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Residents at the Greenbelt Firehouse on Saturday look at a map created by the Citizens Against the SCMaglev at a meeting in support of the no-build option for the proposed maglev train.

SCMaglev Issue Brings Forth Many Meetings, Set Opinions

by Jill Connor

Greenbelters attended three meetings this week about the proposed SCMaglev (superconducting magnetic levitation) train project. Citizens asked questions of the project developer, Baltimore Washington Rapid Rail (BWRR), on Friday, January 19 at the New Deal Café. At the Greenbelt Firehouse on January 20 community organizations and elected leaders gathered while people signed letters of concern to the Maryland Transit Adminis-

tration (MTA). BWRR sponsored an additional meeting at the New Deal Café on January 23.

At the January 19 meeting, BWRR Project Director David Henley, Executive Vice-President Furqan Siddiq and Director of Community and External Affairs Kisha Brown fielded questions and distributed brochures, including a sheet of frequently asked questions and a sheet addressing

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Greenbelters Stressed as Fed Faced Monday Shutdown

by Lesley Kash and Amy Hansen

While the federal government is up and running, at least for a few weeks, many Greenbelters felt the stress of preparing for a shutdown. While Greenbelt is not a federally-owned city anymore, many residents work, intern or otherwise interact with the federal government.

For example, several dozen students from Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) who intern at federal sites spent the weekend "worry[ing] about not being able to go back to continue their projects soon – especially because science fair will still happen on February 14," said intern coordinator and physics teacher Yau-Jong Twu.

The ERHS students do not go to their internship on Mondays so they did not miss a day on their jobs.

But many federal employees were confused over the weekend about what their status would be on Monday. And even on Monday, they weren't sure. After multiple emails and meetings, some federal workers took hikes in the nice weather or ran errands.

Carol Griffith, a human re-

sources manager at the Department of Agriculture, explained some of the confusion. She said on Sunday that she knew she would be furloughed but that others, like scientists conducting ongoing experiments, might not. Contract employees might keep working, depending on funding sources. Or not.

On Sunday, Griffith said, "I'm concerned for unfurloughed employees with disabilities who rely upon 'reasonable accommodation.'" Such workers would have to navigate a shutdown workplace and personal consequences without advice normally available from their human resources colleagues.

Other Greenbelters worried about the consequences of a shutdown rippling out into the local economy. "A government shutdown affects many of us who are paid by government workers for services," said Diane Shandor. "I'm an acupuncturist. When my clients are worried about their income, they cut back on expenses they think they can postpone. So

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Boxwood Water Shutdown Solved With New 16- and 20-inch Mains

by James Giese

After years of discussion as to what should be done, it appears a solution has been reached on the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission's (WSSC) efforts to provide new water mains to its water standpipe on Ridge Road near Lastner Lane. Boxwood Village residents on Lastner Lane, White Birch and Julian Courts will no longer have a WSSC easement with an active water main running through their yards, while the tree buffer behind homes along Ridge Road will be preserved – for the most part – as a new line to replace the current line in yards is installed. The adjacent property owners outside the city limits will not have a water line on

their claimed property. Most Boxwood residents will no longer be subject to water shutdowns when WSSC needs to maintain the water tank. WSSC will have new water lines to its water tank that are critically needed to maintain water pressure in the Greenbelt area.

This outcome was presented to the Greenbelt City Council at its January 17 worksession by City Planner Terri Hruby and representatives of WSSC. Also attending were some Boxwood homeowners and Crystal and David Jones, owners of the adjacent unincorporated property.

The next step will be for the city staff to issue a construction permit, which Hruby said

would probably be done this week. WSSC expects the work to be done this summer, with partial closing of Lastner Lane near Ridge Road as a new main to replace an existing main is installed.

While residents will be inconvenienced during construction, most of the downside to this deal is assumed by WSSC. It would be much less costly if WSSC ran the new line proposed down the graveled part of Ridge Road, a road that has been used as a public thoroughfare for more than a century, which has been mostly claimed to be a part of the Jones property. As an

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ACE Grants Given to Enrich Programs at Greenbelt Schools

by Jon Gardner

At the Greenbelt City Council meeting on Monday, January 22, the council approved 24 Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) grants totaling \$11,757.62 to six local schools. The council approved the grants by a 5 to 1 vote, with Colin Byrd the only dissenting vote. Mayor Emmett-Jordan was not present. The ACE grants are available to teachers and parent-teacher organizations from Greenbelt schools. The grants are given to projects or items that enhance or enrich school-based activities. The grants program is funded by the City of Greenbelt and selection of the proposals for funding is made by the council based on input from ACE.

Springhill Lake Elementary was awarded eight grants. In the spring, the school will put on a musical called The Real Story of Little Red Riding Hood. Two grants to help students with spe-

cial needs were awarded, one to provide materials to make tactile sensory booklets and one to fund a team-building exercise at Terrapin Adventures in collaboration with the Greenbelt Police Department. There are two proposals that support parents with Family Reading Kits and Family Math Night. There will be Activity Centers for the first graders and a writing academy for the older children. The school will create a butterfly garden as the students learn about native plants.

Dora Kennedy French Immersion School will get reading books written in French, access to on-line French software and an upright double bass for their orchestra students. There will be outdoor recess toys and a classroom yoga program run by Bee Yoga Fusion to help third graders with stress caused by testing.

Magnolia Elementary School was awarded three grants. The school will create a mobile

school store providing school supplies for the students. After the start-up costs are provided by the grant, the store will be self-sustaining. Grants will fund two after-school activities, providing books for the reading club (which was originally started by ACE) and funding the school's FIRST Lego League robotics team.

Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) received one grant, to support their Positive Behavior Intervention and Support program, which rewards positive behavior with Bear Bucks that the students can spend in the school store.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) will get two grants. The chemistry and biology students will benefit from working problems in small groups using portable dry-erase whiteboards. The 12th-grade literature students will study the book, Things Fall Apart, a narrative about life in Nigeria

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What Goes On

Saturday, January 27

9 a.m. to noon, Electronics and Paint Recycling, Public Works Yard

Monday, January 29

8 p.m., Council Worksession with WSSC followed by an Executive Session at 9 p.m., Municipal Building

Wednesday, January 31

8 p.m., Council Worksession about Dog Park Issue, Community Center

Sunday, February 4

1 to 4 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center



PHOTO BY ERIC ZHANG

A group of Greenbelters pose with their posters at the 2018 Women's March in front of the White House on January 20.

Letters to the Editor

Time for Solar

During the last year, I investigated purchasing a solar system for my roof. I wanted to buy and own a 3 kW system. I contacted four providers and received a wide range of prices and "deals." I am writing this letter to provide information on the cost range to help other homeowners with their choices. The prices quoted for a 3 kW system fully installed (all plans, permits, inspections, Pepco modifications, converters, panels and tracks included) ranged from a high price over \$30,000 to the best price just under \$10,000. This is the price before the federal tax credit (30 percent of cost), the state grant (\$1,000), power bill savings and power sale. There is also a very generous county property tax allowance but it is over-subscribed and is currently being credited for the 2028 year tax bills for new systems. The proposals all came with 20-year roof and panel performance guarantees. The panel efficiencies ranged from 22 percent (14 m² area to provide 3 kW) to 17 percent (18 m²), and used micro-inverters to improve performance for the partially shaded areas of my roof. Single junction solar cells have a theoretical efficiency limit of 33 percent, so improvement much beyond the 22 percent panels (also the least expensive system) will be difficult to obtain.

Larry Flynn

MDT Will Brief House Delegates on Maglev

The Greenbelt community was out in force on Saturday at the public information session on the proposed SCMaglev project along the Baltimore-Washington Parkway/Md. 295 right of way. As the News Review has just published the most comprehensive account of the project, I think your readers might like to know about the upcoming briefing on Maglev and two other proposals that Gov. Larry Hogan is promoting for the Parkway.

On Thursday, February 1 at 1 p.m. the Maryland Department of Transportation will be briefing the House Environment and Transportation Committee in the Committee Room on the second floor of the House Office Building, 6 Bladen Street in Annapolis. The public is welcome to attend, and the briefing will be live-streamed and available afterwards on the Maryland General Assembly website, mgaleg.maryland.gov.

