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Goldson Tells of 2022-23 Plans for County Schools

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) began the school year on Monday, August 29 with a focus on mathematics achievement, school safety, social-emotional learning and mental health.

Chief Executive Officer Dr. Monica Goldson started the first day at the new Cherokee Lane Elementary School in Adelphi, the first public school in Maryland to use a hybrid off-site/on-site construction model. Afterward, she visited Eleanor Roosevelt High School where new principal Dr. Portia Barnes is the first woman to lead the school. Finally, Goldson joined the 2022 Teacher of the Year Evelyn Policarpio, an eighth-grade math teacher, for lunch at Benjamin Tasker Middle School.

"Each first day of school is special," said Goldson. "This year is even more special because all of our students are returning to classrooms on the first day together for the first time since 2020. I look forward to focusing on what matters most: teaching,

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Students arrive at Greenbelt Elementary School for the 2022-2023 school year.

PHOTO BY BETH NORDEN

Disused Buildings on BARC Are Proposed for Demolition

by Deanna Dawson

On July 27, 2022, the USDA Agricultural Research Service released an Environmental Assessment (EA) of the proposed demolition of 117 buildings at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC). The EA states

that the purpose of the proposed action is to "reduce long-term operational and maintenance costs and reduce BARC's impact on the Chesapeake Bay watershed," but it is in response to the Reduce the Footprint Policy re-

leased in 2015 by the Office of Management and Budget. This policy directs federal agencies to "move aggressively to dispose of surplus properties held by the federal government, make more efficient use of the government's real property assets, and reduce the total square footage of their domestic office and warehouse inventory ..." According to the EA executive summary, the proposed action would help BARC to achieve a "20-percent reduction of impervious surface area by 2025," and would support the "potential redevelopment of certain BARC areas, making

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This greenhouse at the end of Entomology Road is slated for demolition.

PHOTO BY DEANNA DAWSON

What Goes On

Monday, September 5
Labor Day Holiday. City offices closed, no city council meeting

Wednesday, September 7
7:30 p.m., Council Worksession: Beltway Plaza (Stakeholder), Municipal Building

See the city ad on page 5 or the meetings calendar on greenbeltnmd.gov for more information.

Bands, Booths, Bikes, Bingo, Burgers: It Must be Labor Day

by Cathie Meetre

The Parade itself arrives on Labor Day Monday morning. It sashays down Crescent Road from Greenhill to Southway, spits and polishes off with the police color guard, scoops up a pipe and drum corps, flourishes a frenzy of fire trucks, screams some sirens and projects a perfect perambulation of politicians – it's all a hometown could hope for. But the parade is just the jewel in a more expansive crown.

For the Athletic

Sunday, the day before, begins for cyclists with a Tour de Greenbelt starting at 9 a.m. at the New Deal Café. In two stages, it's led by Greenbelt's own bike-friendly

pair, Mayor Emmett Jordan and Councilmember Kristen Weaver, with Laurie and Jeff Lemieux of Proteus Bicycles, who though unelected, have two successive Research Road addresses to confirm their Greenbelt pedigree. The first stage leaves at 9 a.m. to Greenbelt Station and back and the second at 10 a.m. goes round trip to Schrom Hills Park. Note: this unsupported ride may not be suitable for all ages. And if that's not enough exercise, hold on, because the Larry Noel 15K Race starts near Crescent and Northway at 5 p.m. and the 3K so-called Fun Run trots

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Bob and Cathi Geier of Silver Spring ride in their 1903 Model R Oldsmobile in the 2021 Greenbelt Labor Day Parade.

PHOTO BY SHARON NATOLI

Police Department Announces New Crisis Intervention Team

The Greenbelt Police Department has launched a new unit, the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT), to help redirect individuals with behavioral health issues from the judicial system to the health care system.

The CIT is an integration between police and behavioral health professionals to assist community members with behavioral health concerns, offering them mental health and substance use intervention and links to community resources. The goals of the CIT include:

- providing improved outcomes of police interactions with community members who may have behavioral health diagnoses,
- redirecting clients with behavioral health concerns from the judicial system to the health care system,
- reducing the number of repeat calls for service for persons with behavioral health concerns,
- reducing incidents in which someone with behavioral health issues commits criminal acts,
- reducing incarceration of persons with behavioral health diagnoses,

– and reducing recidivism by adult and juvenile community members with behavioral health diagnoses.

Contact is initiated by a call for service with a behavioral health component. The first contact between the clinician and client includes the presence of a police officer. For case management follow-up, the clinician uses professional judgment to determine if there is a safety concern and a need for an officer presence at follow-up appointments.

Some types of calls CIT will assist with include welfare checks, domestic disputes, geriatric and juvenile issues with behavioral health concerns, victim support, critical incidents, emergency petitions and repeat callers to 911 who are identified with behavioral health concerns. Generally, the CIT provides follow-up to individuals with behavioral health concerns, those with developmental disabilities and substance-use disorders.

Since the team launched on Monday, July 11, CIT has

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MARCEL THE SHELL WITH SHOES ON (PG) (CC) (DVS) (2022) (89 MINS)

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SAT. 5:15 PM, 8:15 PM **SCREEN 2**
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MON. 2:15 PM (OC), 5:15 PM **SCREEN 2**

MONDAY MATINEE: FREE
THE BIRDS (PG-13) (1963) (119 MINS)

MON. 1:00 PM **SCREEN 1**



Pete Reppert



PHOTO BY A PASSERBY

The Ukraine vigil continues on Sundays at the Farmers Market from 1 to 1:30 p.m.



PHOTO BY CAROL BELLAMY

A very tall crane was brought in to take out two large trees behind 9 Court Hillside.

On Screen at Old Greenbelt Theatre

Emily the Criminal

Emily (Aubrey Plaza) is saddled with student debt and locked out of the job market due to a minor criminal record. Desperate for income, she takes a shady gig as a “dummy shopper,” buying goods with stolen credit cards supplied by a handsome and charismatic middleman named Youcef (Theo Rossi). Faced with a series of dead-end job interviews, Emily soon finds herself seduced by the quick cash and illicit thrills of black-market capitalism, and increasingly interested in her mentor Youcef. Together, they hatch a plan to bring their business to the next level in Los Angeles.

Marcel the Shell with Shoes On

Marcel is an adorable one-inch-tall shell who ekes out a colorful existence with his grandmother Connie and their pet lint, Alan. Once part of a sprawling community of shells, they now live alone as the sole survivors of a mysterious tragedy. But when a documentary filmmaker discovers them amongst the clutter of his Airbnb, the short film he posts online brings Marcel millions of passionate fans, as well as unprecedented dangers and a new hope at finding his long-lost family. A beloved character gets his big-screen debut in this hilarious and heartwarming story about finding connection in the smallest corners. A mockumentary directed by Dean Fleischer, with a screenplay by Marcel-creators Jenny Slate and Nick Paley.

The Birds

Everyone knows about this classic 1963 Alfred Hitchcock horror film, whether or not they’ve seen it. Here’s the story: Melanie Daniels (Tippi Hedren) meets Mitch Brenner (Rod Taylor) in a San Francisco pet store and decides to follow him home. She brings with her the gift of two love birds and they strike up a romance. One day birds start attacking children at Mitch’s sister’s party. A huge assault starts on the town by attacking birds. Says Alastair Sooke of the Daily Telegraph in the U.K., “The true genius of the film, based on a 1952 short story by Daphne du Maurier, is the way Hitchcock makes the malevolent birds seem like manifestations of his characters’ mental unease.”

Letters Policy

Deadline for letters is 6 p.m. Monday. Submission does not guarantee publication. Letters should be no longer than 300 words (shorter letters are more likely to be published). Letters may be edited for clarity, grammar, civility and space constraints. The News Review may add a comment from the editor if deemed necessary.

All letters must include the letter writer's name, physical address, and telephone number. Only the name will be published; the News Review will consider requests for the name to be withheld.



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Community Events

At the Library

Face masks continue to be required at Prince George's County Memorial Library System buildings for everyone ages 2 and up. The Library appreciates customers' assistance with maintaining a safe environment for children who are not yet eligible for Covid-19 vaccines and for customers and staff who have high risk for Covid-19. These additional safety measures are also in use: plexiglass shields at service desks, hand sanitizer dispensers and single-use keyboard and mouse covers.

Storytimes

Wednesday, September 7, 12:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at pgcmls.info/event/6930171.

Thursday, September 8, 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at pgcmls.info/event/6930348.

Ready 2 Read features stories, songs, fingerplays and more. All participants over age 2 must wear a mask to this event. This event may be subject to change if safety guidelines are updated.

Teen Action Group

Wednesday, September 7, 4:30 p.m., for teens ages 13 to 18. Need to earn community service hours? Come make a difference in the community, gain friends from around the area and make your voice heard. Register at pgcmls.info/event/6940307.

