



Greenbelt Plans Its Traditional July 4 Celebrations at the Lake

by Randy Chow and Matthew Neus



PHOTO BY JILL CONNOR

Community members enjoy the fireworks display at Greenbelt Lake in 2016.

The City of Greenbelt will celebrate Independence Day with fireworks over Greenbelt Lake on Thursday, July 4, as it did for the City's first such celebration.

This July 4, Greenbelters can

enjoy crafts from 4 to 6 p.m. at Buddy Attick Park. From 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. a drum circle will take place at the bandstand, See **JULY 4**, page 7

Kate Magill Robinson on Theater, Safe Spaces and Romeo & Juliet

by Linda Kelly

There is a pineapple pinned to theater director and teacher Kate Magill Robinson's bag. In fact, there are pineapples all over her house, like a race of enzyme-rich

aliens slowly engulfing the property. They're gifts, the product of a running joke from years ago, See **ROBINSON**, page 6



PHOTO BY KATE MAGILL ROBINSON

Vivian Nickel, left, and Lucy Murray engage in stage combat during a production directed by Robinson.

New GAC Stage Makes Actor's Dreams of Performing Possible

by Matthew Neus

When Mahalia attended her first play at the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC), she envisioned herself on the stage reciting lines and acting out a scene. But there was a problem. The center, including the stage, was not accessible for actors in wheelchairs – like Greenbelter Mahalia.

She expressed interest in participating in Camp Encore two years ago. The three-week-long camp allows students to audition and play a role in a production. Last year, when Mahalia first participated in the camp she was able to do so because it was held at the Community Center instead of at GAC, its usual venue.

GAC's stage is surrounded by chairs on three sides for patrons to sit and watch performances. To the right of the stage is the dressing room and beyond that is the green room, a place where actors convene before shows. For Mahalia, it wasn't always possible for her to join her fellow actors in the dressing room. To get there, actors and crew members needed to climb stairs. That made it difficult for Mahalia to participate fully in the production.

Kate Magill Robinson, who has directed the camp's produc-

tions for 11 years, sought to make Mahalia's aspirations of performing in a play at the GAC a reality.

Robinson said she joined the GAC board two years ago with the thought of making the stage accessible a main priority. Her first goal was to acquire an evacuation chair for use in case of emergency. With money from the Non-profit Recovery Grant Funds awarded to the GAC by the city, she made the purchase as the center's first step toward becoming accessible.

She said the chair was used for the first time during a practice fire drill, and it made the process



PHOTO BY MATTHEW NEUS

Ramp leading to actor dressing room

much simpler for an evacuation. The next step was to place ramps for actors and crew members to pass from the green room to the dressing room and to the stage.

See **GAC**, page 6

Council Receives Reparations Reports, Discusses JEDI Audit

by Maurice Crawford

On Wednesday evening, June 5, the Greenbelt City Council heard reports from Tribesey regarding Phase II of the Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (JEDI) audit and from the Reparations Commission.

Part of this worksession was aimed at hearing from the Greenbelt Reparations Commission regarding its second report to council and how council may facilitate its work. It had been about 15 months since council last met with the group. At this meeting

the commission was represented by Lorena Ferguson, Mark Miller, Denise Nadasen and Lois Rosado. This commission was established in 2022 to review, discuss and make recommendations related to local reparations for African American and Native American residents of Greenbelt. Although the initial instructions to the commission were vague, the commission has made strides in developing a governance structure for its work, establishing committees and laying a path forward.

Planning

Members of the commission held a retreat in March to identify goals and ways to achieve those goals. During the retreat the commission created a Strategic Planning Work group. This group will develop a working definition of terms, determine the scope for a historic data collection time frame, set a time frame for the completion of work, identify demographics/populations (stakeholders), and create and distribute a survey to measure community members' knowledge and attitudes on reparations and governance.

It also set up three new subcommittees: 1) The Historical

Research Subcommittee (HR) will conduct research on the harms caused to African Americans and Indigenous People on Greenbelt land; 2) The Reparations Policy Research Subcommittee will explore how other localities approach reparations; and 3) The Community Education and Engagement Subcommittee will identify and interview impacted community members to learn about their perspectives on systemic harm and current experiences. This subcommittee will also educate the community about the history of Greenbelt and share updates on the progress.

In general, members of the commission feel they are making progress and have a 500-page document of historical facts that needs to be explored in order to create recommendations. They believe that for the commission to be successful they will need paid staff and financial resources. The commission is also missing representation from Native American people. This effort is too onerous to be successfully completed by an all-volunteer

See **COUNCIL**, page 8

What Goes On

- Monday, July 1**
7:30 p.m., City Council Worksession: Council Planning Framework, Municipal Building
- Wednesday, July 3**
No Council Meeting
- Thursday, July 4**
Independence Day Holiday, City Offices Closed

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

4th of July Publication Deadlines

The News Review will be printed one day early, on Wednesday, July 3.

Our office hours and deadlines will all shift one day earlier to accommodate the holiday print schedule.

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Sunday 6/30 – 2 to 4 p.m.

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The News Review is grateful for everyone's help in submitting their advertisements and copy as early as possible so the special holiday schedule will work. Call us at 301-474-4131, or email us at editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com or ads@greenbeltnewsreview.com if there are any questions.

Happy 4th of July to all!



TheBus Will Not Operate on July 4

TheBus, a public transit service operated by the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation, will not operate on Thursday, July 4. Regular operations of TheBus will resume on Friday, July 5. The County's Call-A-Bus and PGC Link services, including dialysis transportation, also will not operate on Thursday, July 4. Regular operations of the Call-A-Bus and PGC Link services will resume on Friday, July 5.

For more information, contact Linda Lowe, director of communications at Department of the Environment, email lm Lowe@co.pg.md.us or phone 301-836-2115.



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A bumblebee on swamp milkweed

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SHOWTIMES:
June 28th - July 4th

The Bikeriders (R) (CC) (DVS) (2024) (116 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Fri. 5:15 PM, 8:00 PM
Sat. 5:00 PM, 8:00 PM
Sun. 2:00 PM (OC), 5:00 PM
Tues. 7:00 PM

Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Mon. 2:15 PM, 5:00 PM
Wed. 7:00 PM
Thurs. 7:45 PM

Thelma (PG-13) (CC) (DVS) (2024) (97 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Mon. 4:00 PM (OC)
Wed. 7:15 PM
Thurs. 5:45 PM

Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Fri. 5:30 PM, 8:15 PM
Sat. 5:15 PM, 7:45 PM
Sun. 2:15 PM, 5:15 PM
Tues. 7:15 PM

Blazing Saddles (R) (CC) (1974) (93 mins)
Cinema Classic - Free!
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Mon. 1:00 PM
Thurs. 8:00 PM

Big Hero 6 (PG) (CC) (DVS) (2014) (105 mins)
School's Out! - Free!
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Thurs. 1:00 PM

On Screen at Greenbelt Cinema

The Bikeriders

The film captures a rebellious time in America when the culture and people were changing. After a chance encounter at a local bar, strong-willed Kathy (Jodie Comer) is inextricably drawn to Benny (Austin Butler), the newest member of Midwestern motorcycle club the Vandals led by the enigmatic Johnny (Tom Hardy). Much like the country around it, the club begins to evolve, transforming from a gathering place for local outsiders into a dangerous underworld of violence, forcing Benny to choose between Kathy and his loyalty to the club.

