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2019 Budget

## Council Considers Six Percent Increase in Public Safety Budget

by James Giese

In a marathon session lasting almost four hours, Greenbelt City Council reviewed City Manager Nicole Ard's budget for the Fiscal Year 2019 Public Safety section. Present to discuss their budget proposals were representatives of the police department, Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Greenbelt Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Community Emergency/Animal Response Team (CART). (See separate stories for the fire department and CERT/CART).

Funding the Greenbelt Police

Department utilizes 99 percent of the public safety budget. The proposed expenditure increase budgeted for public safety is nearly six percent more than for the current year budget and 10 percent more than the current year's estimated expenditures. This compares to a five percent increase for the total city proposed budget, both for current year budget and estimated expenses. The new budget does not change the number of public safety personnel authorized nor any job classes. Nor does the proposal increase the property

tax rate. The budget increases being supported are primarily from anticipated increased property tax revenue due to increased property assessments and new construction near the Greenbelt Metro station.

For the second year, council held the worksession at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

The meeting was videotaped for playback on the city cable channel and website.

**Police**

Presenting the Police budget to council were Acting Chief Thomas Kemp and Captain Gordon Pracht. Providing backup from the audience was Sergeant Tim White, the department's budget number cruncher, and City Treasurer Jeff Williams, the city's official number cruncher. Kemp has been acting chief for more than a year with a national

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### What Goes On

**Monday, April 23**  
8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Budget Public Hearing, Municipal Building  
**Wednesday, April 25**  
7:30 p.m. Four Cities Meeting, New Carrollton



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

Baseball players walk, run and skip in Greenbelt Baseball's Opening Day Parade on April 15. See more photos on p. 11.

2019 Budget

## City Council Looks at Service Groups and Museum Funding

by Diane Oberg

The April 4 city council worksession focused on support that the city gives to various organizations providing services to Greenbelters as well as the budget for the Greenbelt Museum. There are two main classes of organizations receiving assistance: regional services such as Meals on Wheels or Washington Ear, and city contribution and recognition groups such as the Boys and Girls Clubs or Senior Softball. The funding for contribution and recognition groups will be discussed on May 9 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center.

This first budget worksession of the year outside the center of the city was held in the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Beyond city staff and representatives of the organizations seeking funding and this reporter, just one citizen, council regular Bill Orleans, attended.

In her proposed budget City

Manager Nicole Ard penciled in the same funding as the last few years for the service organizations. Greenbelt Inter-generational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) would receive \$1,000, Meals on Wheels - \$2,000, Washington Ear - \$1,000 and Miscellaneous - \$2,500.

Washington Ear was unable to attend the meeting but councilmembers noted its longstanding service to the community, including reading the News Review to sight-impaired residents, and appeared willing to adopt Ard's funding level.

Lisa Ealley, representing Meals on Wheels (MOW), said that participants are charged just \$5 per day for three meals on weekdays. Some people cannot even afford that price, she reported. Ealley estimated that they now have "probably 100" volunteers but not all volunteers work every day.

Councilmember Judith Davis requested that increasing the contribution to Meals on Wheels by \$1,000 be placed on the list of possible budget changes. Items placed on this list will be reviewed at the final budget worksession on May 21.

There was no discussion of the contribution to GIVES or Washington Ear. Davis noted that the city's GIVES contribution is used by the organization to pay for their insurance.

**Museum**

The Greenbelt Museum is housed in a Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) duplex on Crescent Road across from the library and is run cooperatively by the city and the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM). Director Megan Searing Young is a full-time city employee. Two part-time staffers are paid by FOGM.

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PHOTO BY CAROLINE HANKS

Delores Downs, Jack Downs and Rick C. eat lunch and catch up with fellow seniors at the Community Center's Senior Nutrition Program.

## Greenbelt Senior Meal Options Are Affordable and Convenient

by Caroline Hanks

As noon comes around and more attendees arrive for the Senior Nutrition Program lunch at the Community Center on Wednesday, April 11, Greenbelt resident Linda Martin remarks, "They've been coming a long time, too." There is a sense of community among the regulars at these lunches, which take place Monday through Friday at the Community Center. Seniors set their belongings on a table and walk to the lunch counter to pick up a tray of the day's lunch. A

box of condiments sits on one of the tables for diners to add their own flavors to the meals. One attendee sets a portable radio on the windowsill, adding quiet music in the background of ongoing table conversations.

Socialization is the big key of the program, according to Rebekah Sutfin, the therapeutic recreation supervisor for Greenbelt Department of Recreation and Parks. It's held in the only room

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PHOTO BY JASON MARTIN

Some of the participants who helped clean up the Sunrise Tract of the Greenbelt Forest Preserve stand behind their haul of 600 pounds of trash removed from the forest.

## Many Volunteers Clean Up Forest Preserve and New Trail

by Maryam El-Amin

Through the chilly weather of March, generous volunteers were giving back to their community in Greenbelt. On Saturday, March 17, a litter cleanup event was held at the Sunrise Tract of the Greenbelt Forest Preserve, adjacent to the Greenbelt Dog Park. Organized and sponsored by the City of Greenbelt Department of Public Works and the Greenbelt Forest Preserve Advisory Board, 21 volunteers, including members of the Forest Preserve Advisory Board, removed 600 pounds of trash. Items removed included

tires, scrap metal, glass bottles and aluminum cans.

That wasn't the only volunteer cleanup held in March. On Saturday, March 24, a litter pickup was held at the new trail off Cherrywood Lane, across the street from the Shell gas station. Six volunteers helped remove 144 pounds of litter in just two hours.

Litter cleanups are important in reducing environmental pollution; not only is litter unsightly, but it threatens the health of the

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## Letters to the Editor

### New Deal Café Needs To Open Up Menu

I read the April 12 article about changes to the New Deal Café with great interest. I was disappointed to learn that this community landmark was losing money and deeply in debt. Disappointed, but not surprised.

As a customer, I want the same thing as the New Deal's directors – a vibrant, successful community gathering spot with great food and entertainment. Like many others in Greenbelt, I am frequently looking for a convenient place to go out for dinner and, at only a stone's throw from home, the New Deal Café should be a great option.

The reason I don't go back to the New Deal, however, is the menu. While there are a few options that will always be reliable (the cheeseburger for one), most of the menu is off-putting to all but a select crowd. And while this crowd is loyal, they are not paying the bills nor are they bringing in new customers.

I fear that a decision to turn the restaurant over to vegan specialists is a big step in the wrong direction. The menu needs to open up, not become more restricted through vegan/vegetarian options. If the New Deal wants a renaissance, it needs to either become the best specialty vegan restaurant in the state or simply produce a larger range of more exciting options.

Dan Allen

### Support for Maglev

I am writing in support of the proposed new SCMaglev between Baltimore and Washington that is planned to be built through Greenbelt.

I attended the Greenbelt City Council's public hearing about the maglev on April 3. I assumed that a public hearing was for the council to hear all sides of the matter. But, since most of the council members wore a pin opposing the maglev, it created a hostile environment for those of us who are for the maglev trains or who were undecided and wanted more information. But I spoke in support of the maglev during the meeting, anyway.

I also found it amusing/ironic that some participants stated they did not think the train was needed, but Mayor Emmett Jordan was late to the meeting because he was stuck in traffic!

During the meeting, a resident stated that she had been investigating insurance policies and one of them asked whether there was a tunnel under her house. The implication was that the company would not insure the house if a tunnel was under it. I question that, because there are hundreds, possibly thousands, of miles of tunnels for roads, trains, pedestrians, etc. throughout this country and many of them have houses and businesses on the surface above them. How are those houses and businesses insured?

I have sent a full page of questions to the city to forward to BWRR. I am an engineer at heart and want to know the facts about how the train will operate. So, I am looking forward to the responses from BWRR as posted on the City of Greenbelt website.

I am grateful the recent District 4 newsletter from County Councilmember Todd Turner includes an item titled Baltimore-Washington Maglev Update. It was an unbiased update on the project and encouraged constituents "to contact federal, state and project officials to express your position." The article included the URL of the website for the project [www.bwmaglev.info](http://www.bwmaglev.info).

I also encourage everyone to visit the official site for the project to make sure they are responding to facts instead of innuendo and fear. The official sites associated with the SCMaglev project are the one above and <https://northeastmaglev.com/>. Click on Facts to get short answers to frequently asked questions.

Also, the article titled Traffic Relief Plan Focuses on I-495 and I-270 Corridors on page 13 of the April 12 issue of the Greenbelt News Review caught my attention. For those of us who want to make sure our human transportation has minimal impact on the environment, this traffic plan is a disaster. It makes the environmental impact of the maglev look good!

Joyce Wineland

### 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 name any identifiable people in the photo, as well as explain the picture. Send us no more than five photos at a time.



### On Screen

#### Being Alive

Itzhak, an unrated 80-minute documentary about the life and career of virtuoso violinist Itzhak Perlman, is directed by Alison Chernick. It joins Wes Anderson's *Isle of Dogs* at Old Greenbelt Theatre on Friday, April 20.

Stricken by polio at age 4, Perlman nevertheless dazzled as a child prodigy and appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show at age 13. Archival clips and conversations with master musicians, family and friends like Alan Alda and former President Obama, reveal a gregarious, irreverent, self-deprecatory man with a popular touch. He once backed up Billy Joel in Madison Square Garden.

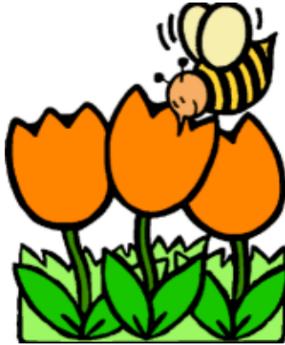
By far his dearest intimate is his wife of over 50 years, Toby, Perlman's biggest fan and a challenging critic. She says, "When I hear that sound, when I hear that playing, it's like breathing. It's like being alive."

- Jim Link

### Corrections

In last week's News Review the photo credit for the story Franklin Park Church Raises Funds to Help Feed Families should have been attributed to Rev. Kendra Smith.

Last week's article on New Bridge Construction Planned for Sunnyside Road misspelled the name of Greenbelt resident and chief of the county Highway and Bridge Design Division Erv Beckert.



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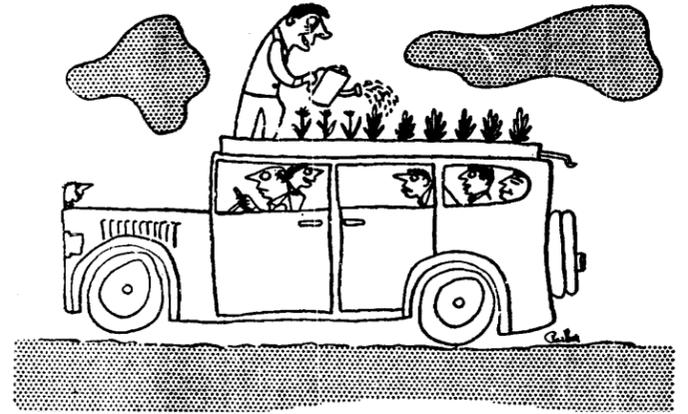
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### There's One in Every Car Pool



Herbert is highly dedicated to Earth Day.

