling events. See greenbeltmd.gov/569/Electronics-Recycling.

Where to Find Purple SAYT Bags

Initially the SAYT program purple bags were seemingly in short supply, but they are becoming widely available in Greenbelt. The Co-op Supermarket, Safeway and the CVS at 5910 Greenbelt Road (Beltway Plaza) stock all three sizes of the bags. Giant will soon have them on their shelves. Greenway Center CVS carries small bags. The Beltway Plaza Hardware Store sells medium-sized bags and expects to have replenished their stock in a couple of weeks.

PHOTO BY LYNNE SLATER

Pothole Catch-22 Jeopardizes Cyclists, Walkers, Vehicles

by Cathie Meetre

Federal cutbacks seem to be impacting Research Road from Powder Mill Road to the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) gate to Greenbelt. Owned by the federal government, the road is under BARC authority but many of the road’s users live or work in Greenbelt.

The road is a treasure trove for cyclists and walkers 24/7 with views, a stream and its very own eagle’s nest. It has never been well maintained and the steep slope at the Greenbelt end and drainage from the hillside wreak regular havoc. But today’s condition is increasingly dangerous.

It’s All Downhill

The steep portion nearest the gate to Greenbelt has a plethora of potholes on both sides of the road. These cavities penetrate below the asphalt into the gravel layer and mud beneath. The surviving asphalt shows frequent cracking and small voids readying for further collapse. Resident Steve Skolnik is a frequent user of the stretch and though he notes he can still navigate the road on his recumbent e-bike, he adds, “It is deteriorating with potholes.”

Swerving Hazard

Cars going up and down swerve to avoid the holes — reflexively if coming upon them abruptly and fast as is often the case — making it easy to miss seeing a cyclist coming the other way. Cyclists also swerve instinctively. Both may cross into the opposing lane (there is no shoulder) with a real possibility of collision. With their attention focused on the potholes’ menace, it’s easy to imagine drivers and cyclists failing to realize their mutual danger until it’s too late.

Local cycling aficionado (and News Review member) Jeff Travis agrees that “the conditions of the downhill side especially, but also the uphill side, are deplorable.”

Hole Depth

The holes are deep — with sharp lips that drop suddenly as



The gate to BARC is warded by a series of potholes and a speed bump.

- Photos by Cathie Meetre



This hole's depth is disguised by the water in it. Woe the cyclist who encounters it.

much as four inches and then an opposing edge that’s also a four-inch near-vertical — quite enough to send a cyclist ballistic. Greenbelter Jeff Lemieux of Proteus Bicycles, and a passionate cyclist himself, notes, “That section should be closed to car traffic if BARC can’t maintain it.” He also points out that mapping apps, like Google’s, continue to route vehicles onto Beaver Dam and Research Roads, even when the gate is closed.

Riding Context

Mountain and gravel cyclists frequently elect to ride on rough tracks but such riding is usually not undertaken on a road shared with vehicles and utilizes specialized skills and burly equipment. The narrower tires and lighter-weight wheels of the road and hybrid bikes most often seen on Research Road are more vulnerable to buckling, but even so, without vehicles on the road,

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Thank you!

School News

Latasha Dorsey to Lead Greenbelt Elementary as Its New Principal

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

Latasha Dorsey is the newly appointed principal of Greenbelt Elementary School.

Previously, Dorsey was assistant principal at Heather Hills Elementary School in Bowie during the 2025-2026 school year. Prior to that appointment, she was Assistant Principal at Lake Arbor Elementary School.

She has been in an administrative role with Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) since 2022, according to her on-line profile. A PGCPS press release said Dorsey "brings several years of administrative experience and has demonstrated a strong commitment to academic excellence, instructional leadership and building positive school communities." Prior to becoming an administrative leader, Dorsey had years of experience as a teacher, including in health and physical education. She earned a master's degree in education from Loyola University in 2021 and a bachelor of science in kinesiology/education from Louisiana State University, according to her LinkedIn profile.

"A cornerstone of Ms. Dorsey's leadership is her unwavering commitment to community," said the PGCPS press release. "She



PHOTO COURTESY PGCPS

Latasha Dorsey is the new principal of Greenbelt Elementary.

firmly believes that a school is at its strongest when it collaborates closely with educators, families and local partners."

"Education has always been more than a profession for me," Dorsey was quoted as saying in the PGCPS announcement. "I am passionate about transforming the lives of every student by ensuring that all students have access to meaningful experiences, high-quality instruction and the support they need to thrive. I firmly believe that every child deserves to be seen, valued, challenged and inspired to reach their fullest potential."

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Oxon Hill, and aerospace at DuVal). It appears to be part of an overall \$12 million reduction in discretionary spending from the Division of Academics.

Summer Bridge Program

Last year there was a three-week-long "summer bridge" program that, according to a PGCPS press release from that time, invited certain incoming ninth graders across the four Prince George's County science magnet high schools and served almost 700 students that year.

The release stated that students "engage[d] in daily hands-on projects in science, math and engineering and explore[d] high school readiness strategies – from study skills to navigating new social dynamics."

Parents of previous cohorts of S&T students describe the past Summer Bridge program as mandatory and helpful. This year only summer homework is mandatory for incoming students at the ERHS program. However, ERHS teacher and student volunteers made sure that the students had the option to come in for six hours each day, on July 14 and 15, for a shortened version of the bridge program.

The only publicly published PGCPS evaluation of the summer bridge program was from the 2021 session and the results shown by the district, of surveys given to student attendees, indicated both that students liked the program, and it led to academic improvements.

For example, four out of five students surveyed reported that they would recommend the program to a friend. Further, students' math test scores improved, on average, by 16 percent from

DIVISION OF ACADEMICS DISCRETIONARY SAVINGS: \$12M		
Academics	Program Changes	Impacts
Reductions Across: • C&I • CTE • Early Learning • Specialty Programs	Eliminate Professional Development Lead Teachers (PDLTs) and minimize stipends and PD funds	Build succinct plans for PD across the system with the Department of Organizational Development
	Halt Instrumental Music marching band upgrades	Inventory school needs for prioritization of future funds
	Remove Pre-K and Montessori snacks	Work with Food Services for other options
	Discontinue IB, S&T and AEAT Summer Bridge Programs & Close Up Summer Academy	Redesign summer experience for rising 9th graders in IB, S&T and AEAT utilizing 12 month staff
	Eliminate duplicative Tutoring Programs	Utilize Brainfuse and vet companies for schools
	Delay major Textbook Adoptions and eliminate duplicative interventions	Stay grounded in current curriculum and interventions in place
	AVID programmatic funds	Reinvest funds into college and career experiences
	Reduce long-term vacancies across the division	Re-prioritize work

PHOTO COURTESY PGCPS

The budget process for Summer Bridge

the start to the end of the program, according to PGCPS data.

