Co-op Launches Solar Roof Drive for Bond Bill Bucks

by Cathie Meetre

The Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy is preparing a significant initiative, called Rays on The Roof, using the opportunity of a needed new roof to add a solar voltaic array to generate free, renewable energy. Faced with the insurmountable necessity of a new roof, it is making lemonade out of its lemons (fruits and vegetable section) and going whole hog (meat case) for solar. It’s a win for the Co-op and the environment. Co-op seeks an Individual Bond Bill from the Maryland State Legislature to offset part of the outlay, estimated to total $750,000. As part of the bond bill process, applicants must show matching funds. By demonstrating upfront a willingness to pitch in on this match, the community can substantially enhance the bond bill’s chance of success.

Co-op plans to raise the required matching funds amounting to $400,000 of the total through a mix of donations and interest-paying investments open to the community. There is a range of ways to assist on whatever scale an individual is comfortable with. An ad on the back page of this issue describes the options and offers a range of choices.

**Payback Time**

The sum of $750,000 is a lot of money. But with a bond bill offsetting part of the cost, the payback time for the roof and array from 25 percent electricity.

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Snow Day in Greenbelt

by Denna Lambert

**What Goes On**

Monday, January 21
No Council Meeting in Observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
Wednesday, January 23
8 p.m. Council Worksession, ULI-TAP Report, Municipal Building

Snowy Greenbelt

See Photo Page, p.12

Greenbelters Host Furlough Food and Fellowship Potluck

by Lori Dominick

As government employees and contractors faced a third week of the federal furlough with no end in sight, Hope Braveheart posted a question on social media: Would Greenbelters help host a dinner for people affected by this? The purpose of the event would be to create a welcoming and comfortable environment for Greenbelters to interact and eat together, as well as provide food and household items to individuals impacted by the government shutdown.

The answer was a resounding yes. Within a few days, Braveheart and several co-organizers found a venue, set a date and started a list for a potluck. Close to 30 people brought food, drinks and other items. Community businesses, including Jason’s Deli, Nando’s Peri Peri, Noodles and Company, Safeway and Mission BBQ contributed to the potluck as well. Thanks to anonymous donations, the organizers received $50, which will be used toward the next event or donated to Help By Phone.

The potluck was held on Saturday, January 12 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Church (GBCC), United Church Building.

See POTLUCK, page 8

Liggins Introduces Thriving Community Idea to Council

by Ian Round

Economic Development Coordinator Charise Liggins emphasized her interest in growing small businesses that tell the story of Greenbelt at a January 7 worksession of the city council. Liggins created a graphic showing the interconnectivity of various factors in creating “A Thriving Community.” The words business, people, housing, environment, arts and culture, education, civic engagement and infrastructure surrounded the City of Greenbelt logo and pointed toward it. Liggins hopes to create a database to keep track of business information and run reports in order to help “connect [businesses] to all that Greenbelt has to offer.” City Manager Nicole Ard hired Liggins November 29. “We think we have the best person for Greenbelt,” Ard said. “She’s bringing a lot of expertise in different areas.”

Ard said this is a new position and that Liggins will establish the city’s first economic development program. Liggins will be an ombudsman for businesses.

See LIGGINS, page 8

Shutdown

Surviving a Forced Vacation In The Midst of an Adoption

by Denna Lambert

The new year brought in the regular rituals we do such as sending out texts and calls to friends, wishing them a happy and joyful new year and cooking a batch of black-eyed peas for good luck. I created a vision board with my intentions for what I hope will be in the next 12 months. I will take down any decorations before the calendar rolls around to March. But this year, we ended 2018 with a furlough which initially felt like a surprise vacation.

Being a transplant from Arkansas, I try to spend a week each year with my parents who are now in their 70s. There is an increasing feeling that my time with them is drawing near. So when the furlough began on December 21, I was sort of relieved that I only needed to take three days of leave rather than five or six. Given the government’s lack

See FURLOUGH, page 8
Crews Labor All Night
To Clear Snowy City Streets

Greenbelt Public Works crews spent long hours this past weekend making our roads passable. They began working Saturday afternoon, January 12, to clear snowy roads throughout the city and continued all day Sunday, January 13, as a major winter storm continued over the region, closing schools and local government offices. City crews worked over 24 hours straight and were able to get only a little rest before starting again at midnight. As the snow finally stopped, the workers were able to get city roads cleaned before Monday morning.

