

Forest Preserve Assessment Recommends City Actions

by Diane Oberg

As the July 31 city council worksession drew to a close, Mayor Emmett Jordan reminded everyone that “this is just a start.” The meeting was called to discuss the Forest Preserve Assessment conducted by A. Morton Thomas and Associates, Inc. (AMT) with Gregory Osband, the company’s director of landscape architecture and ecosystem services, Erin Josephitis, the city’s environmental coordinator and members of the Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB).

Osband discussed aspects of the assessment such as the goals, existing conditions and methodology. The assessment was done using protocols spelled out in

state conservation law and looked at the forest lands as a natural resource, he said. Most of the observation work was done in October and November 2015.

The mapping found three types of forests (tulip poplar association, white oak-red oak association and red maple-sweet gum association) and some highly disturbed areas.

The most disturbed areas, Osband said, were near the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, where the water turns gray after heavy storms due to the runoff from the roadway. Other disturbed sites include the abandoned dump and the mulch pile.

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SNAP Comes to the Market And Market Matches SNAP

by Cathie Meetre

When the Greenbelt Farmers Market (GFM) begins accepting the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) cards this Sunday, August 13, the market will match participants’ SNAP funds dollar for dollar up to \$5. Funding permitting, the match will stay in place until the season ends the week before Thanksgiving.

The SNAP match initially comes out of the market’s reserves in anticipation of receiving grant funding. The market has also created a crowd-funding initiative to help sustain the match. The public may assist directly

through either a PayPal contribution from a button on the market’s website, or by purchasing one or more \$1 tokens at the market. It’s a variant on “build it and they will come” called “start it and they will fund.”

SNAP is the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s food assistance program that helps over 45 million Americans put food on the table and is often referred to as food stamps from its early days when a stamp-based system was used as payment. In today’s world, SNAP recipients have a

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Food, Fun and Festivities At National Night Out

by Sue Krofchik

National Night Out (NNO) participants throughout the city went under cover on Tuesday, August 1. Collars were up, hats down and umbrellas open as people tried to keep dry amid heavy rain that broke out about an hour after evening events began.

Police, people, pets, firefighters, families, friends and dozens of clubs and groups took part in Greenbelt’s NNO.

Activities took place in every sector of the city, with the largest at Beltway Plaza, in conjunction with Franklin Park Apartments. There were music and treats from Three Brothers Pizza, Mission BBQ and Gus’s Fried Chicken.

Various city groups, Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad and U.S. Park Police joined Greenbelt’s finest and bravest, police, firefighters and associated staff. Kids and adults experienced fire trucks, police cars and Dragoon – a rescue vehicle that looks like a tank.

At Roosevelt Center, those at the Old Greenbelt Theatre stood outside under the ticket office overhang to eat, what else but popcorn, and watch, not a movie, but rain pouring down. MakerSpace, which seems to be able to fix almost anything, was unable to still the wrath of Mother Nature. Meanwhile, pizza runners from Generous Joe’s sped through sheets of rain to deliver hot-out-of-the-oven pizza to those gathered outside the Greenbelt



PHOTO BY GEORGE MATHEWS

Lieutenant Gordon Pracht gives a Junior Police Badge to a child at the Beltway Plaza/Franklin Park NNO celebration. There were as many as 300 residents in attendance prior to the rain starting, according to Officer Carlos Torres.

Federal Credit Union. The drink of the evening, despite so much rainwater falling from the sky, was bottled water from the Co-op, handed out by Joe Gareri, Co-op Outreach Coordinator.

In Greenbelt East, tickets were handed out at Hunting Ridge to those determined souls who decided not to let the weather spoil their evening. These were welcome tickets, good for anything from the ice cream truck. McGruff braved the weather and

hung out with fellow canines, Dennie, Sunday and Ayla.

Greenbriar reportedly had about 10 to 15 people huddled under a shelter tent, trying to hold a raffle. Off to herself under her own smaller tent, Didi Peck tended to a mini-grill, trying valiantly to cook hot dogs. Hamburgers joined hot dogs at Schrom Hills Park, sponsored by the Greenbelt East

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Worksession on Sustainable Land Care Policy Seeks Improvement

by Layne Litsinger

The city council held a worksession August 2 at the Community Center to discuss the progress of the Sustainable Land Care Policy as councilmembers, members of the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES) and citizens shared their concerns that the policy lacks improvement since submission of the original draft in 2007.

Director of Public Works Jim Sterling and other members of public works in attendance began the meeting with background and an overview about the Sustainable Land Care Policy. After the PowerPoint presentation, citizens and council members mainly shared concerns about plant care and mulching.

Councilmember Edward Putens began the discussion with his thoughts on the amount of mulch placed on trees in Greenbelt East. Putens, both a longtime member of council and resident of Greenbelt East, shared his dis-

appointment with the plant care since the trees in his community were first planted.

“Those trees were never planted properly in the first place,” said Putens. “There were plastic nails, waste, covered with mulch [and] the whole thing begins with development and how they do it; what they do and don’t do.”

The mulch issue applied to other sections of Greenbelt as well. Aside from Putens, Councilmember Rodney Roberts expressed the idea of an additional chapter in the policy to monitor the amount of mulch placed around city trees.

Another concern of many citizens and councilmembers focused around Integrated Pest Management strategies. The discussion circled around the use of herbicides and pesticides, and which brands are the least harmful to the environment.

Members of GreenACES wanted public works to reconsider and use more organic land

care ideas. The group sent in a letter not long ago advising public works to incorporate their ideas but felt their suggestions were ignored. GreenACES member John Lippert specifically expressed his concern that the policy is stuck in the same position as when the original draft was submitted in 2007.

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What Goes On

Saturday, August 12
9 a.m. to Noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot Behind Municipal Building
Monday, August 14
8 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building
Friday, August 18
8 to 10 p.m., Family Fun Night, Aquatic & Fitness Center (There is a fee.)



PHOTO BY AMANDA LARSEN

Gwyneth McElhenny, age 4, (front) and Mariella McElhenny, age 7, helped by Miss Greenbelt 2016, Julia Sharapi, make obstacles for a mini golf course, as part of a Community Art Drop-in at the Community Center. See story on page 12.

Letters to the Editor

Thanks for Caring

When I moved to Greenbelt 46 years ago, I was hoping to find a town that cared about its people. I chose to live in Greenbelt because my mother, having moved here from the west coast, had visited many local towns, and decided to move to Greenbelt. She said it was a great place to live, so I moved to Greenbelt as well. I have been thankful ever since.

To illustrate that the City stills lives up to its reputation, when I had a special trash pick-up, my grocery cart was accidentally picked up as well. I am 83 and need the cart because it's a bit of a walk from the parking lot to my house with multiple bags of groceries.

