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# Byrd: Floyd Death a Horrific Tragedy/ Our Way Forward

#### by Colin Byrd

Mayor Byrd posted the following on his Facebook page facebook.com/125246261543501/ posts/710182773049844/ in the aftermath of the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis. He shares his response to the tragedy and offers a proposal for Greenbelt to strengthen the relationship between our residents and our police force. We invite an ongoing discussion of these issues. Read Greenbelt Police Chief Richard Bowers' statement on page 9. My Fellow Greenbelters,

I have been struggling to process everything that has happened over the past week. My heart goes out to the family and friends of George Floyd and to all those who are grieving his death. As a black man, I am especially heartbroken to see that these types of things are still happening in America. It's sad, and it's downright scary.

Last week, we watched a hu-

man being die an excruciatingly painful death.

Last week, we watched an unarmed black man get murdered by a police officer.

Last week, we watched a police officer dig his knee into the neck of a black man lying defenseless on the pavement.

Last week, we watched yet another black man repeatedly saying "I can't breathe."

Last week, we watched three of that officer's colleagues spectating for nine minutes as all of that took place.

Last week, we watched a family in agony as they grieved the unjust loss of a loved one.

And, while the knee as the weapon of choice was somewhat unique in this case, the substance of this incident was, unfortunately, nothing new. It was but the latest episode in a multi-century series of unfortunate events in which African Americans - and,

in particular, African American men - have been repeatedly mistreated, brutalized and even killed by individuals whose jobs are, at least ostensibly, to help ensure public safety, not just in Minneapolis, Minn., but everywhere in this country.

Last week, we were reminded that too many people devalue black life and that to simply be black in America routinely puts you in a unique kind of danger, whether you're talking about George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Eric Garner, Freddie Gray, or any other name that has been engraved on a tombstone decades too early because of racialized violence.

The death of George Flovd is a horrific tragedy that should have never happened, and we cannot let these kinds of things keep happening.

Now let me also say this: I See **BYRD**, page 8

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**Inside Stories** 

Shad spawning,

#### by Melissa Sites



Maria Gutierrez receives a certificate of appreciation from Brigadier General Janeen Birckhead of the Maryland Army National Guard.

Este artículo está disponible en español en nuestra página web www.greenbeltnewsreview.

Maria Gutierrez, Greenbelt resident and owner/founder of Wylo Online Dry Cleaning (getwylo.com), was recognized by the Maryland National Guard for the support her company provided to the 115th Military Police Battalion. Gutierrez stated, "It's been

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## **Reimagining Summer Camps: Recreation Dept. Goes Virtual**

In lieu of on-site day camps, Greenbelt Recreation has unveiled its Summer Connect programs, designed to keep campers active and happily engaged during the summer months. The programs are described in a guide posted in the Virtual Recreation Center on the city's website, greenbeltmd. gov. General registration opens on June 8.





## **Outstanding City Educators** Lauded with ACE Awards

#### by Matthew Arbach

The Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) awarded six outstanding Greenbelt public school educators during their 25th ceremony on May 28. It was a virtual event this year, available on YouTube largely due to the efforts of Public Information and Communications Coordinator Beverly Palau.

As explained by ACE Chair Melinda Brady, awardees were nominated by each school's administration and could be any member of a school team, including teachers, counselors and staff, who have made "exceptional contributions to Greenbelt schools."

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"It became clear children together for

on-site camps this summer, so we have reinvented the camp programs to provide fun at-home experiences, led by our terrific camp staffers," said Anne Oudemans, program supervisor for the department.

Camp coordinators have benefited from the advice and suggestions of Greenbelt parents, who had offered input based on their families' experience with online school classes.

The emphasis in the activity videos is on doing, moving, making and exploring, rather than passive viewing. In addition, interactive Zoom time, which many children find both stimulating and tiring, is scheduled for brief periods for the elementary school camps, so that they can greet

that it wasn't going Creative Kids Camp campers perform Magic in the Attic in the Community to be feasible to bring Center gym in 2019. This summer's show will be on film.

> their camp friends and counselors and show what they've been making.

For the older and younger age groups, the mix is different. Camp Encore, the performing arts program for ages 13 to 17, will feature extensive online activities. Kindercamp, designed for preschoolers, will provide a take-home box of activities, with limited screen time.

For Creative Kids Camp, which is usually organized around the production of a camp musical show, campers will create music videos that will be compiled into a summer movie musical, Memory Quest In Central Park. Home puppet theater is also on the agenda.

"We're also looking forward

to producing music videos featuring the campers singing the original songs created by Chris

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### What Goes On

Monday, June 8

8 p.m. Regular Meeting: Second Public hearing, Tax Rate, Budget Adoption Wednesday, June 10 8 p.m. Worksession. Greenbelt Board of Elections All meetings are virtual. See the meetings calendar at greenbeltmd.gov for agendas and information on public participation in these meetings



Mary Ann Baker shows some Maryland pride while Judy Parker takes a more nondescript approach. See more photos on page 12.

## Letter to the Editor

#### Count Me Out

I awoke this lovely Tuesday morning to an email questioning whether the New Deal Café (NDC) Open Mic via Zoom should cancel due to the request of "Blackout Tuesday." As just a techie, I did not really feel I had a voice in the decision. At first. Then I got a note from another music organization. Then I got the note we should probably do this, and was I OK with it. After much thought, I am not OK with this. I am independent. I highly resent effectively being told to march in solidarity of anyone or anything. I don't do solidarity.

The NDC and host own the open mic, and can cancel it at will for any reason they choose. Understand I'm a tiny, insignificant cog in this, but please don't take me for granted.

Frank Kayser



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### Service or Garden Side



Is this the line for the nature trail or the donut shop?

B. Glee

## Greenbelt Shad Sighting Shows Strong Regional Partnerships

by Maureen Farrington

Could it be? Were shad – the D.C. state fish and a sign of a healthy waterway – really spawning all the way out here in Greenbelt in the upper reaches of the Anacostia Watershed?

On May 11, the Anacostia Watershed Society received a video in an email from Greenbelt resident Liz MacDonald, master watershed steward, who was hiking along what appeared to be Canyon Creek in Greenbelt when she saw an unexpected school of fish in the creek.

MacDonald also sent a video of the fish to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and also checked with iNaturalist.

Eagerly a species identification ensued. Are they blueback herring, alewife, American shad or hickory shad? Something else? It was hard to tell. Thanks to advice from Robert Bourbon, fisheries biologist with Maryland DNR, Society members working on the mystery knew what to look for and the hunt was on. He said, "River herring are smaller than American shad and venture much further up our river systems, so it's not uncommon to see them in small tributaries like this. American shad prefer to spawn in larger sections of rivers. This is still a very cool observation. Would you be able to provide a more detailed description of where you found the fish? I'm not familiar with Canyon Creek," which is the Goddard Branch of the Anacostia River in Greenbelt. Jorge Bogantes, natural resources specialist at the Anacostia Watershed Society, looped in experts at the Metropolitan Council of Governments (another longtime partner working for a cleaner Anacostia River), and shared a story map they put together showing shad migration in the watershed. But the mystery of what species of Shad MacDonald had found was finally solved when Phong Trieu from the Council of Governments looked over the evidence and pronounced the verdict: the fish were gizzard shad. Bogantes ventured to the site to see what he could find. Upon snapping pictures and sending to the email list, he confirmed the i.d.: Gizzard shad!



Gizzard Shad swim in Canyon Creek in Greenbelt's North Woods.

- Photos by Claude Aubert



#### Correction

In last week's paper, the violin serenade of Ellen Davis was a belated Mother's Day celebration rather than for her birthday.

### How Are You Coping?

Send us your stories and photos, showing what you are doing during forced time at home. We will publish a selection of these submissions during the coming weeks. Email editor@ greenbeltnewsreview.com.



