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

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**ATM at Co-op**

I am writing on behalf of the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket & Pharmacy in response to Francis McHugh’s letter in the March 16 Greenbelt News Review titled, ATM Co-op Gone. The Co-op was bought by Bank of America that they were removing the ATM machine months before the burglary at the Roosevelt Center MiniMart, so the two events are completely unrelated. Bank of America, the owner of the machine, cited low usage of that ATM and its inability to justify the maintenance costs. The Co-op did not own the ATM, but leased the space to Bank of America to provide the service.

Co-op staff recognizes the importance of an ATM in the store and has reached out to several banks and credit unions to secure another machine. We hope to have a new ATM installed soon.

Goa Gare! Marketing & Outreach Co-ordinator, Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket & Pharmacy

**Senior Mobility Survey**

Residents who are 50 years and older are invited to share their insights about transportation for Greenbelt seniors by completing the Greenbelt Senior Mobility Survey. This online survey is part of a study that will help seniors and residents with disabilities live longer in their homes by removing barriers to mobility and improving transportation options.

The Greenbelt Senior Mobility Survey is available online by following this link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GreenbeltSeniorSurvey. It will be available in paper, for people who cannot or choose not to use a computer to complete the survey, at the Community Center, on the Connection Bus, and at the GAIL office. Complete this survey by March 31.

Paper surveys can be returned to the GAIL office, addressed to: SURVEY, Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

Direct questions to Christal Baty at 240-542-2012 or cbaty@greenbeltmd.gov.

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Pre-registration is required. To register call Katherine Farley-Guptill: 240-542-2033 or email klقرار@greenbeltmd.gov.

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**Storytime on Screen**

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**Mon. 6:15 PM**

- Jim Link
Toastmasters Meet
The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, March 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the So-
ciety of Fellowship and Robert F. L. Parke Room at the Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads. The group offers profes-
sional and enthusiastic 21st century leaders to share their personal stories and unique experiences. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Greenbelt Toastmasters Club at 301-695-3636.

GES Spring Fair
Greenbelt Elementary School’s PTA will be hosting this year’s Spring Fair at the school on Saturday, April 1, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the whole family for a fun and free day of carnival games, bucket truck rides, craft activities and the second annual Greenbelt’s Got Talent show. Concessions and Scholastic books will be available for purchase. All proceeds benefit classroom proj-
ects and programs.

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Free Astronomical Lecture March 30
Dr. Claire Parkinson will be the featured speaker at the March meeting of the Astro-
nomical Society of Greenbelt on Wednesday, March 29 at 7:30 p.m. Her topic will be Measuring Sea Ice from Space. She may also spend some time discussing cli-
mate change. Parkinson is a noted author on climate change and measurement of sea ice. After gradu-
ating from Wellesley College with a degree in mathematics, she earned a master’s degree and doctorate in geography and clima-
tology from The Ohio State Uni-
versity. She has been employed as a research scientist at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center since 1978. Her research focus has been on sea ice. She is the author of many scientific papers and several books. The recipient of many honors, Parkinson was recently elected to the National Academy of Sciences. She is also a Fellow of the American Geophysical Union.

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

Utopia Film Festival Presents Sunday, March 26, Wed., March 29, & Fri., March 31 Beginning at 8 PM
“Living On Your Feet (2010),” “Souls of Mis-
chief (2011),” and “After the Factory (2012)” On Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATE) Comcast 77 & Verizon Fios 19 Channels For information & reservations, call 301-441-8770 or email info@greenbeltartscenter.org

GATE’s Media Center is proud to present the Utopia Film Festival. This film festival showcases a diverse range of films from around the world, celebrating creativity and artistic expression. With a focus on independent and alternative cinema, the Utopia Film Festival offers a unique and engaging cinematic experience. Watch in the comfort of your home and enjoy a special screening.

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COMING SOON:
– Apr 7 - Film Festival – Apr 7 – Fri. May 15 – Directed by Gonzalez She Speaks – June 2 – Fri. She Speaks From the Margins – Apr 7 – Fri. May 15 – Directed by Gonzalez

“Living On Your Feet” is a documentary film that explores the daily lives of seniors and the challenges they face as they age. The film features personal stories and interviews, offering insights into the experiences of older adults. This film is a powerful reminder of the importance of supporting and sustaining older adults in our communities.