Books at Bedtime

Wednesday, September 7, 6:30 p.m., ages newborn to 3. Stories, music and activities for very young children with or without special needs. Presented by the PGCPS Infants and Toddlers Program, for up to 18 children. Register at pgcmls.info/event/6952904.

Passports

Appointments (30-minute) can be made for Mondays and Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 1 to 6 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Applications are accepted by appointment only; call 240-455-5451 or visit pgcmls.info/passport-services. All applicants regardless of age must be present at their appointment, and families with multiple applicants must schedule separate appointments for each applicant.

Other Services

Among other available library services are full browsing of library collections, in-house use of computers, printers and scanners, and study rooms or meeting rooms by reservation. The Library also has available Online 2Go Chromebooks (borrowable laptops with built-in internet access). At no charge, library patrons can borrow a laptop for work, education or entertainment and also have reliable access to the internet. Online 2Go Chromebooks don't need separate internet connection; access to the web is handled through built-in LTE wireless, which means no data usage or internet bill for the user.

Arts Advisory Board Meets September 6

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, September 6 at 7 p.m. in Room 114 of the Community Center. Discussion topics will include planning for the Roosevelt Center Art Crawl on Sunday, October 16. For more information, email alarsen@greenbeltmd.gov.

Astronomy Club To Observe Moon

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host an in-person star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday, September 3, at the City Observatory, located at Northway Fields. Attendees can expect to see the Moon, Saturn, Jupiter and galaxies, nebulae and star clusters currently high in the sky, viewed through the observatory telescope and astronomical camera. All are welcome, and visitors are encouraged to set up their own telescopes on the hilltop.

Observing will begin at 8:30 p.m. and continue for two hours. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.

Wanted: EV Owners

The Greenbelt Green Team seeks electric vehicle (EV) owners for its first EVent at Schrom Hills Park on Saturday, September 17 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Want to inform a greater audience than just neighbors and friends about your EV experience? Join fellow EV owners as they ask the general public to bring questions about cost of purchase and ownership, real life range, cost of charging, types of chargers, etc. Email John Lippert, chair, Greenbelt Green Team, at ecolivingmag@aol.com and let the group know which all-battery electric EV or plug-in hybrid EV you'll bring. There will be posters and handouts to help educate EV-owner wannabes.



BY JOHN LIPPERT

DC Labor Chorus Live At the New Deal Café

On Monday, September 5 from 2 to 3 p.m. the DC Labor Chorus will sing songs of peace, jobs, justice and love at the New Deal Café. Admission is free.

The DC Labor Chorus is a musical ensemble representing labor and social justice groups in the DC metro area. Some are professional musicians, but most just love to sing. The chorus sings for rallies, demonstrations and picket lines.



Retro Town Fair 10th Anniversary

This year's Retro Town Fair will be held on Sunday, September 4, at the Greenbelt Museum. The historic house will be open for free, brief tours. All Greenbelters are encouraged to enter their homegrown produce and flowers, baked goods, craft items, needlework and canned goods. Judges will award ribbons and perhaps bragging rights. Look for more information and entry forms on the website at greenbeltmuseum.org or visit the museum's Facebook page.

Email any questions to Sheila Maffay-Tuthill at education@greenbeltmuseum.org.



PHOTO BY MEGAN SEARING YOUNG

A previous year's purple ribbon winner

Food Collection Dates

Greenbelt PORCH is continuing its program to collect food as scheduled below:

Sunday, September 11: by 11 a.m. at 1-8 Courts Ridge, 1-8 Courts Crescent and 1-2 Courts Westway

Sunday, September 18: by 4 p.m. for Boxwood Village, by 4 p.m. for P.A.L. (PORCH at large) members (including former Woodland Hill donors)

Saturday, September 24: by 10 a.m. for 14 and 15 Courts Laurel Hill

Sunday, September 25: by 4 p.m. for 9 and 12 Courts Ridge and 11 and 13 Courts Ridge; by 5 p.m. for Lakeside Drive.

Those in neighborhoods with no monthly food drive can help through P.A.L. To participate, contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler at spreadruak@gmail.com by noon on September 18 with your address on the scheduled monthly pick-up date and leave donation, marked RUAK or PORCH, by the front door visible from the street. Ensure that donated items are not past their use-by date.

Volunteers who would like to expand Greenbelt PORCH to additional neighborhoods in Greenbelt are always welcome. Particularly sought are coordinators in Greenbelt East. For more information or to become a volunteer, contact Goldberg-Strassler.




Girl Scouts Host Kids And Teen Pet Show

The Children and Teen Pet Show will be held on Saturday, September 3, at the Community Center Lawn, rain or shine, sponsored by Girl Scout Troop 23007 of Greenbelt. Registration opens at 9:30 a.m. Judging and awards begin at 10 a.m. All types and sizes of pets are welcome. Give that special pet the recognition it deserves, or just stop by to see Greenbelt's greatest pets and learn more about Girl Scouts. For more information, email Holly Wheeler, troop leader, at GSTroop23007@gmail.com.

See last week's News Review for the full schedule in the Festival Pullout



Lunch-on-the-Lawn Returns Labor Day

The Greenbelt Community Church, at the corner of Hillside and Crescent, will once again serve a luncheon immediately following the Parade on Labor Day, September 5.

A tasty meal of barbeque sandwiches or hot dogs with baked beans, coleslaw, dessert and beverage will be served outdoors in shaded areas. Families are welcome. In the event of rain or extreme heat, lunch will be served in the downstairs Social Hall. Those wishing to help may complete the form at signupgenius.com/go/904094ba4ab2aa2fd0-luncheon.

The church will also be hosting a booth during Information Day in Roosevelt Center on Saturday, September 3. Come on down, meet some church members and learn about the church's community outreach, social events and inclusive doctrine. All are welcome, always.



Red Cross Urgently Seeks Blood Donors

Only four appointments remain (as of Tuesday evening, August 30) for the American Red Cross blood drive at the Greenbelt American Legion on Monday, September 12 from 1:30 to 6 p.m. Many appointment slots are currently available for the drive being sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department on Friday, September 16 from 12:30 to 6 p.m. at the Community Center.

To find other drives or schedule an appointment to donate, visit RedCrossBlood.org, download the Red Cross Blood Donor app or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Recreation Fall Activity Guide Available Online

The Greenbelt Recreation Fall Activity Guide and registration information are now available at greenbeltmd.gov/recreation. Upcoming programs include seasonal community celebrations and classes enabling participants to learn something new or improve their skills, all while socializing and staying active.

Registration is ongoing for Greenbelt residents and non-residents. Classes begin during and after the week of September 12. For more information, call 301-397-2208.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.



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7am	Greenbelt Newsreel	Community Programming
8am	Democracy Now!	Yesterday's Syndicated Program
9am	GATe Classic Film • Silent Film • 1915	Alice in Wonderland • Viola Savoy
11am	Greenbelt Newsreel	Community Programming
Noon	Democracy Now!	Today's Syndicated Program
1pm	PGCPS Science Bowl	Fort Foote v Yorktown Elementary
2pm	Music at the New Deal SEASON FIVE	Susan Jones Jazz Quartet • Modern Classic
3pm	GATe Classic Film • Silent Film • 1915	Alice in Wonderland • Viola Savoy
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New News Review Carriers Needed to Distribute Papers

by Cathie Meetre

The News Review is delivered to doorsteps all over town. Our carriers learn the importance of working, the discipline of responsibility – and get a payment for each week’s delivery and annual tips just in time for the holidays. The newspaper is free, so no money collection is involved.

Carriers over the generations have gone on to successful careers in all fields of endeavor and many have themselves been parents of a next generation of carriers. Nobody is sure how many successive generations we may have had but it’s hard to beat the early experience of responsibility and reward for sustained effort.

With the most recent batch of carriers heading off to college, we will have one route available soon and a wait-list ready when other carriers graduate and leave. The commitment is a couple of hours a week, and parents or older siblings often work with the youngest carriers to help them cover the ground – it’s a great time to bond in a shared endeavor. Carriers also substitute for one another during

vacations. The times are flexible; the printing company delivers the papers to Greenbelt on Thursday mornings and they usually are dropped off for carriers by mid-day Thursday. Carriers should deliver papers to door steps by 5 p.m. Friday – this accommodates bad weather and individual schedules. Carriers are contractors and not employees.

The carriers learn responsibility, the parents have a chance to teach good work habits and to participate with their kids in a constructive and socially useful activity.

And don’t think this is an opportunity only for kids – our oldest carrier just retired a couple of years ago, when he was in his 90s. Stay fit by delivering the newspaper to your neighbors and friends.

Be part of a grand tradition. Email circ@greenbeltnewsreview.com for more information.