The other projects to be discussed are the proposed "hyperloop" – a tunnel under the Parkway that would house Elon Musk's ultrahigh-speed tube that would carry vehicles between Baltimore and D.C., and Governor Hogan's proposal to add four toll lanes to the Parkway. Until now, very little in the way of details has been forthcoming on either proposal.

It seems unlikely that all three projects could be done in what is basically the same location. How disruptive they would be to the Parkway, itself a national park and home to precious wildlife and historically valuable fossils and other relics. Only the Maglev is conducting a federally required Environmental Impact Study at this time.

I want to assure readers that

your District 22 legislative team, including myself and Delegates Tawanna Gaines and Alonzo Washington, as well as Sen. Paul Pinsky, will be carefully monitoring any and all developments in this area. We welcome your attention and input and will be vigilant in standing up for our communities and insist on protecting our environment, our property values and our vibrant communities along the corridor.

Delegate Anne Healey
District 22

Thanks

This is Kaden Ezzell, your Greenbelt News Review delivery boy for Plateau Place.

I would like to thank everyone who gave me a tip!

I could not find the anonymous donors and Santa Claus to thank them personally!

Kaden Ezzell

GHI Solar Vote

The GHI Board is scheduled to vote on a contract for installation of a ground mounted solar panel array, to supply electricity to the Administration Building, at its February 1 meeting (per a GHI Board president announcement at the January 18 meeting). Members need to be informed and given the opportunity to vote on such a significant project.

There are important issues to consider before committing to a project that will cost over \$250,000:

- Contingency funds for masonry and frame units are/will be totally depleted to pay the over \$2 million in unexpected expenses to remove asbestos from the masonry and frame crawlspaces. GHI contingency funds will not cover the full costs of asbestos remediation. Further, these funds will not be fully restored until 2030, leaving GHI vulnerable if it runs into any other unanticipated expenses.

- A consultant is currently reviewing GHI's replacement reserve study, which was last performed in 2013. The results of this study are anticipated this spring. The study will show whether or not GHI is on track to meet its current replacement reserve schedule, including the 2nd Phase of HIP, which includes replacement of water supply and waste water pipes.

- Returns on GHI's investments are lower than anticipated since 2013. Investment returns at a certain rate have been built into financial projections.

- The Finance Committee made a recommendation to the Board for expert advice to validate underlying assumptions of this project, and to determine financial viability. It is unclear if the Board plans to follow through on this before the February 1 vote.

- Despite a promise for a membership vote, it has not been scheduled. When this project was considered in 2012, there were plans for a special membership meeting. The project was determined to be financially unfeasible and was abandoned before a membership vote.

Funds for the solar project are not included in the 2018 budget. And an internal account from which the project would be covered has not been identified. Given the financial issues out-

lined, how does the Board expect to pay for the solar project? Will the cooperative have to borrow money to fund either scheduled replacements, crawl space improvements, or short term operating expenses as a result of the solar project?

The membership should receive detailed information on this project and vote on whether it should proceed. Please attend the Board solar worksession on January 29 at 7:00 p.m., the Board meeting February 1 at 7:30 p.m. and/or email Board members to share your thoughts. Email addresses can be found at ghi.coop/node/400.

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Community Events

At Makerspace

Happy New Year! Robotics competitions have begun and the Labradoodles are going to the State competition.

Here are some of the happenings at the MakerSpace:

Thursday: Tech Night. Coder Dojo (kids) from 5:30 to 7 p.m., Gadget Workshop from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and Coder Dojo for projects from 8:30 to 10 p.m.

Friday: Fermentation Fans 7 to 9 p.m.

Saturday: Teen Makers 10 a.m. to noon

Sunday: Animation Meetup from 2 to 4 p.m.

Monday: FLL Team 1 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday: FLL Team 2 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and Labradoodles from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Wednesday: Fiber Fans from 6 to 9 p.m.

An Artful Afternoon Features alight dance

The next Artful Afternoon on Sunday, February 4 features a free performance by alight dance theater, Page 115: Playing with Words, at 3 p.m. in the Community Center. See the results of a 2017 collaboration between choreographers Matina Phillips and Eleni Grove and the participants in community movement and story-building workshops. The workshops, hosted by the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, Explorations Unlimited and the Greenbelt Library, involved active collaboration with tots, kids, teens and adults using words, shapes, sentences and movements to playfully rearrange stories and create new ideas and unique vignettes. The alight artistic team aimed to showcase the value in thinking beyond the words on the page, as well as the power of play. The workshops were sponsored in part by the Greenbelt Community Foundation.

Come early to build a miniature sculptural shelter with artist Nikki Brooks in a free craft workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. Materials will be provided, but participants are invited to bring a small stuffed animal for which to create a home. The project is inspired by African American artist Beverly Buchanan who creates shelters that convey a narrative of triumph over poverty and adversity. While shelters are devised to meet basic needs, Brooks emphasizes that "most importantly, it is the love that flourishes within the shelter that makes the foundation secure and strong."

For more information about city art programs, visit greenbelt-md.gov/arts or call 301-397-2208. Arts programs are sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.



PHOTO BY DAVID DOWLING

Page 115, performed by alight.

Local Artist Showing At New Deal Café

On Monday, January 8, local artist Jemil Miller installed 18 paintings in the front room of the New Deal Café. She has made a career as an art educator, teaching 17 years in Prince George's County public schools. During that time she continued to feed her creative spirit by producing her own work.

This is Miller's first public showing of artwork, as her creative efforts were simply the products of her desire to paint. This collection of images, which covers a span of 14 years, is reflective of her love of nature, geometric shapes and the human form. Just as important as the imagery are the choices of colors with which she experiments to aesthetically inspire the viewer.

There will be a reception on Sunday, January 28 from 3 to 5 p.m. All are welcome as well as their comments and feedback. Miller's exhibit will be available for viewing and purchase until February 26.



Flesh of My Flesh by Jemil Miller

GHI Notes

Thursday, January 25, 7 p.m. Zoning Re-Write Task Force Meeting, Board Room.

Friday, January 26, office closed. Emergency maintenance service available at 301-474-6011.

Monday, January 29, 7 p.m. Board worksession (Solar PVES proposal on Administration Building.), Board Room.

Tuesday, January 30, 7:30 p.m. Companion Animal Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby; 7:30 p.m. Legislative and Government Affairs Committee Meeting, Board Room.

Thursday, February 1, 9 a.m. Storm Water Management Task Force Meeting, Board Room; 7:30 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room.

Saturday, February 3, 11 a.m. Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.



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Kurdish Film Premiere At Greenbelt Theater

On Sunday, January 28 at noon, the Old Greenbelt Theatre will present the premiere of the acclaimed feature film ZER by award-winning Kurdish director Kazim Oz. Admission is free. A question and answer session with the director will follow the screening.

Through the magic of an ancient love song, ZER celebrates the enduring friendship of a care-free American student with his dying Kurdish grandmother. The film tackles the epic themes of love, freedom, identity, war and how our history continues to shape our lives, whether we live in America, Turkey or Kurdistan.

ZER is Kazim Oz's eighth film. The independent filmmaker has been supported by his family and friends (through loans) in his ground-breaking projects. Film viewers are welcome to assist with a one-time donation after seeing the film.

This screening is made possible by the RIMS project at George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs, Eta Chapter of Delta Phi Epsilon Foreign Service Fraternity, the American Kurdish Information Network and Old Greenbelt Theatre.

Fundraising Meeting For WAGS Feb. 10

A meeting will be held at the New Deal Café on Saturday, February 10 from 2 to 2:45 p.m. to discuss fundraising events for Well Wishers for Animals of Greenbelt Shelter (WAGS), benefiting the Greenbelt Animal Shelter. Everyone is invited.

WAGS is a non-profit organization raising funds toward completing special improvement projects and adding enrichment for animals at the city's animal shelter.

Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, January 31 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads. The group offers professionals, students, stay-at-home parents and retirees a supportive environment to improve skills in communication and leadership. For more information call 240-542-8625.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

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

All meals include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menu for the week of January 29 follows.