“Souls of Mischief” is a powerful narrative that highlights the experiences of the San Francisco Giants during their successful 2010 World Series. Featuring on-field interviews and behind-the-scenes footage, this film provides an intimate look at the team’s journey to victory.

“After the Factory” is a poignant documentary that delves into the life stories of five former factory workers. The film sheds light on the experiences and struggles of these individuals as they navigate life after their factory jobs. This film is a tribute to their resilience and perseverance.

Visit gatearts.org/tickets.php to purchase tickets online or call 301-441-8770 for more information.

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Farmers Market Is Getting Ready for the New Season

by Cathie Meeetre

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

Vendor Selection

Each year market vendors must reapply for their spots and compete with new potential vendors. Choosing the final crew is a painstaking process performed by the board with the Market Master, returning veteran Nancy Solomon. Selection balances the variety of items available in the market, focuses on sustainable practices, evaluates producer-only status and takes into account previous vendor performance and reliability for those that are returning. The market always seeks a dairy vendor but they are tough to find because of the regulations surrounding dairy products. Fresh honey is another high priority item that's not so easy to procure. The final list of vendors may not remain in their traditional spots. Long-time vendors may not be able to accommodate around cook- ing trucks and propane tanks and will be subject to the Fire Marshal’s inspection.

Vendor Locations

To accommodate new fire safety regulations, the market must revise its layout this year and long-time vendors may not remain in their traditional spots. Shoppers, don’t panic – most vendors are returning but to accommodate shifts around cooking trucks and propane tanks and in- and outdoor size restrictions, they may reappear in different ar- eas. Final details are still in the works and will be subject to the Fire Marshal’s inspection.

SNAP Tokens

A trial balloon for 2017 is the market’s participation in the SNAP program. The market is acquiring the infrastructure to be able to accept SNAP cards and use a token-based system to pay vendors who serve partici- pants. It’s especially important to encourage healthy eating for those on a budget and the market plans to work with council to help incentivize recipients to shop fresh, local produce found at the market.

Power Play

A new initiative for the market this year, after complaints from market-goers last year about noise and fumes, is the elimina- tion of gasoline-powered generators and idling vehicles used to power electrical items. Thanks to the city Public-Water Works De- partment, power will be available on two of the four light poles within the mar- ket boundary – stepped down to the more usual 120 volts from the higher volt- age used by the lights. The elec- trical outlets will be a boon, but create additional layout con- straints because they can only serve one row of stalls.

Sponsors and Donors

Sponsors and donors are critical to our survival. For example, last year one of the market’s four banners that gets strung across the street developed an un-mend- able split. Although vendors pay a fee for their spaces at the mar- ket, their fees cover only basic expenses like insurance and per- mits. Extras like banners come from funds raised by the market from generous contributors.

This year’s sponsors include Proteus Bike Shop on Route 1 in College Park, owned by Greenbelt Laurie Lemies; Freedom Realty, owned by Sarah Liska (who grew up in Greenbelt); Bee Yoga Fusion; long-time resident and author Kim Kash; the New Deal Café; and founder member Kim Rush Lynch of Cultivating Health. Sponsorship includes benefits of advertising in market publications and a table at one or more markets, depending on sponsor level.

To keep track of the evolving vendor list and to sign up to dom- inate or become a new volunteer for 2017, visit the website at greenbeltfarmersmarket.org.

GIVE BLOOD GIVE LIFE

To: “YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD NURSE”
Amy D’Esposito, RN, CPC

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

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

Your home care service is invaluable to our community.

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

by Connor Roessler

Want to learn how to plant trees while making a positive impact on the community? Help plant native trees and shrubs near the playground at Buddy Attick Park in the Greenbelt Arbor Day Tree Planting Volunteer Event on Saturday, April 8 from 10 a.m. to noon. All training and tools will be provided by Greenbelt Public Works. Sign up in advance at signupgenius.com/go/409084da2da3158-city1. For more information contact Brian Townsend at 240-542-2158 or btownsend@greenbeltmd.gov.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Connor Roessler is a Chesapeake Conservation Corps member working for Public Works.
A Wider Parkway Clear Zone Improves Visibility, Vegetation

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

Studies have documented traffic safety issues on the pathway, and removing vegetation and other obstructions from the roadway was recommended in the Baltimore-Washington Parkway Traffic Safety Plan.

