Council Talks Immigration, Open Meetings and Pageant
by Diane Oberg

On September 11, the Greenbelt City Council confirmed the policy behind the draft executive order governing interactions with federal immigration agencies. They looked at whether it sufficiently protects otherwise law-abiding undocumented immigrants, some of whom have children who are U.S. citizens. Council also briefly discussed the absence of the Miss Greenbelt pageant from the Labor Day festivities and the result of an Open Meetings complaint regarding late posting of Advisory Planning Board (APB) minutes. ICE Requests After a lengthy discussion, council confirmed the policy underlying the city’s General Order regarding “Cooperation with Federal Immigration Agents and Agencies” on a 4 to 2 vote with Councilmembers Rodney Roberts and Colin Byrd opposed. The Order directs Greenbelt police officers not to grant U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) requests to detain an individual in their custody unless a judicial warrant (issued by a court) exists or the individual is listed on the Immigration Visor File as a deported felon. Other restrictions include police should not ask immigration status except in rare circumstances and officers participating in a federal taskforce can assist it only if the primary focus of the investigation does not involve the enforcement of federal civil immigration law. Councilmember Roberts had initially moved to confirm the policy reflected in the General Order. After hearing several speakers address their fears and concerns, he attempted to withdraw his motion, stating that it was apparent that the community didn’t want to go that far. See COUNCIL, page 10

Greenbelters Support UMD Child Development Research
by Carrie Hannigan

Jill Connor’s children have participated in approximately 30 studies at the University of Maryland’s Infant and Child Studies Program since moving to Greenbelt two years ago. When asked why she continues to enroll in research studies, Connor said, “I love learning. I want my kids to be comfortable with learning and college environments.” Connor’s mother was a psychology professor, and Connor would visit the classroom as a child and draw pictures. Her mother used these pictures to teach the class about child development. Connor said she remembers this fondly and wants her kids to have that experience as well.

The Infant and Child Studies Program was founded in 2005 at the University of Maryland to study how children learn and grow. The program has offices in the Linguistics, Psychology, Human Development and Hearing Programs. See CHILD STUDIES, page 6

Council Debates Draft Economic Plan, Says Yes to Solar and Pay Freeze Letter
by Diane Oberg

At its September 11 regular meeting, the Greenbelt City Council again delayed approval of its draft economic development goals until the next council meeting. Council also adopted an ordinance permitting the city to negotiate the installation of a solar photovoltaic energy system outside of Greenbelt and agreed to send a letter addressing the federal pay freeze. Councilmember Edward Putens was absent, leading to several tie votes.

Economic Development
At the August 13 regular meeting, council, in response to comments from the floor, council voted to delay consideration of the draft goals until the next meeting. At the September council meeting, Mayor Emmett Jordan began by expressing disappointment that the only comments they had received were via email at around 6 p.m. that day. The city had received comments from Ed Fallon and former councilmember and economic development policy advocate Konrad Herling but several councilmembers had not seen those comments. Molly Lester said that council did not make clear at the last meeting that it wanted to receive comments in writing in advance. She was expecting council to take comments during this meeting and only emailed hers. Jordan expressed his frustration at the posts on Facebook and other social media sites about this proposal with none of the people posting those comments submitting anything to the city. Councilmember Judith Davis shared his frustration. She had seen complaints that the goals document lacked specifics. She noted that such details will come later, after the city hires an economic development staffer. Whatever that person comes up with is what to expect. Team study has to be balanced with the rigors of school. Sittman felt better prepared this year than he had a better idea of what to expect. Team study has to be balanced with the rigors of school. Sittman felt better prepared this year than he was the previous year in that he had a better idea of what to expect. Team study has to be balanced with the rigors of school. Sittman felt better prepared this year than he was the previous year in that he had a better idea of what to expect. Team study has to be balanced with the rigors of school. Sittman felt better prepared this year than he was the previous year in that he had a better idea of what to expect.
Letters to the Editor

THANKS
The September 6 issue of the News Review is, I think, just smashing in every way, and I’ve needed to tell you so. Keep up the wonderful work!
Barbara Young

Solar Array Will Save Money and the Air
That’s one small step for city council, one giant leap for our environment.
With little fanfare and only brief discussion, city council on Tuesday evening (September 11) passed a motion authorizing a solar energy project that will, once constructed and for the next 15 years, offset about 90% of the electricity used each year in City of Greenbelt facilities. Maintaining over 40 million accounts, our municipality consumes over 3 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) a year, at a cost of over $300,000. At present, this electricity is delivered by Pepco; the current fuel mix is around 33% coal, 25% natural gas, 36% nuclear, and 6% renewables (mostly wind).

Choosing the Future
At its September 24 meeting, council voted 8-0-1 to adopt a Community and Economic Development Policy for Greenbelt without the need for a multi-step review involving a town at a minimum, a well-publicized public hearing or two.