Monday, January 29: Fiesta chicken, cilantro lime rice, Mexican vegetables, wheat bread, diced pears, orange juice

Tuesday, January 30: Country fried steak with country gravy, garlic whipped potatoes, green peas, wheat bread, tropical fruit, grape juice

Wednesday, January 31: BBQ beef rib patty with BBQ sauce, baked beans, broccoli, wheat hamburger bun, mandarin oranges, apple juice

Thursday, February 1: Information not available at time of publication

Friday, February 2: Information not available at time of publication.

Ukulele Jam Session At the New Deal

Each Friday at 1 p.m., come to the New Deal Café for a ukulele jam session. Learn and teach new chords, songs and strumming patterns. All levels are invited. It is not necessary to bring a uke to participate.

In addition, there will be a special ukulele jam fest, Won't Uke Be My Valentine?, on Valentine's Day, Wednesday, February 14 from 4 to 5 p.m. All ages are invited.

For more information, contact Dan Celdran at dceldran@hotmail.com or call 240-643-3768.

Greenbriar Meeting

On Saturday, January 27, from 10 a.m. to noon, a meeting will be held in the Greenbriar Community Center. The meeting will discuss programs available to Greenbriar residents, including low and no-cost transportation, free food, financial counseling, memory café, new ways to communicate and how to organize. Speakers will include Liz Park, director of CARES, and Cathy Jones, president of Friends of Old Greenbelt Theatre. For childcare contact aileen@dynamic-governance.org, 202-644-1129.

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Sutfin Named Therapeutic Recreation Coordinator

by Caroline Hanks

Rebekah Sutfin is Greenbelt Recreation Department's new Therapeutic Recreation Supervisor following the retirement of Karen Haseley, who held the position for nearly 30 years.

Sutfin moves to the position from her role as Recreation Coordinator, a job she held for 11 years. In her new role, Sutfin will arrange programs and provide services for seniors (those over the age of 65) and special populations, such as those needing accommodations to participate in community center activities. Programs include types of special interest classes, health and fitness sessions, and educational courses.

Sutfin said she first came to Greenbelt because Haseley hired her as an intern while she was pursuing a graduate degree at the State University of New York (SUNY) at Brockport. More than 11 years later, Sutfin has inher-



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

Rebekah Sutfin

ited the position from her former mentor.

Sutfin completed a graduate degree in 2006 from SUNY Brockport after finishing her undergraduate studies there.

Caroline Hanks is a University of Maryland journalism student working as an intern for the News Review.

Dems to Host Donna Edwards, Honor Fannie Lou Hamer

by Konrad Herling

On Sunday, January 28 at 3 p.m., the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will feature county executive candidate Donna Edwards. The club, which participated in the annual tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. featuring Dr. Alvin Thornton, is providing Greenbelt area residents a chance to learn about all four major candidates for county executive.

The club will celebrate Black History Month by featuring journalist and movie director Robin Nicole Hamilton on Sunday, February 11 at 3 p.m. Hamilton, born in Columbia, Md., is a broadcast journalist and television host as well as a filmmaker.

Hamilton's film This Little Light of Mine follows the life of Fannie Lou Hamer. Hamer, a sharecropper in her earlier life, became known at the 1964 Democratic National Convention where her presence and unrelenting persistence helped open up the convention to African Ameri-

can participation.

Hamilton will be present to discuss her work. Dorie Ladner, a civil rights activist who actually knew Hamer, will also be on hand to provide a personal perspective of the impact Hamer had on her life.

More information can be found at rooseveltclub.com or by calling club president Nicole Williams at 202-321-4207.



Our Neighbors

Condolences to Greenbelt resident and News Review staffer Linda Lucas and family on the death of her father, Hugh C. Lucas, a former resident for over 10 years at 44-A Ridge Road, who died January 19 at Collington Episcopal Care Center.

Condolences to Karen Flanagan and the Flanagan and Bailey families on the death of her husband, Danny Flanagan, on January 14.

Congratulations to Jordan Walls, a senior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, who was recently named a Posse Scholar. Walls will receive a four-year, full-tuition college scholarship from The University of Rochester, a school that partners with The Posse Foundation.

Posse Scholars from across the nation enter partnering colleges and universities in multicultural groups of 10 known as "posses." Throughout their college career, they will support each other and receive ongoing assistance from The Posse Foundation. Students participating in the Posse program have a 90 percent college graduation rate, and have proven to make a difference on campus and in their professions.

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

City Notes

Planning staff met with prospective developers of the old nursing home site to discuss a multi-family concept.

Horticulture/Parks crews had wood chips blown into three playgrounds – Plateau/Ridge, 44 Court of Ridge and Stream Valley Park; installed a new wooden Lakeside sign to replace the broken one; and set in place compost bins at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.



"See the truth in all religions, for truth is in all & truth is one!" - Baha'i Writings

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Nursery School Earns New 5-Year Accreditation Term

by Lisa Meyer

Greenbelt Nursery School (GNS) has achieved a new five-year term of accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). This voluntary accreditation is recognized as one of the highest accomplishments for an early-childhood organization. GNS has been continuously accredited by NAEYC since 2002.

To earn NAEYC accreditation the school engaged in a self-study process, measuring the program against more than 400 specific criteria in 10 broad domains, including curriculum, relationships, assessment, teacher quality, health/safety and leadership/management. After completing the self-study, a NAEYC assessor visited the school to observe classes and review documentation of the school's practices. An independent national panel reviewed the information and determined that the school meets accreditation standards.

NAEYC is the nation's leading organization of early-childhood professionals. The organization created its accreditation program in 1985 to set professional standards for early childhood education and to help families identify high-quality childcare and early

education programs.

GNS, a parent cooperative founded in 1942, offers nursery school classes for children ages 2, 3 and 4, as well as extended-day programs for children ages 3 and 4. The school is located at 15 Crescent Road in the Community Center. More information about accreditation and early childhood education can be viewed at naeyc.org and rightchoiceforkids.org.

Delegate Washington Holds Conversation

Delegate Alonzo Washington will meet constituents at his first Table Talk Tour, to be held at the Starbucks in New Carrollton on Saturday, January 27 from 10 a.m. to noon. The impact of the 2017 federal tax overhaul will be discussed by representatives from Congressman Steny Hoyer's office, the Prince George's County assessment office and the Maryland Comptroller's office. Starbucks is at 8498 Annapolis Road in New Carrollton.



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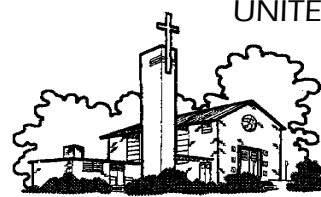


January 28 10 a.m.
"Men and Paint Branch"

Paint Branch Men's Group; with Carla Miller, DMRE; William Snyder, Worship Associate; and the Choir

How do men come to join Paint Branch? Why are there twice as many women as men involved in Paint Branch groups and activities? What do men get out of sharing in church community as well as in the men's fellowship?

Greenbelt Community Church

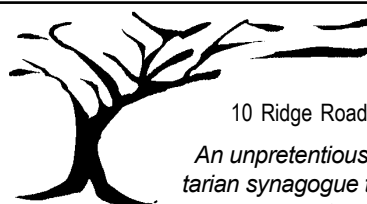


UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

1 Hillside (at Crescent Road)
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings
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Sunday Worship
10:15 a.m.

Rev. Glenyce Grindstaff, Pastor



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City Information

MEETINGS FOR JANUARY 29-FEBRUARY 2

Monday, January 29 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/ WSSC (stakeholder)** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. This meeting will be shown live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and stream live at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

Monday, January 29 at 9:00pm (following Work Session), **EXECUTIVE SESSION** (see notice below.)

Tuesday, January 30 at 3:30pm, **SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: FORA/GAIL Update, Widowed Persons update, Motion to accept Open Forum report, New business.*

Wednesday, January 31 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Dog Park** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

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

OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, a closed session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Monday, January 29, 2018 in the Council Room of the Municipal Building at 9:00 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

The purpose of this meeting will be the performance evaluation of the City Manager.

* *The public may attend the Work Session of the City Council immediately prior to the closed session and observe the vote of Council to move into closed session on Monday, January 29, 2018 at 9:00 p.m.*

Bonita Anderson, City Clerk

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Committee on Education, Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and Youth Advisory Committee.

