Fred Wine, president of Quan tum Companies, the company that owns Beltway Plaza, assured the city council at a March 16 work session that the mall is doing “extremely well” in spite of the delayed decision on the site of the new FBI headquarters.

When asked by Councilmember Judith Davis what the company’s “Plan B” would be if the FBI building does not get constructed in Greenbelt, Wine opined, “Our piece of property in that Beltway Plaza location is great. We always think about doing better things with it, but it’s not always so easy…We have been sort of thinking the FBI would be a really good motivator, but we’re prepared to think about it without [the headquarters].”

Davis said she doesn’t think it’s likely the development will happen anytime soon. “My personal opinion is it’s never happening, to be perfectly honest with you,” Davis said, “not until the next four years are done.”

Mayor Emmett Jordan immediately disagreed with Davis, saying, “I still think we have the best site for the FBI in Greenbelt, and the Purple Line,” he said. “So, if and when we can get this to happen, everything will sort of facilitate the FBI, the Purple Line, and the GSA has chosen Greenbelt.”

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The Purple Line project was delayed until March 2017 after the GSA officially announced the decision on the headquarters site.

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ACE, City Recognize Outstanding Educators in Greenbelt Schools

The 2017 Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) Educator Awards were presented at the March 13 Greenbelt City Council meeting. Janet Mirsky, ACE treasurer, introduced the presentation and summed up selected ACE accomplishments. This year is the 22nd for ACE Educator Awards. Letta Mach, ACE’s city council liaison and Rosalind Ceasar, the city’s staff liaison to ACE, were recognized. ACE, formed in 1994 with an updated charter in 2007, serves as a link between the community and council to promote high quality schools for Greenbelt. This year, ACE has sponsored reading clubs at two Greenbelt schools and has awarded 20 grants, totaling more than $8,000, to provide educational opportunities beyond the school curricula. The ACE Educator Awards recognize school-based adults who have made an exceptional contribution to their schools.

Recipients of the award may be any member of the school team: teacher, guidance counselor, other professional, or support or building staff. ACE selects the award based on nominations from See ACE, page 10

City Contracts for Long-Sought Recreation & Parks Master Plan

At its meeting on February 27, the city council took steps to develop Greenbelt’s very first recreation and parks facilities master plan, a project long anticipated by recreation staff and the city’s Park and Recreation Advisory Board. The plan will help to develop the recreation and park master plan. Of the firms responding to a Request for Proposals (RFP), the firm recommended by staff to undertake the job was GreenPlay, LLC. Although the firm is based in Colorado, the project manager assigned to Greenbelt is located in Silver Spring. Staff and council both found the proposal to be thorough and impressive in its approach to evaluating current facilities and framing recommendations for the future. A telling indicator of the proposal’s thoroughness was that Councilmember Judith Davis shook her head and said, “I couldn’t find any questions to ask!”

Beyond the proposal itself, Recreation Department staff had interviewed all the consultants involved and followed up on See COUNCIL, page 10
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ATM and its inability to justify the maintenance costs. The Co-op did not own the ATM, but leased the space to Bank of America to provide the machine. Co-op staff recognizes the importance of an ATM in the store and has reached out to few banks and credit unions to secure another machine. We hope to have a new ATM installed soon.

Joe Garei
Marketing & Outreach Co-
Coordinator, Greenbelt Co-op
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### Community Events

**Toastmasters Meet**
The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, March 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of the New Deal Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads. The group offers professionals an opportunity to speak in front of an audience in a supportive environment. For more information, contact program officer Karen Harms at 301-345-7669.

**GES Spring Fair**
Greenbelt Elementary School’s PTA will be hosting this year’s Spring Fair. The fair will be held on Saturday, April 1, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring the whole family for a fun and free day of carnival games, bucket truck rides, craft activities and the second annual Scholastic books for sale. See the Spring Fair and Yard Sale at the School on Saturday, April 1, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**New Deal Café Events**
Tuesday, March 28 from 8 to 10 p.m.: Romance Night at the New Deal Café. For more information, call 301-222-3041.

**Star Party Will View Supernova Remnants**
The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday evening, March 25 at the Observatory located at North- wood Road.

**Tree Protection Event Saturday, March 25**
The Department of Public Works, in conjunction with the GES Community Service, is hosting a community service event: Coexist with Beavers. Participants will learn to protect trees from both beavers and invasive species at Buddy Atlee Park. Forest school students can earn community service hours; they should bring their learning logs. For more information, call 301-441-4184.

