Planning and Development: Projects, Successes, Goals
by Kathleen Gallagher

On May 1, the Greenbelt City Council met with staff from the Department of Planning and Community Development for a work session on their portion of the city manager’s proposed Fiscal Year 2020 city budget. The request includes $382,900 for Planning and $663,000 for Community Development, with a little more than $1 million anticipated from revenue sources in Community Development.

Traditionally, Greenbelt’s budget work sessions include not only a scrutinizing of the proposed budget itself but also a review of the past year’s achievements, as well as a forecast of work and any potential issues for the upcoming year. So far this year, despite a proposed tax increase, budget work sessions seem to be including little scrutiny of budgets. Tonight’s work session was no exception, but the recounting of the amazing productivity of the department more than filled the given space.

Mayor Emmett Jordan opened the meeting with a reading aloud of the mission, value statements and goals of the Department of Planning and Community Development.

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Education Awards Announced, Student Excellence Recognized
by Colleen Crowley

Parents, teachers, administrators and friends filled the Greenbelt City Council Chambers on May 8 to recognize a group of extraordinary students during the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) Student Awards. The ACE Student Awards are presented to select students from the highest grade level of each Greenbelt’s schools who honor the city’s tradition of citizenship, leadership and academic achievement.

“ACE Student Awards recipients from left: Katrina Lu, Aaron Shi, Vincent Blackwell, Enoch Edun, D’Kayla Hanson, Arsalan Siddiqui, Jasmine Tate, Heather Pina, Matthew Harden, Iris Gaycken, Angel Flores, Haley Ng, Kai Waters, Jeneha Lansana, with city council members and state delegates from left: Tawanna Gaines, Ed Putens, Anne Healey, Emmett Jordan, Leta Mach (hidden), Judith Davis, Silke Pope, Alonzo Washington, Rodney Roberts and Colin Byrd.

A whopping $6,453,000 is proposed to be spent in the next fiscal year on capital projects within the city, substantially more than the $1,846,500 expected to have been spent this year. Mayor Emmett Jordan asked why there was such a big jump at the April 17 budget review work session for capital projects and Public Works Department budgets. Assistant City Manager David Moran, City Treasurer Jeff Williams and Public Works Director Jim Sterling were there to explain the budget to council.

Fiscal Year 2020 city taxes will need to be levied to raise the needed money.
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On Screen
Wild Nights with Emily
Was 19th-century poet Emily Dickinson really a shy, melancholic recluse? Inspired by Dickinson’s private letters, writer/director Madeline Zenowicz tells the story of the poet’s life in a new biographical film. The film is a funny, respectful, lively, serious, eye-opening reinvention of Dickinson. A landmark for women in cinema, the film received excellent reviews from critics and audiences alike. It stars Lesley Manville as Emily Dickinson, with an outstanding supporting cast.

Reasons to Oppose Managed Lanes
Regarding the report from the MDOT presentation on I-95/270 Managed Lanes (May 2), I was pleased to see that the project would have little direct impact on Greenbelt. However, as

The Old Curmudgeon
“Remember… beauty lies in the eye of the beholder!”

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Señorita Celeste
“Theatre.

An article from Quantum Biology of Electromagnetic Fields Generation is a lot less ominous. The potential association between cell phone use and risk of developing a brain tumor, but the study was limited in that it was based on reports of cancer incidence. Furthermore, the study was conducted in multiple large studies established no conclusive causative role for radiofrequency electromagnetic fields, including cell phone use, for brain tumors (e.g., Lapointe S. et al. Primary brain tumours in adults. Lancet 392, 442–46, 2018).

Collectively, extremely cherry-picked studies and opinion pieces on ehrtrust.org misinterpreted the situation. The study by Watt et al. (2018) describes experimental evidence for “The Ability of Aultera’s Neutralizer to Reverse the Harmful Effects of Electromagnetic Fields Generated from Cell Phones on Human DNA.” The Aultera “shielding disk is composed of a sedimentary mineral rock obtained from a mine in Utah” and is “commercially available through Aultera International, Courr’D’Alene, ID, www.aultera.com.” Aultera Neutralizer Sticker is only one of many other “recommended protection devices”, some available on Amazon (e.g., “blue glass” and steel wire baskets). With so many remedies, why call for “stopping the deployment of 5G altogether”? The reason, as shown throughout this message, is that “there is no safe way to implement 5G in our communities” as well as sound the alarm about “the children and teachers in radiofrequency radiation [bath] every school day for all their school years. Parents don’t want their children exposed to such radiation MUST forfeit a public-school education for their children” ehrtrust.org/5g-and-its-small-cell-towers-electromagnetic-health-harvard-phd-scientist/.