Izzy Parker's cartoon originally appeared in the June 29, 1945, Co-operator. We updated the caption.

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# Community Events

## 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, which provide at least one-third of Recommended Dietary Allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of April 23 are as follows:

Monday, April 23: Pesto chicken, garlic parmesan orzo, ratatouille, wheat roll, fresh fruit, orange juice.

Tuesday, April 24: Salisbury steak with gravy, lima beans, California vegetables, wheat bread, tropical fruit, cranberry juice.

Wednesday, April 25: Baked meatballs with sweet and sour sauce, brown rice, sliced carrots, wheat bread, mandarin oranges, apple juice.

Thursday, April 26: Smoked turkey sausage, black-eyed peas, collard greens, wheat hot dog bun, pineapple tidbits, cranberry juice.

Friday, April 27: Potato crust-ed fish, roasted dill potatoes, green peas, wheat bread, fresh fruit, orange juice.

## Greenbelt Youth Baseball Schedule

Saturday, April 21, 9 a.m., Cubs vs. Tigers

Saturday, April 21, 11 a.m., O's vs. Giants

Monday, April 23, 6 p.m., Indians vs. Cardinals

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Wednesday, April 25, 6 p.m., O's vs. Cubs

Thursday, April 26, 6 p.m., Giants vs. Cardinals

Friday, April 27, 6 p.m., Indians vs. Cubs

Saturday April 28, 11 a.m., O's vs. Tigers

All games are played at McDon-



## Volunteer for Park's Trail Crew Saturday

On Saturday, April 21 from 8:45 a.m. to noon Greenbelt Park seeks volunteers for a trail crew. Participants will meet at the Ranger Station near the campground. Call 301-344-3944 between 8 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. seven days a week and sign up for the Volunteer Trail Crew. Wear proper clothes and shoes for working on the trails. Have fun in the outdoors and know you are making a difference for the nine miles of Greenbelt Park trail system.

## Writers Group To Meet April 20

The Greenbelt Writers Group will meet Friday, April 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. All Greenbelt writers are invited to participate in this meeting. Open reading will be held as well as general discussion. For more information, contact Barbara Ford at 301-441-8241.

## CROP Hunger Walk On Sunday, May 6

Attention, Greenbelters who like walking and helping others. There will be a hunger-inspired walk around Lake Artemesia in Berwyn Heights on Sunday afternoon, May 6. Church World Service (CWS), an ecumenical relief agency helping refugees and low-income families since World War II, sponsors the walk. CWS CROP Walks (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) happen in 1,000 U.S. communities each year.

Last year the Hyattsville Area CROP Hunger Walk raised over \$46,000 through its walkers and their sponsors. A quarter of the proceeds went to Help by Phone of Prince George's County for food distributed in its seven church emergency food pantries. Funds from CROP Walks are used for food and community development projects in the U.S. and overseas.

Over the years, Greenbelt groups (Greenbelt Community Church, Greenbelt Baptist, Berwyn Presbyterian, Mishkan Torah, Lastner Lane GB contingent, Holy Cross Lutheran and the Roosevelt Democratic Club) have participated in the Hyattsville Area CROP Hunger Walk. The walk begins around 1 p.m. on May 6. Park free at the Linson/Wells Swim and Skating complex at 5211 Campus Dr. (off Kenilworth Ave.). Stop at the table to register and donate. Do the full walk (around 3 miles) or the short walk (a little under 1.5 miles). Water and restrooms are available. For more information, check the website [crophungerwalk.com](http://crophungerwalk.com).

## Table Talk April 28 With Del. Washington

State Delegate Alonzo Washington will host a special Table Talk conversation about gun control and school safety at the New Deal Café on Saturday, April 28 from 10 a.m. until noon. State's Attorney Angela Alsobrooks and several other public safety and education experts will also be present to lead a panel discussion on these important issues.

In addition to these topics, Washington will provide a comprehensive update on the recently completed 2018 Maryland legislative session. Attendees can also discuss any other issues important to them and the community, including the maglev train, updates on the public school system and the upcoming 2018 elections.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

## Utopia Film Festival

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## Free Film on Anxiety Features Phelps

City of Greenbelt students and parents are invited to a free screening of the movie *Angst* on Saturday, April 21 at 11 a.m. at the Old Greenbelt Theatre.

Featuring Olympian Michael Phelps, this film aims to raise awareness about anxiety in children and teens. This topic is timely since students will begin PARCC testing (an anxiety-inducing event) the following week and because schools have seen an increase in bullying over the past few years.

Following the movie, a brief discussion will be led by Gretchen Schock, owner of Bee Yoga Fusion, and Donna Behe, PGCPs guidance counselor, where students can ask questions and gain access to additional resources. Whether suffering from anxiety or would just like to learn more, everyone is welcome to attend. The Old Greenbelt Theatre will also offer a small popcorn at a discounted price. Run time is 55 minutes; appropriate for ages 10 and up.

Special thanks to Bee Yoga Fusion, City of Greenbelt ACE, Eleanor Roosevelt High School PTSA, Greenbelt Elementary School PTA and Greenbelt Middle School PTA for supporting the film screening.

## Synagogue Annual Vintage Jewelry Sale

The vintage and costume jewelry sale of Mishkan Torah is scheduled for Sunday, April 29 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This will be a good time to find personal treasures or Mother's Day gifts. Children can find something for Mom, and crafters can find objects to modify into something unique. As in the past, prices will begin at less than a dollar, so there will be something there for everybody's budget. There will be a minor jewelry repair station and a selection of recent handcrafted jewelry made by local crafters. Mishkan Torah Synagogue is located at 10 Ridge Road at the corner with Westway.

## Opioid Overdose Response Training

On Monday, April 23 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. the City of Greenbelt will sponsor a free training session including certification for administering nasal naloxone (NARCAN). Participants can receive a NARCAN prescription kit courtesy of the Prince George's County Health Department. The training will take place at the Springhill Lake Recreation Clubhouse at 6101 Cherrywood Lane. For more information, email [cares@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:cares@greenbeltmd.gov) or call 301-345-6660.

## Greenbelt Time Bank Social and Potluck

Greenbelt Time Bank will hold a social and finger food potluck on Saturday, April 28 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Buddy Attick Park group picnic area. Rain location is Public Works, 555 Crescent Road. All are invited, both members and non-members.

Learn how to earn hours by supporting the time bank, while helping the time bank grow and thrive. Fun activities will help identify gifts, needs and members with whom to exchange. Bring questions, anecdotes and success stories about the Greenbelt Time Bank.

Potluck finger foods are encouraged and appreciated but not required. This is a zero-waste event, so bring a plate, napkin, cup or water bottle and utensils.

RSVPs are not required but are helpful for planning. Questions? Leave a message at 240-473-3497 or email [Greenbelt.timebank@gmail.com](mailto:Greenbelt.timebank@gmail.com).

## Astronomical Society Speaker on Asteroids

The public is invited to the April meeting of the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt. The featured speaker will be Dr. Christine Hartzell, who will discuss granular mechanics on asteroids. The behavior of granular materials, such as electrostatic dust, drives the interior structure of small rubble pile asteroids and understanding their dynamics can improve understanding of the evolution of asteroids.

The meeting will be held Thursday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the H.B. Owens Science Center, 9601 Greenbelt Rd., Lanham (adjacent to DuVal High School). All are welcome. There is no admission fee.

Hartzell is an assistant professor in the Department of Aerospace Engineering at the University of Maryland. She joined the university after a postdoctoral fellowship with the Keck Institute for Space Studies at the California Institute of Technology. She is one of 13 participating scientists selected by NASA for the agency's first asteroid sample return mission, OSIRIS-REx.

## Weekly Playdates

Join friends of all ages for play on Tuesdays from 3 to 5 p.m., weather permitting, at the playground/field at Ivy and Lastner Lanes.

## Bring Shoe Donations To Magnolia Elementary

The Magnolia Elementary PTA Council (PTAC) will begin accepting old shoes as part of the school's first annual sneaker drive fundraiser on Monday, April 23. Magnolia PTAC has partnered with GotSneakers, a sneaker recycling organization, for the fundraiser. The organization will compensate Magnolia PTAC one dollar for every pair of wearable sneakers, wearable rubber soccer cleats and wearable rubber baseball cleats, and 10 cents per pair for all other styles and conditions of footwear. According to the fundraiser's flyer, GotSneakers will donate wearable shoes to people in places across the world including the Caribbean, Central America, South America, West Africa and Europe. To contribute, bring shoes to Magnolia Elementary, located at 8400 Nightingale Drive, Lanham, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on weekdays.

## County Dems Hold Candidates Forum

by Konrad Herling

The Prince George's County Democratic Central Committee is holding a forum of the Democratic candidates running for governor to oppose incumbent Republican Governor Larry Hogan.

The Forum will take place Wednesday, April 25 at the Reid Temple, A.M.E. Church, located at 11400 Glenn Dale Boulevard in Glenn Dale.

Meet the candidates from 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. and listen to the candidates during the forum when it begins at 7 p.m. Each candidate will have an opportunity to respond to key issues, which should be helpful for audience members to determine the candidate with whom they mostly agree.

See the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club's Facebook image or call (202) 321-4207 for more details.

## ERHS Holds Music Festival, Art Exhibit

On Saturday, April 21, Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) will be throwing a music and art festival at Roosevelt Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Also, from April 17 until May 7, ERHS student artwork will be featured in an art show at the New Deal Café. The art show opening reception is Sunday, April 22 from 3 to 5 p.m.



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# Obituaries



## Ronald Andrew Ott



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Ronald Ott

Ronald Andrew Ott, 76, died on April 11, 2018, after a short illness. He had lived in Greenbelt for many years, living first in Springhill Lake and then in Boxwood Village for the past 46 years.

Mr. Ott was born September 14, 1941, in New York City. His parents were the late Madeline Fischer Oest and Raymond Ott.

He graduated with a bachelors in education from SUNY Geneseo in 1963, and a masters in education from Adelphi University in 1967. After moving to Greenbelt, Mr. Ott taught for 33 years in Prince George's County Public Schools, first at Glenridge Junior High School and then at DuVal High School.

In the 1960s and 70s, soon after coming to Greenbelt, Mr. Ott became an election judge. In the 70s and 80s he volunteered to serve on the Park and Recreation Advisory Board, becoming its chair during part of that time. He was also active in the Boxwood Civic Association, serving a number of years as president or treasurer.