**Concessions and Scholastic books for sale**
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### More Community Events
- **UPCOMING EVENTS**
  - **March 26** at 3:00 p.m.: The Golden Age Club had to cancel the Birthday Pot Luck Luncheon due to the snow and icy roads. We’re sorry if members were unapplied.
  - **March 29** will be “The Tea.” Bring your favorite mug or cup and enjoy a social hour. There will be goodies, too. Just a reminder, time is running out to sign up for the 60th Anniversary Luncheon on April 26.
- **Utopia Film Festival**
- **Greenbelt Arts Center**
  - **April 21 - May 13 - Tribute - Apr 21 - May 13 - Directed by Claire Colombaro**
  - **April 7**

**Free Astronomical Lecture March 30**
Dr. Claire Parkinson will be the featured speaker at the March meeting of the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt on March 30, at 7:30 p.m. Her topic will be Measuring Sea Ice from Space. She may also spend some time discussing climate change.

Parkinson is a noted authority on climate change and measurement of sea ice. After graduating from Wellesley College with a degree in mathematics, she earned a master’s degree and doctorate in geophysics and climatology from The Ohio State University. She has been employed as a research scientist at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center since 1978. Her research focus has been on sea ice. She is the author of many scientific papers and several books. The recipient of many honors, Parkinson was recently elected to the National Academy of Sciences. She is also a Fellow of the American Geophysical Union.

The meeting will be held at the H.B. Owens Science Center, 9601 Greenbelt Road, Lanham (adjacent to DuVal High School). All are welcome; there is no admission fee.

**Upcoming Events**
- **March 28: Chess Club (for all ages!) from 7 to 9 p.m.
- **March 29: Fiber Arts from 6 to 9 p.m.
- **March 30: Classical & Contemporary Music from Noon to 2 p.m.
- **March 31:** More to come...**
Farmers Market Is Getting Ready for the New Season

by Cathie Meetre

Although the first signs of spring have taken rather a beating from a late snowstorm, then the promise of longer days now the solstice is past and one Greenbelt annual activity after another will start to come on line. The pool will be drained and cleaned, the sand will be spread in the baseball infield and the Farmers Market will reappear May 14 (Mother’s Day) in the parking lot outside the Aquatic Center.

Vendor Selection

Each year market vendors must reapply for their spots and compete with new potential vendors. Choosing the final crew is a painstaking process performed by the board with the Market Master, returning veteran Nancy Solomon. Selection balances the variety of items available in the market, focuses on sustainable practices, evaluates producer information tent and take shifts to answer questions. Volunteers serve one row of stalls.

Permits

The Farmers Market makes by no means an automatic appearance. Unlike leaves and longer days, it can’t be taken for granted. For example, in the interests of fire safety, the Prince George’s Office of the Fire Marshals has increased its inspection requirements and added new offsets and requirements to eliminate dangers from cooking appliances and propane. The Health Department too is keenly interested in food hygiene and storage standards. Balancing the constraints in planning the market layout is a headache for Solomon and obtaining the permit is a time-consuming and rigorous process that changes yearly.

Vendor Locations

To accommodate new fire safety regulations, the market must revise its layout this year. Long-time vendors may not remain in their traditional spots. Shoppers, don’t panic – most vendors are returning but to accommodate offsets around cooking trucks and propane tanks and to incentivize recipients to shop fresh, local produce found at the Fresh, local produce found at the farmers market.

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Thank you, thank you so much for being MY NEIGHBORHOOD NURSE!

I am so grateful for the excellent care you provided me in my own home. I had a very serious wound which took 12 weeks to heal. Your nursing home care allowed me to remain in my own home while recovering from my injury. Your service saved me 72 trips to appointments for wound care.

Thank You, Maria Silvia Miller
Help Plant Trees, Shrubs And Reap Many Benefits

by Connor Roessler

Want to learn how to plant trees while making a positive impact on the community? Help plant native trees and shrubs near the playground at Buddy Attick Park in the Greenbelt Arbor Day Tree Planting Volunteer Event on Saturday, April 8 from 10 a.m. to noon. All training and tools will be provided by Greenbelt Public Works. Sign up in advance at signupgenius.com/go/409084d4ad2ea358-city1. For more information contact Brian Townsend at 240-542-2158 or btownsend@greenbeltmd.gov.