I called the City office to let them know what had happened. Notifying anyone by phone with a complaint these days often brings confrontation – but not the City of Greenbelt. I told them what had happened and that I would like to pick up my cart – but it seems it was too late – it had already gone wherever grocery carts go. However, to my surprise, I was told that they were sorry for the mistake and would be buying me a replacement.

And just as I had been promised, about a week later, there stood William Smith at my door with a brand-new grocery cart. William had a big smile and pleasant words for me. As a bonus, the day he delivered the new cart was perfect timing – it was my day to go grocery shopping.

What a blessing it was the day I was led to move to our town, and that blessing is still alive and well in the City of Greenbelt.

Peggy Rooney

How Do You Get Your Play On?

We appreciate the terrific response for the July Park and Recreation Month celebration campaign at the Community Center (New Exhibit Celebrates Parks and Recreation During July, July 13, 2017). Over 200 responses were posted in our display exhibit answering “How Do You Get Your Play On?” The Greenbelt Recreation Department joined agencies across the country to celebrate the power of play as a vital part of mental well-being, physical health and personal interactions. The exponential value that Parks and Recreation brings to our community is apparent by all the ways Greenbelters play, from judo to playing with grandchildren to board games, gardening, arts and walking. We encourage everyone to continue to Get Your Play On!

*Rebekah Sutfin and Di Quynn
Reno, Community Center staff*

Stop Sign Effective

A public Thank You to the Department of Public Works, especially Jim Sterling, for having “STOP” painted on Ridge Road at Laurel Hill Road. Drivers have been routinely running the stop signs at the intersection. I have observed fewer drivers running the intersection since the paint job. Well done.

James William Thompson

Greenbelt's New Connector Trail

Greenbelt (almost) gets a great new bike trail. Greenbelt is putting the finishing touches on a great new bike trail that connects Cherrywood Lane, a key bike

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PHOTO BY DI QUYNN-RENO

The display case in the Community Center is full of sticky notes showing how community members like to play, as part of the Park and Recreation Month celebration.

On Screen

Two Great Catherines

The Midwife, a French film written and directed by Martin Provost, comes to Old Greenbelt Theater this Friday, August 11. It stars Catherine the Great - the ever-gorgeous Deneuve (age 73) and the Great Catherine Frot.

Frot is Claire, the titular midwife - professional, controlled, emotionally disconnected, a vegan, teetotaling bicyclist loner. Into her life sweeps Beatrice (Deneuve) - pleasure loving, drinking, smoking, eating and gambling. Their connection? Thirty years earlier Beatrice was Claire's father's mistress; she abandoned him, now has brain cancer and returns to make amends.

But her former lover has died. The Midwife explores the subsequent awkward female bonding by 2 needy women, depicted by 2 titans of French cinema.

Running time 1 hour, 57 minutes

Not Rated

- Jim Link

City Notes

Animal Control staff reports five cats, one rabbit and one snake were adopted.

Facility Maintenance crew began installing an electric vehicle (EV) charging station at the Municipal Building.

Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability crews collected 32.05 tons of refuse and 13.06 tons of recyclable material. Staff led six Weed Warrior volunteers in removing eight bags of invasive species and pulled English ivy off 15 trees in Buddy Attick Park.

Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, August 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads. The group offers professionals, students, stay-at-home parents and retirees a supportive environment to improve skills in communication and leadership. For more information call 240-542-8625.



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OC = Open Captions
CC = Closed Captions

SHOWTIMES

Aug 11th - Aug 17th

THE MIDWIFE
(2017) (117 mins) (French Subtitled in English)
Fri. 2:30, 5:15 PM
Sat. 12:00, 5:15 PM
Sun. 12:00, 5:15 PM
Mon. 5:15 PM
Tues. 5:15 PM
Wed. 2:30 PM
Thurs. 5:15 PM

MAUDIE
(2016) (PG-13) (115 mins) (CC)
Fri. 8:00 PM
Sat. 2:30, 8:00 PM
Sun. 2:30 (OC), 8:00 PM
Mon. 8:00 PM
Tues. 8:00 PM
Wed. 5:15 PM
Thurs. 8:00 PM

Storytime on Screen:
FREE!
Mon. 10:30 am

ELVIS 40th - Long Live the King!
Preserving Elvis in the Archives
Wed. 8:00 pm

School's Out: **FREE!**
TURBO
(2013) (PG) (96 mins) (CC)
Thurs. 1:00 pm

The Old Curmudgeon



“There's a City Council election soon. Why don't you throw your hat in the ring?”

News Review, August 7, 2003

Drop us a Line!

Electronically, that is.

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Community Events

GHI Notes

Thursday, August 10, 7 p.m., Executive Session of the Board, Board Room.

Friday, August 11, office closed, Emergency Maintenance Service available at 301-474-6011.

Monday, August 14, 7 p.m., Member Dislocations During Replacement of Existing Pipes Task Force, Board Room.

Tuesday, August 15, 7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby.

Wednesday, August 16, 7 p.m., GHI Board Meeting Procedures Task Force Meeting, GHI Lobby.

Wednesday, August 16, 7 p.m., Woodlands Committee Meeting, Board Room.

Star Party Saturday

Jupiter and Saturn should be on view at the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt's star party Saturday, August 12 beginning around 9 p.m. Participants might also see some deep sky objects such as star clusters and a planetary nebula, through eyepieces (the astronomical camera will not be used this night). The moon rises late that evening – after 11 p.m. – so it will be fairly dark.

Visitors are welcome to set up their own telescopes on the hill.

Star parties are held at the City Observatory located at Northway Fields. Drivers should park in the ballfield lot and not up on the hill unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, Ext. 4215.

All meals include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menu for the week of August 14 is as follows.

Monday, August 14: Chicken patty with marinara sauce, garlic rotini, spinach, Italian bread, diced peaches, orange juice.

Tuesday, August 15: Krabby cake, German potato salad, cabbage, wheat hamburger bun, tartar sauce, watermelon, chocolate cake.

Wednesday, August 16: Pork roast with supreme sauce, mashed spiced yams, cabbage, cornbread muffin, tropical fruit, apple juice.

Thursday, August 17: Baked meatballs with teriyaki sauce, brown rice, Japanese vegetables, wheat bread, mandarin oranges, grape juice.

Friday, August 18: Chicken breast with cacciatore sauce, roasted diced potatoes, Brussels sprouts, wheat roll, fresh fruit, apple juice.

Proteus at the Market

Proteus Bicycles will have a bike information tent at the Greenbelt Farmers Market from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. this Sunday, August 13. Stop by for a chat, pick up a free map or join the free fix-a-flat clinics at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. There will also be Proteus T-shirts, inner tubes, lights and other goodies for sale.

