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PHOTO BY INGRID COWAN HASS

Naomi Nwachukwu waters her freshly transplanted pea at Greenbelt Elementary. See story, page 7.

## Council and School Board Rep Cover Needs and Policy Issues

by Kathleen Gallagher

On March 20, the Greenbelt City Council held its first work-session with the city's new representative on the Prince George's County Board of Education. Elected to represent District 2 in November 2018, Joshua Thomas grew up in Glenn Dale, graduated from Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) and now lives in College Park.

After graduating from Howard University, Thomas signed

on as a middle-school teacher with Teach for America and now works in management for the organization. His decision to run for office, he said, was largely based on his belief that the school board should have more members with classroom teaching experience.

To get to know the 18 schools in his district, Thomas is visiting each of them, walking the buildings and meeting the principals

and staff. Recognizing the city's concerns with Springhill Lake Elementary School, he made that his first stop in Greenbelt.

The hefty meeting agenda focused on three areas: the support provided by the city to Greenbelt schools, the facility needs of Greenbelt schools and various policy issues, including use of school fields, school boundaries

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## ERHS Bands Inspire Attendees At Georgia HBCU Conference

by Melissa Sites



PHOTO COURTESY OF ERHS

The ERHS Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble perform at the HBCU National Band Directors Consortium Conference in Atlanta.

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble traveled to Atlanta to perform at the 15th

Annual Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) National Band Directors Consortium Convention at the end of March.

Morehouse College hosted a performance including the ERHS band on the last day of the four-day conference. The ERHS band was one of only two high schools from across the country invited to perform at the conference. The other band was from E. E. Smith High School, Fayetteville, N.C.

Six smaller chamber ensembles, taken out of the main wind ensemble, performed. In addition, two symphonic pieces featured the entire wind and percussion ensemble and some of those pieces may be heard at the band's upcoming May concert. After their performance, ERHS band director Rachel Zephir was presented with an outstanding achievement award on behalf of the band "for their stellar performance."

After the concert, three composers who were in the audience approached Zephir about writing music for the ERHS bands. African American composers are not well represented in the culture of band music, and these composers were interested in the opportunity for their music to be performed by a quality ensemble that understands their project. Zephir commissioned pieces at her previous high school, Hereford, in Baltimore County. Depending on the length of the work, a commissioned piece could cost between five and ten thousand dollars.

The ERHS band was invited to this conference through Kelvin Washington, associate director of bands at Howard University, who came to hear the ERHS Chamber Ensemble. Because ERHS has a diverse population and the band

See **ERHS BANDS**, page 12

## Immigrant Experience Fuels College Dreams for Students

by Kendolyn Davis

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Eleanor Roosevelt High School's substantial diversity has been the pride of students, teachers and faculty for many years. As ERHS continues to bring together students of diverse backgrounds and identities, it has also introduced a wide variety of motives for attending college.

Many ERHS students come from immigrant families with varying degrees of assimilation

into American culture. The question arises whether these circumstances heavily impact these students' perspective on the college experience, as well as their general motives and aspirations for attending college.

Senior Victoria Lewis, an aspiring artist, is heavily influenced by her mother when it comes to her determination as a student. "My mom comes from Johannesburg, South Africa," she stated. "There's a lot of pressure to

See **IMMIGRANTS**, page 6

## Ladies of Charity "Rays" Sale Nets Solar Panel Number One

by Cathie Meetre

It's been a bonanza week for the Co-op's Rays on the Roof program, the initiative to install a new solar roof on the Co-op Supermarket.

At their board meeting on Wednesday, March 27, the Ladies of Charity of St. Hugh of Grenoble presented the campaign with a check for \$600 for the Rays on the Roof campaign, raised in a bake sale. In thanks, the Co-op has awarded the Ladies of Charity solar array Panel One – a handsome black glass solar panel capable of generating 360 watts of electricity. Checking in at a generous 72 by 32 inches and angled to catch every possible sunbeam, Panel One is the linchpin of several hundred that will cover the Co-op's roof and generate collectively more than 200

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PHOTO BY DONNA PETERSON

The St. Hugh's Ladies of Charity present Barbara Ford, president of the Co-op Board, a check for over \$600 for Rays on the Roof. From left: Peggy Compton; Mary Jo Dorsey; Barbara Hamilton, president of the Ladies of Charity; Mary Ann Tretler and Barbara Ford.

### What Goes On

- Saturday, April 13**  
10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Earth Day Celebration, Indian Creek Trail off Cherrywood Lane
- Monday, April 15**  
8 p.m. Council Worksession, Comprehensive Housing Strategy/Affordable Housing with County Council Chair Todd Turner, Municipal Building
- Wednesday, April 17**  
7:30 p.m. Council Budget Worksession, Public Works and Capital Projects, Greenbriar Community Building
- Friday, April 19**  
10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Underwater Egg Hunt, Aquatic & Fitness Center

*Editorial*

## Sometimes Caring for Trees Means Cutting Some Down

An important part of our work putting together this newspaper is knowing how to edit an article. A key element of good editing is knowing when to get rid of something altogether. Deleting an extraneous word, phrase, sentence or even a paragraph can make the difference between an OK article and a great one. Similarly, skillful pruning and sometimes cutting make for a healthy and beautiful urban forest like the one we enjoy in Greenbelt.

We Greenbelters love our trees. Some might even call us tree-huggers. Trees are a foundational part of our identity as a community. Even Greenbelt's flag shows a picture of a tree. The whole concept of a green belt involves a ring of trees surrounding an area. Preservation and good care of our trees is something we would expect all Greenbelt residents should want.

In the March 28 News Review we ran an article about Bradford pears and an article about the city council discussing pear trees being cut down on Lakecrest Drive. Though it sounds exactly backward, maintaining the health of our urban forest, and thus improving the beauty of our city, sometimes involves cutting some trees down. It is important to recognize this necessity and to stand behind the city's tree husbandry work that led to Greenbelt being named a Tree City USA for the past 19 years.

We urge all Greenbelt residents who care about our trees to read the summary of Greenbelt's Urban Forest Master Plan ([greenbeltmd.gov/Home/ShowDocument?id=15087](http://greenbeltmd.gov/Home/ShowDocument?id=15087)) in order to get a clearer picture of the care being taken to preserve and maintain our urban forest. We ask Public Works to clearly communicate when trees are scheduled to be cut. We also urge tree cutting to be scheduled, when possible, well before or after bloom times.

## Letters to the Editor

### Greenbelt Should Hire Black Police Officers

I see that the Greenbelt Police Department is hiring more officers. I urge the department to hire more black Americans, to better evaluate the department's work by benchmarking its reputation with African American small business owners and community stakeholders, and to have the City of Greenbelt's periodic evaluation performed by a person of color.

The Greenbelt Police Department does a fine job of protecting and serving our citizens, but I see room for improvement in its most recent self-report, published in 2012.

The report was conducted by two white officers. This does not invalidate its findings, but I believe a diversity of viewpoints will identify a greater range of strengths and needs, in both citizens and officers.

The report shows that though 46 percent of Greenbelt citizens are African American and 26 percent are Caucasian (non-Hispanic, both groups), 61 percent of the traffic warnings and citations went to black citizens and only 18 percent to Caucasians. Indeed the report acknowledges that "the annual analysis of traffic data collected reflects a ratio of three or four to one in the number of warnings and citations issued to African Americans as compared to Caucasians." The report dismisses this disparity by saying that only one bias-based complaint was made during the time period, which was found to be unsubstantiated. This assumes that complaints of bias will be brought forward freely, and that it is the public's responsibility to keep the Police Department to high standards of equality. I urge the department to reconsider these assumptions.

The department received excellent reviews in its community outreach assessment. However, the two interviewees were both white males. It would be a ringing endorsement of Greenbelt's high standards to hear the same commendations from community members who are black.

In the report period 2009-2012, the department employed 38 Caucasians (75 percent of the officers) and five African Americans (14 percent of the staff). In this time the department hired three officers, two Caucasians and one African American, even though applications were received from 106 African Americans and 69 Caucasians. The report says that new positions on the force will likely open when some officers retire. I urge the city to use this current hiring period and every other opportunity to bring the force up to the diversity of the people they serve.

The Greenbelt Police Department does a great job, operates on a tight budget, and I honestly believe that each officer and staff member is doing his or her personal best. As an outsider, I can see ways for the force to grow even more and reach a quality of service that could be an example to our state and to the nation.

I also urge the people of Greenbelt, the City of Greenbelt and the city's businesses and organizations to strengthen itself by embracing our diversity.

Martha J. R. Heil

*On Screen*

### The Mustang Rides In

The Mustang, set in a remote prison compound nestled in the Nevada desert, is about the bond between a hardened prisoner and a wild horse. Matthias Schoenaerts plays Roman Coleman, who's behind bars for reasons that the film holds back on revealing. At the compound, wild horses are caught and then sold for auction. A therapist (Connie Britton) works with Coleman after a long stretch in solitary. This film gives a glimpse of how our government has a program for prisoners who rehabilitate wild horses (fact) and how that interaction can change one's perspective on life.

R, running time 96 minutes

- Judy Bell

*Corrections*

The "Young walker" at the Help Unite Greenbelt Walk in the photo on page 7 of last week's News Review was Alexander. We regret giving him the wrong name.