Men’s Choruses Give Free Concert

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

Weekly Q&A

Ali-Huda will be offering weekly question and answer sessions on Islam at the College Park Community Center during March and April, except for April 1. No reservations or fee required. For more information, call 301-982-9463 or 301-982-2402 or write to aboutislam@durusallaz.org.

Mishkan Torah Annual Stream Cleaning

All are welcome to Mishkan’s fourth annual Reverse Tashlich on Saturday, April 2, which is being held under the auspices of the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington’s Sarna & Samuel J. Lessons Good Deeds Day. The event is also being supported by the Alice Ferguson Foundation, members of the Beavardem Creek Watershed Watch Group and Mishkan Torah Congregation’s Social Action Committee.

Usually performed on Rosh Hashana (New Year), tashlich refers to the Jewish custom of throwing crumbs into a body of water to symbolically rid oneself of bad habits. A modern spinoff of the traditional custom, a reverse tashlich offers the opportunity to reverse the effects of some of our bad habits by cleaning up a local stream. This year trash will be removed around Still Creek near the Greenbelt Dog Park.

Participants should register in advance on shalomdc.org/mishkan. The event is free and open to all. We will meet at 9:45 a.m. at Mishkan To¬rah, 6905 Greenbelt Road, then caravan to the nearby site.

Please wear boots or sturdy shoes that can get muddy, long pants, a long-sleeved shirt and a hat to protect against ticks. (Participants should do a thorough tick check following the cleanup.) Bring work gloves if you have them. Trash bags and work gloves will also be available at the site.

At last year’s Reverse Tashlich, 23 volunteers collected 24 bags of trash, 14 bags of recycling, 2402 tires and about 50 pounds of bulk trash. With your help, we hope to have even more volunteers – and remove even more trash – this year.

Tea Party For a Cause

A tea party to benefit the House of Ruth will be held at the 6100 Westchester Park Drive Party Room on Sunday, May 7 at 1 p.m. There will be sandwiches, desserts, a silent auction and door prizes and a guest speaker from the House of Ruth. Help bring an end to domestic violence.

All are welcome, but seating is limited. For further information or to reserve seats, call Kathy Miller at 240-447-8284 or Sherry Tibbs at 240-375-5550 by April 17.
MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 27-31

Monday, March 27 at 7:30pm, GREENBELT CERT at Police Station, 550 Crescent Road. On the Agenda: Overview of the CERT Leadership Retreat/Goals for 2017-2018, Proposed budget request for Public Safety Work Session, Public Safety Budget Work session with City Council (Date and Time TBA), Shirt Update, Reminder about American Red Cross Fire Alarm Installation Volunteer Opportunity (4/22), Membership Categories, New Business.

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

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


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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING Municipal Building, March 27, 2017 – 8:00 p.m.

CONTRA DANCE
SATURDAY, APRIL 1
7-9:45pm, Beginner Lesson at 8:30pm
Greenbelt Community Center Gym
15 Crescent Road

$10 cash at door. $5 for ages 7-17; Free for 6 & under Come out to this fun event with Parry Shafran calling to the music of Organic Family (Jacob Ratzk (fiddle/foot percussion), Rebekah Geller (fiddle) and Michael Ratzk (guitar) and Judith Geller (French Horn))

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

Monday, Wednesday Course at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road from April 5-June 7 from 7pm-9pm Registration is on the first day of class. Must be at least 16 and have withdrawn from school. FREE to Greenbelt residents with proof of residency. Non-Residents must pay $175 for registration. All students are required to purchase GED textbook, calculator and test-taking materials from CARES for $45.

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

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FREE MOTHER AND BABY WELLNESS FAIR
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5
10AM-1PM
SPRINGHILL LAKE RECREATION CENTER
6101 CHERWOOOD LDN
The FIRST 200 Registered by March 31, will receive FREE diapers, baby wipes and books!


Call Katherine Farzin, GAIL Public Health Intern to register at 240-542-2033 or kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov

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Green Drop Charitable Donations
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Saturday, March 25, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon or until the truck is full Parking lot between City Office & Community Ctr.
Info: 301-474-8308

SENIOR MOBILITY SURVEY
Attention Greenbelt Residents 50 years or older, your input is needed by March 31!