Greenbelt is lucky to have many trees. With over 60 percent of the city’s land covered in tree canopy, Greenbelt has one of the highest urban tree canopy percentages in the country. Here are five benefits that trees provide:

1. Trees clean the air. Trees absorb and capture many air pollutants such as ozone, sulfur dioxide and particulate matter. A study from the U.S. Forest Service found that areas with more trees had less air pollution and a reduction in respiratory-related illnesses.

2. Trees clean the water. Trees are natural filters for stormwater pollutants. Established tree roots help to keep soil in place. This means that trees help to protect local waterways and the Chesapeake Bay from sediment and erosion.

3. Trees provide habitat for wildlife. Many animals rely on trees for food and shelter. Many mammals and birds nest and rest in trees. Other animals, including humans, rely on the cooling effects of shade on a hot summer day. The fruits, nuts and roots from trees feed countless species. Greenbelt enjoys its rich diversity of wildlife thanks to the abundance and variety of trees.

The entire life and death cycle of trees provides benefits to wildlife. Standing dead and dying trees, called snags, are important for birds, small mammals and other wildlife. Snags are used for nest cavities, nurseries, storage areas, foraging, roosting and perching. Decaying logs retain moisture and nutrients that aid in new plant growth and support beetles, other insects and earthworms.

4. Trees cool down urban spaces in the summer. Human-made surfaces like parking lots and rooftops absorb more heat than green spaces or areas with lots of trees. This means that human-made surfaces, called urban heat islands, are much warmer than areas planted with trees, especially in the summer. Trees prevent cities from becoming too warm in the summer and can provide natural insulation for buildings all year.

5. Trees can improve your mood. Trees also provide healing benefits for the community beyond the environmental context. A study from the University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences has found that communities with trees feel more connected, and residents spend more time interacting than they do in communities lacking green spaces. Access to trees in parks, along roadways and next to buildings elevates mood and gives people a better outlook on life as compared to areas covered in concrete and steel.

Connor Roessler is a Chesapeake Conservation Corps member working for Public Works.

Volunteers plant a tree as part of Greenbelt’s Arbor Day celebration.

Roosevelt Center trees foster community connectedness.

Trees in bloom on Southway provide many ecosystem services.

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AGENDA INCLUDES: BUSINESS MEETING, ELECTION, REFRESHMENTS AND DOOR PRIZES.
A Wider Parkway Clear Zone Improves Visibility, Vegetation

The National Park Service is removing hazardous trees and invasive plants to widen the clear zone along the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. A wider clear zone will improve road and environmental conditions and increase visibility and safety for drivers. From March 19 to April 14, drivers should expect to see crews removing non-native invasive or unhealthy trees along the southbound lanes of the parkway from Powder Mill Road to U.S. Route 50. The parkway, intended as a scenic and recreational gateway connecting Baltimore and Washington, has become one of the most heavily used roadways in the D.C. Metro area. Like other major roadways, the parkway includes a clear zone, unobstructed land along the travel lanes which allows drivers to stop safely or regain control of their vehicle. Currently, vegetation is encroaching on the parkway’s clear zone, leaving less area for drivers to pull over in an emergency. “The major reason to remove vegetation and unhealthy trees is driver safety,” said Matthew Carroll, superintendent of the parkway. “An added benefit is that removing non-native invasive plants, such as white mulberry, improves the environmental condition of national parkland.” This is the first of many steps to return the roadway to its original design, to provide a transportation corridor that blends natural topography, cultural landscapes and scenic forest. Studies have documented traffic safety issues on the parkway, and removing vegetation and other obstructions from the roadway was recommended in the Baltimore-Washington Parkway Traffic Safety Plan.

Men’s Choruses Give Free Concert

The UMD Men’s Chorus will hold a Men’s Chorus Invitational on Friday, March 31 at 8 p.m. in the Memorial Chapel of UMD Guest choirs join the UMD Men’s Chorus to perform music for men’s voices, both as distinct ensembles and en masse.

“See the truth in all religions, for truth is in all & truth is one!” - Baha’i Writings

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MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 27-31


Monday, March 27 at 7:30pm, SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

Monday, March 27 at 7:30pm, EXECUTIVE SESSION at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Special Meeting and Regular Meeting will be live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipal.