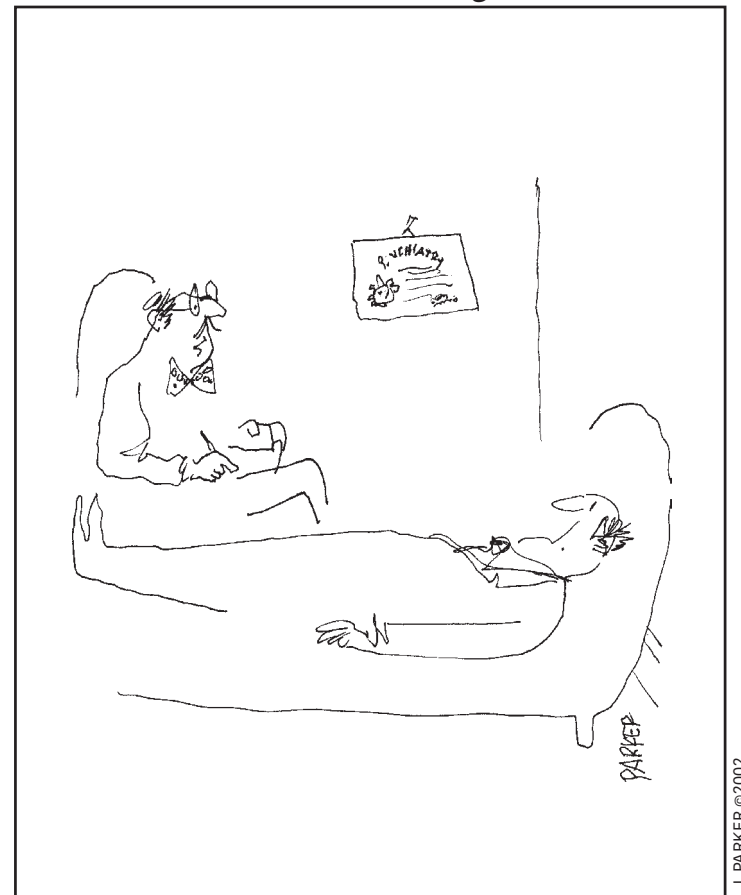
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### The Old Curmudgeon



"You have a rare Greenbelt Syndrome . . .  
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- News Review, March 21, 2002

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# Community Events

## Fire Dept. Demos Sprinkler Systems

GVFD invites the entire community to come down to the fire station on Saturday, April 13 at 2 p.m. to watch the side by side sprinkler vs. non-sprinkler fire demonstration. Community members will see firsthand the importance of having working fire alarms and sprinklers in homes and businesses. Starting at 10 a.m. GVFD will also host an Open House focusing on recruiting new members.

## Thoughtful Discussion At Community Center

Is happiness one of the ties that bind families, communities and society together? Is it a necessity? What other values or qualities are necessary to the success of any group endeavor? Does the size of the group or relationship of the people make a difference? The MakerSpace thoughtful discussion group welcomes all who want to happily dive into this topic on Tuesday, April 16, at 7 p.m. at the Community Center. Check the whiteboard for MakerSpace to find out which room the discussion will be in.

## Apply Now for 2019 Art and Craft Fair

Now through September 27, individuals and nonprofit organizations can apply online to participate in the City of Greenbelt 2019 Festival of Lights Juried Art and Craft Fair. The fair will take place on December 7 and 8 at the Community Center.

Now in its 48th year, the art and craft fair is a vibrant tradition. Approximately 70 exhibitors are chosen to participate annually, selling their own original paintings, prints, photography, clothing, accessories, pottery, wood crafts, musical instruments, toys and much more. Joining them are local poets and authors as well as local nonprofit arts, humanities and service organizations. Groups are invited to sell or raffle crafts related to their mission; they may also sell tickets, memberships, gift certificates and wares with their logo. The fair is open to youth exhibitors as well as adults. Applications are available online at [greenbeltdmd.gov/arts](http://greenbeltdmd.gov/arts). There is a fee to participate in the event, but there is no cost to apply. Artists are selected on a rolling basis. For more information, contact Anne Gardner at 240-542-2060. Greenbelt arts programs are sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.



## Studio Space Open At Community Center

Greenbelt Recreation Arts is now accepting applications for studio space at the historic Community Center. The city Artist-in-residence Program provides affordable 24-hour studio space in an atmosphere of mutual support and inspiration. This opportunity is available to local artists, artisans and designers, ages 18 and up. Applications are due May 3, and new residencies will begin in July. A monthly rental fee applies.

Participants are selected for the Artist-in-residence Program based on their artwork, professional qualifications and interest in community involvement. The program is open to both residents and non-residents of Greenbelt. Eight artists in residence are currently participating, sharing three sub-divided, light-filled former classrooms. Current artists represent a diverse array of media including ceramic art tile, functional pottery, art quilts, costume design, assemblage, painting and sculpture.

The Community Center houses a contemporary art gallery, dance studio, television production studio, arts education classrooms and many other amenities. Additional resources abound within walking distance.

Additional program information is available at [greenbeltdmd.gov/arts](http://greenbeltdmd.gov/arts). Before applying, contact Nicole DeWald at [ndewald@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:ndewald@greenbeltdmd.gov) or call 301-397-2208 to schedule a studio tour (required). A small application fee applies.

## Campfire Program Under the Stars

Greenbelt Park campground guests and the public are welcome to join a traditional National Park Service campfire program under the stars on Saturday, April 13 from 8 to 9 p.m. This week's campfire features a talk on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway that connects Baltimore to Washington with a ribbon of pavement through forest. The parkway was originally designed as an aesthetically scenic approach to the nation's capital.

Meet at Campfire Circle in B-Loop in the campground.

# The Bus

Seniors and Customers with Disabilities RIDE FREE

## GHI Bike Committee Seeks New Members

Because spring and the outdoors beckon, the GHI Bicycle Committee invites all GHI members to join the group. The committee is currently discussing additional bicycle parking racks, installation of outdoor repair stations with pumps and a proposal to allow residents to place bicycle parking sheds within the service-side area of their yards. Recent accomplishments include funding for placement of bicycle parking racks within GHI.

There's a lot of work to do and the committee actively seeks input to help improve bicycling infrastructure within the community to make GHI more bicycle-friendly.

Contact John Campanile, [jbelltower@yahoo.com](mailto:jbelltower@yahoo.com), with any questions, thoughts or ideas, and plan to attend the next meeting on Wednesday, April 17 from 6 to 7 p.m. in the lobby of the GHI administration building.

## Star Party to Observe Moon, Other Objects

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday evening, April 13 at the City Observatory located at Northway Fields. Attendees can first expect to see the Moon through eyepieces. Later in the evening we will be observing deep sky objects such as galaxies, nebulae and star clusters, using our astronomical camera. As always, visitors are welcome to set up their own telescopes on the hill.

Observing will begin at around 9 p.m. and continue for two hours. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.



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**COMING SOON:**

June 1 - *Cabaret Night* - produced by Jeff Lesniak  
 June 14 - 23 - *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* - the Rude Mechanicals  
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## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

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

All meals, which provide at least one-third of Recommended Dietary Allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of April 15 are as follows:

Monday, April 15: Beef Santa Fe chili, brown rice, spinach, saltine crackers, fresh fruit, cranberry juice.

Tuesday, April 16: Cream of tomato soup, sliced turkey with gravy, lima beans, sliced carrots, biscuits, mandarin oranges, apple juice.

Wednesday, April 17: Cabbage roll with marinara sauce, whipped potatoes, green beans, wheat bread, fresh fruit, orange juice.

Thursday, April 18: Creamy tikka chicken, yellow rice, mixed vegetables, naan bread, pineapple tidbits, cranberry juice.

Friday, April 19: Salmon burger, crispy cubed potatoes, hot spiced apples, coleslaw, wheat hamburger bun, orange juice.

## New Bus to New York

Greenbelt Metro is a new stop on the GO bus line that goes between New York and Washington D.C. Passengers can access both north- and southbound buses. For fares and schedules visit [academybus.com](http://academybus.com).



## Bus Route 11 Changes

A notice from the county says TheBus Route 11 will change on Monday, April 15. Download the flyer with the changes: [greenbeltdmd.gov/home/showdocument?id=15091](http://greenbeltdmd.gov/home/showdocument?id=15091).

## Save Food Scraps, Learn to Compost

Join the Neighborhood Hot Compost Project to learn how to recycle household food scraps at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center (SLRC) hot compost system. Morning and afternoon training sessions for participants will be held on Saturday, April 27. Keep food scraps from creating methane at the landfill. Instead, return them to the earth to nurture new plants and flowers.

Apply to participate by picking up a paper application at the SLRC or the Community Center, or apply online at [tinyurl.com/GBCapp1](http://tinyurl.com/GBCapp1).

## Kindness in Action: Spring Cleaning

Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness (RUAK) has begun its next community-wide project: Spring Cleaning. RUAK has undertaken to clean each street in Greenbelt. It has already cleaned Boxwood Village, Greenbelt Station and Greenbrook communities.

Those interested in helping make Greenbelt sparkle should contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler at [spreadruak@gmail.com](mailto:spreadruak@gmail.com) or 301-345-8755. RUAK is always looking for new ideas to connect, to be kind, and to be more inclusive with a smile, a wave, a compliment. Share stories and experiences of kindness and neighborliness by sending them to [spreadruak@gmail.com](mailto:spreadruak@gmail.com).

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

**Program Schedule**  
**Friday Apr 12 - Thursday Apr 18**

<b>7 am</b>	Greenbelt News Reel
<b>8 am</b>	Democracy Now!
<b>9 am</b>	Classic Film: Bela Lugosi, Bowery Boys <i>Spooks Run Wild</i> (1941)
<b>11 am</b>	Democracy Now!
<b>12 pm</b>	Greenbelt News Reel
<b>1 pm</b>	<i>Strata Istanbul</i> (Archaeology)
<b>2 pm</b>	Democracy Now!
<b>3 pm</b>	Classic Film: Bela Lugosi, Bowery Boys <i>Spooks Run Wild</i> (1941)
<b>5 pm</b>	<i>Strata Istanbul</i> (Archaeology)
<b>6 pm</b>	Greenbelt News Reel
<b>7 pm</b>	Democracy Now!
<b>8 pm</b>	Classic Film: Bela Lugosi, Bowery Boys <i>Spooks Run Wild</i> (1941)
<b>10 pm</b>	Democracy Now!
<b>11 pm</b>	Greenbelt News Reel

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# Obituaries

## Lossie Falter

Lossie Madeline Falter, an original resident of Greenbelt, died peacefully on April 7, 2019, at the age of 98. Lossie was born an only child in Richmond, Va., to Amer Thurston and Raymond Thurston on February 8, 1921. She married David W. Falter at Fort Lincoln Chapel in 1944 while he was serving in the Army. They raised four children – Ron, Tom, Bill and Bob – while living in Greenbelt. Mrs. Falter was a member of the Greenbelt Baptist Church for over 60 years and had many friends in and around the Greenbelt area.

Mrs. Falter was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of over 60 years, daughter-in-law Lupe and granddaughter



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE FAMILY

Lossie Falter

Courtney. She is survived by her children, Ron (Louise), Tom, Bill and Bob (Dianne), 11 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.



PHOTO BY MARY LOU WILLIAMSON

Jeffersonia, also known as twinleaf or rheumatism root



Our condolences to the family and friends of Lossie Falter who died April 7 at the age of 98.