Lastly, H.R. 7236 (115th): Radiofrequency Radiation Site Safety Information Act of 2018 (GovTrack.us. 2018) was introduced by Duncan Hunter (Re- publican representing California’s 50th congressional district) in December 18, 2018, died in the previous Congress (2017-2019) and was re-introduced in May 7, 2019, https://www.

The Old Curmudgeon
WILD NIGHTS WITH EMILY

Washington is a 19th century poet Emily Dickinson really a shy, melancholic recluse? Inspired by Dickinson’s private letters, writer/director Madeline Olenk suggests no, far from it. In Wild Nights with Emily, Dickinson, portrayed by Molly Shan- non, enjoys a passionate, lifelong romantic relationship with Susan Gilbert (Susan Ziegler), her friend and sister-in-law.

Mabel Todd and Dickinson’s brother’s mistress (Amy Seimetz), assembled and edited the first posthumous collection of Dickinson’s poetry. Her sanitized narration of this film provides conicals contrasts with lively scenes of Emily and Susan sharing a loving, happy life. The film is a funny, respectful, lively, serious, eye-opening reinvention of the life of this well-known (but maybe not so well-known after all) American poet. Rating PG-13, Running Time 1h 24m

Lesley Kash

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Thoughtful Discussion At Community Center

What will we do if the search for extraterrestrial life is successful? How should earth react to a first contact with an alien species? Will our focus be on protecting ourselves or protecting them from us or ensuring mutual benefits?

The MakerSpace thoughtful discussion group will explore the possibilities on Tuesday, May 21, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Community Center. Those wishing to participate should register in advance by emailing justpeacepg@earthlink.net. and RSVP via email to Kristin. Call 301-507-6580 to join.

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Greenbelt Community Church Joins in Christmas in April

by Jo-Anne Fournier

On April 27, 11 members of the Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ (GCC) volunteered with Christmas in April of Prince George’s County. GCC has participated in the program since 1989 and this year joined the firefighters from Clinton Firehouse #25 to help out a homeowner. In fact, over 3,000 volunteers worked on homes throughout Prince George’s County in 2019 for Christmas in April. GCC’s homeowner, who was recovering from an accident, had taken in a boarder with mobility issues and needed help with yard work, clearing out rooms and moving items into the garage. The boarder was having difficulty negotiating a step from the house into the garage for the boarder to leave the house.

A possible solution was to build a ramp, and the GCC crew got to work and planned, purchased materials and provided the labor. They cleaned out the garage and built shelves so items could be organized to free up space for the ramp. The ramp was assembled in the driveway and moved into the garage next to the step.

The Clinton Firehouse #25 crew set about clearing up the front and back yards, raking trimming overgrown trees and bushes and clearing vegetation from electrical wires in the front yard averting a serious fire hazard.

It is not too early for your group to be a part of Christmas in April 2020. Christmas in April (christmasinapr.org) accepts applications from homeowners who need help with projects, including house painting, roof repair, cleaning and carpentry, that the homeowner cannot do for lack of resources, aging issues or disability. Christmas in April matches homeowners and volunteer organizations and sets the date every April for work throughout the county and the U.S.

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Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Church Service 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday morning 7:30 p.m.

A Bit More Peace

In a world where many of us often attempt to do more, it better and do it more quickly, the Mishkan Torah Sisterhood has quietly offered summer guided meditation classes to Greenbelters for the past four years. Class sizes have ranged from eight to 12 people, from teenagers to senior citizens. All attendees have expressed a quieting of their bodies, minds and spirits, a deepening of inner stillness and a better ability to reconnect with themselves. They have described feeling more serene, relaxed, mindful and present, both during and between the classes. Common experiences outside of the classes have been for people to have greater ease falling asleep and more patience during challenging times.

By sponsoring these classes and providing a place to meet, a difference has been made in people’s lives by having opportunities to slow down, become quiet, go within, and experience a bit more peace. Another series is being planned to begin in the fall, starting in June. For more information contact Katrina Boverman at katrinaboverman@yahoo.com or 301-345-4342.

O people! The goodliest vesture in the sight of God in this day is trustworthiness. All bounty and honour shall be the portion of the soul that arrayeth itself with this greatest of adornments.” – Bahá’í Writings

Community Church Dedicated Rain Garden

The Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ will dedicate its garden project in a special service devoted to the care of the environment on Sunday, May 19 at 10:15 a.m. All are invited to attend.