Greenbelt isn’t just some town—at heart it is a National Historic Landmark because the town’s present-day land use and social infrastructure embody the principles of the New Deal. The federal government’s response to the American family’s suffering during the Great Depression was a Greenbelt that was peaceful and enjoyable place to live, raise a family and escape from the hectic spaces and high-pressure development elsewhere in the D.C. area. Second, one would expect it to include a concise statement of the town’s original design principles that the New Deal planners established. Their vision was a Greenbelt that was a peaceful and enjoyable place to live, raise a family and escape from the hectic spaces and high-pressure development elsewhere in the D.C. area. Second, one would expect it to include a concise statement of the town’s original design principles that the New Deal planners established. Their vision was a Greenbelt that was a peaceful and enjoyable place to live, raise a family and escape from the hectic spaces and high-pressure development elsewhere in the D.C. area. Second, one would expect it to include a concise statement of the town’s original design principles that the New Deal planners established.

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Pat Reppert

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Sun. 2:30 (OC), 5:00, 7:30 PM
Mon. 5:00, 7:30 PM
Tues. 5:00, 7:30 PM
Wed. 2:30, 5:00, 7:30 PM
Thurs. 5:00 PM

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Taiwanese Classic Film Series: FREE! TAIPEI STORY (1985) (119 mins) (Mandarin w/ English subtitles)
Thurs. 8:00 PM

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I’m in favor of the Maglev, because I have someone I want to put on it—ONE WAY.

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Thoughtful Discussion: At MakerSpace

Are leaders born naturally or do the traits of leadership emerge from nurture? The thoughtful discussion group that meets at MakerSpace will discuss this question and the nature of leaders next Tuesday evening. September 25, from 7 to 9 p.m. All are welcome.

Many Co-ops Gather On the National Mall

The Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance will be among the hun- dreds of cooperative enterpris- es participating in the Co-op Festival on the National Mall Saturday and Sunday, October 6 and 7. The seven co-ops in the Alliance are the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, Greenbelt News Review, Greenbelt Nurs - ery School, Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative, Greenbelt Homes Incorporated (GHI), New Deal Co-op and Greenbelt MakerSpace Cooperative. The festival will focus on the impact cooperatives have on people’s lives. Nearby is the National Mall where cooperatives will celebrate the success, diversity and impact of cooperative busi- nesses, including national and na- tional co-brand partners and together to show America how cooperatives are building a better world and a more inclusive economy. Come celebrate with us.

Robotics Team Meets At MakerSpace

The new Team Illusion Ro- botics Club is having an in- formational meeting on Mon- day, September 24 at 6 p.m. at MakerSpace.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

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

GHS Notes

Tuesday, September 20, 7:45 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room.
Friday, September 22, 7 p.m., Communications Commit- tee Meeting, GHS Library.

Mishkan Torah Holds Film Screening

The Social Action Committee of Mishkan Torah Synagogue will present a special showing of the film Chasing Coral on Sunday, September 23 at 1 p.m. at the synagogue. A guest speaker will introduce the film.

Directed by Jeff Orlowski and produced by Larissa Rhodes, the film details the ongoing story of coral reefs. Filming took over three years, with the final cut distilled from over five hundred hours of underwater footage from over thirty countries. The film was made with the support of over five hundred people through- out the world and is an original Netflix documentary. Honored and acclaimed, Chasing Coral is not to be missed.

This event is free and open to the public. Mishkan Torah is located at 10 Ridge Road.

GES Beautification Needs Volunteers

Come help spruce up the Greenbelt Elementary School Butterfly Gardens on Saturday, September 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Many hands make light work, so bring the kids. The work involves weeding, trimming and mulching. The city is provid- ing a large pile of mulch; some hedges need trimming. Some tools and gloves will be provided, but bring your own fa- vorite gloves and tools, especially big shovels and wheeledbarrows. Bring a water bottle.

At Greenbelt Park

Saturday, September 22, Junior Ranger Beginner’s Tree Walk starts at 9 a.m. Come join a be- ginner children’s tree walk. Meet at the Ranger station near the campground at 9 a.m.
Sunday, September 23, Special Event: National Public Lands Day, beginning at 8:45 a.m. and ending at noon at the Sweetgum Picnic Area. Stewardship events are held across the United States on public lands as a way to give back to the community. Celebrate National Public Lands Day at our local park. Learn the ten miles of trails, camp in the beautiful outdoors or volunteer to help the park. Volunteers can participate in a trail maintenance project or campground improvement project.

Mishkan Torah will Host Table Talk

Delegate Washington Will Hold Table Talk

Delegate Alonzo Washington (Eleanor Roosevelt High School students and parents to join him for his upcoming Table Talk event. September 25 at 9:30 a.m. in the ERHS Media Center.

Washington will facilitate a discussion of the Kirwan Com- mission, which is currently updat- ing Maryland’s education funding formulas.

Senior Open Forum

On Saturday, September 22 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee will hold its annual Open Forum in the Community Center, Room 202. Greenbelters of all ages are invited to share their concerns about issues in the community and get direct feedback from city officials, including members of the city council and representa- tives of various city government agencies. Positive comments are also welcome and appreciated.

Come to the Ceilidh

St. Columbia’s Scottish Coun- try Dancers host a Ceilidh (pro- nounced KAV lee), a fun night of Scottish music and dancing that is free to all. No experience is needed; just do as the caller says. No need to come with a partner. Just bring a smile and wear soft-soled shoes. The Ceil- idh will be held at the Communi- ty Center on Tuesday, September 25 at 8 p.m.