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



ELECTRONICS AND PAINT RECYCLING

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2018

9:00 AM-12:00 NOON

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)

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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. If you are unable to attend the event, you may hire this service directly to come to your home for an additional \$50 service fee. Yuck Old Paint, LLC 888-509-9825 (YUCK)

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Questions? Greenbelt Sustainability Office 240-542-2153

Greenbelt CARES Youth and Family Services Bureau

FREE SITTING COURSE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27 from 1 – 4 p.m.

**Springhill Lake Recreation Center Clubhouse
6101 Cherrywood Lane**

This course is targeted towards students in grades 5-8 (10-13 years of age). Students will learn responsibilities and safety regarding babysitting and handling emergency situations.

Students should bring a pencil or pen. They will receive a packet of information, a certificate of completion and an opportunity to enroll in Greenbelt CARES Odd Jobs/Job bank.

For additional information and enrollment, contact Judy Hering, Vocational/Educational Counselor, Babysitting Instructor: jhering@greenbeltmd.gov or 301-345-6660.



Notice of Charter Amendment Resolution

At its regular meeting of January 8, 2018, the City Council adopted a resolution to amend the City Charter. As required by State Law, this resolution will be posted in its entirety for 40 days, until February 17, 2018, at the Municipal Building, as well as on the City's Web site at www.greenbeltmd.gov. Copies may also be requested of the City Clerk. It will become effective on February 27, 2018, unless a proper petition to submit the amendment to the voters on a referendum is filed as permitted by law. As also required by state law, this notice is given to provide a fair summary of the resolution.

CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION NUMBER 2017-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE XI-E OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND AND TITLE 4, SUBTITLE 3 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT FOUND, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, IN THE COMPILATION OF MUNICIPAL CHARTERS OF MARYLAND (1983 EDITION AS AMENDED), AS PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 77 OF THE ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND OF 1983, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 12, 15, 16 AND 20 TO CHANGE THE VOTING AGE FOR CITY ELECTIONS TO THOSE 16 YEARS OLD AND OLDER AND TO CLARIFY THAT THOSE WHO SERVE ON THE EMPLOYEE RELATIONS BOARD, THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND CITY COUNCIL MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD.

Sec. 12. Employee relations board.

(a) Members; appointment. There shall be an employee relations board consisting of five (5) members who shall be appointed by the council. Members of the employee relations board shall be qualified voters of the city who are at least 18 years of age; and no member of this board shall hold any other elective or appointive office in the city government.

Sec. 15. Voters.

A qualified voter within the meaning of this charter shall be any person who is a resident of the City of Greenbelt and who is duly registered with Prince George's County under the applicable provisions of the [Article 33] Election Law Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and is at least 16 years of age; provided that eligibility to vote in any city election shall be subject to applicable registration deadlines as set forth in the charter and code of the city.

Sec. 16. Board of elections--Generally.

(a) Appointment. There shall be a board of elections consisting of five (5) members who shall be appointed by the city council. The members shall be appointed for a term ending on the third Monday of January in even numbered years or until their successors are appointed. Members shall serve for a term of four (4) years, or until their successors are appointed; except that, of the members first appointed, three (3) shall be appointed for a term expiring on the third Monday in January, 1978; and two (2) shall be appointed for a term expiring on the third Monday in January, 1976.

Members of the board of elections shall be qualified voters of the city who are at least 18 years of age and shall not hold or be candidates for any elective office in government (federal, state, or local) during their term of office. The board shall elect one of its members as chairman who shall serve at the pleasure of the board until a successor chairman is elected. A vacancy on the board shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by the city council.

Three (3) members of the board shall constitute a quorum at meetings duly called pursuant to rules to be adopted by the board.

Sec. 20. Nominations.

(a) Any qualified voter who is at least 18 years of age may be nominated for the office of member of council upon filing at the office of the city clerk a nominating petition signed by not fewer than fifty (50) voters, a written acceptance of the nomination, and such other statements as may be required by this charter or by law. Upon the finding by the city clerk that the nomination petition, the written acceptance, and such other statements as may be required are in order, the name of such nominee shall be authorized to be placed upon the ballot.

For additional information, contact Bonita Anderson, City Clerk, at 301-474-3870 or banderson@greenbeltmd.gov.

Greenbelt Recreation Department, in collaboration with Paradyne Management, is offering two new computer programming classes!

SCRATCH PROGRAMMING FOR KIDS

Wednesday afternoons from January 31- March 28
Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane
Elementary (ages 10-12) 3:15pm – 4:15pm
Middle School (ages 12-14) 4:30pm – 5:30pm

Scratch is a visual programming language created by MIT. Students will learn fundamental programming concepts and progress to build highly functioning animations with Scratch. This program is free of charge and open to all Greenbelt residents.

WEB DESIGN FOR ADULTS

Wednesdays from 7-8pm
February 7-March 28 Cost is \$40.00
**Springhill Lake Recreation Center
6101 Cherrywood Lane**

By the end of this course students will have cultivated a strong understanding of HTML, CSS and basic Javascript by creating their own personal website.

Advance registration is required for these courses and space is limited. Contact Frank Jones at 301-397-2212 for more information and registration details for both classes.

GREENBELT COMMUNITY PLEDGE

"The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate people of many cultures, faiths, and races living together. By sharing together all are enriched."

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CITY OF GREENBELT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ANNEXATION

CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION 2018-1

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, a municipal corporation has initiated by legislative action (pursuant to an annexation petition received by the City) to annex 0.131 acres of land more or less consisting Prince George's County Tax Map 0025 Parcel 0192 as listed in the assessment and taxation records of the State of Maryland, and as recorded among the land records of Prince George's County, Maryland, in Liber 6694 at Folio 858 and containing 0.131 acres more or less, being on the north side of Branchville Road, adjacent to the southern and eastern border of the Greenbelt Station South Core development.

The exact legal description and a survey plat of the above property are on file with the City of Greenbelt Department of Planning and Community Development at 15 Crescent Road, Suite 200, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770 and are available for inspection during normal business hours.

The City Council will hold a public hearing on this proposed annexation on February 26, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Room at the Greenbelt Municipal Building located at 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770. Public testimony will be received by the City Council at the hearing on the above date. Written comments may either be presented at this hearing or sent to the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770.

AN ARTFUL AFTERNOON

**Sunday, February 4
1-4pm
Greenbelt Community Ctr.,
15 Crescent Rd.
FREE
All ages welcome**

1-3pm: Craft Workshop, build a miniature sculptural shelter with artist Nikki Brooks. Materials provided. Bring a small stuffed animal to create home for.

3pm: a light dance theater presents FREE performance, "Page 115; Playing with words."

At your leisure, stroll through the Artist in Residence Open House and sale. See exhibits.