Tuesday, March 28 at 7pm, ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. On the agenda: Feedback on Educator Awards; Council Meeting with Advisory Committee Chairs, Student Awards Preparations, Updates - School Bus Hearing, Grants.

Tuesday, March 28 at 7:00pm, ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES at Public Works Facility, 555 Crescent Road. On the agenda: Tree Master Plan Issues and Arbor Day Celebration April 8th, 2017

Tuesday, March 28 at 7:30pm, GREEN ACES/GREEN TEAM at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. On the agenda: North Core Plans – Jessica Belliam, Updates from Sustainability Board/Quiz Team Circles, Viewing a video of Green Team activities. Invite Elliott Campbell to speak to the group – HT Odom Emergy Concept.

Wednesday, March 29 at 7:45am, BUSINESS BREAKFAST at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, March 29 at 7:00pm, COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/WMATA at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, March 29 at 7:30pm, ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. On the agenda: Revised Plan – Detailed Site Plan (DSP) - Greenbelt Station North Core/Metro Parking Redevelopment

Detailed agendas are posted on the calendar at www.greenbeltmd.gov. This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(9) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, an Executive Session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Monday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the Library of the Municipal Building.

The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss collective bargaining negotiations between the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 32 and the City.

It is anticipated Council will schedule this Executive Session at its Special Meeting held on Monday, March 27th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The Special meeting is open to the public. The public may attend and observe the vote of Council to close the meeting.

Cindy Murray, City Clerk

SPRING GED COURSES

Monday, Wednesday Course at Springfield Lake Clubhouse at 6101 Cherrywood Lane from April 3 to June 7th from 10am-12pm

Monday, Wednesday Course at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road from April 3-June 7 from 1pm-3pm

Registration is on the first day of class. Must be at least 16 and have withdrawn from school. FREE to Greenbelt residents with proof of residency. Non-Residents must pay $175 for registration. At students and required to purchase GED textbook, calculator and test-taking materials from CARES for $45.

Questions: Judy Hering 301-345-6660 or jhering@greenbeltmd.gov

For information on city services, meetings, events and more, visit Greenbelt CityLink at www.greenbeltmd

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VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Boards. There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Senior Citizen Advisory Board and Youth Advisory Committee.

For information on how to apply contact 301-474-8000.

ATTENTION GREENBELT RESIDENTS 50 years old or over, your input is needed by March 31!

Share your insights about transportation for Greenbelt residents by completing the Greenbelt Senior Mobility Survey. This online survey, at https://www.greenbeltmd.gov/seniormobility-key.com/mr/GreenbeltSenior- Survey, is part of a study that will help seniors and residents with disabilities live longer in their homes by removing barriers to mobility and improving transportation options.

Paper versions of the survey are available. Info: Cristal Batay 240-542-1212 or cbatay@greenbeltmd.gov.
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SHLES Essay Contest Winners Receive DARE Recognition

Four DARE essay contest finalists with the Acting Greenbelt Police Chief. From left, Jonathan Abarca, Amari Hargrove, Acting Chief Thomas Kemp, Dana Mazariegos and Braylon Martin.

On March 10, city workers spread new soil to get Braden Field ready for spring ball games.

Ready to Play Ball

Eating a Sub for Charity

On Wednesday, March 29 one hundred percent of sales at 36 area Jersey Mike’s locations, including the Beltway Plaza location, will be going to five local charities. The Greenbelt location proceeds will go directly to Luke’s Place - Recreation Center for the Developmentally Disabled. The charities for all the locations are Capitol Area Food Bank, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Luke’s Place, and the Culpeper VA location of Relay For Life.

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The College Park Meals On Wheels program delivers both hot and cold meals to area residents, most of whom cannot get out of their homes easily if at all. This local Meals On Wheels program charges clients only $5 a day for two or three meals; it is subsidized by local governments.

There is a strong need for two more people who would pick up the meals around 11 a.m. one morning a week and drive around delivering them in the area. It takes about 60 to 90 minutes to deliver five to ten meals. Many meal recipients are in Greenbelt, as well as Berwyn Heights, College Park, Riverdale and others. This is volunteer work, though the driver is reimbursed for mileage. Contact Kathy Selzer at 301-474-1002 between 9 a.m. and noon weekdays to volunteer.