The following week, on Tues- day, October 2, an eight-week beginner’s class from 8 to 10 p.m. will be held also at the Community Center, for which there is a fee. Again, no partner, or kit is needed, and it’s great exercise and an opportunity to have a lot of fun.

Medicaid Long-Term Care Workshop

Every day, lawyers see fami- lies who suffer because of lack of Medicaid’s information. Attorney R. Anthony Pasicuto from Byrd and Byrd, LLC, will explain Medicaid’s requirements of care and guidelines and the requirements of the Medic- aid process. He will also answer questions regarding the process of applying for Medicaid, how to qualify and how to preserve assets.

The workshop will be held on the second floor of the Municipal Building on Monday, October 1 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Registration is required; call Katherine Farzin to RSVP at 240-542-2019.

Sign Up Now Open For Rafael’s Race

The Greenbelt Elementary School PTA is sponsoring the annual Rafael’s Race 5K fun run and 5K race on Saturday, October 20. The event remembers Rafael Maris, a GES student who died in 2009, and raises funds the PTA provides to the school to support student field trips. Both runs start and end at Greenbelt Elementary School, with the 5K starting at 8:40 a.m. and the 9K at 9 a.m. Registration and more information are available at greensbeltmedleypta.org/page_ id=2688.

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Thursday starting September 20th at 7pm
Bruce T. Coulter

Bruce Coulter, age 64, died on September 15, 2018, at his home surrounded by his family after a five year battle with cancer. He was born May 24, 1954, in Maryland to Edward and Raphael Coulter, the youngest of five children. Growing up in Greenbelt, he developed a love of nature, spending countless hours playing in the woods. In high school, Bruce joined the Volunteer Fire Department and was also awarded the Gary Comeau Gold Medal by the State of Maryland for his academic achievements. During this time, Bruce met Debbie - his high school sweetheart and best friend.

They enjoyed life to the fullest, spending time camping, hiking and bicycling. Bruce and Debbie married in 1973, and were blessed with 45 years of a family filled with love, laughter and joy. Together they had two sons: Geoffrey and Jeremy. He beamed with pride over the family he had made. The past five years revealed the true power of the love for family, as he fought to stay with them. Bruce’s heritage to his children was not words of possessions, but priceless treasures, the treasure of his example as a man and a father.

A memorial service for Bruce will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 30, at the Cape St. Clair Clubhouse, 1223 River Rd., Annapolis, MD 21409. In lieu of flowers, donation can be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

Obituaries

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Consenludes to family and friends of Bruce Coulter who died peacefully surrounded by his family. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, September 30 at the Cape St. Clair Clubhouse in Annapolis.

Consenludes to Anne Gardner and the Gardner family on the death of Anne’s mother Yvonne Rowe.

Our sympathies to the friends and family of Al Geiger, a former News Review staff member and long-time Greenbelt, who died on September 15.

Congratulations to Silas Fishburne, 18, a volunteer and resi- dent at the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department who was award- ed the 2017 Junior Firefighter of the Year award by the Prince George’s County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association at the an- nual meeting on Thursday, Sep- tember 13.

John Maffay, former longtime Greenbelt resident and pioneer child, just celebrated his 85th birthday with a lively party at Collington, where he now resides. Family and friends toasted with champagne, and enjoyed lovely light nibbles and cake. Live mu- sic completed the festive atmo- sphere. Happy Birthday to John!

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12-week course held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30-9:30 PM.
- Students must be at least 16 years of age and have withdrawn from school in order to take the GED course.
- Must show proof of residency (i.e. current lease, phone or electric bill, driver’s license or Motor Vehicle I.D. card).
- Students are required to purchase a copy of the GED textbook, cal- culator and test-taking materials for $45 (purchased from Greenbelt CARES). There is no registration fee for GREENBELT RESIDENTS. Non-Greenbelt residents are required to pay a $ 175 registration fee.

- Questions? Judye Hering 301-345-6660, ext. 2016, or email: jhering@greenbeltmd.gov.

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY
September 29, 2018
Dora Kennedy French Immersion School
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10 AM – 2 PM

Volunteers needed!
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John Maffay holds the baby pic- ture at his 85th birthday party.
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and Speech Sciences departments. Researchers are typically graduate students working on projects as part of their thesis, undergraduate students working on projects for research experience, or as part of an honors thesis, volunteers or paid research assistants. Their research relies on volunteer participation from local families and has led to improvements in childhood literacy, cog- nitive implants and treatments for children with concessions, among other things.

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Heather Norden, also a Green- belt, participated in three stud- ies with her son this past year. She is a child psychologist her- self and understands the impor- tance of research. “It helps us as

served as the president of the Japanese Honor Society (JHS) in 2018. It ranks as the largest on the East Coast and second largest in the nation. In the recent past, the JHS has hosted a Japanese delegation of government offi- cials and had been invited to the White House by President Obama.