Sympathy to the family and friends of Carol Price, who died on March 23.

Congratulations to the ERHS High School Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble on outstanding performances at the recent consortium in Atlanta, and especially to Director Rachel Zephir, who accepted an award on behalf of the band and shared her approach with other musicians.

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



## Meeting to Discuss Sibling Loss

On Tuesday, April 16 in the Community Center, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Community Hospices offers a gathering for discussion on sibling loss. The loss of this important relationship can create unique challenges that will be explored in an informative, supportive and inspirational discussion with supportive printed materials provided. For more information, contact Margaret Capurso, bereavement counselor, at 301-560-6002.

## 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.

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Beth Charbonneau, Guest Speaker; with Elizabeth Porter, Worship Associate

What does remembering and forgetting have to do with our spiritual lives and our faith community? Can forgetting be part of spiritual or personal growth?

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AND POTLUCK  
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AT MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
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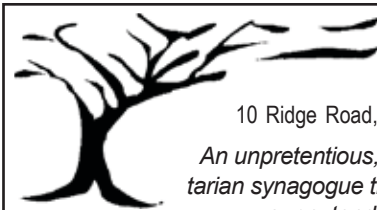
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**Holy Thursday**  
April 18 7:30pm  
Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday**  
April 19  
Noon: The Living Stations of the Cross  
2pm: Traditional Stations of the Cross  
7:30pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

**Easter Sunday**  
April 20 8pm,  
The Vigil of Easter  
April 21: 8, 9:30, and 11am  
Sunday Masses

**Saint Hugh Catholic Church**  
135 Crescent Rd.

**Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum**





# City Information & Events

## MEETINGS FOR APRIL 15-19

Monday, April 15 at 7:30pm, **CLOSED SESSION TO OBTAIN LEGAL ADVICE** (See notice below)

Monday, April 15 at 8:00pm, **WORK SESSION re: Comprehensive Housing Strategy/Affordable Housing w/County Council Chair**, Todd Turner at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent. *Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 & 996, and Streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipal](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipal)*

Wednesday, April 17 at 7:30pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION re: Public Works/Capital Projects** at Greenbriar Community Building, 7600 Hanover Pkwy

Wednesday, April 17 at 7:30pm, **PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD** at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 114. On the Agenda: Grant Review Panel Report, Dog Stations at BALP, Sustainable Land Care Policy Work Session, Greenbelt Youth Baseball Little League Update, Windsor Green Redevelopment Update

Thursday, April 18 at 7:00pm, **PGCMA** at College Park Municipal Building, 4500 Knox 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)(7) 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, April 15, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Library of the Municipal Building to consult with legal counsel regarding Prince George's County School Board.

The purpose of this meeting will be to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.

*\*The public may attend the Special Meeting of the City Council immediately prior to the closed session and observe the vote of Council to move into closed session on Monday, April 15th, 2019 at 7:00 pm.*

**Bonita Anderson, City Clerk**

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## EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

April 13, 2019  
Indian Creek Trail off Cherrywood Ln.  
10 AM – 1 PM

Join the City of Greenbelt Department of Public Works, CHEARS, and CCIRC for a stream cleanup event in recognition of Earth Day. Volunteers are needed to clean up litter along Indian Creek. Volunteers will meet up in the parking lot behind Beltway Plaza 6000 Greenbelt Road.

### Reminders:

Bring a reusable water bottle  
Wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes  
Students: bring community-service forms

**Questions?** Contact Environmental Coordinator Jason Martin at [jmartin@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:jmartin@greenbeltmd.gov)



## Spring Skate Series

Friday, April 19, 5-7pm  
Springhill Lake Recreation Center

6101 Cherrywood Lane

Bring the family and join your friends at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center gymnasium. Roller-skates

provided free of charge or bring your own. Ages 6-12. For more information call 301-397-2212.

## ELECTRONICS, STYROFOAM, AND PAINT RECYCLING



**SATURDAY, April 27, 2019**

**Public Works Yard, 555 Crescent Rd.**

**9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

### Electronics Recycling!

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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Cost—\$5 per container. **DO NOT mix paint in other containers.** In order for paint to be properly used, the contents on the inside need to match the label on the outside. 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) [www.YuckOldPaint.com](http://www.YuckOldPaint.com)



**Questions? Greenbelt Sustainability Office 240-542-2153**

## GREENBELT PET EXPO 2019



If you own a pet based business, sign up now for Greenbelt's Pet Expo!

**Saturday, June 1 from 10am-2pm.**

Participation is FREE! Download application at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/petexpoapp](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/petexpoapp)

## DONATION DROP-OFF

Green Drop Charitable Donations  
<https://www.gogreendrop.com/acceptable-items/>

**Saturday, April 13, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon or until the truck is full.**

Parking lot between City Office and the Community Center  
Info: City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308

**EGG Hunt**

**Saturday April 20, 2019** | Buddy Attick Park  
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## UNDERWATER EGG HUNT

**FRIDAY, APRIL 19**  
10am-1pm  
Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center  
101 Centerway

A fun new twist on the traditional Egg Hunt! This is always a very popular event; registration is limited to 35 children per section.

PH: \$1; RNPH: \$2; NRNPH: \$3

231101-1: 10:00am - Ages 6 months-5 years  
231101-2: 11:00am - Ages 4-10 years  
231101-3: 12:00pm - Ages 6-15 years

For more information call 301-397-2204

## BW Rapid Rail Maglev Presentation Update

Special Meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 25 at 8:00pm**  
Greenbelt Municipal Building

Please visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov/maglev](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/maglev) for posted information on the project. Also if you have questions you would like to submit prior to this presentation, you will be able to do so by filling out the survey on that page.

Please see the previously asked and answered questions, prior to submitting your question.

## SHREDDING EVENT

**Saturday, April 27**  
9 AM – 12 NOON (or until the truck is full)



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

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

For more information, call the Sustainability Office at 240-542-2153

## VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Board of Elections, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, and Youth Advisory Committee. Info: 301-474-8000

## CO-OP RAYS continued from page 1

megawatt hours of energy a year.

In presenting the award, Ladies of Charity President Mary Ann Tretler remarked how appreciative they were for all the Co-op had done for the pantry over the years. She lauded the \$5 grocery bags the Co-op started selling for the pantry about three years ago. She described the bag strategy as “revolutionizing” the organization’s ability to serve residents in need.

Tretler recounted how Store Manager Bob Davis creatively alters the contents of the bags over time to provide variety for the recipients. Contents include staples and easily stored, simply made meal items like boxed macaroni and cheese. Shoppers can pick up a bag, check it out at the register and deposit it in a waiting cart beyond the check-out stands to be picked up by volunteers later. The Co-op Pantry Coordinator Peggy Compton cheerfully described herself as the “bag lady” who picks up the purchased bags.

Secretary Barbara Hamilton and Treasurer Mary Jo Dorsey also described the unusual success of the bake sale that raised the money. They noted that the average bake sale nets around \$250 but that this one broke all records, raising over double that. They felt that the spirit that made

it such a success was representative of how the community feels about the Rays on the Roof project and the Co-op’s importance to the community. Board members from both organizations expressed their delight in an impromptu and spirited joint photo op.

### Appeal to Business

In the last week, the Co-op has sent out an appeal for funding to the business community. Local businesses are encouraged to contribute to Rays on the Roof because a healthy community is a plus for all those who do business in it. A thriving Co-op helps keep property values up – important to realtors, lawyers, title companies, restaurants, retail stores and other business owners who rely on the continued desirability of the neighborhood to maintain their customer base. Companies contracting to Goddard Space Flight Center and other government agencies in the area also have a stake because their employees live and work here. Having the Co-op nearby in its enclave of attractive and affordable housing is an incentive that helps employers attract and keep good staff – especially young people starting out in their careers.

Businesses are invited to subscribe for one or more solar panels and are rewarded for their

generosity in a number of ways through exposure to Co-op customers and other forms of public recognition.

Once the system is installed, contributors will be able to use the web to track the energy produced by their very own 72 solar cells.

Other local organizations are also encouraged to donate to the appeal. The Co-op is donating gift vouchers to a variety of local fund-raising efforts and believes that the organizations that support our community do best standing shoulder to shoulder.

For more information on the Co-op’s campaign, go to [solar.greenbelt.coop](http://solar.greenbelt.coop) on the web. Full details are available and pledge forms are provided. Businesses are encouraged to contact Joe Gareri at 301-474-0522 or [membership@greenbelt.coop](mailto:membership@greenbelt.coop).

*Cathie Meetre is a reporter for the News Review who is also assisting the Co-op with administrative and writing tasks for the Rays on the Roof Campaign. She has no vote in any decisions.*



## IMMIGRANTS continued from page 1

succeed. There’s kind of like a really high standard that’s held. As soon as you don’t meet her standard, then you’re like the bottom of the barrel.”

Other students from various socioeconomic levels with immigrant parents related similar experiences. Freshman Isabela Martins, whose parents are immigrants from Brazil, has found her parents’ journey as immigrants to be inspiring. “I think since my parents had to go through so much to get here, they taught me that you always need to try your best at everything.”

In comparison to non-immigrant families in America, immigrant students felt that there were major differences in the amount of pressure their parents placed on them. They felt acutely aware that their parents wished for them to take advantage of opportunities the parents did not have.

“I’m not trying to say that immigrant parents are better in any way, but I do think that since they worked so hard to come

here, they kind of motivate you to do the same,” stated freshman Divya Chappa. “If you’re in this country, [you] take advantage of your opportunities. They couldn’t, so we should be able to do that for them.”

Education remains a common focus for these students. Many expressed that their parents hoped for them to benefit from the education offered within the United States, as the education in their home countries was not as advanced. “Both my parents went to college in Brazil,” said Martins. “There are not many good colleges in Brazil, and the better ones are really expensive. Since we’re here, they know that the education system, for the most part, is better. So they want me to take advantage of that and go to a good college.”

All students mentioned having aspirations of attending college. In some cases, students expressed that not attending college was not an option. “I feel like I definitely have to attend college because

of [my mom], no matter what kind of college it might be,” stated Lewis. “It made me see college as something that has to happen, and not just a decision that makes you better. But just a stage in life that if it doesn’t happen, then you’re doing something wrong.”