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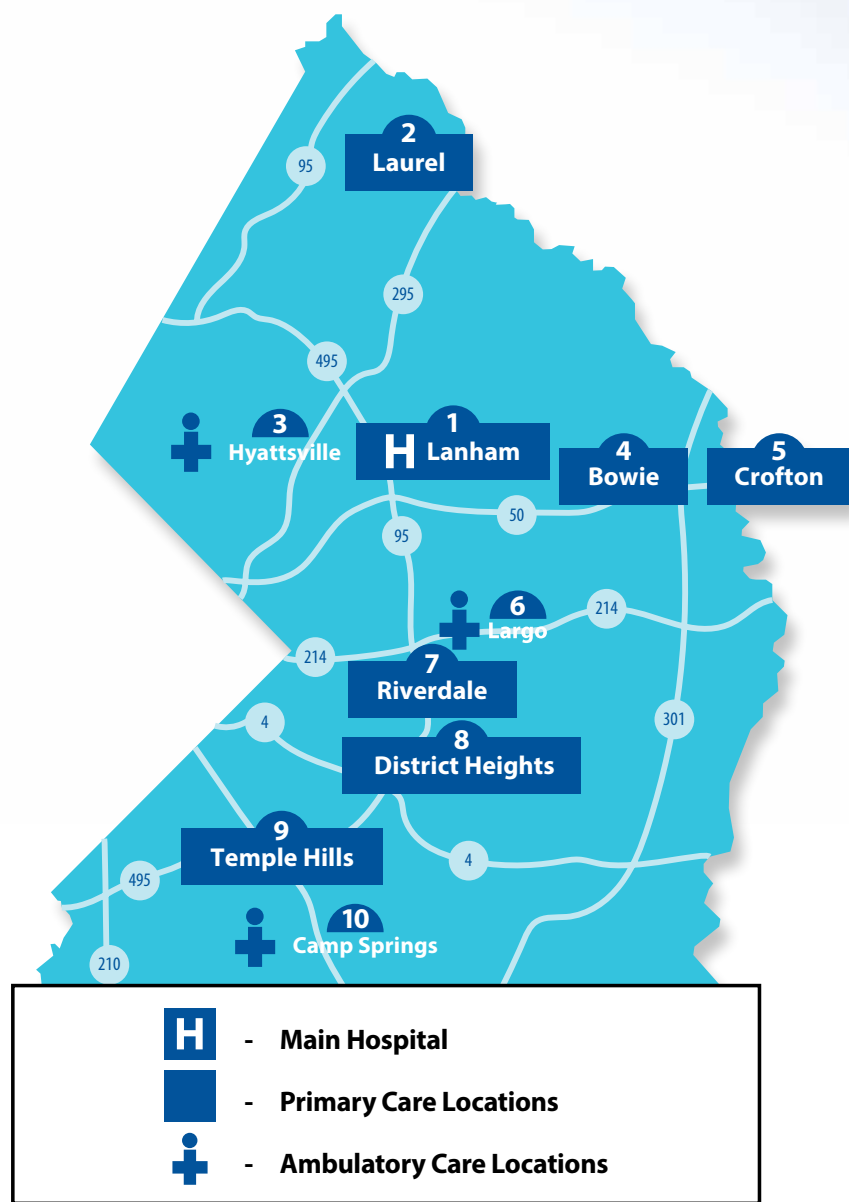
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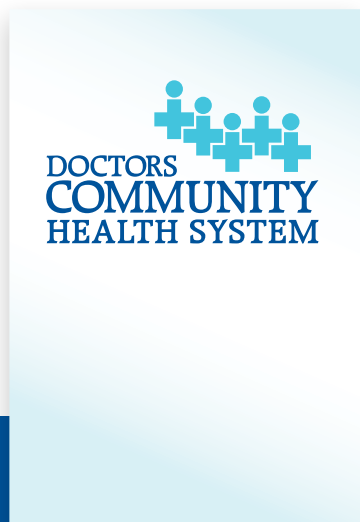
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misconceptions about the project. The question and answer session began at 8:30 a.m. and lasted several hours. “[Sixteen] to 20 people showed up,” according to Robert Snyder, a Greenbelt resident and project supporter who attended the meeting.

On Saturday, Greenbelt Advocates for Environmental and Social Justice, Citizens Against the SCMaglev and Greenbelt Forest Preserve advocates gathered at 11 a.m. to participate in a letter-writing campaign and view a large map with proposed routes. Over 170 people attended, according to Donna Almquist of Greenbelt Advocates for Environmental and Social Justice.

Brian Almquist of Greenbelt Advocates said, “The letters are being sent to the (MTA) for two reasons: (1) to show the MTA that people in the impacted communities have concerns about the project; and (2) to let the MTA know that people were not properly informed about the project.” Greenbelt City Council members, County Councilmember Todd Turner and Delegates Alonzo Washington and Anne Healey all expressed their desire for a no-build option at the event.

Comparing the Meetings

Nancy Bagwell attended both meetings. She commented that at the Friday meeting BWRR had “slick brochures. Like this is right up there with NASA’s launch to the moon. This is the answer to all our problems.” Bagwell said she took the brochures home along with the two pages of FAQs and misconceptions and read them very carefully. She expressed concern about BWRR’s statement of possible inaccuracies of “some privately-created unofficial maps.” The maps available at the meeting were produced by Bill Boone of Bowie, a member of Citizens Against the SCMaglev. Boone said he “is putting information out there that is not available because a lot of people don’t understand the impact.” He said his maps show more specifically whose property will be affected by overlaying taxation data on the geographical data and can help residents “know exactly how many people are impacted.”

In response, Brown from BWRR said that it is hard to provide specific information since the routes are not set yet. Henley from BWRR added: “There is an environmental impact statement that’s being prepared to identify possible routes, the implications of the routes and mitigation of those routes. It is an independent study being done by the MTA, not by us.” The study, which should be completed at the end of February, may provide more information.

Bagwell also had questions about the economic benefit to our community. She had a strong

response to BWRR’s written answer “all of Maryland . . . will reap economic benefits resulting from construction and permanent jobs associated with operations and spin-off industries.” Bagwell said to this, “Excuse me but these construction workers are probably going to be hired somewhere in Prince William County. Cheap labor, as cheap as they can get. Also, they’ve got to have people who are skilled in this kind of stuff and I don’t think Greenbelt is filled with engineers, or maybe they are, but this sounds like trickle-down. This is just fantasy.” BWRR representatives said during the meeting that they are working with local colleges to provide training courses.

Bagwell had a number of questions and concerns with the cost of the project and the cost of the ticket. She also had concerns about the federal funding and that ridership revenues would pay off private loans and upkeep. The BWRR handout stated “Independent ridership and revenue studies validate the financial feasibility of the project, which substantiate that operating and maintenance costs are projected to be completely offset by revenues.” Bagwell put it, “We are going to make so much money from ridership that we are going to be able to pay this back [referring to the large loans needed to finance the project].” Her response was “Really? That is dreaming.”

Supporters of the project also participated. Snyder went to both meetings and said he had his mind made up before the meetings. Snyder said he has done a lot of research on the project and been to a number of meetings including the city council worksession in October, and has written letters to the editor of the Greenbelt News Review and to his representatives in favor of the project. He said he went to the meeting on Friday because he was interested in the topic but also to show his support. He said initially he “felt no need to go to the Saturday meeting” except perhaps to talk to his political representatives, but eventually did go so that he could talk with BWRR representative Brown. Snyder said Brown was asked by organizers of the event not to distribute any informational packets.

Brown stated, “As evident by our attendance at Saturday’s meeting, we are interested in working with local communities during this process and are committed to maintaining an open dialogue. Unfortunately, some of our attempts to provide attendees with accurate information were repeatedly blocked by those opposed to the project. While they are entitled to their point of view, we hope we can be neighborly in hearing each other out, even if

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Next Arts Center Production To Feature Upgraded Lighting

by Matthew Arbach

On Friday, patrons for Almost, Maine at Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC), will be the first audience to experience the upgraded lighting system. After a period of at least 20 years, GAC has installed a new electrical grid for their lighting system. The grid eliminates the cumbersome and dangerous extension cords used previously to power lights. Additionally, lighting controllers will be moved to the backstage area, cutting back on distracting noise. According to GAC treasurer Win Britt, the new system will make the facility more welcoming to guest productions and will be much safer for the lighting designers. “The array is much cleaner and better looking,” he said.

Said Dennis Giblin, GAC volunteer and part of the lighting team, “GAC’s lighting system consists of lighting instruments, electric cabling to connect those instruments to power distribution units and a console or computer to tell the distribution units which instruments to supply power to and how much. There is a set of control cables to connect the console/computer to the distribution units.”

In the past, Britt noted, lights required the need to “run extension cords to distant outlets,” and used “unsightly and unsafe extension cords from the ceiling.” Said Giblin, “the lighting grid will replace those extension cords with cabling inside conduits. The conduits will connect 100 outlets in the ceiling to a patch panel. The panel determines which outlets will be connected to the power distribution units, which can only handle 32 [outlets]. The instruments plugged into those will then be controlled by the console/computer.” Britt said, “there are now many more plugs to plug lights into,” replacing a system that was “unsafe” and with “limited configurability.” Now, he added, “it will greatly simplify changing lights when the stage configuration changes.”

Also changed is the placement of the lighting controllers, now moved from the audience area



PHOTO COURTESY OF KOLB ELECTRIC

Den Giblin uses the patch panel to select one of the 100 outlets.

above the stage to backstage. “That loud humming noise that used to distract actors and patrons will no longer be there,” observed Britt.

Kolb Electric, a DC-based company, was contracted for the job. First, GAC volunteers labored intensively to remove the old wiring and lighting, said Britt, after which Kolb spent about two weeks installing the new system. Then volunteers returned to complete the job by “re-hanging the lights themselves.” Work will end this week in time for the new show Almost, Maine, which opens on Friday.