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

Paper versions of the survey are available. Info: Christal Batey 240-542-2012 or cbatey@greenbeltmd.gov.
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- Comprehensive Rehabilitation Services – the area’s largest lymphedema program

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- Cardiology Services and Outpatient Vascular Studies
- Center for Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Medicine
- Comprehensive Orthopedic Services
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- Doctors Community Surgical Associates
- Doctors Regional Cancer Center
- Emergency Department (24/7)
- Imaging Services
- Infusion Center
- Primary Care Services (Bowie, District Heights, Greenbelt, Landover Hills, Lanham, Laurel and Riverdale)
- Sleep Center
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The College Park Meals On Wheels program delivers both hot and cold meals to area residents, most of whom cannot get out of their homes easily if at all. This local Meals On Wheels program charges clients only $5 a day for two or three meals; it is subsidized by local governments.

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

Eat a Sub for Charity

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

Jersey Mike’s “Day of Giving” is the culmination of its 7th annual March “Month of Giving” fundraising campaign for area charities. This year the focus was supporting the five charities all month long.

Representatives said “The more you order, the more we give. Jersey Mike’s is committed to ‘Giving…Make a Difference in Someone’s Life.’”

Last year, the nationwide initiative raised more than $4 million for local charities. Since 2010, Jersey Mike’s has raised more than $20 million for local charities and has distributed more than 1.5 million free sub sandwiches to help numerous causes.

For more information visit www.jerseymikes.com/mog or follow us on Facebook (facebook.com/jerseymikes) and Twitter (twitter.com/jerseymikes). Join in the conversation at #JerseyMikesGives.

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

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The Greenbelt federal credit union.

The credit union's pre-kindergarten through 8th grade students receive DARE Recognition.

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references. The plan includes provision for meeting with council, staff and the public for their ideas. The council will attempt to involve the city’s young people — currently residents of organizations but also those who are not. Resident Bill Orleans encouraged the city to ride hard on assuring the public involve- ment, commenting that it had been less than promised in the Forest Preserve survey. McNeal agreed that reaching all the appropriate stakeholders would be challenging.

FY 2018 Landscaping

The other resolution authorized the negotiation for a landscaping and cutting and landscaping services for the next fiscal year for $47, 954 with Lorenz, Inc., located in Baltimore. Richard Fink, superintendent of parks and grounds, said that in addition to its low bid, this company is notable for its commitment to natural landscap- ing and other Greenbelt prac- tices.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts objected to contracting out these services, saying the mon- ey that would be spent on hiring local young people and others who need summer jobs. Other councilmembers noted that young people are not available for the whole growing season because of school, and in addition, substantial time for their training and supervision would be a problem for the relative few staff available to do it. The reso- lution passed on a 6 to 1 vote.

Aaront Marvich, executive director of Anatocas Trails Heri- tage, also offered to help. The city is the only one that is a member municipalities within the area every year to provide an update on the trail’s progress and also encouraging continued mem- bership and the paying of dues. Since it is also a Greenbelt resi- dent, the city is usually the first stop on his circuit. His news that the meeting was taking place at the office of the ATHA to the Pyramid Atlantic Arts Center at 4310 Gessar Drive, as well as plans to welcome Glenn Dale, the City of Bowie and the Town of Cheverly into the heri- tage area.

Marvich also described the next annual event, the Parade of the Relics, which will be held on Sunday, April 8.

Arbor Day Foundation Offers Trees in March

The Arbor Day Foundation is offering for everyone to celebrate the arrival of spring by planting trees. Join the foundation in March and receive 10 white pine trees or 10 white flowering dogwood trees as a premium.

In addition, the organization will accept a subscription to Arbor Day, the foundation’s bimonthly publica- tion, and The Tree Book, which contains information about tree planting and care. To become a member of the foundation and receive the trees, see arborday.org/march.

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saying that the city’s cur- rent practice is neither the best way to do it nor the practice of its much larger neighbor, Annapolis. To Williams, while it might look to the eyes of the city’s financial records more frequently, the fairly long learning curve for a new audit firm in fact means that it is not until the third year that the firm can begin to look more deeply into the city’s policies and procedures while working more independently of city staff.

Williams described the practice of a number of local cities that award a three-year contract with options to renew and all five years. One city has had the same firm for 20 years but requires a rotat- ing field of staff and first-level supervisors every four years. Williams recommends that adopt- ing a longer contract period with extensions would be more ef- ficient and beneficial to the city.