Sittman had high praise for the ERHS Japanese program and especially instructor Ter- suo Ogawa, saying that “he was highly influential to me.” It was his example that has led Sittman to study Asian studies with a Japanese concentration this fall at University of Maryland-Baltimore County. He hopes to become a language teacher himself. Ogawa commented that Sittman was one of the best students who compet- ed in this event and that he was pleased about his further course of study.

Sittman has been a Greenbelt resident for six years. He said “he would love to help out in the future” with any further Japanese undertakings at ERHS, if his new schedule allows. ERHS has sent a team to the Japan Bowl for the last eight years. As to their performance this year, Ogawa remarked, “They did well. I am proud of them since they worked hard to get where they were.”

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MakerSpace continues to serve the community.

After dedicating the last eight years of their lives to cultivating opportunities for students in Greenbelt to develop skills in the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields, George Boyce and Eva Fallon, founders of Greenbelt MakerSpace, are starting a new chapter in tranquil Vermont.

The couple leaves behind a thriving community resource that will continue to encourage countless members to be inquisitive and persistent and to develop essential life skills.

The road to creating the space was not an easy one. After encouraging STEM education in local schools for a couple of years, Fallon and Boyce looked to establish their own makerspace in the community, but they had difficulty finding a large enough venue at an affordable price. This was exacerbated by the fact that they were financing this venture with their personal foundation.

One day as they sat in the New Deal Café strategizing possible locations for their space, their daydream took a physical reality form when they saw a dry-cleaning store with a "For Sale" sign in the window. After four months, 30 trips to the scrap metal shop and several headaches, they opened Greenbelt MakerSpace.

Over the past five years, Fallon and Boyce have encouraged a range of students and community members to participate in the current operations and to develop essential life skills. Today, they look across the mall and are delighted with the many children and adults alike. They played in creating such a welcoming environment for children and adults alike.

For some periods of time in the fifties and early sixties, that’s about a year per week. In later times, papers got bigger and go from an average of four pages to a mix of eight and twelve pages. In the nineties — so processing will complete a year every two to three weeks. Today’s papers are always 12 or more pages but are already digital, thank goodness.

The initial target is to complete scanning the years 1943 to 2001, the period prior to the all-electronic newspaper of today. These highly-acidic papers are deteriorating rapidly and the current electronic archive, based on copies of microfilm, is of poor to moderate quality. The period from the first paper in 1937 to 1943 is available on the Library of Congress Chronicling America website. The Library of Congress scans are, however, also based on microfilm so the stretch goal of GAP is to reach 1937 to 1943 from the original newspapers.

Today, apart from 1937 to 1943, what exists is not an easy one. After enlisting UMD staff and students.

At the Library

Special Storytime: Books at Bedtime, presented by the Prince George’s County Infants and Toddlers Program, Monday, September 17, 6:30 p.m.; for ages newborn to 2.

English Conversation: Tuesday, September 25, 6 p.m.

Weekly Storytime: Tuesday, September 25, ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, September 26: ages newborn to 2, 10:15 a.m.; ages 3 to 5, 11:15 a.m.; Thursday, September 27: ages newborn to 2, 10:15 a.m.; ages 3 to 5, 4:15 p.m. Stop by the Information Desk immediately prior to each session to pick up free tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Culture Lecture Series: Tuesday, September 25, 7 p.m. Let Your Body be Resistance: Great Slave Revolts will be the first session of the Fall 2018 season in this radio/visual lecture series presented by C.R. Gibbs, historian of the African diaspora.

Math Games: Wednesday, September 26, 4:30 p.m., ages 5 to 12.

French Conversation: Thursday, September 27, 5 p.m.

Tucked away in a corner of the Community Center stage, the Greenbelt Archive Project’s (GAP) office is now set up. With the scanner in place, computers ready and with multiple teams of storage awaiting, the rescue of 60 years of early Greenbelt News Reviews (GNR) is poised to begin.

The Greenbelt Archive Project seeks volunteers to assist in the preparation and boxing of papers at the Community Center during normal center hours. The duration of the project is two years and volunteers will be assigned, at their convenience, to one or more two-hour shifts per week, working in pairs or trios to comple-...
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Run, don’t walk, to the Greenbelt Arts Center to see the Wolf Pack Theatre Company’s production of Spring Awakening (SA), a rock musical with music by Duncan Sheik and book and lyrics by Steven Sater, based on Frederick Wedekind’s 1891 German play Spring Awakening.

Long before the angst-ridden teens of the iconic film Rebel Without a Cause, there were the angst-ridden teens of a small mid-19th century German town. Eat your hearts out, Natalie, Jimmy and Sal and meet your ancestors and emotional dopplegängers, Wendla, Melchior and Moritz.

There is always a new generation discovering sex for the first time and thinking they invented it. Survivors of this journey—all of us—will love this musical’s exploration of sexual awakening, self discovery and youthful revolt. We will lament the confusion and ignorance of these youthful travelers which can only lead to misunderstandings and worse. Who would think that topics such as abortion, abuse, masturbation, pro-marital sex, homosexuality and suicide would make for such an incredible show and bring us such a sensitive, bittersweet, innocent, edgy and tumultuous coming-of-age tale.