Carrier fact: As recently as 1970, girls were not allowed to be carriers in New York State – but the Greenbelt News Review welcomes everyone with open arms.



Swamp milkweed at the Lake

PHOTO BY CAMILA LUCHSINGER

Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.



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Water Sunday September 11 will be
Noah’s Vision: more next week

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Organ Recital Will Celebrate St. Hugh’s 75th Anniversary

by Mary Moien

St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church will present for the community an organ recital featuring the impressive sound of its Rodger’s Masterpiece Organ on Tuesday, September 13 at 7:30 p.m. This free recital is a continuation of the parish’s 75th anniversary celebration. Paul Hardy, principal organist of the Cathedral of St. Matthew, will feature works by Bach, Buxtehude and Muret.

Hardy, who studied organ with Dr. Robert Grogan of the Catholic University of America, has been the principal organist at St. Matthew’s since 2000. He provided organ music for the funeral Masses for Chief Justice of the United States William Rehnquist, National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski, Senator Paul Laxalt and journalist Cokie Roberts. He accompanied the Papal midday prayer at St. Matthew’s on the occasion of Pope Francis’s September 2015 visit to Washington. In 2021, Hardy was organist at the early morning Inauguration Day Mass for President-Elect Joseph Biden and Vice-President-Elect Kamala Harris, accompanying the award-

winning soprano and opera star Renée Fleming. Hardy also assists the musicians at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception as organist and carillonneur.

A reception to meet the artist will follow the concert. A freewill offering will be accepted to support the St. Hugh’s food pantry.

Homecoming at Community Church

Greenbelt Community Church invites former members and friends in the community for worship and a special reception on September 11 for Homecoming Sunday.

Interim Pastor Rev. Clara Young and Pastor Emeritus Rev. Daniel Hamlin will give a dialogue sermon on the Gifts of the Spirit. Those who have been members of the church for 40 or more years will be recognized at this event.

Worship service begins at 10:15 a.m. Masks are recommended, but are optional and will be available at the door.

Those unable to attend in person can join the Homecoming Service via Zoom. Call the church office at 301-474-6171 or email office@greenbeltucc.org to get the Zoom link.



Please visit our tent this Saturday September 3 between 10AM and 4PM at Information Day in Roosevelt Center



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Reverend Rivera, Pastor

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The Bible Says...

The Ten Commandments

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Exodus 20:2-3



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Greenbelt Plogs Seeks Litter Picker-Uppers

What is "plogging"? Plogging is a wacky way of saying "pick up litter while you jog or walk." Plogging was coined by Swedish outdoorsman and environmentalist, Erik Ahlstrom. Plogging comes from plocka, the Swedish word for pick up. Plogging is an exercise that helps the environment while taking care of one's health.

Greenbelt Plogs, a RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness) initiative, is a fun and engaging way for Greenbelt residents to take action and help prevent stormwater pollution by cleaning up litter from the streets, streams, stormwater ponds, etc. Greenbelt Plogs will encourage people to make picking up litter a habit.

To help make Greenbelt sparkle, join Greenbelt Plogs by contacting Robert Goldberg-Strassler at spreadruak@gmail.com.

Bicyclists: Take Note!

For those minor repairs, or just a shot of air in the tires to get cyclists on their way, the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) bicycle repair station stands ready to assist.

The station includes tools for basic maintenance and that all-important tire pump to keep PSI up. The GHI Board and the Bicycle Committee invite riders to check it out at its location adjacent to the GHI maintenance building, 1 Hamilton Place, near the flagpole.

Donate Sneakers For People in Need

Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ (GCC) is collecting athletic shoes by partnering with GotSneakers. This sneaker recycling program helps to keep sneakers out of landfills, where they have harmful effects on the environment.

A donation box is located outside the Fellowship Center (the small building behind the church) for people to drop off sneakers at any time.

Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club invites all to join them online every 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The club provides a fun and friendly environment for anyone interested in improving their public speaking and leadership skills. Learn more at greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org.

Cookies at the Bridge Seeking Volunteers

Looking for something fun and worthwhile to do? Consider Cookies at the Bridge. The group meets weekdays from 3:15 to 4 p.m. to offer cookies to students coming home from Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The goal is to ensure the safety of the students as they make their way home. If interested, contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler, RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness) at spreadruak@gmail.com or 301-345-8755 and leave a message or ask questions.



City Information & Events

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.

MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 5-9

Monday, September 5 - **NO MEETING - LABOR DAY**

Tuesday, September 6 at 7 pm, **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD**, *On the Agenda: PSAC Report of Revised GPD General Orders, Status of Survey Results, Upcoming Meeting with Neighboring Public Safety Advisory Committees*

Tuesday, September 6 at 7 pm, **ARTS ADVISORY BOARD**, *On the Agenda: Amendment/Approval of the Agenda, Approval of June and August Minutes, Roosevelt Center Art Crawl Planning, Round Robin*

Tuesday, September 6 at 7 pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD**, *On the Agenda: Approval of Agenda, Approval of Minutes of June 8, Staff Updates, APB Priority-Setting, New Business*

Wednesday, September 7 at 7:10 pm, **ADVISORY BOARD INTERVIEW**

Wednesday, September 7 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION - BELTWAY PLAZA (STAKEHOLDER)**

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. This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call (301) 474-8000. For information on public participation for the meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at greenbeltmd.gov

COMMITTEES & BOARDS VACANCIES:

- Advisory Committee on Education
- Arts Advisory Board
- Board of Elections
- Community Relations Advisory Board
- Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability
- Park and Recreation Advisory Board
- Public Safety Advisory Committee
- Reparations Commission
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee

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GREENBELT RECREATION PRESENTS...	
★ Labor Day Weekend ★	
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2	Youth Center 6 pm Adult Table Tennis Tournament
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3	Braden Field 10 am Diaper Derby for Crawlers & Toddlers
	10:45 am 3-Legged Race
	11 am Water Balloon Toss
	11:30 am Pie Eating Contest
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4	Youth Center 1 pm Scavenger Hunt for Families & Adults
	2 pm Hotshot Basketball Contest & 2 Ball Tournament
	Braden Field 10 am Egg Spoon Race
	10:15 am Sack Race
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4	10:30 am Badminton
	11:30 am Water Relay
	1 pm Cornhole Tournament (Adults)
	2 pm Horseshoe Tournament (Adults)
	Youth Center 1 pm Children's Bingo
	2 pm Table Tennis Tournament for Youth

STRONGER MEMORY PROGRAM

The Stronger Memory class scheduled to begin September 15 class is now full. If you would like to be added to the waitlist, contact Sharon Johnson and you will be notified if an additional class is confirmed.

Sharon Johnson at (240) 542-2029 or sjohnson@greenbeltmd.gov

GREENBELT NURSERY PROJECT

This **FREE PROGRAM** is available to families living in the city limits of Greenbelt, newborn to 2 years old, children who wear pull-ups. Call Katherine Farzin at (240) 542-2019 or kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov

The City of Greenbelt presents POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers classes help caregivers take better care of themselves while caring for a friend or relative. This virtual six-week class series gives you the confidence and support to better care for your loved one – and yourself.

The goal of the class series is to reduce stress, improve self-confidence, manage time, set goals, solve problems, better communicate your feelings, make tough decisions, and locate helpful resources.

Class series #5: Wednesdays, September 7 - October 12, 10 - 11:30 am
Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/u8x4wrhLJDx8KGodA>

Contact Sharon Johnson (240) 542-2029 or sjohnson@greenbeltmd.gov

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM IN HISTORIC GREENBELT

Check out Greenbelt Recreation's pre-school program Greenbelt Littles Preschool (formerly Mom's Morning Out). Greenbelt Littles Preschool is a licensed traditional preschool program that focuses on social development, fine and gross motor skills, listening, and following instructions. Greenbelt Littles has a heavy emphasis on learning in a fun way!

We offer our program Monday through Friday at the Youth Center. Financial aid is available for eligible Greenbelt residents. Registration for fall is now open.

For more information, please visit our Virtual Recreation Center online at greenbeltmd.gov/recreation or give us a call at (301) 397-2200.

MOSQUITO CONTROL

Protect yourself and your home from mosquitoes this summer. Visit <https://bit.ly/3yXpMwD> for tips on mosquito control and preventing West Nile Virus.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Monday, September 5, in observance of Labor Day.

The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of September 5
Monday Route – Collected Tuesday
Tuesday Route – Collected Wednesday
Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday
Thursday Route – Collected Friday

There will be no appliance/metals, hard plastics, or yard waste collections on Friday, September 9.

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Central Park at Greenbelt Station
Wednesday, September 14 from 6 - 8 pm

Join us for an interactive design workshop to reimagine the green spaces in Greenbelt Station.

Sign up by visiting <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084babab2ba4ff2-community1> or by calling (301) 397-2200.