Incoming ERHS S&T ninth grader and News Review Carrier Henry Turner told us he found the program helpful, especially because it acquainted him with the layout at ERHS.

The first day of the volunteer-run program was designed especially for that purpose, and to acquaint students with each other. On the second day, students were given introductory engineering lessons and completed an engineering challenge.

"We were basically building a catapult," said Turner. He added that he had heard from ERHS S&T students who attended a past summer bridge program that they also built a catapult, but because the program went on for longer, the challenge was more elaborate.

The bridge program, similarly to the ERHS two-day summer session this year, aimed to prepare students academically and to give them examples of what they could do with their education. For example, in 2023 and 2024, attendees took part in an aerodynamics engineering compe-

GES Celebrates 61 Years Of Labor Day Book Sales

by Ayreen Cadwallader and Sarah Schram-Borg

The Greenbelt Elementary School PTA invites the community to its 61st Annual Labor Day Book Sale, taking place during the Labor Day Festival, Friday, September 4 through Monday, September 7.

For 60 years, the Book Sale has been a Festival tradition, offering thousands of gently used books at bargain prices while raising funds to support Greenbelt Elementary students and teachers. Books and various media will be selling for \$1 to \$5 during the sale, as well as cold waters, sodas and Gatorades at an affordable price. From history to mystery, board books to young adult, foreign language to cookbooks – there is surely a great read waiting for everyone. Last year, proceeds provided funding for individual classroom mini-grants, Arts and Tech enrichment programs, field trips, teacher appreciation activities, promotion celebrations, office support and more.

The PTA will gladly accept donations of gently used books, board games, puzzles, DVDs, video games, CDs and vinyl records on Saturday, August 15



PHOTO BY MATT NEUFELD

People rummage through massive piles of books, games, puzzles, vinyl albums, CDs and DVDs at the annual PTA fundraiser book sale at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival on Friday night, August 29, 2025.

and Saturday, August 29 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the basement of St. Hugh of Grenoble Church, 135 Crescent Road. Drop donations off only during these times. Unfortunately, textbooks, encyclopedias, magazines, VHS tapes or cassette tapes will not be accepted.

Community volunteers are the heart of the Book Sale, and the PTA looks forward to working with veteran book-loving volunteers and welcoming new friends throughout the month of August and Labor Day weekend. Volunteers can assist by receiving and sorting donated books on collection days, moving books and setting up the sale or selling books and helping customers throughout the four-day Festival. Student com-

munity service hours are available. Whether as a volunteer for a few hours or a few shifts, any support helps make this longstanding community tradition possible. To volunteer or learn more, visit tinyurl.com/GES-PTA-Book-Sale or email booksalesgespta@gmail.com.

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CKC News!

An Irreverent Newspaper

Advice for Planning the Perfect Vacation

by Helen Sickle & Skylar Leisnham

Are you out of ideas of where to go and what to do on next vacation? Are you stuck on how to make a trip enjoyable? Well we're here to give you perfect advice for a perfect trip.

The first step to your dream vacation is to determine what you and/or your group enjoy doing the most. Do you want to ski down a snowy slope or swim in the ocean? Would you rather stay in a cozy cabin in the woods or in a luxorius hotel room. These are just some ideas to get you started.

Now that you know what place suits you best it's time to choose what fun

activities to do by yourself or with family or friends. Depending on where you are traveling to, there are always a lot of options so its good to prioritise activities you and your group have always wanted to do or discover something new. Before finilizing make sure you have resevations if you need it and you've booked a flight before hand if you are flying so that there will be no unexpected problems come up.

Now that you have planned your vaca-tion its time for you to pack your things and drive,fly,or take a train to your perfect vacation destination!



Croatia would be a perfect destination.

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The Duck Infestation of 25

by Leroy Daley & Arthur Melin

It was a faithfull day at allen park pond. It seemed pretty normal. Instead a group of 25 ducks crouded the equip-ment. Currently only 7 citisens have been injured. These ducks where practicing for a major compition. In said compition they battle for the last all flavor cake(10ft3). Currently they are training vigorously. Sad-dly bystadars are getting hit by collateral damage . We are looking forward to the events that are starting.

Ducks on the rampage



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Rift Open!: Monsters from Velrune Emerging

by Adelaide Baker

On 7/30/2026 a rift opened in the sky. Monsters from velrune began spilling out. 3 children a the scene were questioned. It seems that they were tampering with the forces that be in a game called "D & D" it is possiblethat the game is "Darkness & Death" though we can't be sure. When asked what they were doing at noon sub-ject A responded "I was in my garden hav-ing tea" this seemed misleading because a

witness said that at 12:02 they saw subject A, B, and C playing this "D&D on the steps to the community center. The sub-jects were released when Subject A said "I like goats" an undetermined number of times.

Right now you should hide under your bed with a fruit smoothie until the mon-sters go away.

See also: Apocalypse (Page 12)

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Local Cats Desperate For Food

by Moira McLaughlin

Local cats Petunia and Freya, whose locations will remain compromised, have been reported multiple times to, in the words of their owners Moira and Dorothea McLaughlin, "Repeatedly and aggressively paw and nip at the very people giving them the food."

The cats' owners are getting fed up from the incessant, dramatic performance that happens daily. To add insult to (Very painful) injury, the cats in question refuse to eat the food prepared for them.

To add to the Oscar-worthy per-formance that happens each evening, Petunia and Freya act like the very food in front of them does not exist. They instead choose to (Attempt to) feast upon plastic and toys.

Although this is not a food related be-havior, Petunia and Freya also take to the glasses of water on the table instead of the perfectly potable water in their bowls.

To conclude, Petunia and Freya will likely continue with their behavior, no mat-ter how terrible, because their owners can't stop them "Because Petunia and Freya are just so dang cute"



PHOTO BY TAKASHI HOSOSHIMA

Not a photo of any of the cats mentioned in the article.

