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Kyla Finds Happiness Here

by Kyla Hanington

The Greenbelt News Review asked me to find the five happiest places in Greenbelt, in honor of Newsweek's recent announcement of Maryland ranking as the second happiest state in the nation. This was kind of a big ask, in part because I haven't been that happy recently. But I have often been told that if you search for trouble, trouble is what you find, so perhaps if I looked for happiness, happiness I would find. And second happiest in the nation is pretty happy, Maryland! I decided to set out in search of happiness. I won't pretend I can make a definitive list of the most happy places in Greenbelt, but what follows are Kyla's top five.

The Community Center

The Community Center has got to be near the top of anyone's list of great things about Greenbelt. There are all kinds of classes, clubs, activities, all year



PHOTO BY DANIEL HAMLIN

Kyla talks to a member of the Sew For Charity group at the Community Center about why it's a happy place.

round, at all times of day. Want to learn to make stained glass? The Community Center can help with that! Have an obscure hobby and want to meet folks to hobby alongside? They have a club for people just like you (and if they don't, they'd probably be delighted if you'd start one). Out in the sun and need a water fountain and a bathroom? Also, the Community Center. So

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Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Celebrates 70 Years of Fun

by Anne Gardner

The Labor Day Festival is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year. Started in 1955 as a fundraiser to build the Youth Center, the Festival has not skipped a year since – even surviving the pandemic in a pared-down partly-online format. By 1960 sufficient funds had been raised for construction to begin, and in the following years the proceeds went to youth programs at the Youth Center and elsewhere in the city.

The first Festival had many of the same activities that people will enjoy this year: the parade, entertainment on the stage, an art show, talent show, bingo and sports contests. Many of the local churches and organizations were involved in the first four-day Festival. St. Hugh's ran the bingo, the Community Church had a bake sale, the Jewish Community Center (now Mishkan Torah) sold kosher hot dogs and hot pastrami sandwiches, the Boy Scouts sold hot dogs and the concert band sold soft drinks. Various organizations such as the Little League, the Lions Club and the



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Greenbelt Co-op Nursery School mini-marchers bring their parents along for the parade. The Nursery School has made available the "Greenbelt is Great" T-shirts for the community and a booth for the younger set at the Festival. - News Review, September 6, 1984

Fire Department sponsored candidates for the Popularity Contest (for "charming ladies" aged between 15 and 50) with the community voting for their favorites by putting pennies in a jar for each contestant.

Other activities that first year included a fishing rodeo at Greenbelt Lake, a water pageant at the pool (featuring synchronized swimming, diving

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Greenbelt Again Celebrates Annual National Night Out

by Matthew Neus

Hundreds of Greenbelt residents, the Greenbelt Police Department and the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department gathered across the city on Tuesday, August 6 to celebrate National Night Out, an annual community event held on the first Tuesday in August.

The night out is aimed at promoting "police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie," according to the National Night Out website. National events range from block parties, festivals and cookouts to safety demonstrations and police and fire department exhibits.

Greenbelters flocked to five different locations across Greenbelt last week to celebrate. Games and prizes were shared by residents, members of the Greenbelt City Council and those working for the Greenbelt police and fire departments. The festivi-



PHOTO COURTESY GREENBELT POLICE

McGruff the Crime Dog makes friends at Lakeside North on National Night Out.

ties were held at Hunting Ridge, Schrom Hills Recreation Center, Windsor Green, Lakeside North and Beltway Plaza.

The most-attended location was behind Beltway Plaza, where kids and their families stood in long lines to enjoy food from Mission BBQ. An inflatable obstacle course was set up for children to navigate while others waited for an exciting opportunity to extinguish a flame with help

from firefighters. Tours of firefighting equipment, fire trucks and ambulances also were offered to the public.

Backyard games such as cornhole welcomed fun competition between friends as others waited patiently to hear their raffle number called to win prizes.

"It's been great to see everyone out here," said Brian Roberts, who works with the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department. "Lots of kids, lots of families. It's been awesome to see everyone out."

As the event offered a space for Greenbelters to come

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What Goes On

Monday, August 19

7:30 p.m., Special City Council Meeting/Closed Session: City Manager's Evaluation Process, Municipal Building

Wednesday, August 21

7:30 p.m., Council Worksession: Advisory Group Chairs, Municipal Building

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

Council Considers Non-Citizen Voting in Greenbelt Elections

by Matthew Arbach

On August 7, Greenbelt City Council convened a worksession with the city's Board of Elections (BOE) on the possibility of introducing amendments to the City Charter and City Code that would allow non-citizens to vote in municipal elections. In 2023, around two-thirds of the city's registered voters supported the idea in a non-binding question. At the worksession, BOE presented their first draft of these possible amendments for council deliberation. BOE was represented primarily by chair Steve Gilbert and member Beth Terry.

Mayor Emmett Jordan stated that the spirit of this initiative reflects the city's commitment to inclusiveness and the desire for the enfranchisement of all the city's residents. If approved, council and BOE were eager to have these measures in place by the next city election, November 2025.

In regard to the Charter, it would require an entirely new section. The Charter's language was adjusted for greater clarity in existing sections. Another new

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PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

In Greenbelt's one-week Circus Camp that started August 12, Eleanor Cooper practices walking on a spool helped by Dinah Cohen while Lorelei Jenkins (in the brown dress) waits her turn. See more photos, page 12.