However, support from their parents in addition to their own determination to succeed is a constant motivation on their path to higher education. “Thankfully, I have parents that support every decision I make, or whatever I want to do,” said Chappa. “But I myself want to pursue more education because I aspire to be like them.”

*Kendolyn Davis is a student at Eleanor Roosevelt High School and a member of the Raider Review (student newspaper) staff.*

*This article was translated into Spanish by Ana Fernandez, a student at Eleanor Roosevelt High School and a member of the News Review Translation Team.*



Star magnolia flowers

PHOTO BY CYNTHIA CUMMINGS

## Formal Study Announced of Possible BEP Move to BARC

by Matthew Arbach



PHOTO COURTESY OF BARC

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center on Route 1

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) issued a press release on April 1 announcing their official plans to begin “evaluating a 100-acre parcel on the USDA’s Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) ... as a possible site for the construction of a smaller, more efficient production facility” for the BEP. The current installation in downtown D.C. is over 100 years old and, as reported in the February 22, 2018, News Review, “has long been inadequate and inefficient as a modern production facility.” A new facility would be specially designed for the BEP’s important mission of printing U.S. currency and other federal security products, according to the press release.

This move to existing federal property is a pragmatic solution to our needs, stated the release. One advantage lies in the fact that 65 percent of BEP employees are Maryland residents, with close to half of them in Prince George’s County alone. In addition, as reported by the News Review, a BEP presence would replace around 23 vacant buildings, an excess footprint of unused facilities since the 1990s.

The Farm Bill of 2018 provides the aegis for this initiative to use BARC land. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) establishes the guidelines in evaluating potential ecological, cultural, water, public health and safety, traffic and other effects associated with the proposed construction, the release stated. The evaluating team looks to gauge the sentiments of local community officials and stakeholders. Last year, representatives of BARC and BEP met with the Greenbelt City Council on February 7 and August 2 to discuss the possible advantages and drawbacks to the development could bring about. There will also be an analysis of how such a move would impact operations at BARC.

The choice to use BARC land came after an extensive study of how to ensure the BEP’s administrative and production functions based in Washington could best efficiently continue into the future, according to the release. A new facility was considered a preferred approach to renovation of both its current facilities.

A production facility in Fort Worth, Texas, constructed in 1990, is an adjunct to the current D.C. facility. According to the release, the BEP’s Annex building “would likely be exceeded,” with the main building modernized into administrative headquarters and additional federal offices.

The decision to focus on BARC for this transition was based on five factors. The first was cost savings; a new facility and renovating the administrative areas was cheaper than completely renovating the current location. Second was improved security capabilities; the existing buildings cannot enable a secure perimeter that meets federal standards. Third was efficiency; a new facility’s one-floor construction is more effective than the existing multi-floor and multi-wing design. Fourth was safety: this single floor plan improves worker protection and requires less maintenance and modernizing upgrades. And fifth was flexibility since a new facility will allow flex currency production to respond to needs that may change over time and incorporate larger equipment not compatible with the existing production facility, as stated in the release.

BARC Director Dr. Howard Zhang commented, “USDA and BARC are enthusiastic about the potential construction of a new BEP facility on our campus. This will allow BARC to repurpose a portion of our facility, which currently includes a number of abandoned buildings. We look forward to enhancing BARC’s future by sharing resources and maintenance efforts with a new federal partner.”

## Maria’s Beauty Shop

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# GES Third Graders Plant, Observe and Sketch Peas

by Ingrid Cowan Hass

The garden courtyard is springing to life at Greenbelt Elementary School as students learn about the life cycle of a plant.

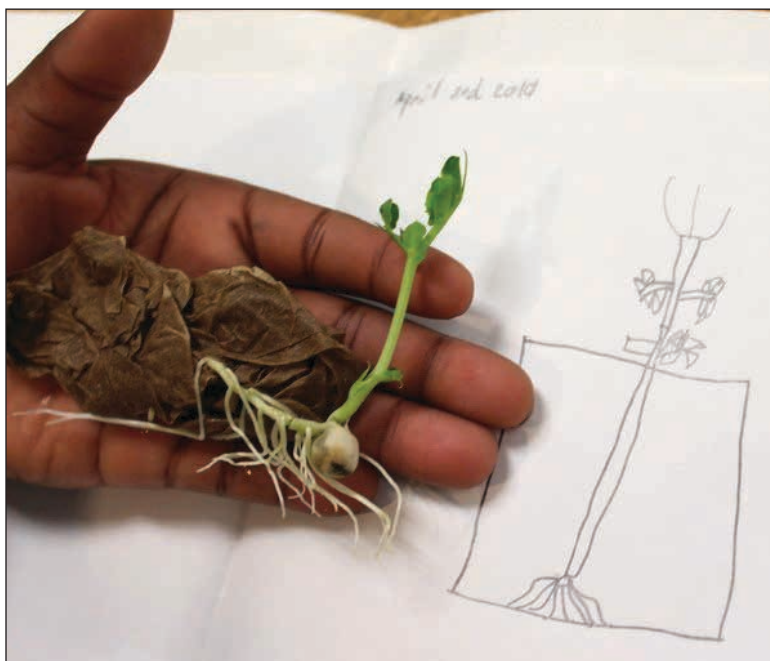
This past week third graders, under the direction of local artist Sarah Garcia, have been observing and planting peas in raised beds. Armed with artist pencils and journals, the students have been sketching their peas every few days, since they were planted two weeks before in the classroom.

Some plants were started in zip-lock bags and taped to the window so students could observe the growth of the roots. Others were planted in dirt in plastic cups. Now that the plants are outside, the students will care for and observe the peas until the end of school.

This project was funded by an ACE grant and The Family Art Fund, a partnership between the PTA and the local nonprofit, Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts.



Nalani Minor records her observations in her art journal.



A student observes and draws the roots of a pea plant.



A student plants a young pea plant in the courtyard vegetable bed.

- Photos by Ingrid Cowan Hass



PHOTO BY MARY LOU WILLIAMSON

Spring Camellia

## Dr. Thornton Returns To Talk about Schools

Dr. Alvin Thornton, chair of the Prince George's County School Board, will talk on a Blue Print for Maryland's Future in Education on Sunday, April 28, at 2 p.m. Thornton realized during his presentation for Black History Month in Greenbelt, that there was a great deal of interest and concern about schools in this county and wanted to return to provide some ideas and insights. Parents want to improve the learning environments of their schools and want the Prince George's County Public School system to be more competitive.

All parents and stakeholders are invited to attend this event. It really takes a village to build an excellent school system. Let's listen and work together to make Prince George's County Public Schools shine.

This program is sponsored by the Advisory Committees on Education from Greenbelt, College Park, Berwyn Heights and the Greenbelt Black History Month Committee. The event will take place at the Greenbelt Community Center.

# GATe Begins Live Streaming, Producing Original Content

by Elena Macias

Greenbelt Access Television (GATe) is planning some changes. Recently, the studio has begun live streaming its own content in addition to broadcasting on Verizon Fios and Comcast channels 19 and 77 respectively.

"We just began streaming the channel live about two weeks ago," said Andy Zmidzinski, better known as Andy Z.

GATe is also getting into films. Staff members have created a two-camera shot about upcoming movies, both modern and classic, that will be shown at Old Greenbelt Theatre. These shots not only promote upcoming films but also kids animation shows. George Kochell, the station's animation instructor, runs the kids animation class. Animation productions that are created by kids are also shown at the theater and are often submitted to national and international festivals.

The station will also keep the Greenbelt community up to date on any ongoing events with Greenbelt Minutes, short news pieces about local events, including the Black History Day Celebration and MakerSpace Rummage Sale. The news pieces can be anything from organizations to events to environment stories and other features that affect the Greenbelt community. Citizens

will also be given the chance to contact GATe and broadcast community announcements allowing neighbors to communicate with their fellow neighbors. These announcements are repeated throughout the day they are put on-air.

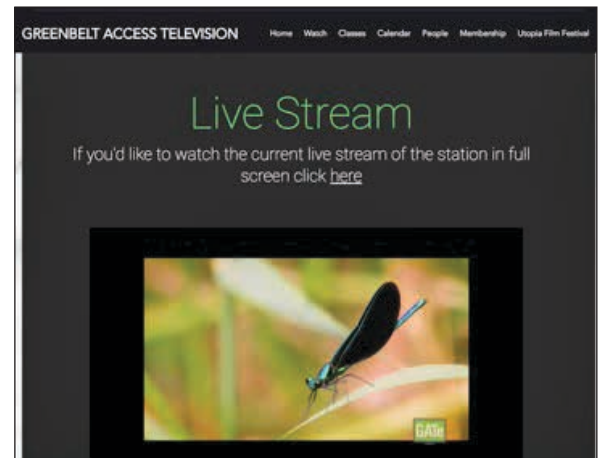
Most importantly, the station is now producing its own content for the community, something that has not been done before.

"The city has its channel and covers the government," said Zmidzinski. "Under education, we are producing our local content."

The goal for all these changes to GATe, Zmidzinski stated, is to be Greenbelt's community television station by producing highly localized news content and bringing outside content.

GATe provides classes in TV production, animation and editing with Final Cut or Adobe Premiere Pro at the station. As the GATe mission statement states, by offering these classes, "we are encouraging residents of all ages ... to produce non-commercial community-based programming" for Greenbelt.

Elena Macias is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism reporting for the News Review.



Screenshot of GATe website where the public can live stream news content

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Andy Zmidzinski (right) works on streaming GATe's programming.

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# Police Officers Complete SWAT Preparation Training

by Nora Eckert

Hostage rescue drills, hours of early morning workouts and advanced firearm training: this was just one day for the three Greenbelt police officers who successfully completed their grueling special weapons and tactics (SWAT) team preparatory school on Friday, March 29.

The SWAT team is an elite group of officers who are on call 24/7 to respond to hostage takings, shootings and other emergency situations in Greenbelt. Most of their calls are for high-risk search warrants, Greenbelt Police Lt. Tim White said, adding that the team is used approximately once a month.

Greenbelt SWAT is six officers strong, after being deactivated two years ago to cope with staff shortages across the department. At the time, they didn't think they could take any officers away from their normal duties to put them through the training, White said.

Now, the department is looking to rebuild this special unit.

Officers Troy Arnold, Matt Shurg and Bryan Fink completed the five-day preparatory training in Laurel, getting just a taste of what they'll be faced with when they complete their full three-week training next year. White is currently the only officer on the SWAT team who has been through the full training process.