The rain garden was funded, built through the Prince George’s County Alternative Compliance program, by which nonprofit organizations and houses of worship can have up to 100 percent of their Clean Water Act fee reduced through highly achievable measures, including allowing the county to install a stormwater management project on its grounds. The stormwater management project chosen for the church was a rain garden.

A rain garden has two purposes: to slow down the rush of stormwater so some can be absorbed into the ground, lessening the amount running into the Anacostia River; and to remove pollutants from the water before it flows into the Anacostia. It removes pollutants by filtering the water through special absorbent soils in the base of the rain garden.

The service will include a talk by the Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake, a discussion about the impact the faith community has on environmental projects across the state. There will also be an informal tour and discussion about the rain garden after the service.

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Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
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Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe
City Information & Events

MEETINGS FOR MAY 20-24

Monday, May 20 at 7:30pm, BUDGET WORK SESSION WITH GREEN RIDGE HOUSE at Green Ridge House, 22 Ridge Road.

Wednesday, May 22 at 5:00pm, ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TUES at Public Works Facility, 555 Crescent Road. On the Agenda: Drive around Greenbelt viewing trees in the PEPCO right-of-way

Wednesday, May 22 at 7:30pm, CLOSED SESSION (Please see notice below)

Thursday, May 23 at 7:00pm, FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. On the Agenda: Final Edits to Stewardship Guidelines, Science Fund Application Form & Flier, Stream naming. Presenting Guidelines to City Council/Report 2017-01 re: AMT

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

OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, a closed session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Wednesday, May 22nd, 2019, at 7:30 pm in the Library of the Municipal Building, to: 1) discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; 2) any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

The purpose of this meeting will be: 1) City Manager performance evaluation and Personnel matters to include the following departments: Police, Public Works, Recreation and Administration. *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 Wednesday, May 22nd, 2019 at 7:30 pm.

CITY OF GREENBELT NOTICE OF A PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The City Council of the City of Greenbelt proposes to increase real property taxes.

1. For the tax year beginning July 1, 2019, the estimated real property assessable base will increase by 1.75%, from $1,975,095,471 to $2,009,637,243.

2. If the City of Greenbelt, Maryland maintains the current tax rate of $0.8125 per $100 of assessment, real property tax revenues will increase by 1.75%, resulting in $280,652 of new real property tax revenues.

3. In order to fully offset the effect of increasing assessments, the real property tax rate should be reduced to $0.7985, the constant yield tax rate.

4. The City is considering not reducing its real property tax rate enough to offset increasing assessments. The City proposes to adopt a real property tax rate of $0.8275 per $100 of assessment. This tax rate is 3.63% higher than the constant yield tax rate and will generate $582,097 in additional property tax revenues.

A public hearing on the proposed real property tax increase will be held at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 28, 2019, in the City Council Room, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770. The hearing is open to the public, and public testimony is encouraged.

Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 for further information.

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

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Please call the weather information hotline, 301-474-8000, the morning of the event for updated event status.
Woodland sprites inhabited the Roosevelt Center Plaza for a weekend, celebrating Mother Earth through song, dance and art at the 15th annual Greenbelt Green Man Festival.

Tents filled with handmade items for sale, advocacy groups and environmental information lined the sidewalk, enticing visitors with sustainably sourced or produced food, jewelry, pottery and clothes as music drifted from the main stage.

Attendees who arrived early on Saturday were greeted by a community drum circle. Performers sat in a ring in front of the Mother and Child sculpture and beat out rhythms on hand drums, inviting children to dance or add to the music with small maracas.

The festivities honored the Green Man, described by festival partakers as a mythological wild man who represents nature, environmentalism and free spirits.

“Green Man is a mythical figure, which is meant to symbolize the relationship between humanity and the natural world, particularly the earth and the vegetation world,” said Dan Seager, who travels with his friend Tom Goodridge from New York every year to attend.

“This is a symbol that is universal...a figure which represents the spirit of unity between the human state and the natural world.”

One of many who dressed in costume, Goodridge wore green tights and a tunic and draped leafy vines across his body. His face was obscured by a large leaf and he accentuated his words with flourishes from a grasshopper puppet he wore on one hand.

The theme of this year’s Green Man Festival was Gaia, or Mother Earth, and celebrated the historical bond between the two green figures.

“I’ve always had a special place in my heart for Mother Earth,” said Jean Newcomb, who helped bring the first Greenbelt Green Man Festival to life.

“She’s always tapping me on the shoulder, saying, ‘Okay, come on, draw a picture, make a poem. Come on, I’m here.’”