It is easy to take for granted those (such as law enforcement officials, emergency medical personnel and many others) whose efforts day and night serve important community needs. In the aftermath of the storm, we particularly thank the dedicated Greenbelt Public Works crews who worked long hours to keep our roads clear of ice and snow.

Letters to the Editor

Municipal Broadband

Thanks to the Greenbelt City Council for taking on the issue of municipal broadband, and to Councilmember Colin Byrd for initiating the conversation.

We’ve heard about a possible plan wherein the city would do the work of building the infrastructure to be used by private companies. While this model acknowledges the important (if controversial) fact that internet access is a necessity of modern life, it preserves the most toxic component of broadband service: the corporate profit motive.

Greenbelt should look at communities like Chattanooga, Tenn., that offer broadband as a municipal-run utility at low cost. In a world without net neutrality, this is the sensible option. Greenbelt has a history of people-powered solutions that serve the public good, not private greed. We should continue on that path.

John Appiah-Duffel

Congress Needs Honest Dialogue

Many of us in Greenbelt have family, friends or neighbors impacted by the current shutdown. Perhaps it is time for our elected representatives on both sides of the aisle to hear from the people, not to take sides but to offer possibilities to end this dilemma.

This weekend I faxed both Democrat and Republican law-makers and stated that:

Compromise is not a dirty word, but an intelligent way to do government business.

Both sides agree that there is a need for border security; an honest discussion can include a physical barrier where one may be needed; more patrols and even the use of technology in other areas. However, without an honest examination of border security needs no solution will be found.

A comprehensive immigration policy that includes DACA recipients may also help to resolve many of the current immigration issues.

Taking sides and calling names only serves to polarize our nation. Too many Americans are negatively impacted by this shutdown. Compromise is the only way to end it. So write both Democrats and Republicans and send solutions. Insist that they honestly dialogue and end the shutdown.

Lois Rosado

Join a CSA

We are writing to express our gratitude to Greenbelt for making it easier for us to grow and eat healthy. Specifically, we are glad to have a local CSA (Community Supported Agriculture).

Our’s is basically a vegetable subscription. For a flat fee at the beginning of each season, we get an amazing amount of fresh, local vegetables every week (every other week in the winter). There is fruit, too, but we like the vegetables best. A few years ago, who would have known what a kohlrabi was, much less what goes with it! Trying out foods you never knew existed has been part of the fun. And if we don’t use the vegetables in our box that we really cannot use, we are free to use the swap box to exchange for something we will eat. None goes to waste. The boxes of vegetables that you may have seen at the New Deal Café on Thursdays are from the Calvert Farms CSA.

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Se Habla Español
Vaya a nuestra página web para ver artículos en español.

LOOKING FOR News Review CARRIERS

Each week, Greenbelt News Review carriers fan out across the city to deliver this paper. We’re looking for carriers to cover Greenbelt West, specifically Greenbelt Station.

Send an email to circ@greenbeltnewsreview.com for more information.

"It's hard to think of taxes when there is no income coming in."
- Greenbelt Cooperative, January 31, 1992

Letters Policy

The News Review reserves the right not to publish any letter submitted. Letters are considered accepted when published.

All letters must include the letter writer’s name, physical address and telephone number. Only the name will be published; the News Review will consider withholding the name upon request.

All letters are subject to editing for reasons of space, libel, privacy, taste, copyright and clarity.
Lunar Eclipse Observation

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host an event to observe the lunar eclipse late Sunday evening, January 20. The event is free and open to the public at the City Observatory located at Northway Fields. Partial eclipse (where the full moon is moving into the shadow of the Earth) begins at 10:33 p.m.; total eclipse begins at 11:41 p.m. and ends at 12:43 a.m. This is the last good total lunar eclipse until our area may see May 22, 2023.

Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill. The event will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.

Bus Transportation To Women's March

Those wishing to participate in the Women's March on Washington may board a bus at the Greenbelt Library parking lot on Saturday, January 19. The bus leaves Greenbelt at 9 a.m. and will return at 3 p.m.

Transportation is available for a $10 donation. Water and snacks are provided, but participants should bring their own lunch. Purchase tickets online or contact hila@transcatholic.org or go to eventbrite.com/e/womens-march-lux-greenbelt-tickets.

Changing the World, One Wall at a Time

On Monday, January 21, Reel and Meal will feature Changing the World, One Wall at a Time, at the New Deal Café. Meal service by Pianista will now be offering its full vegan menu on Reel and Meal evenings. Patrons should arrive earlier than usual if they plan to have dinner.

In keeping with the spirit of Martin Luther King Jr. Day’s focus on equal rights for all, the film documents Education Is Not A Crime, one of the world’s largest street art and human rights campaigns, which raises awareness of education discrimination by Iran’s government against tens of thousands of Bahá’ís.

After the film, Greenbelt artist and teacher Ingrid Haas will speak about the new payloads mural at Greenbelt Elementary School and answer questions from the audience.

The January Reel and Meal event is sponsored by the Bahá’í Community of Greenbelt as part of its continuing efforts to stimulate community discourse about topics related to peace, human rights and the oneness of humanity, which are core principles of the Bahá’í Faith.

Reel and Meal is a monthly vegan meal and film series focused on environmental, social justice and animal rights issues. For more information on the series, contact reelandmeal@newdealcafe.com.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

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

All meals, which provide at least one-third of Recommended Dietary Allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of January 21 are as follows:

Monday, January 21: Closed
Tuesday, January 22: Brunch with jelly, stovetop waffles, croissants, fruit, apple juice
Wednesday, January 23: Chick-noodle soup, breaded Pollock, crisp veggies, potatoes, carrot salad, roll, fresh fruit, grape juice.
Thursday, January 24: Sliced roast beef with gravy, whipped potatoes, sliced carrots, dinner roll, Mandarin oranges, apple juice.
Friday, January 25: Beef hot dog with chili, blueberry crisp, colelaw, wheat roll, cranberry juice.

MLK Day Free Dinner

The National Capital Baptist Convention of Washington, DC & Vicinity presents, A Day On To Feed the Community. The event is sponsored in part by County Councilmember at-large Mel Franklin and Beltway Plaza Shopping Center and is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, January 21 at Beltway Plaza.

The group is offering free turkey and ham dinner for those who register. Volunteers are also needed. For more information contact 202-436-5665 or email too941@aol.com.

GATe will be premiering four great Utopia shorts, repeating every night at 8pm for one week starting Friday, January 18th

On Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATE) Comcast 77 & Verizon Fios 19 Channels

Orientation - FREE

Learn how to become a member of GATE! Start creating your own videos! RSVP to 301-474-7460 or go to greengateaccess.org to get our policies & procedures handbook.

Check out our Channel on Comcast 77 and Verizon Fios 19 For our schedule, visit: www.greenbeltaccess.org and click on “Channel Guide.”
Songs Reverse Aging
This week the Golden Agers were led in singing by Chris Cherry, Stefan Brodd and Aidan Larkin. The songs were those we had grown up with. I now feel 20 years younger. Thank you, guys!

- Photos by Robin Olson

Obituaries
The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present. You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.

Letters continued

There are other CSAs, but the New Deal is a convenient place for us to pick up. You can subscribe to eggs, too, for the best price you can find anywhere for organic free-range eggs.

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Greenbelt

Dear Greenbelt,

We understand that you are interested in joining a CSA. There are several CSAs in the area. We recommend checking out the following options:

- Organic Farm CSA
- Greenbelt Community CSA
- Greenbelt Organic CSA

If you are interested in joining a CSA, we recommend reaching out to the respective CSA providers to inquire about membership details, subscription fees, and available crops.