White remembers the grueling physical drills and long days of his 2008 bootcamp, a time he said was "designed to push you physically and mentally."

The three Greenbelt officers who completed the recent preparatory training with the Laurel Police Department were joined by six other officers from surround-

ing communities, according to Sgt. Jesse Conyngham, who was a leader of the training. In addition to the demanding training camps, officers must complete 16 hours of specialized training each month to remain a member of the team.

It takes a special kind of person to be this committed, White said. It's the kind of person the Greenbelt and Laurel police departments have both struggled to attract or retain.

"You need a very well-rounded officer. You need someone who has good, sound judgment, [who's] good in tactics and firearms, they're physically fit and they're self-motivated to be a part of the team," said White. The Greenbelt SWAT team is currently at just half of its 12-person capacity.

Conyngham has noticed a decrease in interest in working as a police officer over his tenure at Laurel. "When you have decreased applicants for police officers in some areas, then you even have a more decreased pool for some of the harder specialties," he said.

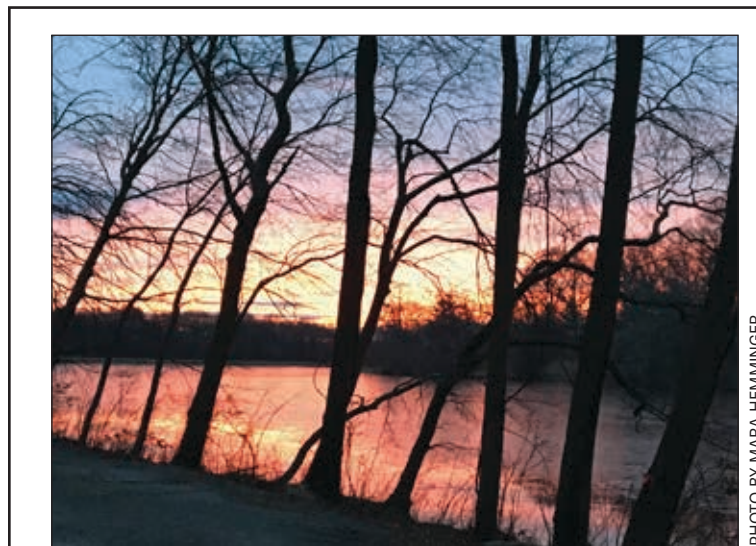
White agrees, adding that he thinks some applicants might decide against working in law enforcement because of the political climate and biases against officers. Yet, he said, it's a job that is perhaps more necessary now than ever "to handle the threats of what we see unfortunately in our world with school shootings and attacks on innocent people in shopping centers and places of worship."

*Nora Eckert is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism reporting for the News Review.*



Officers Troy Arnold, Matt Shurg and Bryan Fink graduated from Laurel's preparatory SWAT training on March 29. Chief Richard Bowers (far left) and Lieutenant Tim White (far right) join the team.

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT



Greenbelt Lake at sunset

PHOTO BY MARA HEIMINGER

# ERHS Manages Storm Water Runoff with a Green System

by Amy Hansen



PHOTO BY CIARA WIGFALL

On April 9, students and officials gather to celebrate the completion of Eleanor Roosevelt High School's stormwater management system.

A dozen or so pots of blue-stem grass rest at the edge of the student parking lot for Eleanor Roosevelt High School. These are the last of 906 plants that have been used in the Stormwater Management System that slows the run-off from about 3.6 acres of ERHS parking lots. While the landscaping has looked complete for a while, the final touches and the ribbon cutting ceremony were held Tuesday, April 9.

A private nonprofit group called Clean Water Partnership, worked with Prince George's County Schools, Prince George's County and the City of Greenbelt to fund and develop the system designed to slow the path of storm water and thereby im-

prove the water quality for local streams and eventually the Chesapeake Bay.

Joseph Gill, director of the Prince George's County Department of the Environment, was the event's keynote speaker. "Before all of this," he said, pointing at the pavement and the buildings, "it would rain and the rain would soak into the earth and replenish it. Now, it rains and the rain runs off with all the pollutants. By building this, we want to keep the water on the site."

Gill admitted that some might say they were doing this simply because it is part of the Clean Water Act. But the real reason, he said, is rejuvenation. "We can restore the parts of the Earth that

we have damaged. This is our debt to nature."

Gill noted that the restoration cost money as well as a few parking places, time from experts in design and time from people to implement the planting. And, he added, it is well worth the cost.

The system works by slowing down the water when it hits the soil. Instead of traveling over only rocks or asphalt, the water now has to move through soil and get past the roots of plants such as bluestem grass, butterfly milkweed, switchgrass and viburnum, among others. The plants sop up some of the water and pull out pollutants such as nitrogen and phosphorus.

Mark Fossett, assistant superintendent of building services for Prince George's County Public Schools, spoke last, saying he had been at many of the stormwater management projects run by the Clean Water Project and this was by far the largest. The water managed is significant, "and this project adds to the beauty of your school."

Furthermore, Fossett thanked the students involved for coordinating the project and educating other students about the importance of the rocks, plantings and soil. "We are doing the right thing for the next generation," he said.

## Center for Dynamic Governance

Join the Center for Dynamic Community Governance on Saturday, April 13 for the first of three free drop-in trainings, including group training sessions on meeting facilitation; consent-based decision-making; conflict resolution and transparent communication; one-on-one professional, customized analysis of community group or business processes and operations, including workflow design and volunteer management; and a month of no-cost follow-up coaching.

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For more information, contact [Aileen@dynamic-governance.org](mailto:Aileen@dynamic-governance.org).

## Gamer Orchestra Gives Concert

A free concert of video game music will be performed on Sunday, April 14 at 7 p.m. in Gildenhorn Recital Hall of The Clarice.

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and the school assignment of Greenbelt children.

### City Support

The city's Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) is central to the city's support for the schools that serve Greenbelt children and Mayor Emmett Jordan asked the committee's chairperson, Melinda Brady, to describe the activities of the committee. She outlined four programs: annual meetings held with the school principals and with the PTA presidents; after-school club programs, currently at Turning Point, Greenbelt Elementary and Springhill Lake; the ACE grants program, which focuses on needs not typically funded in the school budget; and the annual ACE Educator and ACE Student Awards.

Another component of city support is funding for the School Resource Officer (SRO) at ERHS that includes the officer's car, equipment and uniform. Police Chief Richard Bowers said the SRO inside the school takes the place of a county police officer and works closely with the school administration and campus security.

The Police Department also continues to teach the D.A.R.E. program in the fifth-grade classes of Springhill Lake and Greenbelt Elementary Schools. While the acronym stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education, Bowers said their objective is to take a broader approach in teaching children to make good decisions as they grow older. Councilmember Silke Pope, who is on the staff at Springhill Lake Elementary, had high praise for the D.A.R.E. program.

"It teaches skills in problem solving and working together, which are so much needed today," she said. "And the kids love it!"

### Facility Condition

Declining conditions at Springhill Lake Elementary headed the discussion on maintenance. Pope reported that the HVAC system had not been cleaned in many years but that was done recently. There is mold in the building and the external portable classrooms (known locally as temps) are in bad condition, with loose railings and nails. The majority of the water fountains have been turned off. Pope said that what is needed now is a new building, but what should have been provided was ongoing maintenance.

Jordan pointed out that a considerable increase in school children may be on the horizon in Greenbelt West, with Greenbelt Station still not built out and a sizable mixed-use development proposed by Beltway Plaza. Jordan said temps at ERHS are also in bad condition, and resident Lois Rosado added that those temps are very old. Drainage issues at the rear of Greenbelt Elementary School were also cited.

According to Thomas, the capital improvement budget for the schools lists Springhill Lake for a new school, with funding to begin in Fiscal Year 2020-2021 but he acknowledged that the list is continually revised. The county supervisor of building maintenance accompanied Thomas on his tour of Springhill Lake and they identified a number of pending work orders that should now be expedited. Pope told Thomas it would be very helpful to know what repairs might be

forthcoming.

Councilmember Colin Byrd asked if it might be possible to get Springhill Lake moved up on the list. Thomas replied that in reality the priority would be to not let it slip lower. He said he was very supportive of holding the school's place on the list but also noted that this is an area where hearing from constituents can make a difference.

Councilmember Judith Davis supported Pope's comments on regular maintenance, adding that there is nothing wrong with old buildings if they are maintained.

"Put the money up front to maintain the buildings properly," she said, encouraging Thomas to get the Board of Education to move in that direction.

### School Athletic Fields

For years, the city has hoped to negotiate an arrangement to use some of the school athletic fields to supplement its own. In exchange, the city would maintain them. Regarding the field at Greenbelt Middle School, Thomas said he had been told this plan wouldn't work because the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission has control of the field, but councilmembers assured him that was not the case in the rest of Greenbelt.

### ERHS Attendance Policy

Davis told Thomas there are issues with ERHS students leaving campus during the day and creating problems in the surrounding residential areas. Greenbriar and city police have spoken with Principal Reginald McNeill, she said, but if attendance is not taken or enforced, nothing will change. Bowers said the problem is complicated by the fact that some students have early dismissal so police officers often cannot tell which ones are leaving legitimately.

### School Boundaries

Councilmembers told Thomas that some progress had been made with the city's prior school board representative to enable residents of Greenbelt Station to send their children to Greenbelt Elementary rather than Berwyn Heights. When the new development opened, the boundary line did not include them in Greenbelt schools as it should have. It was agreed that during the 2018-2019 school year, these children could attend Greenbelt Elementary with no county transportation provided. Starting with the 2019-2020 school year, a bus is to pick them up. Councilmembers told Thom-

as they hoped this progress could be continued and built upon.

Councilmember Leta Mach raised an objection to sending students to overcrowded schools outside of Greenbelt on the grounds that the Greenbelt schools were overcrowded. Thomas noted that in some instances there is a significant difference in the level at which the schools are at overcapacity. Parkdale High School, he said, is now at 103 percent capacity, while ERHS is at 125 percent.