RETRO TOWN FAIR

Greenbelt Museum on Grounds of 10A & 10B Crescent Road
Sunday, September 4 from 1 - 4 pm

Categories: Flowers, Vegetables, Baked Goods, Canned Goods, Needwork, & Crafts.

Contact (240) 542-2064 or education@greenbeltmuseum.org

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The City of Greenbelt's Assistance in Living Program (GAIL) in partnership with Bowie State & Washington Adventist University Schools of Nursing are proud to resume offering this program to Greenbelt seniors age 60+ or disabled adults 50+ residing within incorporated City limits. For more information visit: <https://bit.ly/3OBoe19>

Greenbelt ARPA Funds Assistance Programs Update (as of 8/15/22)

Rent and Utility Assistance
· 309 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$1,426,145.54

Mortgage and HOA fee Assistance
· 12 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$40,337.07

Yard Waste Removal and Chipper Rules

Branches 2 to 6 inches in diameter can be chipped! Stack branches on the curb with ends facing in the same direction and then call (301) 474-8004 to schedule a chipper collection! Help get rid of all of your unwanted debris from all of our recent storms.

Visit <https://www.greenbeltmd.gov/government/departments-con-t/public-works/trash-recycling/yard-waste>

FREE WOOD PALLETS

Call Public Works at (301) 474-8004

GREENBELT RECREATION'S 2022 FALL ACTIVITY GUIDE NOW AVAILABLE

Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation/ to view and register.

**GIVE BLOOD
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off at 5:10 p.m. near the Youth Center. Registration information is available at dcroadrunners.org. sign-up/greenbelt.

For the Kids

Also on Sunday, a spate of kiddie activities begins at Braden Field at 10 a.m. with a classic egg-and-spoon derby and the eternally ungainly sack race, followed by a water relay, sure to be extremely soggy and undoubtedly not to be missed. At 10:30 a.m., badminton is available for all ages on Braden Field. Other kid-oriented activities take place in the Youth Center throughout the day. Children's Bingo is at 1 p.m. and table tennis is at 2 p.m. Board games monopolize Room 103 of the Community Center from 1 to 4 p.m. Play theirs or bring yours.

For the Afficionados

For those of more aesthetic leanings, the craft fair is in Roosevelt Center Sunday and Monday with local artists displaying their hand-made items from noon to 7 p.m. on Sunday and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday. Also, for a breather, check out Rolling Shorts in the Old Greenbelt Theater Sunday, starting at noon and running to 3 p.m. It's free.

The afternoon is rich in treasure. The Retro Town Fair winners are displayed from 1 to 4 p.m. on the grounds of the Museum – how fittingly retro is that? The Museum itself is open from 2 to 4 p.m. There are ribbons to be won for flowers, veggies, baked and canned

goods and needlework. (Entries are accepted from 10 to 11:30 a.m.) The Art and Photo shows run Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m. and Monday from noon to 4 p.m. in the Community Center gym.

And for Music Fans

The stage starts up at noon Sunday with New Blue Soul, a sextet bringing classic blues. Later the Soulified Village plays music from the heart from 2 to 4 p.m. and Rising Stars perform from 4:30 to 7 p.m. And for those into Elvis Presley, Johnny Seaton will wow from 8 to 11 p.m.

Monday showcases the Rockabilly Rebels (two of whom grew up in Greenbelt) from 1 to 3 p.m. and Patty Reese and Friends round off the weekend's entertainment with Americana Blues from 3:30 to 6 p.m.

Food and Fun

From noon to 10 p.m. on Sunday and noon to 6 p.m. on Monday, the carnival and booths are going full swing – rides, games, food and fun. If you want to put your feet up constructively, head for Bingo (benefitting Greenbelt Youth Baseball) at the picnic tables.

Celebration meals are available Monday with Luncheon on the Lawn at the Greenbelt Community Church starting after the parade. It's a classic barbeque with the trimmings and dessert. Later, from 3 to 7 p.m., at the Greenbelt American Legion, the annual Family Picnic is in full swing. Fun and food for all.

Is Covid-19 a Consideration For the Labor Day Festival?

by Cathie Meetre

The short answer is yes and no – so read on.

It has been a few months since the News Review reported on local Covid statistics but with Labor Day festivities ahead, a report seems timely. The multiply vaccinated continue to mostly weather their encounter with the virus, despite its mutations, and remain at home throughout its course, though sometimes feeling pretty miserable as many will attest.

How Many Cases?

In fact, with the many relatively mild cases among the vaccinated, many never take an official test even if they test positive, instead using the home version only. This reliance on unrecorded testing lowers reported numbers of how many are infected – but those who get the sickest do end up in the hospital and can be counted. Hospitalization and death statistics are, therefore, the focus of this article.

Room at the Inn

Hospital capacity figures and

critical care beds available in Prince George's County both show resources are readily available. The number of hospital beds occupied by patients with Covid-19 is at 5 percent of the overall supply of beds. As of August 26, 38 individuals with Covid were hospitalized in Prince George's County (from a population of over 900,000), with typically two or three in intensive care. An earlier discussion with hospital officials indicated that those in intensive care or who died were typically already very ill – Covid was a complication reflective of their weakened state rather than its cause.

Infection Rates Down

The county health department reported that as of August 21, the county's infection rate was at 0.89, which is designated as low risk. This value has declined steadily since a minor peak at about 1.4 in July (for comparison, in January 2022, this value had surged to ~18 during a wave of infections associated with the

December holiday festivities and exposure).

Although test data counts are affected by unrecorded testing, the trends remain useful. In the county, reported cases have declined for the last four weeks, with the most recent rate having dropped by approximately one-third since a high in late July of 2,036 new cases in the week.

Festival Risk is Low

Back to the original question. The risk of attending the Labor Day festivities is not zero – there's always a potential for consequences and Covid is only one risk of many that may be encountered at a carnival. For the multiply vaccinated who have no underlying complications, there is a risk of catching Covid because there are other people around, but the risk of serious illness is very small. Risk of exposure can be reduced even further by keeping distance and wearing a mask in crowded or indoor areas.



Carnival rides arrive in preparation for the Labor Day Festival.

PHOTO BY STEPHEN KEARNEY

Crisis Hotline's New Number is 988

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline dialing code has changed, effective July 16. The new three-digit dialing code is 988 and it's available for phone calls and text messages.

The former Lifeline phone number (1-800-273-8255) will continue to be accessible.

Calls and text messages are confidential and free.

"No matter what problems you're dealing with, whether or not you're thinking about suicide, if you need someone to lean on for emotional support, call the Lifeline," the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline says on its website at samhsa.gov/find-help/988.



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Begin and End Your Day at New Deal Café

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Greenbelter Visits Arthurdale

by Robert Snyder

Returning from Ohio earlier this summer, I visited the rural homestead community of Arthurdale, W.V., which is about 20 miles south of Morgantown off Route 68. Arthurdale preceded the three greenbelt towns by almost two years. Just as the cottage in Warm Springs, Ga., was Franklin Delano Roosevelt's retreat, Arthurdale was Eleanor Roosevelt's "Baby," as it was often referred to at the time.

During 1933, the first year of FDR's first term, Eleanor drove alone in August to meet with Clarence Pickett of the American Friends Service Committee and officials of the Agricultural Extension Service of the state university in Fairmont, W.V., to survey the area for a possible planned community for unemployed coal miners and farmers in the Reedsville valley region. The Friends and students and staff from the university Agricultural Extension Service program had been doing poverty relief work in the region for several decades. The New Deal project headed up by Milburn Lincoln Wilson, who had been appointed by Harold Ickes, would be funded and managed within the recently formed Subsistence Homestead Program.

Homes were built and families began moving to Arthurdale by November of 1934, some families having come from coal-camp shacks. After some funding setbacks, government cost overruns, much criticism that this was a socialist experiment, unwillingness of industries to relocate to the area, and disagreements as to which appliances and features the homes should include, a frustrated Wilson resigned his position. In May of 1935 Rexford Tugwell was asked to take on the responsibilities in overseeing the project. Eleanor Roosevelt was more interested in Tugwell's ideas, and both Roosevelts became more optimistic that maybe the Arthurdale project would get finished. Soon after this, Tugwell's promotion of the concept of "greenbelt towns" built on rural lands near metropolitan areas took hold, and the rest is history.

During the next 10 years, Eleanor focused on improving the Arthurdale schools, and eventually six structures comprised the complex. She attended most high school graduations from 1935 to 1946, and in 1938 FDR gave the commencement address.

The lessons learned from the Arthurdale resettlement project contributed to better planning and preparations for the upcoming greenbelt towns.