Beltway Plaza Hosts PGCPs Immunization

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) and Maryland Partnership for Prevention are sponsoring a free immunization clinic at Beltway Plaza on Saturday, August 19 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

PGCPS says parents with children entering kindergarten or seventh grade should pay particular close attention. Enrolling PGCPS kindergarteners will need two doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine. Students preparing to enter seventh grade need two vaccines – Tdap and meningitis.

The Prince George's County Health Department is hosting immunization clinics for youth (up to age 18) with limited or no health insurance at two locations: Cheverly Health Center, 3003 Hospital Drive in Cheverly and D. Leonard Dyer Regional Health Center, 9314 Piscataway Road in Clinton. For an appointment contact 301-583-3386.

PGCPS will also provide free immunizations at the annual Back-to-School Fair at Prince George's Stadium on Saturday, August 26.

For more information on county immunization requirements, visit pgcps.org/immunizations. For the list of Maryland immunization requirements go to pha.health.maryland.gov and search for back-to-school-immunization-requirements.

City Hosts Class On Social Security

On Thursday, August 17 at 10 a.m. and 2:30 and 5 p.m., the city and the Social Security Administration will host informative workshops, Social Security 101, in the council room of the Municipal Building.

Topics to be covered include: When are people eligible to receive retirement benefits?

How does early retirement affect benefits?

Who qualifies for disability, survivors and spouse benefits?

How can people get the most from their benefit?

What is the future of Social Security?

When should people file for Medicare?

Learn how to use "my Social Security" online account and other online services. Attendees should go to socialsecurity.gov/myaccount to create a "my Social Security" account and print out their Social Security Statement before attending the workshop.



Labor Day Festival Seeks Photos

Have you taken any awesome photos that you would like to share with your neighbors? The Labor Day Festival Photo Show is coming soon. Both adults and children (12 and under) are invited to enter up to two photographs each.

Categories include Greenbelt Memories, Families, Children, Wildlife, Pets and more.

Frame dimensions greater than 16 inches by 20 inches will not be accepted and smaller frames are preferred, as space is limited.

Bring ready-to-hang photos and completed registration forms to the Community Center, Room 114 between 5 and 7 p.m. on Thursday, August 31 or Friday, September 1. Judging is done on Friday night and winning ribbons will be on display starting Saturday at 1 p.m.

There is no charge to enter. For more information, contact Keith Zevallos at 240-355-2908, email laborday_photoshow@yahoo.com or go online to greenbeltlaborday.com.

Community Meeting At Greenbriar Aug. 12

The Center for Dynamic Community Governance is hosting a fun and informative neighborhood exchange at the Greenbriar Community Center Terrace Room on Saturday, August 12 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Learn about many of the free benefits of living in Greenbelt, including tutoring for students, elder care services, mental health counseling, fun stuff for teens and much more.

Judye Hering and Sharon Johnson of CARES and GAIL will describe free services for children, teens, adults and seniors. Aileen Kroll and John Buck, from the Center for Dynamic Community Governance, will talk about easy ways to organize to promote changes in your community.

Light refreshments will be served. No registration is required, but for more information or to arrange free childcare, contact Aileen (aileen@dynamic-governance.org or 202-644-1129).

Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATe)

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Free and Open to the Public Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, August 15th at 7:30 PM
in the GATe Studio

Check out our Channel on Comcast 77 and Verizon Fios 19
To view our schedule, visit: www.greenbeltaccessstv.org
And click on "Channel"

Participants Solicited For Labor Day Parade

Make plans now to participate in the Greenbelt Labor Day Parade. Community, school and government groups, local businesses, political incumbents and candidates or even informal groups formed just for the parade are invited to submit a parade application, available online at greenbeltlaborday.com/get-involved/parade-participants/. Create a float, put together a performance, show off your antique or otherwise unique vehicle or simply march together displaying signs advertising your group. You might even win a prize. All parade participants must pre-register no later than August 25 by emailing a completed parade application to GreenbeltLaborDayParade@verizon.net.

The 2017 Labor Day Festival Parade will take place on Monday, September 4 from 10 a.m. to noon. The route is along Crescent Road, from Greenhill Road to Southway. Participants are asked to line up in the staging area along Crescent Road between Lastner Lane and Greenhill Road between 8 and 9:30 a.m. More detailed information is available on the website listed above.

Those who have already submitted a parade application, but have not received a confirmation of receipt, should resubmit their application. Some parade applications may have been lost to a maladjusted SPAM filter.



Labor Day Info Day Seeks Planning Help

The Greenbelt Labor Day Committee seeks help coordinating Information Day. Scheduled for Saturday, September 2, Information Day is an opportunity for local organizations to share their causes, missions or products (no sales are permitted). For more information, contact the committee at greenbeltlaborday@gmail.com.

Donations Needed For Book Sale

It's time for the annual Greenbelt Elementary School PTA Labor Day Book Sale. Donations are now being accepted at Co-op Supermarket and Greenbriar Condominiums or they can be dropped off at the school Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Books too heavy to carry? Call 240-583-0448 for pickups in 20770 zip code only, or request a pick up by using the online google form at <https://goo.gl/forms/WNqdQoCqRgmwmHVn1>.

At the end of the sale, all unsold books will be sold to a book dealer or donated.



More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

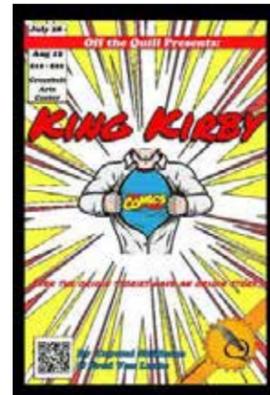
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Sunday, Aug. 13th, Wed., Aug. 16th, & Fri., Aug. 18th
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A guest production from Off The Quill

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August 11 & 12 at 8PM – FINAL WEEKEND

Ticket prices: \$22 General Admission, \$20 Students/Seniors/Military, \$12 Youth (12 and under with adult)

COMING SOON

AUDITIONS: Wizard of Oz - Aug 10 - Directed by Jon Gardner
Arden Now (an As You Like It adaptation) - Aug 25 - Sept 2 Production from the Rude Mechanicals
Midnight Cigarette - Sept 8-24 - Production from Wolf Pack Theater

For information & reservations, call 301-441-8770 or email: info@greenbeltartscenter.org or BOOK TICKETS ONLINE at www.greenbeltartscenter.org

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route that goes past the Greenbelt Metro station, with Branchville Avenue, which is the main access road to Lake Artemesia and an entry point to the extensive Anacostia tributary trail system. The new connector trail allows cyclists to avoid a congested shopping mall entrance and the hairy intersection at Cherrywood Lane and Greenbelt Road. The new segment is marked by the box in the map.