### County Bill 33-2014

The meeting closed with an overview by Mach for Thomas of the history of an agreement made with the county 15 years ago that underlies the city-county differences on school assignment. The agreement contained, among other matters, an assurance that all Greenbelt high school students could attend ERHS and that permanent additions would be added to ERHS if future overcrowding would require temps. Initially, it was agreed that a memorandum of understanding (MOU) would be used, the draft of which also included a guarantee that all younger Greenbelt children could attend Greenbelt schools. The county decided not to use the MOU and instead added language to the school system capital budget, which appeared in CB-33-2014, the county's Fiscal Year 2005 appropriations ordinance. The enacted bill did not include the provision that all younger children have the right to attend Greenbelt schools. Nor have permanent additions replaced the temps at ERHS.

### GHI Notes

Thursday, April 11, 7 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting, Board Room

Tuesday, April 16, 7 p.m., Long Range Planning Committee Meeting, Board Room; 7 p.m., Communications Committee Meeting, GHI Kitchen; 7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby

Wednesday, April 17, 6 p.m., Bicycle Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby; 7 p.m., Woodlands Committee Meeting, Board Room

Thursday, April 18, 7:45 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room

Friday, April 19, office closed. Emergency maintenance service is available at 301-474-6011.

Monday, April 22, 2 p.m., Audit Committee Meeting, Board Room

## Arbor Day Draws Crowd For Speech and Trees

by Ashley Edwards



PHOTO BY NEIL WILLIAMSON

Greenbelt councilmembers participate in the Arbor Day tree-planting project.

Sixty volunteers planted 25 trees during the Greenbelt Arbor Day Celebration on March 30. The trees included lilac, paperback maple, red horse chestnut, and white oak and were placed in central Greenbelt at 56 Crescent Road.

Groups in attendance included the Advisory Committee on Trees, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, University of Maryland's UMDSTEPP team, BAPs Charities (a global charity supporting a wide range of issues including environmental protection and preservation),

and a few local high school seniors. Mayor Emmett Jordan, and Councilmembers Judith Davis, Silke Pope, Ed Putens, Leta Mach and Colin Byrd also came out.

Before planting trees, Jordan presented the Arbor Day Proclamation which touched on the significance of trees to Greenbelt and its landscape.

Further volunteer work with the environment is set for April 13. See City Ad on page 5 for details.

Ashley Edwards is an intern working for Public Works.



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Volunteers plant trees to celebrate Arbor Day on Saturday, March 30.



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# Do Greenbelt Cycle Options Compare to European Cities?

by Cathie Meetre

*This is the second of a series of articles on cycling as transportation in Greenbelt.*

Although Greenbelt is keen on cycling and has in recent years invested in infrastructure, it has a ways to go to catch up with Europe. Whether the United Kingdom is part of the European Union may be debatable at the moment, but England two decades ago was years behind its neighbors in cycling infrastructure, with the exception of particular cities like York. Cyclists in big northwestern European cities like Amsterdam and Copenhagen are kings of the road.

But cycle infrastructures can be created – even in cities where the road layout is reminiscent of a medieval rabbit warren packed with taxis, buses and delivery vans. In the last 20 years, London has acquired a striking network of bicycle paths, while vehicular traffic is more restricted. Doubt has been cast on the divine right of the combustion engine.

Traveling across London's big, busy city by bike has gone from a suicidal act in the early 1990s to being practical, and even preferred, today. Well sign-posted and thoughtfully laid out, the bike paths range from segregated cycle superhighways cutting four-lane swaths through Hyde Park and across Thames bridges to a ramble through the small garden squares of Chelsea. They incorporate a network of towpaths next to the Thames and London's many canals that are a gateway to an entire infrastructure of rideable trails connecting central London to within less than a mile of London's Heathrow airport and thence throughout the country.

Cycling is now London's speediest downtown commuting option and the number of bike commuters has skyrocketed.

Although Greenbelt and its environs in Maryland and D.C. continue to develop cycle infrastructure, provisions vary widely by area and depend on the level of pressure exerted by local communities. Paths start and stop and only rarely run coherently through multiple jurisdictions.

In London, cyclists on four-lane paths through the parks often leave car drivers at a standstill in their two-lane, four-wheel allocation. Bikes are available throughout the city for rent and can be picked up and dropped off in a multitude of locations. At night, bikes are re-distributed to spread them back out for the next day. Students ride to school. People do their shopping and deliveries are made by bike or electric bike.

### The Hazards

Inevitably, cyclists sometimes get hurt, though the data shows that danger per cycle mile is less cycling in London, for all its vehicular perils, than in the British countryside. Of course, pedestrians and motorists aren't without their vulnerabilities either – in 2017, 73 pedestrians and 31 motorcyclists were killed in Greater London, compared to 10 pedal cyclists. The increasing number of bike lanes physically separated from traffic, even if just by a curb, significantly reduces the danger to cyclists from other



PHOTO BY CATHIE MEETRE

Cyclists cross one of London's busy bridges on Cycle Superhighway #5. Many combine folding bikes and a train journey.

traffic. Turn signals at intersections give cyclists priority over vehicular traffic, reducing the risk of being in the blind spot of left-turning London trucks or double-decker buses (right-turning in the U.S.).

### What Are The Risks

As with most fun things, there's also a risk. Cyclists, without the protection of a vehicle around them, are vulnerable to other road traffic, potholes, road hazards and their own mistakes. Common sense, preparation and training, however, can go a long way to making this fun activity much safer. Cycling proponents, like Greenbelt's Laurie Lemieux, owner of Proteus Bicycles in the Hollywood section of College Park (where MOMs organic market used to be) and her husband Jeff, believe that the physical and mental advantages of cycling far outweigh the risks if the cyclist takes reasonable precautions and practices awareness.

### Can it Happen Here?

Purpose-engineered, cycle-safe transportation alternatives increased in England with the rise in concern about pollution, fossil fuels and sustainability. These concerns are also sparking increasing interest among Greenbelters in using bikes as transportation and not merely for leisure. The UK's ground-swell of interest grew into a movement for sustainable transportation and funding for significant improvements has been carved out of city budgets. In the case of Central London, cycle infrastructure improvements are funded by a congestion fee imposed on traffic entering the central city zone. And even Paris is improving, though it is hardly yet a Gallic poster child for safe cycling. Greenbelt, too, makes steady progress.

### Safe City Cycling

London has an active cycle safety program. Take a peek at <https://tfl.gov.uk/corporate/safety-and-security/road-safety/cycle-safety> to see some of the programs to raise awareness and train cyclists and drivers. In recent years, Greenbelt has also offered cycle training programs for children and adults, and last year's event at the Farmers Market was a crowd pleaser as adaptive bikes showed how cycling can be an inclusive activity.

The future of cycling in Greenbelt seems to be on a long gentle upturn. Each year some new possibility comes on line and it seems to the casual observer that more people are using bikes. The one bike rack near the Co-op is often oversubscribed.

### Local Cycling

Cyclists are encouraged to join the weekly program of rides sponsored by Proteus and to learn more about safe cycling. There are many local possibilities for bike rides of all lengths and for all ability levels. Route resources for local cyclists are available through Proteus at [Proteusbicycles.com](http://Proteusbicycles.com) and [waba.org](http://waba.org), the Washington Area Bicyclist Association. Greenbelt National Park hosts Wednesday evening practice rides throughout the summer – though these are for experienced competitive cyclists with a very fast pace and large groups of cyclists – think Tour de France. Find out more on the National Park website <https://www.nps.gov/gree/planyourvisit/wednesday-night-practice-bicycle-races.htm>.



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## Reel and Meal at the Café Screens a Teachable Moment

by Susan Barnett

On Monday, April 15, Reel and Meal will feature A Teachable Moment at the New Deal Café. An optional vegan meal at 6:30 p.m. is followed by the free screening beginning at 7 p.m.

Every 40 seconds, a stroke radically changes someone's life. These attacks can happen to anyone of any age, and at any time. Though once considered an over-65 disease, strokes attack adults as young as 30 at staggering rates. Some recover, many don't. This film, directed by James Favata, tells the story of four survivors searching for their new normal. A call to action for everyone, A Teachable Moment is a feature-length documentary dedicated to describing the science behind the disease, offering lifestyle choices to lower risk and empowering viewers with the knowledge that strokes are pre-

ventable, treatable and beatable. Discussion leaders Heidi Menocal and Jutta Brettschneider will share their experiences and answer questions.

Reel and Meal, a monthly vegan meal and film series focused on environmental, social justice and animal rights issues, happens every third Monday of the month at the New Deal Café and is organized by Utopia Film Festival, Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group, Green Vegan Networking and Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition.

For more information, contact Frank Gervasi, 301-474-7680 [frankgervasi@gmail.com](mailto:frankgervasi@gmail.com). For more information about Reel and Meal, email [reelandmeal@newdealcafe.com](mailto:reelandmeal@newdealcafe.com). Or go to [newdealcafe.com/events/reel-and-meal](http://newdealcafe.com/events/reel-and-meal).



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is performing a unique selection of music, the conference invited ERHS to share its vision and innovative approach to concert band. The ERHS approach includes a focus on smaller ensembles with fewer people per part, more personal responsibility for the players and a more collaborative working environment. To accomplish this, Zephir has rehearsals going on simultaneously in different rooms (including her office), sometimes using University of Maryland music education students and faculty to lead sectionals and clinics.

Students participated in band and small ensemble clinics at the University of Georgia at Athens.

For example, the saxophone players sat in on a sax repertoire class, the brass and percussion observed a British brass band rehearsal and the chamber ensembles worked with Dr. Cynthia Johnston Turner, the director of bands at UGA.

The band has been invited to another prestigious conference, the Midwest Clinic in Chicago. The repertoire performed at the Clinic must include at least 50 percent of compositions written within the last three years, so the band will need to commission some new pieces. To travel to Chicago next December, the band must raise \$50,000. To fund the Atlanta trip, the band held a new type of fundraiser called a SNAP Raise, with additional funds raised by their traditional fruit sales and donations from Band alumni and HBCU alumni in the area.