Newcomb said this year’s theme was in response to questions about the existence of a female counterpart to the Green Man. In the past, Newcomb would reply that the Green Man speaks on behalf of Mother Earth.

“But you know what? Let’s let Mother Earth talk for herself this year,” Newcomb said.

Part of that talking involved the importance of environmental-friendly habits, such as composting.

Couple Dale and Vince Wilding manned the booth for Neighborhood Composting, a group of about 25 families who combine their food scraps with wood chips and leave them to break down in bins until it becomes compost.

The Wildings see the Green Man Festival as an opportunity for vendors whose fare is ecological in nature: the attendees “are not here just for the good music, but because they’re interested in taking care of the environment,” Vince said.

For Anna Snodgrass, also known by her stage name Arianna Lightningstorm, taking care of the environment is wrapped up in music. She was one of many who contributed to the musical atmosphere with her band, Kiva, who have attended the festival for a number of years. Its members play an eclectic mix of instruments, from mandolin to Native American flutes to Australian didgeridoos.

Snodgrass’ vocals combine with the musical ensemble to produce a genre she calls mystical folk and world fusion.

“It’s all based on the love of nature, the love of the world, the love of beauty,” she said. “And the concept of beauty in the way that some Native Americans think about it, as in beauty is magic.”

Greenbelt’s Green Man Festival is just one of many that occur across the world, inviting partakers to celebrate and appreciate the natural earth Green Man personifies.

“It’s really important that wild things and wild life be protected and preserved,” Snodgrass said, “because humanity can’t live on cement. We think we can, but we can’t.”

Theresa Diffendal is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism reporting for the News Review.
GHI Election Results

At the GHI annual meeting on Thursday, May 9, five candidates were elected to the GHI Board of Directors for two-year terms: Sue Ready, Anna Socrates, Steve Skolnik, Chuck Hess and William Jones.

Three vacancies on the audit committee were filled for one-year terms by Lindsay McAndrew, Carol Griffith and Joyce Campbell. Also elected by acclamation to the Nominations and Elections Committee were Alexander Barnes, Theresa Henderson, Tom Jones, Luisa Robles and Mary Salamone.

In all, 157 ballots were cast and none were disqualified. These included three proxy ballots and three absentee ballots.

Members of Greenbelt Homes, Incorporated vote for new officers and conduct other business at their annual meeting, held last Thursday, May 9.

GHI Notes

Thursday, May 16, 7:45 p.m.,
Board of Directors Meeting,
Board Room.
Friday, May 17, office closed.
Emergency maintenance service available at 301-474-6011.
Tuesday, May 21, 7 p.m.,
Communications Committee Meeting, Board Room; 7:30 p.m.,
Companion Animal Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby.
Wednesday, May 22, 7 p.m.,
Buildings Committee Meeting, Board Room.
Thursday, May 23, 7 p.m.,
Long Range Planning Committee Meeting, Board Room.
Saturday, May 25, 11 a.m.,
Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room.

City Notes

The Summer 2019 Activity Guide is now available. Registration is open for Greenbelt residents. The Community Center hosted the GHI Annual Meeting. One hundred Artward Bound first grade visitors from Greenbelt Elementary School enjoyed circus arts activities and folk painting workshops.

Mom’s Morning Out students made Mother’s Day gifts and watched butterflies emerge.

Therapeutic Recreation hosted NovaCare Rehabilitation for free balance screening tests for 35 participants as part of Older Americans Month. Seniors went shopping at Bowie Town Center.

Park Rangers helped with a candlelight vigil for about 50 participants at Buddy Attick Park.

Refuse/Recycling collected 43.62 tons of refuse and 13.45 tons of recyclable materials.

Environmental/Sustainability staff helped with the Green Man Festival by preparing vermicomposting kits, supplying trash and recycling bins and coordinating volunteers.

Building Maintenance repaired the light fixtures in the underpass by the Greenbelt Museum.

Horticulture and Parks did landscape maintenance throughout the city.

Animal Control impounded a dog from eviction and returned it to its owner, picked up two stray dogs and returned them to owners and rescued an injured turtle and an injured bird. One cat and one dog were adopted.

CARES’s Liz Park, along with the four other Prince George’s County Youth Services Bureau (YSB) directors, spoke at the Prince George’s County Council meeting on April 29 about the work YSBs do in the county. They thanked the council for previous grants, and requested an increase in county funding to support the programs.

Bartholdi Park Focus Of USBG Tour

On Tuesday, May 21 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. the United States Botanic Gardens Bartholdi Park walking tour will highlight the park’s history, gardens, planting and recent renovation to upgrade accessibility, safety and sustainability.