Thelma

Inspired by a real-life experience of director Josh Margolin's own grandmother, the film puts a clever spin on movies like Mission Impossible, shining the spotlight on an elderly grandmother as an unlikely action hero. With infectious humor, Margolin employs the familiar tropes of the action genre in hilarious, age-appropriate ways to tackle aging with agency. In the first leading film role of her 70-year career, June Squibb portrays the strong-willed Thelma with grit and determination, demonstrating that she is more than capable of taking care of business – despite what her daughter Gail (Parker Posey), son-in-law Alan (Clark Gregg) or grandson Danny (Fred Hechinger) might believe. Says critic Candice McMillan of Seattle Refined, "There is no Thelma without June Squibb, and it is impossible not to fall in love with both."

Blazing Saddles

In this satirical take on Westerns, crafty railroad worker Bart (Cleavon Little) becomes the first black sheriff of Rock Ridge, a frontier town about to be destroyed in order to make way for a new railroad. Initially, the people of Rock Ridge harbor a racial bias toward their new leader. However, they warm to him after realizing that Bart and his perpetually drunk gunfighter friend (Gene Wilder) are the only defense against a wave of thugs sent to rid the town of its population.

Big Hero 6

In this animated feature, robotics prodigy Hiro (Ryan Potter) lives in the city of San Fransokyo. Next to his older brother, Tadashi, Hiro's closest companion is Baymax (Scott Adsit), a robot whose sole purpose is to take care of people. When a devastating turn of events throws Hiro into the middle of a dangerous plot, he transforms Baymax and his other friends, Go Go Tamago (Jamie Chung), Wasabi (Damon Wayans Jr.), Honey Lemon (Genesis Rodriguez) and Fred (T.J. Miller) into a band of high-tech heroes.

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Electronically, that is.

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

Community Events

GREA Meets July 2

The Greenbelt Racial Equity Alliance (GREA) has switched to a quarterly meeting schedule for the remainder of 2024. Our next meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, July 2 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Agenda topics include Tribes Phase II JEDI community research, racial equity education outreach and ARPA phaseout for 2024. Visit the GREA website, greenbeltraciaequity.org/events, for Zoom and dial-in information.

Astronomical Society: Woman in Motion

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will present the award-winning documentary, *Woman in Motion*, the story of how Star Trek actress Nichelle Nichols became a spokesperson for NASA and recruited a whole new generation of aspiring astronauts. The film will be shown Thursday, June 27 at 7 p.m. (note earlier start time) in Room 114 of the Community Center. The movie is free, and all are welcome. Due to copyright restrictions, this is an in-person only event.

Attention Filmmakers

Mark your calendars for the 20th anniversary of the Utopia Film Festival October 18-21. Submit your films!
For questions contact the Festival organizers at UtopiaFilmFest20770@gmail.com or call GATE at 301-507-6581.



Senior Nutrition Program Luncheon

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunch for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at 11:30 a.m. Meals must be reserved two weeks ahead so that enough food is ordered. Participants must complete a registration form in person at the Community Center office, Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. There is a suggested donation. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215 with questions.
Two menu options, one vegetarian, will be offered for each luncheon. All meals, which provide at least one third of recommended dietary allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk.



Greenbelt Baptist Holds Fourth of July Picnic

The Greenbelt Baptist Church will host its annual Fourth of July Picnic on Thursday, July 4 from 4 to 7 p.m. Stop by for free festivities on the way to Buddy Attick Park for fireworks.

This free event includes food, games, music, face painting and a moon bounce.

For more information, email greenbeltbaptistchurchoffice@gmail.com.

County Schools Offer Free Summer Meals

From Monday, June 24, through Friday, August 9, Prince George's County Public Schools will offer free meal service for children under age 18. Breakfast will be served from 9 to 9:30 a.m. and lunch from noon to 1 p.m. on weekdays. Meals must be eaten on site and dates and times are subject to change.

Springhill Lake Elementary School and Magnolia Elementary in Lanham are among the 25 school sites offering free meals to students at breakfast and lunch.

Find More Peace Through Meditation

In today's world, many people have trouble falling asleep and feel stress or anxiety. Could meditation help them?

Katrina Boverman, a longtime meditation instructor with the Seasoned Adults Growing Educationally (SAGE) program, and the Mishkan Torah Synagogue Sisterhood have quietly offered Summer Guided Meditation classes to Greenbelters and others for the past nine years. Although the synagogue itself is a wonderful peaceful setting welcoming to all, meditation this year will be offered via Zoom to attend from the comfort of your own home.

Attendees have expressed quieting of their bodies, minds and spirits, a deepening of inner stillness and a better ability to reconnect with themselves. They have described feeling more peaceful, serene, relaxed, mindful and present, both during and in between the classes. Common experiences outside of the class for participants have been to have greater ease falling asleep and more patience during challenging times.

Classes began Monday, June 3 and are held every other Monday through August 26, from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. There is no charge; donations are welcome.

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

July 4 Celebration

Celebrate Independence Day with friends and neighbors at Buddy Attick Park.

Bring a picnic. Walk the lake trail. Frolic at the playground.

Enjoy a Community Drum Circle from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. Listen to the Greenbelt Concert Band from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. The Fireworks show will take place at approximately 9 p.m. In case of inclement weather, call the weather and information hotline, 301-474-0646.



The SPACE: Free Art For All 2024 Programs

Join in commemorating five incredible years and a host of new community partners at The SPACE: Free Art For All.

Wednesdays: Beginners Music Classes in Ukelele and Keyboards, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Thursdays: Capoeira (Brazilian Martial Arts), 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Fridays: Drum Circles with Rainbow Joe, 7 to 9 p.m.

Saturdays: Yoga with René Hood, 10 to 11:30 a.m.; Expressive Art Workshops, 2 to 4 p.m.

Sundays: Sewing Classes, 1:30 to 3 p.m. Open to all skill levels. A limited number of sewing machines is available; participants can also bring their own.

All classes are not only enriching but also free and open to the public. The program extends a warm welcome for donations to support its community initiatives.

The SPACE is located upstairs in the former Big Lots space at Beltway Plaza, 6000 Greenbelt Road. Details on upcoming events can be seen on Instagram or Facebook @TheSPACEFreeArtForAll. For questions call 240-244-6115.

More Community Events throughout the paper.

Greenbelt Concert Band Performs Patriotic Tunes

Come hear the Greenbelt Concert Band perform patriotic and inspirational tunes at the Mormon Visitor Center, 9900 Stoneybrook Dr, Kensington, Md., on Monday, July 1 at 7 p.m.

The Greenbelt Concert Band is a volunteer adult musical organization dedicated to providing quality musical performances for the citizens of the City of Greenbelt and surrounding areas. The band performs for civic and charitable activities, including concerts for veterans' groups, retirement communities, and nursing homes. This concert is free and open to the general public.



March in the Parade On Labor Day

The Festival Parade will take place on Monday, September 2 from 10 a.m. to noon. The parade route is along Crescent Road, from Greenhill Road to Southway. Organizations, clubs and other groups are encouraged to participate. Visit greenbeltlaborday.com/parade for more information and to register.

Information Day Applications Open

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee is now accepting applications for Information Day, which will take place between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 31 in Roosevelt Center. Organizations, clubs, businesses and other groups are invited to share information with the public. Find out more and register at greenbeltlaborday.com/get-involved/information-day.

At the Library

Libraries will be closed Thursday, July 4 for the Independence Day holiday, and will reopen on Friday, July 5 at 10 a.m.

Greenbelt Library 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. Face masks are recommended for all customers over the age of 2.

Storytimes

Friday, June 28, 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at pgcmpls.info/event/10630209.

Wednesday, July 3, 12:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at pgcmpls.info/event/10814983.

Book Donations

The library is not accepting book donations inside branches for the foreseeable future. Blue donation bins, formerly operated by Discover Books, are now serviced by Bookdrop.com at the following branches: Accokeek, Bowie, Greenbelt, Largo-Kettering, Laurel, New Carrollton, Oxon Hill, South Bowie and Surratts-Clinton. Do not place donations outside of the bins.