Ice Skating Classes And Practice

by Avery Twedt

I started Ice skating two years ago with my two of my friends Maren and Evelyn. All of us had never been Ice skating or Roller skating before. We went two times during an open skate to get the feel for actually being on the ice. We then started taking classes at the lowest level they had. The classes were every Monday night from 6:45 to 7:15, and we went with another one of our friends named Mary who was a higher level class than us.

The ice rink that I go to is only open during the winter, which meant we could only take two classes per year. By the end of the year, Evelyn had decided to stop doing it, and me and Maren had skipped up to the third level class out of five. The second year when I came back to Ice skating, Maren decided to drop out and stop doing it. I decided to keep going anyway and got to the same level class as Mary by the end of the year. We are now both on class 5 out of 5.



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Figure skates ready to go

Some of the skating moves that I am trying to do are a lunge and a two foot spin. A lunge is especially hard because it is like doing a real lunge but on the ice. I am already able to do both a left and right three - turn and backwards three - turn.

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tion. We have not subjected them to our strict editorial standards except where a missed syllable made them incomprehensible. The stories are all as they came, fresh from the minds of their creators. And if the spelling is splendidly cute or the word choice off in left field, well, whyever not?

Editorial Interference

In some cases, we have substituted

for the photographs or graphics that were chosen to avoid copyright issues – while retaining what was intended.

We, in concert with CKC leader-ship, omitted stories concerning an unfortunate incident outside the Library though, of course, some of those stories were very lively and entertaining (if sometimes inaccurate) accounts of the fracas.

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CKC News!

An Irreverent Newspaper

Some of my Favorite Music and Songs!

by Claire Gottschalk

For me, I really like listening to music. I love listening to new music as well as some old. I also I have a lot I like, from lots of different genres.

I like some older artists like Blondie, for example. There are a couple of songs by her I really enjoy like “The Tide is High”. My Mom liked her too, so it’s nice we have a shared liked band.

Besides her, I like slightly newer artists from the 1990s like Weezer, Pavement, Le Tigre, Green day, and a couple others as well as those ones.

From the 2000s and 2010s I really like Mitski, and her various albums from around then. My favorite new music is Tv Girl, Solya, and a couple Chappell Roan songs.

Besides this bunch of singers and bands, I also enjoy music from musicals. Ones like Hamilton, Heathers (The Musical), The Book of Mormon, The Sound



Music is fun

of music, Dear Evan Hansen, Chicago, as well as others I’m probably missing.

So, in summary, I like music a lot, and there’s a lot I like.

The Greenbelt Cinema

by: Anna Gottschalk

The Greenbelt Cinema is one of Greenbelt’s most popular places. It’s also very historic, dating back to close to when the town was first made. Since then, many, many people have gone to see shows at the movie theater. The Cinema plays many types of movies and short films. They also have a free screening of The Grinch around Christmas time. Last year, the Cinema opened a summer camp for the first time. It’s 1 week long and involves the campers making their own short films. At the end of the week, they show the short films in the theatre. It is also taking place again this year.

In addition to the Grinch at the Tree Lighting, the Cinema offers free showings of movies during the summer every Thursday.

One thing that the Greenbelt Cinema does is sometimes importing the actual film to show the movie. This way they can roll the film instead of just showing it normally.

Also, there are two theaters in the Cinema. The main one is much bigger and more often used. However, the smaller side theater is available to rent and play specific movies.



Greenbelt Cinema is special

Camp CKC Takes Over in The News Review

by Lucy June Goggin

The tweens start their day like any other day of summer camp, little did they know...(or they might have if they had checked their counselor schedule) they were goingn to start an adventure ofwrit- ing a news. These tweens were sitting at the compputers and typewriters of the news review room, each writing the own interesting story. Some about resigning as president, some about more fictional things. Even some writing about “Camp CKC” taking over in the news review” each story unique, just like the news review it-

self. Although there wasn’t just writing go- ing on in the new review room (something you wouldn’t expect, it wasn’t a workday) The phone kep ringing, the tensions were high. On camper asked “Can we have more comiscsin the news review. So, who knows, maybe soon there will be a reader revolution, or maybe someone will offer to write the comics for the paper? Children working in press would definitely add something to the paper. A new point of view for the news review would add (pos- sibly) needed change.



Campers at Greenbelt's Creative Kids Camp practice their dance for Magic in the Attic in 2018.

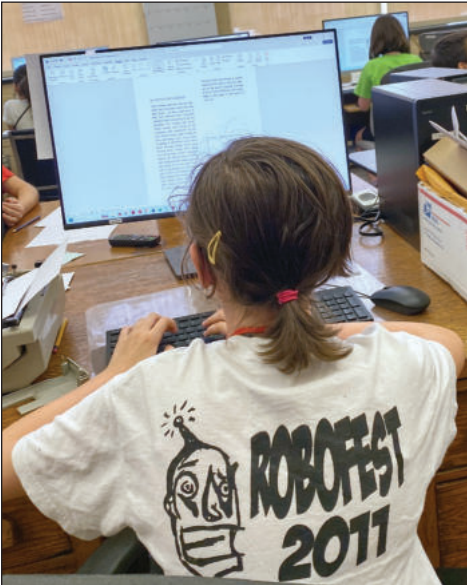
A Trip to New York

by Meriel Cason

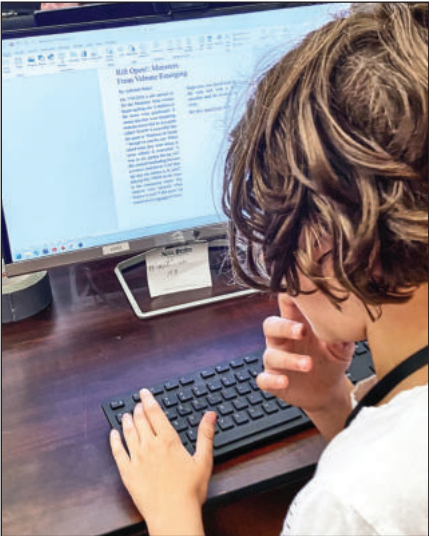
After packing for a long trip, the Ca- son’s got into their stuffed truck expecting a long trip from Maryland to New York

As they progressed through the trip it started to rain. Then the Cason’s noticed it was a bit smokey outside. The eldest child (age 11) asked why there was smoke out in the air. The father told here there was a very bad and big fire in Canada. 3 hours in (I think) the smoke and rain got worse and worse. It got so bad they could barley see the road in front of them. They

leave MD to pensilvania. The younges (age 7) is hungry. All of them are hungry. Mabe not the father but at least the kids. They miss the loves mick donalds, the 11 year old (ME) is now hangry. After about an hour or so the smoke lift’s enough to see at least 50 feet forward. They finally get lunch (AT 1:00!) and it’s at least MD’s (Mick Donalds) and they finally reach New York and mamacity’s and papa’s house (yay!!!>3)



A CKC writer at work, describing the scene around them



A CKC writer concentrates while reporting on a recent monstrous incident.