Councilmember Leta Mach said she would be comfortable extending the current contract over the next three years to five. Mayor Emmett Jordan said he seemed to agree but not as much, saying that it would not be important to have a firm from out of town involved in the matter on a future agenda.

Williams asked for a decision by the end of the month, whether to consider send out an RFP if necessary.

Inside/Outside the Beltway

Mary Beth Byrd presented a plan by which the council would order ordinances setting deadlines for its expiration every three years. The council, the city follows the exist- ing county laws and procedures.

Councilmembers attempted to correct a false impres- sion and unnecessary and that when formal proposals are submitted, as required, to the city, the county exists. The outstanding open enrollment in the Franklin Park proposal, Franklin Park, proposed that a city-wide voter registration ef- fort be undertaken as a way to increase resident involvement in community and civic affairs. He also offered to help.

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each school’s administration. The ACE Educator Awards comple- ment the ACE Student Awards, which will take place this year on May 8.

ACE members were intro- duced: Susan Breon, chair and liaison to Eleanor Roosevelt High School; Jon Gardner, liaison to South County High School; and member in charge of the nominations committee to Springfield Lake Elementary School; Veronica Martins- Fredrick, liaison to Greenbelt Middle School; Melissa Brady, member responsible for interfac- ing with the Prince George’s County School Board and all outside organizations; Don Rich, liaison to Magnolia Elementary School; Elise Wayne, liaison to Turning Point Academy; Kate McElhenny, liaison to Greenbelt Elementary School; Emig Smith, liaison from the Youth Advisory Committee to ACE and Janet Mirsky, treasurer of ACE and liaison to Dora Kennedy French Immersion School.

In addition to council, other dignitaries present included Lupi Maloney, school board representative and Todd Turner, Greenbelt’s representative on the council; Joe Schaal, a represented State Senator Paul Pinsky and Delegates Tawnaw and Al Carr, both from the 43rd District, and Washington, who were all in ses- sion in Annapolis that night.

Brent Byrd was present to read the nominating state- ments.

Springhill Lake Elementary

Bonnie Merriman is a true asset to both students and staff of Springhill Lake Elementary. She has an extensive back- ground in the skills, pedagogy and best practices required to turn struggling readers into success- story. Merriman has command- ed a plethora of direct services to students and staff of Springhill Lake for the past 14-plus years as a first-grade teacher. She now chair, staff developer, mentor teacher and, currently, the pri- mary reading intervention teacher. Over the past seven years, Mer- riman has hosted the reading curriculum supported by ACE.

Merriman’s students have thrived in all subject areas due to her creative and innovative approaches to getting students reading and comprehending at the highest levels. These students are an exemplary educator, dedicated to helping all children reach their highest potential. Her col- leagues and administrators respect and appreciate the work she does for Springhill Lake.

Magnolia Elementary

Great teachers are able to make a profound difference in the growth in their students. This is how Joseph Fer- nandez is described. Fernandez’s profound concern for student learning inspires his choices each day he spends in school, work- ing selflessly for advancement of every student’s knowledge and skills. As the school’s instruc- tional lead teacher he provides infor- mation so teachers can develop their outcomes and expectations to ensure that students can move forward in their academic prog- ress and be successful.

Fernandez is energetic, enthu- siastic and knowledgeable. He devotes a great amount of time to preparing professional develop- ment opportunities for teachers, students and parents and observing instructional gains made by his students. Fernan- dez also works to expand the knowledge of educators to ensure that all students engage in global learning and explore cultural diversity.

Turning Point Academy

Felecia Motley is an outstand- ing educator and teacher of math and Spanish. She had retired after over four decades in education, then came to Turning Point Academy seven years ago and brought with her leadership. Motley wrote the school song. She visits house- holds within the school com- munity to provide support and

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Police Blotter

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Assault

March 10, 12:55 a.m. 6400 block Capitol Drive. A 52-year-old, non-resident man got into an argument with a suspect in the area of the TGI Fridays. He was arrested and charged with two counts of second degree assault and two counts of affray and disorderly conduct. The suspect was transferred to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before the district court commissioner.