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In the meantime MacDonald

had shared the video and updates with the Greenbelt Biota Group, a community organization dedicated to local conservation, observation and education, and had some questions, to which Phong responded right away: How long should the spawning last? Mid to the end of May. Gizzard shad like warm stream temperatures - mid 60s and up - to spawn. Gizzard shads are resident fish. Unlike their cousins, the river herring that return to the oceans, these shad will only return to the Potomac river. They should head downstream at some point, right? Many will head downstream. Older fish can become stressed post spawn and die near the spawning areas.

There was discussion that they might be stuck upstream by low water level. Yes, there is always this chance. The Potomac River floodplain traps hundreds and sometimes after big floods, thousands of gizzard shad when water recedes.

While they may not specifically be the American shad the Anacostia Watershed Society has reintroduced to the Anacostia River in its Rice Rangers Program, Society members are excited to see that all the waterways in the Anacostia Watershed are growing healthy enough to support these little critters. They also value the work the Society does with so many excited citizens and experts who know how important it is to protect even the tiniest of species.

Maureen Farrington is a resident of Greenbelt and a member of the Anacostia Watershed Society.

Editor's Note: Since this story was written, we have learned that there are no more shad in the area discussed in the article. CIRCULATION Circulation Coordinator: Karen Yoho circ@greenbeltnewsreview.com Greenbelt East: Contact Condominium Homeowner's Association Circulation and Distribution information also available at: www.greenbeltnewsreview.com/contact-us/distribution/

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## **Community Events**

#### GCAN's Meeting Zooms on June 10

Greenbelt Climate Action Network will hold their monthly meeting, via Zoom, on Wednesday, June 10 from 7 to 9 p.m.

In lieu of the annual potluck dinner, the group encourages attendees to make a vegan or vegetarian dinner for themselves and eat it before or during the meeting.

To get the Zoom instructions, visit facebook.com/pg/chearsorg/ events/ or chears.org/gcan.

Most of the meeting will be spent discussing several articles.

This month's topic will be The Plastics Industry and COVID-19. As the pandemic continues to spread around the globe, the plastic industry has seized the opportunity to exploit the crisis and discredit reusables, pushing governments to roll back legislation that limits single-use plastic such as plastic bag bans and promotes even more polluting plastic. Plastic is made from fracked gas. This is an environmental nightmare.

Attendees are asked to read the articles before the meeting, although those who have not read them may still join the meeting. Links to the articles are in the Facebook Invite, as well as on the Chears website.

In addition, Kiah Lemuel from the University of Maryland Baltimore Campus will be sharing her research on urban heat islands in West Baltimore.

For more information, or for those who do not have access to Facebook or the internet, contact Lore Rosenthal at SimplicityGroupsMD@gmail.com or at 301-345-2234 (landline, no text).



More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

#### Local Visual Artists Virtual Studio Tour

Visual artists are invited to participate in a Virtual Open Studio Tour at the Sunday, June 7 Artful Afternoon. Participants will be scheduled to host a brief home/studio visit live online. The tour will feature adult artists who live, work, study or play in Greenbelt, including but not limited to the Community Center's artists in residence. Artists are encouraged to sign up early for more information at greenbeltmd. gov/arts.

City of Greenbelt arts programs are sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.

#### Reel and Meal Views Film on Holocaust

On Monday, June 15 Reel and Meal presents via Zoom a 2018 film by Roberta Grossman –Who Will Write Our History? – that transports viewers inside the Warsaw Ghetto to reveal a bold story of Nazi resistance.

In November 1940, a secret band of journalists, scholars and community leaders recorded eyewitness accounts and collected items from daily life during the Holocaust, which they buried in the hopes that the archive would survive the war even if they did not. It took years to recover the archive of 30,000 pages (stored in milk containers and metal boxes buried in three places), which now forms an important cache of eyewitness accounts from the Holocaust.

Discussion following the film will include anti-Semitism today. Watch the theatrical trailer at vimeo.com/304501788. To see the film and join the discussion, register on Zoom via this link: tinyurl.com/June15ReelandMeal. Zoom will be accessible at 6:30 p.m. and the film will start at 7 p.m.





#### Save Energy, Money With John Lippert

During these perilous, uncertain times, money is short for a lot of people. Staying at home often means higher electric and water bills. Saving energy not only lowers energy bills, it lowers greenhouse gas emissions. That's good for both wallets and the planet.

On Sunday, June 14, at 7:30 p.m., join in the second Zoom presentation celebrating the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. This interactive one-hour presentation by John Lippert (with time afterwards for Q&A), sponsored jointly by the Green Teams of the Greenbelt Community Church and the City of Greenbelt, will cover both simple actions everyone can take to lower their energy bills and tips to help make participants informed consumers.

Lippert is the chair of the Greenbelt Green Team and the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES). He retired after working in the fields of energy efficiency and renewable energy.

RSVP to gccjane@aol.com by Saturday, June 13 to receive the Zoom link. To avoid interruption by Zoom bombers, you must provide your username as it will appear in Zoom.

#### Flick of the Week Film Discussion

The Old Greenbelt Theatre hosts film discussions via Zoom every Sunday at 2 p.m. On Sunday, June 7, the film discussion will be Tootsie (1982, 119 minutes, PG, CC), selected by OGT volunteer Deborah Sorensen. To view the film ahead of the discussion, find links to the film online at greenbelttheatre.org/film/ flick-of-the-week/.

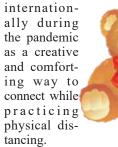
Go to greenbelttheatre.org/ film/flick-of-the-week/ to register for the film discussion to receive information on how to access the Zoom call. Those without internet access can participate in the discussion via phone. Call Kelly at 301-329-2034 to request access information.

#### **About Tootsie**

Michael Dorsey is a talented actor, but his demanding nature and stubborn temperament have antagonized every producer in New York. Now his agent insists no one will hire him. But Michael needs money – \$8,000 to be exact – and to earn it, he's willing to play the role of a lifetime.

#### **Artful Afternoon**

The Open Studio Tour (see separate article on p. 7) is part of an Artful Afternoon program. Hands-on activities will be available online at the Virtual Recreation Center with other Greenbelt Day activities. The theme of this month's Artful Afternoon projects is Community Bear Hug. Participants can learn how to make a stuffed bear or draw a bear in different styles, then display their creation in a window for passing neighbors to spot. This bear hunt activity has become popular in Greenbelt, nationally and



For more information about Greenbelt Recreation ARTS classes, events, meet-ups and activities, visit greenbeltmd.gov/ arts. City of Greenbelt arts programs are sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.

#### **Overeaters to Meet**

Overeaters Anonymous is a fellowship of individuals who are together recovering from a wide variety of food challenges including overeating, anorexia, bulimia and obsessively thinking of food, among others. Anyone looking for help is invited to a 30-minute Newcomers Information Meeting about Overeaters Anonymous. Attend by Zoom or by phone. There is no charge. For more info call 240-305-3433.

#### **Community Compost**

The hot compost station near Springhill Lake Recreation Center is still actively collecting food scraps from current participants.

E mail questions to greenbeltneighborhoodcompost@ gmail.com.



The Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGC-MLS) announced its new Ask a Librarian service. Those with questions about the library or its services can connect with a librarian to get answers. Call 240-455-5451 Monday through Friday between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Visit pgcmls.info/656 for service by email.

"I am ecstatic that in these unprecedented times we have a team of people willing to figure out how to offer telephone reference services offsite," commented Michelle Hamiel, the library's chief operating officer for public services.

Ask a Librarian is the brainchild of the library's area managers and area assistants. The planning for this service has been underway for over a month. The phone reference service, which launched on May 26, will add any newly discovered commonly asked questions to the Frequently Asked Questions webpage that is available 24/7 at pgcmls.info.

All PGCMLS virtual programs are listed at pgcmls.info/ virtual-events. Virtual events produced by the library are broadcast on Crowdcast, with select additional streams to Facebook, YouTube and Periscope.