Come join, rain or shine. This tour is held outdoors. Bring protective clothing and water. The tour is canceled in the event of extreme weather conditions. This tour is free; pre-registration is required at usbg.doubleknot.com/ event/2496726.

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Greenbelt Middle Students Excel in County Math Meet

On Saturday, April 27, students from Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) won first place in the Math 7/Accelerated 1 category of the County Middle Grades Math Meet. Students from elementary and middle schools across the county participated in the Math Meet, held at GMS. Each team participated in four rounds of competition: STEM, team problem solving, individual and live.

Coached by their teacher, Myrna Natividad, groups of GMS students competed in three categories: 7th grade/Advanced 1, 8th grade/Advanced 2 and Algebra/Trigonometry. The competition gave students an opportunity to see just how fun mathematics can be. Their teachers are very proud of them.

The Greenbelt Middle School 6th grade team won first place in the Math 7/Accelerated 1 category. From left: Latoya Tolbert, mathematics resource teacher; Myrna Natividad, math teacher; Lincoln Beasley, coach; Krisha Patel; Najma Arfa; Dilan Njong; in the County Middle Grades Math Meet. From left: Latoya Tolbert, mathematics resource teacher; The Greenbelt Middle School 6th grade team won first place in the Math 7/Accelerated 1 category.

GMS Student Fantasy Book Wins Write-A-Book Contest

Imagine a future world where unbridled technology has led to a chaotic outbreak of mutation, resulting in war and desperate efforts to survive. This is the world created by Linden Dirksen, an 8th grader at Greenbelt Middle School (GMS), for this year’s countywide Write-A-Book contest. Her book Proteus received First Place in the Illustrated Fiction category for the middle-school age division at the awards ceremony held at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on May 8.

Themes of loss and abandonment are intertwined with hopes of survival, leading to an outcome where everything gets better and the characters are accepted for who they are, said Dirksen.

Dirksen also provided the book’s illustrations which her mother Lucy, herself a book illustrator, emphasized were completed in an hour’s time to meet the book’s entry deadline.

This is the first year that GMS has participated in this contest. In addition to Dirksen, GMS students placed second for Children’s Book and third for Illustrated Fiction. Graphic Arts teacher Corlind Jones was approached by new Principal Daria Dirksen also provided the book’s illustrations which her mother Lucy, herself a book illustrator, emphasized were completed in an hour’s time to meet the book’s entry deadline.

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The main character of Proteus is Tobias Greedin, a young man “with a small and quiet voice, but a big heart and a very big build,” said Dirksen. As the result of exposure to the Proteus device, he, along with millions of others, was mutated in ways people may not imagine. A war ensues, fought by designed super soldiers called Willocks. Along the way, Tobias “attempts to survive getting shut out of society. He meets many friends and foes in his attempt to help them to survive.”

Dirksen said that the book was mainly inspired by her brother. He shared a dream with her where he had acquired an extra arm and told her that it would be a good springboard for a story. The book is in many ways an homage to him and an appreciation of his own efforts to struggle through difficult times.

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Free County Festival Sunday, May 19

Attend the county’s biggest free community festival, Prince George’s County Family and Friends Day, this Sunday, May 19 from 3 to 6 p.m. at Watkins Park, 301 Watkins Park Drive in Upper Marlboro. This is an annual family community event that promotes local businesses and nonprofits in the county. RSVP to tinyurl.com/buylocal-investlocal-May19.

The GMS 8th grade math team took third place in the Algebra/Geometry category. From left: Helena Tesfaye, Rebekkah Solomon, Ashley Gonzalez, Lynnette Hunt, Katheryn Le, Rebecca Schmidt.
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embraces their academic and personal goals. “Recognizing and showing the students that we value it is important,” said Brady. This year marks the 24th year the awards have been given out. One countywide winner was joined by Maryland General Assembly Delegates Tawanna Gaines, Anne Healey and Alonzo Washington in presenting the awards, including several scholarships for high school seniors.

“It’s the dedication of all my teachers, my parents and my family have all worked to instill in me the skills, like dedication and giving back to your community,” said Arsalan Siddiqui, one of the two seniors who received a $2,500 scholarship. “I feel like my award is not only mine, it’s everyone’s.”

“It’s a great experience,” said Natasha Jenkins, principal of Springhill Lake Elementary School. “[ACE] and the Greenbelt City Council do a wonderful job in recognizing the accomplishments of our boys and girls in our schools.”