Best regards,
[Your Name]
Based interactive tool that provides customers with a detailed analysis of their specific electric use and offers ways to save money and energy.

The City of Greenbelt supports the Furloughed Federal Employees & Contractors. For complimentary daily admission to the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center and enjoy a work out during your time off! Please show your federal employee/contractor ID and receive free daily admission and bring along up to two guests.

The City's many volunteer organizations can use your help. Check the City of Greenbelt website for more information on volunteer opportunities. Throughout the City’s history, Greenbelters have generously volunteered their time for the betterment of our community.

Pepco Reminds Customers of Important Energy Assistance Programs which averages payments over a 12-month period to help customers manage their monthly energy bill, or flexible payment arrangements will appear on a future bill as a credit to the recipient’s account. Customers may receive forgiveness of up to $2,000 towards their past due rearage Retirement Assistance (ARA) program helps customers pay for a portion of their current electric bill. The Ar-

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$5 per container. DO NOT mix paint in other

containers. In order for paint to be properly used, the

contents on the inside need to match the label on the

gate.

• Reminders: Wear weather appropriate clothes and closed-toed shoes.
• Bring your reusable water bottle.
• High school students: Remember your service-learning forms.
You can use the links below to find more information on service opportunities in our area.

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ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS Pepco Reminds Customers of Important Energy Assistance Programs tailored to help customers with temporary or extended hardship, including those impacted by the federal government shutdown.

Pepco works closely with its community partners to connect customers with grants and programs like LIHEAP, the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program. Customers can apply for LIHEAP energy assistance through the Department of Human Services website, by visiting a Local Energy Assistance Office, or by calling the Maryland Department of Human Services Office of Home Energy Programs at 1-800-332-6347.

Other programs supporting Maryland customers include:
• The Electric Universal Service Program (EUSP) helps eligible customers pay for a portion of their current electric bill. The Alternative Retirement Assistance (ARA) program helps customers with large, past due electric and gas bills. If eligible, customers may receive forgiveness of up to $2,000 towards their past due bill. The Utility Service Protection Program (USPP) is designed to help low-income families during the heating season. Information regarding these programs can be found http://drh.maryland.gov/office-of-home-energy-programs/how-do-you-apply/ or by calling 1-800-332-6347.
• Prince George’s County residents may qualify for energy assistance from Mary’s Center by calling 202-545-2024.

Pepco customers with a disconnection notice or who currently have service disconnected can receive a grant up to $1,000 once a year through the Pepco Washington Area Fuel Fund Partner-

ship administered by the Salvation Army call 301-277-6103. Through Pepco’s Gift of Energy program, anyone can make a payment towards a friend or family member’s energy bill. The gift will appear on a future bill as a credit to the recipient’s account.

Pepco will work with customers who may have difficulty paying their energy bill. The company offers payment options, like Budget Billing, which averages payments over a 12-month period to help customers manage their monthly energy bill, or flexible payment arrangements that are tailored to individually tailored payment installment plans.

Customers can contact Pepco Customer Care at 202-833-7500 to ask about available resources or register for My Account, a web-based interactive tool that provides customers with a detailed analysis of their specific electric use and offers ways to save money and energy.

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VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Committee of Education, Community Relations Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, and Youth Advisory Committee. Info: 301-474-8000

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE City Officers will be closed Monday, January 21, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of January 21
Monday Route – Collected Monday
Tuesday Route – Collected Tuesday
Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday
Thursday Route – Collected Friday
There will be no appliance, odd metals, hard plastics, or yard waste collections on Friday, January 25.

For more information contact Beverly Palau at bpalau@greenbelt.gov or 240-542-2026.

Martin Luther King, Jr Day of Service

In observance of the upcoming Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, the Greenbelt City Council and the Community Relations Advisory Board encourage residents to take part in community service opportunities. Throughout the City’s history, Greenbelters have generously volunteered their time for the betterment of our community.