Letters to the Editor

Bravo, Chris Cherry

A big shout out to Greenbelt's artistic treasure, Chris Cherry, and to the staff and campers of the Creative Kids' Camp! This summer's musical, *The Cookie Caper*, written and directed by Chris Cherry, was a joy to watch and an educational experience. The young performers were all stellar, and they appeared to be having a blast. The audience even got to participate in the fun as well!

The play was a love letter to Greenbelt but it did not shy away from our roots as a segregated town. Cherry dramatized the pain of exclusion that people of color would have experienced in our town's early years. Greenbelt was a beautiful town that had nearly everything but a place for non-whites. The play even made a nod to Greenbelt's hardworking Reparations Commission.

Cherry's play was entertaining, inspiring and informative. The production developed and showcased some of Greenbelt's young talent, offered a family friendly and free theater experience to the community as well as a well-researched historical exhibit of Greenbelt.

The play ended with a re-

minder that the work of "securing the blessings of liberty" is as yet unfinished, and the November 2024 calendar in the play's dramatized News Review office points us to the work of democracy that we can all undertake to help secure those blessings. Bravo Chris Cherry, and thank you for entertaining, educating and inspiring us!

Laura Bonkosky

A Thankful Fire Department Auxiliary

On behalf of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary, I would like to give a huge and thankful thank you to all the residents, friends and families in Greenbelt and surrounding communities for participating and attending our Indoor Community Yard Sale we held on July 27. It was a huge success and we owe that huge success to all of you – thank you, everyone. Without you we would not be as successful as we have been all these years. Our next yard sale date will be in November – date to be announced soon.

Kathy Reynolds
Greenbelt VFD Auxiliary

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Tues. 7:15 PM
Wed. 5:45 PM
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Mon. 2:15 PM, 4:45 PM
Thurs. 7:15 PM

It Ends with Us (PG-13) (CC) (DVS) (2024) (130 mins)
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Mon. 2:00 PM (OC), 5:00 PM
Thurs. 7:00 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
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Sun. 12:30 PM, 3:45 PM
Tues. 7:00 PM
Wed. 7:45 PM

Storytime on Screen - Free!
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It's Only Life After All (NR) (2023) (123 mins)
Summer Concert Series
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Wed. 8:00 PM

The Princess and the Frog (G) (2009) (95 mins)
School's Out - Free!
- Sponsored by Rad Orthodontics
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Thurs. 1:00 PM

Correction

In last week's article about the August 6 at-large County Council primary, we reported incorrectly on the response of Republican winner Michael Riker to our question about how his campaign would prevent campaign funds misuse and carry out duties ethically. His response was: "In my career I have always held my ethics and profession to a high standard. My campaign fund would only be used for business purposes, and I would live within my means otherwise. As for my team they would be held to the standards that I hold."



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On Screen at Greenbelt Cinema

Didi

In 2008, during the last month of summer before high school begins, an impressionable 13-year-old Taiwanese American boy learns what his family can't teach him: how to skate, how to flirt and how to love your mom. Critic's consensus: "A semi-autobiographical love letter to teenage angst that's also slyly self-critical, [the film] is a deeply moving personal statement by writer-director Sean Wang."

It Ends with Us

The film tells the story of Lily Bloom (Blake Lively), a woman who overcomes a traumatic childhood to embark on a new life in Boston and chase a lifelong dream of opening her own business. A chance meeting with charming neurosurgeon Ryle Kincaid (Justin Baldoni) sparks an intense connection, but as the two fall deeply in love, Lily begins to see sides of Ryle that remind her of her parents' relationship. When her first love, Atlas Corrigan, suddenly reenters her life, her relationship with Ryle is upended, and Lily realizes she must learn to rely on her own strength to make an impossible choice for her future.

It's Only Life After All

With 40 years of making music as the iconic folk-rock band Indigo Girls, Amy Ray and Emily Saliers have made their mark as musicians, songwriters and dedicated activists. They have represented radical self-acceptance to many, leading multiple generations of fans to say, "The Indigo Girls saved my life." Still, Amy and Emily battled misogyny, homophobia and a harsh cultural climate chastising them for not fitting into a female pop star mold. With joy, humor and heart-warming earnestness, Sundance award-winning director Alexandria Bombach brings us into a contemporary conversation with Amy and Emily – alongside decades of the band's home movies and intimate present-day verité.

The Princess and the Frog

Hardworking and ambitious, Tiana (Anika Rose) dreams of one day opening the finest restaurant in New Orleans. Her dream takes a slight detour when she meets Prince Naveen (Bruno Campos), who has been turned into an amphibian by evil Dr. Facilier. Mistaking her for a princess and hoping to break the spell, Naveen plants a kiss on poor Tiana – thereby turning her into a frog as well. The pair hop along on an adventure through the bayous to seek the help of a powerful voodoo priestess.

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Community Events

Rec Department Hosts Free Hand Dance Event

The Recreation Department is hosting A Night on the Town – Hand Dance Social, a free event in Roosevelt Center on Sunday, August 18 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. It is free and open to the public, no registration required and is a family-friendly event. Music will be provided by DJ Slyty. The D.C. Hand Dance Club will be conducting a free short lesson from 6 to 6:30 to welcome people into this dance style that developed in Washington, D.C. Hand dancing has been the official dance of the city since 1999.