#### Storytelling in ASL Crowdcast Saturdays

The Prince George's County Memorial Library System, in partnership with the Old Greenbelt Theatre, offers Storytelling with ASL (American Sign Language) hosted by Erikson Young on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. on Crowdcast. The virtual program, recommended for ages 2 to 5, will continue for the duration of the public health emergency.

To find the link go to pgcmls. info/virtual-events on Saturday mornings.





Lindsey Hutchison finds painting inspiration in a Bob Ross video.

#### Toastmasters Meet Online Wednesdays

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club has gone virtual. Those interested in improving communication or leadership skills are invited to join online or by phone every first, third and fifth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Find details for joining in remotely at greenbelt. toastmastersclubs.org.

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## New Zoning = New Issues But Who Gets to Decide?

#### by Kathleen Gallagher

It might be risky to say the end is in sight, but it does seem that after more than five years of the rewrite of the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations for Prince George's County, there may be a light at the end of the tunnel.

When the project started in 2014, the existing Zoning Ordinance was 50 years old. Chad Williams, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) manager for the project, participated in the first of many update worksessions with the Greenbelt City Council in early 2015.

The Prince George's County Council, sitting as the District Council, approved the new Zoning Ordinance in October 2018 and at that time also authorized M-NCPPC to draft a Greenbelt Neighborhood Conservation Overlay (NCO) Zone. Following the development of that draft, standards were developed.

On May 6, the city council held a worksession to discuss the Greenbelt NCO Zone and standards as they have been drafted by the county. City Planning Director Terri Hruby and Community Planner Molly Porter were present, as was Chad Williams. The NCO is important to all of Greenbelt but especially to Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) and the other original parts of town. Representing GHI were Board President Steve Skolnik, Vice President Stefan Brodd, who is chair of the GHI Zoning Task Force committee reviewing the NCO, and Board Members Steven Holland and Anna Socrates.

Arguably the issue of greatest concern to Greenbelt from the very beginning of the Zoning Rewrite Project was what would replace the existing Residential Planned Community (RPC) Zone, which both the city and the county planning office had believed provided a fairly high level of protection to the historic area of the city, including the original residential and commercial areas. While that zoning did provide some protection from increases in density, when county staff took a closer look, it was found not to have provided the broader protections that everyone had taken for granted. As a result, looking toward a new NCO Zone proved to be less painful than anticipated.

The purpose of the workseson was to receive a briefing

Not surprisingly, a number of the county's draft standards met with differences of opinion. Two in particular met with resistance from GHI. "Alterations, Expansions, Enlargements and Extensions" would set limits on the size of those items. Among themselves, GHI members have ongoing differences of opinion regarding what is acceptable for additions or expansions to the small townhouses. The county's draft prescribes that the size of an addition be limited to a maximum cumulative sum of 40 percent of the gross floor area of the original dwelling unit. GHI has proposed up to 100 percent in these situations, not to be granted automatically but rather when it may be deemed reasonable. Hruby said city staff believe even 40 percent may be too much. She suggested that considerably more discussion and evaluation are needed before this standard

can be finalized. Another significant problem area for GHI is that in the section called "Accessory Structures" the county's draft standard generally requires that such structures as fences, sheds and porches be located on the service side of the house, whereas historically GHI has required that they be placed on the garden side.

As Skolnik pointed out, however, these matters are not simply incidences of what decisions are made or how big the addition is. They are also matters of who has the right to make the decision and of GHI's autonomy regarding the decisions it can make.

The documents reviewed at this meeting can be found on the Planning and Community Development section of the city website, greenbeltmd.gov. They are also available with the recording of the meeting in the Municipal Access section of the city website.

#### Greenbelt Community Church

## Peace Month in Greenbelt: Its Story, Past and Present

#### by Marjorie Gray

In 2001 the City of Greenbelt declared October as Peace Month in connection with Eleanor Roosevelt's birthday and United Nation's Day. Peace Month was changed to June in 2009 to coincide with Greenbelt's anniversary.

The ribbon-cutting for the Greenbelt Peace Garden took place June 27, 2015, to honor the lives of local peacemakers Esther Webb, Bert Donn, Bob Auerbach and Doug Love with memorial trees. This sacred space, located downhill from the Greenbelt Library and Youth Center parking lots, is available to the community for quiet reflection and small gatherings.

Greenbelt obtained the Peace Pole also planted in the garden from efforts in 1984 to acquire a sister-city in Latvia. Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition received the pole in 1987 from the Peace Pole Project, part of the Society of Prayer for World Peace. The Peace Pole honors the efforts of the Greenbelt Peace Committee, which was founded in the 1960s to protest the Vietnam War.

In addition to enjoying outdoor time at the Peace Garden this month, here are some virtual opportunities:

Monday, June 8, 4 p.m. Peace Academy: Intro to Peace Education; 8 p.m. Peace Month Procla-

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mation at Greenbelt City Council. Monday, June 15, 7 p.m. Reel and Meal: Who Will Write Our History?

Tuesday, June 16, 3 p.m. Peace Circle; 4 p.m. Peace Academy: Advanced Tools and Techniques; 7:30 p.m. Peace Circle.

Thursday, June 18, 4 p.m. Peace Academy: Putting Peace Education into Practice; 7 p.m. Prince George's Peace and Justice Coalition Meeting.

Peace Circles and Academy are hosted by Little Friends for Peace, lffp.org, which does Peace Camps for kids - all virtual this summer.



Congratulations to Sylvia Hester for zooming past the 1500mask mark in her industrious sewing of community masks. Her masks continue to appear at Buddy Attick Park and the Farmers Market. Congratulations also to the other mask makers from the community, who are steadily making masks and scrub caps that go to hospitals and institutions, and to volunteers like John Campanile who help them get to their destinations. The need continues.

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from Hruby on M-NCPPC's draft NCO Zone, as well as the draft standards for it. Councilmember Judith Davis first questioned why Lakewood was part of a group of neighborhoods being excluded from the NCO Zone, while Lakeside and Woodland Hills were included. Hruby said if they were included, there might be an understanding that the single-family houses were to be regulated only for density. Belle Point, on the other hand, was not included because it is not part of the historic district and was not subject to the earlier zoning. At a subsequent meeting of the city's Advisory Planning Board to review the proposals, Williams explained that M-NCPPC staff have no leeway to remove any property that is within the boundaries of the NCO Zone. In other words, what is currently in the RPC Zone will move to the proposed NCO Zone.



Sunday at 10:30 AM https://www.facebook.com/GCCUCCMD

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"Racism, one of the most baneful and persistent evils, is a major barrier to peace. Its practice perpetrates too outrageous a violation of the dignity of human beings to be countenanced under any pretext. Racism retards the unfoldment of the boundless potentialities

of its victims, corrupts its perpetrators, and blights human progress. Recognition of the oneness of mankind, implemented by appropriate legal measures, must be universally upheld if this problem is to be overcome." (The Promise of World Peace, Universal House of Justice)

### Greenbelt Bahá'í Community

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Christensen, Minister; Susannah Schiller, Worship Associate; and Special Music

We will slowly emerge from our homes, and the world we enter will be different. Can we imagine a future that has us living our values in new and better ways? We hope that these dances can inspire you to move in this direction. Join us for our first Virtual Dance Service. Streaming info will be posted at https://bit.ly/PBJune20

### St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church



www.sthughofgrenoble.org Visit our website for daily updates and spiritual reflections.



**Celebrate Mass Live on Facebook:** Sunday — 11:00 am, Monday through Thursday — 12:00 noon, Friday — 7:15 am, and Saturday — 9:00 am

"Jesus Christ is risen, Alleluia"

The 2019 World Series Champion Washington Nationals and Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) are proud to provide creative ways for Prince Georgians to stay connected with baseball and reading this summer. The Nationals and PGCMLS are partnering to present Imagine Your Story, a virtual Summer @ Your Library (S@YL) program in English and Spanish for all ages that runs through August 21. Imagine Your Story is the first online-only summer reading and engagement program in the history of the PGCMLS, ensuring that all Prince Georgians can safely engage with the library and the beloved hometown baseball team as the community recovers from the public health emergency.