Volunteers are needed on January 21, 2019

10:00am – 1:00pm Be a part of the community effort to protect trees from beaver herbivory at Buddy Attick Park. Volunteers will work with Public Works staff to place wire caging around the trunks of native trees to protect them from beaver herbivory. Volunteers will meet at the Public Works building located at 555 Crescent Road Greenbelt, MD 20770. The building entrance is located at the bottom of the Buddy Attick Park parking lot and through the gate.

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CITY WELCOME PACKETS

It’s that time of year again! If your business, club, or organization would like to be included in the City of Greenbelt Welcome Packets please bring 300 copies of your promotional material to the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Rd, by January 30, 2019. Packets are distributed to all new residents of Greenbelt and are a great resource to help promote your business!

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Bowie, Maryland 20716  
301-262-0020 and 301-262-9872

**Doctors Community Practices at Crofton**  
(Primary Care and Family Medicine)  
2191 Defense Highway, Suite 201  
Crofton, Maryland 21114  
410-451-9091

**Doctors Community Practices at District Heights**  
(Primary Care and Family Medicine)  
6400 Marlboro Pike  
District Heights, Maryland 20747  
301-736-7000

**Doctors Community Practices at Laurel**  
(Primary Care and Diabetes Care)  
13900 Baltimore Avenue  
Laurel, Maryland 20707  
301-725-5652

**Doctors Community Practices at Riverdale**  
(Primary Care, Family Medicine and Endocrinology)  
6502 Kenilworth Avenue, Suite 100  
Riverdale, Maryland 20737  
301-927-0088

**Doctors Community Practices at Temple Hills**  
(Primary Care and Family Medicine)  
5859 Allentown Way  
Temple Hills, Maryland 20728  
240-563-1026

**Metropolitan Medical Specialists**  
(Primary Care and Family Medicine)  
8116 Good Luck Road, Suite 300  
Lanham, Maryland 20706  
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Amanda Zeitler and Ren Stone

The cast of Stonefish, from left: Matt Baughman, Sean Butler, who hasn't left the house in four years. The biggest challenge falls to Amanda Zeitler, who plays both twins, Mason and Dixon. She switches instantly from female to male and vice versa, when the lighting dims to signal a gender change. She is on stage for almost every scene of the play’s 90 minutes and is sensitive, curious, searching, love-lorn Mason one moment and troubled, desperate, murderous Dixon the next. Zeitler answers the challenge beautifully.

Smith is too smart a writer to immerse the audience in unrelent ing tragedy. Comic relief comes when Christopher and Mason finally kiss, awkwardly and passionately. And agoraphobic Lewis ends the play on a brilliant, optimistic note. A near full house saw this harrowing but heartening exploration of the mystery of evil on opening night. Repeat performances are on Friday and Saturday, January 18 and 19 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, January 20 at 2 p.m.

Retail: a range of housing types; and public open spaces, while providing flexibility to market demands.

5. Gateway Road along Md. 193 at Cherrywood Lane, Cunningham Drive and 62nd Avenue bordered upon by mixed-use buildings, publicly accessible plazas, landmark structures or features, and special landscape and signage.

6. Create building characteristics to ensure a more compatible relationship to the mixed-use residential neighborhood of Franklin Park at Greenbelt Station.

7. Cultivate a vibrant and safe, pedestrian-oriented environment.

8. A plan that encourages shared places and minimizes the visual impact of surface parking lots and parking garages.

9. “Kap” Kapitan, general counsel for Quantum Companies, hoped that adding residential properties to the commercial entities will revitalize the property. He saw a chance to incorporate new urbanism which focuses on increasing environmental improvements and pedestrian accessibility in the commercial zones and businesses. He emphasized that, while the redevelopment is not immediate, it would be done in concert with the greater aims and concerns of the city and the future evolution of Greenbelt Road as laid out in the sector plan and ULI study, both of which are keen on the aims of new urbanism.

When asked if these steps will end up driving some businesses away, he stressed that his organization has a long history of new urbanism, which are keen on the aims of new business. Any ultimate changes are still being discussed and new urbanism.