When visiting Arthurdale, which is about a 3.5 hour drive from Greenbelt, one sees single unattached frame, block and local limestone houses. Each has an acre or two of land for gardening and recreation. Some appeared to have stone or cinder block on the first floor, with wood frame/vinyl on the second floor. There is no Roosevelt Plaza, pool, shops or theater; however there is a community building, a small museum and gift shop and one café.



This Arthurdale home was built in 1934.



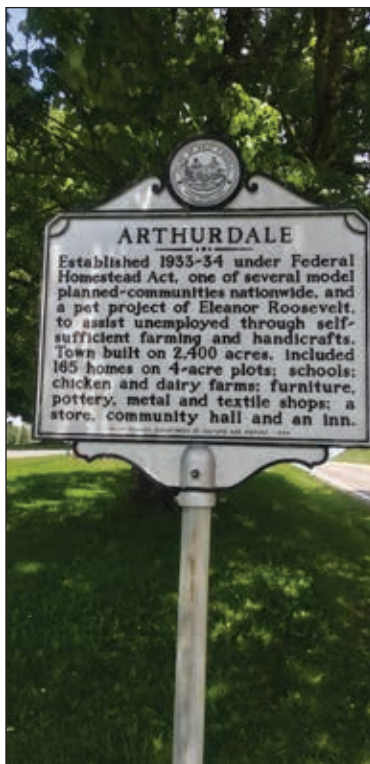
Arthurdale community center



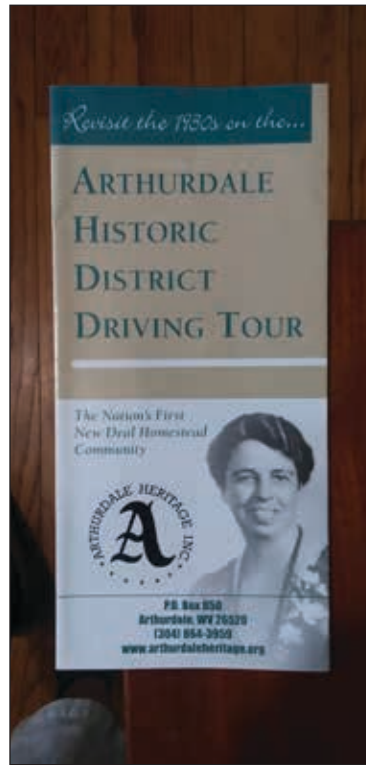
This 1934 Arthurdale house has modern vinyl siding.



A marker shows where Eleanor Roosevelt attended a dance event in 1938.



Arthurdale's historic marker



A brochure is available at the Arthurdale museum.



The Arthurdale community center displays an Eleanor Roosevelt banner.



One of the homes built in 1935



Arthurdale map



- Photos by Robert Snyder



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A "GET-UP-AND-DANCE" WEEKEND!

Friday, 9/02, New Blue Soul, featuring Mary Shaver on vocals (Old School Blues & Soul), 8 - 11pm

Saturday, 9/03, Zydeco Jed (East Coast Roots & "Grateful Delta"), 8 - 11pm

Sunday, 9/04, The Pilgrims of Deep Run (Baltimore-based Traditional Irish Group), 6 - 8p

SPECIAL LABOR DAY CONCERT: THE DC LABOR CHORUS, 2 - 4pm

Tuesday, 9/06, Songwriters Association of Washington Open Mic, 6:30 - 9:30pm
 Featured Act plays from 8 - 8:30pm

Wednesday, 9/07, The Campfire Sessions (monthly "listening room"), 7 - 9pm

Thursday, 9/8, InToneNation (Classic & Roots Rock), 7 - 9pm
 With Emcee Mark Opsasnick (author "Rock the Potomac")

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St. Hugh Labor Day Weekend Bingo

Friday, Sept. 2 to Monday, Sept. 5

New Location!

St. Hugh Church, 135 Crescent Rd.
Grenoble Hall (handicap ramp access)

Proceeds support the St. Hugh Food Pantry,
coordinated by the Ladies of Charity

Blackout Bingo Games

- Fri., September 2: In memory of Elizabeth Pells-Nash and Irene Hensel
- Sat., September 3: In memory of Thomas X. White and Debbie Reese
- Sun., September 4: In memory of Kelly Ivy and Michael Maxwell Jr.
- Mon., September 5: In memory of Liz Labukas

Sponsors: Kathleen McFarland, Susan Walker, Mary Moien, Barbara Chotiner, Kathy Labukas

Blackout Bingo is the last game of each day; winner(s) take home the whole pot of money

Labor Day Weekend Bingo Schedule

Friday, September 2nd - 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday, September 3rd - 12 noon to 9 p.m. (note time change)

Sunday, September 4th - 12 noon to 9 p.m.

Monday, September 5th - 12 noon to 6 p.m.

Bingo cards 25 cents each or three cards for 50 cents

Thanks to Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department for their donation of paper bingo sheets

Hot Dogs/Hamburgers/Chips: Knights of Columbus

Water and Soda: St. Hugh Youth Group

Baked Goods: School of Religion

For more information, please call
Mary Ann Tretler, 240-517-7559

Working in Clay, Fused Glass Is Offered by Greenbelt Recreation

by Nicole DeWald

Beginning the week of Monday, September 12, Greenbelt Recreation Arts is offering over 30 fee-based courses and workshops for adults and children as well as free activities for Greenbelt residents and non-residents alike. Detailed listings are available in the Fall 2022 Greenbelt Recreation Activity Guide, available at greenbeltmd.gov/recreation.

Adults and teens (16+) who love working with clay can choose from beginning through advanced wheel-thrown pottery, functional and sculptural hand-building and ceramic tile making. A surface-decorating workshop and a special raku firing are also offered. Painters may choose from watercolor, acrylic and oil painting courses. Those looking for something different may be interested in exploring fused glass, stained glass, bookbinding, polymer clay jewelry, wood carving or embroidery.

Many options are also available for children. Preschool Art Adventures returns for the youngest artists (ages 1 to 5) at the outdoor pavilion at Schrom Hills Park. Older children who like making things with clay may choose from handbuilding (ages 6 to 12) and pottery on the wheel (ages 10+). After-school courses also include weaving, shadow puppets, drawing comics and



PHOTO BY AMANDA DEMOS LARSEN

After-school art class students show off their mixed media wearable artwork.

digital animation with Mr. Geo. Polymer clay and embroidery workshops are available to children ages 12 or older and younger children with an accompanying adult.

Scholarships are available to Greenbelt residents of all ages, and anyone with financial need is encouraged to apply. Art is for everyone. For information, contact the Greenbelt Recreation business office at 301-397-2200.

Free activities this fall include monthly Art Shares; an Art Studio Open House on Sunday, October 2; Artful Afternoon

workshops on Sundays, October 2 and November 6; a Roosevelt Center Art Crawl on Sunday, October 16; the Wild Rumpus after-school costume parade on Friday, October 28; and the Sparkle Mart juried art and craft fair on Saturday and Sunday, December 3 and 4. The Art Gallery at the Community Center is also open daily for visitors of all ages.

Additional arts program information is available at greenbeltmd.gov/arts. City of Greenbelt arts programs are supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.



Fifteen years ago, Amina Khalifa's 2-year-old grandson, AZ, met Rodney and Terri Russell, owners of Simple Pleasures Ice Cream at the Greenbelt Farmers Market and fell in love with their ice cream, returning to sample it regularly as he grew up. AZ moved to Colorado last year, but was back for a visit with his grandmother, who lives in Windsor Green, on August 14 and made sure to stop by Simple Pleasures. "Hey, AZ, welcome," said Rodney with a big hug, and it was as if he never left.

- Photos by Amina Khalifa

A Review

Twelve Angry Women at GAC

by Carol Griffith

The Greenbelt Arts Center has reopened for live theater, somewhat later than other arts venues in Greenbelt. But it is very much worth the wait to see a production as good as *Twelve Angry Women*, the first show of the schedule.

The play has been performed in many incarnations, probably most notably as the 1957 movie *Twelve Angry Men*. It doesn't lose anything, and in fact is more relevant now with all-female roles, in the more-than-capable hands of *The Rude Mechanicals*, the resident theater company at the Arts Center.

Twelve Angry Women begins with a reading of the jury instructions for a murder trial in which a young man is accused of murdering his father. Guilt must be proved beyond a reasonable doubt in order to sustain a guilty verdict, and it must be a unanimous decision of all ju-

rors. Deft costuming shows the 12 women to be a very diverse group: physically, economically and socially. During the jury deliberations, each must confront her history and conscience while coming to terms with the other jurors. Tension builds and tempers flare as alliances are made and broken, and minds and hearts are changed, until the verdict is reached in a dramatic conclusion.

Performances will take place at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday of the next two weekends (September 2, 3, 9 and 10) and there will be a 2 p.m. matinee on September 4. Online advance ticket reservations are preferred at greenbeltartscenter.org but tickets may be purchased at the door. Patrons must wear a mask at all times in the theater and provide digital or paper proof of vaccinations against Covid-19 with ID that matches the vaccination documentation.