The Washington Nationals are generously making a wide range of online content available for Prince Georgians through S@ YL with the PGCMLS, including storytimes with the World Series Champs, reading activities in English and Spanish and reading recommendations for kids through adults.



#### Tea Time on Zoom

The Greenbelt Community Tea continues to meet weekly on Thursdays at 7 p.m. for a purely social time, to help counteract cabin fever and to get to know your neighbors. Participants talk about anything and everything. Make a cup of tea and hop onto Zoom.

Find the group on Facebook at facebook.com/pg/ greenbelttimebank/events. The Facebook event includes the link to the Zoom call. Those not on Facebook can email greenbelt. timebank@gmail.com to request the Zoom link.

The Community Tea is not a Greenbelt Time Bank event, but they are offering their resources to make this successful.

#### **GAC** Cabaret **On Facebook**

Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) is hosting a virtual cabaret on Facebook, where participants can post weekly videos of themselves singing a song based on a different theme each week. To join the



The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

**GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING and ADOPTION OF FY 2021 BUDGET** Monday, June 8, 2020, 8:30 p.m.

#### ORGANIZATION Call to Order

Roll Call

Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag Consent Agenda – Approval of Staff Recommendations (Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by \*] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council

Approval of Agenda and Additions

#### COMMUNICATIONS

- Presentations
- Peace Month Proclamation
- 13th Amendment Proclamation
- Public Hearing on the Constant Yield Tax Rate

#### **Petitions and Requests**

(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.) Minutes of Council Meeting

#### Administrative Reports

#### **Committee Reports**

\* Advisory Planning Board Report #2020-02 (Greenbelt NCO Zone) LEGISLATION

- FY 2021 Budget Adoption

- An Ordinance to Adopt the General Fund, Building Capital Reserve Fund, Cemetery Fund, Debt Service Fund, Replacement Fund, Special Projects Fund, Green Ridge House Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Community Development Block Grant Fund and Greenbelt West Infrastructure Fund Budgets for the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to Appropriate Funds and Establish Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Rates for the Fiscal Year 2021 Beginning July 1, 2020 and Including June 30, 2021

- 1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules, 2nd Reading, Adoption - Resolution for State Enterprise Zone Designation
- 2nd Reading, Adoption

- A Resolution Regarding Black Lives Matter in the City of Greenbelt 1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules, 2nd Reading, Adoption

#### OTHER BUSINESS

- Police Training and Reporting
- County Legislation: CB-20-2020
- FY 2021 Annual Program Open Space
- Arts Advisory Board (AAB) Report 20-2 (Recommendations-Enhancements to Lighting in Roosevelt Center)
- Council Activities
- Council Reports
- \*- Resignation from Advisory Group

#### **COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE VIRTUAL**

Cablecast on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996 and streamed at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv as it happens.

#### Resident participation: Join By phone: (301) 715-8592, Meeting ID: 839 5041 2852, Password: 960027

In advance the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov

#### **Upcoming Virtual Meetings**

Monday, June 8 at 5:30pm, YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE, On the Agenda: Crime Prevention, continuing discussion, Voter Registration, and Advisory Committee Liaison Reports

Monday, June 8 at 7:00pm, GREENBELT CERT and CART JOINT MEETING. On the Agenda: Guest Speaker on Hurricane Readiness.

Monday, June 8 at 8:30pm, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, PUBLIC HEARING ON CONSTANT YIELD TAX RATE, AND BUD-GET ADOPTION. Virtual meeting will be shown on Comcast 71 and 996, Verizon 21 and Stream on www.greenbeltmd.gov

#### Happy Anniversary, Greenbelt!

Greenbelt Day Weekend 2020 may look a little different this year, but this city is 82 years strong. Celebrate with us June 5-7 with a full weekend lineup!



Instagram Photo Contest: Post a photo of you in your FAVORITE place in Greenbelt using #GreenbeltDayWeekend #GreenbeltFavorite. Follow CityofGreenbelt on Instagram! One random entry will win a special Celebrate Greenbelt prize basket!

Living Picture Gallery: Create a "tableau vivant"! Recreate images from art history - as faithfully as possible, or with your own unique spin! Use household materials creatively to make costumes, props and sets. They can be as simple or complex as you like - no special skills or materials needed. Participants are also welcome to choose another artwork that speaks to what you



enjoy about life in Greenbelt. Send your photos to ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov by Sunday, June 7 to share on social media; please include both an image of the picture that inspired you (noting the title and artist's name), and the image of your own interpretation.

#### Friday, June 5

- Greenbelt Flag and City Seal: Coloring pages will be available for download on events calendar at www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation or can be picked up at the CO-OP!
- Performance Spotlight: Here To Stay: The Music Of The Greenbelt Pioneers video link will be posted at www.greenbeltmd.gov/ recreation; view at your leisure.

#### Saturday, June 6

- Performance Spotlight: Greenbelt S.I.T.Y. Stars
- Eleanor Roosevelt Word Find, provided by the Greenbelt Museum: will be available for download
- Film Spotlight: Historic Maryland: Greenbelt by Courtney Coombs at Riderwood TV. Video link will be posted here; view at your leisure. • Instagram Contest: remember to post your photos by June 7 to be eligible for a special Greenbelt prize drawing! See details above.

#### Sunday, June 7:

- An Artful Afternoon Community Bear Hug: Enjoy a suite of bear-themed arts for all ages, including a story, an introduction to spring Bear Dances, drawing activities, a stuffed bear sewing project, and a guide to "Bear Hunt" sightings in windows around Greenbelt! Activities will be posted on the Events Calendar at www.greenbeltmd.gov/virturalrecreation
- Living Picture Gallery: remember to send in your tableaux vivant images for sharing on social media! See information above

#### Greenbelt Virtual Open Studio Tour Artful Afternoon Sunday, June 7 from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM, VIRTUAL



Creativity is flourishing this spring! From 1-4pm, visit the workspaces of artists who live or work in Greenbelt and see the beautiful work they have been making. Artists will

host 15-minute visits on Instagram Live using their individual pages which are linked on the events calendar at www.greenbeltmd.gov/virtualrecreation. Guests will need an Instagram account in order to participate. If you don't already have an account, you can set one up in advance for free. Recorded videos will be available to view for 24 hours on the artists' Instagram pages, and in some cases, also on their Facebook pages (account required). Online shopping and personal video appointments are available with several participating artists.

group, go to Facebook and search for GAC virtual cabaret.



### **Restaurant Updates**

An updated list of local restaurants which are open for take-out/delivery can be found at www.greenbeltnewsreview. com.



Tuesday, June 9 at 7:00pm, ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES, On the agenda: Planning for the Eleanor Roosevelt Memorial Tree dedication in October

Wednesday, June 10 at 8:00pm, COUNCIL WORK SESSION with Greenbelt Board of Elections. Virtual meeting will be shown on Comcast 71 and 996, Verizon 21 and Stream on www.greenbeltmd.gov

Thursday, June 11 at 7:30pm, COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (CRAB), On the Agenda: Approval of Minutes, Community Feedback, Referral from Council – Greenbelt Residents who Celebrate their 100th Birthday

#### Guide to SUMMER ARTS CLASSES



Music, Dance, Visual Arts and Ceramics for All Ages Live on Zoom!

Registration now underway!

Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation to download the the guide.

A wide variety of programs for all ages are available!

Classes begin on or after June 15, 2020

## GREENBELT RECREATION



#### Our Summer Camp Plan





#### Greenbelt Recreation Announces

Visit the Virtual Recreation Center, www.greenbeltmd.gov/ recreation to learn about summer fun plans for youth ages 3 through 17 years.

For the first time, anyone near or far, can attend our summer camps!