- Photos by Erica Johns

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War, Military Production: Earth's Greatest Enemy



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City Council Considers Need To Adjust Grant-giving Policy

Organization	Request type	Request amount	Organization's budget	Request as % of budget	FY27 award	Award as % of budget	Effective Match Required
CHEARS	Project	\$ 1,800	\$ 3,675	49%	\$ 1,800	49%	1:1
FONDCA	Project	\$ 2,900	\$ 5,799	50%	\$ 2,700	47%	1.1:1
Business Alliance	Project	\$ 5,000	\$ 14,150	35%	\$ 2,000	14%	6:1:1
GATe	Operating	\$ 65,000	\$ 142,060	46%	\$ 12,000	8%	11.5:1
Babe Ruth	Operating	\$ 3,500	\$ 8,282	42%	\$ 3,400	41%	1.4:1
Boys and Girls Club	Operating	\$ 11,000	\$ 40,600	27%	\$ 11,000	27%	2.7:1
Concert Band	Operating	\$ 4,375	\$ 8,750	50%	\$ 4,375	50%	1.1:1
Orchestra	Operating	\$ 4,500	\$ 9,510	47%	4,500	47%	1.1:1
GAC	Operating	\$ 34,600	\$ 105,925	37%	\$ 25,175	24%	13.2:1
Makerspace	Operating	\$ 7,132	\$ 21,132	34%	\$ 6,700	32%	2.1:1
Swim Team	Operating	\$ 10,000	\$ 44,950	22%	\$ 10,000	22%	3.5:1
Refugee Aid	Operating	\$ 10,000	\$ 22,950	44%	\$ —	0	N/A
Soccer Alliance	Operating	\$ 4,000	\$ 13,687	29%	\$ 4,000	29%	2.4:1
Youth Baseball	Operating	\$ 10,500	\$ 39,405	27%	\$ 9,350	24%	3.2:1
The SPACE	Operating	\$ 25,000	\$ 193,200	13%	\$ 25,000	13%	6.7:1



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Participants will serve a minimum of two (2) days per week starting Wednesday, January 13, 2027, and ending Monday, April 12, 2027.

For more information or for an application, contact Wesley Queen at wqueen@umd.edu.

Festival News

Labor Day Festival Features Booths, Entertainment, More

by Jon Gardner

People attend the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival to ride the rides, enjoy the Festival food, dance to the bands on the main stage and watch (or walk in) the Parade. This year, there is a lot more to the Festival.

Activity and sales booths raise money for local nonprofits, while also providing some fun things for free. The SPACE Free Art for All will sell 3D-printed items and will bring a giant Etch-a-Sketch, along with other art activities. A campfire group will have a photo booth. The Greenbelt Nursery School will sell “Greenbelt Is Great” T-shirts and provide easels for the littlest Festival attendees to paint. The giant book sale run by the Greenbelt Elementary School PTA and the Bingo game run jointly by the Greenbelt Youth Baseball Little League and the Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team are longtime Festival traditions, raising a substantial amount of funding each year to support Greenbelt children’s activities.

There will be information booths staffed by the City of Greenbelt. The Police booth does double duty by providing information and also keeping a watch to ensure that the Festival is safe and fun for all. Animal Control will provide information about their programs. The Greenbelt Roosevelt Democratic Club will provide political information. Members of the Labor Day Festival Committee will be happy to answer any questions at the Information Booth opposite the main stage.

The Art and Photo Shows in the Community Center gym are an opportunity for Greenbelters to showcase their talents and compete for ribbons. Last year the acoustic music in the gym was a big hit, and the Festival will continue that new tradition this year. String quartets and other small ensembles from the Greenbelt Community Orchestra will play music by Mozart, Brahms and other classical composers. A Clarinet Choir and a Trombone Choir from the Greenbelt Concert Band will perform popular hits. The Zukulele Collective will play on Saturday afternoon. On Monday afternoon, after the Parade, one can listen to the orchestra’s flute ensemble and string trio while waiting for the indoor Art and Photo Shows awards ceremony.

The Festival Committee has also booked wandering entertainers for the carnival midway area. There will be free face painting and balloon animals each afternoon. Greg May, a former Ringling Brothers clown and Greenbelt



PHOTO BY ANNE GARDNER

Greg May entertains a group of children with his stilt walking in 2025.

Circus Camp leader, will be at the Festival each afternoon with stilt-walking, bubbles and clowning. Look for a crowd of kids and he will be in the middle of it. On Sunday afternoon, the magician Chris DePamphilis will perform card tricks and other sleights-of-hand. On Monday afternoon, Ian Blackwell Rogers appears as Edgar Allen Poe. And watch for short pop-up Shakespeare street scenes throughout the weekend put on by the Rude Mechanicals, Greenbelt Arts Center’s resident Shakespeare troupe.

As usual there will be Information Day on Saturday and the Craft Fair on Sunday (one day only this year) in Roosevelt Center, as well as the Retro Town Fair at the Museum, the Parade, the Tour de Greenbelt bike ride and Recreation Department sports and other contests such as the diaper derby, table tennis and pie-eating.

Nobody in Greenbelt gets bored on Labor Day Weekend. Find out more at greenbeltlaborday.com.

Jon Gardner is a member of the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee, the all-volunteer committee that puts on the Festival each year.

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Retro Town Fair Returns On Sunday, September 6

by Sheila Maffay-Tuthill

Retro Town Fair (RTF) is returning to the Greenbelt Museum on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend, September 6. As in years past, the Fair will welcome the handiwork of talented Greenbelt gardeners, bakers, needlework artists, crafters and more.