Devora Zack, Juror Eight, demonstrates a switchblade.

- Photos by Jaki Demarest



From left, Devora Zack is Juror 8, Laurel Miller-Sims is Juror 10 and Malia Murray is Juror 11 in the *Rude Mechanicals* production of *Twelve Angry Women* at Greenbelt Arts Center.

During Labor Day Festival

No Farmers Market Sept 4



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the facility more sustainable and supportive of new and ongoing research opportunities.”

On the List

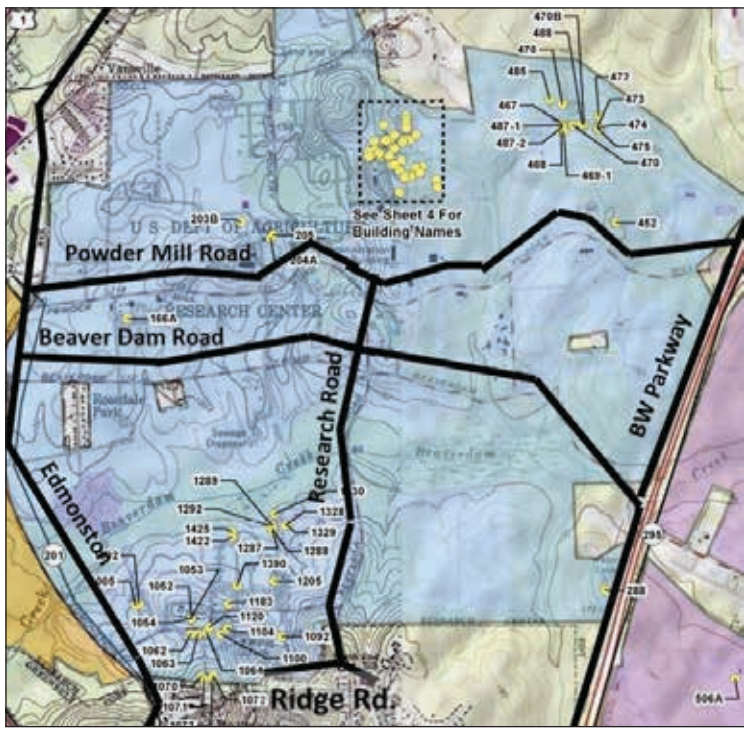
None of the buildings proposed for demolition are in use – some haven’t been used for decades – and they are in various states of disrepair. They were constructed during the 1930s through the 1970s and generally were abandoned as the focus of BARC research evolved. Various structures for holding animals are no longer needed, and buildings previously used as labs do not meet current minimum criteria for USDA’s laboratory and research standards. Nearly all of the buildings on the list (114 of 117) contribute to the National Register for Historic Places-eligible BARC historic district, and 55 are included in the Maryland Inventory of Historic Places. Many of the buildings were designed during the New Deal era and constructed by workers from the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC); there were four CCC camps at BARC between 1933 and 1942, and at least three African American CCC companies worked there. The EA states that the USDA Agricultural Research Service will evaluate these buildings further and develop information and photos for the Living New Deal website (livingnewdeal.org) and other public interpretation outlets.

Locations

There are buildings on the list across all sections of BARC, but the great majority are located on the Central Farm, between Edmonston Road and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. Here there are three main clusters of buildings proposed for demolition: the 300 cluster along or near Zoology Road, which is accessed from Center Road (north of Powder Mill Road and the Log Lodge); the 400 cluster at the end of Entomology Road, which runs northward from Powder Mill Road; and the 1000 cluster, which lies between Edmonston Road and Research Road, south of Beaverdam Creek and adjacent to Greenbelt. Not covered in this EA are the 22 buildings at the north end of Poultry Road that will be demolished for construction of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing currency production facility. An EA of that proposed action was released in January 2020, but demolition work and site clearing have not yet begun.

Public Comments

Comments on the Environmental Assessment or proposed action must be submitted no later than Friday, September 2, to Bill Howl, BARC Point of Contact, Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, 10300 Baltimore Avenue, Building 003, Beltsville, or by email at bill.howl@usda.gov. Printed copies of the EA are available in Building 003, Room 009; at the College Park Community Library, 9704 Rhode Island Avenue; or at the Beltsville Library, 4319 Sellman Road.



Locations of buildings to be demolished on the BARC Central Farm

PHOTO BY CATHIE MEETRE



This barn on Zoology Road is on the list of BARC buildings slated for demolition.

PHOTO BY DEANNA DAWSON



This Georgian-Revival style building, historically known as Entomology Lab A, is slated for demolition.

PHOTO BY DEANNA DAWSON

Friends of Café Arts Wins Grant to Support New Show

Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA) won a grant for its new art show, the Ekphrastic Fantastic Art Show. This show brings together two forms of art: visual art and poetry. It allows poets to write a poem in response to a piece of visual art, and allows visual artists to create a piece in response to a poem. According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, ekphrasis is a noun defined as, “A literary description of or commentary on a visual work of art.”

This type of interactive show is a first at the Café. The artists and poets selected to participate were not told the identities of the creators of the works they were responding to. Thanks to a generous grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation, FONDCA is able to award a small stipend to each of the nine poets and nine artists participating in the show. The Ekphrastic Fantastic Art Show now on display will remain until October 24. There will be a public reception for the artists and poets on Sunday, October 2, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the New Deal Café.

Greenbelt Wildlife



A patient frog sits on the peninsula at the Lake park.

PHOTO BY KATHRYN BEARD




Caught with a peanut, a squirrel finds bare branches don't provide an effective hiding place.

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Two-to-three-inch (dead) Hercules Beetle found on a sidewalk

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Police Blotter

Incidents reported here occurred from August 22 through August 28. Readers are encouraged to contact the police if they have information that may aid in an inquiry. Call the non-emergency number 301-474-7200 or email pd@greenbeltd.gov. Note that the times provided are when the incidents were reported.

Assault with a Firearm

On August 27 at 4:30 p.m. near Crescent Road, a dispute between two men escalated when one displayed a firearm and shot at the other; both men then ran from the area. The armed individual is described as a Black male with braids in a ponytail between 20-26 years old, last seen wearing a white T-shirt and black pants. The other man is described as a Black male last seen wearing a yellow shirt and red sweatpants. At this time, no injuries have been reported and there is no threat to the immediate public. During the incident, responding officers searched the area to ensure there was no ongoing danger to the public. The department is actively investigating this incident and there will be additional patrols for the next several weeks.

Theft from Auto

On August 24 at 12:19 p.m. Greenbelt Police officers were flagged down at Springhill Drive and Edmonston Road by a community member who noticed someone cutting a catalytic converter off a vehicle. Officers arrested a 34-year-old adult after locating him in a stolen vehicle and in possession of the stolen catalytic converter. (This is an example of community partnership resulting in the arrest. If you see something, say something.)

Assault

On August 23 at 1:49 p.m. near 9100 Edmonston Court, the victim and the suspect got into a dispute over an "OfferUp" transaction, and the suspect pointed a firearm at the victim before leaving in a gray vehicle. On August 25 at 5:23 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, victim assaulted after the suspect accused the victim of stealing the suspect's phone.

Attempted Auto Theft

On August 28 at 10:31 a.m. near 400 Ridge Road, hairpin jammed inside vehicle's ignition, vehicle left unlocked.

Attempted Robbery

On August 28 at 10:54 p.m. near 6200 Greenbelt Road, as the victim used an external ATM, an adult male approached and demanded money; the victim refused. Concerned community members witnessed this robbery attempt and called Greenbelt police communications, keeping the suspect in their view until officers arrived to take the suspect into custody.

Auto Vandalism

On August 26 at 3:07 p.m. near 6200 Springhill Court, driver-side and front passenger-side windows damaged but not shattered.

Break-In

On August 28 at 1:53 p.m. near 9100 Springhill Lane, residence sliding glass door shattered; nothing taken.

nothing taken.

Citation Issued

On August 22 at 12:53 p.m. near Greenbelt Road / 63rd Avenue, adult male given a criminal citation for possession of narcotics. On August 27 at 8:56 p.m. near Southway / Ridge Road, adult male given a criminal citation for possession of narcotics.

Drug and Firearm Arrest

On August 28 at 7:11 p.m. near 5700 Cherrywood Lane, officers located over \$1,500 cash and approximately 160 grams of marijuana, recovered a stolen handgun and made four arrests. A 22-year-old adult was arrested on drug- and firearm-related charges. Three additional adult males were arrested on drug-related charges.

DUI Arrest

On August 28 at 12:56 a.m. near Lakecrest Drive / Greenbelt Road, DUI arrest.