Co-directors William Dean Leary and Chris Overly and assistant director Rebecca Overly have made a daring choice. SA is difficult to do well and in less experienced hands could have been crude, salacious and exploitive instead of the powerful and inventive instead of the powerful and moving work they bring to their audiences.

All over age 30—parents, teachers and emotional doppelgängers, Wendla, Melchior and Moritz. There is always a new generation discovering sex for the first time and thinking they invented it. Survivors of this journey—all of us—will love this musical’s exploration of sexual awakening, self discovery and youthful revolt. We will lament the confusion and ignorance of these youthful travelers which can only lead to misunderstandings and worse. Who would think that topics such as abortion, abuse, masturbation, pro-marital sex, homosexuality and suicide would make for such an incredible show and bring us such a sensitive, bittersweet, innocent, edgy and tumultuous coming-of-age tale.

This production is truly greater than the sum of its parts. Leary and the Overlys’ casting was inspired — no caricatures for them and the actors inhabited their roles and the world their directors created. The pacing was superb. Jennifer Quilty’s musical direction brought forth rich, moving work they bring to their audiences.

and Chris Overly’s set design is minimalist, ironic and apropos with its blackboards, chairs, rolling ladder, two-level platform and mock piano. The blackboards were cleverly used as a foreshadowing device.

The incredible cast radiates joy, youth, energy, esprit de corps and chemistry. Rachel Sharp’s Wendla is most sympathetic and conveys innocence, sweetness, kindness and confusion. Her rendition of Mama Who Bore Me is rich and moving and produces goosebumps. The chemistry between her and Melchior is palpable. Christian Gonzales’ Ilse is free-spirited, but conveys obstacles in his path. Alex Reeves’ Melchior is an old soul blessed with confidence and a wisdom, empathy and understanding befitting his years (best depicted by his attempts to help the hapless Moritz). Angel Duque is Moritz. Her rendition of Mama Who Bore Me is rich and moving and produces goosebumps. The chemistry between her and Melchior is palpable.

The Wolf Pack Theatre Company’s production of Spring Awakening is not to be missed. Put on your running shoes! Remaining performances: Fridays: September 21, 28 at 8 p.m., Saturdays: September 22, 29 at 8 p.m., Sunday Matinees: September 23, 30 at 2 p.m. Spring Awakening features adult subject matter, strong language and brief nudity. Running Time is 2 hours and 15 minutes with one intermission.

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Democratic Club Will Host Lt. Gov. Candidate Turnbull

Led by Lyn Doyle and Kurt Walker, 13 members of the Eleanor Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club urged fellow Greenbelters attending the Labor Day Parade to support issues important to the party, including livable wages and reasonable gun control legislation. During the next eight weeks, the club’s energy will be dedicated to a non-partisan effort to increase voter registration. To support Democratic candidates, they will knock on doors, call Prince George’s County residents, work polls during early voting and election day, and offer to drive voters to the polls.

The next general membership meeting on Friday, September 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Building will feature candidate for Lieutenant Governor Susie Turnbull.

Turnbull, from Montgomery County, has been a civil rights and political activist for more than four decades. She was vice chair of the Democratic National Committee and chairwoman of the Maryland Democratic Party. She has also worked with Emerge America and co-founded Emerge Maryland, programs which recruit women to run for office. Turnbull is currently a member of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington.

Attendees are encouraged to bring refreshments to share.

Turnbull’s political partner, Ben Jealous, candidate for governor and former president of the NAACP, currently works with Kapor Capital, a firm investing in companies dedicated to social change. Jealous and Turnbull are focused on increasing voter turnout over 2014’s state election. There will be a one-hour debate between Jealous and the Republican candidate, Larry Hogan, on Monday, September 24 which area residents can view on television station WJLA and Maryland Public Television at 7 p.m.

For more information about the club or helping with voter registration or other election efforts, contact Nicole Williams at 202-321-4207 or visit roosevelt-club.com.
still had some concerns about the city’s policy. However, since Councilmember Davis had not agreed to withdraw her second motion, the meeting was still alive and was eventually approved as described above.

A good-sized crowd was still in attendance when Silke Pope opened the floor to comments. Many were Hispanic residents who expressed concern that they could be arrested and taken away from their homes and children for something that S. citizens. CASA de Maryland representative, Trent Lierman, translated for presenters commenting in Spanish.

Some commenters urged the city to go beyond merely considering what the police should do and address the broader issues. Many asked that council have council pass a law instead. One reason stated in support for the city to pass a law is that a General Order could be changed by a new police chief without council’s consent. One pointed out that if a police chief or city manager attempted to do this, council would be the city manager to fire the chief, and if the city manager refused, council would have to act to fire the manager.

Others spoke of how fear led them to report crimes or auto accidents because fear that would bring them to ICE’s attention. These fears included what would happen to them if ICE learned of their location and sought to deport them. Some were afraid of police chief JohnJordan and the compliance board if they went before council at this televiewed meeting could attract law enforcement attention. Jordan assurred all that Greenbelt is a safe place that treats its residents with respect regardless of their status, so long as they are law-abiding.

Another fear was that undocumented residents would not receive equal treatment in dealing with other city departments. Examples of possible mistreatment by other departments related to refusing collecting the purchases of pool passes. No speaker, however, had an example of that actually happening.