GIVES Needs Drivers

The Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization that helps adult Greenbelt residents with transportation and friendly visits, along with other services. More drivers are urgently needed to meet the increase in requests for services. To be a driver for GIVES, one needs to be a resident of Greenbelt, a member of GIVES, have a valid Maryland license and insurance and obtain a free background check. Membership is free. For information or an application, call 301-507-6580 or visit givesgreenbelt.org.

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June 29, Sat - July 5, Fri
Verizon FIOS Channel 19 • Comcast 77
(School Programming on Your Cable Guide)
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THIS WEEK on GATE • Your Community Access Station

Featured Film (9am, 3pm, and 8pm)
Love Laughs at Andy Hardy (1946)
This classic comedy, starring Mickey Rooney, Lewis Stone, and Bonita Granville, follows a young man who returns from war, returns to college, and falls in love.

New This Month
Greenbelt Pride Parade 2024
Greenbelters showed their Pride earlier this month, as we paraded through the streets of Greenbelt. Parade-goers congregated at Roosevelt Center, where there was dancing, singing, and many other festivities. Happy Pride!

All this and more on the GATE channel this week! Check greenbeltaccessstv.org for the full broadcast schedule, and visit [Greenbelt Access Television on YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...) for new video productions.

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The Borrowed Brothers and The Bachelor and the Bad Actress 7-9pm BENEFIT GREENBELT LABOR DAY FESTIVAL	Fast Eddie & The Slowpokes 7-10pm A NEW DEAL FAV! Swing, Jump Blues and Soul	GREENBELT JAZZ FESTIVAL: ROOSEVELT CENTER, 12-6:45pm The Soul Magnets 8-11pm Groovin' Soul & R&B	CLOTHING SWAP, 11a-2p Patsy's Honky Tonk Torch & Twang 6-8pm Classic Country, Western Swing & Rockabilly	
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Who Should Be Greenbelt's 2024 Outstanding Citizen?

by Tom Jones

It's the peak of summer, but Greenbelt's Labor Day Festival arrives in just nine weeks. Since 1973, the Festival includes a special Greenbelt tradition: designating the year's Outstanding Citizen. Every year, Greenbelt celebrates one of its most generous volunteers at the Labor Day Festival, on a permanent plaque in the Community Center and as Labor Day Parade Grand Marshal.

The Outstanding Citizen Committee needs you to help identify someone deserving this honor. Nominees must be volunteers; elected officials and paid employees are not eligible. If you know someone whose efforts stand out in one or more community organizations, who shows concern for others and who demonstrates cooperation, enthusiasm and leadership, now is the time to send your nomination. A nomination form is provided in this paper on page 9, although you're also welcome to submit a letter. Nominations may be submitted until Monday, July 29 by mail to Bob Zugby, Outstanding Citizen Committee, 94 Ridge Road, Greenbelt MD 20770, or by email to OutstandingCitizenGB@gmail.com.

Last year's Outstanding Citizen is Linda Ivy, who has led the Labor Day Festival for 16 years including during the challenging pandemic, as well as numerous other volunteering and community activities. Prior Outstanding Citizens have been involved in a wide variety of volunteer work, including supporting scouting, sports and senior citizen programs. Most importantly, Outstanding Citizens make Greenbelt a better place. This is the time to recognize their contributions.

The Outstanding Citizen for 2024 will be announced during a

Friday evening ceremony at the start of the Labor Day Festival. Local businesses have already set aside prizes for the winner, and local officials are ready to proclaim the accomplishments of one of our neighbors.

If you've nominated someone who was not chosen in a prior year, don't be discouraged - please try again. You may wish to include a deeper description of your nominee's volunteer experience or letters of support from more people. The committee receives many excellent nominations each year but must choose only one recipient. Submit your nomination now to ensure they're considered for this important community tradition.



Volunteers Needed

The Greenbelt MakerSpace seeks volunteers to staff the tool library and organize classes and other events. People are asking for more open hours. Help is needed for the tool library to expand. Sign up for shifts at signup.com/go/UNkLnqk or email us at staff@make125.org if interested in other times or jobs.

The Greenbelt MakerSpace is down the outside stairs on the west side of the Granite Building at 115 Centerway.



PHOTO BY MARY MURCHISON-EDWARDS

Mary Murchison-Edwards' husband Frederick Edwards never leaves home without his copy of the News Review. On May 24, they visited the Hampton Air Power Park and Museum in Hampton, Virginia.

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Congratulations to Greenbelter Fiona O'Brien and her teammates Juliet Hanks and Gabby Zsakany on winning gold in the 13-19 Women's Group Balance in the 2024 USA Gymnastics National Championships in Minneapolis and good luck in their remaining competitions.

Best wishes to News Review Member Mary Moien as she recovers from ankle surgery.

Congratulations to Apollo, the dog featured in our April 18 issue, who has been adopted nearly a year after he first arrived at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter.



PHOTO BY JOHN CHENG, USA GYMNASTICS

Fiona O'Brien (center), Juliet Hanks and Gabby Zsakany, 13-19 Women's Group Balance Champions

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Greenbelt Bahá'i Community

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"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."
Matthew 5:4



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Rev. Ann Kadlecek with Worship Associate Jacqui Walpole

The word "Sankofa" refers to bringing what is good from the past into the present and future - it is an act of looking both at where we've been and where we're going. Today, as we say farewell to our current minister and prepare for our new minister, we'll engage in this practice together.

This service will begin earlier than usual, at 2:30, and will be followed at 3:15 by a celebration of our three year shared developmental ministry.

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City Notes

The City Manager and Police participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run and the Greenbelt Station Community Walk.

Recreation, Arts and seasonal staff are busy with summer camps at various recreation venues. CARES' clinical supervisor conducted inclusion training for summer camp staff.

Planning met with Prince George's Economic Development to discuss permitting for the FBI headquarters project.

Public Works fixed the portable air conditioning unit on the second floor of the Museum, but predicted a need for replacement soon. Environmental/Sustainability coordinators held a Pollinator Circle meeting.

The Animal Shelter's residents are 10 dogs, 10 cats and five kittens.

At the Community Center, the kitchen went out of service due to a stove gas leak.

Museum staff sourced and added patriotic, World War II-era sheet music for the summer installation of artifacts in the Museum and prepared hands-on items for children.

The Museum provided administrative support for the Reparations Commission, which met in the council room.

Summer Prince George's At the Library

The Washington Nationals and the Prince George's County Memorial Library System are partnering to present Summer Prince George's (SPG), a program for all ages that runs through August 15. More than a traditional summer reading program, SPG encourages children, teens and adults to read 30 minutes each day, attend Library programs, explore the Library's physical collection of materials as well as a wide range of streaming movies and music in the 85+ online Library resources and participate in interactive social media challenges. Library customers may register for the SPG challenge at pgcmls.info/summer and log reading, event attendance and online resource activities to earn badges and prizes. This year's prizes include tote bags, T-shirts, vouchers for Washington Nationals tickets and grand prizes. Those interested can pick up an SPG paper card to track activities or register for the challenge on PGCMLS' Beanstack app.

Kids Discovery Center At Patuxent Refuge

The Discovery Center at the Patuxent Research Refuge offers learning activities and crafts for children ages 3 to 10 with an adult, Tuesday through Saturday. Sessions start at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon, lasting 35 minutes. July's theme is Ospreys, Herons and Egrets.

Registration is strongly recommended. Call 301-497-5760. Visit fws.gov/refuge/patuxent-research/patuxent-visitor-center for more information.

Crisis Hotline's Number is 988

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline dialing code is 988. Calls and text messages are confidential and free.