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Attend Our School Open Houses!
Tuesday, March 14  7:00-8:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 21  6:30-7:30 p.m. (Pre-K Open House)

Personal tours offered Tuesdays in March and April from 8:30-11:00 a.m. or by appointment!

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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltmd.gov/police Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Assault Arrest
March 10, 12:55 a.m. 6400 block Capitol Drive. A 32-year-old nonresident man got into an argument with a co-worker at the TGI Fridays restaurant. He was arrested and charged with two counts of second degree assault and two counts of affray and disorderly conduct. The Department of Corrections for a hearing before the district court commissioner.

March 10, 3:01 a.m. 7800 block Walker Drive. An assault occurred at the Hilton Garden Inn. A desk clerk at the Hilton said he was inside the lobby when a man jumped over the counter towards him. The clerk fled the hotel with the man following him where he was assaulted outside. An officer patrolling the area saw someone being assaulted and responded. He took the victim to the Hilton Garden Inn but the assailant fled. He was found by a K-9 handler in a nearby parking garage and was arrested. The clerk was taken to the Washington Hospital Center for treatment. The 26-year-old nonresident was taken to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Robbery
March 10, 2:10 a.m. Area of 7th Street and Capitol Drive. A 36-year-old nonresident man was taken from a hotel room at the Courtyard Marriott.

March 7, 5:30 p.m. 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive. Officers responded to a report of a possible robbery inside the lobby of the Courtyard Marriott. A 38-year-old woman of 5'6" height and 140 pounds, black and white Jordan brand sneakers. She 5'9" tall, 150 pounds, a thin black sedan. He is described as black, 5'8" tall, 140 pounds, with short brown hair and black jacket, black pants, and a white shirt.

The 26-year-old nonresident was described as black wearing dark clothing.

Automotive Crime

Several vehicle thefts and vandalism occurred. 7500 block, Greenway Center Drive, rear tags were stolen, Md. 817L536; 200 block Lakeside Drive, the passenger window of a vehicle was broken out, nothing taken; 100 block Westway, four tires and rims taken from a vehicle; 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive, the rear passenger window was broken out of a vehicle but nothing was taken.

A 2010 Mercedes Benz that was reported stolen on January 20 from 9100 block Edmonston Road was recovered in the area of Oak Hall Road and Russell Avenue, Gaithersburg.

Evidence from the hit and run accident on Greenbelt Road - Photos courtesy Greenbelt Police Department

Pedestrian Fatality Occurred Friday on Greenbelt Road

By Jill Connor

Greenbelt police are investigating a fatality in what appears to have been a pedestrian hit and run accident on Friday, March 17 at approximately 7:05 a.m. on the right shoulder of westbound Greenbelt Road, east of Capitol Drive.

Chanel Nicole “Nikki” Hugley, a 35-year-old resident of Greenbelt, was pronounced dead at the scene. Hugley is survived by her mother, Valerie Sky Bailey; her father, Andre Bailey and her sister, Shantika Hugley. Shantika Hugley has set up a Go-Fund-Me for a Repass gathering in place of a funeral for her sister.

The police press releases indicate that evidence at the scene is consistent with Hugley being struck by a dark silver or grey 2007 to 2011 Toyota Camry with an after-market chrome mirror cover on the driver side and after-market parts on the head light trim (as seen in the photos below). Anyone who may have witnessed this accident or has any information is asked to contact Officer Scott Kaiser of the Greenbelt Police Department at 301-347-7200.

Westbound lanes of Greenbelt Road were shut down for several hours and the eastbound side had slow traffic due to rubbernecking, said police representative George Mathews. The road closing caused many commuter and school bus delays in the area.

Sue Kroftchik also contributed to this story.

Send us your photos!

The News Review would like to print more photos of Greenbelt landmarks, activities and the changing seasons. Photos should be at least 300 dpi, and must include the name of the photographer and a caption. The caption must not exceed 50 words. Please include the photo, as well as an explain the picture. The photos may be black and white or color in the print issue but will be color in the online version. Send us no more than five photos at a time.

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The Department is offering a reward of up to $1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter.

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extends her hand towards those in need. She is dedicated to her students, a true professional and role model to the developing staff. Her colleagues describe her as a wise counselor and bearer of integrity and she is highly respected by everyone at Turning Point Academy.