A special baking category paying homage to the country’s 250th Anniversary is new this year, as folks are encouraged to bake like it’s 1776. Some popular baked goods of the day were seed cake, fruity Independence Cake, hobnobs and more. Molasses was a popular sweetener, as were raisins in the dough.

RTF entry forms are available on the website at greenbeltmuseum.org and will be available at the Co-op check-out stands in late August and early September. Forms will also be available during the drop-off period at the Museum.

A nod to the nation’s semiquincentennial celebrations will be found at Retro Town Fair, which is again welcoming a group of fiber artists who gather at Sweet Pea Fiber in Hyattsville to demonstrate some of the crafts they participate in and offer a hands-on activity. Some of the group’s interests include processing wool, dyeing fiber, knitting, crocheting, weaving, embroidery and spinning on drop spindles,



PHOTO BY NANCY NEWTON

Petra Sanchez, winner of the Grand Prize for garden produce in the 2025 Retro Town Fair



traditional spinning wheels and electric spinners. Stop by to see what the group is up to and learn something new.

The Greenbelt Museum will be free all day, and short docent-led tours will be on offer from 1 to 5 p.m. Board members will be available in 10-A Crescent Road, the Museum’s future Visitor and Education Center, to answer questions about the project.

Email Education and Volunteer Coordinator Sheila Maffay-Tuthill with questions at education@greenbeltmuseum.org.

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Registration is still open for the Rising Stars Showcase (which takes place on Sunday afternoon, September 6 on the main stage), the annual Parade on Labor Day Monday, and the Art and Photo Shows (which are open Saturday, Sunday and Monday afternoons in the Community Center gym). Please note that Information Day and the Craft Fair are now full and no longer accepting applications.

Find out more about these events and register at greenbeltlaborday.com.

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Co-op Round-Up Program Gives Over \$51,000 to Greenbelt Groups

by Amber Hennessy

“Do you want to round up?” This now familiar and friendly phrase from Co-op cashiers has prompted donations from shoppers up to the next whole dollar for a changing cast of causes since April 2025.

As the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative prepares to launch the next round of member nominations and voting for 2027 groups, now is a great time to reflect on our community’s generosity. For those unfamiliar, the program allows any Co-op shopper to increase their total bill up to the next whole dollar (i.e. “round up”) as a direct donation to a Greenbelt-based, Co-op member-voted group or cause. Each month, Co-op shoppers should feel proud when Store Manager Dan Gillotte presents another comically giant check to a great Greenbelt organization. Every cent of this money comes from shoppers and goes directly to that month’s group; there is no overhead fee.

In spite of the retirement of the penny, which incidentally the Co-op continues to battle by requesting your old pennies in exchange for dollar bills, these are not small sums.

The grand total given since the introduction of this program now exceeds \$51,000!

As a fun thought experiment, \$51,000 worth of pennies stacked in real life would span roughly 4.8 miles – about the distance from Beltway Plaza to Goddard.

Every month, shoppers have donated around \$3,000 or more to each worthy cause. Even as our weekly food budgets are stretched due to circumstances beyond our control, Greenbelters’ giving hasn’t flagged.

The remainder of this year’s member-voted programs brings Co-op shoppers the following great groups: Greenbelt Labor Day Festival (August), the Greenbelt News Review (September), the Greenbelt Farmers Market (October) and Greenbelt Access Television (GATe) in November. We look forward to learning more about the groups that members will nominate and vote on for 2027.

Here are answers to a few FAQs the Board has received about the program.

Q: How can I include my group for Round-Ups?

A: Any Co-op member can nominate a Greenbelt group or cause during our annual nomination period opening on Friday, August 14 and closing on Saturday, September 26. The Co-op

Month	Year	Group
April & May	2025	GILA emergency assistance fund
June	2025	Greenbelt Farmers Market
July	2025	The SPACE Free Art for All
August	2025	Labor Day Festival Committee
September	2025	Greenbelt Animal Shelter
October	2025	GAC - Greenbelt Arts Center
November	2025	Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad
December	2025	Greenbelt Refugee Aid
January	2026	Greenbelt Community Foundation
February	2026	RUAK (Random Acts of Unselfish Kindness)
March	2026	The SPACE Free Art for All
April	2026	Greenbelt Makerspace and Tool Library
May	2026	Greenbelt Nursery School
June	2026	City of Greenbelt Recreation Department's Kids Camp Fund
July	2026	Greenbelt Community Orchestra and Greenbelt Concert Band

Recipients of the Round-Up Program so far. The Labor Day Festival is the August 2026 recipient.

Board will review all nominations and select the top 20 groups for membership voting. The membership will then vote in person for 12 of these 20 groups at the Annual Meeting on October 17. The top 12 member-voted organizations will each receive one full month of Round-Up donations from shoppers. The submissions should reflect the values of community, cooperation and the unique character of Greenbelt. The group must primarily serve the Greenbelt community.

Q: Can I nominate multiple groups?

A: One nomination per member number, please.

Q: Do I have to attend the annual meeting to vote?

A: Yes! Only in-person voting

at the Annual Meeting will be counted. The meeting is open to all Co-op members, but only vested members may vote.

Q: What is a vested member?

A: Any member who has deposited their one-time membership fee of \$100 into their member capital account. The cooperative uses these funds to establish and operate its facilities.

Q: Can you nominate a political candidate or party?

A: No, non-partisan organizations only – no political candidates or parties.

Q: Does the group need to be an official non-profit with 501(c)(3) status?

A: No, this is not a

See **ROUND-UP**, page 15

Obits cont'd from p.4

In 1975, son Stephen Jacob joined the family. In 1983, the family moved to Lakeside Drive and added daughter Guinevere Elizabeth to the fold. During those years, David served as an item writer for the American Board of Family Practice, creating questions for both oral and written portions of the board certification examination. In addition, David served with Drs. Weintraub and Bergemann on the Maryland State Motor Vehicles Board, which certified that drivers arrested for driving under the influence of various drugs had undergone sufficient rehabilitation to become certified drivers again.

David’s leisure time during those years included activities such as swimming, exercising, biking and running around the Greenbelt area. He encouraged both children to be active in swimming, in softball and especially in soccer. Many weekends were spent taking Guinevere and her teammates to soccer games all around the state.