What's the bad news? Well, apparently the county, which controls Branchville Avenue, has decided that it would be too dangerous to allow the trail to connect to the street. So the county has mandated a full curb where the trail enters.

New curbing is being installed on Branchville Avenue where the new connector trail from Cherrywood Lane exits. According to Greenbelt City Planner Jessica Bellah, the county planning department is responsible for the design and this is not a construction error. Needless to say, this renders the new trail much more difficult to access by bike, wheelchair, city maintenance vehicle etc. This construction was done today, August 8.

Note that the sidewalk is also not connected to the street – it just ends at either end of the lot. If you look closely you can even see a utility pole blocking where the sidewalk would go!

So now this trail entrance requires bike commuters and disabled people to cross the grass and climb the curb, or else just give up and go back to riding through the congested (and truly dangerous!) shopping zone. No wheelchairs allowed.

Bellah reports that the city is trying to get the county to relent, if for no other reason than that now our city maintenance vehicles can't get to the site they're supposed to maintain.

I presume the county planner who made this decision is the same person who has decided to keep the newly completed College Park/Riverdale Park trolley trail closed at the new Whole Foods development for so long, also for our safety. Because in that case, it's so much safer to ride a bike or push a stroller out on Route 1 (which has no

sidewalks on the east side toward College Park).

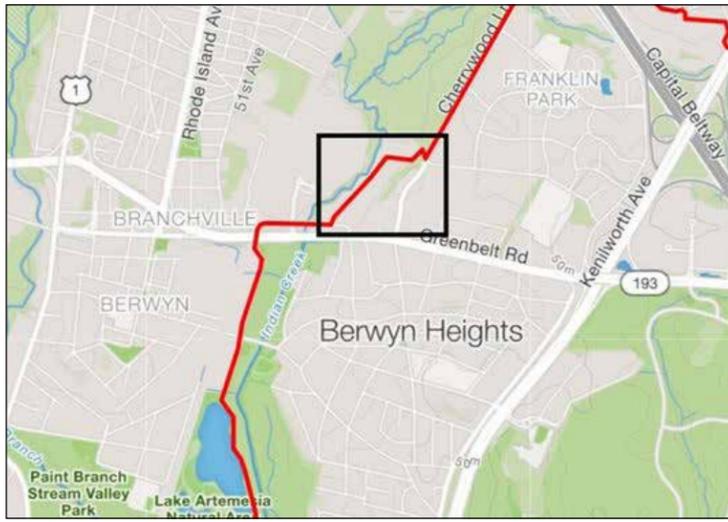
We're making lots of great progress on trails and pedestrian infrastructure in many places in Prince George's County, but there are still some real impediments in our county government.

Jeff Lemieux

Right: Map shows new connector trail for bicyclists.

Below right: The new connector trail is under construction.

Below: The new connector trail is ready to be used.



Photos by Jeff Lemieux



Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.

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Mass Schedule:
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Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

C. S. Lewis at Roosevelt Center

Public Reading of "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe"

Every Wednesday, beginning August 16th 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

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Aug 13 10 a.m.
"Reflections on God and our UU Faith"

PBUUC member Melissa Graham with Worship Associate Van Summers

In the book "A History of God" by Karen Armstrong, the author explores how the monotheistic religions have fashioned the idea of God over time to suit the changing needs of their followers. Exploring these changes during the book group at 4Fs has helped me come to a more comfortable relationship with the concept of God, one that clearly reflects my UU journey. Join me and other book group members as we reflect on how ideas in "A History of God" resonate with our UU experience.

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors
www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410
Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor




Worship Service 10 a.m.
Credo: I believe.

"It is not for him to pride himself who loveth his own country, but rather for him who loveth the whole world. The earth is but one country, and mankind its citizens." - Baha'i Writings



Greenbelt Baha'i Community

1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918
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Greenbelt Community Church

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Sunday Worship
10:15 a.m.
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Open House at LBC On August 26

The Greenbelt location of Lancaster Bible College, Capital Seminary and Graduate School is hosting a free open house for prospective students on Saturday, August 26 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Attendees will have the chance to win one of three scholarships, chat with recruiters and enjoy a complimentary continental breakfast. The event will take place at the college's Greenbelt location at 7852 Walker Drive, Suite 100. For more information, visit lbc.edu/openhouse.





City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING Municipal Building, August 14, 2017 – 8:00 p.m.

ORGANIZATION

Call to Order
Roll Call
Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Consent Agenda – Approval of Staff Recommendations
(Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by *] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)
Approval of Agenda and Additions

COMMUNICATIONS

- Presentations
* Ceremonial Check to Council for the “Kids 2 Camp”
- Petitions and Requests
(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)
- Minutes of Council Meeting
- Administrative Reports
* - Committee Reports
Public Safety Advisory Committee Report 2017-01 (Security Cameras)

LEGISLATION

a.- A Resolution of the Council of City of Greenbelt Adopted Pursuant to the Authority of Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and Title 4, Subtitle 3 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt Found, in Whole or in Part, in the Compilation of Municipal Charters of Maryland (1983 Edition as Amended), as Prepared by the Department of Legislative Services Pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1983, by Amending Sections 12, 15, 16 and 20 to Change the Voting Age for City Elections to Those 16 Years Old and Older and to Clarify the Ages of Those Who Can Serve on the Employee Relations Board
- 1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules
- 2nd Reading, Adoption
b.- A Resolution of the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland Providing for a Referendum to be Held at the Regular Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, for the Purpose of Submitting to the Voters of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, the Question of Amending The City Charter to Lower the Voting to Age 16 Years of Age for City Elections - 1st Reading

- A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase and Installation of Replacement Boilers at the Aquatic & Fitness Center from Densel Company, Gaithersburg, MD, at cost of \$217,000
- 1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules
- 2nd Reading, Adoption

OTHER BUSINESS

- Letter of Support for Community Investment Tax Credit for Greenbelt Museum
- Update on Lake Park Dam Project and MDE Loan Opportunity
- Friends of the Greenbelt Theatre – Funding Request
- Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement
- Campaign Signs on Public Property
- Maryland Municipal League 2018 Legislative Requests
- Community Center Playground Renovation - Use of Program Open Space Funds
- FY 2019 Community Parks & Playground (CPP) Application
- Council Activities
- Council Reports
*- Approval of Letter – Adult Care Center
*- Approval of Contract – NZI Construction Corporation (Breezewood Drive CDBG Project)
*- Renewal of MOU with University of Maryland for Shuttle Passes
*- Reappointment to Advisory Group

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail banderson@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

Free Babysitting Course Thursday, August 17 from 1-4pm Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane

This course is targeted towards students completing grades 5-8 (10-13 years). Students will learn responsibilities and safety regarding babysitting and handling emergency situations. Students will receive a packet of information, a certificate of completion and an opportunity to enroll in Greenbelt CARES Odd Jobs/Job bank.