Greenbelt Elementary

Michelle Harrison has impressed her colleagues at Greenbelt Elementary with her professionalism and her genuine interest and love for teaching and learning. She has served the students in PGCPSS for 11 years. In addition to being an outstanding teacher, Harrison serves as a role model to other teachers. Kindergarten teachers from schools across the county come to visit Harrison’s classroom where she provides demonstration lessons and guidance. All are amazed at the beautiful and creative learning environment that she creates. Harrison serves as kindergarten grade level chairperson, and sponsors the Poetry Club. She also gets the award for most school-spirited as she dresses in costume for every holiday and celebration.

Harrison’s commitment to the students at Greenbelt Elementary is well known and has quickly earned her the respect of the community.

Greenbelt Middle

There are numerous avenues for making exceptional and positive contributions in children’s lives and Renita Staley appears to cover every one on the map. She travels far beyond her job description of office manager. Staley advises students and staff. She provides great leadership to students by frequently working with groups to make programs happen for the students. A few of her productions include the school-wide fundraiser, dances, staff appreciation events and field trips. Even when she is not spearheading one of these activities, she ensures that students receive the best the school can offer.

From scheduling, through staffing, to room assignments, Staley’s capable hands are on it. In all of her endeavors she always gives her 100 percent to her students. “How can we help our students?” Staley is so integral to helping students that the leadership team, able to work under difficult, high-pressure situations and always attain excellent results. She projects a warm, cheerful attitude and resolves conflicts with remarkable patience and admirable tact. She stays upbeat and positive while encouraging everyone to participate and believe in themselves and she uses creativity and resourcefulness to get her job done.

Throughout Brett is ERHS’ curriculum coordinator, to most she exceeds that title. She has become a mentor who is always available to help and support both teachers and students. She deeply cares about new teacher progress. Her focus on the global studies program enriches students’ international vision and deepens their cultural knowledge of Japan year after year.

Brett is a product of Greenbelt and Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Words from the Awardees

All of the awardees were thrilled to receive the recognition. Merrymann said she loves seeing the smiling and happy faces of her pupils, especially when they have an “aha” moment in learning. Her parents and husband were present and she said how much they supported her in her teaching career. She commented on how much the staff have helped her over the years.

Fernandez was prepared. He said this award was a great honor and it would not have been possible without the guidance of Dr. Gillens, Magnolia principal. Teaching is a blessing and a vocation, he said. He thanked his wife Leonore who was an earlier ACE awardee. He recalled a student from 1990 who recently wrote him to tell him how his expectations for the student inspired him later in school.

Motley commented on what a great honor it is to be a teacher. Teaching is a ministry and it is a blessing to help shape the lives of the students, she said. “I love to teach!”

Harrison offered grace and honor to God and to the wonderful school staff for her success. She also thanked the parents for their support throughout the year. Brett thanked God for bringing her back to Greenbelt and to Roosevelt High School. She feels humbled to be here in the city that supported her in her early years.

Dora Kennedy French Immersion School did not submit a nomination for this year.

ACE award recipient Renita Staley, of Greenbelt Elementary School, was unable to attend the award ceremony.

At the Library

Storytimes

Monday, March 27, ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 20 people.

Tuesday, March 28, ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 20 people.

Wednesday, March 29, ages 3 to 5, 10:15 a.m., limit 20 people; ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 20 people.

Thursday, March 30, ages newborn to 2, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m., limit 20 people.

Crazy 8s! Season 4

Tuesday, March 28, 4:30 p.m., for grades 3 to 5, limit 15 children. This after-school math club is designed to get kids fired up about math. Every week Crazy 8ers will engage in activities where they may race across the country, make music with their hands and feet, or train to be a firefighter—all while bonding with new friends over math.

Lecture Series

Tuesday, March 28, 7 p.m. will be the first session of the Spring 2017 season in this audiovisual lecture series presented by historian C.R. Gibbs. Other sessions will be presented during the spring on Tuesday evenings through May 2.

Snow Day Movie

As the county school system shut down for a snow day on March 14, the Old Greenbelt Theatre offered a free showing of the movie Storks. Assistant House Manager Brenna Lauer greeted customers. Also shown are Office Coordinator Carol MacAdam, Executive Director Caitlin McGrath and volunteer Patty McCarty.