City Information & Events

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

MEETINGS FOR JULY 1 - 5

Monday, July 1 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION - COUNCIL PLANNING FRAMEWORK**

Tuesday, July 2 at 7 pm, **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, *On the Agenda: Planning for PSAC's Fall Community Meetings on Dangers of Radon, Carbon Monoxide, and Severe Weather; Participation in August National Night Out Locations*

Wednesday, July 3, **NO MEETING - FOURTH OF JULY**

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.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. **THE GREENBELT CONNECTION WILL NOT BE OPERATING.**

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE
Week of July 1

- Monday Route – No change
- Tuesday Route – No change
- Wednesday Route – No change
- Thursday Route – Collected Friday

There will be no appliance, odd metals, hard plastics, or yard waste collections on Friday, July 5.

GREENBELT ARPA GRANT PROGRAMS

Applications Deadlines Extended Through August 30, 2024

To view grant programs, or to see how other ARPA programs are helping your community recover from the COVID-19 pandemic visit us at www.engagegreenbelt.org.

CURRENT CARES PROGRAMS

CARES is happy to provide the following programs FREE of charge:

- Emergency Diaper Distribution.** Must register <https://forms.gle/FEgG7ScdrUdZgCgy9>
- Produce Distribution** at the Greenbelt Community Center, Ground Floor East, 15 Crescent Road
Upcoming Dates: June 20, from 1 - 3 pm
- Produce Distribution** at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Ln (Greenbelt West Residents Only)
Upcoming Dates: June 20, from 3 - 4:15 pm

For descriptions and information, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/CARESprograms and see ads on this page!

FREE CARES CLASSES

Stress Surfing, Wednesdays, July 10, 17, & 24, 11 am - 1 pm, 15 Crescent Rd
Three week program that focuses on the science of stress and stress management.

Dining with Diabetes, Wednesdays, August 7, 14, 21, & 28, 15 Crescent Rd
Four week program that focuses on diabetes management through nutrition.

Register with Brendy Garcia at (240) 424-0302 or email bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.

CREATIVE KIDS CAMP PRESENTS: THE COOKIE CAPER

Fridays: 6/28, 7/12, 7/26, & 8/9. 10 am & 2:15 pm
Greenbelt Community Center Gym, 15 Crescent Rd

For FREE tickets, visit the Greenbelt Community Center or call (301) 397-2208.

Enjoy the original musical written and directed by Chris Cherry and performed by Creative Kids Camp.

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Parents must present proof of Greenbelt residency displaying parent's name and residential address, state-issued photo ID, each child's birth certificate.

To register: <https://forms.gle/NTFEkFefAttjqsQt9> or call Brendy Garcia at (240) 424-0302.



GREENBELT CITY CALENDAR

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



FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

UPCOMING PRODUCE DISTRIBUTIONS
JULY 18 - TWO LOCATIONS

Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road: 1 - 3 pm, while supplies last. Open to all Greenbelt residents. **Must have a registration card** via Brendy Garcia at (240) 424-0302 or bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.

Springhill Lake Recreation Center: 3 - 4:15 pm, registration required. For Greenbelt West residents only. Register via email bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

Volunteers are needed every third Thursday of the month at the Spring Hill Lake Recreation Center & the Greenbelt Community Center. Volunteers will assist with setting up tables, sorting and organizing fresh fruits and vegetables, and distributing them to families in need.

Springhill Lake Recreation Center Volunteers - For information, contact Katherine Farzin (240) 524-2019. To register, please use the link: <https://forms.gle/AqNxCARjwioCntWf9>.

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By dedicating your time and expertise, you will help shape the future of Greenbelt and create a community that values the voices of all its residents. Take the first step towards making a positive impact and apply for one of these committee vacancies today!

Call (301) 474-8000.

GREENBELT DANCE STUDIO MINI-CAMPS

Greenbelt Community Center, Room 10, 15 Crescent Rd

For FREE tickets, visit the Greenbelt Community Center or call (301) 397-2208.

There are still spaces available in the Storybook Dance Theater Mini-Camp for ages 3 to 6 from 7/16-7/25 and the Ballet Dance Theater Mini-Camp for Ages 6-9 from 7/2-11 or 7/30-8/8.

Learn more in the Summer Activity Guide: <https://bit.ly/42UVwyD>.

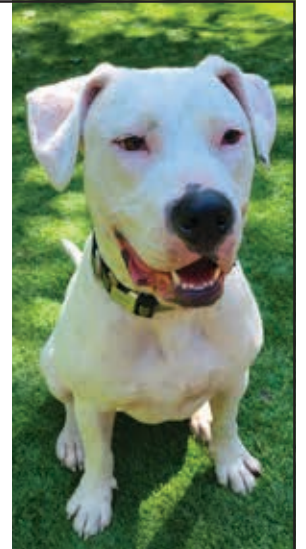
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Call (301) 474-6124 or email us at animalcontrol@greenbeltmd.gov!



FOURTH OF JULY FANFARE

Buddy Attick Lake Park, 555 Crescent

Celebrate America's Independence Day with friends, neighbors, and family at Buddy Attick Park!

- Bring a picnic
- Walk the lake trail
- Enjoy the playground
- FIREWORKS at dusk (approximately 9 pm)

Arts Program:

- Amanda Larsen/The SPACE/Greenbelt Museum - Crafts, 4-6 pm

Buddy Attick Park Performance Schedule:

- Drum Circle - 5:30 - 6:45 pm
- Concert Band - 7:30 - 8:45 pm
- Fireworks Display - Dusk (approximately 9 pm)

Please call the weather and information hotline at (301) 474-0646 for updated event status and inclement weather. Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar for more.

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when the teens of Greenbelt Recreation's Camp Encore couldn't find a flower bouquet at the Co-op. They decided that a pineapple was close enough.

"I thought you might be interested in those," Kate says, watching me explore a deck of colorful playing cards on the coffee table. The front of the pack reads, Zounds! A Shakespearean Card Game – and, yes, I started playing with it as soon as I sat down. On the living room wall hangs a photograph of Kate and her husband, Mark, at their wedding. The young-and-in-love couple stands on a lawn in a pale gazebo painted blue and white. "Mark built that," she tells me, as part of the set of their company's production of *Much Ado About Nothing*. Mark proposed to Kate onstage one night after a 60s-themed *Hansel and Gretel*. She holds the photo out to me, in which Mark is on one knee in front of a thoroughly shocked Kate in a big 1960s skirt.

Kate has been acting and directing Shakespeare for decades now, but "hated it growing up" – because the Bard was taught in English classes, framed as literature instead of as theater. But putting on *Merry Wives of Windsor* the summer after her first year of college gave her a new perspective and she continued acting in summer Shakespeare shows until she graduated. Her interest in Shakespeare developed further while she wrote study guides and researched the plays' history for her classes. "I just like learning things," she says simply.

For her teen homeschool class, held in the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC), Kate adopts a fairly hands-off approach to directing. She stays seated, her eyes following the high schoolers' progress behind her glasses. She notices my confusion upon seeing the set laid out for one of the short plays, about two would-be lovers in a café. The set is composed of two tables and four chairs despite the fact that, in the original show, there are only two characters. Kate tilts her head backward over her chair to look at me and explains, "I Kate-d it," meaning that she divided the lines between two sets of actors. This kills two birds with one stone by making memorization easier and allowing room for multiple actors to share the spotlight. At one point, Kate's daughter, Aria, joins her onstage to ask for help finding something.

"Hey, peach fuzz," Kate murmurs, kissing the top of the little blond head.



PHOTO BY KATE MAGILL ROBINSON

Kate Magill Robinson is a theater director, drama instructor and a member of the board of Greenbelt Arts Center.