Reach out to invite faraway friends and family to join your child for camp this summer! Enrollment is ongoing. Call 301-397-2200 for more information.

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#### Springhill Lake Elementary



#### **Corenne Harris**

ACE Treasurer Janet Mirsky began the awards with Springhill Lake Elementary (SHLES) kindergarten teacher, Corenne Harris. Said Mirsky, "Harris is an organized, compassionate and enthusiastic teacher, both in general and special education. Harris is also the grade level chair and the after-school coach of the Step Team." Mirsky expects Harris will "continue to make exceptional and positive contributions to her school and community."

Harris thanked both her administration and teachers "for supporting and backing me in all my endeavors." Of her students, she said, "I love them. Without them, this wouldn't be possible."

SHLES Principal Trena Wilson said that Harris is an exceptional teacher, as well as an "advocate for students, mentor to other teachers and a leader in our building." She added that "the sky is the limit" for Harris.

#### **Greenbelt Elementary**



**Ashley Wallace** 

Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) awardee, Ashley Wallace, was introduced by ACE member Don Rich. Though Wallace is currently her school's instructional lead teacher, she has also taught second and third grade. Said Rich, she is "a tremendous support for students, teachers and administrators." As a teacher, her classroom was an "organized, engaging and caring community." She also co-sponsors the Destination/Imagination Team and supervises the Homework Club.

Wallace said, "I've worked really hard over the years to do the best I can." GES is "a great school" that supports its students. She hopes to continue to do "what I love." GES Principal Dr. Monica Gaines, said that Wallace is an extraordinary educator who goes above and beyond in every task related to teaching and learning. Sutton. Said ACE's Brady, this "exceptional educator" looks for her students to triumph and become "everyday champions." Her mantra for her students is "dare to lead in all settings" and she has aimed to infuse respect, kindness, tolerance and generosity into all her efforts throughout her 30 years of teaching.

Sutton, who will retire in July, said that she has enjoyed "every single minute" of her career and looks forward to any future adventures. This award is for her the "icing on the cake."

MES Principal Dr. Phyllis Givens described Sutton as dynamic, nurturing, intelligent and creative. Not only is she "a phenomenal educator," but also "a beautiful person."

#### **Dora Kennedy**



#### Martha Leighty

Martha Leighty, from Dora Kennedy French Immersion (DKFI), was introduced by ACE member Katherine McElhenny who declared that Leighty is "an exemplary middle school language arts teacher." In her three years at the school, Leighty is a "proven tremendous asset" to the team, where she has created, established and modified many extracurricular activities such as student council and school beautification.

Leighty was "a little surprised" about being nominated, as she is part of a "very strong faculty." She said her school is in many ways a family that succeeds because everyone is working together.

DKFI Principal Cynthia Rodgers stated that this outstanding teacher is loved by her students, for she answers every question from a place of calm. Rodgers remarked that it is not uncommon to see her "rustling around in the bushes" before school begins, in her efforts to make sure the school stays beautiful.

#### **Greenbelt Middle**



staff, like Assistant Principal Dr. Crystal Caballero, who are "supportive of what we do."

Caballero said that Keys is the epitome of an amazing teacher and leader, who goes well out of her way to make herself available to students, parents, teachers and fellow peers before, during and after school.

#### **Eleanor Roosevelt High**



#### **Avery Taylor**

Assistant Principal Avery Taylor from Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School (ERHS) was presented by ACE member Jon Gardner. Taylor, said Gardner, is an inclusive and good listener, who displays "gusto and determination" when required. As a "natural leader," he comes through with a thoughtful decision, where everyone is considered and respected.

Taylor thanked ACE for recognizing "all the hard work I've put in over the past 23 years," and was grateful to students and staff for the opportunity to work with them for so many years.

ERHS Principal Reginald Mc-Neill said of Taylor that "he always sees the big picture" in order to find a way to get the job done. He added that "when things get tough, it's great having you as part of the team."

#### Accolades

Prince George's County Council Chair Todd Turner congratulated all the awardees for their work during this challenging time. He asserted that teachers have a special place in everyone's lives, for their ability to "guide us to become the people we are today."

Maryland State Delegate Nicole Williams thanked all the educators "for what you do day in and day out in training our future leaders of tomorrow," noting their adaptability to teaching in the midst of the pandemic.

Mayor Pro Tem Emmett Jordan said, "We take great pride in our city schools," extolling the virtues of the huge, and at times unheralded efforts and sacrifices teachers make and their role in defining the characters of each school.

## One Month in, the Farmers Market Reviews its Progress

#### by Cathie Meetre

In the time of COVID-19, convenience plays second fiddle to safety and this means it isn't the same old market. There's not the easy warmth, meeting of friends and hobnobbing that have become characteristic of the market over the years and which make it the Greenbelt agora – which will hopefully one day return.

It takes a few seconds longer for each purchase to be made because the vendor must pick out the product. There are formalities to be observed. Instead of being able to walk right in, access is one at a time via hand sanitizing and a quick briefing on market etiquette and circulation. Instead of 40 percent of the visitors standing in clumps chatting, 25 percent browsing and 35 percent in line, now 80 percent are in a line and 20 percent are moving purposefully from stall to stall.

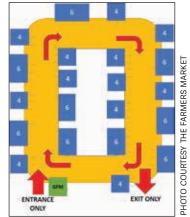
#### What's the Holdup?

One shopper, irritated by waiting to get in, asked market management why people were let in so slowly given she could see that there was plenty of room: the aisles were uncrowded. The answer has several parts. One is that the entrance ritual, by keeping new entries to the market at about three to four per minute, is the reason the space is relatively uncrowded throughout the market. Otherwise, it would vary from way too busy to half empty. By controlling the rate of incoming people, crowds are avoided - and uncrowded translates to safer. People walking at different speeds need room to pass each other and avoid those standing in line.

#### Market Math Facts

The Farmers Market accommodates an inner and outer oval of vendors, as shown in the diagram. The oval aisle is mostly a generous 22' wide because fitting in another tent at the end, though marginally feasible inside the regulations, made for minimal 12' aisles that the market board felt were too risky. Because they are wide, the aisles look relatively uncrowded even when vendor queues are full.

The market is constrained by county rules to have at least 12' between one vendor and the next. With a 10' tent, a vendor occupies a 22' frontage (10' + 12'). With two tents, the vendor has 32' for customers to line up (2x10' + 12'). With people spaced at 6' intervals, a one-tent vendor can only get four people in his 22' of frontage (at 0, 6, 12 and 18, the next will overlap the next vendor). A vendor with two tents has only six slots in his 32' of line (0, 6, 12, 18, 24 and 30 are fine -36 is in front of the next vendor). In the Greenbelt market, the limiting factor is not full aisles – it's full queues.



The Farmers Market has wide aisles for safety but only limited room for queues.

idly. The aisles may look empty but with a total of only 100 queuing spaces and, like on May 31 with about 1,000 visitors all there to shop rather than socialize, queues fill up long before the aisles are full. Once the queues are full, people in the aisles can't shop.

The Farmers Market strives, with the help of the Greenbelt Community Emergency Response Team and the city, to operate a market that balances access and safety. Safety, unfortunately, comes at the inconvenience of waiting for entry, standing in line or having to go back around if something was forgotten or a line was full - but it's not optional. Even for volunteers who are briefed on it, it's hard to always remember to observe the six-foot rule when something is distracting.

The new market takes about double the effort to set up and take down, more volunteers to run and has been noticeably more stressful on its board. That they have navigated the barriers gracefully, focused on safety, accommodated an optimal selection of vendors and not just given up and headed for the hills is much to their credit.

#### **Optimized Shopping**

The first hour of the market is generally the busiest with the market remaining at near-peak capacity until about 11:30 a.m. The market is at its least busy around 1 p.m. Coming within the half hour or 45 minutes after the start is probably the time most likely to result in a wait. Stay alert, because breezing past a vendor will mean a complete circuit. If the line is full, skip to the next vendor and make an extra circuit – the exercise can't hurt.