The Cost of Inheritance On Monday, August 19

Reel and Meal will show the film The Cost of Inheritance on Monday, August 19.

Briayna Cuffie, co-founder of the Annapolis-based organization Reparations4Slavery, appears in the film and will be at the Café to talk about her work and lead a discussion after the film.

The Cost of Inheritance screening is hosted by a group that has emerged to support Greenbelt's Reparations Commission, the GILA Reparations Education Task Force. The group will also introduce its upcoming Coming to the Table initiative: a monthly dinner, study and facilitated conversation to increase racial unity and understanding.

The film begins at 7 p.m. in the New Deal Café, and is also broadcast over Zoom. Registration is required for virtual viewing at the link tinyurl.com/ReelMealAug2024.

Café attendees are encouraged to order dinner from the New Deal Café's menu, which includes several vegan options. Film attendance is free. Donations to Reel and Meal are accepted.

The Reel and Meal at the New Deal Café is a monthly film series focused on environmental, social justice and animal rights issues. For more information see the Reel and Meal Facebook page at facebook.com/reelandmealNDC or email Joy Allchin at njallchin@gmail.com.

Greenbelt Concert Band Welcomes Musicians

The Greenbelt Concert Band rehearses Monday evenings beginning September 9, and welcomes new members, especially trumpet players. For more information, visit greenbeltconcertband.org.

For more information, call Li'l Dan Celdran, Greenbelt Concert Band general manager, at 240-643-3768.

Used Books Sought For School Book Sale

It's that time of year again. Declutter and support a local elementary school. For those whose bookshelves are overflowing, the Greenbelt Elementary School PTA will be collecting used books to sell at its annual Used Book Sale at the Labor Day Festival.

Book donations will be accepted on Saturday, August 17 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church, at the back parking lot of the church. All books, as well as CDs, DVDs, records, puzzles and games, will be accepted, except manuals, encyclopedias and dictionaries.

Back-to-School Giveaway Saturday

Favor's Table is holding a back-to-school backpack giveaway on Saturday, August 17 beginning at 4 p.m. at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church.

Backpacks are filled with school supplies, kid's multivitamins, food, new shoes, clothes, diapers, bras, underwear, socks, hygiene kits and household items. There will be both new and gently used items. Kids must be present to receive backpacks and shoes. To receive diapers, bring the baby's birth certificate or health insurance card. Bring bags.



Mishkan Torah Hosts Pool Party August 25

Join Mishkan Torah for its Back to School Pool Party on Sunday, August 25. The party will be held at the Ellen Linson Splash Park from noon to 3 p.m. All ages are welcome. Join in and learn about their welcoming, family-friendly Jewish community while cooling off from the heat. Contact childrensed@mishkantorah.org to learn more.

Volunteers Needed

The Greenbelt Makerspace seeks volunteers to staff the tool library and organize classes and other events. People are asking for more open hours. Help is needed for the tool library to expand. Sign up for shifts at signup.com/go/UNkLnqk or email us at staff@make125.org if interested in other times or jobs.

The Greenbelt Makerspace is down the outside stairs on the west side of the Granite Building at 115 Centerway.

Girl Scouts Sponsor Children's Pet Show



Traditional pets (like dogs and cats) are always welcome.

Bring your pet to the Labor Day Festival Children and Teen Pet Show on Saturday, August 31 on the Community Center Lawn, rain or shine. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.; judging and awards start at 10 a.m. Dogs, cats, rabbits, hamsters, guinea pigs, rats and more – all types and sizes of



pets are welcome! Share what makes your pet special and see them get the recognition they deserve.

The Pet Show is sponsored by Girl Scout Troop 23007.

- Photos by Holly Wheeler, troop leader

Golden Age Club Meets Wednesdays

The Golden Age Club meets from 11 a.m. to noon each Wednesday. Visitors are welcome.

Upcoming meetings:
August 21: Birthday Celebration (bring snacks to share)
August 28: Bingo.

Rude Mechanicals Present The School for Scandal

The School for Scandal, an 18th century comedy by Richard Sheridan, is the latest offering from the Rude Mechanicals and will open at the Greenbelt Arts Center on Friday, August 23. Set in the 1980s, the eponymous group of gossips at the School for Scandal Morning Show dish the dirt on various society figures.

The Rude Mechanicals are a resident company at the Greenbelt Arts Center and have been associated with the Greenbelt community since the troupe's inception 25 years ago.

See the ad on page 9 for show times and more information.

Playground Plogging: Safe & Sparkly Spaces

Plogging is a wacky way of saying "picking up litter while you jog or walk," invented by Swedish outdoorsman and environmentalist Erik Ahlstrom. The word plogging comes from plocka, the Swedish word for pick up. Plogging is an eco-friendly and healthy exercise. It is an opportunity to take action and help prevent stormwater pollution by cleaning up litter from streams and stormwater ponds.

On Labor Day Weekend – Friday, August 30, through Monday, September 2 – Greenbelt Plogs, a RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness) initiative, will be cleaning up the approximately 40 city playgrounds across Greenbelt, making them safe and sparkly.