Following retirement in 2016, David and Mary Lou made up for some 30 years of no “real” vacations by taking the advice of a retirement lecturer to “get out of town for three or four months.” For the next nine years, they traveled around the world on cruises with Cunard. The trips were made memorable by the photographs David took and made available on the internet.

Dr. David, or “Doc Rock,” as he was also known, is survived by his spouse of 56 years, Dr. Mary Lou Oster-Granite. His son, Stephen, and his wife, Laura, stepdaughter Alannah, and son, Sebastian, live in Westminster. His daughter, Dr. Guinevere Granite and her spouse Jacob Cohn, son Noah Kaise and daughter Hannah Cameron, live in Bethesda.

Longtime members of Mishkan Torah Synagogue, the family plans to welcome members of the Greenbelt area to join them on Sunday, August 23 at 4 p.m. to share memories of David with others.

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cyclists could more safely pick their way through the terrain.

Alternatives

There are several options available. One (alas the most likely) is to do nothing and hope nobody gets hurt. Another is to close the road to vehicles 24/7 and permit only cyclists and walkers. A third is to close off access completely (draconian) and the fourth is for some entity to take on the responsibility and fix the road properly – the most desirable but sadly, the least probable.

Responsibility

BARC, the owner of the road, has likely been deprived of the resources to do anything about the road’s condition, and the Greenbelt community that uses the road has no jurisdiction to act. Meanwhile, it’s an accident

waiting to happen. Catch 22.

Disclaimer: The author of this article lives next to the BARC gate and uses the road frequently. She would rather be seriously inconvenienced than have someone injured or killed.

Catch-22

Catch-22 is the title of a 1961 satirical novel by Joseph Heller (and subsequent movie). The title refers to a situation where every solution is blocked by some paradoxical rule, referred to as Catch-22. In the novel, an Air Force pilot could, on request, be granted an exemption from a risky flight only if judged insane. But asking not to fly meant the pilot was rational – and so he had to keep flying.

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Police Blotter

Incidents reported here occurred August 3 - 9, 2026. Readers are encouraged to contact the police if they have information that may aid in an inquiry. Call the non-emergency number 301-474-7200 or email pd@greenbeltmd.gov. Times provided are when the incidents were reported.

Incident Summary
Greenbelt Police reported four domestic incidents, two resulting in arrest.

Hit-and-Run Arrest
On August 8 at 7:39 p.m. near 6126 Breezewood Drive, a man was involved in a hit-and-run on Greenbelt Road and obtained the striking vehicle's tag information. Officers were already trying to pull over the vehicle, not knowing it was involved in the hit-and-run. Two occupants fled on foot and one was quickly detained. After a foot pursuit, the second was found hiding at 6113 Breezewood Court. A check revealed a warrant through Prince George's County. He was also in possession of a bag containing bottles of cough syrup and live ammunition rounds. He was taken to Doctors Hospital for medical clearance because he was under the influence of an unknown substance, then safely transported to Upper Marlboro Department of Corrections.

The owner of the striking vehicle (a Toyota Corolla) stated that his daughter had possession of the car, but she had let her friend's brother take the car to get some food.

Shooting
On August 7 at 10:50 p.m. near 157 Westway, police received calls from people who had heard gunshots. One person was detained, questioned and released. Evidence was collected from the scene.

DUI Arrest
On August 7 at 9:09 p.m. near 7501 Greenbelt Road, officers saw a jeep operating in an unsafe manner, speeding and changing lanes. The driver admitted that she had been drinking and submitted to sobriety tests; after displaying several signs of impairment, she was arrested and charged with DUI.

Fraud
On August 7 near 69 Ridge Road, a man purchased a \$200 item on eBay and never received it, and when he attempted to check the tracking information for his item, he learned it was shipped to someone else.

Theft and Shoplifting
On August 3 at 11:47 a.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a shoplifter was detained and banned; at 6:22 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a shoplifter fled in a gray BMW.

On August 5 at 4:13 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a woman shoplifted and was banned; at 6:13 p.m. near 9133 Edmonston Terrace, a Chromebook was stolen.

On August 6 at 3:34 p.m. near 7619 Greenbelt Road, a woman's purse was stolen while she was

pumping gas; at 1:32 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a man requested an expensive pair of shoes; he then approached the cash register, grabbed the box and fled the store on foot.

On August 7 at 3:33 p.m. near 8150 Lakecrest Drive, a food delivery driver met a client outside who then ran away with the food without paying for it.

Threats
On August 5 at 2:49 p.m. near 9182 Springhill Lane, two young men knocked on a woman's door and asked for her son. When she asked them who they were, they responded by threatening to harm her son, who had been assaulted recently.

Warrant Arrest/Trespassing
On August 3 at 4:55 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a woman was caught trespassing again. A check revealed that she had four open warrants. She was arrested and taken to Upper Marlboro Department of Corrections.

Vandalism
On August 3 at 8:57 a.m. near 7323 Hanover Parkway, a glass office desk was shattered and office equipment was scattered across the floor. There were no signs of forced entry and no suspect information.

Vehicle Crimes
Stolen Vehicles
On August 3 near 9005 Breezewood Terrace, a white 2013 Honda CR-V (Md. 1ES8004), and on August 8 near 6440 Cherrywood Lane, a 2020 Acura TLX (Md. 2EP1866) were stolen.

Stolen Vehicle Recovered
On August 5, a Hyundai Elantra, stolen near 8150 Lakecrest Drive, was recovered in Riverdale after it was found flipped over and damaged. Multiple high-value items were missing.

Theft from Auto
On August 3 near 8009 Mandan Road, a vehicle had the wheel well liners damaged and both fog lights stolen.

On August 4 near 6522 Lake Park Drive, all four wheels were stolen from a 2026 Toyota RAV4.

On August 9 at 1:54 p.m. near 6958 Hanover Parkway, a woman left her vehicle door open and went inside her residence; when she returned, her purse had been stolen.

16-Year-Old Convicted for Local Murder; Others Yet to Be Tried

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

On September 12, 2025, 49-year-old Mancel Johnson, who was not a Greenbelt resident, was shot in the 6150 Court of Springhill Terrace in what the State's Attorney's office described as an armed robbery. One of those accused was convicted of first-degree murder this week and two more await trial.