For more information on

#### Magnolia Elementary



**Donica Sutton** 

The awardee from Magnolia Elementary (MES) was Donica

#### Dr. Robin Keys

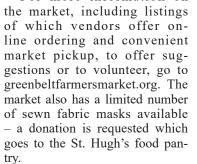
Dr. Robin Keys received the award for Greenbelt Middle School (GMS), from ACE member Veronica Martin Austin. Over a career of 43 years, 10 of which were spent at GMS, Keys has exceeded her duties every day through her dynamic work in the classroom, and tutoring and mentoring after school, said Austin.

Keys said that "it is an honor to teach in Prince George's County schools" and she wouldn't want to work any place else. She credited her administrators and Councilmember Judith Davis, who herself retired from teaching in 1999, recognized the myriad, daily struggles that all teachers face, noting that they all do more than just their job.

Councilmember Leta Mach stressed how important it is "to raise young people to be adults who understand how to live in a democracy" and that a good educator, like these awardees, helps young people think and ask questions.

Councilmember Silke Pope felt blessed by all the awardees "for everything you do," and hopes to have a more public ceremony in the near future.

ACE's Brady ended by saying, "Greenbelt educators are doing truly wonderful things" and that "we are grateful for the opportunity to celebrate them." Some vendors are highly popular and their queues fill up rap-





## REQUEST A MEAL DONATE A MEAL

#### MCFcc.org/FeedGreenbelt

Each \$10 donation provides 1 reheatable meal to a Greenbelt resident in need. Meals are balanced and delicious. They are made from whole foods and are free from chemicals and preservatives.

Meals are offered on Wednesdays and Saturdays for contactless pickup at The New Deal Cafe front patio from 4:30pm-5pm. Free contactless delivery is available. The signup deadline is Sunday noon for the following Wednesday & Saturday.

#### Hosted by DC Vegan and MCF Community Church

## Greenbelt Day Arts Program Hosts Virtual Studio Tour

#### by Nicole DeWald

"Art in Greenbelt is alive and well," exclaims Mary Gawlik, an instructor and artist in residence at the Community Center. "We invite you to experience it in a new way." On Sunday, June 7 from 1 to 4 p.m. Gawlik and 11 other local artists join together to greet visitors online and share their work in a Virtual Open Studio Tour sponsored by Greenbelt Recreation ARTS.

Most artists will offer 15-minute studio visits on Instagram Live, hosted on their individual pages. To participate, guests will need an Instagram account, which can be created quickly and in advance at instagram.com – an account also enables conversations with the artists. The schedule is posted under special events at greenbeltmd.gov/recreation.

Several artists will also offer virtual shopping using Etsy sites for viewing of pieces. Some artists also accept commissions.

All eight artists in residence will participate. Their work spans various media and a broad range of emotional content. Rachel Cross comments, "I love to create series of work that speak from my heart. I am currently working on a series of mixedmedia pieces. I will be sharing them all." Racquel Keller plans to show guests some of her assemblages and Kathy Karlson will share a fresh series of small works on paper in addition to paintings on canvas. Sculptor Chris Corson says, "I am in an activist phase right now, doing works about problems that aren't getting solved. Each is a stela an upright inscribed marker topped by sculpted forms that embody the message." Guests are also invited to visit with Laurence Anderson (violin making and repair), Karen Arrington (pottery), Gina Denn (pottery and ceramic sculpture) and Gawlik (ceramic art tile).

In celebration of Greenbelt Day Weekend, participation was opened to additional visual artists who live, work or play in Greenbelt. Barbara JoAnn Combs brings a series of new compositions that incorporate sections of a large woodcut print collage originally created for her graduate exhibition. Tom Baker shares his current sculptural work in ceramics and Chrissy Wilkin her paintings.

The Open Studio Tour allows artists to check in with each other and connect with the broader community. Some of the artists in residence are working from home more for health reasons, and those using the Community Center studios have generally staggered their studio time in the mostly empty facility. Gawlik describes it as being "lonely at times, but peaceful, too. I like to think that I am helping to keep that old friend of a building com-

pany." Corson, though, comments that the Center "should buzz with people, purpose and activity and I want those days back." He congratulates staff on "doing an amazing job of putting programs and materials online to keep our creative community together. I love being part of this effort."

For the artists, like others, the COVID-19 crisis has entailed ongoing emotional and logistical adjustments. "When the pandemic first started," Gawlik says, "I struggled with fear and all the lifestyle changes, much like everyone else. It kind of paralyzed my creative muses .... It was a relief and a joy when I was able to begin new projects in my studio once more." Working from home, Keller is also full of gratitude for what she has and ready to embrace silver linings. She remarks, "I have heavily turned to nature during the pandemic," noting that the pastoral view from her window has become "a rich river of inspiration and fount of well-being."

The Open Studio Tour is part of the Artful Afternoon program (see page 3 for this week's Bear Hug themed activity).

For more information about Greenbelt Recreation ARTS classes, events, meet-ups and activities, visit greenbeltmd.gov/arts. City of Greenbelt arts programs are sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.



Tom Baker works outside on a sculpture.

Twelve local artists, including all eight artists in residence at the Community Center will display their work in the Virtual Open Studio tour on Sunday, June 7.



Barbara JoAnn Combs focuses on her work.



Chris Corson shows some artwork in his studio.

## Real Estate and Social Distancing

Doing my part to stop the spread of the Covid-19 virus, for now I will be limiting my inperson meetings. If your immediate need is urgent, let's talk about how to work together safely. That said, now is a great time for buyers and sellers to get ready for a move.

> Buyers, let's talk by phone or video conferencing on goalsetting and connecting with the right lender for preapproval. You can be



## TASTES OF SUMMER ARE HERE!

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am the mayor of Greenbelt, Md. I have lived in Greenbelt my entire life. I love Greenbelt. And I will be the first to tell you that Greenbelt is the greatest city on Planet Earth. I will be the first to tell you that I have love for police officers in general and for the Greenbelt Police Department in particular.

It was less than two months ago that I was at the police station swearing in officers that have since then been on the front lines helping to keep our residents safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

I want to thank them and all the good men and women of the Greenbelt Police Department that do good work to protect the people of Greenbelt and that treat our residents and visitors with dignity and respect. It was literally less than two weeks ago that I read a letter from a constituent thanking and commending our officers for their work on a high-profile murder case and for making her family feel safe and secure as the department worked to solve the case, which they did successfully.

At the same time, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge that, when it comes to race relations and policing, Minneapolis is not the only city in America with issues. No city in America is perfect, and, over the past week, I have been thinking long and hard about stories I have heard of situations in Greenbelt and about ways to improve those situations here in Greenbelt. While none of these issues rise to the level of what has happened in more highprofile places like Minneapolis, they are important to me, insofar as they affect police-community relations in Greenbelt. I want to thank the residents that have reached out to me to express their concerns. I take them very seriously.

That said, today I am announcing a series of proposals that I will be presenting to my colleagues on the city council.

The first will be a resolution to simply declare and explain that, in the City of Greenbelt, black lives matter. Period. The fact that people are still debating this in 2020 is extremely disheartening, but I believe that now, we must formally reinforce this notion here in Greenbelt.

But slogans are not enough. We must supplement our pain and agony with action. So my second proposal will be the Greenbelt Fair and Just Policing Act of 2020. The framework for this legislation will have 12 main components, to help protect the civil rights of civilians in Greenbelt and to address issues of police accountability, misconduct and use of force. 1. The bill would expressly prohibit a Greenbelt police officer from putting his or her knee in the neck of a civilian under any circumstance for any length of

time and require that an officer that has violated this provision be subject to severe disciplinary action up to and including prompt termination.

2. The bill would require a Greenbelt police officer to immediately intervene to protect the safety of a civilian, in the event that said officer witnesses another officer using excessive force against the civilian.