FREE, but registration is required. Contact Judge Hering, Vocational/Educational Counselor and Babysitting Instructor: jhering@greenbeltmd.gov or 301-345-6660.

DONATION DROP-OFF

Saturday, August 12, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
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VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Committee on Education, Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Community Relations Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board and Youth Advisory Committee.

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

CITY OF GREENBELT

WELCOME PACKETS

The City of Greenbelt is currently collecting materials from any city business or organization to include in our next set of Welcome Packets. Coupons, flyers, trinkets, etc. are welcome. Please provide 300 to Beverly Palau at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road by **Tuesday, August 15**. Info: 301-474-8000.

Volunteers are needed to assist in assembling Welcome Packets on **Tuesday, August 22 at 6:00pm** in the City Council Room, 25 Crescent Road. Light refreshments will be served.

MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 14-18

Monday, August 14 at 5:30pm, **YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at Youth Center, 99 Crescent. *On the Agenda: Old Business: Youth Forum update, YAC Liaison Reports, Web addition, Voting age Public meeting, Mission suggestions and Letter to local governments. New Business: Committee Initiated discussion.*

Monday, August 14 at 8pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

Tuesday, August 15 at 7:00pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES** at Public Works, 555 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Continue discussion of the Urban Forest Master Plan for the City of Greenbelt*

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

Greenbelt Recreation Department

www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation 301-397-2200

Fall Recreation Programs Starting Soon!

Check out our Fall 2017 Activity Guide for more details!

Explore our Activity Guide for lots of options for all ages and interests. We offer seasonal special events and varied recreation facilities and classes to provide opportunities for community celebrations, a chance to learn something new or improve your skills in an activity you enjoy, all while socializing and staying active!

Please visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation, stop by a recreation center, or give us a call for more information.

Family Fun Night at Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, 101 Centerway August 18, 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Admittance to the pool will be \$5.00 for all families, including passholders. Bring your pool toys and the whole family for an evening of fun! Family Fun Night is designed to give families an opportunity to spend an evening together in a recreational atmosphere. Entering family must have at least one adult. Families will be charged \$1.00 for each additional non-family member, with a limit of three non-family members per group. In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved to the Indoor Pool.



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CITY JOB OPENING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR TO PUBLIC WORKS

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The City of Greenbelt, MD, a progressive and diverse community of 21,000, is looking for an energetic and resourceful person to plan, organize and direct the programs, operations, services and staff of the Parks Division. Manages related special events. Develops, manages and maintains urban park space. Bachelor's degree in Parks Management or equivalent experience, and seven to ten years of progressively responsible experience. Must have a Maryland Pesticide Applicators License and an Arborists Certification.

To view the job specification, benefits summary and to apply, visit

www.greenbeltmd.gov. EOE

Mom's Morning Out

Greenbelt Pre-School Program

This traditional pre-school program provides activities that encourage social development, offers beginning reading, math, & science curriculum, develops fine and gross motor skills and encourages lots of fun with peers. Children must be fully potty trained before they are eligible to register.

**Ages 3-4 years Tu/
Th 9:00am-12:00pm
Greenbelt Youth Center**

**Ages 4-5 years M/W/F
9:00am-1:00pm
Greenbelt Youth Center**

Instructors: Gaye Houchens,
Megan Conley

*Pre-School Program is licensed by the Maryland State Department of Education #251208

Registration now open! Sign up soon! Spaces are limited! Fall session begins on September 5, 2017

City Job Opening Center Leader-Youth Center

The Center Leader will provide information to visitor in response to inquiries about memberships and activities, in addition to assisting individuals interested in purchasing a membership. The Center Leader will receive, review and process membership applications. The Center Leader will also maintain basic facility cleanliness, administrative duties that include, answering phones, directing visitors, monitor facility rentals, visitor behavior, and execute skilled First Aid and CPR duties.

Minimum qualifications: 18 years or older and/or high school diploma. Ability to interact courteously with patrons and colleagues. Ability to enforce facility policies with confidence and assert oneself in challenging situations. Ability to lift and carry 50 pounds (specifically tables, chairs and AV equipment). First Aid/CPR/AED certification preferred. Punctuality and dependability mandatory.

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Cassels Grants Positively Impact Greenbelt Life

by Leta Mach

At its annual meeting this fall, the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative will give an organization or group \$1,200 to carry out a project that will positively impact the people of Greenbelt. The grant comes from the Jim Cassels Community Service Award, which honors the legacy of Jim Cassels, Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen of 1978 and organizer of the Co-op in 1984.

Organizations, cooperatives and local groups are encouraged to think of a project to implement in the next year that will benefit Greenbelt and apply for the \$1,200 award by the deadline of October 15, 2017.

Since its creation in 2006, the Jim Cassels Community Service Award has funded a variety of projects that are fitting tributes to the memory of Jim Cassels and his legacy of community involvement.

Past awardees have undertaken a wide range of activities. The most recent recipient was the Greenbelt Zero Waste Circle, a collaborative effort between Green Team volunteers and Public Works staff members whose goals include reducing waste, recycling, repurposing and up-cycling. The grant was given for the circle's upcycling plans to collect items that can be upcycled and used to make other items. The money from the grant will create a permanent collection site near the recycling containers at Buddy Attick Park.

Well-wishers of the Animals of the Greenbelt Shelter (WAGS) used its 2015 grant to conduct animal safety workshops to help children and their parents identify a dog's or cat's stress signals, to understand how to approach unfamiliar animals and to know what to do if approached by an unfamiliar dog off-leash.

With its 2014 grant, the alight dance theater gave a free performance of its work, *Frontline: Women of a Forgotten War*, commemorating challenges women from Maryland and D.C. faced during the War of 1812.

Greenbelt MakerSpace used its grant to facilitate a Repair Café. The grant provided tools and materials to help people work together to make repairs on such things as clothes, furniture, elec-

trical appliances, bicycles, crockery, appliances, toys, jewelry and more. Electricians, seamstresses, carpenters, bicycle mechanics and other repair specialists helped people make their repairs.

The 2012 awardee, the Friends of Still Creek, developed an educational project in partnership with Greenbelt Elementary School. The multi-dimensional project included hands-on activities for students to help educate them about the natural environment and their local watershed. Activities included a field trip to Indian Creek, planting and harvesting a vegetable garden at the school and encouraging recycling.

The previous year the Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS) used its grant to purchase equipment to provide outdoor classrooms and raised handicapped gardening tables at the Three Sisters Demonstration Gardens project outside the Greenbelt Community Center.

The 2010 award funded a Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts/Greenbelt Access Television (GAVA/GATe) art and animation project, which later received grants from the county and the Greenbelt Community Foundation as well. In the project young people ages 10 to 15 created an animated video that was screened as part of the city's 75th Anniversary celebration.

The Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA) used its grant to fund the first year of the Eileen Peterson Youth Music Series, which offers young musicians from local schools the opportunity to perform in Roosevelt Center.

The Greenbelt Tennis Association provided tennis lessons for young people with its grant. The Greenbelt Climate Action Network and the Beaverdam Watershed Watch Group used their grants for programs and equipment to encourage people to be environmentally responsible.

The recipient of the 2017 Jim Cassels Community Service award will be announced at the cooperative's annual meeting in November.

Applications are available at the Co-op office or online at emailform.com/builder/form/3Jcw0A02xkNo.

Applications should be returned to the cooperative's main office or submitted online by October 15, 2017. For further information, contact Donna Hoffmeister at 301-441-9377 or email donna.hoffmeister@verizon.net. Information is also available on the Co-op's website at greenbelt.coop/cms/community/jim-cassels-award.

Artists' Studio Space Available

The Recreation Department invites local artists, artisans and designers to apply now for studio space at the Community Center. One studio will be available starting in August through the department's artist-in-residence program, providing 24-hour access in an atmosphere of mutual support and inspiration.

Eight artists in residence are currently participating, sharing three sub-divided, light-filled former classrooms. These artists represent a diverse array of media including ceramic art tile, functional pottery, art quilts, costume design, assemblage, painting and cut paper illustration.

The available studio measures roughly 10 feet by 17 feet, plus common areas and a shared sink. A security deposit and monthly payment are required. The offer is open to residents and non-residents, age 18 and up. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis until the space is filled.

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

Apply online at greenbeltmd.gov/arts after receiving a studio tour. To schedule or for additional assistance, contact Nicole DeWald at ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov or call 240-542-2057.



Electric Vehicle Charging Open for Business at Center

by Lesley Kash

An electric vehicle charging station is now available for public use at the Municipal Building. Successful collaboration between the City of Greenbelt and the Electric Vehicle Institute (EVI) brings EV drivers this new 50 kw, Level 3, DC Fast Electric Vehicle Charger. The city will pursue additional grant funding for Level 1 stations at other locations around town.

EVI received the Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Program (AFIP) CY17 grant to install this station. The city's letter of support to the Maryland Energy Administration stated Greenbelt's full support of EV-charging access for all state residents and of EVI's extensive experience in this technology.

Initially there will be no charge for using the station. After a trial period to determine demand, a policy decision will be made about whether and how much to charge. The EV station is equipped to handle check card

transactions. EVI will monitor and manage the stations remotely and will maintain the equipment. In case of problems, customers should contact Public Works at 301-474-8004. They will initiate repairs.



Photos by Aunjeli Weekes



A new electrical charging station is located next to the Municipal Building



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debit card linked to a SNAP account that they swipe at the grocery store like anybody else. Although some market vendors already accept SNAP, many smaller ones do not – and one of GFM’s tenets is to enable all families at any income level to have access to healthy, locally-grown produce. This area has many families and seniors who use SNAP to supplement their budgets.

In this initial project, the market’s information booth is the first stop. The SNAP recipient uses the USDA-supplied card at the GFM information booth to purchase tokens. Each token is worth one dollar and can be spent only at the market – all vendors of eligible products are on board and enthusiastic about accepting this form of payment. At the end of the market day, vendors collect the tokens received with receipts for the purchases and take them to the information booth, receiving reimbursement from GFM the following week. GFM is responsible for accounting to USDA for these transactions.

SNAP is usable for most food products, e.g. meat, dairy, bread, eggs and vegetables. It cannot be used for prepared foods designed to be eaten on the spot; for example the carryout crepes and curries on sale at the market are not eligible. SNAP can also be used for edible plants and seedlings, such as tomato or basil plants, but not for flowers or decorative plants.

The program benefits both the vendors and the SNAP recipients. The vendors see more business to sustain their family farms and SNAP participants have access to high quality products. The market as a whole also reaches a wider audience. GFM’s match of up to the first five dollars spent by an individual using SNAP is the typical such subsidy and it has a grant application in process for funds. GFM is initiating this process out of its reserves to make



PHOTO BY CARISSA RALBOVSKY

The Greenbelt Farmers Market accepts SNAP funds for fresh food.

it a feature of the market from day one based on the market’s mission to improve nutritional standards, especially among those most in need. The market is also extending an invitation to its volunteers and customers to contribute directly to the matching fund. GFM has set up a separate Token Fund earmarked for this purpose and individuals are invited to contribute either via the website or at the market. It’s a very direct way to assist other members of the community and 100 percent of contributions go directly to SNAP recipients and onward to the farmers.

The SNAP program at the market is the initiative of Carissa Ralbovsky (who readers may remember was featured in last week’s paper) – one of GFM’s board members. Ralbovsky has pushed through this program for the benefit of the community – overcoming many roadblocks on the way. Initially the market had hoped to start the program at the start of the 2017 season but funding for the equipment ran out be-

fore GFM reached the top of the list and it looked like it wouldn’t begin until 2018. But another slug of funding came through and Ralbovsky was too savvy a campaigner to let it slip through her fingers. The sudden advent of this funding meant the market had to go ahead before any grants could be approved to match the SNAP payments – but the board agreed that it was more important to get going than to wait until everything was lined up. The market has sufficient reserves to kickstart the program, but sustaining it will require outside help.

The market’s website at greenbeltfarmersmarket.org offers information on the market and links for general donations and a special Token Fund link for crowdfunding of the SNAP initiative.



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“We are right where we were when we talked about this in 2007 One thing about organic land care is that it provides a more positive approach. I think having a more stringent standard is something we need,” said Lippert.

With so many concerns from citizens and community groups, the policy is not close to being implemented, and Sterling plans to make more adjustments. This worksession reviewed a document with the basis of the policy ideas.

“We have a crisis of too many pesticides in the environment,” said citizen and GreenACES member Maggie Cahalan. “It adds up. We have to be a little more aggressive for more solutions.”

Greenbelt aims to be the most innovative with its policy and sustainable land care practices, but the worksession questions the advancement or lag of the policy. Cahalan also mentioned she felt the policy took a step backward rather than initiating environmental change.

“Greenbelt is supported to be a leader and we are not leaders, we are lagging behind,” said Roberts.

At the end, Councilmember Konrad Herling tied the discussion together, reminding the group of their common goal to create the most efficient and environmentally-friendly Sustainable Land Care Policy.

“[We] want everyone to work together. It’s not my way or no way,” said Herling.

Putens agreed with Herling’s

statement and added that it all comes down to the best practices for the community. At the end of the worksession, Sterling explained that Public Works plans to consider all concerns and thoughts received and plans to modify the policy for future worksessions.