Mr. Ott enjoyed traveling with his wife and friends, and also enjoyed sports, reading and music of all kinds.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Judith Ott, his son Andrew Ott, his brother Edward Oest, niece Lynne Lewis and his Fischer cousins.

Interment will be private. A celebration of his life will be held on Tuesday, April 24, from 3 to 8 p.m., at the home. Memorial donations may be made in Mr. Ott's name to SOME (So Others Might Eat).

## Judith Gonda



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE FAMILY

Judith Gonda

Judith Louise Gonda, 68, of Felton, Del., died on April 13, 2018, at BayHealth General Hospital in Dover, Delaware.

Ms. Gonda was born in Washington, D.C., on March 21, 1950. She was the daughter of the late Frank Gonda and Mabel Gonda. She grew up in Greenbelt and graduated from High Point High School in 1968.

Ms. Gonda worked a variety of jobs. She was the first female in Maryland to operate a John Deere bulldozer and loader. One of her first construction jobs was grading and paving the pathways of Langdon Park in D.C. Later she moved to Leadville, Colo., and operated a D-9 Cat Dozer

working at Climax Molybdenum Mine. She received an AA degree in recreation leadership, and worked at various recreation centers throughout Montgomery County. She was also employed by USDA, U.S. Postal Service and the University of Maryland.

She resided in Greenbelt most of her life, and enjoyed taking long walks with her dogs, Lucy and Charlie. In 2004, she moved to Delaware, where she enjoyed the country lifestyle. Her favorite activity was swimming, and she would swim at least a mile every day.

She is survived by her three sisters, Patricia Gonda (Bart), Joan Shank (Jay), Debbie Coulter (Bruce); nephews Mark Maraj (Angeline), John Hall (Jeni), Michael Hall, Christopher Coulter (Tricia); niece Jaclyn Phelan (Andrew); and seven great-nieces and -nephews.

A graveside service will be held at the Greenbelt Cemetery on Ivy Lane in Greenbelt at noon on Monday, April 23. A reception will be held afterward at the Greenbelt American Legion to celebrate Judy's life.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or a local SPCA.

Condolences to the family and friends of long-time Boxwood Village resident Ron Ott who died on April 11.

Our sympathies to the family and friends of Judy Gonda who died in Delaware on April 13. She lived in Greenbelt for most of her life, moving to Delaware in 2004.

Congratulations to the Masterminds, a Destination Imagination Team from Robert Goddard Montessori School who placed third out of 17 in the state competition held at University of Maryland Baltimore County on April 7. The Masterminds will advance to the world competition in May which will be held in Knoxville, Tenn. The team has set up a fundraising page to help with the expense: [gofundme.com/rgms-di-globals-bound](http://gofundme.com/rgms-di-globals-bound).

Share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.



## Veterans Arts Festival At Bowie Arts Center

The eighth annual Maryland Veterans Creative Arts Festival will take place on Saturday, April 21 at Bowie Performing Arts Center, 15200 Annapolis Road (Md. Route 450).

The Veterans Administration Medical Center's recreation therapy departments use art as an aid in veterans' recovery from physical and mental health challenges. The festival, which is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary and the City of Bowie, features the artistic, dramatic, musical and written talents of more than 70 local veterans who were entered in the Veterans Administration national annual competition that began in 1981.

There is a fee although the event is free to active duty personnel, ROTC/JROTC and residents of senior facilities.

For more information, contact Linda at 301-383-0112 or Chris at 410-242-9519 or Rusty Beeg at the American Legion Auxiliary at 301-602-7214 or Rbeeg5908@gmail.com.



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## 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.



"God has created us all human....He is kind and just to all. Why should we be unkind and unjust to each other?" – Baha'i Writings

## Greenbelt Baha'i Community

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Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com www.greenbeltbahais.org

## ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-474-4322



**Mass Schedule:**  
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.  
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**

## CHRISTIANITY AND...

...the 1%  
**Economics and the Gospel Wednesday, April 25**

...the Joy of Wine  
**Wednesday, May 2**

...Defining Death  
**Wednesday, May 16**

7:30 PM

Greenbelt Baptist Church 301-474-4212

## Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt



Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors  
[www.greenbeltumc.org](http://www.greenbeltumc.org) 301-474-9410

Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor



**Worship Service 10 a.m.**  
"Where is your God?"

## Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi  
Phone: 301-937-3666 [www.pbuuc.org](http://www.pbuuc.org)



Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community



4-22-18 10 a.m.

## "Evil"

The PBUUC Worship Associate Team; with Carla Miller, DMRE; and guest pianist Markus Williams.

Commissioned by Noel and Nancy Monardes, the 2018 Worship Associates service tackles the thorny issue of evil. What are some of the perspectives and reactions that we have when facing the idea of evil today? Join us!

## Greenbelt Community Church

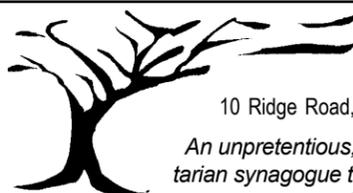
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



1 Hillside (at Crescent Road)  
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings  
[www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org](http://www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org)

Sunday Worship  
10:15 a.m.

Rev. Glenyce Grindstaff, Pastor



## Mishkan Torah Congregation

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# City Information

## GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING Municipal Building, April 23, 2018 – 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

- Eleanor Roosevelt High School Girls Basketball Team
- Older Americans Month Proclamation

#### Public Hearing

- Proposed FY 2019 Budget

#### 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

### LEGISLATION

#### OTHER BUSINESS

- \* - Board of Appeals Resolution for Variance #18-005-V
- \* - Community Center – Greenbelt Arts Center Lease
- \* - Reappointment to Advisory Groups
- \* - Resignation from Advisory Groups
- Council Activities
- Council Reports

*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.*

## MEETINGS FOR APRIL 23-27

Monday, April 23 at 6:30pm, **GREENBELT CART** at Police Station, 550 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: AKC Trailer Update, Action Items, Training*

Monday, April 23 at 7:30pm, **GREENBELT CERT** at Police Station, 550 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Meeting Training Session – Search and Rescue Techniques*

Monday, April 23 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING/1ST BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING ON FY 2019 BUDGET** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. *Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming live at www.greenbeltmd.gov*

Tuesday, April 24 at 3:30pm, **SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: FORA/GAIL update, Widowed Persons update, Visibility of Community Center Stairstep Edges, NFSO Event Planning Update*

Tuesday, April 24 at 7:00pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Planning for Student Awards*

Tuesday, April 24 at 7:00pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES** at Public Works Facility, 555 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, April 25 at 7:30pm, **FOUR CITIES MEETING** at New Carrollton.

Thursday, April 26 at 7:00pm **FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: -Discussion on voting for a new Chair and Vice-Chair, Public Works Open House, Trail designation and maintenance, Section two (trails) of the Stewardship Guidelines*

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



## DRUG TAKE BACK DAY DRIVE-THRU Saturday, April 28 from 10am-12pm Municipal Building Parking Lot 25 Crescent Road

The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs.

The Greenbelt Police Department will be offering a convenient drive-thru collection site in the parking lot behind the Greenbelt City Office building.

## OPIOID OVERDOSE RESPONSE TRAINING

Provided by Greenbelt CARES



**Monday, April 23 from 6:30-8:30p.m., FREE**  
**Springhill Recreation Center Clubhouse, 6101 Cherrywood Ln.**

- Learn the signs of opioid overdose.
- Training and certification for administering nasal Naloxone, or Narcan.
- Receive a Narcan prescription kit courtesy of Prince George's County Health Department

**For more information or to reserve a space call 301-345-6660.**



## SHREDDING AND PAINT RECYCLING

**Saturday, April 28 from 9 AM – 12 NOON**  
**(or until the truck is full)**

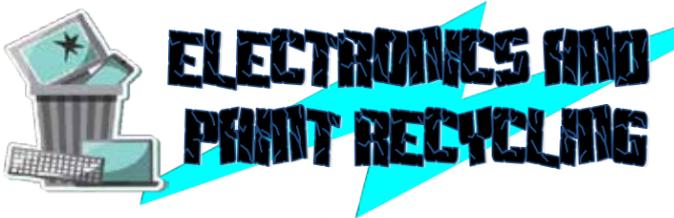
The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union will be shredding your documents in the parking lot behind the Credit Union at 112 Centerway



Only 5 file boxes/bags per person. Must be present for shredding; abandoned boxes/bags will be put in the trash. Personal records only (no business). No contaminants accepted. NO BATTERIES. No plastic binders and sheets.

Public Works, 240-542-2153

Paint recycling cost: \$5 per container



**Saturday, April 28 from 9:00am-12:00pm**  
**Public Works Yard, 555 Crescent Road**

## Recycle Your Old Computers and Other Electronics!

Accepted items include: TVs, CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, laptops, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, fax machines, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, batteries taped on one end.

**ALSO, expanded polystyrene (block "Styrofoam" #6)**  
**NO Cups, egg cartons or food trays.**

**PLEASE CALL IN ADVANCE IF YOU HAVE ITEMS OVER 50 LBS.**



## PAINT RECYCLING!

Cost—\$5 per container. DO NOT mix paint in other containers. In order for paint to be properly used, the contents on the inside need to match the label on the outside.

Questions? Greenbelt Sustainability Office 240-542-2153

## EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

**Saturday, April 28 from 10am-12pm**  
**Buddy Attick Park, 555 Crescent Road**



**Volunteers are needed! Join us for trail maintenance and food forest plantings.**

### Reminders:

- Bring a reusable water bottle
- Wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes
- Students: Bring Community-Service Forms

For more information contact Jason Martin at [jmartin@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:jmartin@greenbeltmd.gov) or 240-542-2168



**Greenbelt Forest Stewardship Project**

Providing knowledge and care of our remnant woods



## FREE MOVIE FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

## ANGST

**Saturday, April 21 at 11:00am**  
**Old Greenbelt Theatre**

*Featuring Olympian Michael Phelps, this movie aims to raise awareness about anxiety in children and teens.*

*Following the movie a brief discussion will be led by Gretchen Schock, Owner of Bee Yoga Fusion, and Donna Behe, PGCPs Guidance Counselor, where students can ask questions and gain access to additional resources.*

## WELCOME PACKET MATERIALS ARE BEING COLLECTED

The City of Greenbelt is currently collecting material from area organizations, businesses, groups, etc. to be included in our next set of Welcome Packets.

Please supply 300 flyers, coupons, trinkets, etc. that you would like included by April 27 at 4:30pm.

Materials are being collected at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

For more information contact Beverly Palau, 240-542-2026.

## VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Committee of Education, Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Employee Relations Board, Ethics Commission, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Youth Advisory Committee. For information on how to apply: 301-474-8000



**Greenbelt Recreation Invites you!**

## Free Friday Fun! Roller-skate!

**April 20, 5:00pm-7:00pm**  
**Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Ln.**  
**Ages: 6-14 years and parents/guardians**  
Roller-skates provided free of charge or bring your own. Call 301-397-2212 or 301-397-2200 for more info.

## Greenbelt Community Center Recreation assistants needed.

Customer service, facility monitoring & event set up. Weekends required. PT. \$11.50/hr. City of Greenbelt. Apply at [greenbeltmd.gov/jobs](http://greenbeltmd.gov/jobs). EOE

Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center  
**The Fitness Wing will be closed for Roof & HVAC Work from April 30 and will re-open on May 14.**

All current memberships will be extended an amount of time equal to the amount of time the Fitness Wing is closed.  
**You may call the Center at 301-397-2204 to get updates from staff.**  
**We appreciate your cooperation and apologize for any inconvenience.**

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## SAFETY continued from page 1

search only recently begun to select a replacement for retired chief James Craze.

Besides filling that vacancy, the department has been plagued with vacancies in other officer positions due to retirements and employees leaving for other departments. Although still short 12 of the authorized 53 police officers, Kemp told council the department was now past the retirement problems of last year (although eight others could retire this year), and was heading upwards on personnel. With increased numbers, he felt the department would be more proactive and more able to deal with crime issues. Newly promoted command officers are gaining the job experience needed to fully take charge of their responsibilities, Kemp said.

Mayor Emmett Jordan asked if the department had lowered its standards to fill vacancies. Kemp replied, "Not one bit." If they had, the department could have a full complement by now.

Pracht provided statistics on a recent hiring process for new officers. There were 251 applications, 59 of whom also responded to an invitation to take the exam. Of the 37 who showed up to take the exam, 16 passed the written test, 14 took the physical examination and seven left after the exams and background checks. The cost to hire a police officer, including benefits and outfitting of equipment (excluding the cost of a vehicle) is \$84,000, he said.

### Communications

Of the nine communications specialist (dispatcher) positions authorized, four are vacant, Kemp said. Three of the personnel were hired by Anne Arundel County. He said it was a difficult job, now even more complicated with the advent of computer assistance dispatching (CAD). Some new hires didn't work out.

In spite of these issues, Kemp noted that police communications had a 90 percent approval rating from those requiring service.

### Crime

Of great concern to council was the upward trend in the number of crimes committed. Jordan called it a disturbing trend, also noting that the problem was area wide. Kemp noted that the total number was less than five years ago. Total Class I crimes (the more serious offenses) for 2017 totaled 920 as compared to 772 for 2016. Crimes against persons (murder, rape, robberies and assaults) increased in 2017 from 111 to 145. Property crimes (burglaries, thefts and auto thefts) went from 661 to 775.

Franklin Park continued to be the highest identified crime sector, accounting for nearly half of crimes against persons. Kemp noted this was the most transient area of the city. Greenbelt East residential accounted for 18 percent of crimes in this category, while Greenbelt Center had 16 percent. Greenbelt East commercial and Beltway Plaza combined accounted for 15 percent.

Franklin Park accounted for 26 percent of property crimes; Beltway Plaza, 23 percent; Greenbelt East residential, 19 percent; Greenbelt Center, 15 percent; and Greenbelt East commercial, 13 percent. A small number, nearly all property crimes (as opposed to crimes against persons), came from the new development at Greenbelt Station (23), while

only two property crimes were reported to Greenbelt police at the Metro Station.

In 2017, there were four homicides as compared to one for the previous year; nine reported rapes vs. five in 2016, 78 robberies vs. 54 in 2016; 54 assaults vs. 51 in 2016; 98 breaking and entering/burglaries vs. 88 in 2016 and 610 thefts vs. 500 in 2016. On the positive side, auto thefts dropped to 67 as compared to 71 in the previous year, continuing the significant downward trend resulting from better theft protection in newer vehicles.

Kemp reported that although crime clearance rates dropped by four percent in 2017, the clearance rates for crimes against persons had increased by one percent. That was contrary to a statewide trend. Two of the homicides were closed by arrests as well as one that occurred in 2003 by the capture of the wanted suspect in New York City.

### Commentary

Jordan thought that the crime issue was complicated and that the breakdown in statistics didn't tell the full story. For example, he thought that more people were living in Greenbelt West. Kemp said the department had identified 56 separate neighborhoods in Greenbelt and that the officers were aware of the distinctions in each of them.

Councilmember Silke Pope asked about outsiders committing crimes in the city and Kemp replied that he thought a majority were committed by outsiders.

Councilmember Colin Byrd said crime had reached a "crisis mode." He thought there was a need for more robust new practices.

Kemp said the CAD was a significant new procedure and one that is only now beginning to make a difference. Currently, 10 officers are receiving CAD training, he said.

## MUSEUM continued from page 1

Young described some of the actions FOGM took following the extensive water damage last year. They hired a professional conservator to work on damaged artwork. They also installed a new alarm system that would detect water leaks and cold temperatures. In the incident that caused the flood, the water leak was not detected until two days after it occurred.

Ard's budget proposes increasing funding by 11 percent over the adopted budget for the current fiscal year (8.5 percent over estimated expenditures). The major increases sought are \$5,000 for off-site storage. This is needed, Young said, to provide better storage for museum artifacts not currently on display. Currently such artifacts are stored in a room in the Community Center. Other factors behind the increase include the salary and benefits paid to Young.

In addition, in the miscellaneous budget item, \$7,000 is allocated towards the establishment of a visitor and education center at 10-A Crescent Road. This line item is used for different projects in different years. Therefore, although the item is less than in the current year's budget, it represents a new activity for the city.

As part of its efforts to raise

He also reported that all on-line officers had recently received LGBT and Bias Recognition training.

Councilmember Judith Davis said she did not feel the increase in crimes to be a crisis, but it was disturbing and that there were issues to be addressed. She thought the nationwide increase in drug usage was one factor in the crime problem. She also felt that a greater mistrust of police officers has developed, which makes it more difficult for officers to do their jobs and for job recruitment.

Byrd responded that he still thought crime to be in crisis mode. But he commended the department for the amazing way it had dealt with and solved a recent murder and its response to the recent bomb scare at the Municipal Building.

Kemp said he was happy with the department's performance but would be happier when there are more officers. He noted that Greenbelt was one of only two county municipalities authorized by the State's Attorney Office to conduct criminal investigations. The average response time here was 3.28 minutes, while it is 9.6 minutes for county police because of the larger area it covers.

### School Security

Councilmember Rodney Roberts asked about the impact of a newly-enacted state law mandating that every school have a school resource officer. (Greenbelt was an early participant in this program, providing one for Eleanor Roosevelt High School; council had endorsed passage of this legislation.) Davis said that no one knows the source of the required funding. All high schools are supposed to be staffed next year and grade schools and elementary schools the following year. Kemp thought it might be the county that will have to provide officers.

## Filmmaker Documentary About the New Deal Café

by Matt Neufeld

Everyone knows that the New Deal Café at the Roosevelt Center is a special place with a special history and a special vibe as a home away from home for many people. Greenbelt filmmaker and artist Mike McMullin wants to capture that unique history, background and status in a documentary series about the acclaimed, much-loved music hall and restaurant.

On a chilly February 22, McMullin gathered a cast and crew at the New Deal to do just that: filming the first chapter of what he hopes to be a three-, four- or five-episode documentary series about the Café. Cast and crew started arriving about 8 a.m. and soon the performance space at the back of the establishment was filled with actors and crew, including four of the five music coordinators who have worked at the New Deal. McMullin, 60, a retired U.S. Army art director and graphics artist, and his crew interviewed the music coordinators who were seated at the bar, and filmed scenes of actors portraying Café patrons, all of whom were seated at tables. Former music coordinator Geff King played some tunes softly on stage, including a little ditty he came up with about the New Deal.

"There are two purposes for shooting the documentary about the Café," McMullin said mid-morning during a break in the filming. Those are "to document the music of the Café and to promote the Café."

"I love the Café," McMullin said later, during another brief break from shooting, "and I love music. And I've never done a documentary before - I've always done dark comedies - and it's a chance to do a [project] I haven't written - it's written by my brother," Richard McMullin who was a past music coordinator at the Café.

Later that day Mike McMullin, director of photography Phoebe McFarb, and soundman Frank Kayser filmed several takes of a scene that included interviews with Amethyst Dwyer, Richard McMullin and Joseph Harris, who was the Café's music coordinator from late 2006 to 2008. They discussed the Café's history and its unique atmosphere, vibe, scene and aura. Future episodes will focus on the hundreds of groups that have performed at the Café since it was formally opened on December 30, 1995, at the Community Center. McMullin hopes to have the first episode available for viewing in May 2018.



Carolina Wren at the Lake

PHOTO BY GLORIA BROWN

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## Twelfth Night Six Times at UMD

Twelfth Night will be presented by the Maryland Shakespeare Players on Friday through Sunday, April 20 to 22 at 2 and 7 p.m. in the Cafritz Foundation Theatre of The Clarice.

The Maryland Shakespeare Players free production of Twelfth Night, the Bard's classic comedy, grabs some goggle water and features goofs and lollygags in the Roaring Twenties.



A Review

# Hilarious Hound from Hell Unleashed at the Arts Center

by Jim Link

The game is afoot at the Greenbelt Arts Center with the arrival of Ken Ludwig's *Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery*. A comic but suspenseful spoof of Arthur Conan Doyle's *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, this fast-moving production is tight and action-packed, full of wit, richly clever, laced with puns (even groaners), slapstick, a fair share of screwball comedy and sight gags. Holmes's challenge is to discover who is murdering the male heirs of Baskerville one by one. Is it the legendary, lethal hound of hell? And if so, who is controlling it? Is Sir Henry Baskerville, a gun-totin' rube from Texas, the next to die?

Sandy Irving as Holmes is wonderful, archly superior, aristocratically dignified. He dazzles with his constant deductive brilliance, tossed off with total aplomb. It's hilarious to hear him claim that he took this "most dangerous case only to relieve the tedium of our mortal existence." Right. Bob Singer is excellent as Dr. John Watson, Holmes's solid, reliable sidekick, a perfect straight man to be enormously impressed (like the audience) by the great man's ratiocinative genius.

There are only three other cast members in this two-hour play (15-minute intermission) but what a trio! Bill Murray, Max Pugh and Bette Cassatt play at least a dozen characters, each with flair and energy, skill and perfect timing. They are in constant motion, rapidly flitting onstage and off, executing multiple costume changes, propelling the action forward and inciting laughter all the way.