After passage of the motion to confirm support of the General Order, Byrd directed city staff to draft an ordinance on the issue that would include both the protections in the general order and prohibit city participation in registrations systems used to identify undocumented immigrants. The ordinance would cover all city departments. Council would not receive a second. When Byrd asked Robe1s if he could provide the sec2nd, Roberts declined, saying that council couldn’t iron this out that night. Roberts said that council would have to make several decisions to determine the right approach.

Open Meetings
On August 22, the Open Meeti2ngs Compliance Board issued its response to a complaint that council had violated the Open Meetings Act by failing to publish minutes on 15 dates from January 9, 2018, to May 9, 2018. Jordan read the response aloud.

The board’s response noted that the complaint did not allege any act or omission by council. Silke Pope recommended that the Advisory Planning Board (APB) the Open Meetings Board noted that there was no claim that the minutes were not approved in a timely manner, it found that APB did approve its minutes at the next meeting. The Compliance board found that APB did not violate the Open Meetings Act.

Further, although the minutes had not been posted online, the Compliance Board found no sign that the board selectively posted its minutes or denied the complainant the opportunity to inspect them. As the minutes have now been posted, the Compliance Board found that the oversight did not rise to the level of a violation.

The compliance board closed its opinion by noting that neither APB nor council had violated the Act and pointed out that members of the public should first seek information from public bodies before invoking the board’s procedures. “Here, a visit to City Hall or a Public Information Act request would likely have yielded the minutes and brought the oversight to light more efficiently than this complaint.”

Miss Greenbelt
Byrdmotion to ask the Community Relations Advisory Board to explore ways to improve relations between the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival and the Miss Greenbelt scholarship. The festival, however, only has a vote for second.

Davis reported that the rea2son for no opening for the year is that not enough potential competitors applied to make the pageant viable. In the past, council has explored this issue and found that the main problem is a lack of respon2siveness to the question and the Festival. Council previously determined that the pageant must resolve this themselves.
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Take a closer look at some backyards in Greenbelt and you may spy a spinnin...
Overeaters Anonymous Helps Greenbelters Control Food

Some people are able to eat normally the majority of the time and allow themselves to overindulge on special occasions or when the mood strikes. That's great for those able to do so. Many people, however, find it hard to admit that their relation-ship with food is not so relaxed. Unfortunately, many people lose the power to be able to choose what and when they eat. This problem can manifest itself in many ways. Some consistently overeat, eating more than they want, or feel even worse if they don't really want to. Others eat too much of the wrong thing. Overeating often comes as a result of the OA fellowship, there is a meeting, hosting a special Newcomer Welcome and Orientation meeting this coming Monday, September 24 at 7 p.m. (OA meetings are often held in churches, but are not affiliated with any church or institution.) Those struggling with prob-lems with food, we welcome you to join the Newcomers event or any Monday night meetings.

For more information about this local meeting or the Over-eaters Anonymous program, call 202-362-8571 or 240-305-3433 or go to oa-dcmetro.org.

Submitted by: Public Information Committee, Greenbelt Meet-ing, Overeaters Anonymous.

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A Great Blue Heron - up high - looks low for lunch at the Lake.
**Police Blotter**

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltmd.gov/police

Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

**Thief**

September 4, 12 a.m., 8000 block Lakecrest Drive. A package was taken from the front stoop of a residence.

September 5, 10 a.m., 100 block Westway. A package was taken from the front stoop of a residence.

September 6, 4:05 p.m., 200 block Lakeside Drive. A laptop was taken from a residence.

September 9, 5:30 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. A man using social media agreed to purchase a cell phone and arranged to meet the seller to complete the transaction. The buyer gave the seller the money and then asked to see the phone to check something. After he got it, he fled with both the cell phone and the money. He is described as being black, 5 feet 7 inches tall with curly hair and a nose ring, wearing a green jacket with a NASA logo on it.

September 11, 9 p.m., 5500 block Cherrywood Lane. A man entered Chipotle and placed a food order. When it was time to pay, he grabbed the nearby tip jar and fled with it and the food.

September 12, 8:30 a.m., 8000 block Miner Street. Building materials were taken from a construction site.

**Burglary**

September 7, 4 p.m., 7400 block Frankfort Place. A laptop computer, a computer monitor and a silver Cannondale bicycle were taken from a residence after entry was gained by forcing open a rear basement window.

**Vandalism**

September 10, 6:30 p.m., 6600 block Lake Park Drive. A rock was thrown through the window of a residence.

**Vehicle Crime**

Two 2016 Yamaha R3 motorcycles were taken from the 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. One was red and white, with Md. tag 32Y9214, and the other gray, with Md. tag 307Y65.

Two stolen vehicles were recovered. A 1994 Honda Accord reported stolen August 23 from the 6900 block Hanover Parkway was recovered September 12 by Anne Arundel County police at an undisclosed location. A 2007 Honda Odyssey reported stolen September 5 from the 9200 block Edmonton Road was recovered September 12 by D.C. Metropolitan police in the area of 27th Street and Texas Avenue, S.E.