Kate has always liked working with children. As a college student she pursued a degree in education, but the inflexible process grated on her. "My professor was explaining that 'this is how you deal with the autistic kids'... I knew damn well that what works for this autistic kid isn't going to work for this one." She describes her frustration arguing with the professor during class, unable to alter his insistence on a uniform approach to handling students' differences. Fed up, she dropped her education major and graduated from Shippensburg with a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary arts, which she readily declares is "a made-up degree."

It may be just as well that Kate didn't bother with the inflexible classes required for an education major; experience has instructed her far better than any teacher. She hasn't yet grown too serious to engage with her kids as kids, indulging in such antics as standing behind one of the GAC poles and waving her arms in an imitation of an alien (so they have something to invoke for the alien-summoning warm-up, you understand). She is evidently long past alarm about more harmless shenanigans, and she stays remarkably composed throughout the work day; she

leans over to make a note while three of the older actors wrestle for a script, and doesn't even flinch when a pen is accidentally flung at her.

Ultimately, what brought Kate back to education after college was children. "I realized I could effect change," she tells me. This, she explains, is her contribution to her students' lives and futures, even though "I know I'm not saving the world."

Maybe not, but word about Kate has spread among parents of homeschooled children, as well as among local youth. It's gotten out that, if you need somewhere to go – if home's not safe, perhaps, or you need a way to spend your summer vacation – you can find it with Kate and her actors. When it's mentioned that neurodivergent kids and teens simply flock to her, as if by some shared instinct, she beams.

"I know!" she exclaims. "And I love it!"

Kate has been working to make the GAC more accessible, equipping the space with ramps and the like to improve mobility for actors and patrons. Her next big projects come this summer, when she will be directing *Camp Encore* through the Community Center and the Teen Summer Shakespeare Intensive production of *Romeo and Juliet*. She insists that it is not a love story, but "a cautionary tale about what happens when you let hate rule everything." The cast and crew have been counting down the days until rehearsals begin.

There's no one, it seems, in whom she doesn't see potential. "You can always see in a kid that there's more there," she asserts.

But first, those kids need to be able to strip off their defenses. Kate is aware that some students join her classes primarily for a safe place, somewhere they feel they can be authentic — and that's okay too, she promises. "We'll find a place for you."

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Two ramps were installed to connect all three areas, from being on stage in front of the spotlight to the set behind the curtains. Everyone is now able to get to any place they want to go. It allowed Mahalia to finally experience being an actor at the GAC, something she's wanted to do since that first play she witnessed.

"It's helping me, and now I think it's going to help other people," Mahalia said. "The ramps that were installed helped me get backstage to other areas that I wouldn't otherwise be able to reach."

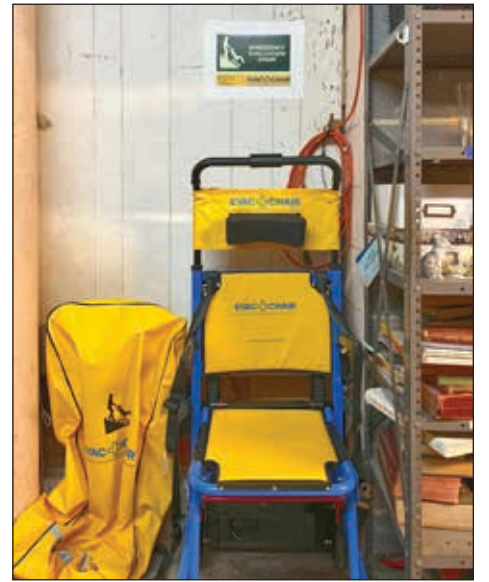
These new features are part of the center's effort to be inclusive. The BEE@GAC initiative promotes belonging, equity and expansion for everyone involved at the GAC and in the Greenbelt community.

"We're not being equitable because we couldn't have everybody on our stage. Let's make that happen," Robinson said. "It was a year of planning and working with different people and making sure we had a good setup and all that."

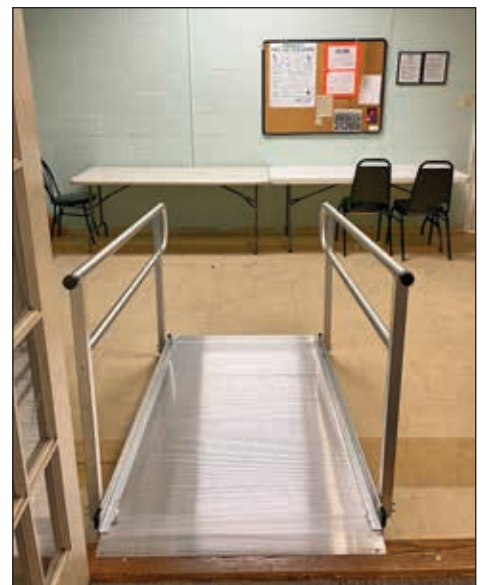
The camp now returns to the stage at the GAC after its one-year hiatus during which it was held at the Community Center because of the accessibility challenges.

The campers are currently rehearsing for their production of Italian theater *Commedia Dell'arte*. Mahalia is playing the role of a soldier, something she's excited about. The group of actors will perform on July 3.

"Seeing the new improvements for the ramps and stuff, it was really helpful," she said. "I'm like



An evacuation chair to be used during an emergency



This ramp leads out of the dressing room into the green room, the area where actors wait before shows.

- Photos by Matthew Neus

'Wow, this is really possible.' And now I'm able to fully experience it with full access."

Matthew Neus is a student at the Philip Merrill College of Journalism interning with the *Greenbelt News Review*.

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



Ingrid Watson Hosts Luncheon And Reports to Greenbelt Seniors

by Lois Rosado

There were approximately 45 residents from all areas of Greenbelt, along with members of the city council and state representatives at County Councilmember Ingrid Watson's senior luncheon on May 31. These luncheons were begun by Ingrid Turner, continued by Todd Turner and will continue with her, said Watson. Greenbelt was the second of six senior luncheons she is planning to have throughout District 4.

Budget Update

The county shortfall of \$171 million was caused by higher interest rates, which reduced home sales and lowered property tax revenue. The ending of the pandemic federal funds, rising costs, inflation, climate change mitigation and increasing required state funding for education provided additional funding challenges. Watson explained that 62 percent of the county budget is for education, 20 percent is for public safety, while the remaining 18 percent supports county government operations.

The county will continue to spend funds to help in police recruitment. One hundred new police officers and 150 fire fighters have been hired. Given the increased development, especially in the Bowie area, public safety is one of Watson's priorities.

Watson noted that there is \$3 million to help county nonprofits through grants and \$100,000 to help support animal services that have been severely underfunded and understaffed. She is trying to obtain more funding for the North County Animal Shelter with assistance from U.S. Representative Glenn Ivey.

About \$250,000 will be used to fund a sickle cell machine at the University of Maryland Capital Region Medical Center. Prince George's County has 40 percent of the 5,000 sickle cell patients in Maryland.

The Climate Action Plan through the county Department of the Environment is funded for \$55.1 million for electric buses, tree planting and technical assistance, another priority for Watson.

There is \$108 million for stormwater management. Child Resource Connect will receive \$400,000 to assist new families in the county. They will receive a home visit to help them identify available family resources.

Additional items funded were the rehab or replacement of fire stations. Increased staffing for the Health Department continues to be a challenge. Funding will be used for all 20 library branches which are still understaffed. There were funds allocated for roads, parks and trail maintenance, assistance for small businesses, procurements and some grant assistance for nonprofits.

Watson plans to constantly connect with the community and sponsor events for residents and seniors to gather and obtain information. She will continue the HOA roundtables. These meetings will alternate between Greenbelt and Bowie; the last one was in Greenbelt.