3. The bill would require a Greenbelt police officer to proactively report to his superior whenever he or she observes misconduct by another officer in relation to a civilian, including but not limited to excessive force, abusive language, harassment, false arrest and false imprisonment.

4. The bill would establish a civilian police accountability board.

• The board would be composed of nine Greenbelt residents appointed by the mayor and city council, and it will have the authority to receive detailed information about and investigate complaints of police misconduct, including those related to excessive force, abusive language, harassment, false arrest and false imprisonment.

• The board would help with police complaint mediation, and the board would also have the authority to provide disciplinary recommendations related to such complaints.

• In the event that the police chief disagrees with a recommendation made by the board, the police chief will provide a written explanation for that dissent and make that explanation available to the public.

• The board would review and make recommendations related to the police department's training, policies and procedures, including as they pertain to flagging and disciplining officers that have received multiple behavior-related complaints from civilians.

5. This bill would mandate that, when a civilian requests body camera footage from an incident in which he or she believes officer misconduct to have occurred, the relevant body camera footage be released in no more than four days. Under current state law, a police department can wait 30 days, and I have seen this statutory timeframe be abused.

6. The bill would mandate that, in the event of a civilian dying in the custody of a Greenbelt police officer, the Greenbelt Police Department release information related to the following to the family of the deceased:

• All prior complaints against the officer or officers subject to the complaint

7. The bill would mandate that the Greenbelt Police Department engage in community policing, bias-free policing, and diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives.

8. The bill would codify that police officers are prohibited from turning off body cameras during interactions in which they apprehend civilians, and it will require that violators of this provision be subject to disciplinary action.

9. The bill would mandate the creation of a new use-of-force policy that covers de-escalation, use-of-force investigations, firearm training and emergency vehicle operation and pursuit.

10. This bill would prohibit the use of chokeholds by police officers.

11. The bill would require that use-of-force cases be published on the city's website.

12. The bill would prohibit the police department from using militarized vehicles to police assemblies or protests.

Let me be clear about three things:

1. I am fully aware that some people may find some of these proposals excessive or unnecessary. Some may say this is overboard and that everything is fine with policing in Greenbelt. It is true that many officers in our department are already voluntarily properly doing many of the things these proposals address. But that's, unfortunately, not always the case. And here's the thing: police are among the few people in this country who can legally take a person's life and/ or apply a great deal of physical force to an unarmed civilian. And so there is extraordinary responsibility that comes with having a badge and a gun. And I believe that to put a comprehensive law like this on the books that addresses these issues elevates the seriousness with which the city takes these issues, and it puts a greater premium on officers doing the right thing.

2. Some may feel this legislation would be too hard on our officers, but, in so many ways, this legislation really only asks two fundamental things of our officers: 1) don't hurt or mistreat civilians; and 2) help us make sure your fellow officers don't hurt or mistreat civilians. The bottom line is that, if an officer simply treats civilians well and does his part to keep his fellow officers from mistreating civilians, complying with this legislation is

posals will end every policing

problem in America or in Green-

belt, but I do believe they will

be a significant step in the right direction.

Ladies and Gentlemen, this is just the beginning. Over the next few weeks and possibly months, I welcome the feedback of residents on these proposals, and I look forward to working with my colleagues on the city council, with staff and with the police department on making sure that we get this right. I also look forward to talking with our city's solicitor about refining the legislation as necessary.

Finally, perhaps there are people who would like my opinion on the protests that have occurred across the country over the past week. If so, I will simply say this: I appreciate peaceful assembly, and I support the right of Americans to share their grievances with their governments - local, state and federal. At the same time, I do not support violent protest. Some more radical people would prefer that I omit the latter, but, in reality, I have to say the latter as well, because I believe, in many cases, violent protest is self-destructive. You are free to disagree. That said, for those who are only condemning the violent protests, rather than the killing of Mr. Floyd, I would simply encourage you, in love, to try to honestly reflect on what gave rise to the protests and to reflect on the fact that many of the protests have been peaceful.

Even Dr. King, who is essentially synonymous with peaceful nonviolence, once said this:

"You know my friends, there comes a time when people get tired of being trampled by the iron feet of oppression. There comes a time my friends, when people get tired of being plunged across the abyss of humiliation, where they experience the bleakness of nagging despair. There comes a time when people get tired of being pushed out of the glittering sunlight of life's July and left standing amid the piercing chill of an alpine November. There comes a time."

It is clear that, for many, that time ... is now. I am praying for Mr. Floyd's family, for Greenbelt and for America. Should you have any questions, concerns or feedback on these or any other issues, you are welcome to contact me at colinabyrd@ greenbeltmd.gov.



#### City Notes

Community Center staff lowered the flag to honor coronavirus victims.

Police, Park Rangers and Greenbelt Mask Makers cooperated to provide and distribute face masks at Buddy Attick Park. Parks crews also laid new sod at the Dog Park.

On the Virtual Recreation Center, city staff published Summer Connect, a guide for youth summer camps and the Summer Class Guide. Together these schedules promote summer visual and performing arts activities for all ages.

At the Aquatic & Fitness Center, crews repaired tile and staff prepared for re-opening with online American Red Cross courses.

The Park Rangers' information tent at Buddy Attick Park promoted face mask use to park visitors, addressing the 30 to 40 percent who arrive without them. The Greenbelt Mask Makers are providing an initial 350 sewn, washable/reusable masks for the operation - these are separate from the masks destined for hospital use and can be made more quickly but are fundamentally similar in construction and efficiency. Regulations require face mask use at the park. Tennis courts are in active use, with patrons in compliance with mask discipline.

Greenbelt CARES counselors attended a webinar. Addressing Racial Trauma in Youth of Color.

#### Summer Recreation **Online Arts Classes**

Greenbelt Recreation will offer classes this summer over Zoom. Registration opened on Monday, June 1 for Greenbelt residents and on Wednesday, June 3 for non-residents. You can access the summer class guide by going to www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation and clicking on Summer Classes. Classes include sewing and textile arts workshops, painting for teens, storybook theater for children and much more.





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## **Police Blotter**

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

#### Robbery

May 20, 8:06 p.m., Edmonston Court near Edmonston Terrace. A man armed with a handgun approached another man who was exiting his vehicle in the parking lot, punched him, took his wallet and fled on foot. The injured man was treated on the scene for minor injuries.

May 23, 8:19 p.m., 5817 Cherrywood Lane. A man approached an Amazon delivery person who was walking out of an apartment building, displayed a handgun and announced a robbery. He took a cell phone and packages and fled.

#### Assault

May 24, 6:35 p.m., 9240 Springhill Lane. A middle-schoolage youth entered the Springhill Lake Mini Market and broke several items by knocking them off the shelves. When an employee was escorting him out of the store, the youth spit on him and fled on foot.

#### Theft

May 20, 9:01 p.m., 6118 Breezewood Court. A package was taken from the front stoop of a residence.

May 21, 4:49 p.m., 145 Westway. Packages were taken from the front stoop of a residence.

May 22, 6:41 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Drive. A box of checks delivered to the front stoop of a residence had one of the checks later fraudulently filled out and cashed.

#### Fraud

May 21, 10 a.m., 5825 Cherrywood Lane. A man lost his wallet and several days later credit cards in it were used to make unauthorized purchases. Vandalism

May 24, 10:07 a.m., 9234 Edmonston Road. A window in a vacant apartment was broken out. May 26, 12:22 a.m., 9242

Edmonston Road. A window in a vacant apartment was broken out. Vehicle Crime

A blue four-door 2008 Toy-

ota Camry with Maryland tags 8CG9008 was taken May 22 from the 6100 block Breezewood Drive.

A 2013 Hyundai reported stolen to Prince George's County police was recovered May 24 on Cherrywood Lane near Greenbelt Metro Drive.

Rear Virginia tag UKU4793 was taken from the 7900 block Vanity Fair Drive.