The Sustainable Land Care Policy covered multiple areas of consideration at the worksession including site analysis and design, plant care, athletic turf, watering, trees, invasive species and composting and mulch.

Layne Litsinger is a University of Maryland journalism student and the Dorothy Sucher intern for the News Review.

Credit Union Collects School Supplies

Help kids in need. Greenbelt Federal Credit Union is collecting school supplies for kids in need at Springhill Lake Elementary School until August 25. Monetary donations can also be made at the Credit Union. Checks should be made out to Springhill Lake ES. Donations can be made at the Credit Union and the Co-op Supermarket. The list of needed supplies can be found at the Credit Union, Co-op or at pgecs.org.





PERFORMERS WANTED FOR RISING STARS PERFORMANCE SHOWCASE

Looking for performers age 17 and younger to perform for the Rising Stars Performance Showcase, Sunday, September 4, from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm on the Outdoor Stage of Roosevelt Center. Sing, dance, play an instrument, read a poem, act, and more! Solo, bands, groups, choirs! This event is not a competition but a sharing event. Trophies to all Participants. Register to perform by filling out the [Information Form](#) found on the quick link for Rising Stars Performance Showcase. For more information, contact Rosette Lewis at lewis7cross@gmail.com or phone 301-996-9563.

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, August 17, 2017

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

- 1. GHI Open Session – Begins at 7:30 p.m.**
 - Approve Minutes: GHI Special Open meeting Held on July 20, 2017
 - Approve Minutes: GHI Regular Open meeting Held on July 20, 2017
 - Request by the Member of 58-B Crescent Rd to Exclude the Windows on the Unit from Being Replaced During the HIP
 - GHI’s Zoning Re-Write Task Force’s Recommendations to the Board of Directors
 - External Auditor’s Response to the Board’s Questions re: the 2016 AU-C §265 Letter and Tax Provision in the Consolidated Financial Statements
 - External Auditor’s Report re: Review of GHI’s Procedures for Compliance with Investment Policy
 - Finance Committee’s Recommendations re: Costs that Pilot Members Should Pay for Optional Items Installed During the Pilot Program
 - Proposed Restriction Language for GHI’s Investment Account with Lafayette Investments
 - Adoption of Bank Corporate Authorization Resolutions
 - Adoption of Investment Corporate Resolutions
 - Review Updated Strategic and 12-Month Action Plans
 - Consideration of a Retainer Agreement with a Law Firm
- 2. GDC Open Meeting**
 - Approve Minutes: GDC Open Meeting Held on July 6, 2017
 - Adoption of Bank Corporate Authorization Resolution
 - Proposed Strategic Planning Session



To request a sign language interpreter for a board meeting, go to <http://www.ghi.coop/content/interpreter-request-form>, or go to the GHI Office (One Hamilton Place) or contact us by phone (301-474-4161) or fax (301-474-4006).

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For more information, visit our website: www.ghi.coop

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.

Robbery

July 30, 9:45 p.m., 6500 block Greenbelt Road. Two men approached a woman who was walking down Greenbelt Road when one displayed a handgun and announced a robbery. After taking her watch, wallet and cell phone they fled on foot. Both men are described as black, one 5 feet 9 inches tall with a thin build, several tattoos, and with what the woman described as uneven eyes, wearing a white tank-top shirt, jeans, and a red bandana covering his face. The other man was described as 5 feet 8 inches tall, having a dark complexion, wearing a black and blue T-shirt and blue jeans.

Sex Offense

July 28, 6:55 a.m., 6300 block Ivy Lane. A woman used a driver service to get a ride from Washington, D.C. to Baltimore. During the ride she and the driver agreed to "hang out," and they also consumed alcohol. She said that at some point the driver sexually assaulted her. The investigation is ongoing.

July 29, 9:55 a.m., 8100 block Lakecrest Drive. A woman walked into an apartment building elevator in which a man was already inside. He kissed her on both cheeks and then attempted to fondle her. She pushed him away and he got off the elevator. He is described as being of Middle Eastern descent, 50 to 60 years old, 5 feet 7 inches to 5 feet 9 inches tall, 130 to 160 pounds, wearing a two-piece golden garb-style outfit.

August 1, 6:48 p.m., Hanover Parkway near Ora Glen Drive. A man ran up to a woman who was walking from the bus stop and asked for directions. He then continued to follow behind her, then fondled her and fled on foot. He is described as black, 5 feet 9 inches to 6 feet tall, 180 to 200 pounds, with a dark complexion and hair in a short afro, wearing a light blue short-sleeved shirt and grey gym shorts.

Assault

July 29, 10:38 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. A woman was about to pull out of the parking lot on Springhill Lane onto Breezewood Drive when a man walked up to her vehicle and punched her several times through the open window. He then fled in her vehicle. She refused medical treatment.

Suspicious Person

August 1, 5 p.m., 6300 block Ivy Lane. A woman entered her vehicle in the parking lot when she observed a man trying to get into it by attempting to open the passenger door. She was able to lock the door and the man could not get in. He then fled and police were contacted. The man had exited a vehicle described as a beige 4-door car occupied by a Hispanic man.

Theft

July 28, 11:40 a.m., 7500

block Greenbelt Road. An unattended purse was taken from a grocery cart at Safeway.

Trespass

July 31, 10:38 p.m., 5700 block Cherrywood Lane. A 20-year-old resident was arrested and charged with trespass and possession of an open alcohol container after he was found on the property of Shell Food Mart after having been banned by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

Burglary

July 31, 3:15 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. A maintenance worker at Franklin Park apartments observed a bedroom window broken out and a man and a woman inside a vacant apartment. Both fled upon seeing him.

Vandalism

July 27, 7:06 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. A bedroom window of a vacant apartment was broken out.

Vehicle Crime

A 2002 Ford Econoline E-350 van reported stolen July 24 from the 9100 block Springhill Lane was recovered July 31 by Prince George's County police in the 4800 block Heath Street, Capitol Heights.

Thefts from three vehicles occurred after windows were broken in the 9100 block Springhill Lane (power saw), 9000 block Breezewood Terrace (a power tool and GPS unit) and 7900 block Mandan Road (plumbing snake and cordless drill).

Tags were taken from two vehicles. Both Md. tags 5CZ3789 were taken from 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace and in 14 Court Hillside both tags were removed from a vehicle and recovered the same day by D.C. Metropolitan police.

Change and a first aid kit were taken in 10 Court Southway. There were no signs of forced entry.

Tampering

A man in 14 Court Hillside heard a car alarm go off and looked out to see three males dressed in all black clothing flee on foot. It was later discovered that seven unlocked vehicles had been rummaged through but nothing appeared to have been taken.