- Photos courtesy of ERHS



**Band Director Rachel Zephir rehearses with the ERHS Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble (above) and with small ensembles (below) during the conference in Atlanta.**

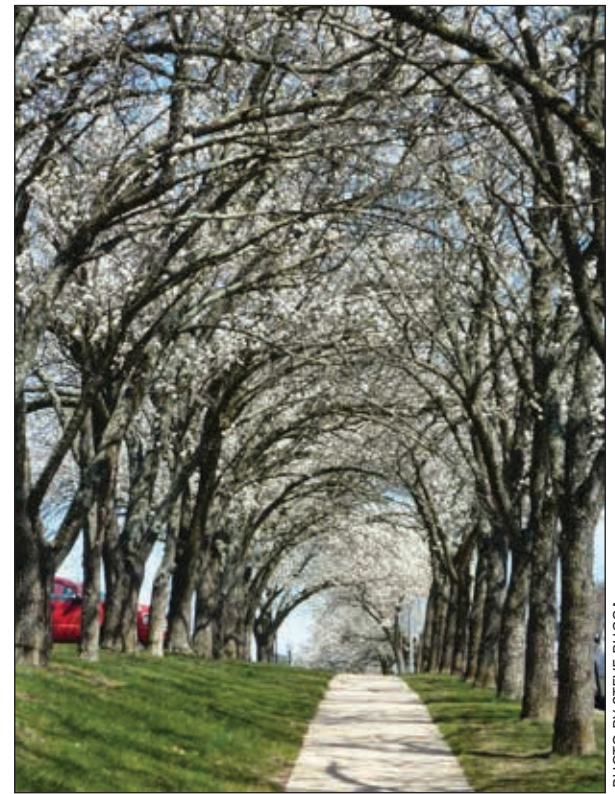


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**Bradford Pear trees form an archway on Hanover Parkway.**



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**A male Ringneck Duck swims in the Lake.**

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## City Notes

Horticulture/Parks installed a Little Free Library book exchange box at the corner of Research and Ridge Roads.

Refuse/Recycling collected 31.53 tons of refuse and 11.83 tons of recycling material.

In the wildflower area at Buddy Attick Park, environmental staff prepped and over-seeded, and met with Lindsay Miller Baranco about a wild bee sampling project.

Triathlon training for beginners is underway at the Aquatic & Fitness Center.

At the Community Center, see the exhibit by Animal Control in the lobby display case.

Bike to Work Day is Friday May 17 and registration is open.

Animal Control impounded numerous dogs and picked up several dead wild animals. One cat and four dogs were surrendered and two cats were adopted.

As part of the Northern County Dementia Friendly Initiative, the GAIL program coordinated the Healthy Caregiving Options for Dementia Workshop. Ten speakers provided information and encouragement to over 110 caregivers.



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PRELIMINARY AGENDA  
**GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Thursday, April 18, 2019**  
GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

- A. **GHI Special Open Session Meeting – begins at 7.00 p.m.**
  - Approve Motion to hold an Executive Session Meeting on April 18, 2019
- B. **GHI Executive Session – begins after the GHI Special Open Session Meeting adjourns**
  - Approve Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting Held on March 21, 2019
  - Consider the Terms and Conditions of the Following Contracts in the Negotiation Stage:
    - 2019 Contract for Replacing Roofs for Frame Buildings – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading
    - 2019 Contract for Phase 2 Frame Crawl Space Improvements – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading
    - 2019 Contract for Spring Concrete Repairs – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading
    - Contract for Repairs to an Addition at 2-P Gardenway and Main Unit at 8-Q Laurel Hill Rd. – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading
  - Member Financial Matters
- C. **GDC Open Session Meeting – begins at 7.45 p.m.**
  - Review 2018 Year-end Financial Statements
- D. **GHI Open Session Meeting – begins after GDC Open Session Meeting adjourns**
  - Approve Minutes of the Special Open Session Meeting Held on March 21, 2019
  - Approve Minutes of the Regular Open Session Meeting Held on March 21, 2019
  - Presentation of 2018 External Audit Report
  - Review 2018 Year-end Financial Statements
  - Proposed New Gardenside Window at 69-B Ridge Road
  - Proposed Annual Membership Meeting Agenda
  - Review Administration Building Security Task Force Report
  - Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee’s Request for a Contribution



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# Police Blotter

## Robbery

March 28, 5:33 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. A 22-year-old resident was arrested and charged with strong arm robbery, assault and two counts of theft after officers responded to a report of a strong arm robbery. A man approached two people and ordered them to drop what they were carrying. He took a book bag from one person and then choked the other and took her cell phone. He fled but was observed by officers a short time later and was apprehended. After he was positively identified and arrested he was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

## Theft

March 28, 4:36 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Drive. Three bicycles were taken from the balcony of an apartment. They were located nearby a short time later and returned.

March 29, 7:19 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Court. A package was taken from the hallway of an apartment residence on March 22.

April 3, 3:53 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. A man approached a walker on the Spellman Overpass from behind, grabbed a box containing candy and money from the walker's hands and fled on foot toward Hanover Parkway.

## Counterfeit Money

March 29, 3:58 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road. A man arranged to purchase a pair of headphones using social media and met with the seller to complete the sale. After the transaction he discovered that the seller paid with counterfeit money.

## Fraud

April 3, 3 p.m., 6100 block Greenbelt Road. A man received a phone call from someone who claimed to be with the Social Security Administration. The caller told the man that he owed money and could pay by way of Target gift cards. The man purchased them and read the card numbers to the caller. The man later discovered that he had been scammed.

## Vandalism

March 29, 10:10 a.m., 6100 block Cherrywood Lane. Two wooden benches were vandalized.

April 3, 2:08 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. A woman reported that an acquaintance kicked her front door and damaged it. The victim was advised to seek warrants.

## Vehicle Crime

Multiple vehicles were stolen and/or recovered. Three vehicles were stolen. A white 4-door 2010 Ford Fusion with Md. tags 2DN8797 was taken from the 9300 block Edmonston Road. A blue 2011 Volkswagen GTI with Md. tags 45337CG was taken from the 9200 block Edmonston Road and a white 2006 Ford Econoline E350 pickup truck with Md. tags 2CG0534 from the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace.

Two vehicles stolen from 44 Court Ridge Road on April 1 were recovered April 3, both by D.C. Metropolitan police, one in the 1800 block Edwin Street N.E. and the other in the 1200 block Holbrook Terrace N.E.

Other recovered vehicles include a 2018 Porsche Cayenne SUV reported stolen to Cherry Hill New Jersey police, recovered in the 9100 block Edmonston

Terrace. A 2002 Dodge pickup truck reported stolen September 25 from the 6400 block Golden Triangle Drive was recovered March 29 by Annapolis City police in the 1800 block Georgia Avenue in Annapolis.

There were four thefts from unlocked vehicles. Money was taken from the 6100 block Springhill Terrace, a cell phone from the 6200 block Springhill Drive and a wallet from the 9100 block Springhill Lane. In 16 Court Ridge Road a possibly unlocked vehicle was rifled through.

Tags were taken from two vehicles, one in the 6100 block Springhill Terrace and the other in the 7800 block Mandan Road.

An in-dash stereo and the rearview mirror were stolen in the 6100 block Greenbelt Road. An identification card was taken in 36 Court Ridge Road; there was no sign of forced entry.

Four instances of vandalism were reported. Windows were broken in two vehicles in the 7800 block Mandan Road. Graffiti was drawn on a vehicle in the 6100 block Springhill Terrace; a witness said it was done by two young girls. The rear side of a door was dented in the 9100 block Springhill Lane.

## Third Armed Robbery At Greenbelt Sunoco

Greenbelt police reported a robbery at the Sunoco Station at 161 Centerway. According to police, the robbery was committed by a light-skinned man wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and a black mask. He robbed the cashier at knifepoint and then ran away from the station toward Parkway Road. Police say that they are continuing to investigate the crime. Surveillance footage from all three armed robberies can be found on the Greenbelt Sunoco Facebook page. The station's owners are looking into putting up an enclosure in the station behind which the cashier could work and be protected from armed robbers.



## Prescription Takeback Scheduled for April 27

The Greenbelt Police Department, in conjunction with the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), is participating in a free and anonymous, no questions asked prescription drug takeback on Saturday, April 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There are two locations: the Springhill Lake Recreation Center parking lot in a pop-up tent, 6101 Cherrywood Lane, and the Greenbelt Police Department parking lot in a pop-up tent, 550 Crescent Road. Medicines can be handed in without exiting the vehicle.

This event allows the public a chance to rid their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. Only pills and patches will be accepted, no liquids, needles or sharps.

According to the DEA, unused and outdated medicines kept in the home are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse. They are found to be the cause of a high number of accidental poisonings and overdoses and a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family, friends and home medicine cabinets. The usual methods of disposing of these medicines, flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash, pose potential safety and health hazards.

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs call George Mathews, Greenbelt police public information liaison at 240-508-0238 (or DEAdiversion.usdoj.gov).

## GVFD Open House To Recruit Volunteers

Join Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department on Saturday, April 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the Volunteer Recruitment Open House. There will be live demonstrations and hands-on stations throughout the day. Visit the GVFD Facebook page, facebook.com/engine35, for a schedule and updated details about the event. All are welcome to come by the firehouse to see what GVFD does and if they would like to be a part of it. Questions about the event can be sent to recruitment@engine35.com.

# Volunteers Remove Litter From Sunrise Tract Forest

by Ashley Edwards

To welcome the upcoming spring season, the City of Greenbelt hosted a litter cleanup at the Sunrise Tract of the Forest Preserve adjacent to the Greenbelt Dog Park on March 16. This service event is the second annual cleanup project for this area. A group of 40 eager volunteers came out with stewardship in mind and stuck to it from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. resulting in the removal of a whopping 1,072 pounds of litter. The prior year's total was 600 pounds of litter.

A great portion of the volunteer group arrived just in time to hear Jason Martin, Public Work's environmental coordinator, give an introduction to the site. One of the most important points he mentioned was that the Sunrise Tract and other parts of the preserve have been unofficial dumping grounds for decades. The volunteers eagerly ventured into

the forest and found everyday litter items such as bottles, cans, paper and plastic containers, but they also pulled eight tires and large pieces of scrap metal from the forest. Each bag of trash was weighed and upon hearing the weight of their bags the volunteers went back again and again into the forest to try and gather more litter to increase the weight of their next bag.

A diverse group of volunteers came to participate in the cleanup, including University of Maryland students, members of the United States Navy, BAPs Charities (a global charity supporting a wide range of issues including environmental protection and preservation), and residents who wanted to lend a helping hand. The City of Greenbelt would like to thank the volunteers who came out and dedicated 120 combined hours of service.



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Volunteers clean up the creek in the Forest Preserve Sunrise Tract.