We reported this incident in the January 29, 2026 issue. The night of the shooting, Greenbelt police officers in the area heard three or four shots being fired and ran toward them where they found Johnson with multiple gunshot wounds. Greenbelt Police conducted a search of the area, assisted by a U.S. Park Police helicopter, but were unable to locate

any suspects. Johnson was transported to the hospital in critical condition and died from his injuries more than three weeks later, on October 5, coincidentally over a weekend when two others died from gunshots nearby (see the October 9, 2025 issue). On January 29, 2026 we reported that the Greenbelt Police Department had arrested a 15- and a 16-year-old from Lanham and Laurel respectively, who were charged as adults for Johnson's murder.

On August 11, Prince George's County State's Attorney Tara Jackson announced the conviction of 16-year-old Uriel Colon for first-degree murder, use of a firearm in the commission of a crime of violence and other charges related to Johnson's murder. Colon faces a maximum penalty of life plus 70 years in prison.

The State's Attorney office said there are two co-defendants. A yet-unnamed 17-year-old is scheduled to go to trial in February and 21-year-old Halberth Deras Ramos is scheduled for trial next month.

Man Arrested Charged: Vandalizing Homes

Officers have identified and arrested a man in connection with the vandalism of three different Greenbelt homes. The suspect, identified as Nghia Trong Le, is charged with malicious destruction of property valued at over \$1,000.

On the morning of Thursday, August 6, officers responded to the 8200 block of Miner Street in Greenbelt Station to investigate vandalism that occurred three days earlier on August 3. During a canvass of the area, the officers noticed additional unreported damage to another residence. This damage was consistent with the broken windows at the other locations.

Officers reviewed doorbell camera footage from one of the affected homes, provided by that property owner. The video showed the suspect, later identified as Le, approaching the front of the residence. He bent down, picked up what appeared to be a rock from the front yard and several loud noises consistent with glass breaking were recorded shortly thereafter.

Greenbelt Police Department requests that anyone with information about this incident contact the Greenbelt Police Department at 301-474-7200. Information can be provided anonymously.

Information for this article was drawn from an announcement by Greenbelt Police Department.

City Notes

CARES, Recycling, Public Safety/Community and Public Affairs attended National Night Out, hosted by the Greenbelt Police.

Legislative/Council Engagements attended the Four Cities Meeting and Constituent Services participated in the monthly State-wide Immigration Call hosted by the Governor's Office of Immigrant Affairs.

Code Enforcement inspected three commercial suites, three complaints and 23 rentals. Animal Shelter residents are four cats, eight kittens and a dog.

Environmental/Sustainability posted cyanobacteria warnings around the Lake and Streets painted over graffiti at two underpasses. Ballfields/Parks repaired skate park gates and installed a roof at the Animal Shelter. Horticulture, GHI and WSSC collaborated on a new water pipe system at McDonald Field.

Session Four of Creative Kids Camp ended with five performances presented by Recreation, Arts and the Community Center. Arts presented Artful Afternoons August 2 and 9 and Therapeutic Recreation hosted a senior book club meeting.

Aquatic & Fitness Center staff helped Youth Center camp staff respond to a medical emergency.

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existing water and sewage lines. The building itself is planned for 2,115 square feet with a total footprint of 0.52 acres. The applicants are considering walkways that would connect to the bus stop on Greenbelt Road and to the rest of the shopping center. The drive-through would have enough room for 10 cars to be in line at the window.

DeGennaro felt that a Taco Bell would make good use of the space and help attract new tenants.

Local resident Bill Orleans asked about the walkways and

was told that it would be a small connection to the bus stop and, likely, to the shopping center as well, but details were not available.

Gordon said that he hoped to file the Special Exception application in September and that further public hearings would occur in 2027 including with Greenbelt's Advisory Planning Board and council. It may take up to a year for all the required permits to be granted with actual construction taking four to five months.



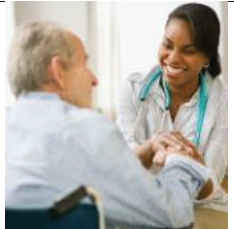
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made me the player that I am today,” he said.

Marshall has been nearly unstoppable on the court since his days playing for ERHS back in 2015-16. Marshall began playing in his junior year, and quickly became a standout player. In a 2016 interview with The Prince George’s Sentinel, ERHS head coach Brendan O’Connell said Marshall was a key contributor to the team’s 24-3 record and its Prince George’s County and 4A MPSSAA state championships that season.

“Eventually you’ll be watching him on TV somewhere,” O’Connell said in 2016.

One of his previous teammates at ERHS, Jaden Faulkner, also spoke with The Sentinel about sharing the court with Marshall.

“Naji is like one of my brothers,” Faulkner said. “We work hard together. He got me better, for real.”

Marshall went on to attend Xavier University and played for the XU Musketeers for three seasons. He averaged 16.8 points, 6.3 rebounds and four assists on 44.5 percent shooting as a senior. He helped lead the team to an NCAA tournament appearance and Big East regular season title game in 2018 and was a finalist for the 2020 Julius Erving Small Forward of the Year Award.

While speaking with Babcock Hoops, Marshall shared that during his time playing for the Musketeers, he “developed a work ethic that had gotten [him] to this point.”



Naji Marshall

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Today, Marshall has become a fan favorite in Dallas. Early in the season, questions arose surrounding his shooting after he struggled from the three-point range for the first several games. However, he became one of the Mavericks’ more reliable players and finished the season with career highs in scoring, assists, steals, minutes and starts.

Marshall returned to Greenbelt earlier this month to host the second annual Mental Health Awareness Pro Classic Basketball Game Hoops and Healing, which took place August 2 at Prince George’s County Community College. The game allowed young DMV basketball players to compete and play alongside Marshall. After receiving the news of the contract extension earlier in the day, Marshall made the event free to the public and refunded early ticket buyers.

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

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requirement. However, the Co-op Board has the discretion to ask for further documentation about the group’s mission or purpose, and will review evidence of past accomplishments when determining which nominees to include for membership voting.

Q: Why can’t I round up at the self-checkout?

A: This is a technical question but essentially, the software underpinning the cashier-operated registers and the self-checkout machines limits the options available. As of this date the program-mable options can only be set for self-check or cashier input. Co-op will continue to seek a solution from our software vendor on this issue.

Q: My group was nominated last year but wasn’t selected. Can we try again?