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It May Be a Dirty Job, But You Still Have to Doo It

by Erin Josephitis

No one likes to smell, look at or step in pet waste. According to the Maryland Department of Environment, studies have found that roughly 40 percent of Americans don’t pick up their dogs’ waste. Pet waste is more than smelly and unsightly; it is a health risk to pets, creeks, lakes and people, especially children.

The city and Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) remind dog owners to stop poo-lution by simply picking up or “scooping the poop” 100 percent of the time. In Prince George’s County, it is against the law to leave pet waste on public or private property and could result in fines up to $520. Likewise, the GHI Member Handbook states “no condition in violation of health and safety shall be allowed, e.g., pet feces must be promptly removed and properly disposed of.” The handbook reinforces that “Companion animal guardians/custodians shall keep their own unit and yard clean and sanitary and promptly remove and dispose of feces deposited by their companion animal(s) in both their own and other members’ yards and common areas, including on sidewalks.”

The city and GHI encourage residents to “doo” the right thing and take the Scoop the Poop Pledge at mde.state.md.us/programs/marylander/outreach/pages/scoop%20the%20poop.aspx. Throw out dog waste using a biodegradable bag or flush waste down the toilet. Don’t flush the bag, though. Take multiple bags on walks, just in case. Avoid letting a dog defecate within 200 feet of a water body. Never throw dog waste in a compost bin or down a storm drain.

Pet waste is a harmful environmental pollutant, accounting for 24 percent of bacteria polluting urban and suburban waterways. Whenever it rains, pet waste left on trails, sidewalks, streets and grassy areas gets flushed into the nearest waterway. Pet waste breaks down extremely slowly, causing un-scoped poop to accumulate faster than it breaks down. Especially in winter months, abandoned pet waste freezes and remains for plenty of weeks to months, giving plenty of time for rain to melt snow to wash it into streams, lakes, rivers and, ultimately, the Chesapeake Bay.

Like human waste, it adds unsafe levels of bacteria and nutrients to local waters when it’s not disposed of properly, making the water unfit for irrigation, recreation or other uses. A day’s waste from one large dog can contain 7.8 billion fecal coliform bacteria. Some of the human diseases transmitted by dog poop include tapeworms, cyclospora, campylobacteriosis, salmonellosis and E. coli. For people with weakened immune systems, E. coli infection can result in death.

Start a campaign to get a neighborhood involved, installing pet disposal facilities, poop scoopers and other convenient items to encourage residents to clean up after their pets. Volunteer to stencil storm drain inlets by contacting Prince George’s County Department of Environment at 301-883-5822. Most importantly, always clean up after your dog on walks and remind others to do the same. Picking up your pet’s waste sets a good example for other pet owners and your neighbors will appreciate it, too.

After all, less dog waste in the watershed means a happier and healthier community for all.

Health Fair at ERHS

The Journey to Health Fair & Awareness Fair will take place on Sunday, March 26, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The event, hosted by WPGE’s Guy Lambert, is sponsored by the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Basketball Team, the City of Greenbelt and the Journey to Happiness Movement, Inc. Howard University’s Center for Sickle Cell Disease will be there doing free sickle cell trait screenings, and University of Maryland athletes will also be present.

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Beetle Campaign Bringing Results

Japanese beetles destroyed in Greenbelt to date total 1,783,500, of which 980,000 are from the traps and 990,500 have been collected by children. Approximately $70 of the $100 fund voted by the Town Council has been paid out to collectors of 283 quarts of beetles at the rate of 25 cents per quart. Angus MacGregor, head gardener, expressed the belief that the extermination campaign is bringing results and the number of beetles in town is on the decline.

The beetles, which first appeared in this country in New Jersey in 1916, have spread through the New England States, south along the Atlantic seaboard as far as Georgia, and west to Michigan and Illinois. These insects begin to emerge in the second week of June, are at their peak in July and August and decrease until October when they disappear altogether.

Each female will lay 40 to 60 eggs in a season, depositing them in the soil where the eggs will hatch in about two weeks and the hatched larvae will lay in the soil throughout the summer, feeding on roots of grass and other plants. In winter, the larvae go deeper into the soil, then return to surface in the spring, completing their growth and transforming into the pupae and later the adult.

In addition to trapping, spraying and lawn treatments, certain biological controls have been discovered which aid in destroying the grubs. Two different species of wasps, resembling winged ants, are known to burrow into the soil and lay their eggs on the beetle larvae. Upon hatching, the parasitic larvae feed on and destroys the beetle grub before it develops further. Also, a virulent bacterial disease has been developed to the point that it is used as a standardized inoculating material.