Watson has secured funding to support nonprofits that fill in the gaps for education services, family services, scholarships and

community-based programs. Special appropriation grants enable Greenbelt nonprofits to be supported through her office.

She described the Pick It Up program as an environmental effort to help bring communities and neighborhoods together to clean up litter and garbage to bond around a community improvement task. They had a great turnout last year and she plans to continue this project, scheduled for September 21. Watson asks the community to identify areas that are challenging so they can be prioritized.

Watson hosted the District 4 Green Hat Summit environmental workshop. These workshops will focus on topics such as the importance of food composting. This first one occurred at the Glenn Dale Fire Station. The next topic will be about recycling.

Upcoming Legislation

Upcoming legislation includes building code and noise mitigation, especially for condos and townhomes, and public safety involving Kias and Hyundais, which seem to be the most stolen cars in this county. Rental housing disclosure to prevent another fiasco like Charlestowne North is in the works. Watson is working with Greenbelt City Manager Josué Salmerón to ensure that property owners are a legitimate company and residents can quickly be informed of new owners.

Legislation will also seek to curb Airbnbs. Leisure places have begun operating in many communities, but no one knows who the owners are or if they are properly licensed to run such facilities and legislation is being developed to address those issues.



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followed by a concert band performance at 7:30 p.m. and fireworks at dusk over the Lake (about 9 p.m.).

The Greenbelt Baptist Church is also hosting a Fourth of July picnic across the street from Buddy Attick Park at 4 p.m. Attendees to the admission-free picnic can enjoy food, bounce houses for children, snow cones and water.

Community members can host picnics, enjoy a lakeside walk and the playground.

Last year the crowd was larger than expected due to the cancellation of the neighboring College Park fireworks. This year College Park is again not planning any fireworks display. In Greenbelt, large crowds in similar numbers to previous years are expected. It is preferable for residents to walk to the celebration, but parking is available in the parking lot at Buddy Attick Park and along Crescent Road. Drivers should observe all parking signs in place.

Following the fireworks, traffic from the Buddy Attick Park area will be permitted only in one direction, with both lanes leading vehicles to Kenilworth Avenue. For an estimated 30 to 45 minutes, Greenbelt police will direct traffic at the Crescent-Kenilworth intersection. Traffic from Kenilworth Avenue will not be permitted to turn onto Crescent Road until most cars have left the area after the fireworks show.

Greenbelt police officers will be on foot throughout the park. Outside food and non-alcoholic beverages are permitted. Fireworks – such as firecrackers, snakes, sparklers and bottle rockets – are prohibited by law.

First Celebration

As reported by the Greenbelt Cooperator (the News Review's original name), Greenbelt held its first Fourth of July celebration in 1938, less than one year after the town was founded.

The initial ceremony was an all-day affair. A bicycle parade at Center School (now the

Community Center) kickstarted the event at 10 a.m., followed by tricycle races for younger children. The party then moved to Greenbelt Lake for the remainder of the day. The afternoon was filled with games, demonstrations and music. A water obstacle course that was hailed as "better than a circus" (see the June 29, 1938, Cooperator at greenbeltnewsreview.com/archives/) transitioned into sack and three-legged races. A pie-eating contest for kids led into multiple tug-of-war battles against teams from specific blocks of Greenbelt.

Residents enjoyed ice cream and soft drinks and wore commemorative buttons to remember the joyous occasion. Every resi-

dent learned the new Greenbelt song before a huge community fireworks display over the lake concluded the night.

The city has celebrated the national holiday similarly through the years, frequently with parades and sporting events, with the night ending in fireworks over Greenbelt Lake most years, though sometimes at Braden Field. There was no July 4 fireworks display in Greenbelt from 1942 to '45, during World War II (fireworks resumed over the lake in 1946), nor in 2020, during the height of the Covid pandemic.

Randy Chow and Matthew Neus are students at the Philip Merrill College of Journalism interning with the Greenbelt News Review.

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commission hence the commission will develop a budget detailing what they need to complete their mission.

Council's Reactions

Councilmember Silke Pope regretted the initial lack of instruction from the council while Councilmember Kristen Weaver felt that the group has arrived at a good place and welcomes seeing a budget. Mayor Emmett Jordan pointed out that when the commission was first established, they attempted to identify a Native American person but were unsuccessful and this observation led to a discussion of how to find such a person.

Phase II of JEDI audit

The council learned more about Phase II of the JEDI audit through a presentation by Tribesy, the consulting firm conducting the audit. The second phase will focus on a community assessment and hopes to garner input from segments of the population not usually asked for their opinion or who do not engage with the city council. (See the presentation via a link from the agenda packet for this worksession, accessed from the Municipal Access TV button at greenbeltmd.gov.)

This second phase has a quantitative survey but also includes holding community dialogues (both in person and online) to capture the experiences of residents and their sense of inclusion and belonging in the community. Using volunteers, these dialogue sessions will engage city residents and will capture their stories and voices. Tribesy and city staff are trying to be innovative in how they identify and reach these unheard members of the community. During this phase there is an opportunity for gathering data that could be useful for the Reparations Commission. The plan is for the community dialogue sessions to be held in August with a report prepared for council by December.

Council's Thoughts

Jordan wanted to ensure that there wasn't overlap between the Reparations Commission and the JEDI audit. He also felt that council prides itself on listening to the community and there is a community survey conducted regularly to gain input from Greenbelt residents. Councilmember Danielle McKinney believes there is some overlap between the commission and the JEDI audit but the goals are different. The commission is exploring what happened in the past and how to right wrongs. The JEDI audit is a wider look at how the city engages with the community but both efforts are equally important. She felt that the August time frame is good but it could miss those on summer vacations.

Weaver believes that it is taking too long to get the results of the community survey and is hoping that Tribesy it going out into the community rather than residents coming to them. Tribesy said one segment of the population they are trying to reach are young people (African, Black American and Latinx). They are seeking to visit restaurants and locations where they can find these residents and using social media tools like TikTok to get to them. There were several other suggestions from council and audience members on how to reach out to the community.

Former councilmember J Davis wanted to know when there would be a worksession with the community around the results of Phase I. She is also concerned with how fine-tuned the second phase will be and how it will be able to reach the many different groups. Councilmember Jenni Pompei was not in favor of having another presentation on Phase I of the JEDI audit and wondered what the goal of a second presentation would be. She didn't want city staff to feel like they are

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TGI Fridays and Co-op Caught In Liquor Board Minors Sting

by Cathie Meetre

In the June 12 hearing session of the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners, two Greenbelt businesses were fined for selling alcohol to a minor. TGI Fridays and the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket were both caught in an infraction by a team from the Prince George's County Police Explorer Program. The team consisted of the lead advisor for the program, Wilma Koslowski, and a "17-year-old female underage operative" who is a member of the Explorer program. The program is described on the county website as an "exciting work-based training program for young men and women who are interested in careers in law enforcement and public safety."

Co-op Fined

According to the written citation for the Co-op, "The operative purchased a 6-pack of 12-ounce bottles of Samuel Adams Boston Lager and the server checked for ID and made the sale." Co-op Treasurer Amy Drew, who attended the virtual hearing with Co-op Manager Dan Gillotte, explained that the checker carded both members of the Explorer team and was presented by them with "non-standard IDs" that were perhaps of foreign origin. Presumably, however, it was the younger member who actually paid even though the adult was present, hence the infraction. Drew commented that the foreign IDs presented by the pair and the presence of two purchasers, one of whom was an adult, may have been confusing for the checker. The License Commissioners noted that the Co-op had been free of any such infractions for at least two years (the last was 10 or more years ago, from well before Gillotte took the helm). The Co-op was fined \$1,500 and

ordered to institute alcohol sales training.