Those interested should contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler at spreadruak@gmail.com and let him know where they'll be plogging or ask where ploggers are needed, so as to coordinate efforts and spread the wealth of engagement.



Register for Festival Rising Stars Showcase

Greenbelters are invited to share their performance talents with the community at the Rising Stars showcase at the Labor Day Festival on Sunday, September 1. The showcase will take place on the stage between 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Performers of all ages are welcome, and participants will have the chance to win a \$50, \$100 or \$200 prize. Preregistration is required by Sunday, August 25. For more information and a link to the registration form, visit greenbeltlaborday.com/events-and-activities/greenbelt-rising-stars.

Writers Group Meets Friday

The Greenbelt Writers Group will meet on Friday, August 16 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center. Participants are invited to read a submission if they choose to. The group enjoys hearing what fellow writers have written. Everyone is welcome.

Stamp Out Hunger Close to Home

Greenbelt PORCH is continuing to collect nonperishable food in the month of August as scheduled below:

Saturday, August 17: By 10 a.m. for 14 and 15 Courts Laurel Hill

Sunday, August 18: By 4 p.m. for Boxwood Village and for PORCH at large members. Contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler at spreadruak@gmail.com by noon on August 18 for pickup.

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

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

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Reel and Meal 7-9pm A monthly social justice & film series. VISIT NDC WEBSITE	NDC Open Mic w/ Joey Campfire 7-9:30pm Sign-ups at 6:30p. New performers welcome!	Pub Quiz 7-9pm Test Your Knowledge! Bring your own team or form one on the spot.	FRENCH CONVERSATION, 5:30p - 6:30pm Joey's Campfire MC's 7-9pm Special Night of 3 solo rock artists!	HAPPY HOUR 4-7pm \$1 OFF BEER AND WINE WEDNESDAY \$1 OFF PER GLASS \$5 OFF A BOTTLE

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Utopia Film Festival Selections (2019)
In light of the Utopia Film Festival's 20th anniversary, we look back on some favorites from year 15: Victory Swim and Twisp: The Power of Community. Screeners for this year's festival are encouraged to attend our next Utopia planning meeting, Tuesday, August 20th at 7:30pm in the GATE Studio!

New This Month
Creative Kids Camp Video Productions!
The Greenbelt Recreation Department's Summer Creative Kids Camp may be over, but the memories remain, and so do the video productions! Tune in to see the campers' productions from session 2, featuring a mad-libs style news broadcast!

All this and more on the GATE channel this week! Check greenbeltaccessstv.org for the full broadcast schedule, and visit [Greenbelt Access Television](https://GreenbeltAccessTelevision) on YouTube for new video productions.

Obituaries

Robert McNally



PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

Robert Donald McNally

Robert Donald McNally of Shallotte, N.C., died Wednesday, July 10, 2024. Bob was born on September 15, 1940, in Queens, N.Y., to the late Joseph Francis McNally and Frances Fitzpatrick McNally. At age 3, Robert's family moved to Greenbelt, where he was raised and met lifelong friends. After four years in the U.S. Navy he wed Ann Murphy on January 20, 1962.

Bob was a member of the Prince George's County Police Department for 20 years and served in various units including homicide, canine, vice and child abuse squads. While he was serving in the police department, he and Ann additionally started the Murmac Construction Company, building over 100 townhouses and single-family homes in Prince George's and Anne Arundel counties.

After retirement from the police force in 1982, he was the director of security for Bowie and Laurel Race Tracks and a project manager for two local home construction companies for a number of years.

First and foremost, Bob enjoyed any time spent with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He enjoyed boating on the Chesapeake Bay and RVing throughout the country and spent retirement enjoying winters

in the Florida Keys.

Bob is survived by his spouse of 62 years, Ann McNally; his children Michael McNally (Teresa) of Jacksonville, N.C., Kelly Grennan (Kevin) of Charlotte, N.C., and Melissa Rowland (Neill) of Sunset Beach, N.C.; his 10 grandchildren Zachary, Brittany, Matthew, Lyndsay, Steven, Andrew, Kendall, Jacob, Taylor and Brady; and two great-grandchildren Bethany and Juliet; his brother Joseph McNally; his sisters Marybeth Paterson and Cathy Easter; and many other family members and friends.

Bob's love of family, easy humor and friendly spirit will be missed by all. His family will keep his cherished memory in their hearts forever.

Robert McNally's funeral Mass was held on July 18 in Shallotte, N.C. Donations in his honor can be sent to SECU Hospice House of Brunswick, Lower Cape Fear LifeCare, 955 Mercy Lane, S.E., Bolivia, NC 28422.

GILA Holds Memorial Service at the Festival

Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association is holding their Greenbelt Resident Memorial Service at the Labor Day Festival on Sunday, September 1. Those who have a relative or friend who died between Labor Day 2023 and the present are asked to review the list on greenbeltinterfaith.org. Click the Memorials 2024 tab in the far right of the top bar for the list. Use the contact form to send any changes, corrections or additions.

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.



Longtime Greenbelters will share our sympathy for the family and friends of Bob McNally who, along with his wife Ann, raised his three children in the 16 Court of Ridge Road.