This year, each of Greenbelt’s schools are represented by at least one ACE Student Award recipient. Elementary and middle school winners receive a $25 Amazon gift card, while high schoolers receive a larger scholarship. The award recipients are as follows:

Magnaqua Elementary
Katrina Lu is a prime student. She is respectful of everyone she encounters and displays exemplary behavior and scholarly achievement. She is generous with her time, tutoring classmates in science and math, and helps her teacher keep track of everyone’s performance.

Mathematics and science are Aaron Shi’s academic strengths, but he is also responsible, conscientious and always willing to help. Not only is he a member of the safety patrol, but he also assists classmates in their understanding of their lessons and uses his technological knowledge to enhance class activities.

Springhill Lake Elementary
Angel Flores has outstanding work habits and leadership skills. He’s been a member of the Advanced Writing Academy since its founding and is a member of the Helping Hands club, in which he spearheaded projects like “Kindness Cards” and the “Plastic Bag Project.”

Heather Pina is an organized and pleasant student and participates in her school’s social-emotional club and instrumental orchestra. She is also the president of the fifth-grade student council and is passionate about social justice reform.

Greenbelt Elementary
Iris Gaycken is a Girl Scout, volunteers at the Old Greenbelt Theatre, MakerSpace and the Safety Patrol. An avid reader, Iris views school assignments as opportunities for intellectual growth and is consistently on the Principal’s Honor Roll.

Kai Waters’ positive attitude made him the perfect fit to be GES’s GOLD (Generating Outstanding Leadership Development) student for 2018-2019. Outside of school, he is a member of the Boy Scouts, participates in the Lego League at MakerSpace and plays tennis and cricket.

Turning Point
D’Kayla Hanson is a well-rounded student who has consistently been on honor roll. Her high marks have earned her a spot in the Prince George’s Community College Health Sciences College Readiness Program; upon her high school graduation, she’ll also have earned her associate’s degree. Outside of her scholastic career, D’Kayla is an active member of her church choir.

Dora Kennedy
While Mathews Harben excels in many aspects of his education, he is a particularly strong writer and leader. He loves sports and baseball and brings the team spirit into the classroom, approaching problems with a collaborative mindset.

Greenbelt Middle
Prior to this academic year, Vincent Blackwell was skipping classes and not meeting his potential. However, this year he changed his attitude towards school and earned grades that placed him on the honor roll all four quarters.

With aspirations to attend the Naval Academy and go to law school, Jeneba Lansana is described as a positive spirit and always strives for excellence. Jeneba enjoys school because she feels it is a place where she can express herself and her interests.

Eleanor Roosevelt
Arsalan Siddiqui has made a name for himself in town; he’s served as the chair of the Greenbelt Youth Advisory Committee and was involved in the National League of Cities (NLC) Youth Planning Committee. Arsalan advocated for the voting age to be reduced in local elections and led a student-voter registration campaign. An AP National Scholar and a participant in the ERHS Capstone Program, Arsalan’s academics and involvement have earned him a $2,500 scholarship towards his education at the University of Maryland, College Park.

As a participant in ERHS’s rigorous AP Capstone Program, Hailey Ng is in the top 1 percent of her graduating class. This last academic year, Hailey was selected to serve as concertmaster in the Symphony Orchestra, a position that requires musical excellence and leadership skills. Hailey also volunteers at the Greenbelt Library, teaches beginners in piano, and leads the student choir.

Delegate Award
Every year, Delegate Anne Healey awards one senior the Maryland State Delegate Award, which includes a $500 scholarship toward their college expenses. This year’s award was given to Jasmine Tate, whose exemplary involvement sets her apart. A member of Air Force Jr. ROTC, a Peer Leader in the College Summit program and a participant in four sports, Jasmine also took part in the two-week Sister-Exchange Program in Japan. Jasmine plans on attending Towson University and would like to become a veterinarian.

Colleen Crowley is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism reporting for the News Review.

College Park Chorale Concert
On Sunday, May 19 at 4 p.m. in the UMD Memorial Chapel, the College Park Chorale’s fifth anniversary concert celebrates the joy of singing. The concert is free; donations are welcome.

Free Outdoor Concert in College Park
On Monday, May 20 from 6 to 7 p.m. singer and guitarist Mike Hummel, a member of the Songwriters Association of Washington, will give a free outdoor concert at the Hotel at UMD, 777 Baltimore Avenue.

This event is part of the Outdoor Performance Series.
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ters, there are real concerns about this project, which Gov- 

ernor Hogan is attempting to push through in the same manner as the maglev. I would like to present a different viewpoint from a Greenbelt Comptroller which describes our concerns much better than I could do through the lens of an attorney.