Murray plays Dr. Mortimer, a hotel clerk, a sinister butterfly hunter and Scarpia from Puccini's *La Tosca* to name just a few. Pugh plays Sir Henry Baskerville, a Scotland Yard detective and Verdi's *Falstaff* among many others. Cassatt has some deliciously funny scenes. As Puccini's *La Tosca* she hilariously stabs poor Scarpia/Murray at least 50 times – the cad simply refused to die. She is also the sour-faced German hausfrau Inge, modeled on Cloris Leachman's portrait of Frau Blucher in *Young Frankenstein*. Cassatt changes accents (cockney, Irish, German), clothes and even genders without missing a beat. And she came on board only recently – late in rehearsals.

Veteran director Ann Lowe-Barrett modestly claims "to have been lucky enough to gather a superb cast and crew to present this wild ride through London streets and Devonshire moors." She has teamed for the fourth time with award-winning producer William Powell, also an accomplished actor and insightful theater critic.

The production boasts a who's who of familiar names: Bob Kleinberg, set designer; master carpenter, set construction; Penny Martin, set painting, sound design; Tommy Zanner, lighting design; Maria Bissex, costume, hair and wig design.

Lowe-Barrett made sure that I was aware that lighting technician Rebecca Gardner is only 13 years old and sound technician



Actor 2 (Max Pugh) as Sir Henry Baskerville, Dr. Watson (Bob Singer), Actor 1 (Bill Murray) as Victor

- Photos by Jon Barrett for Greenbelt Arts Center



Actor 2 (Max Pugh) as Sir Henry Baskerville, Dr. Watson (Bob Singer), Actress 1 (Bette Cassatt) as Beryl Stapleton

Felix Hass is only 12. A completely unbiased audience member praised young Hass's skill. "Every 10 seconds he has to do something – make the wind howl or the hound growl more clearly. He never misses a beat," said his

mother, Ingrid. Enjoy this wild ride at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays on April 20, 21, 27, 28, May 4 and 5 and at 2 p.m. on Sundays, April 22 and 29.

## Patuxent Offers Bike Outing at North Tract

On Sunday, April 22 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. take a bike ride on the Patuxent Refuge North Tract. Those ages 10 and older can enjoy a spring bicycle outing while learning about the refuge. Experience the beauty of this natural area on two wheels while discovering local wildlife, plants and historical sites. Learn the importance of reducing footprints and leaving no trace on this 12-mile guided ride. Bring a bike, energy bar/snack, water bottle and helmet. The ride is weather dependent.

Public programs at the Patuxent Research Refuge are free although advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887. The North Tract is located on Route 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 32. For more information visit [fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent](http://fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent).

## Music and More at the Café

Sunday, April 22, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Deaf Group: Weekly Brunch Meeting. Deaf and hearing people socialize together using sign language. Newcomers welcome. 3 to 5 p.m., Artist reception. 7 to 9 p.m., Eleanor's New Deal Cabaret. Drag performer D'Manda Martini hosts an amazing ensemble cast of cabaret performers for a night of show tunes that bring Broadway to the Beltway. A must-see.

Monday, April 23, 6:30 to 9 p.m., New Deal Café regular board meeting. Members and visitors welcome.

Tuesday, April 24, 2 to 4 p.m., Bruce Kritt, classical guitar. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., The High & Wides. Music inspired by days when lines blurred between bluegrass, old-time, country, boogie, blues, rockabilly and western swing. The band features three veterans of long-time Maryland bluegrass fixture Chester River Runoff.

Wednesday, April 25, 2 to 4 p.m., Bruce Kritt, classical guitar. 7 to 9:30 p.m., The Campfire Sessions. This monthly 'listening room' showcases local songwriters

with something to say. Brief Q&A follows each performance.

Thursday, April 26, noon to 2 p.m., Mid-day Melodies with Amy C Kraft. 7 to 10 p.m., Songwriter's Association of Washington (SAW) Open Mic with host Paige Powell.

Friday, April 27, 2:30 to 4 p.m., Music Makers Jam Session. Bring instruments, voice and passion for making music together in a casual/informal and supportive atmosphere. All ages and experiences welcome to participate. 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., Cold Hard Cash. This tribute to the legendary Johnny Cash features spot-on recreations of both the sound and spirit of the originals.

Saturday, April 28, 10 a.m. to noon, Table Talk with Delegate Alonzo Washington. An informal opportunity to discuss issues and raise questions or concerns about the 2018 legislative session, the county or District 22. 1 to 5 p.m., Jazz Jam with Greg Meyer. Bring on a jazz groove and join in this community jam session. 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., Fast Eddie & The Slow Pokes, serving up a menu to get the joint jumping.



PHOTO BY REBECCA HOLOBER

Ginny on ukulele and John on fiddle make music at New Deal Cafe's Music Makers, held every Friday from 2:30 to 4 p.m.



## MARYLAND VETERANS CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL

**Saturday, April 21, 2018**

at  
The Bowie Center for the Performing Arts  
15200 Annapolis Rd (MD Rte 450)  
Bowie, MD 20715

Art show opening at 12:00 pm  
Stage Show at 2:00 pm

Donation for tickets: \$10.00  
(Free to: active duty military & families, ROTC/JROTC, ALA/SAL Jrs. & Senior facilities residents)

Sponsors: American Legion Auxiliary  
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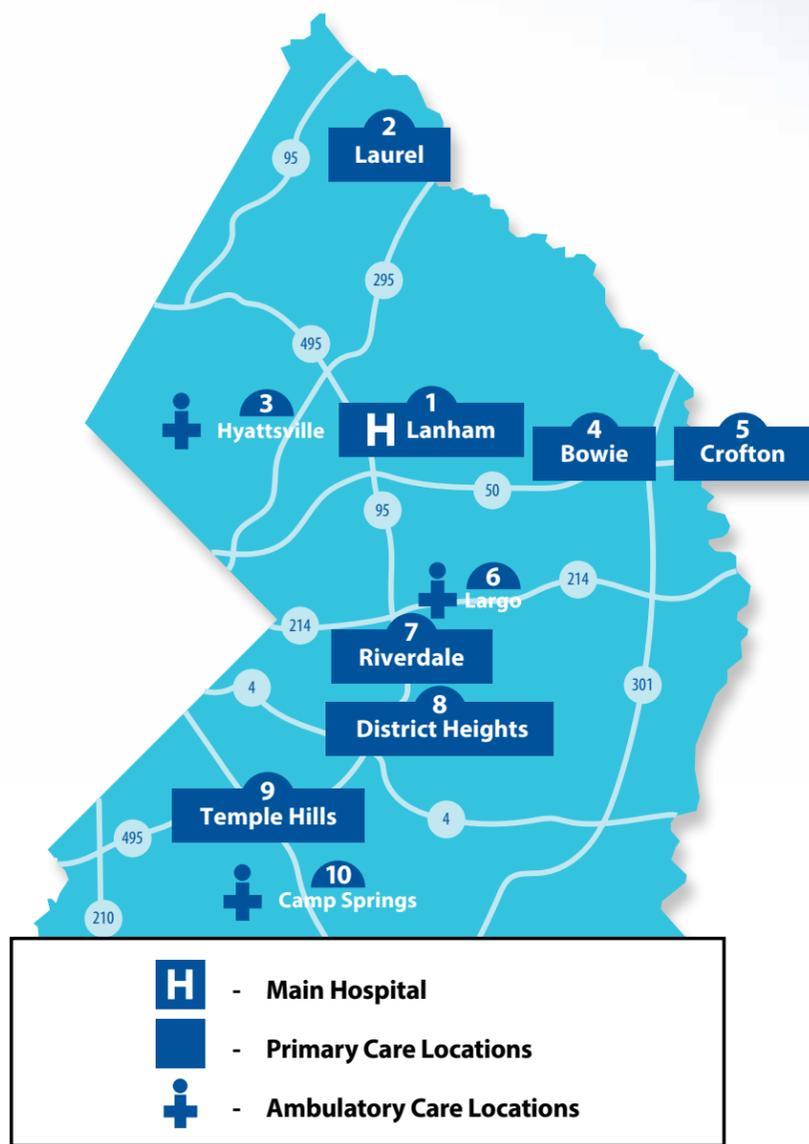
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# Fun at the Maker Faire



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MakerSpace workers open a bin of Legos for small attendees at the Maker Faire. The Faire happened on April 14 in Roosevelt Center.



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Woodworking demonstrations attract attention at the MakerFaire.



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Faire attendees discover the power of fruit, specifically the electrical power of oranges.



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Attendees are enthralled by the various demonstrations at the Faire.

## City Notes, April 12-18

Camp registration continues. Most camps are half full, except Camp Encore which is full with a waiting list.

The Springhill Lake Recreation Center hosted a city council worksession.

The Aquatic & Fitness Center hosted a Water Aerobics Instructor certification course and welcomed five Warm Nights Families guests for a complimentary shower.

These groups enjoyed Community Center free space: Greenbelt Concert Band; Golden Age Club; Be Happy Be Healthy Yoga and Volleyball; The Gemz, Inc.; Greenbelt Pottery; Prince George's County Peace & Justice Coalition; Girl Scout Troops #2799 and #23007; Greenbrook Village HOA; Charlestowne Village; Greenbelt Labor Day Committee; Greenbelt Youth Baseball; Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership; Greenbelt Computer Club; Friends of the Greenbelt Museum; Arts Advisory Board; GAIL; Advisory Planning Board and Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee.

Therapeutic Recreation provided a Globetrotting trip to Columbia Mall for 10 seniors.

Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability crews collected 26.68 tons of refuse and 11.90 tons of recy-

cles, and assisted with shooting a video of wildlife and plants around Greenbelt Lake for city educational videos.

Animal Control staff impounded a loose dog, investigated a cruelty complaint and picked up a confined cat. Two baby kittens were left at the shelter, and one cat and one dog were adopted.

Planning and Community Development staff attended training on flood disasters presented by the Federal Emergency Management Agency at Kent Island Fire Department.

### Bike to Work Day

Registration for Bike to Work Day (BTWD) 2018 is now open. This year's event on Friday, May 18, featuring 100 pit stops throughout the region with raffles, giveaways, food and beverages. The first 20,000 people who register and attend will receive a free BTWD T-shirt.

Greenbelt will participate with a pit stop in front of the Aquatic & Fitness Center from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m.

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## 2019 Budget

# City Manager Ard Proposes Increase for Fire Department

by James Giese

City Manager Nicole Ard's Fiscal Year 2019 budget proposes a contribution of \$120,000 toward the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc.'s (GVFD&RS) equipment replacement, a 36 percent increase over the \$88,000 contribution approved this year, the first budget increase since Fiscal Year 2009. These annual contributions are put in the city's Replacement Fund to accumulate until there are enough monies to pay for a new piece of apparatus. Ard said the current Replacement Fund balance for the fire department is \$434,000.