A huge thank you to Judy Ransom Bell, life-long Greenbelt, who is retiring from the News Review this week. A staff member for 25 years, Judy has served as a copy editor, a past

board member and an all-around positive force in the office.

Congratulations to Deneen Richmond, president of Luminis Health Doctors Community Medical Center, who has been named one of Modern Healthcare's 2024 Diversity Leaders.

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PHOTO BY MATTHEW NEUS

Judy Ransom Bell, center, on her last day at the News Review, with Lola Skolnik, standing, and Joan Estenson



"... justice and equal dealing towards all peoples on the face of the earth are the means whereby progress is effected."

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 - Sun 8am, 9:30am, 11am
- Confessions Saturday 3pm - 4pm.

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City Council Room
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August 18, 2024 at 3:00 pm
Be the Change

Anthony Jenkins with Worship Associate Anne Hoover

In the spirit of August's theme (Change), we'll explore some of the everyday ways each one of us transforms the world through both expression and experience – and how (at the same time) the world is also transforming us.

Streaming on PBUUC's Facebook page, on Zoom, and in person. Worship service held at University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, MD

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
-Missouri Synod-
6905 Greenbelt Road

SUNDAY
Divine Service:
9:30am
Fellowship/Bible Study:
11:00am

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At the Library

Greenbelt Library regular hours are Mondays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays noon to 8 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays 1 to 5 p.m. Face masks are recommended for all customers over the age of 2.

Weekly Storytimes

Friday, August 16, 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at pgcmls.info/event/10815021.

Wednesday, August 21, 12:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at pgcmls.info/event/10814999.

Thursday, August 22, 10:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2. Register at pgcmls.info/event/10814969.

Come join in for stories, songs, fingerplays and more.

Ride and Read

Thursday, August 15, 11 a.m., ages 16+. Get some physical activity in at the library. Sign up for an hour ride on a stationary bike with free apps like Libby and Kanopy to enjoy during the workout. Participants must be 16 or older, sign a waiver before beginning to ride, and be wearing loose-fitting clothing and closed-toed shoes. Register at pgcmls.info/event/10861114.

Bibliobop Dance Party

Saturday, August 17: 10:30 am, ages newborn to 5. Bust a move and shake the sillies out. Bring parents or caregivers and prepare to boogie and bop until we all drop. Register at pgcmls.info/event/10824173.

Storytime on Screen

Monday, August 19: 10:30 a.m., ages 1 to 5, at the Greenbelt Cinema. Greenbelt Cinema, in partnership with the library system, offers a free program of stories, songs and a short film. This program is best suited for children ages 1 to 5 and their caregivers. No unaccompanied children or adults. Register at pgcmls.info/event/10857697.

STEM-tastic

Tuesday, August 20, 4:30 pm, ages 8 to 12. Become a scientist by conducting hands-on, fun science activities with robotics (cubelets). Register at pgcmls.info/event/10881336.

City Notes

In preparation for Hurricane Debby, Public Works deployed sandbags, cleared swales, serviced equipment and removed storm debris. Park Rangers discovered storm damage at the historic Turner Cemetery, notifying Public Works, Code Enforcement and the Museum.

Finance, assistant city manager and grants coordinator met about the clean energy rebate program and various opioid programs.

After one adoption, the Animal Shelter hosts five dogs, five cats and a kitten. Human Resources onboarded the new Animal Control Supervisor.

Environmental/Sustainability facilitated transfer of electronics after their recycling event.

The Arts program received a Maryland Arts Council grant of \$61,454 for programming. The Pottery Group continues a bowl-making drive for the Empty Bowls fundraiser. Creative Kids Camp held final performances and a companion exhibit is open in the art gallery.

CARES wrapped up their five-week coding class for middle school students, facilitated a Taste of Greenbelt event and offered a Back-to-School Health Fair, all at Springhill Lake Recreation Center.



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 AUGUST 19 - 23

Monday, August 19 at 7:30 pm, **SPECIAL MEETING/CLOSED SESSION - CITY MANAGER'S EVALUATION PROCESS**

Tuesday, August 20 at 7 pm, **REPARATIONS COMMISSION**, *On the Agenda: Approval of Agenda/Minutes, Subcommittee Updates, Tribes Update, Public Comments*

Wednesday, August 21 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION - ADVISORY GROUP CHAIRS**

Thursday, August 22 at 7 pm, **FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD**, *On the Agenda: Report on August 21 Advisory Board/Committee Work Session with City Council, Sunrise Tract Trail, Northwestern Eagle Bridge and Canyon Creek Trail Rerouting, Outreach Planning Labor Day Festival Information Day, Stewardship: Updates and Discussion, Possible Additional Signage at the Northway Entrance, Greenbriar Preserve Outreach to Condos and ERHS*

In advance, the hearing impaired are 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 www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, a closed session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Monday, August 19, 2024, at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building: 1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

The purpose of this meeting is 1) to discuss the City Manager's Evaluation Process.

** The public may attend the Special Meeting prior to the closed session and observe the vote of the Council to move into the closed session on Monday, August 19, 2024.*

Bonita Anderson, City Clerk

POOCH PLUNGE!

Saturday, September 7
11 am - 3 pm

Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, 101 Centerway

Join us on Saturday, September 7 at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center for Pooch Plunge 2024! There will be two sessions: 11 am - 12:50 pm and 1 - 3pm. Entry is \$10 per dog, exact cash only please. One dog per handler, and handlers must be 18+.