Dear Comptroller Franchot:

I am writing to express my strong concern about the projected $10 billion 1-270/495 Pj Toll 

Lane Expansion plan. I object for the following reasons:

1. Thousands of trees will be lost, as well as green space and preserved areas, leading to air pollution and other environmental harm including flooding.

2. The present number of proper- 

ty has not yet been completely assessed but likely will be signif- 

icant. It is projected to include the destruction of 30+ homes, and portions of the Silver Spring YMCA and Blarin High School.

3. Clearly some of the thorny 

engineering problems have not been given proper consideration. Some might ultimately be found to have no solution (after much money, effort and time has been spent) and the entire project could be- 

come a colossal waste.

4. This project, in my view, will lead to an increase in the already high density of Greenbelt and will lead to an increase in unexpected traffic. Within a short period (a year or so) the resulting congestion will be as bad, or worse, than before.

There are several alternatives to the Toll Beltway. Here is one alternative:

Toll the entire beltway: I don’t understand why we don’t do it. I object to coexisting toll and free lanes, in principle, however it seems that a coexisting con- 

figuration requires expansion, so as far as I am concerned it is not an option. My suggestion is to toll the entire beltway.

Ray Denenberg

Silent Majority

My apologies for the length of this letter, but I believe this is a critical time for those of us who enjoy living in the area.

I Miss Danny.

Beside his speed at checkout, he was another talent. His record time. The items in my home that were assembled, were completed with a smile and his name would remind me of his presence daily.

Patricia Novinski

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Disposal Day Leaves Greenbelt in Shreds

Greenbelters responded in earnest to Spring Shred- 

day, sponsored by the Greenbelt Federal Credit 

Union (GFCU) and the City of Greenbelt. The event resulted in the shredding of 11,700 pages of paper (5.85 tons). This is the equivalent of sav- 

ing 99 trees and the landfill 29 cubic yards. Joe Timer, the credit union president, noted that this was one of the larg- 

est responses ever by GFCU members and the community. He stated, “We thank the par- 

ticipants for their patience on Saturday when lines were long 

waiting to deposit their materi- 

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munity values this event. The credit union is already working with its contractor to increase shredding capacity at the next event this fall.”

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Greenbelt West

Staff will continue to monitor and seek funding for the conser- 

vation trail between the Greenbelt Station and the Metro 

station and to oversee the build-out and opening of Phase 

3 of the townhouse development, including satisfying the remain- 

ing open space.

Staff will continue to oversee plans for the redevelopment of 

Belward Plaza and for proposed development at Capital Office 

Park.

Davis asked what the status of development is near the Marriott 

Courtyard, Capitol Cadilac and the former nursing home. The 

answer was that the Courtyard and Capitol Cadilac are making progress, and the former nurs- 

ing home property is back to the drawing board.
Police Blotter

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

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

Carjacking
May 6, 12:01 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. A man parked his rental vehicle and got out to help a passed out man. When another man armed with a handgun approached, got into the driver’s seat and drove away. The vehicle was recovered later the same day by Prince George’s County police in the 3900 block Coach Lane in Temple Hills.

Robbery
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Vandalism
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Roosevelt Lacrosse Teams, Boys Baseball All On a Roll

by Patrick Gleason

The Eleanor Roosevelt Raiders’ girls lacrosse team is poised to repeat as regional champions this spring. After defeating the Bowie Bulldogs 14-8, they earned a spot in the regional championship game against the Northwestern Wildcats. Roosevelt has already defeated Northwestern twice this season, despite the Wildcats’ aggressive style of play. With a regional championship under their belt, the Raiders will return to the state semi-finals, either Friday, May 17 or Saturday, May 18 at Gaithersburg High School.

The Raiders have been captained effectively by seniors Camille Lorentz, Justine Berke and Olivia Joachim all season and leading goal scorer Isabella Gandolph led the Raiders yet again with three goals and one assist. Lorentz and Berke worked through the Bulldogs defense throughout the evening, while goalie Zosia Nicholas — also a starting forward on the Raiders’ soccer team — thwarted Bowie’s offensive advances with the help of four-year veteran senior starters Melanie Danso and Lucia Blottman-Iamusci.

Boys Team Success

After winning the county championship on May 4, the Raiders boys lacrosse team was poised for another playoff in a row, opening with a 19-4 victory over the Wise Pumas. However, they did scuffle to a 2-0 opening quarter.

The Lady Raiders celebrate victory after their county championship game.