Contacted for comment, Gillotte stated, "Immediately upon learning of the operation (April 19) and infraction we started a series of retrainings with all cashiers to clarify proper identification (foreign IDs are NOT permitted, for one). Beyond that we are utilizing our point-of-sale system (POS) to require customers who appear under 30 years of age to have their ID scanned at our system. Only eligible legitimate state IDs or driver's licenses

will authorize a sale. This retraining, an added emphasis on ID-ing anyone appearing to be under 30 and utilizing the POS technology will prevent us from having this kind of issue again."

Fridays Fined

Greenbelt's TGI Fridays, on Capitol Drive, was also cited. Their infraction was on Friday, April 19, with the same Explorer team members provoking the incident. The 17-year-old girl sat down at a table and, according to

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Incidents included one mental health diversion; five domestics, three involving assault; a family dispute and one death report.

Arrest

On June 18 near 6000 Springhill Drive, a man was arrested at his residence on a warrant.

Assault

On June 20 at 2:31 p.m. near 9244 Edmonston Road, a boy was walking home when he was involved in a verbal altercation with four other boys. As he continued home he was attacked from behind by the same boys and a fight ensued. He was able to run into his house and grab a knife and the other boys fled.

Drug Sales

On June 18 at 9:19 a.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a citizen reported that a man with dreadlocks had a gun and was frequently selling drugs in the area.

Fraud

On June 19 near 7845 Jacobs Drive, a man was notified that his credit score had gone down due to an unpaid utility bill, and an account had been opened with his personal information.

On June 21 near 7565 Greenbelt Road, a woman tried to cash a fraudulent check. She had an open warrant and was arrested for counterfeiting/forgery.

Theft

On June 17 at 10:19 a.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a man stole items. On June 18 at 3:20 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, two men stole some high-end eyeglasses and ran; officers recovered an iPhone dropped by one of them. On June 18 at 5:13 p.m. near 7583 Greenbelt Road, two women stole several items. On June 19 at 8:48 p.m. near 8150 Lakecrest Drive, a woman was moving in with bags of belongings from her car; two bags were stolen while she went back and forth. On June 20 at 10:14 a.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a repeat offender took a shopping cart with unpaid merchandise out of the store. On June 21 at 9:17 a.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a man stole a bike and gaming

equipment.

Trespassing

On June 18 at 3 p.m. near 9240 Springhill Lane, a man who was banned from the property was taken into custody and issued a criminal citation.

On June 19 at 4:17 p.m. near 8010 Greenbelt Station Parkway, a disorderly subject was trespassing; he was taken into custody on an open warrant.

Vandalism

On June 17 near 7400 Frankfort Drive, the door latch on a storage shed was pried off but nothing was missing.

Vehicle Crimes Hit and Run

On June 19 at 8:58 a.m. near 8127 Mandan Terrace, a stolen Kia (N.C. KFE9758) hit another vehicle and left.

Stolen Vehicles

Seven vehicles were stolen: on June 18 near 5803 Cherrywood Lane, a 2013 dark blue Hyundai Sonata (Md. 5GA2875), and near 7823 Mandan Road, a 2008 Honda Accord (Md. 4DT7355); on June 19 near 6301 Ivy Lane, a black 2018 Hyundai Elantra (Texas PJT5215); on June 20 near 7704 Hanover Parkway, a black 2021 Dodge Charger (Md. 4GB0891), and near 7810 Walker Drive, an acquaintance who failed to return a borrowed vehicle; on June 22 near 7700 Hanover Parkway, a white 2003 Mercedes Benz (Md. 8AD8508); and on June 23 near 7262 S Ora Court, a silver Hyundai Elantra (Md. 4FF1283).

Stolen Vehicles Located

On June 18 near 6000 Breezewood Drive, a Kia Sportage was found on the side of the road, still running and unoccupied, with ignition damage. On June 18 near 32 Crescent Road, a stolen 2023 Hyundai Tucson was located. On June 21 near 7929 Mandan Road, a silver Lexus RCF was stolen and found by D.C. police.

Theft from Auto

Wheels were stolen from a 2024 Toyota Corolla June 20 near 7726 Hanover Parkway; a Honda Civic on June 21 near 7480

Greenway Center Drive; and near 6400 Ivy Lane.

Tags were stolen June 19 near 6400 Cherrywood Lane, and June 21 near 9314 Edmonston Road.

On June 18 near 5355 S Center Drive, a 2018 Honda Civic was broken into and items were stolen. On June 19 near 219 Lakeside Drive, a vehicle's window was broken and items were stolen.

On June 20 at 4:59 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a man placed money in the center console of his car; when he returned from the mall, the money was gone.

On June 22 near 8150 Lakecrest Drive, a vehicle window was shattered by a rock found on the seat, and several items were missing.

Vandalism to Auto

Vehicle windows were broken on June 18 near Mandan Road and Canning Terrace; on June 21 near 8011 Mandan Road; on June 22 near 7710 Hanover Parkway, near 7921 Mandan Road (by a rock that was found in the driver's seat), near 7804 Hanover Parkway on a Chevy Camaro, near 9170 Edmonston Road, and near 7407 Morrison Drive; and on June 23 near 5815 Cherrywood Terrace.

On June 18 near 6440 Cherrywood Lane, a door handle was broken on a 2021 Hyundai Elantra.

On June 18 near 16 Ridge Road, a 2004 Honda Civic was damaged on the hood.

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the citation, "ordered a Dragon fruit Margarita alcoholic beverage." In this case, "the server requested and checked the Explorer's identification, however, prepared the drink and served it to the minor." Presumably the same nonstandard ID was presented. TGI Fridays was also fined.

According to an individual aware of the situation, the underage person sat down and ordered

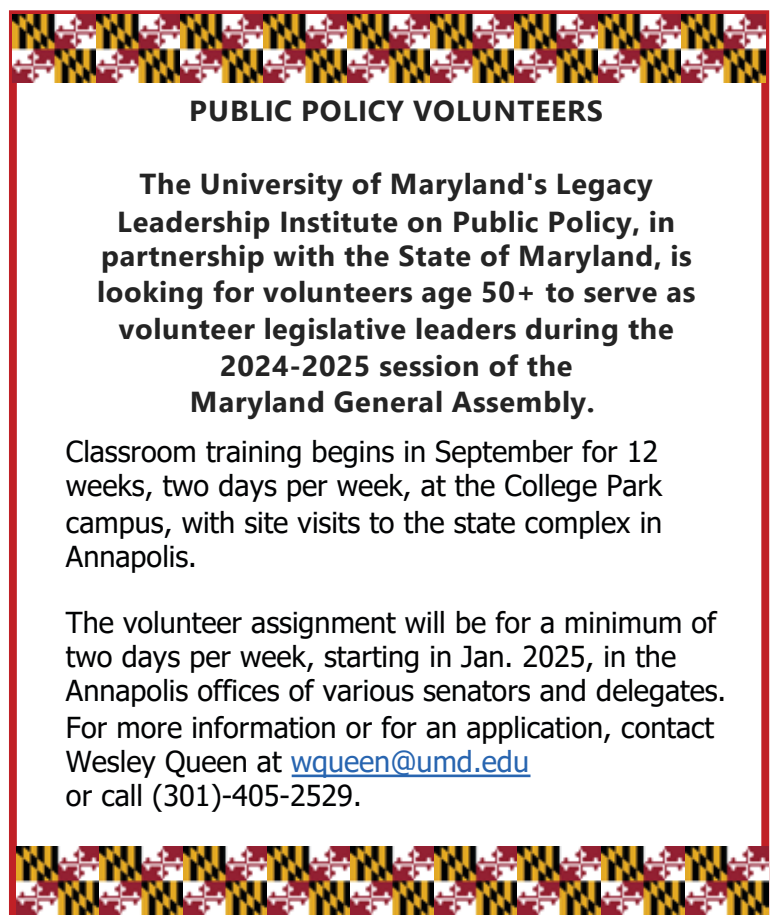
a drink for a parent who was on their way in from the parking lot. The server, aware that the requestor was too young, typed in the order but was intending to wait until the parent arrived to be carded before serving it. The bartender, not knowing the situation, made the drink and dropped it at the table. Fridays has already held training for its employees to avoid any future problems.