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**First Ever Chili Cook Off**

**Maryland Lyric Opera**

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**Belkay Plaza Redevelopment Is Under Reviewed Plan**

by Matthew Arbach

A Review

Stonefish: Darkness and Light

by Jim Link

Play at Greenbelt Arts Center

Profligate local playwright Erica Smith has brought her newest offering to the Greenbelt Arts Center under the aegis of the coil Project. Stonefish is a very dark, very witty, very intelligently written. The cast is great, the play tries to answer the question, illuminating experience. Co-pro- 

or her own way.

Mason, younger brother Lewis family traumatized by a heinous crime perpetrated by Dixon, twin brother of Mason. Twin sister Mason, younger brother Lewis and father Stan must grapple with the toxic seepage caused by Dixon’s baffling violence. Each copes, grieves and blames in his or her own way.

It’s an intense, draining but illuminating experience. Co-pro- 

ducer Erica Cline says that the play tries to answer the question, “What makes someone a monster and what does it mean to be able to forgive him?” Director David Deguine says that Stonefish “does what theater should do: spark a conversation or make you pick up a phone to tell somebody ‘I love you.’”

Every cast member is rock solid and deserves kudos. Matt Baughman as Christopher, the family friend and piano teacher male to male and vice versa, which are keen on the aims of new urbanism.

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**Maryland Lyric Opera**

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**Maryland Lyric Opera**

Maryland Lyric Opera presents Lucia di Lammermoor by Gaetano Donizetti on January 24 and 25 at 7:30 p.m. and January 26 at 2 p.m. The performance will be at the Key Theatre in the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center in College Park. Tickets are available at MD.Org or call 301-405-2877.

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More than 60 people attended the potluck. This was a wonderful opportunity to talk to neighbors, hear how they’ve been impacted by the shutdown and offer support. Mayor Emmett Jordan brought a pumpkin pie, saying that the potluck was a “great thing and [that] it is important to do anything we can do to help the Greenbelt community members that are affected by the shut-down.” Councilmembers Sherryl Pope and Leta Mach offered their continued support and contributed a cake and desserts. Delegate Tawanna Gaines also attended to show her support.

Leftover prepared food was donated to local food recovery organizations. A Prince George’s County police officer in attendance left with arms full of hot meals in carry-out containers that she delivered to people who are homeless. Remaining unlabeled household items will be donated to Help By Phone.

People attending the potluck appreciated sharing positive ideas, networking, community building or just getting out of the house. Attendee Alice Mitchell said this event was a good example of how Greenbelters can and do organize during a crisis. Everyone would like the shutdown to end soon. In the meantime, Greenbelters will continue to help one another.

Planning for the next combination potluck-donation drive has begun already. If you’d like to attend, participate, provide insight or join forces, contact hopebraveheart@gmail.com.

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of maternity leave, I am closely watching each hour so that I can use it when my little one comes. Since I cannot plan in advance, I was able to make appointments that I had been avoiding for some time. Even a visit to the dentist is scheduled. I have kept busy with cleaning, organizing, reorganizing and purging. In our area, the furlohog is in the forefront of everyone’s mind. You don’t have to be directly impacted by the shutdown, as it is directly impacted by the partial government shutdown. With the help of local Greenbelters, I’ve been able to clean closets, tidy up my garage and prepare for the 2019 GHIP phase which will hit my row in the coming months.

On day 12, I received “the call” I had been waiting for since late 2017. I have been chosen by a family to adopt their child who will be born in May, 2019. There wouldn’t be a measurement scale accurate enough to describe how I felt. But any expectant family would understand what one Greenbelter shared with hope. For what it is like to anticipate a new life joining a family. And just any family, my family. It is a dream come true.

However, by day 15, I sat in my living room in tears because of the sheer weight of what that call means. Now that I am matched with a child, I am actively incurring significant adoption expenses. Over the past year, I adjusted my lifestyle and saved for this child. But without a paycheck, the level of anxiety and uncertainty is again something I cannot accurately measure due to the challenge of how I am going to cover adoption-related expenses in addition to my regular living expenses. Like many, I began talking with local banks about personal and home equity loans. Thankfully, the positive steps I had been taking over the past year to strengthen my financial footing helped me to quickly obtain conditional approval for these loans. However, the loan that can help me the most with the lowest interest rate cannot be fully approved due to the lapse in my income. For so long, but I am stuck in limbo about how to move forward with this adoption. It is a blow to me emotionally, because the shutdown is outside of my control and sphere of influence.