The Greenbelt City Council reviewed this budget at its April 11 worksession. Representing GVFD&RS at the meeting was President John Wynkoop and Assistant Chief Greg Gigliotti.

Scheduled for replacement is an ambulance that has been put out of service by the county. The cost for this is \$283,881 with \$153,000 coming from the city's Replacement Fund, Ard said. Gigliotti said the purchase will be made based upon a Prince George's County bid award for ambulances and will be in accordance with county specifications.

Although the city budget includes this annual contribution, GVFD&RS is not a city operation, but an independent volunteer company subject to regulation and support from the county fire service. The city owns the firehouse on Crescent Road which was built in the late 1950s and leases it to the department. The station is staffed by paid county firefighters, mostly during daytime, and is supplemented by volunteers. The county also provides funding for station management. Other expenses are covered by the annual fund drive, hall rentals and fundraisers, plus fees collected by the county from insurance companies for ambulance service, according to budget information provided by Gigliotti. Roof repairs are needed and the department's budget includes \$36,000 for that work.

Using its own funds, the GVFD&RS owns most of the equipment at the fire house, although in many other stations the

trucks are bought and paid for by the county. The council many years ago agreed to contribute towards equipment purchases and the city budget includes an annual amount for this purpose.

Regularly, the fire service receives the top score from those who complete the city's biennial rating of services at the time of city elections (4.42 out of 5 in 2017).

### Emergency Calls

In response to fire calls, the county fire dispatchers send out units from three companies. Thus, Greenbelt responds to fire emergencies outside the city and units from neighboring departments respond to Greenbelt. In Greenbelt East and West, outside departments can arrive ahead of Greenbelt.

Ambulance service is also an important part of the operation and volunteers are trained as emergency response technicians (EMTs). The fees from insurance companies are split 50-50 if county firemen make an ambulance run using a GVFD&RS ambulance, but for runs made by volunteers, GVFD&RS receives the entire fee, according to Gigliotti.

Presently, there is one county and one GVFD&RS ambulance at the station, Gigliotti said. When the new ambulance is acquired, the county will remove its own, thereby significantly increasing the ambulance service fees GVFD&RS will get. Gigliotti also said that most ambulance runs by the department were outside the city.

### Other Departments

For a number of years, the city has contributed \$5,000 each to the West Lanham Hills and Berwyn Heights departments because they can be first-run responders in the city. Councilmember Judith Davis asked if West Lanham Hills was still serving the community. Wynkoop responded that the volunteers at the station seldom did respond and were out of service most of the time.

Davis then asked if the Branchville department responded to city calls. Wynkoop said county dispatchers now utilize

GPS which pinpoints where each fire unit is and will dispatch those closest to the emergency. Davis suggested that perhaps the contribution for West Lanham Hills should go to Branchville. Wynkoop reluctantly agreed, saying he would rather the money went to Greenbelt.

Gigliotti noted that Greenbelt is a 24/7 department, while the other two are not. He also noted that Greenbelt is the hub, while Berwyn Heights and Branchville assist.

Councilmember Colin Byrd asked about the department's involvement in the suspected bomb found at the Municipal Building recently. Gigliotti said the county has regulations for that and utilizes a special 24-hour on-duty SWAT team specially trained at Quantico and elsewhere.

Problems with getting a newly-installed HVAC system functioning properly caused Councilmember Silke Pope to question if the city had a role in dealing with the matter, since it owns the building. Councilmember Ed Putens asked about what the lease agreement with the city provides on building maintenance. Gigliotti said that was being researched but the department was working vigorously to get the problem corrected. Councilmembers suggested another worksession to deal with this issue.

### Angelou Book Talk At Greenbelt Library

In honor of Women's History Month, three book discussions of *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou are being held at the Greenbelt Library. The second of these discussions will occur on Saturday, April 21 at the Greenbelt Library Small Meeting Room from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The book discussion is sponsored by Afi Gaston, Domestic Violence Wears Many Tags, and CJones Enterprises.



## 2019 Budget

# CERT and CART Request Increase in 2019 Funds

by James Giese

Representatives of CERT/CART (Community Emergency/Animal Response Team) attended the April 11 Greenbelt City Council worksession on the Public Safety section of the Fiscal Year 2019 city budget to support the inclusion of \$1,500 in the Police Department budget to support the organizations' activities and to request an additional \$1,000. All the money requested for this year would go to support CART. Of the amount budgeted, \$1,000 would go toward the purchase of an American Kennel Club (AKC) trailer and the rest for T-shirts and supplies. The extra \$1,000 would go to providing logos on both sides of the new trailer.

According to budget information provided to council, CERT has 23 members and participated as a team in seven city events and eight regional ones. The team was deployed by Prince George's County to Suitland recently when a severe windstorm blew a wall off one apartment building and damaged the roofs of others, forcing the evacuation of the apartment complex. The team volunteered for three days assisting county police, the Red Cross and apartment management.

In Greenbelt, CERT participated in an Independence Day celebration by providing a first aid and cooling station and at the Labor Day Festival, where it had a public safety booth and participated in Information Day. The team also participated in National Night Out and the Greenbelt Pet Expo. Elsewhere, it participated in training exercises and conferences. Members also undertook specialized training courses related to emergency management. The team is planning to hold a full-scale search and rescue exercise later this year or in the next, working with other CERTs.

### CART

CART has 19 members and participated in nine city events

and six regional, according to the budget presentation materials it provided council. Included was a dog splash party at Mowatt Methodist Church and a Blessing of the Animals held jointly by Mowatt and Greenbelt Community Church. The group also participated in training exercises and plans to attend more upcoming events.

CART is seeking to purchase an AKC trailer costing \$22,000. The AKC Reunite Fund will provide a \$10,000 donation towards this purchase. Based on donations received and pending, CART is still short of the \$12,000 it needs to raise by \$3,340.

The trailer will come with logos of supporting businesses on one side, but to do both sides it needs to raise another \$1,000. Council agreed to add this request to its budget wish list from which the council will make additions to the budget should any extra funds become available between now and budget adoption. Councilmember Rodney Roberts thought the cost for logos too high, while Councilmember Judith Davis advocated doing more fundraising so that supporting businesses got recognition on both sides.

### New Deal Art Show Seeks Participants

Calling all artists! The New Deal Café is hosting a May/June group show to accompany the Green Man Festival. The theme of the show is Soil. The deadline for submission is April 30. Send all submissions to [newdealcafart@gmail.com](mailto:newdealcafart@gmail.com).

The art show program at the café is sponsored by the Friends of the New Deal Café Arts with support from the City of Greenbelt.



## Greenbelt Labor Day Festival

### Wanted – Sponsors for the 2018 Greenbelt Labor Day Festival



If you would like to sponsor the 64th Annual Greenbelt Labor Day Festival, visit our website at <https://greenbeltlaborday.com/sponsors/>. No amount is too small and all donations are greatly appreciated. We are a 501©3 organization, your contribution is deductible. The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival is an all-volunteer organization, every single contribution helps us continue this yearly Greenbelt tradition. Thank you .

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# Police Blotter

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

**Update**

April 10, 11:11 a.m. A 27-year-old resident man was arrested in reference to an assault reported on February 23 near Greenbelt Road and Walker Drive. The suspect was charged with first degree assault, use of a firearm in the commission of a felony and transporting a handgun. He was transported to the Department of Corrections in Upper Marlboro pending further charges. A subsequent search warrant resulted in seizure of three handguns.

**Trespass**

April 5, 5:22 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A 24-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespass after he returned to the grounds of Beltway Plaza after having been banned from the mall by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

April 7, 5:54 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A 28-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespass and a 22-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance by officers who responded to a report of a trespasser at Beltway Plaza. Both were transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

**Burglary**

April 8, 1:42 a.m., 100 block Centerway. Officers responded to a report that a burglar alarm had been activated at Centerway Mini Mart. The persons responsible fled prior to their arrival. Surveillance cameras revealed three men dressed in dark clothes had attempted to enter the business by shattering one of the front doors. Entry was not gained.

April 9, 1:48 a.m., 6200 block Greenbelt Road. Officers responded to a report of a burglary in progress at Popeye's Louisiana Chicken. The persons involved fled before officers arrived. Surveillance cameras revealed they

entered the restaurant after breaking out a glass door. A safe was taken.

April 10, 4:30 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. Nothing appeared to have been taken after a residence was entered after breaking out a bedroom window.

**Vandalism**

April 9, 2:13 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court. Graffiti was sprayed on a wall.

April 10, 6:30 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. A brick was thrown through the kitchen window of a residence.

**Vehicle Crime**

April 9, 19 Court Parkway. A 48-year-old resident woman was arrested and charged with malicious destruction after she allegedly scratched the paint on a vehicle after a verbal altercation. She was released on citation pending trial.

April 10, 9100 block Springhill Court. One vehicle was stolen, a gray 2007 Audi Q7 SUV with Md. tags 9DE0150.

Three vehicles were rummaged through when entry was gained on April 5 after breaking out windows, one in the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace and two in the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. Nothing appeared to have been taken from these vehicles.

Four tires and rims were taken from one vehicle on April 5 in the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace and the same items stolen on April 11 from a vehicle in the 7800 block Walker Drive.

Prescription glasses and a purse were taken from a vehicle after breaking out the passenger side window on April 10 in the 7200 block Hanover Parkway.

**Suspect Arrested In Metro Shooting**

Metro Transit Police announced that an 18-year-old man has been arrested in connection with a shooting outside Greenbelt Metro station. The shooter has been charged with attempted murder. The victim, who was shot around 5 p.m. on Friday afternoon, is currently in stable condition after being shot with four bullets, receiving injuries to his leg and lower back. Metro Transit Police said that an argument preceded the shooting and that they do not believe the shooting was random. Metro police said that closed-circuit cameras captured images of the suspect and the other man in a verbal altercation before the shooting along a sidewalk that connects the parking lot to the rail station.

## Baseball Opening Day Parade



Greenbelt Baseball players walk through rain on the Opening Day Parade April 15 as they head to the field for their first game.

- Photos by Amy Hansen



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.  
 Call 1-866-411-TIPS.  
 People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 240-542-2145.

**Free Outdoor Concert Features Erin Johnson**

The College Park Arts Exchange presents a free outdoor performance by Erin Johnson on Monday, April 23 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Northgate Park, 8120 Baltimore Avenue, College Park.

A recent college graduate and resident of College Park, Johnson has been performing since she was 15, singing and playing acoustic guitar. She plays mostly covers but has recently been working on original music.