- Photos by Dursha Ranganathan

The ERHS Raiders mens lacrosse team celebrates victory after their county championship game.
Local Landmark Behnke’s Nursery Will Close in June
by Leigh Ellis

On Thursday, May 2, Greenbelters and neighbors gathered at the Community Center to hear the story of Behnke’s, a nursery and garden company which is shutting down soon. Stephanie Fleming, current vice president and the founder’s granddaughter, took the audience through Behnke’s history with a slideshow of old family photos. Indeed, the history of Behnke is largely a family history. Fleming recounted the early years. “Behnke Nurseries was founded in Beltsville in 1930,” she said, “by German immigrants Albert Behnke and Rose Hausner. They fell in love on a trip back to Germany and settled in Maryland.” When Behnke purchased the Route 1 property, it would have been unrecognizable to a modern resident. The land was undeveloped, green and rolling. In keeping with the Behnke family business, the first crop put into the land was roses for selling as cut flowers, not plants. “In 1931, the fields were plowed by cattle and worked while the family grew quickly. They welcomed four children: Roland, Sonja, William and Albert, Jr. Their first home was the original sales office, a four-room house with no plumbing. Behnke, however, had a dream for the land. “He dreamed of making it into a park-like setting,” Fleming said. When the south side of the property proved to be wet, he made a pond with a bench for sitting. People came to spend the day enjoying the property. All four Behnke children worked in the nursery. “When the business wasn’t around, [Behnke] would have the kids wave bundles of flowers at the cars that passed by Route 1, reminding them of the business,” Fleming said. It wasn’t all work without play. Fleming’s family would pull the perennials out and pretend it was a weed, Fleming said. “[Grandfather] would send me in the house saying, ‘Go see your mother!’” When cold weather froze the lake, they went ice skating. Behnke didn’t just sell plants. “My grandmother [Loudie Behnke] had an African [violet] called Blue Boy,” Fleming said, which sparked an interest in hybridization. They developed and named a strain after Fleming herself. It was pink with light ruffles. “It was discontinued because for being a poor performer,” she continued to some chuckles. “They also named a daylily after light ruffles. “It was discontinued due to lack of interest in hybridization. They developed potential contractors with potential contractors to get the information needed for a variety of decisions. This is not a simple project because it involves, at a minimum, lifting the mechanical equipment already on the roof to pass the roof membrane beneath it. The decision on how to proceed so that the continuity of refrigeration and air conditioning is not at risk is complicated. Factors to weigh include the cost and feasibility of alternatives such as relocating the equipment off the roof, replacing it or not, leaving it on the roof and mounting it differently – either temporarily or permanently. The Rays on the Roof Steering Committee is also primed to make a recommendation to the Co-op board on contractor choice – another major milestone in the process. Decisions A significant factor to consider is how many holes in the roofing membrane will result from each solution. The roof’s integrity is lessened by every penetration through the membrane by a pipe or a leg attached to the roof members and the cost is also higher because each such piercing needs to be flushed carefully. Though this analytical process is time consuming, it is essential to prevent embarking on the project and then finding out in mid-street that some element of it is impractical or more expensive and complicated than anticipated. Folk wisdom has many references to this process: An ounce of prevention, measure twice, cut once and a stitch in time all come to mind. It is also unlikely that roofing can start until the fall as most rooftops already have their summer schedule booked. This gives the Co-op team breathing space to make the right choices. Pledge Management The co-op, this period, another quiet, perhaps even insidious, activity is taking place. Board member and designated man Bill Jones is contacting those who have made pledges. He is requesting the donations and investments previously promised. Each individual is contacted separately to sign the investment documents and pass on a check. Those who have not yet heard from Jones will doubtless get their call to arms in due course. Jones reports that the process is going well and though one or two individuals have retried somewhat from their original promise because of personal circumstances, just as many have increased the amount they are willing to offer. Jones is also working with investors to spread out the duration of their investments in order to balance out the amount that is to be repaid year by year. Although the investment terms available were 4, 7 and 10 years, Jones has a variety of other options available to shift some of the repayments to a later date to help balance the portfolio. Nobody is required to change their option if they prefer to stick with it. So, for the moment, no news is the right news. Co-op encourages regular shoppers to add a Rays on the Roof $1, $3 or $5 coupon to each visit to the co-op. It is not very painful and the support adds up. It’s not too late to donate a larger amount or to invest in the project. Doing so gives more strategic choices and helps with the essential contingency funds necessary for any construction project. Check out the website for further information on the Rays on the Roof campaign at greenbelt.coop/cms/join/solar-array-project.