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# Local Solutions Can Combine To Reverse Climate Change

by Linda Rich

Earth Day is Monday, April 22, and in the spirit of “think globally, act locally,” some residents of Greenbelt and surrounding areas met recently in the MakerSpace to discuss global warming. At the meeting, city resident Lore Rosenthal shared the concept of drawdown, which is the point in time when the concentration of greenhouse gases in the Earth’s atmosphere begins to decline on a year-to-year basis. Participants learned about the top 100 most effective solutions to get to that point.

Some solutions are already happening locally, including solar and wind power initiatives, stormwater management to preserve coastal wetlands and composting. City government efforts to green the town have been documented by the News Review. Some neighborhood and small groups also contribute their own efforts and solutions to global warming.

Bob and Mona Kessel of Greenbelt East were early adopters of solar panels. They put a small 1-kilowatt system on a southeast-facing roof in 2006 and a 4-kilowatt system on a south-facing roof in 2009. The Kessels have already realized a net financial gain with the energy savings and available government subsidies.

Mona also noted an unexpected effect on their neighborhood. “In the year or two after installation,” she said, “people would walk by our house on Mathew Street, notice the solar panels, and stop and ask questions. Bob had the answers since he did the design and we installed the panels with the help of our daughters. Today there are dozens of solar rooftop systems in Green-

belt East.”

The Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ, is completing a rain garden project this spring and plans to dedicate it in May. It was designed for two purposes. First, it slows the rush of stormwater by absorbing it into the ground, lessening the amount running into the Anacostia River. Second, it removes pollutants such as oil or pet waste by filtering the water through special absorbent soils at the base of the garden. This protects the Chesapeake Bay and preserves coastal wetlands. There is no cost to the church for this project because it is funded by the County’s Alternative Compliance program.

The Greenbriar Condominium community, with nearly 1,000 households, is completely powered by green e-certified 100 percent wind power. A few years ago, the community switched to power sourced from wind farms in Texas through a multi-year electricity contract with the utility company. Greenbriar estimates they reduced their greenhouse gas emissions each year by about 8,383 tons. They are also installing LED lighting throughout the community for even greater reductions of power usage and costs.

By focusing on solutions, “drawdown [discussion group] has given me a social support network that helps me stay focused and optimistic in these challenging times” said one of the group members.

*Linda Rich is a participant in Greenbelt Drawdown, Greenbelt Climate Action Network and a resident of the Greenbriar Condominium community.*

## Clarice Hosts Free Youth Dance Program

The Muses – Dance Nation by Clare Barron will be presented twice, on Wednesday and Thursday, April 17 and 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cafritz Foundation Theatre of The Clarice.

Somewhere in America, an army of pre-teen competitive dancers plots to take over the world. And if their new routine is good enough, they’ll claw their way to the top at the Boogie Down Grand Prix in Tampa Bay. But in Clare Barron’s raucous pageant of ambition and ferocity, these young dancers have more than choreography on their minds, because every plié and jeté is a step toward finding themselves and a fight to unleash their power. This performance contains adult language and sensitive subject matters.



## Kurt Weill Festival Continues at UMD

Weill’s American Songbook will be showcased on Saturday, April 13 at 5 p.m. in Gildenhorn Recital Hall of The Clarice.

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### Book Discussion

Tuesday, April 16, 7 p.m. Join friends and neighbors to discuss great contemporary books every month. This month the group will discuss Enchantress of Numbers by Jennifer Chiaverini.

### Dance Party

Saturday, April 20, 10:30 a.m., ages 2 to 5. Calling all preschoolers and toddlers. Come bust a move and shake the sillies out at the Greenbelt Bibliobop Dance Party. Bring parents or caregivers and prepare to boogie and bop. This event is presented every third Saturday of each month. No registration required.

### STEM-tastic

Wednesday, April 24, 4:30 p.m., ages 5 to 12. Become a mad scientist by conducting hands-on, fun science experiments using basic scientific principles. Join us for engineering challenges as we build structures out of ordinary drinking straws.

### French Conversation

Thursday, April 25, 5 p.m. Learning to speak French? Join this club and practice speaking French in a friendly atmosphere. This club meets biweekly as a walk-in event on Thursday evenings.

## Teacher Ranger Class At Greenbelt Park

This summer, Greenbelt Park will participate in the Teacher Ranger program, offering a professional development opportunity for 4th grade teachers to spend summer 2019 acquiring new skills in experiential learning. The program is provided by a partnership between the National Park Service (NPS) and the University of Colorado Denver (CU Denver).

Participants will spend four to six weeks at Greenbelt Park, developing a major educational project and participating in an online graduate course from CU Denver. The goal of the program is to train teachers in the resources and themes of the NPS so that they can return to their schools in the fall and incorporate their new skills into classroom activities. NPS aims to especially reach students from underserved schools and districts by recruiting teachers from Title 1, urban or rural schools and from tribal schools to participate in the Teacher Ranger program.

Greenbelt’s 2019 Teacher Ranger will use Greenbelt Park’s interpretive programs to create and develop educational activities and curriculum-based lesson plans for off-site school visits. The teacher can also bring experiences back to the classroom and connect Prince George’s County elementary schools to Greenbelt Park and NPS.

The program comprises 230 hours: 160 hours of major educational project, 45 hours of on-line coursework, discussion and course readings, and 25 hours of operational experiences such as junior ranger activities during the summer. Upon completion of the program and project, the teacher will earn three graduate credit hours through CU Denver and \$3,000.

Applications, due May 14, are available at the Greenbelt Park Ranger Station and at nps.gov/gree.



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# Water, Air and Rocks: Artist's Exhibit Sparked by Nature

by Nicole DeWald

In the words of artist Leslie Shellow, "The natural world can be beautiful yet destructive, awe-inspiring yet heart-breaking, tender yet abrasive." Shellow expresses these and other dynamic tensions through installations and low-relief works on paper that combine drawing, poured pigment and delicate cut-outs. Her work is featured in a new solo exhibition at the Community Center Art Gallery.

Many of the pieces in the show are part of a body of work that Shellow calls *The Substance of Matter*. She writes, it is "a series of works that resulted from my observations of three elements in nature: water, air and rocks." Hovering between abstraction and representation, the rock pieces were inspired by glimpses of stone slowly unveiled by the sun from beneath a thick blanket of snow. Shellow created them during a winter residency in Wyoming in 2018. "Most of the rocks I encountered were igneous rocks formed through the cooling and hardening of molten lava from volcanic eruptions millions of years ago," Shellow comments. The red rocks, called scoria, had deep rich red colors charred by the spontaneous ignition of coal underground. The rocks, Shellow observed, provided a profound, tangible connection to "the entire geological history of the earth."

Air is represented in a major wall piece inspired by the flight of chimney swifts in the Hampden neighborhood of Baltimore where the artist resides. Entitled *Instinctive Navigation*, the piece includes about 950 individual abstract birds depicting the animals' spiraling motion as they prepare to dive into the chimney of a former book-binding factory. The birds are composed of laser-cut Japanese wood veneer paper. Each bird is dipped in melted wax and attached to the wall with an entomological pin. Behind the birds, a design is painted directly on the wall to represent what the artist imagines "is happening to the air as a result of the many bodies careening through space." Shellow and her assistant Ae Yun Kim devoted two days of meticulous work to the installation of this immersive piece. Visitor Angella Foster commented, "Stunning...makes me want to dance."

Shellow represents water indirectly in two, frameless wall pieces depicting its interaction with other organic elements. *Mineral Pool* was inspired by the hot springs in Yellowstone National Park. *Stillness in Motion* conveys the texture of aquatic plant life. "I am interested in the vulnerability of the sea grass," Shellow



Leslie Shellow works on *Aesthetic Erosion* in the Community Center gallery.



Leslie Shellow installs her piece called *Instinctive Navigation*.

writes, "and how it allows the water to determine its direction. It does not resist. It is at the mercy of the water, as is everything."

Like many Greenbelters, Shellow practices the close observation of nature. "I tend to be keenly in tune with my surroundings," she writes, "which can be beneficial, yet overwhelming due to the expansive visual stimuli within the world. Regardless, this is what drives my desire to work slowly and methodically, meditatively building one small element on top of another." In addition to the specificities of an individual subject, close study reveals to Shellow the working of several forces in nature: "attraction, repulsion, contraction, expansion, growth, decay, beauty and ugliness," all of which find a place in her work.

Shellow teaches drawing at the Maryland Institute College of Art. She is a three-time recipient of

Individual Artist grants for works on paper from the Maryland State Arts Council. Her work has been exhibited previously at venues including the Delaware Center for Contemporary Art, Goucher College, Loyola University of Maryland, the National Institutes of Health and the Arlington Arts Center.

*Intricacies and Polarities: Meditations on the Natural World* by Leslie Shellow will remain on view through Sunday, June 2. The Community Center Art Gallery is open daily when not reserved: Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. For additional information, call 301-397-2208. This exhibition is presented by the Greenbelt Recreation Arts program with support from the Maryland State Arts Council.

Nicole DeWald is the arts supervisor for the City of Greenbelt.

- Photos by Nicole DeWald

## Artful Afternoon



Larry Anderson works on making marionettes with brothers Henry (6) and Sammy (4) Turner at the Artful Afternoon on Sunday, April 7 at the Community Center.

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Participants enjoy making the marionettes at the Artful Afternoon.

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Attendees show off their marionettes.

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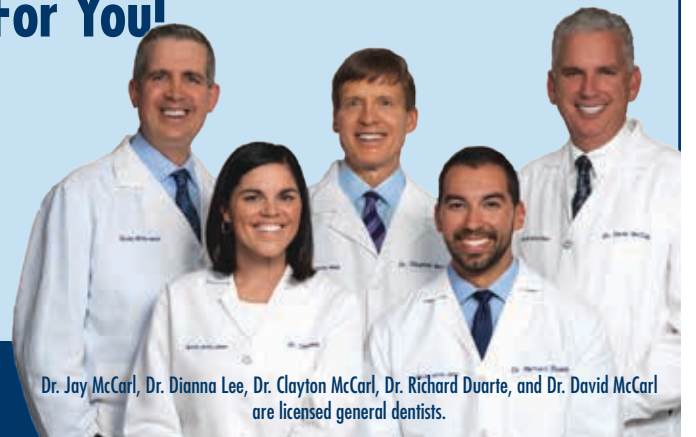
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