In total, \$15,000 was spent on the new system, \$9,000 of which was raised by a capital improvement fundraiser. Britt said, “We are deeply appreciative to our donors who helped us accomplish this.” GAC applied for a Greenbelt Community Foundation grant and was awarded \$5,000, said Britt, “We are extremely grateful for the GCF grant . . . which helped us to reach the goal. We closed the remainder with a lighting fund campaign.”

Britt added that the lights themselves as well as the control board used at GAC have not changed, merely the system pow-

ering them.

Britt stated, “It really comes down to being able to quickly and efficiently move around the physical lights. You want a lighting designer to be able to have as many options as possible to meet a specific show’s needs – so, lots of places to be able to hang lights – and to be able to execute options as quickly as possible to test them out.”

At the Library

English Conversation Club, Tuesdays, 6 p.m.

Kids Achieve Club, Tuesdays, 6 p.m. Homework help and reading practice for students in grades K through 6.

Storytimes

Tuesdays, ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m.
Wednesdays, ages 3 to 5, 10:15 a.m.; ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m.
Thursdays, ages newborn to 2, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m.; ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m.

History Lecture

Tuesday, January 30, 7 p.m.
The United States of Hate: From Jim Crow & the Klan to the Alt-Right of the 21st Century will be the first session of the Winter 2018 season in this audiovisual lecture series presented by historian C.R. Gibbs.

Free Tutoring At Library

Project Tutor: Guardians of Greenbelt will hold free tutoring sessions from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, January 27 at the Greenbelt Library, sponsored by the Greenbelt Community Foundation, for students in grades 4 through 8.

Contact Chris Person at chriswperson@yahoo.com for more information. Volunteers are ready to help.



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alternative, it would be less costly to run a trench beside the road on dedicated rights-of-way within the city limits, but this would have destroyed the established tree line behind the Boxwood homes. Residents and the city opposed that solution. Now WSSC will bore the pipeline under the trees.

History

Historic maps show what is now Edmonston Road as running up the hill where Ridge Road presently is and then turning to the north where Research Road currently is, instead of running through the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) as it now does. In 1935 and 1936 land was acquired for BARC, and the Greenbelt Project and the Jones property (then known as the Fury property) was to be included in that acquisition. But the federal government failed to achieve that acquisition prior to its congressional authorization expiring.

In 1936 the water tank was installed to provide water pressure for the new town and surrounding area, the tank site being the second highest point in the county. Since there was no need to obtain a right-of-way on government land, and since the new planned community construction was elsewhere, the new waterlines to the tank were placed at the most suitable locations.

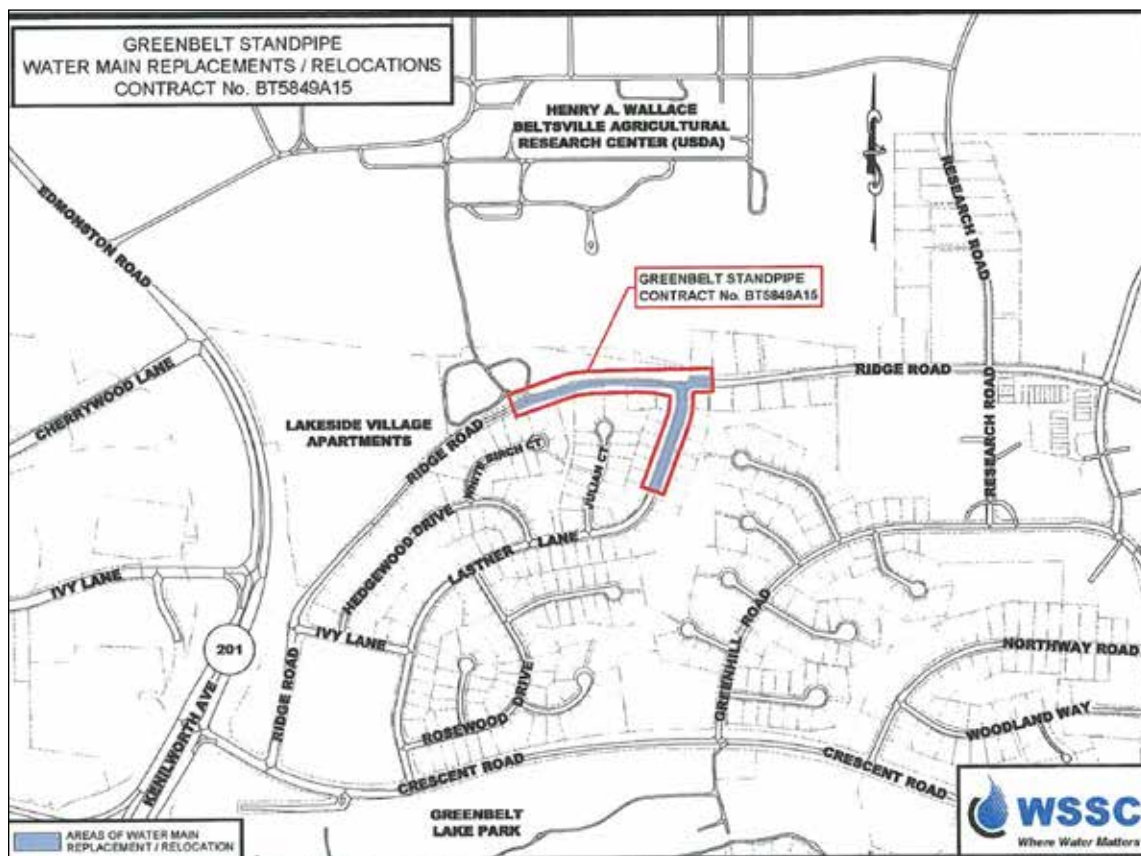
Albert (Buddy) Attick grew up nearby, worked as a security guard while Greenbelt was being constructed, became a town police officer and then switched to the Public Works Department, where he eventually became its director, retiring after 40 years of service to the city. He told me that a farm home had been located about where the water standpipe is located and that the driveway to it from Ridge Road was once the access road to the standpipe. It was a popular spot known as the water tower, for young couples in automobiles to spoon, he said, since in the early days that was far out of town into the woods.

In 1952 the government sold Greenbelt. It was then necessary for the government to dedicate public streets and utility rights-of-way to separate that land from land that was to become privately owned. WSSC was given easements for the water lines needed to serve it.

In the early 1960s Boxwood Village was approved for subdivision. There were some water mains serving the water tank that couldn't be located within new, planned streets for the development and the subdivision plan put these easements in the yards of homes on Lastner Lane and Julian and White Birch Courts.

Line Replacement

The old lines serving the standpipe and the WSSC easements will be abandoned. Approximately 1,500 feet of new mains will be installed. A new 16-inch main and service connections will be installed under the street from 211 Lastner Lane to Ridge Road. An open trench will be dug for the new line, necessitating a partial closure of the street and possible temporary closures. There may also be temporary water turnoffs for up to eight hours for which 48-hour advance notices will be given. Temporary water by-pass and service connections will be done as needed. New house connections will be



Map of the proposed standpipe water main replacement on Ridge Road

made up to the property lines and new meters installed. Other utilities will not be affected.

On Ridge Road a 20-inch water main will be installed by using horizontal directional drilling under the steep and wooded road shoulder on the Boxwood Village side, thereby avoiding disturbance. There will be only one house connection on this line to the Jones property.

All other utilities will not be affected. Work will be scheduled 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. During construction, street parking will be prohibited in construction areas, but access to homes will be maintained. Any tree removal has to be approved by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and the city.

Discussion

Councilmember Rodney Roberts asked how long the new PVC pipe will last and how deep it will be buried. He was told 150 years and six to 20 feet below ground respectively. (Metal pipe might be used in places.)

Councilmember Judith Davis asked for more information on shutdown notices. She was told there would be two shut-downs, one for up to eight hours and the other for less time. Residents are free to ask questions of WSSC inspectors (driving blue trucks).

Councilmember Leta Mach asked if the new lines would help with her low water pressure problem that causes her family to run her dishwasher late at night. She was told that it might make it better, but that was not a certainty as other issues might be causing the problem.

Mayor Emmett Jordan asked for information on the work tim-

ing. He was told that with city approval, the project could be completed in 187 days with most of the construction done this summer.