Three thefts from vehicles were reported, two after windows were broken out to gain access. In the 6900 block Hanover Parkway a wallet and cell phone were taken and in the 7500 block Hanover Parkway a backpack was removed. Rear tag, Md. 9DC1831, was removed from the 8000 block Mandan Road.

Vandalism was noted in the 6200 block Springhill Court, where the body of a vehicle was damaged.

**Greenbelt Police Offer Whistles for Walkers**

After the recent attack on a lake path walker, the Greenbelt Police Department is offering free whistles to anyone interested in helping prevent or deter other incidents of this kind.

**Baskets and Rebounds Keep Angels Council Game Close**

by René Sewell-Raynor

The rain seemed unending, but it didn’t dampen the athletic spirit that gathered at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center for the third meeting between the city council/employee basketball team and the Greenbelt Ladies Angels, a semi-professional women’s basketball team who practice at the rec center.

The game was touch and delay. In the case of the weather, it could not dampen the enthusiasm. Cross court passes, in-and-out layups went unanswered. The first basket went in and the city team began to find their rhythm. Cross-court passes, in-and-out layups brought the heat to the Angels.

The 15-minute halves gave teams little time to delay their strategy. The first basket went to the Lady Angels and it looked like it was going to be a walk-over for the Angels as their defense remained unswayed.

Delayed is not denied. The city team began to find their rhythm. Cross-court passes, in-and-out layups, your-face defense kept the fans on the edge of their seats.

At halftime Lady Angels Captain Jeanne White plotted strategy with her teammates, a newly formed Lady Angels team.

The game was touch and go until the final buzzer when Brown’s basket sent the game into overtime. The four-minute overtime saw the score seesaw until the final buzzer when the city team prevailed 39 to 38.

Scorekeeping was handled by Bill Agbodjub, a student at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, and Jordan Robinson. After the game, Robinson observed, “It was cool seeing the mayor in my neighborhood.”

Herb Allen, coach of the Lady Angels, gave kudos to the city team. “It was a great victory. This was a good community event and we thank the City of Greenbelt Recreation Department for the space and the donors who provided food and raffle prizes.”

Some of the veteran and international winners from former Lady Angels’ teams are already asking for a rematch next year. Stay tuned.

**Multi-sport Sandlot Hitter Plays Hard for Senior Gold**

by William Pitts

James Harbaugh holds a photo of himself celebrating his win in the billiards tournament last May, and 2017 in Birmingham, Alabama — he moved on to compete at a higher level, taking part in the National Senior Games.

Harbaugh has already achieved honors at the 2018 Maryland Senior Games by placing first in the 80-84 age group in the billiards competition, held May 17 at Parkrose Senior Center in Silver Spring. In other events, he has found less success, bowing out of the pickleball tournament after winning one out of three matches, while finishing as an “also-ran” — as he described it — in horseshoes.

“Keeping an active lifestyle has been important to Har-baugh since his teenage years as a sandlot league baseball player.

“I played until I was in my early 40s. Wasn’t much of a hitter, though . . . only hit three home runs my whole life, and I still remember those,” he said. “I was never inclined to go much past amate-ur ranks.”

Still, he says, it’s all been worth it for the friends he’s gained along the way. One such friend is Sam Eells, his doubles partner at the 2013 National Senior Games in Cleveland. Together, they made it all the way to the semifinals in the 75 to 79 age group, winning two matches in the tournament.

“(He) came from Ohio to play in the Maryland Senior Olympics, we hooked up . . . I met him against another later that year for the Nationals,” said Harbaugh. “I haven’t seen him since.”

There is one more event on Harbaugh’s calendar for the year. The tennis competition at the Maryland games, originally scheduled for September 13 to 15 but postponed due to inclement weather, has been moved back to September 27 to 29. There, he will participate in both the singles and doubles events.

**Whistles for Walkers**

The goal is to help people feel more confident and enjoy eating our city.”

The supply lasts, all are invited to take whistles for anyone interested in having deterrence at the ready while walking or running on the lake path walker, the Greenbelt Police Department is offering free whistles to anyone interested in helping prevent or deter other incidents of this kind.

The most identifiable members of the city team were Mayor Em-ett Jordan, Ian Dan and Colleen Smith. Second was Colby Byrd.

Officer Bryan Fink, PFC Raimundo Brown and MPO Irilisse Fernandez rounded out the team.

City councilmembers — Judith Davis, Leta Mach and Edward Putens — were spotted in the bleachers cheering their fellow policymakers as they took on the Lady Angels. Uniformed police officers good-naturedly urged their teammates to keep the heat to the Angels.

Reverend Greg Carter, a vo-ocal and musician, sang to the city team’s bench and offered robust commentary on city council play. He was one of the founding visionaries of the Lady Angels and the Ladies Night pro-gram at the rec center.

Jordan greeted the partisan crowd and urged them to enjoy the game.
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City Notes

Animal Control returned a stray dog to its owner, investigating a cruelty case and removing an animal carcass from the roadway. One dog and two cats were adopted.