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Greenbelt Babe Ruth Returns To Braden Field This Week

by Ian Gleason

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8:15 p.m. The 15 and Under returns for a home game on Friday night at 6 and the 18U follows with the 8:15 p.m. nightcap. Both teams sport winning records as they head into the final fortnight of the season.

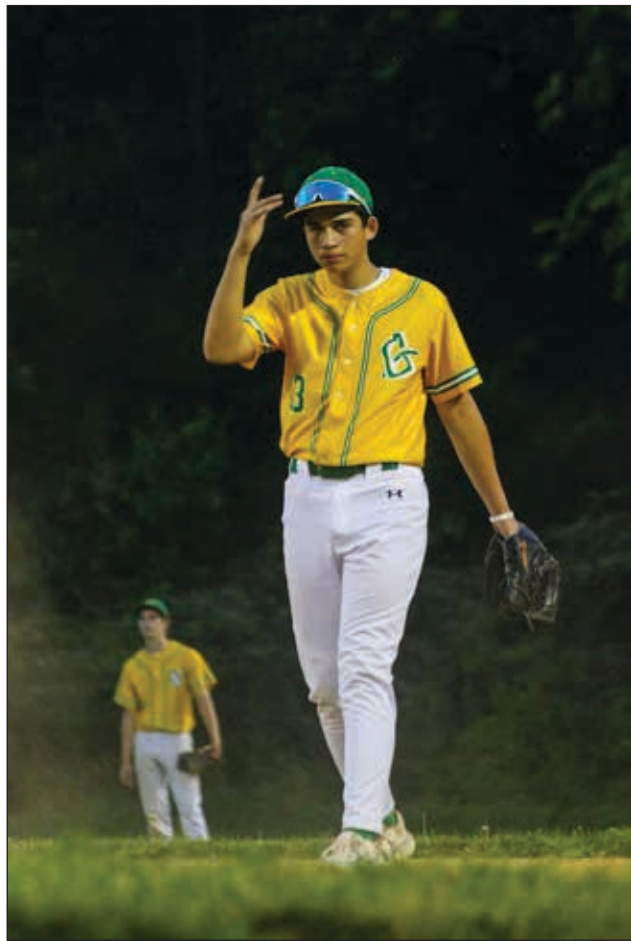


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Second baseman Joseph LeGloahec on the field for the Greenbelt Babe Ruth 18U squad

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under the gun or that their experiences are being questioned and that it takes a lot to speak out about injustice in the workplace.

Davis believes that some residents felt that the JEDI Phase I report was too critical of city staff and policies. She was concerned about the terminology used and felt there was something to be gained by clarifying how the data were collected and the terms used in the report. Pope received negative feedback on the language and felt there was a need for a worksession prior to phase II. Jordan suggested

that council discuss this more.

City Manager Josué Salmerón said, "... If you ask employees how they feel about the workplace you have to be prepared to hear the truth. We asked them [city employees] what their experiences were in the workplace and this is their truth."

Finally, resident Bill Orleans believes there is no formal way for a city employee to express a grievance without fear of repercussions. He wished council would take action on this by amending the charter to allow collective bargaining.



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Greenbelt potter Julie Boynton holds the News Review at Peggy's Cove Lighthouse in Nova Scotia.

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Pride Celebrations Continue At the Greenbelt Museum

by Julia Snyder

On the afternoon of Sunday, June 23, the Pride celebrations in Greenbelt continued at the Greenbelt Museum. Visitors could take part in craft making and learn about Queer Youth Assemble, an organization that does organizing and protesting for Queer and Trans youth. Zadyn and Edie, leaders from Queer Youth Assemble (who explained that the organization is not “assembly” but rather the verb “assemble” because that’s what they are doing), were present to talk about their organization and lead visitors in making zines and cards to support Queer youth. The Museum gave out stickers and flags and led visitors in making rainbow chains, both in honor of pride and based on the idea that the original children of Greenbelt, during the Great Depression, would have had to make crafts out of whatever scraps they could find, and may have made things like chains of recycled paper and other odds and ends.

Megan Searing Young, the Museum’s director, explained that they have been collecting history about Pride in Greenbelt for some years, but this was their first official celebration. On their YouTube channel they have an interview with Francis “Frank” DeBernardo, one of the founders of GreenBeLT Pride, a community-recognized organization for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals and their allies in Greenbelt. In his interview, DeBernardo says GreenBeLT Pride was formed in 2005 and their first membership meeting took place in 2006. According to a News Review article from March 2, 2006, their slogan was “you can’t spell Greenbelt without GBLT.”

Asked if any of the founders or significant early Greenbelters were Queer, Searing Young explained that the museum wants to do more research in this area. There is not documentation of early Greenbelters who were Queer, partly because in the 1930s it wasn’t safe for folks to be “out,” nor would they have been allowed to live in Greenbelt at that time. However, it is known that one of the planners of Greenbelt lived with a man through his adult life and in the brochure for his memorial service he and his partner were referred to as “the boys,” as a couple, and were described as doing everything together.

The Museum hopes to make Pride an annual tradition and wants to signal to the community that all are welcome here.

Queer Youth Assemble, which tabled the event, is a completely youth run organization, which was formed in 2021. Zadyn is head of programs and helps youth around the country organize their own Queer Youth Assemble programs and protests. They organized a nationwide march for Queer and Trans youth autonomy last May 31 for Trans Visibility Day as well as a Youth Dissent protest at the Supreme Court. Edie, another organizer, put on their Halloween party last year called Monster Mingle, which will be taking place again this year. Anyone who is 13 to 25 years old can join and volunteer



Ruby Snyder Marshall peeks from the porch of the museum.



Greenbelt Museum Director Megan Searing Young

- Photos by Julia Snyder

Caitlin Haynes (Greenbelt Museum Board of Directors) makes rainbow chains with Ruby Snyder Marshall.



Edie holds a Queer Youth Assemble card at a table for making messages of support for Queer youth and Zadyn sits at the table for creating zines.

with their organization. They have advertising projects and offer outreach, education, policy, and programs for parents, allies and Queer youth. They are currently working on organizing a Queer Unity March for October.

To learn more about Queer Youth Assemble visit their website, queeryouthassemble.org/march-for-queer-trans-youth-autonomy.

To see their list of demands and sign their petition go to docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdtFF_T9y-ZLZO5W4UxjiNC13oEzOg-DCoMZH8OV-a5wpY3Mtpw/viewform.

Learn more about Frank DeBernardo and GreenBeLT Pride here: youtube.com/watch?v=Ys0nSfmt0Hc.

Summer Officially Kicks off At Springhill Lake Rec Center

On Friday, June 14, summer kicked off at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Attendees celebrated the end of the school year and enjoyed music, food and entertainment, including inflatables, video games and lawn games.

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Youths receive some instruction in archery.



The inflatables provide lots of fun.



Video games are very popular.



News Review proofer Bonnie Seaton brought the News Review to Kuekenhof Tulip Gardens in the Netherlands. She doesn't always wear such big shoes.

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