Fraud

On August 22 at 6:11 p.m. near 8100 Bird Lane, wire money fraud. On August 23 at 4:29 p.m. near 7800 Walker Drive, wire fraud. On August 25 at 2:19 p.m. near 7900 Mandan Road, fraudulent use of victim's Cash App.

Missing Person Located

On August 27 at 3:42 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, missing person out of Bowie located.

Shoplifting

On August 25 at 10:56 a.m. near 7500 Greenbelt Road, commercial theft. On August 27 at 8:14 a.m. near 7600 Greenbelt Road, commercial theft.

Stolen Bicycle Located

On August 26 at 10:08 a.m. near Maplewood Court, stolen bicycle located.

Stolen Vehicle

On August 27 at 2:29 p.m. near 100 Westway, 2020 Chevy Malibu stolen.

Stolen Vehicle Located

On August 25 at 2:04 a.m. near 6100 Breezewood Court, located vehicle stolen in Washington, D.C.

Theft

On August 22 at 11:15 a.m. near 6200 Springhill Drive, theft of business property. On August 23 at 6:04 p.m. near 7900 Good Luck Road, commercial theft. On August 24 at 4:12 p.m. near 6000 Springhill Drive, package theft. On August 26 at 11:10 a.m. near 7700 Greenbelt Road, personal property taken from business employee; at 6:58 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, purse taken from shopping cart. On August 28 at 10:49 a.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, commercial theft.

Theft from Auto

On August 22 at 7:24 a.m. near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace, passenger-side window damaged, nothing taken. Second vehicle in area, window broken, handicap placard stolen. At 9:24 a.m. near 6100 Breezewood Drive, all four

wheels and tires stolen from 2021 Honda Accord. Second vehicle in area had driver-side window broken, nothing of value taken. On August 23 at 4:33 p.m. near 8000 Mandan Road, registration sticker stolen. On August 24 at 8:03 a.m. near 5800 Cherrywood Lane, all four rims and tires stolen from 2022 Honda Accord. On August 26 at 4:41 a.m. near 6100 Breezewood Drive, steering wheel airbags stolen from three vehicles: 2020 Honda Civic, 2018 Honda Pilot and 2017 Honda Civic. At 6:54 p.m. near 6100 Breezewood Drive, airbag stolen from Honda. On August 28 at 8:18 a.m. near 7800 Walker Drive, rear passenger-side window broken, personal property stolen; at 9:10 a.m. near 7800 Mandan Road, front passenger-side window broken, personal property stolen; at 9:44 a.m. near 6300 Golden Triangle Drive, two vehicles had windows broken and were rummaged through - nothing of value taken.

Vandalism

On August 23 at 10:07 a.m. near 6100 Breezewood Court, residence window broken by rock.

On August 25 at 5:52 p.m. near 6200 Breezewood Drive, residents were home when they heard a gunshot and located a bullet hole in the residence and a broken window. No suspect information available. No injuries reported. On August 26 at 4:25 p.m. near 7800 Hanover Parkway, residence door damaged.

Victim Threatened

On August 22 at 9:28 p.m. near 5700 Cherrywood Lane, victim threatened by five unknown males. Victim did not know what they were saying due to a language barrier. Officers did not locate the five males, but provided the victim with a ride home.

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handled 34 calls for service and follow-up visits. "With the creation of the Crisis Intervention Team, we are continuing to build on the resources we can provide to the community, furthering our commitment to serve Greenbelt to the best of our abilities," said Chief Richard Bowers. "This program, along with mental health services offered by Greenbelt CARES, provides the highest level of care for our residents. The goal of community policing is prevention. When an individual is linked to appropriate

community resources, they are then supported and less likely to be involved in inappropriate or criminal behavior."

Rachel Tobin was hired at the beginning of July as the CIT coordinator. She is a licensed social worker with seven years of experience working in the crisis field. The Greenbelt Police Department will begin searching for a second clinician to join the team in the fall.

This information is from a Greenbelt Police Department press release.



Water lilies rest on Greenbelt Lake.

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School News

Help Greenbelt Elementary Collect Box Tops Online

by Eric McKenzie, GES PTA Box Tops coordinator

Greenbelt Elementary School is collecting Box Tops for Education to support the school. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents, and those add up quickly when everybody contributes. They can be found on common products like Cheerios, Lucky Charms, Chex, Kix, Nature Valley, Pillsbury, Progresso, Yoplait, Cascadian Farm, Old El Paso and Lysol.

Some local stores are offering extra bonuses, like Target (for 40 bonus tops, buy four Box Tops products through September 5), Giant (for 40 bonus tops, buy four Box Tops products through September 20) and Costco (10 tops through September 30).

The program uses an app instead of cutting and collecting the tops. To participate, download the

Box Tops app at btf.com. After the app is opened for the first time, it helps the user set up an account so that the companies' donations go to Greenbelt Elementary School, and then gives a quick tutorial. After shopping, one starts the app and presses the scan button to take a picture of the receipt and the donation is handled automatically. The app also lists other bonuses for particular products. Email receipts from delivery services like Instacart, Peapod, Target, Walmart, Sam's Club, Safeway or Wegmans with Box Tops items are also eligible for credit.

A complete list of participating Box Tops products is available at boxtops4education.com/s/box-tops-products.

PGCPS Lifts Mask Mandate

With declining local Covid-19 positivity rates, Prince George's County Schools (PGCPS) announced August 30 on their website that a mask-optional policy will resume in all PGCPS facilities on Tuesday, September 6. All staff, students and families are encouraged to support personal decisions on mask wearing. According to the website at pgcps.org, "When responding to public health threats such as Covid-19, Maryland school districts have flexibility in determining mask-wearing policies. PGCPS will continue to make health and safety decisions in consultation with health experts."



Back to School Backpacks



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Councilmember Ric Gordon presides at the final Backpack Giveaway held at Beltway Plaza. Kids attending also got free haircuts from Beltway Barbers. The theme of the event was to Make Smart Cool!! Appreciation went also to Anthony Tilghman and to Alejandra Ramirez, owner of Beltway Hardware. Community leaders including Stanford Fraser and Jenni Pompi were also in attendance.

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learning and serving our more than 131,000 students."

The school system's strategic goals include accelerating achievement in mathematics across all grade levels, and improving the school climate by addressing challenges with behavior, attendance, safety and inclusivity. Additionally, work is underway to expand mental health and wellness supports as well as social-emotional learning.

New Principals

Thirty-five schools are welcoming new principals. While some are first-time PGCPS administrators, most were promoted through the school system's "growing our own" initiative, which offers leadership training and mentoring.

Building Greener

Cherokee Lane Elementary is the first of 10 new schools set to open over the next four years as PGCPS modernizes school infrastructure through innovative construction and financing methods. Sustainable school buildings that reduce their carbon footprint and harness clean energy are integral to the system's new Climate

Change Action Plan - Cherokee Lane attained LEED Silver certification. Schools under construction include: Adelphi, Walker Mill, Drew-Freeman, Hyattsville, Kenmoor, Glenridge and William Wirt Middle Schools; the new Colin L. Powell K-8 Academy; and Suitland High School. The second phase of schools to be built under the alternative financing model will be announced this fall.

School Boundaries

PGCPS will finalize the Comprehensive School Boundary Initiative, balancing enrollment and creating new boundaries for neighborhood schools. The project timeline was extended last spring to allow adequate time for recently-appointed Board of Education members from vacant districts to review community feedback. The Boundary Initiative started in fall 2020. It is being conducted by a consultant team led by WXY Studio, working in close partnership with PGCPS staff and the Boundary Advisory Committee. Changes will be phased in during the 2023-24 school year.

NextNOW Fest: Arts for All at UM

The Clarice offers its annual signature event, NextNOW Fest, from September 6 to 10. In addition to the student, academic and touring arts lineup at The Clarice, partnerships with student-led groups, academic departments and community organizations will expand the festival to sites throughout campus and into the community.

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School News

An ERHS to Goddard Bike Trail?

by Jeff Lemieux

Mayor Emmett Jordan and I recently rode on bicycle from Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) to Goddard Space Flight Center, and on to Good Luck Road and DuVal High School.

How did we do it? At first, on a narrow sidewalk, then on acceleration/deceleration lanes and wide shoulders along the north (Goddard) side of Md. Route 193, Greenbelt Road.

We did this to illustrate that there would be ample room for a roadside Greenbelt East Trail along Greenbelt Road. As a shared-use trail, it would connect central Greenbelt to more employment, shopping and housing areas in Greenbelt East and beyond.

This dream Greenbelt East Trail could run from ERHS past Goddard and farther on, to eventually connect with the Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis (WB&A) trail at the Glenn Dale Splash Park. A Greenbelt East trail would help bridge the gap between the Anacostia River Trail System and the WB&A trail, which will soon connect Prince George's County with Anne Arundel County via a new bridge across the Patuxent River.