You must show proof of rabies vaccination to enter and please note, ***tags are not sufficient!*** 50 dogs max per session, first come, first serve. No handlers in the pool and swimming with the dogs is not allowed. You can pick up registration forms beforehand at the Aquatic Center or at the Police booth during the Labor Day Festival!



BACK TO SCHOOL HEALTH FAIR
Tuesday, August 20, 10 am - 1 pm

Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane

Join us for our 'Back-to-School Health Fair! Meet organizations devoted to strengthening community connections - providing resources about health insurance, mental health services, and city educational programming.

Free dental screenings, vision screenings, fun activities and more! The first 100 families to register and attend will receive free school supplies.

Registration is required. We kindly ask that children be present at the event to receive giveaways.

To register, call (240) 424-0302 or visit <https://forms.gle/DjhpsAjjaf5zFBv7>.

¡Que iniciamos este año escolar con buena salud!

Conozca organizaciones locales dedicadas al fortalecimiento de nuestra comunidad - proporcionando recursos acerca del seguro médico, salud mental y programas educativos en nuestra comunidad. ¡Evaluaciones dentales gratis, exámenes de la vista gratis, actividades recreativas y más! Las primeras 100 familias que se registren y asisten recibirán útiles escolares o tarjeta de regalo para alimentos.

Para registrarse, llame (240) 424-0302 o <https://forms.gle/DjhpsAjjaf5zFBv7>.

COMMITTEES & BOARDS VACANCIES VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Volunteering for City of Greenbelt Committees & Boards is an excellent opportunity to engage with your community and make a difference. Choose from a number of committees & boards such as the **Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, the Youth Advisory Committee, or the Advisory Committee on Education**, Arts Advisory Board, Board of Elections, Community Relations Advisory Board, Employee Relations Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, or the Park and Recreation Advisory Board and make a difference in Greenbelt!

By dedicating your time and expertise, you will help shape the future of Greenbelt and create a community that values the voices of all its residents. Take the first step towards making a positive impact and apply for one of these committee vacancies today!

Call (301) 474-8000.

CURRENT CARES PROGRAMS

CARES is happy to provide the following programs FREE of charge:

- **Pink Pantry Opn Registration.** This quarterly program assists low-income Greenbelt residents to access free menstrual products. To register call (240) 424-0302 or email bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.
- **Greenbelt Nursery Project.** Our Greenbelt Nursery project is dedicated to supporting families with young children. We provide 6 Home Visits that offer personalized care and resources. To register call (240) 424-0302 or email bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.
- **Emergency Diaper Distribution.** Must register <https://forms.gle/q92AAhgUyNhQ43U08>. Call (240) 424-0302.
- **Produce Distribution** at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, Lower Level Parking Lot, 25 Crescent Road
Upcoming Dates: September 19, from 1 - 3 pm
- **Produce Distribution** at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Ln (Greenbelt West Residents Only)
Upcoming Dates: September 19, from 3 - 4:15 pm

For descriptions and information, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/CARESPROGRAMS and see ads on this page!

COMPOST YOUR FOOD SCRAPS
Join Round 2 of Our Composting Pilot Program

For one year your food scraps can be collected for free to reduce food waste and return valuable compost to Greenbelt: Open to all Greenbelt residents. You may join the program in combination with close-by neighbors to help fill the 7-gallon tote for weekly pickup. Purchase the collection tote for a one-time \$20 cost.

Register with Compost Crew at <https://compostcrew.com/greenbelt/>.

GAFC ANNUAL CLEANING NOTICE
Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center

The indoor pool & hot tub will close at 8 pm on Sunday, August 18 and re-open at 6 am on Monday, August 26.

The fitness wing will close at 8 pm Sunday, August 18 and re-open at 6 am on Thursday, August 22.

While the indoor pool is being cleaned, the Outdoor Pool will be open:

Monday-Friday	6 am - 8 pm
Saturday	8 am - 8 pm
Sunday	9 am - 8 pm

Fitness Wing will be open the following hours beginning August 22:

Thursday & Friday	6 am - 9 pm
Saturday	8 am - 9 pm
Sunday	9 am - 9 pm

Thank you for your patience and we look forward to seeing you at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center!

A NIGHT ON THE TOWN - HAND DANCE SOCIAL
Sunday, August 18, 6 - 8 pm
Roosevelt Center

The City of Greenbelt Recreation Department is hosting a FREE "hand dance social" in Roosevelt Center. This dance style was developed in Washington, D.C. Hand Dancing has been the official dance of Washington, D.C. since 1999. All ages and abilities are welcome!

Instruction by D.C. Hand Dance Club from 6 - 6:30 pm followed by two hours of open dance. Music provided by DJ Slyty.



BUDDY ATTICK PARK DRAFT MASTER PLAN WORK SESSION
Wednesday, October 16, 7:30 pm
Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road

The Buddy Attick Park (BAP) Draft Master Plan can be viewed online at <https://www.greenbeltmd.gov/BAPMP>.

A City Council Work Session is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16 at 7:30pm in the Greenbelt Municipal Building (25 Crescent Road). The City Council Work Session is open to the public. If you would like to provide written feedback, please send your comments to BAPProject@greenbeltmd.gov by Friday, October 4, 2024.