March 10, 3:01 a.m. 7800 block Walker Drive. An assault occurred at the Hilton Garden Inn. A desk clerk at the Hilton said he was inside the lobby when a man jumped over the counter towards him. The clerk fled the hotel with the man following him where he was assaulted outside. An officer patroling the area saw someone being assaulted outside of the Hilton Garden Inn but the assailant fled. He was found by a K-9 handler in a nearby parking garage and was arrested. The clerk was taken to the Washington Hospital Center for treatment. The 28-year-old non-resident was taken to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Burglary

March 3, 6:56 p.m. 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive. A woman was approached by a person posing as a security guard; she was taken from a hotel room at the Courtyard Marriott.

March 7, 5:00 p.m. 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive. Officers responded to a report of a person posing as a security guard inside the lobby of the Courtyard Marriott. A 38-year-old woman of Washington was arrested and charged with second degree assault, disorderly conduct and trespass. She was transferred to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

March 4, 6:38 p.m. 9200 block Springfield Lane. A woman said she was approached by a person in a security uniform who verbally confronted her, he spit on her and fled in what’s described as a white Mercedes Benz.

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Robbery

March 8, 4:08 a.m. Area of 7200 block Walker Drive. A 21-year-old woman was approached by a man and demanded his cell phone. He refused and was punched again when the attacker fled. He is described as black wearing dark clothing.

March 9, 7:37 p.m. Area of Cherrywood Lane and Greenbelt Metro Drive. A woman was walking to the Metro when someone pushed her over the nearby guardrail and onto the grass. She was not injured.

March 15, 2:39 p.m. 5500 block Cherrywood Lane. A woman was walking down the sidewalk when someone approached her from behind, knocked the cell phone from her hand and tried to pull her purse from her arm. He is described as black, 5’8” tall, 140 pounds with a light complexion and wearing all black clothing.

Automotive Crime

Several vehicle thefts and vandalism occurred. 7500 block, Greenway Center Drive, rear tags were stolen, Md. 88L5036; 200 block Lakeside Drive, the passenger window of a vehicle was broken out, nothing taken; 100 block Westway, four tires and rims taken from a vehicle; 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive, the rear passenger window was broken out of a vehicle but nothing was taken.

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

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 include the name of the person in the photo, as well as explain the picture. The photos may be black and white or color in the print issue but will be color in the online version. Send us no more than five photos at a time.

TEA PARTY

May 7, 1:00 p.m. 6100 Westbrook Drive Park Drive, Party Room

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Pedestrian Fatality Occurred Friday on Greenbelt Road

by Jill Connor

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

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

The police press releases indicate that evidence at the scene is consistent with Hugley being struck by a dark silver or grey 2007 to 2011 Toyota Camry with an after-market chrome mirror cover on the driver’s side and after-market parts on the headlight trim (as seen in the photos below). Anyone who may have witnessed this accident or for any information is asked to con-...
extends her hand towards those in need. She is dedicated to her students, a true professional and role model to the developing staff. Her colleagues describe her as a wise counselor and bearer of integrity and she is highly respected by everyone at Turning Point Academy.

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

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

From scheduling, through staffing, to room assignments, Staley’s capable hands are on it. In all of her endeavors her first question is, “how can this help our students?” Staley is so integral to helping students that the most popular response to questions at Greenbelt Middle School is, “Ask Ms. Staley.”

Eleanor Roosevelt High School
Erika Brett is a key component in the daily success at Eleanor Roosevelt. She is involved in all aspects of the school’s activities. She is a valued member of the leadership team, able to work under difficult, high-pressure situations and still attain excellent results. She projects a warm, cheerful attitude and resolves conflicts with remarkable patience and admirable tact. She stays upbeat and positive while encouraging everyone to participate and better themselves and she uses creativity and resourcefulness to get her job done.

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

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

Words from the Awardees
All of the awardees were thrilled to receive the recognition. Merryman said she loves seeing the smiling and happy faces of her pupils, especially when they have an “aha” moment in learning. Her parents and husband were present and she said how much they supported her in her teaching career. She commented on how much the staff have helped her over the years. Fernandez was prepared. He said this award was a great honor and it would not have been possible without the guidance of Dr. Gillens, Magnolia principal. Teaching is a blessing and a vocation, he said. He thanked his wife Leonore who was an earlier ACE awardee. He recalled a student from 1990 who recently wrote him to tell him how his expectations for the student inspired him later in school. Motley commented on what a great honor it is to be a teacher. Teaching is a ministry and it is a blessing to help shape the lives of the students, she said. “I love to teach!”