Resident Paula Luddy asked if there wasn't a better system than using a standpipe. She was told that there were many of them located within the system, and that they maintained water pressure better than pumps. As water is depleted from the standpipe by usage, more water is pumped into it.

Concerns were raised that temporary shutdowns could affect plumbing in homes. WSSC Division Manager for Engineering and Environmental Services, Keith Tyson, noted that the homeowner is responsible for any pipe breakage beyond the water meter. He recommended all homeowners get a home site pipe repair service plan. WSSC has approved HomeServe USA providing such plans to its customers as an affordable, cost-effective way to manage the unexpected expense and inconvenience of home pipe repair emergencies. More information is available on the company's or WSSC's websites.

Another resident asked about construction noise and vibration during the drilling of the pipe. Tyson said that the pipe would be deep and there should be no vibration. Construction noise will be about as noisy as excavation work.

Hruby told the council that when WSSC first approached the city in 2014, it offered three alternatives, of which two impacted residents and one the city. She is pleased that WSSC will do horizontal drilling, which should

cause minimal impact to city trees. "All the things we sought have been met," she added. She expected the city would issue a permit within a week.

School Year Squeezed By Inclement Weather

Unsafe road conditions on January 17 closed Prince George's County schools, so students must now attend school on February 9, eliminating a planned teachers' training day. Governor Hogan's order that schools close from June 15 through Labor Day, despite the state-mandated 180-day school year, leaves little flexibility in the school calendar. After the snow days on January 4, 5 and 17, further closings will eliminate spring break days, April 5 and then April 6.

Upcoming Events At the New Deal

Sunday January 28, 3 to 5 p.m., Artist Reception. 7 to 9 p.m., DA Band, a four-piece jam unit playing classics from the Allmans, Hendrix, the Dead and more.

Monday, January 29, New Deal Café board meeting. Members and visitors welcome.

Tuesday, January 30, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., The Reilly Goulait Band, a lush harmonic blend of originals and popular acoustic folk and rock from the 1960s through today.

Wednesday, January 31, 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, February 1, noon to 2 p.m., Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft. 7 to 10 p.m., Open Mic and Featured Artist Showcase with host Lynn Hollyfield (sign-ups at 6:30 p.m.).

Friday, February 2, 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., Soulfied Village. Bringing funk, rock, pop, R&B, neo-soul, gospel and originals, Soulfied Village delivers what you know and love while introducing the audience to their homegrown material.

Saturday, February 3, 4 to 6 p.m., Bruce Krittr, classical guitar. 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., Little Red and the Renegades, zydeco, New Orleans, R&B, rock & roll, funk, blues and Cajun.


Botanic Garden Talk On Plant Medicines

The U.S. Botanic Garden offers a program, Snake Oil Revisited: Plant Medicines in American History, on Saturday, January 27 from 2 to 3:30 p.m., given by historian Susan Strasser of the University of Delaware. Note that while this event is free, pre-registration is required. Call 202-225-1116 or visit usbg.gov/programs-and-events.



PRELIMINARY AGENDA
GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, February 1, 2018
 GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

1. **GHI Closed Session – Begins @ 7:00 p.m.**
 - GHI Executive Session –begins at 7.00
 - Approve Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting Held on January 4, 2018
 - Inquiry from Prospective Members re: the Purchase of a GHI Unit
 - Contract for Sewer and Storm Pipe Emergency Repairs
 - Discuss a Member Complaint matter
 - Rental Permit granted to a Member
2. **GHI Open Session – Begins @ 7:30 p.m.**
 - Announcement of a Complaint Panel Executive Meeting held on January 19, 2018
 - Announcement of an Executive Session Meeting Held on February 1, 2018
 - Approve Minutes of the Special Open Session Meeting Held on January 4, 2018
 - Approve Minutes of the Regular Open Session Meeting Held on January 4, 2018
 - Request the Woodlands Committee to Review a Tree Planting Proposal from the Metropolitan Council of Governments.
 - Charter Revisions and Assignment of 2018 Ad-Hoc Task Force for Envelope Windows and Doors
 - Review Integrated Technology Task Force's Recommendations
 - Auditor's Comments re: Attorney's Opinion about the Fiduciary Standard that the Investment Committee is Required to Meet
 - Request Member Outreach Committee to Undertake a Membership Survey



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not in agreement.”

In response to his impressions of the Saturday meeting and their information, Snyder said, “I didn’t want to hear that. It’s like a broken record. I knew it wasn’t an impartial event. I had already made up my mind from a previous meeting at Bowie College.” He was bothered that Bowie people were invited to the event in Greenbelt on Saturday and said that may “rub some Greenbelt people the wrong way.” Snyder also was concerned about the “Stop the Maglev” signs that were being sold at the event and being put up on Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI) properties. Snyder said, “GHI has a strict rule against signage except with elections.” He is looking into this rule and said, “If they make an exception then they should allow me or [others] to make and put up signs as well.” Snyder suggested that anyone with questions about the project “try to listen to all sides and do research yourself – there is plenty of reading material available.”

All the speakers Saturday were for the no-build option and spoke about the impracticalities of the project and the need for citizens to communicate their opinions to their representatives. One way to do that at the meeting was to sign a pre-written letter, produced by the Greenbelt Advocates for Environmental and Social Justice, with room for additional handwritten comments to the MTA. The letters will be sent to the state and U.S. senators representing our area. Over 110 letters were collected and an additional 50 were taken home by attendees to be written and collected at a later date.

The Greenbelt City Council is also finishing a letter to say the project “reduces the quality of life in our region” and strongly urges representatives to vote for the no-build option as well.

Marcia Lissauer, who lives in Greenbriar, attended both meetings, concerned about how the construction and possible above-ground aspects of the route may affect her neighborhood and underground utilities. After the Saturday meeting she expressed her frustration with the Friday meeting. She said BWRR representatives responded to her questions by saying “the environmental study is not done, so we don’t know where the routes are.” Lissauer said, “They know where the routes are . . . I don’t know who the ridership is because it is not Greenbelt people. It is not Laurel people. It’s not anyone in between because why would you go to Baltimore to take the train to Washington.”

Other Maglevs

Lissauer said, “I am more against it [the maglev], especially hearing that the German maglev has been discontinued and that the Japanese are not so keen on their system and want to sell it to us.” There seems to be debate on how the Japanese feel about the maglev. An April 2017 CNBC article on the newest maglev in Japan, titled “What it’s like to hold Japan’s super train golden ticket,” talked about people waiting for hours to ride the train because it is a big attraction. An article in the Financial Times that came out in October 2017, “Japan’s new maglev train line runs headlong into critics,” quoted a Japanese engineer and researcher calling

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In the meeting on Friday BWRR representatives admitted that Japanese culture is an aspect to the functionality of the maglev system and speed. They talked about how in Japan the system runs very smoothly, especially with transitions from people getting on and off the train. Siddiqi, an engineer as well as the vice president of BWRR, said “It’s smooth, nobody is rushing.” Henley said, “That’s a culture thing. That’s not how we roll in this country. We aren’t used to that kind of thing. We need to get used to it in order to make this a successful operation.”

Additional Meetings

Representatives from BWRR are planning on having more meetings with the community in the future. Brown, who organized the two New Deal Café meetings, said, “I like small forums because it gives people the opportunity to ask their specific questions and connect with folks. To me it was like, how many ways can I

connect with the community, especially in more intimate ways.” Brown said in response to the weekday timing of their meetings, “If people are more interested in having something on the weekend we can do that. I know it seems like everything is happening really fast but this is a process.”

The representatives in favor of the no-build option will also be having a number of upcoming events including a rally in Annapolis on Monday, February 12, 6 to 8 p.m. at Lawyers Mall outside the Statehouse.

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Police Blotter

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

DWI/DUI

January 9, 7:30 p.m., 16 Ridge Road. A 27-year-old resident was arrested and charged with alcohol- and other traffic-related violations during investigation of a traffic accident. He was released on citations pending trial.

January 16, 5:51 p.m., 58 Ridge Road. A 59-year-old resident was arrested and charged with alcohol- and other traffic-related violations during investigation of a traffic accident. She was released on citations pending trial.