Two catalytic converters were taken, one from the 5999 block Springhill Drive and the other from the 6100 block Breezewood Drive.

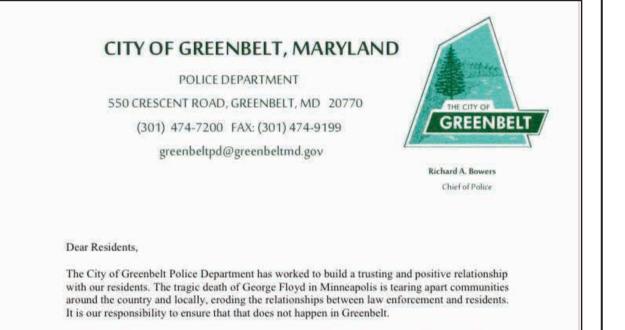
Other thefts, from three possibly unlocked vehicles, include a stereo system and both airbags from the 9000 block Breezewood-Drive, money from the 7200 block Mandan Road and money and a purse from 165 Westway.

Windows were broken in the 8000 block Mandan Road, 100 block Northway and 7929 Mandan Road.

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

Call 1-866-411-TIPS.

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



The members of the Greenbelt Police Department hold ourselves to the highest standards to serve and protect the residents of our City. I want to thank all the residents of Greenbelt for their continuing support and invite you attend our upcoming virtual community meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup> to learn more about the officers who serve our community.

Richard Bowers Chief of Police City of Greenbelt Police Department

#### PRELIMINARY AGENDA GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS Thursday, June 4, 2020

GHI Special Open Session - starts at 7.00 p.m.

• Approve Motion to Hold an Executive Session Meeting on June 4, 2020

B. <u>GHI Executive Session – starts after the GHI Special Open Session Meeting</u> adjourns

- Approve Minutes of Executive Session Meeting Held on May 7, 2020
- Member Financial Matters

A thumb-size Fowler's

toad rests on moss in a

Hillside Road back yard.

Markings on the back of

this toad's head look a

little like an angry face.

- Photos by Susan Cahill

- Request by a Prospective Member for an Exception to GHI's Membership Selection Criteria Policy
- Proposed Assignment of the Membership Interest in a Member's Unit to GHI
- Consider Approval of the following Contracts:
  - Contracts for Pre-sale Repairs to Two GHI Units -2<sup>nd</sup> reading
  - Contract for 2020 Underground Utility Repairs and Drainage Improvements - 1st reading
  - o Contract for Installation of Access Control System for Doors
  - and Gates at the Administration Building -1st reading
  - Contract for a Comparative Review of Staff Salaries and Benefits - 1st reading
- Member Complaint Matters

#### C. <u>GHI Open Session – starts at 7.45 p.m.</u>

- Announcement of Complaint Hearing Held in an Executive Session Meeting
  on May 18, 2020
- Announcement of an Executive Session Meeting Held on June 4, 2020
- Approve Minutes of Special Open Session Meeting Held on May 7, 2020
- Approve Minutes of Regular Open Session Meeting Held on May 7, 2020
- Request for Use of Boiler Room Space
- Member Comments re: Proposed Rule Regulating Noise Emitting Pest Control Devices
- Request for an Exception to Exclude the Replacement of a window at a GHI unit
- Member Responses re: Installation of Light Fixtures in the Common Area Between 11 and 13 Courts Ridge Rd
- Establish Date for a Work Session between the Board and Zoning Task Force re: Neighborhood Study and Draft NCOZ Standards for Greenbelt
   Postnonement of the 2020 Annual Membership Meeting Due to the Covid

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Cherry for Memory Quest," said Izzy Springer, a camp manager.

Creative Kids Camp will also be offering an innovative option for Zoom interaction: The Tales-2-Tails program, in which campers can sign up to read aloud to a camp staffer's pet. Similar to the successful in-person Read To Rover program at the Greenbelt Library, this online version features the same indispensable ingredient: a furry friend, who listens without critiquing.

For Camp Encore, using Shakespeare's text, Kate Magill Robinson has created a show called Fun, Fearless and Fierce: Shakespeare's Females – And The Fellas They Fascinate. Robinson said that the project will give teen thespians "a golden opportunity to explore several of the Bard's most memorable characters."

Many of the Summer Connect leaders have gained skill and experience in teaching and leading classes online.

Circus Camp director Mike Funt's online reach has been global. From his home in Greenbelt, he recently taught workshops for students living in Beijing, the Middle East, Canada and across the United States. "Historically, circus performers traveled from town to town. This summer, our digital caravan will travel to campers' homes, without leaving our own."

The reimagining of Camp Pine Tree and Camp Yogo, which traditionally have emphasized outdoor activities and field trips, has been greatly facilitated by the return of experienced managers. "Several of the staffers are school teachers, who've now experienced first-hand what works best for successful online programs," said Andrew Phelan, camp coordinator. "Just as important, they already know so many of our campers. They are crafting our Summer Connect programs with the kids in mind."

The extended reach of the new programs is an opportunity to serve new patrons. Oudemans said, "Silver linings are a theme of this summer, and one of them is the chance to increase participation by families for whom lack of transportation or financial resources may have been a barrier." She noted that the heavily discounted tuition for the Summer Connect programs, plus the availability of scholarship assistance for Greenbelt residents, should make the programs an affordable option for more families.

Oudemans also pointed out that some participants may have a connection to Greenbelt, but live far away. "This summer, when so many families' travel plans have been upended, participating in Summer Connect could be a great way for faraway friends and cousins to be together with their Greenbelt friends and relatives," she said. It's time to call the cousins!

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According to the Certificate of Appreciation issued on May 8 by Maryland National Guard Brigadier General Janeen L. Birckhead, Wylo Online Laundry was recognized "for outstanding support to the men and women of the Maryland Army National Guard during this historic COVID-19 Pandemic response. [Wylo's] generosity and support directly and positively impacted the morale of our soldiers and allowed them to focus 100 percent of their energies into supporting our communities in this time of crisis and need." A second certificate was also given, representing the members of the 115th Military Police Battalion and signed by Military Police Commander Harry R. Wille and Command Sergeant Major Richard J. Magnum.

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Camp staffers Aidan Larkin and Elta Goldstein are returning this summer to help guide campers in Memory Quest in Central Park. This photo was taken in 2019.







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## Masks Around Greenbelt



Alan and Stephen Duda practice "Distant Socializing."



John and Chiyo Wood show some Maryland pride.



Steve D'Esposito sports a Yankees mask sent to him by daughter Christie in Portland.

The inspiration for this gallery was a suggestion by News Review Member Sandy Rodgers. Keep 'em coming!





Photographer Kathryn Beard submits many pictures to the paper. Here she sports a mask made by Sylvia Hester for the Mask Makers group.



Linda Kelley knows how to accessorize; she makes her mask a part of her outfit.

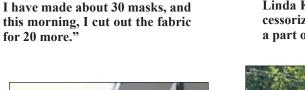


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Robin Olson wears her home-made mask showing the World Champion Washington Nationals some love.



**Donna Peterson advises that Route** One Apparel in College Park is the place to get this and many other Maryland themed items.





Joyce Wineland wears the first face mask she made. She tells us, "When I put it on to go out, I real-

ized the purple color matched the

clothes I was wearing. So, I took

a selfie. In the past couple months

for 20 more."

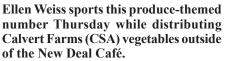
Zachary Hoard works at the Greenbelt Co-op in the parcel pickup area. He and all of his coworkers have been wearing their masks 6 to 8 hours a day during their shifts and, like him, most are working 6 days a week during this pandemic. They are doing their very best to keep our community going during this very difficult time.





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Office.





**ROBIN OLSON** PHOTO BY



Judy Cole shops the Farmers Market in an appropriate mask.



A masked Jennifer Kevorkian tries to walk her dog Zoe, who would rather lie in the grass in the shade.



Dorry Ipolito models her mask.