When the Patuxent River trail bridge is completed in 2023, the WB&A trail will connect with other Maryland trails heading toward BWI Airport, Baltimore and Annapolis. Our proposed trail would be a key component of the East Coast Greenway, which runs from Florida to Maine.

Could a Greenbelt East Trail be built? For about one block east of ERHS, there is a narrow spot under some power lines, but there should be room for an 8-foot sidewalk and trail. Farther east toward Goddard there is room on the acceleration/deceleration lanes, and on the shoulders for a 10-foot or even 12-foot trail. There would be even more room if the traffic lanes on Route 193 were narrowed by a foot – which could also calm traffic.

To be safe, Jersey barriers could separate the trail from traffic, given the high speeds on Greenbelt Road. The existing pork chop structures – or triangular islands at right-turn lanes – and slip-lane high-speed right-turn ramps at several intersections might need to be squared off, which would have the benefit of slowing down traffic making right turns to go westbound on Greenbelt Road from Mandan Road, the Goddard main gate and ICESat road.

Staff from Maryland Department of Transportation/State Highway Administration (SHA) have expressed interest in launching a feasibility study. Because the shoulders and ramps where a Greenbelt East Trail would run are already paved, this could be one trail completed in months, not years.

Over time, if the trail is popular with bike commuters, bus stop users and walkers/joggers, we could ask Goddard for more right of way farther from the roadway, and turn the trail into more of a greenway, with tree plantings or a grass median between the trail and the road.



Mayor Emmett Jordan pauses to read the paper.



Mayor Emmett Jordan bikes from ERHS to NASA.

- Photos by Jeff Lemieux

But first things first: a feasibility study by SHA. If Greenbelt and Prince George's County assent, then SHA will study the route and assess the trail's prospects from an engineering point of view. We also need to ensure that Route 193 is marked for a shared use path on the county's updated Master Plan of Transportation.

In September, advocates are trying to organize a trail walk along the right of way, from ERHS to Goddard, to demonstrate the idea for our local political leaders. Stay tuned!



Complementary colors: yellow tiger swallowtail on purple swamp milkweed

PHOTO BY KATHRYN BEARD

Coming to County High Schools: Financial Literacy Requirement

by Erica Johns

Prince George's County Public Schools students graduating in 2024 will be the first required to take a one-semester financial literacy course in order to graduate. The 0.5 credit course is already available. Students may take it as early as 10th grade, with some schools, including Eleanor Roosevelt and Parkdale, also offering it to 9th graders.

The Maryland State Department of Education requires financial literacy instruction be offered through K-12 (which this county does), but doesn't require it for graduation, leaving that decision to individual counties.

High schools in the county have offered the topic as an elective for more than 20 years, according to Program Coordinator Susan Bistransin. In April 2020, the Prince George's County Board of Education decided to require it for graduation. The current course began as an elective in the 2021-2022 school year. Prince George's is the eighth Maryland county to require the course for graduation, according to NBC News 4 Washington in April 2022.

According to the county curriculum, the course begins with values, goals and financial decision-making. It continues with household income and spending; sales, income and property taxes; managing debt and credit; and savings and investments. Lessons include understanding paychecks, budgeting, using credit cards wisely, insurance, housing (rentals and leases, renting vs. owning), transportation (including car purchases and loans) and consumer fraud. The course ends with career and higher education planning (skills/interests, resumés and cover letters, interview skills and financing higher education). Learning methods include reading, exercises (creating budgets, evaluating credit

products to compare borrowing costs, completing tax returns), simulations (credit card usage, job interviews), research and writing. There are lists of financial resources, books and games for students and parents at pgcps.org/schools/junior-achievement-finance-park/financial-resources.

ERHS financial literacy teacher Sherri Ray said, "I think the curriculum is very helpful because it gives students insight into what it's like in the real world. They hear parents talk about paying bills and rent. The class adds perspective to bring it together for them ... You're really going to have to do this thinking, including about careers and goals, [so] you can afford to pay for the things you want to do." Tamekia Davis, who teaches the course at Parkdale, emphasized the importance of "learn[ing] about [financial literacy] before entering the workforce, because if you enter the workforce without it, you may already have made choices that [could affect you financially for years to come]."


ERHS students Brandon Ray-Andrews and JoJo Gillotte took the class in the 2021-2022 school year in 10th grade. Both advised students to take the course seriously. Ray-Andrews said he "... learned about the cost of living and the job market, and what pays what. The job I was thinking about doesn't pay as much as I expected, so I'm now looking at [other] job opportunities."

"I'd asked my parents about taxes and paychecks before, but didn't really have a good [understanding] about them. The class covered [reading] pay stubs and [actually filling in tax forms]," said Gillotte, who summed the course up like this: "[The class] doesn't teach what it's like to be an adult. It teaches you HOW to be an adult."




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The Meetres' Cycle Trip to Portugal Episode 3: Beaches and Cliffs

by Cathie Meetre

This is the third and final segment in an account of a trip taken by two longtime Greenbelt residents to cycle in the southern region of Portugal – the Algarve. Earlier episodes are available in the issues of May 26 and June 23. Read on to discover their take on cycling around the beaches that attract so many sun seekers to the region each summer.

Anything further from Ocean City can hardly be imagined. The beaches along the south and west coasts are individual coves from 100 yards to perhaps half a mile in their sweep, backed and separated by 100-foot-high cliffs that tower over them. Called Praias in Portuguese, they march one after another across the south coast and up the west coast – the map shows about 50 separately named stretches in as many miles. Lodging is typically at the top with switchback paths or sometimes narrow roads down to the beach. Occasionally, a small restaurant clings to cliffside just above the high tide mark (but not always enough above it, as the ruins show). Ocean rollers follow one on another to break on the sand or smash into the rocks, spraying white clouds 40 feet high. Beaches closest to the Faro airport in the south are backed by a plethora of huge white condominiums, fast food joints, tattoo parlors and other frowsy stuff. Further to the west and northwest, the buildings are fewer and the scenery wilder. The fast food becomes local pizzerias, small surf schools scrape a living and nature takes over. Hear the Meetres say, head west.

From Aljezur on the west coast, the Meetres followed EV-1 south to Sagres. EV-1 is the 8,186 km EuroVelo cycle route that runs from North Cape in Norway to end at Sagres. One feels that perhaps in the effort to complete it, some inattention to surfaces was permitted – and any road bike would almost instantly come to grief on this section. Comprised of deeply rutted farm tracks and forest logging roads, the route is more challenging for its unevenness than the more dramatic hazards and pitches of the mountain areas. That said, it's a pretty good ride on a hybrid or mountain bike. The area is also the haunt of hikers, with robust groups of young Germans in full hiking gear wreaking havoc on the breakfast buffet before heading out for the day. The paths are somewhat better waymarked than others encountered across the Algarve but the Meetres used their Google Map skills to rescue a couple of puzzled hikers on their way to nowhere.

The town of Sagres is the westernmost of the south-coast resorts and to its west is the open



From the cliffs, the wide sweep of the Algarve beaches is impressive. The tiny dots are people.

- Photos by Cathie Meetre



Level with the water, beaches are sometimes rocky. Don't surf here.



The waves at an Algarve beach are an invitation to surfers even in early spring.



moorland that leads to the lighthouse at the most southwesterly point of the country. Spectacular on its cliff, even in the off-season, the Farol do Cabo de São Vicente beacon draws busloads of older German and American tourists to stroll around. But it's still worth a visit – and paths around it are good for some leisurely cycling. The views across cliff and ocean are spectacular. Sagres (seven miles to the east) has three beaches arranged around two promontories with a modern fort on one and a ruined medieval fort on the other. In March, the beaches and cliffs are only sparsely populated and walks out on the clifftop reveal the precipitous cliffs and crashing surf below.

Who Can Do This?

There are many organized

bike trips pre-planned by local tour companies. Presumably they would avoid the roughest of the routes taken by the Meetres and thus minimize the risks but, having survived the experience, the Meetres are of course cock-a-hoop about their adventures. Tours vary between a few days and easy to nearly two weeks at about 60 miles a day in the mountains and some permit a couple traveling with others to have one ride the easy and the other the hard routes, but stay in the same places. Inexperienced or sensible people should probably make this choice.

Like any such travellers, the Meetres have so much more they

could tell. Experienced cycle tourists (though always slowly and not too far), they have cycled in most European countries over a period of nearly 30 years but this was their first electric bike adventure and first time in Portugal. As the trip ended, they returned to Loulé, and gave back the bikes (which had taken a licking and kept on ticking), packed their panniers into the carry-on suitcases the hotel had held for them (not checking bags almost paid for the bike rental at \$100 per suitcase per person per flight) and took the train back to Lisbon and thence, more prosaically, winged aloft to Greenbelt.

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