So the well wishes for a happy new year have turned into heartfelt conversations with friends about how they’re hanging on. Thankfully, with a number of friends and neighbors, these conversations have turned into action such as going swimming or taking an extra yoga class, cooking a meal for one another, or even getting our canine friends together for play-dates. All of it is done to manage the increasing level of anxiety and depression that can come along with shutdowns like this. If there could be a beneficiary of this shutdown, I would have to say it’s been our fur-friends who are getting constant love and attention they would have otherwise missed while we’re normally away at work.

For however long this shutdown lasts, Greenbelt as a community is strong together as we support each other through what we hope will not be a long ordeal.
Police Blotter

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

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

Robbery
January 7, 7:20 p.m., 7900 block Springhill Drive. When a food delivery person walked into an apartment building, three men entered the building behind him and demanded his wallet. They then assaulted, punched and kicked him. During the assault a handgun was brandished by one of them and another threatened him with a knife. They fled on foot after taking money, car keys and food. The food delivery person refused treatment for minor injuries.

Reckless Endangerment
January 6, 11:19 p.m., 7900 block Mandan Road. A 19-year-old resident was arrested and charged with reckless endangerment and two counts of possession of a handgun after he allegedly fired several gunshots into a residence and then fled. No one was injured. He was located by officers early the next morning in the 7600 block Hanover Parkway and was arrested. A handgun was located nearby. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Theft
January 5, 6:25 p.m., 101 Centerway. A wallet was removed from a possibly unsecured locker at the Aquatic & Fitness Center.

Fraud
January 4, 2:18 p.m., 6200 block Greenbelt Road. A criminal summons for forgery was obtained on a 25-year-old nonresident woman after she allegedly attempted to cash a fraudulent check at Capital One and then fled.

Credit Card Offense
January 5, 9:01 p.m., 8000 Greenbelt Station Parkway. Credit cards were removed from a purse and unauthorized purchases were made.

Burglary
January 3, 1 p.m., 8200 block Miner Street. A tab was taken from a house under construction.

January 4, 4:10 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace. A 17-year-old nonresident youth was arrested for burglary, trespass and malicious destruction after he was observed climbing in the window of a vacant residence. He then opened the sliding glass window so a second person could enter the apartment. They were observed fleeing as an officer arrived. One youth was apprehended after a foot chase. He was released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Vehicle Crime
Three thefts were reported. Four tires and rims were taken from a vehicle in the 6300 block Ivy Lane. A rear tag, Md. M079532, was taken from a vehicle in the 6200 block Hanover Drive. A backpack and duffel bag were removed in the 6000 block Greenbelt Road.

Two instances of vandalism were reported. Four tires were slashed on a vehicle in 62 Court Crescent Road. A hole was punched in a gas tank in the 6000 block Springhill Drive.

People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 240-542-2145.

The Department is offering a reward of up to $1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter.

Call 1-866-411-TIPS.

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cost savings on Co-op’s $150,000 electricity bill is anticipated to be 10 years. For the ensuing 15 to 20 years, and that time during which the array and roof remain viable, the savings will build a reserve sufficient to pay outright for the next roof and solar panel iteration (around 2045). Once the first pair is paid for, there’s a huge, sun-driven positive stretch indefinitely into the future. It’s a great deal for Co-op — if this first hump can be surmounted.

The Co-op’s roof is ideal, unshaded, open, and its highest generating productivity is when the sun is highest in the sky — exactly when electricity is at its most expensive. Although solar leases are available that reduce the cost of installation to zero, the overall effect of leasing is merely a discount from Peppo rather than a fraction of the electricity generated and the leasing company gets much of the advantage (the above-listed cost modifier Aisle 11B). With purchase, the Co-op owns the electricity outright and gets all the benefit.