**Mishkan Torah Sisterhood's Annual Vintage and Costume Jewelry Sale**

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**Hospice Offers Grief Program**

Community Hospices will be offering a gathering for informative, supportive and inspirational discussions on varied grief/loss topics on the final Tuesday of each month. The topic for April 24 is Loss of a Parent and will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Room 103 of the Community Center. For more information, contact Margaret Capurso at 301-560-6002 or [mcapurso@communityhospices.org](mailto:mcapurso@communityhospices.org).

[www.greenbeltnewsreview.com](http://www.greenbeltnewsreview.com)

**NOTICE OF New Deal Café ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

The New Deal Café will hold its annual membership meeting at the Café on Sunday, April 29 2018 at 1:00pm.

Sign-in and payment of annual dues begins at 12:30pm.

Reports will be presented. Elections will be held for 3 positions on the Board of Directors and 3 positions on the Audit Committee.

Please come and enjoy your co-op, discuss whatever ideas you might have, and participate in our mutual establishment. Members can view the complete agenda on our website: [www.newdealcafe.com](http://www.newdealcafe.com).

New Deal Café -- 113 Centerway, Roosevelt Center

*My Perspective*

## Historical Society Library Well-Liked and Well-Used

by Susan Pearl



PHOTO BY ERIC ZHANG

Tom Simon, library volunteer, and Susan Pearl, historian, look at books at the Prince George's County Historical Society Library.

Lots of interesting people come into our library, the Prince George's County Historical Society Library, often with interesting and unexpected questions. A visitor on a Saturday this past fall, walked in with a new and different question: "Am I in Greenbelt?"

This man was from Boston, driving to Washington, D.C. When he saw the sign directing him to Greenbelt, he followed it – he said that he stopped here because he had driven through Greenbelt about 40 years ago, remembered a few interesting things about it and wanted another look. Our staff couldn't resist, of course, and told him several things that he could look for in a short visit and sent him off with directions. He came back after about an hour, delighted with his visit to the Art Deco school (now Community Center) and the 1930s Roosevelt Center, where he had found afternoon sustenance. Before continuing on his journey, he sat down for a while to look through several publications on Greenbelt history, and we hope that he stops in again.

We had a call from the Sojourner Truth Room at the Oxon Hill Library, wanting to learn more about what we have in African American history in the county – communities, schools or churches. I invited them to visit, which they did later in the fall. Three librarians came and looked through our collections, taking careful notes on the items that they do not have, with plans to acquire them. They expressed an interest in partnering with us on some lectures, and they are especially anxious to sponsor a lecture by Omar Price after his dissertation on Freedmen's Bureau Schools is complete (see "THEN & NOW, Vol. XLVI, No. 3, July-September 2017). I assured them that we would like to participate in this project.

On a gorgeous day at the end of October, I accompanied M-NCPPC naturalist Chris Garrett on his Champion Tree Tour. Three vans full of old-tree lovers visited county and state champion trees at Dr. Beanes' cemetery, Kingston, His Lordship's Kindness (Poplar Hill), Mount Calvert and several places in the Nottingham area. My job was to relate historical facts and stories about the places that we went. By far the most gorgeous were the immense Cucumber Magnolia at

Kingston and the glorious American Magnolia at Nottingham.

I continue helping researchers from the Georgetown Memory Project, trying to trace the families of enslaved individuals who were sold by Georgetown University in 1838, especially those from Whitmarsh in Prince George's County. We now have established a connection with several families who were the first to settle the town of North Brentwood in the 1890s.

We've been contacted by a member of the Hoban family from Ireland, doing research on James Hoban (architect of the White House) and looking for possible connections in Prince George's County. I've sent the researcher information about Hoban's work at Compton Bassett, and things are getting very interesting.

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### Upcoming Events At Greenbelt Park

Saturday, April 21 is Junior Ranger Day. Come to the Ranger Station for a new Greenbelt Park Junior Ranger booklet and earn a Junior Ranger badge and the new Junior Ranger Patch.

Saturday, April 21: Animals of Greenbelt. Join a Park Ranger to learn about park wildlife, their characteristics and why they call this special place home. Appropriate for ages 5 to 12. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area at 10 a.m.

Saturday, April 21: Movie Night: Frozen. Celebrate the beginning of National Park Week and enjoy a free movie under the stars. Program begins at 7 p.m.; movie at 7:30. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area. A food truck will be available for food and drink.



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in the Center with round tables.

The meal program is one of the affordable meal options available to seniors (ages 60 and above) in Greenbelt. Requiring only a reservation at least two days in advance and a requested meal donation of \$3 for each lunch, seniors are guaranteed a hot meal. The other program, Meals on Wheels of College Park (MOW), provides three home-delivered meals Monday through Friday to seniors for \$5 daily.

According to Sutfin, the meals provided through the Community Center's lunch program are nutritional and diabetes-friendly. "It's consistently a well-balanced meal," Martin said. A Greenbelt resident of over 40 years, she has been coming to the senior lunches since the 1990s.

Rita Booe has been one of the two regular program servers for over 14 years; the other, Bhameny Fishbeck, has served lunches there for 10 years. Though numbers vary each day and each week, Booe estimated 14 to 16 seniors attend each lunch, with Wednesday normally being the busiest.

Sutfin indicated the benefit of the option for seniors to choose specific days they will come for the lunches, saying, "If they are coming in for a class one or two days a week, they can request for those days and not the whole week."

The program is run through the recreation department's office for senior services. Feedback from the seniors is taken into account at meetings of the advisory committee, which brings together representatives from nearby counties to discuss what the seniors do and do not like. A Meals on Wheels catering service through Prince George's County that provides the meals is "very responsive to feedback we have," according to Booe.

Volunteers for MOW make the meals at the organization's center at the United Methodist Church on Rhode Island Avenue in College Park, and then more volunteers deliver the meals. In the Greenbelt area, about 25 to 27 clients receive these deliveries daily. While most clients are in Greenbelt and College Park, the organization also delivers to seniors' homes in Hyattsville, Adelphi, Riverdale and Beltsville.

Volunteers check in on the clients when delivering meals. Seniors battling dementia get reminded to take their medications, since many prescriptions have to be taken with meals. The wellness check provides a safety net system for the family and friends of the seniors who cannot be with their loved ones all the time. MOW volunteers know to contact them if something is wrong or just to update the senior's status.

"It also allows the opportunity to personalize the experience so they don't have to go to the Community Center or elsewhere to get food," said Kathy Selzer, the organization's chair. For a client's birthday, Selzer is happy to go off the preset menu to make the day special. Holidays like Christmas, Thanksgiving, New Year's and Easter call for traditional meals and goodie bags.

About 20 volunteers work daily to make the food and deliver the meals. "It's a great way for people to get out of the house and do something meaningful after they retire," Selzer said about



PHOTO BY CAROLINE HANKS

Greenbelt residents eat a well-balanced lunch while socializing at the Community Center as part of the Senior Nutrition Program.

MOW being run by volunteers. Selzer is a member of the church who started helping with MOW 17 years ago.

Both organizations run on the county school inclement weather schedule: meals are not delivered if the schools are closed. MOW clients are given emergency kits that will sustain them for two days in case deliveries will not be made for consecutive days. The nutrition program for seniors through the Community Center also occasionally offers shelf-safe meals that seniors can take home ahead of time in case of closures.

Having both the Community Center's Senior Nutrition Program and College Park MOW allows

seniors their choice in meal services, one to encourage activity outside the house and the other to accommodate if moving around is too difficult. The affordability of both options eases any financial burden meal expenses may have on these seniors. Others are comforted by the socialization in meeting up for lunch with friends from the community.

The menu for the Senior Nutrition Program is included in the News Review's Community Events each week.

*Caroline Hanks is a University of Maryland journalism student and the Dorothy Sucher intern for the News Review.*

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local waterways and the Chesapeake Bay. Many of the materials collected were floatables, such as plastic bottles which can easily be transported with stormwater runoff into storm drains, lakes, rivers and finally the Chesapeake Bay.

The City of Greenbelt, including the Department of Public

Works, has many ways to volunteer to give back to the community and improve the local environment. Check the calendar on the City of Greenbelt website for future volunteer opportunities.

*Maryam El-Amin is a Chesapeake Conservation Corps member working with the City of Greenbelt.*



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## Coming Events at the Library

Prince George's County Memorial Library System celebrates the entire month of April as I Love My Library Month.

Monthly Storytime Monday, April 23: Books at Bedtime, presented by the Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program, 6:30 p.m., for ages newborn to 3, limit 20 people. Families are encouraged to come start their bedtime routines with us. This is an opportunity for children under 3 with special needs, along with their family and friends, to participate in storytime, music and motor activities. Stop by the Information Desk to pick up free tickets on the day of the event.

STEM-tastic: Crazy 8's Math Season 2 (Grades 3 to 5), Tuesday, April 24: 5:30 p.m., for grades 3 to 5, limit 15 children. Get your kids fired up about math with our Crazy 8s after-school math club! Each week participants may build stuff, make music, play games – all while bonding with new friends over math.

Note: Advance registration will open one week prior to each session. This 8-week program will be conducted on Tuesday afternoons through May 8. Contact the branch information staff for details either in person or by calling 301-345-5800.

English Conversation Club, Tuesday, April 24: 6 p.m. Learning to speak English? Join this club and practice speaking English in a friendly atmosphere with people from diverse backgrounds. The club will meet weekly on Tuesday evenings.

Kids Achieve Club Tuesday, April 24: 6 p.m. Homework help and reading practice for students in grades K through 6. This club meets weekly on Tuesday evenings, concurrent with the English Conversation Club.

### Storytimes

Tuesday, April 24: Ready 2 Read Storytime: ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 20 people.

Wednesday, April 25: Ready 2 Read Storytime: ages 3 to 5, 10:15 a.m., limit 20 people; Ready 2 Read Storytime: ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 20 people.

Thursday, April 26: Ready 2 Read Storytime: ages newborn to 2, 10:15 & 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s) or caregiver(s); Ready 2 Read Storytime: ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m., limit 20 people.

Encourage children to make reading a positive experience by bringing them to the library's storytimes. Each program contains

a mixture of engaging activities and age-appropriate stories that support early literacy. Stop by the Information Desk immediately prior to each session to pick up free tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis.

### Lecture

Tuesday, April 24, 7 p.m. Capital Defenders: African Americans, the Civil War, & the Rebel Attack on the Nation's Capital will be the next session in the African History & Culture Lecture Series arranged by historian C.R. Gibbs. The last session of this season will be presented on Tuesday May 1.

STEM-tastic: Reading Makes Cents Wednesday, April 25, 4 p.m. ages 5 to 12 (Elementary), limit 20 children. Learn about basic money management concepts and practice money skills through a series on the history of money, saving money, and borrowing and lending money. Registration required. This program will meet weekly on Wednesday afternoon through May 30.