Reduce/Recycling/Sustainability/Environmental crews hosted and assisted with the Prince Georges County Watershed Stewards Academy class. Staff wrote letters to the four District 22 representatives to encourage them to sign the letter from Greenbelt’s Climate Action Network on no new fossil fuels. Crews collected 30.34 tons of refuse and 11.60 tons of recyclable material.

Facilities Maintenance crew repaired an underground electric pipe damaged by Pepco in Rosevelt Center.

Arts staff are preparing for a special Artful Afternoon on Sunday, October 7, celebrating the 80th anniversary of the first weekly arts event at the Community Center, which was provided through the Federal Arts Project.

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The mistake of the day for the home team came in the pre-game huddle when goalkeeper Angie Oludayo started the wrong pre-game cheer. But after that, the junior varsity Eleanor Roosevelt girls soccer team led an offensive onslaught against the visiting Bowie Bulldogs last Thursday. Led by freshman forward Amber Fetch’s hat trick, the Raiders spaced out their goals on route to an 8-0 shutout of their archival. Freshmen goalkeeper Isabela Martins and sophomore Oludayo were rarely tested in goal, only needing to make one save. Sophomore Amir Muhammad continually flew through Bowie’s backline, adding two goals and, most impressively, her assist to Ernestina Atta-Sofah, who one-touched the pass into side-netting to end the first half. Midfielder Chinedum Chike provided her birthday present one day early with her first goal of the season in the second half while the Raiders defense remained formidable, quelled by newcomers Man Lun and Nidhiksha Ramanathan and returning starter Leah Booker. They ensured the most important number on the scoreboard was the Bowie 0, a satisfying result for a team that graduated seven players to the varsity squad a year ago.

Varsity

In the varsity game that followed, the Raiders continued the junior varsity’s momentum with a beautiful early goal that barely slipped under the crossbar, from junior Madison Endres. The Raiders threatened throughout the evening with many near misses from forwards Zosia Nicholson and Aliza Khan; however, it was senior captain Mykenna Maniece who added the second goal, though it lacked the aesthetic quality of Endres’ tally. Maniece tapped in a rebound while falling over the Bowie goalkeeper to solidify the 2-0 victory. Junior goalkeeper Stephanie Ijomor, who suffered an injury earlier in the week in an 8-0 triumph over Laurel, made a save on a header from a Bowie corner kick but was not threatened with much else as the Raiders controlled most of the game’s possession time. The Raiders next test will be September 26 at 3:30 when they visit the High Point Eagles in Beltsville.

Sports

Eleanor Roosevelt High School Girls Soccer Teams Prevail

by Patrick Gleason

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Retro Town Fair 2018 Wrap-up

Another Greenbelt Museum Retro Town Fair (RTF) has come and gone, a last spark and celebration of summer. It was a chance to say farewell to the lazy days and gardening we love so much.

It began as homage to the traditional town fairs of very early Greenbelt. Those early Greenbelters wanted to have a venue to show off the fruits of their energetic gardening, in the style of a county fair. The first town fair was held in 1939 and was a great success. WWII interrupted the tradition, and eventually it fell off the event calendar.

In 2012, as part of the city’s 75th Anniversary Labor Day weekend, the town fair was revived as Retro Town Fair. It was an instant hit, and this was the seventh RTF. Greenbelters enter this feel-good, community-building event and win ribbons for their cakes and pies, cookies and biscuits, needlework, canned goods, flowers and fruits and vegetables. It is a relaxed and low-key affair. Winners tell us that they often get so much love and attention from their family and from the community that they cannot stop smiling.

Food Historian Elliot Merker was a baked goods judge this year, adding a bit of extra expertise to the judging panel and resulting in a record number of purple Grand Champion ribbons for baking.

A new feature this year was the Legacy Exhibition. This was a way to allow folks to share their family collections and heirloom pieces and it was a truly delightful aspect of RTF 2018. A very touching story accompanied a handknit sweater that was on display in the Legacy exhibition. This was a sweater that was handmade by her mother for a beloved family member that was undergoing chemotherapy.

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The Greenbelt Museum would like to thank everyone who was involved with Retro Town Fair 2018: entrants, exhibitors, judges, visitors and admirers. We will do it all again next year. See you at the fair.

Jim Cassels Community Service Award: Apply Now

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

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

Since its creation in 2006, the award has funded a variety of projects that are fitting tributes to the memory of Jim Cassels and his legacy of community involvement. Past awardees have undertaken a wide range of activities.

The most recent award was given to Eleanor Roosevelt High School for their Music and Art Festival. The free festival was held in Roosevelt Center on April 21 and featured music and theater students, along with a student art show at the New Deal Café. The festival highlighted the way ERHS music, art and drama departments work together with the wider community to make the arts a part of everyday life to enhance and enrich the educational experience.

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

The recipient of the 2018 Jim Cassels Community Service Award will be announced at the Co-op’s annual meeting in November.

Applications are available at the Co-op main office or online at emailmeform.com/builder/form/3Ecw0A02xkNo. Applications should be returned to the Co-op main office or submitted online by October 15. For further information, contact Donna Hoffmeister at 301-441-9377 or email donna.hoffmeister@verizon.net. Information is also available on the co-op’s website, greenbelt.coop/cms/community/jm-cassels-award.