Rogue and Vagabond

Two Greenbelt youths, 17 and 16 years old, were arrested for rogue and vagabond when officers responded to a call about people in 3 Court Ridge attempting to break into vehicles. One youth was apprehended on the scene. The other fled on foot but was located at his residence and positively identified and arrested. Investigation revealed that they had attempted to enter two vehicles and did enter two unsecured vehicles. Some of the property taken was recovered. Both youths were released to parents pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

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The report's executive summary concludes that "The long-term health of the Greenbelt Forest Preserve ... will benefit from ongoing maintenance and protection," and recommends that the city give high priority to opportunities to minimize trash, dumping and stormwater runoff and to implement an annual invasive species eradication program. Finally, it suggests developing a trail maintenance program including signs to promote recreational activities compatible with a forest.

AMT produced a two-volume report on the health of the Forest Preserve. The first volume contains the executive summary, a description of the methodology used, extensive photographs and notes from the study and a description of both the forest and its flora.

Volume II of the report starts with a discussion of the goals and recommendations and issues and priorities as viewed by the consultant along with a review of the Forest Preserve Ordinance (chapter 12 of the city code) and the Management and Maintenance Guidelines (M&MG) for the forest.

The FPAB has provided comments to council but those comments were not discussed at this worksession.

The reports cannot be adequately summarized in a News Review article but they are required reading for those interested in the forest preserve. They are available on the city's website (greenbeltmd.gov); just search for "forest preserve."

AMT's report raises several issues for the city to consider. It points out contradictions between the city code and the M&MG, calls for removal of the composting area, the creation of wider buffers around the stockpile areas, removal of waste material, invasive species and early seral species (shrubs and certain hardwoods that are among the first plants to start growing after a disturbance such as fire or logging) and improvements to the trail system.

One theme throughout the reports is that the forest preserve is not made up of pristine undisturbed natural habitat as described in the M&MG. Instead past uses have changed the land with some areas being disturbed or highly disturbed.

In the report, AMT acknowledges that it favors an active management approach. Later it notes that "Knowing that the forest suffers from adverse conditions, a passive or no-action approach is tantamount to shirking the City's responsibility to PROTECT AND CONSERVE the forest resources." By design, the city's approach has been largely passive, making only minimal changes determined to be essential for health or safety. It also identifies inconsistencies between the city code and the M&MG and points out that since the city documents were adopted, new

regulations require some level of accessibility under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Valerie Elliot, chair of FPAB, found AMT's report very helpful but suggested that recommendations in the draft are too general to implement. Dr. Owen Kelly thought that the report should identify the pros and cons of the recommendations and noted that while the forest might get better over time, it could also die off from uncontrolled invasive species.

At this point several participants identified additional information needed but Councilmember Judith Davis intervened, noting that council did not want definitive recommendations. Instead they wanted a resource from which council and citizens could make those judgements. Councilmember Edward Putens agreed, adding FPAB to the list of decision makers. Councilmember Rodney Roberts strongly disagreed, saying that they have been having that discussion for 25 years or more and council should not be continuously reviewing. We have a beautiful place and do not need to do anything; it will only get more beautiful over time.

Toward the end of the meeting

there was recognition that some of the items requested during the discussion were outside the scope of the contract. The city and contractor will have to determine when work on the existing contract is done. The city will need to review what they have, whether there is more that they need and if so, should they enter into another contract.

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On Sunday, August 13 from 2 to 4 p.m., the pack will meet at the 73 Court Ridge playground/pavilion, and on Saturday, August 26 from 10 a.m. until noon at a pavilion at Buddy Attick Park.

During this time the pack will meet to have fun and talk about ideas for the upcoming year. This is a good time for those interested in joining Pack 202 to meet families involved and to find out in an informal setting what the pack does. RSVP to Candice Shipp at 301-775-5152 or GreenbeltPack202@gmail.com.

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Advisory Coalition, which includes Greenspring, Greenbelt Lake Village, Greenwood Village, Greenbrook Village and Greenbrook Estates.

Members of the city council tried their best despite the rain to get to all the events; Councilmember Konrad Herling described the evening as having a good turnout, considering the weather.

Looking forward to next year's NNO? Take a tip from Councilmember Judith Davis. "Windsor Green events are always held inside and they have very good food."



Above: Ryan Mitchell and mom Regina keep dry while eating ice cream. He said the best part of the evening is "the police and meeting the mayor."

Below: Governor Hogan (center) poses with Acting Chief Kemp (left) and Police Spokesman George Mathews.

Governor Larry Hogan came by to visit and support the ongoing work performed by the men and women of the Greenbelt Police Department on Tuesday, August 1. Hogan had spent the day in Prince George's County and wished to stop by our Police Department as part of the National Night Out event being held nationwide.

For about 30 minutes Hogan met with officers and civilian staff, discussing police operations and thanking all for their service to the Greenbelt community. Councilmember Judith Davis was present and took part in the tour.

- Acting Chief Thomas Kemp



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Bonita Anderson Joins Staff As Greenbelt's City Clerk

by Layne Litsinger

The City of Greenbelt welcomed Bonita Anderson as its new city clerk last week. She is a Prince George's County resident from Forest Heights and has been the Forest Heights' town clerk. Anderson replaces Cindy Murray, who retired from the city clerk position in June.



PHOTO COURTESY BONITA ANDERSON

Bonita Anderson

Anderson found the city clerk position through her own research and interest as she sought to leave Forest Heights. As her assigned work will be a change from her previous position, "I wanted to focus on just being a city clerk," said Anderson.

At Forest Heights, Anderson did a vast array of work, which involved organization and execution and archiving of the town's codes and laws. She also helped with other staff departments.

As city clerk, Anderson will work closely with the city council and city manager to bring new ideas to Greenbelt. She will prepare, maintain and attest to official actions taken by council. This includes ordinances, resolutions, minutes of meetings and proclamations. Anderson will also

be in charge of all city records. In this position she will also serve as the administrator of biennial city elections, staff the city advisory boards and committees, codify city ordinances, manage legal advertisements and notices and oversee the city cemetery.

For more information about Anderson or to meet her, visit the city clerk's page at www.greenbeltmd.gov.

Layne Litsinger is a University of Maryland journalism student and the Dorothy Sucher intern for the News Review.

visit www.greenbeltnewsreview.com

Mini Golf at the Community Center

Participants in the Greenbelt Recreation Department's August 6 Community Art Drop-in created artistic obstacles for a miniature golf course. Creations included elaborately painted animals, trees made from strips of old maps, and structures with ramps and tunnels made from other recycled materials.

The workshop was led by Amanda Larsen, arts education specialist, who also contributed a golfable miniature replica of the Old Greenbelt Theatre. The golf greens will be used again during the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival, with a new obstacle-making workshop to be hosted by Greenbelt MakerSpace.



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Theo and Zoe Larsen try out the mini golf course.

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