STEM-tastic Wednesday, April 25, 4 p.m., ages 5 to 12. Come explore science, engineering, technology and math concepts through a variety of fun activities.

### French Conversation Club

Thursday, April 26, 5 p.m. Learning to speak French? Join this club and practice speaking French in a friendly atmosphere.

## Earth Day, April 22 At Montpelier

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## Owl Prowl

On Saturday, April 21 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. the Patuxent Refuge North Tract will have a program on owls. Look and listen for the owls of the refuge on an evening walk at the North Tract. This program is for all ages.

Public programs at the Patuxent Research Refuge are free although advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887.

# GAIL and Police Collaborate On Missing Persons Program

by Matthew Arbach

On January 2, Daniel DeHaven, a 65-year-old man from Beltsville with dementia, wandered off from the department store parking lot where he and his wife went to shop. His body was found a week later in Anne Arundel County. There is speculation that he may have been picked up and driven there. DeHaven was nonverbal and would have been unable to communicate with the driver. His death was most likely due to exposure to the severely cold temperatures.

This deeply unfortunate incident helped galvanize a joint initiative of the Greenbelt Police Department and Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL), called the Critically Missing Person Project. Its mandate is to create a detailed database, including photos, of local residents who suffer from a variety of cognitive impairments, including autism, dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

The impetus for the program is deeply personal. City spokeswoman Beverly Palau is a longtime friend of DeHaven's wife and was highly involved in the search for him. While Greenbelt police were very helpful and informed, other local police departments were not as effective, and the available databases concerning the homeless and missing persons were largely outdated.

The many roadblocks, said Palau, came to the notice of her colleague Christal Batey, resource advocate for GAIL. Batey made contact with the Greenbelt police, and together they developed the program. Batey also created an information form, available in hard copy and online, that is now used to log in data for the program. The online form can be accessed at [greenbeltmd.gov/alerts](http://greenbeltmd.gov/alerts) with a click on Critically Missing Person Project.

A significant blockade, said Palau, was the limitation of the existing Silver Alert system, which deals with missing seniors. In addition, it refers only to seniors missing while driving, not those on foot, as in the case of DeHaven. However, during this year, the alert system was redesigned to include people on foot.

Six out of 10 individuals suffering from any type of dementia



Christal Batey

PHOTO BY CHRISTAL BATEY

have a high likelihood of wandering. Since they also often have difficulty communicating clearly, creating a database of personal information will help authorities move quickly and effectively in their search. George Mathews, program developer and Greenbelt police information liaison said "speed is of the essence," to prevent a dire conclusion. For more information on how to anticipate and deal with a cognitively-impaired loved one, refer to [alz.org/care/alzheimers-dementia-wandering.asp](http://alz.org/care/alzheimers-dementia-wandering.asp).

According to Batey, the program is functional. Greenbelt residents are highly encouraged to supply information on loved ones and dependents who have any intellectual impairments. Photos are very important, as well as detailed personal information and pertinent past history, including a listing of favorite and familiar spots that one might gravitate to – places of comfort, as Mathews called them. Authorities can then immediately investigate these places.

When one of these individuals goes missing, a Greenbelt Alert goes out. Caretakers are immediately notified by phone, text and email of the ongoing details of the search to better coordinate with authorities. The Greenbelt communications and IT departments have been instrumental in improvements to the alert system as well as collecting data.

Batey emphasized that, while individuals may differ cognitively, they may in all other ways be physically fit and capable of quickly covering a significant

distance. In the last six months, three or four people in Greenbelt have wandered off. Thankfully, all were found alive and well. Batey advised people to take current photos of high-risk loved ones to have a detailed image of their facial features and stature.

This new program aims to be an upgrade, said Mathews, that will make an investigation operate quicker and more efficiently than before. Palau sees it as another tool that provides current information for those at high risk. Batey hopes the program will make Greenbelt residents proactive versus reactive and help to empower first responders. When moments can make the difference between life and death, the speedier the effort, the better.

## Caregiver Skills Training in May

Registration is now open for family and friend caregiver skills training to be offered in the Multipurpose Room of the Community Center on Monday, May 21. Two sessions will be offered, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m. Space is limited to 20 participants per session.

Dementia Friendly Prince George's County-North County has partnered with United Medical Care to offer a free training program for family members who currently take care of elderly or disabled family members, neighbors or friends.

The training will be led by a registered nurse and will consist of training in proper techniques for bathing assistance, dressing/undressing assistance, ambulation/transferring assistance and checking vitals. The attendees will then apply their new skills under the supervision of the instructor.

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A red-bellied woodpecker pokes her head out of the lower level of a duplex at the Lake. Rumor has it that a family of downy woodpeckers occupies the upper level. Does this high-density housing violate Greenbelt zoning regulations?



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The Easter Bunny makes a late arrival at Greenbelt Lake.

# Book Talk Thursday



PHOTO BY SHEILA MAFFAY-TUTHILL

Local artist Lucy Dirksen holds a copy of the book she illustrated, *Patches and the Baby Bunny*, an Eleanor Roosevelt Story. Dirksen and author Cathy Knepper will give a talk at the Greenbelt Community Center at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 19.



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# Event to Honor Williamson, Kick Off Archive Project

by Sandra A. Lange

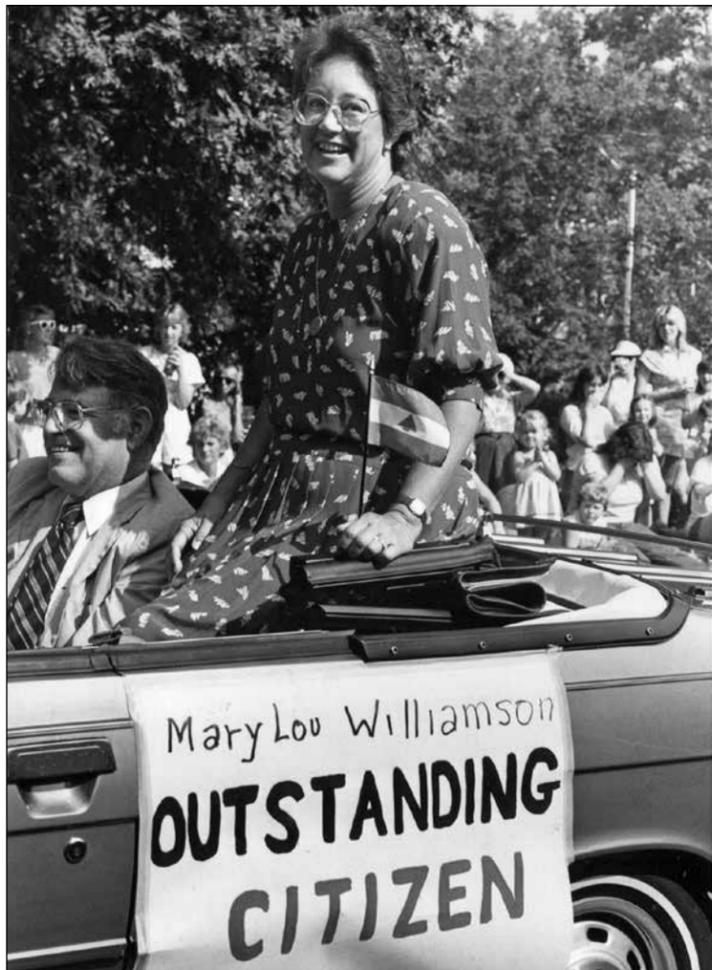


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Mary Lou Williamson, as Greenbelt's 1985 Outstanding Citizen, rides in the Labor Day Festival Parade. Her late husband Jim is by her side.

The unflappable former News Review Editor Mary Lou Williamson will be honored at a luncheon on Sunday, May 6 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Greenbelt Marriott. After a 50-year career at the helm of the community's nonprofit newspaper, Williamson has been succeeded as editor by Greenbelt resident Gary Childs. Besides honoring Williamson, the luncheon will be a springboard for the Greenbelt Archive Project, a nonprofit established to raise funds for the purchase of equipment and support staff to digitize old issues of the paper.

Williamson was a cub reporter in 1962 when she first began her sojourn on the News Review staff. For nearly 50 years she oversaw many changes, including moving from the basement office at 15 Parkway to the above-ground office in the Community Center. She has played a pivotal role in keeping the paper running smoothly week after week, as well as raising a family of three children and a grandniece. She guided the paper through transitions to new technologies such as going from hot lead type to computer-generated newsprint. After years of being told the News Review was a very gray paper with few photos, some of them fuzzy, she was a little taken

aback by seeing color photos on nearly every page. "I don't want the News Review to look like a comic book," she commented wryly. Behind her calm demeanor is a person who has an unerring sense of what is right for the newspaper and for the community.

Though the News Review will host the May 6 luncheon and Silent Auction to honor Williamson, the event will be the vehicle by which the Greenbelt Archive Project seeks to raise funds to purchase the digitizing equipment to help preserve the paper – and the work of its editor emerita – for future generations. Tickets for the luncheon can be purchased online at <https://greenbeltarchive.org/> or at the News Review office in the Community Center on Tuesday afternoons between 2 and 4 p.m. (bring a credit card). Items available for purchase at the Silent Auction will be viewable online starting April 28 as well as at the luncheon.



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Kids take to the field with Greenbelt Recreation Department Youth Soccer on April 14.



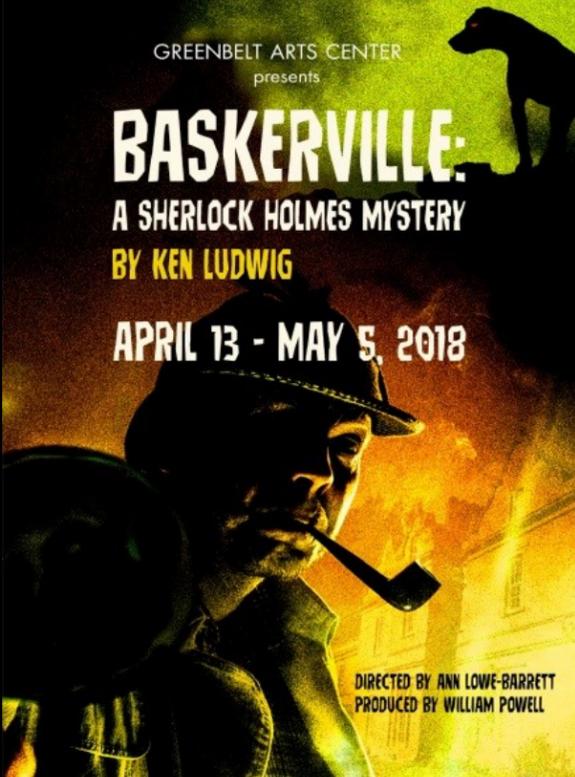
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