FEATURED PETS
DUSTY

Ready for Adoption?
Call (301) 474-6124

Even though the Olympics are over, we think 5-month-old Dusty should have won gold in ribbon dancing! Dusty was rescued as a tiny kitten with his mom and 5 other siblings. They've all since been adopted, but Dusty's still looking for his forever home. Dusty is a super rambunctious and affectionate little guy; he's happy to play with a string toy, or curl up on your lap and snooze. Now that his family's been adopted, he's currently living with the adult cats at the shelter and warming up quickly to the big kids.

If you're interested in adopting this Olympic cat, call (301) 474-6124 or email us at animalservices@greenbeltmd.gov! Please note, all adoptions are by appointment at this time.



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Dan and I popped by on Saturday to hear from the people in the building about if and why they found it a happy place like I do.

Community Center Team Leader Eunice McCullough responded, "... the fact that people can come to this location and commune and enjoy, and just have fun. There is always going to be something fun to do." She reflected on the people who come in just to have someone to talk to and gestured to fellow team leaders Tiara Claggett and Bryston Ingram, who said, "Like just sitting around talking to one another. Look at the different perspectives just right here, male perspective, female perspective, different age perspectives. A person can come here and find something happy to do."

And that is why the Greenbelt Community Center is one of my top five happy places, because there is no happier thing for me than to sit in the audience of a Christopher Cherry/Stefan Brodd Creative Kids Camp production, and watch Cherry and Brodd's faces in the wings as they watch the campers. The joy, the pride, the genuine happiness that radiates from both of them brings literal tears to my eyes, year after year. The music, songs and messages of these shows are beautiful, fun and timely, unafraid to address important issues, while giving young people ages 5 to 12 the chance to perform for their parents, friends and the wider community. Having a bad day? Go to a Creative Kids Camp performance and look at the faces of parents as they watch their kids, and look at the children as they wave to their loved ones in the audience.

As long as Christopher Cherry and Stefan Brodd are in the house, the Community Center will be one of the five happiest places in Greenbelt for me.

Indian Creek Trail

The boardwalk by Greenbelt Station provides a (very short) dappled walk between Beltway Plaza and Greenbelt Station, along with opportunities for bird-watching, stream-gazing and reptile-spotting. It is a little bit of beautiful calm in one of the more densely urban areas of Greenbelt, and feels each time that I am there, a delightful, restful surprise.

Northway Extended

Yes, this bit of unpaved road is one of my top five happiest places, for it leads to any number of wonderful adventures. First, the most famous mountain in all of Greenbelt, Mulch Mountain, at which Dan and I have shoveled back-breaking amounts of mulch but, more importantly, met new friends and neighbors. We have lent out shovels and pitchforks and conferred about gardening, landscaping and the weather. We embark on walks down Northway Extended to Mulch Mountain and back again, stopping to

talk to friends we meet on the way. And Northway Extended also leads to a number of paths through the Forest Preserve, including October's famous Pumpkin Walk, the ballfields and the observatory. In short, this one little road can take you to a Little League game, a star-gazing party, a beautiful walk in the woods, a pick-up game of soccer and a mountain of free mulch. When and where else does one little road lead to so much joy and opportunity?

Greenspring Neighborhood

Every year on December 24, my family and I fill our travel mugs with hot chocolate, blast I Heart Radio's Christmas carol marathon and drive around Greenbelt looking at Christmas lights. We hit all the neighborhoods, but our absolute favorite year after year is Greenspring. This tradition alone makes the neighborhood one of my happiest places in Greenbelt, so Dan and I decided to head over there now, in August, to see what its residents like about it.



Daniel Hamlin and Kelli May talk about Kelli's father, Walter Hamlin.

PHOTO BY KYLA HANINGTON

We pulled over at the first group of people we saw outside and they looked at me with the apprehension you might expect if a random car suddenly pulls over on your street and a woman jumps out carrying a notepad and heads towards you with purpose. And it is a sign of just how gracious and lovely the people in Greenspring are that with that introduction they still talked to me.

I asked resident Kelli May what was the happiest thing for her about Greenspring. She told me it's a safe and quiet neighborhood with one of the best schools in the area (Eleanor Roosevelt High School). As we stood looking around, I said, "You have a lovely park! I recently did an article about parks in Greenbelt for the News Review but I missed yours!"

May explained that her father had been very involved with the HOA and that, after his death, the HOA placed a bench at the park with a plaque for her father, Walter Hamlin.

"Walter Hamlin is your father?" I screamed, "Daniel Hamlin is my husband!" and then, turning to my car, "Dan, get out of the car! Get out of the car!" Because I met Walter Hamlin many years ago, when he was a parishioner at Greenbelt Community Church, of which Dan was once pastor.

Kelli told us that when her father saw the pastor at Greenbelt Community Church had the last name Hamlin, he decided to go there.

"I would always shake people's hands at the end of the service. And your Dad came up to me that first day he was there, and I held out my hand and said, 'I am Dan Hamlin,' and he said, 'I know. I'm Walter Hamlin.'" Dan and Kelli laughed together,

remiscing about her father and talking about how Daniel and Walter worked out that they were distantly related.