A: Definitely! Submit a new nomination so the Board is aware of your continued interest and most recent contact information.

Q: My group has already received donations this year or is already scheduled for an upcoming month. Can we enter again?

A: Yes. This is a member-driven voting process. The only

limitation is Co-op will ensure one group does not receive donations twice in one calendar year.

Any additional questions can be emailed to board@greenbelt.coop. A link to the nomination form will be posted on the Co-op website and in Dan’s weekly Co-op Chat email newsletter. The form will be open until 9 p.m. on September 26.

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kind of coordination difficulty we experienced at this two-day cohort. Especially if it turns out that the entire program is unfunded, and our teachers are just kindly volunteering for everything outside of the normal school day,” Crompton said.

Cost Savings?

The summer bridge programs appear to have been cut as a result of the Division of Academics budget being reduced by \$12.2 million. On August 7, a PGCPs official familiar with the budgeting process – who declined to be named – told the News Review that this was accurate. However, no one from PGCPs has officially provided the News Review with confirmation.

The PGCPs official also attributed the program’s cut to under-enrollment. However, an August 2025 district press release reported that the program that year saw up to 96 percent of invited students attending.

An official statement from the PGCPs media office to the News Review on July 27 merely confirmed that the summer bridge programs were cut as a result of the FY 2027 budgeting process.

A slideshow from April 13 from a PGCPs subcommittee – attributed to PGCPs Division of Academics head Judith White – specifically indicates that the summer bridge programs were cut as a result of reductions to PGCPs Central Academic Support. The slideshow indicates that, as a result of changes made to the discretionary spending of the Division of Academics – including cutting the bridge programs – PGCPs could save \$12 million.

PGCPs maintains digital Annual Operating Budget Archives containing approved operating budgets for each fiscal year dating back to FY 2007. But for FY 2027 the Archives only contain the proposed budget. Neither the FY 2027 Board of Education requested budget, nor the approved

budget, have been posted there in similar form. Chief Financial Officer Shavonne Smith did not immediately respond to the News Review’s request for a copy of the budget that the board adopted on June 25, 2026.

A board summary from June 25 contains the total expenses as well as a summary of the major revenue and expenditure categories in the approved budget – yet it does not contain line-by-line itemization of expenses, nor the cost savings of each cut program.

The PGCPs official familiar with the budgeting process told the News Review on August 7 that they do not believe PGCPs had published the final budget yet. PGCPs had requested \$50 million in funding from the county to make up for the deficit. On June 29, Prince George’s County Council committed \$20 million toward the request.

It is unclear what the district’s specific savings were from cutting the program. Based on the district’s own public data as well as commentary from ERHS parents and students, the program was beneficial for the students. The PGCPs media office stated that they do not know if the program would be brought back in the future and that it would be subject to the district’s priorities and available funds.

But for now, ERHS volunteers worked to give the incoming cohort as much of a “bridge” to a special high school program as they could.

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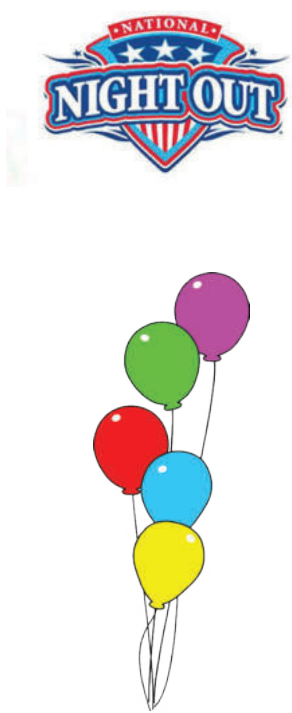
by Lesley Kash

The Franklin Park community turns out in big numbers every year when the Greenbelt Police Department hosts National Night Out in the parking lot behind the AMC theater. This year’s festivities were bigger, noisier and tastier than ever. Local merchants kept the barbecue, pizza and cold drinks coming and lines formed for useful swag like Spider-Man

school backpacks. Kids romped in the mini-carnival and grownups received face-to-face information and counsel from city officials and helpful organizations. Many Greenbelt police officers greeted, listened, entertained and clowned around, strengthening their friendly partnership with Franklin Park community members.



A local credit union offering school backpacks welcomes a long line of visitors.



- Photos by Lesley Kash

Greenbriar and Windsor Green Celebrate National Night Out

by Matt Neufeld

Hundreds of people of all ages, ranging from toddlers to senior citizens, happily celebrated National Night Out at festive festivities held at the Greenbriar and Windsor Green communities.

From approximately 6 to 7 p.m., happy residents of Greenbriar and Glen Oaks lined up for free ice cream, hot dogs and chips. People enjoyed the vittles and socialized, and several even brought their faithful dogs out for the fun. About 100 people were there to continue an annual National Night Out tradition on Hanover Parkway that’s been going on for several years now.

Over at Windsor Green’s community center, volunteers offered up generous plates stacked with hamburgers, hot dogs and fixings; sandwich wraps; macaroni and vegetable salads; bags of chips;

cupcakes; pieces of cake; candy; and huge tubs of soft drinks of all types and flavors!

Greenbelt Mayor Emmett Jordan was at Windsor Green, enjoying the fun, greeting residents with a huge smile and kind words and making the rounds.

About 100 people of all ages turned out at the Windsor Green event, which resembled a good, old-fashioned carnival. Just outside the community center, there was a cotton candy machine spinning out great clouds of the sticky sweet candy; a snow cone machine offering ice-cold syrupy snow cones; a face painter; and huge bouncy inflatables.

Every year in early August Greenbelt celebrates National Night Out better than just about anywhere else!



Aminata Sesay waits in an excited crowd for the raffle drawing with her sister Kediatu. Aminata said it was “good for police to come and meet different people. Some people don’t know them. We met the mayor!”

Haydee Rodriguez of Franklin Park brings her dogs, Bella and little Sky, who love meeting lots of children.



CARES Director Dr. Liz Park, right, with Community Education and Workforce Coordinator Deji Ayoku, said “CARES knows the importance of connecting residents to community resources and building trust with law enforcement.”



A Park Police helicopter lands and Park Police Major Jon Hofflinger welcomes visitors. “It’s a great opportunity to spend time with community members in these circumstances, not just when they are having a (very bad) day.”



Kids enjoy the bouncy house basketball.