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

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

At the Library

Storytimes
Monday, March 27, ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 20 people. Tuesday, March 28, ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 20 people. Wednesday, March 29, ages 3 to 5, 10:15 a.m., limit 20 people; ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 20 people. Thursday, March 30, ages newborn to 2, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m., limit 20 people.

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

Lecture Series

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

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

Snow Day Movie

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

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

by Erin Josephitis

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

The city and Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) remind dog owners to stop pooping by simply picking up or “scooping the poop” 100 percent of the time. In Prince George’s County, it is against the law to leave pet waste on public or private property and could result in fines up to $250. Likewise, the GHI Member Handbook states “no condition in violation of health and safety shall be allowed, e.g., pet feces must be promptly removed and properly disposed of.” The handbook reinforces that “Companion animal guardians/custodians shall keep their unit and yard clean and sanitary and promptly remove and dispose of feces deposited by their companion animal(s) in both their own and other members’ yards and common areas, including on sidewalks.”

The city and GHI encourage residents to “doo” the right thing and take the Scoop the Poop Pledge at mde.state.md.us/programs/marylander/outreach/pages/scoop%20it%202017.2.0.html.aspx. Throw out dog waste using a biodegradable bag or flush waste down the toilet. Don’t flush the poop, though. Take multiple bags on walks, just in case. Avoid letting a dog defecate within 200 feet of a water body. Never throw dog waste in a compost bin or down a storm drain.

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

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

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

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

Health Fair at ERHS

The Journey to Health Fitness & Awareness Fair will take place on Sunday, March 26, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Sponsored by the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Basketball Team, the City of Greenbelt and the Journey to Happiness Movement, Inc. Howard University’s Center for Sickle Cell Disease will on-site doing free sickle cell trait screenings, and University of Maryland athletes will also be present.
Japanese beetles destroyed in Greenbelt to date total 1,783,500, of which 93,000 are from the traps and 990,500 have been collected by chil-
dren. Approximately $70 of the $100 fund voted by the
Town Council has been paid out to collectors of 283 quarts
of beetles at the rate of 25 cents per quart. Angus Mac-
Gregor, head gardener, ex-
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This article is part of a periodic series profiling the city’s recognition groups and how they serve the city.

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

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

Brannan is also in charge of the Sunshine Cards within the club. They send get well cards and inspirational messages to members when they become ill. “The Sunshine Cards are an important vehicle to show support and love for our members,” Brannan stated.

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

“The food is very good,” Fitzgerald stated. The tea was added two years ago and Marti Galvin, the current president, stated that the social contact, the warm and jovial gathering is something that everyone looks forward to attending. Galvin, Brannan and Fitzgerald wish more Greenbelt seniors would join the Golden Age Club, and they invite those who are already members to become more involved in the activities of the club. The social events, activities and interactions lead to new friendships and also enable seniors to explore the Maryland environment through enjoyable day trips. Galvin indicated that she hopes more senior residents will join and help guide the Golden Age Club into a bright future.

Other club officers are: VP Randy Anderson, 2nd VP John Henry Jones, Treasurer Warren Wilcox, Membership Phyllis Budin and Kathleen McFarland, and Program Coordinator Suze Marley. The Golden Age Club meets every Wednesday at 11 a.m. Programs are organized as follows: first Wednesday there is a business meeting followed by a regular meeting where information is shared, discussed and if necessary voted on by the members; second Wednesday is a tea: folks bring their tea cups or mugs and are served light refreshments. Third Wednesday there is a speaker series; fourth Wednesday there is Pot Luck Lunch where members’ birthdays are celebrated; fourth Wednesday is Bingo and fifth Wednesday is a one-day event and includes going to plays, malls, museums, wineries and once in a while fun mystery trips. For anyone who has not had an opportunity to go on a senior trip, they are a lot of fun and the company is wonderful. All individuals making the trips pay a fee, which includes lunch.

Redesigned with love and care.

Photo courtesy of the Golden Age Club

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

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

Marti Galvin and Dorothea Leslie

Barry and Mary Moien

The Golden Age Club at 60

by Lois Rosado