The crucial question is how much this community values the Co-op and whether it is willing to put their money where their grocery carts are?

Co-op Lifecycle

Co-op was a significant element in the first days of the city and has been elevated since, though with some edgy moments. A fire consumed it in the 1990s. In the 80’s, its parent corporation and this store was re-established by a determined cadre of Greenbelt dwellers. It arose from a gargantuan grocery store whose aisles are an Olympic marathon. Co-op is cozily compact but still has all the important attributes of a full-service store: fruit and vegetables (organic and otherwise), a deli, baked goods, meat, fish and dairy products. Co-op carries a wide range of specialty foods including vegan and gluten-free options. For its size, it has a surprising variety of condiments, spices, international foods and baking supplies — even stock that ranges of species, the lesser-spotted white belters, led by Jim Cassels. In an effort to further support the community and the environment, Co-op is introducing sustainable packaging.

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Progress

Preliminary roofing and solar estimates are being refined to obtain specific pricing for the solar array and the roof with contractor walk-throughs completed and a request for proposals distributed to contractors. The bond bill preliminary application is submitted to Greenbelt’s state legislators, whose approval is required to enter the competition for funds. Co-op representatives are also contacting other legislators (especially those committed to the environment) to familiarize them with the project. Renegotiation of Co-op’s lease, required to provide a sufficient window for the project to be viable, is in progress.

Co-op Econ 101

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Weekend Snow in Greenbelt

The Co-op is examining a bold new initiative for 2019 with a new roof and a rooftop solar power system. The current flat roof is past its useful life and rainwater periodically leaks into the store. The renewable energy generated by this system will improve Co-op’s bottom line and eliminate significant fossil-fuel carbon emissions. The overall cost will be approximately $750,000.

The main roof will hold about 15,000 square feet of industrial-class solar photo-voltaic panels, which yield an approximately 25 percent reduction in the cost of the Co-op's electricity. Co-op is structuring financial options that yield the funds to pay for the array and the new roof.

Funds from a bond bill must be matched by the Co-op and we need you to help us show the Maryland State Legislature. Such funds are highly competitive to obtain but do not have to be paid upfront and to support us throughout the project.

Let us know how you can help – if none of these options suits you, we're flexible. Regardless of the State Bond Bill outcome, the Co-op will continue to seek funding for the array but must in any case replace the roof. We hope members will recognize this urgent necessity and contribute accordingly.

Submit the completed form at Co-op’s Service desk, email to (RaysOnTheRoof@greenbelt.coop) or use an electronic copy from our website (https://solar.greenbelt.coop). Contact Joe Gareri (301-474-0522) at the Co-op for more information.

Pledge Form

Completion of this form does not bind either the signer or the Co-op. It is a statement of intent and not a contract.

I __________________________ hereby pledge to contribute to the capital drive associated with the Rays on the Roof Solar Project.

I intend to contribute to one or more of the options (as described below) in the amounts specified:

Option 1. Donate

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Members and patrons may donate to the Co-op for the Rays on the Roof Campaign. Assuming the project goes ahead, these funds are not returnable. Donations are not tax-deductible because the Co-op is not an IRS 501(c)(3) organization. Donations are not limited in amount. Cash register donation tickets for ongoing contributions are available. Larger donations are accepted at the in-store office.

Option 2. Invest

A. Four Years $________
B. Seven Years $________
C. Ten Years $________

Each investment option pays you interest once each year. It then returns your initial contribution at the end of 4, 7 or 10 years. Interest rates will be comparable to CD rates in force on the formal commencement of the program (February or thereafter) when full terms and conditions will become available and formal paperwork executed. Choices among A, B and C programs will be limited to ensure payback within electricity savings and are assigned in the order pledges are received.

Investments or donations may be made to the Co-op at any time, but interest on investments does not begin to accrue until the project formally commences.

Printed Name: __________________________ Member # (if applicable) __________

Signature: __________________________ Date________ Phone: __________

Email: __________________________

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