Theft

January 12, 6:24 p.m., 100 block Centerway. A lock was removed from a locker and a wallet containing cash, three credit cards and a driver’s license was taken at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center. Two men are suspected of being involved, both black, one with a thin build, approximately 6 feet 2 inches tall, wearing a black hat, black sunglasses, black T-shirt and red shoes. The other man is described as approximately 5 feet 8 inches tall, with a goatee, wearing a red hat, camouflage hoodie, white shirt and blue sweat pants.

January 14, 4:23 p.m., 100 block Centerway. A tricycle was taken from in front of the Old Greenbelt Theatre.

January 14, 6:14 p.m., 99 Centerway. An unattended cell phone was taken from the Youth Center.

January 16, 5:51 p.m., 6300 block Ivy Lane. A wallet was taken from an unattended purse in an office.

Burglary

January 12, 3:41 p.m., 7900 block Mandan Road. Several pairs of sneakers, a Sunbeam microwave, an HP laptop and rolled U.S. coins were taken from an apartment after contractors had serviced the unit. The investigation is ongoing.

January 15, 11:29 a.m., 5800 block Greenbelt Road. Money was taken from Gus’s Fried Chicken restaurant after entry was made by unknown means.

January 17, 10:56 a.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. Force was used to open a kitchen window to gain entry into an apartment. Nothing appeared to have been taken. Two men possibly involved fled in a 2-door silver-colored vehicle with temporary tags. They are described as being black, with one wearing braids and a red coat with a stripe, and the other man wearing a blue coat, hooded sweatshirt and blue jeans.

Credit Card Offense

January 15, 5:31 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace. A man reported that someone had used his debit card to make an unauthorized online purchase.

Vehicle Crime

A 1996 Ford Explorer reported stolen December 13 from the 6300 block Breezewood Drive was recovered January 12 by Prince George’s County police at an undisclosed location.

Objects thrown at a vehicle in the 7800 block Walker Drive cracked a rear window. A person possibly involved is described as a woman driving a dark-colored Nissan Sentra.

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this affects lots of small business people in the area.”

Greenbelt resident Beth Lewis, adult services librarian at the Hyattsville Library, said on Sunday that when the federal government shuts down she gets calls asking whether the libraries will be closed. “Clients do not necessarily understand which levels of government provide which services to the public,” she said.

Uncertainty about the government raised many unsettling questions. What about pensions? Social security? One parent reported that their children were

distressed wondering if anyone was going to feed the animals at the zoo.

One bright spot in the uncertainty is wide community support for federal workers. For example, area institutions have during past shutdowns offered furloughed federal workers helpful promotions and consolations. Griffith recalled Georgetown University’s offer of free classes during the 2013 shutdown. “I took one of their classes,” she said. “It was a good distraction, something interesting to work on.”

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during British colonial rule.

Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) was awarded five grants, one of which was a joint project with other schools. Beech Tree Puppets will present the show, Butterfly Wonder, followed by a puppet-making workshop. There are two grants for math: one for math centers and one for a Hands-On Equations program that teaches concepts in algebra. There will be animation classes with George Kochell, Mr. Geo.

A grant proposal was submitted jointly by the GES, ERHS

and GMS Parent-Teacher Associations to fund a free showing of the documentary *ANGST* at the Old Greenbelt Theatre. The movie examines the causes and management of anxiety around tests and social media use. A moderated discussion follows the showing.

This is the ninth year that Greenbelt has distributed ACE grants to the local schools. In total there have been 169 proposals funded for up to \$500 each.

Jon Gardner is a member of ACE.

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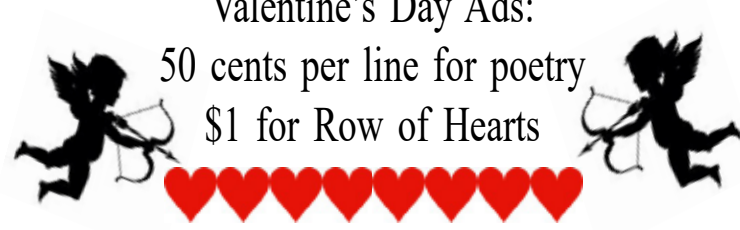
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New Gallery Exhibit



Romeo and Juliet
Camp Encore, 2017

The new art gallery exhibit at the Community Center, entitled **Worlds of Wonder II**, features costumes from recent Recreation Department shows, including dance performances, Creative Kids Camp and Camp Encore shows and the Winter Youth Musical.

Pictured here are steampunk hats (above) and the apothecary's costume (right) created by Kate Magill Robinson for the 2017 Camp Encore production of **Romeo and Juliet**.

Photos by Anne Gardner



Super Blue Moon in January

by Matthew Arbach

Stargazers will be given a rare opportunity on January 31, when a total lunar eclipse will occur, the first visible one in this area since September 27, 2015. A lunar eclipse is caused by the moon passing into the earth's shadow, or umbra. A total or almost perfect alignment of the sun, earth and moon is required for such an event, with the earth occupying a middle position. Also, an eclipse can only happen when the moon is full. Complete observation of this event may be problematic depending on one's view of the sky.

The eclipse moves through three stages. At first there will be only a partial darkening of the moon as the umbra advances, known as the penumbral phase. The next stage results in what is known as a blood moon, with it taking on a dark-reddish color. The sun's light is totally cut off as blue light is scattered and refracted by the atmosphere of the earth, much as what happens at a sunset. Finally, the umbra re-

treates and the moon returns to its normal appearance. The eclipse along the eastern seaboard will begin at 5:51 a.m. with maximum eclipse occurring at 8:29 a.m., ending completely at 11:08 a.m. From this location, the penumbral phase will be visible, yet from 6:48 a.m. on, total visibility will require a clear vantage of the western horizon. The moon sets here at 7:14 a.m. along with the sunrise so the moon will have set long before totality. The best eclipse viewing will be in Hawaii and Alaska.

The full moon occurring on January 30 is also known as a blue moon, the name for a second full moon in a single month. The use of the word blue refers more to its rarity – about once every two or three years – than to its color. It will also be this year's first blue supermoon, dubbed because its visible size is increased by being nearest to the earth in its elliptic orbit.



Sharapi Flies High with Pilot License Training Scholarship

by George Ryan

Julia Sharapi, a senior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, has been selected to receive a Chief of Staff of the Air Force Flight Training Scholarship for summer 2018. Sharapi is a cadet colonel in the Air Force Junior ROTC (AFJROTC) program at Roosevelt and is the program's cadet commander for the school year.

This scholarship will cover all expenses for Sharapi to receive her private pilot license. She will attend a summer-long training program at one of six universities across the United States that have undergraduate professional aviation programs. The Air Force will pay all her transportation expenses out and back, room and board and all associated expenses. Besides obtaining a private pilot license, each participating individual will receive college credit from the university attended.

Sharapi competed against almost 120,000 AFJROTC cadets at almost 900 units worldwide, and was one of 120 selected for this prestigious program. The selection board considered her academic record, recommendations from her school administration, her AFJROTC instructor, her performance on the annual physical fitness test and her performance on a standardized Air Force Flight Qualification Test, which compared her to other applicants in areas such as math, instrument interpretation and data interpretation.

To obtain a private pilot license, a person must complete an intensive ground school course of study, which covers, among other topics, Federal Aviation Regulations, use of aeronautical charts, radio communication procedures, weather and principles of aerodynamics. The individual must then pass a comprehensive Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) knowledge test. Additionally, a person must receive flight training in an airplane, which includes preflight preparation and procedures, airport operations, takeoffs and landings, performance maneuvers, navigation, emergency operations, night operations and postflight operations. Students must have at least 40 hours of flight time, including at least 10 hours of solo flight time, and a solo cross-country flight of at least 150 nautical miles.



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Cadet Commander Julia Sharapi of the AFJROTC program at Eleanor Roosevelt High School

The student must then pass a comprehensive FAA flight test of several hours testing all these skills. Once a person becomes a certificated private pilot they retain that certification for the rest of their life, as the certificate itself never expires.

This is the first year for the Flight Scholarship Program. It is

open to AFJROTC cadets, with no cost or military obligation. The Air Force is already making plans for summer 2019, looking to double the number of scholarship recipients to 240 next year.

Colonel George Ryan, USAF (retired), is the senior aerospace science instructor in Roosevelt's AFJROTC program.



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