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Artists’ Studio Space Currently Available

The Greenbelt Recreation Department announces opportunities for local artists, artisans and designers who are interested in joining the creative community based at the Community Center. Applications are invited now through April 14 for the Artist in Residence Program which provides affordable 24-hour studio space in an atmosphere of mutual support and inspiration. New residencies will begin in June and July.

Participants are selected for the Artist in Residence Program based on their artwork, professional qualifications and interest in community involvement. This opportunity is open to those aged 18 and up, including both residents and non-residents of Greenbelt. Seven artists in residence are currently participating, sharing three subdivided, light-filled former classrooms. Current artists represent a diverse array of media including ceramic art tile, functional pottery, art quilts, costume design, assemblage, painting and poetry, among others.

The Community Center houses a contemporary art gallery, dance studio, television production studio, art education classrooms and many other amenities.

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The Golden Age Club at 60

This article is part of a periodic series profiling the city’s recognition groups and how they serve the city.

The Golden Age Club of Greenbelt is the oldest senior citizens’ club in Prince George’s County. At 60 years old, it is still going strong. It was started in 1957 as a social club for individuals 60 years and older who wanted to interact and socialize with other older or retired adults living in Greenbelt. The club began with a small group of residents, and because public transportation was scarce, early members had to drive or walk to the meetings. Over the years, the Golden Age Club has evolved as more transportation options became available, enabling many more seniors to attend club activities. The club now has over 100 members.

The Golden Age Club is independently run, self-managed and as a recognized non-profit group meets at the Community Center. According to Cathy Brannan, who was president from 2007 to 2014 and is currently corresponding secretary, the travel club within the organization became a popular activity, so 15 years ago, the city provided the Recreation Department with a grant that is now used to organize trips for all seniors living in Greenbelt, not just club members. Karen Haseley serves as liaison from the Recreation Department to the club.

Brannan is also in charge of the Sunshine Cards within the club. They send get well cards and inspirational messages to members when they become ill.

“The Sunshine Cards are an important vehicle to show support and love for our members,” Brannan stated.

According to Bunny Fitzgerald, who has been a member for over 18 years and is currently recording secretary, the Golden Age Club has an Annual Yard and Bake Sale in October by the statue in Roosevelt Center to raise money for Camp Kids. They also have an Annual Birthday Lunch; each year members pay a nominal fee to attend.

“The food is very good,” Fitzgerald stated. The tea was added two years ago and Marti Galvin, the current president, stated that the social contact, the warm and jovial gathering is something that everyone looks forward to attending.

Galvin, Brannan and Fitzgerald wish more Greenbelt seniors would join the Golden Age Club, and they invite those who are already members to become more involved in the activities of the club. The social events, activities and interactions lead to new friendships and also enable seniors to explore the Maryland environment through enjoyable day trips. Galvin indicated that she hopes more senior residents will join and help guide the Golden Age Club into a bright future. Other club officers are: VP Randy Anderson, 2nd VP John Henry Jones, Treasurer Warren Wilcox, Membership Phyllis Budin and Kathleen McFarland, and Program Coordinator Suse Marley.

The Golden Age Club meets every Wednesday at 11 a.m. Programs are organized as follows: first Wednesday there is a business meeting followed by a regular meeting where information is shared, discussed and if necessary voted on by the members; second Wednesday is a tea – folks bring their tea cups or mugs and are served light refreshments. Third Wednesday is Bingo and fifth Wednesday is a speaker series; third Wednesday there is Pot Luck Lunch where members’ birthdays are celebrated; fourth Wednesday is Bingo and fifth Wednesday is a senior trip, they are a lot of fun and the company is wonderful. For anyone who has not had an opportunity to go on a senior trip, they are a lot of fun and the company is wonderful.

Senior Globetrotting trips are one-day events and include going to plays, malls, museums, wineries and once in a while fun mystery trips. For anyone who has not had an opportunity to go on a senior trip, they are a lot of fun and the company is wonderful. All individuals making the trips pay a fee, which includes lunch.

John Henry Jones, Bunny Fitzgerald, Cathy Brannan and the late Pauline Bordas

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Katherine Reynolds, Cathy Brannan, Judith Davis, Jim and Suse Marley

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