Later, Daniel went to the park and polished the plaque for Walter Hamlin, which is affixed to a wooden bench underneath a tree.

Greenspring was one of my top five happy places because of hot chocolate and family and Christmas lights, but now it is one of my top five happy places because of Kelli May, Walter Hamlin, and a restful bench for an energetic man who gave so much to his community.

Living Rooms

And rounding out my list of happy places in Greenbelt are its living rooms. My living room, your living room. When I think of the times I have been happiest in Greenbelt, they have been among this community. At a friend's house, with our small GHI full to the brim with folks braving our Hot Soup Night, in a backyard before a firepit. But always with friends. Greenbelt's living rooms are its happiest place, for sure, and it has been one of the great pleasures of my life to have been invited to spend time in a few of them. What a privilege it is to be invited into a person's home, to be made to feel welcome, cared for and included. Thank you, Greenbelt, for your happy living rooms.

I heard from some other people about their happiest places in Greenbelt. Sieglinde Peterson said the Greenbelt Farmers Market, and that her heart soars on Sunday mornings. Raul Baptiste loves the Co-op, and said some of the fondest memories of Greenbelt and the friends he's made, including "the bestest friend I made, and lost,

Danny Abebe," are from the Co-op. "That's where I met all you fine folks," he said.

Pam Hamlin's happiest place in Greenbelt is the Greenbelt Nursery School. "When I taught there between 2004 and 2012," she said, "every day I would see a group of diverse, curious, happy faces working and playing together. It's how the world is supposed to be."

Amal Saleh, when asked about the happiest place for her in Greenbelt, took a moment to think and then said, "It's the people. It's a community you belong to. You belong. They care." She shared about the overwhelming kindness from Greenbelters following the recent death of her sister. "It's a family," she said. "People care for you."

There are, I believe, at least a thousand happiest places in Greenbelt. If you haven't found yours yet, perhaps one of mine will bring a little joy to you today, tomorrow, or in December. And if you already know the happiest place that I definitely should not have left out, write to the News Review. Where are the happiest places in town through your eyes? We would love to know.



The view from the boardwalk looking into Indian Creek is calming.

PHOTO BY DANIEL HAMLIN



Daniel Hamlin marvels at the Mulch Mountain on Northway Extended.

PHOTO BY KYLA HANINGTON



Greenbelt Labor Day Festival
August 30-September 2

Coming Soon
Pay-One-Price
Ride Wristbands

Watch this space for details in
next week's News Review

Wristbands will be on sale
before the
"FREE SCHOOL'S OUT"
movie at Greenbelt Cinema
on Thursday, August 22

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GES PTA BOOK SALE

Labor Day Festival

2024

Last chance to donate books!
Drop off at St. Hugh of Grenoble on
August 17 from 8:30-11:30!!

Volunteer
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Updates @ <https://tinyurl.com/2nzfpk88>
Questions? booksalegespta@gmail.com
Facebook @ Greenbelt Elementary PTA

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exhibitions and “clown diving”), square dancing in the handball court, jitterbug on Centerway and a majorette contest that attracted teams from all the neighboring towns.

Gradually over the years, new and different attractions and activities have been added to the lineup, such as a corn-shucking contest, NASA exhibits, a pancake breakfast provided by the Lions Club, the pet show and decorated bikes and trikes during the '60s. The schedule in the News Review has expanded from a small box in the corner of one page to the current four-page pullout (which will appear in the August 22 issue this year).

Some activities over the years have been one-off occurrences: for example, in different years in the '50s and '60s there were helicopter rides and hang-gliding demonstrations on Braden Field, a bubblegum contest, fireworks that had been rained out on July 4 and a babysitting service behind the stage (Candy Cane City). In 1965 the Greenbelt Players put on a play called The Curious Savage. In 1962 there was a greased pig contest organized by the Republican Club; the winner could keep the pig or sell it back to the Republican Club for \$10. The event was supposed to occur again in 1977 but was canceled because the pig was sick. In 1978 there was a greased watermelon contest instead. In 1995 there were pedicabs to take people from their homes or cars to the Festival, as well as the usual shuttle bus.

The first mention in the News Review of the PTA book sale is 1965, when North End School PTA called for donations of used books. For a couple of years, the Republican Club held a crab feast, with beer and an “old-fashioned political rally.” In 1970, the Parade Marshal was Congressman Larry Hogan – father of the Larry Hogan who is currently running for U.S. Senate. The first Outstanding Citizen (Albert Cousin) was named in 1973. The shuttle bus was added in 1977. A marching kazoo band was part of the parade for several years in the '70s and '80s. Between the early '70s and mid-'90s, the Festival featured a Salute to Americans at Work, with demonstrations ranging from bricklaying to bicycle repair to violin making.

Some years have seen controversies involving the Festival. For example, in 1966 the Greenbelt Committee for Peace in Viet Nam was barred from participating because of protests from the American Legion and Disabled American Veterans, among other groups. This came right after a difficult period for the Festival when the original organizer, Eli Don Bullion, had died and there was a desperate plea for new volunteers to take over.

Bad weather has sometimes been a problem, including Hurricane Ernesto in 2006, which canceled or drove some activities inside for the start of the weekend. However, in 1975, the Channel 5 TV crew filmed the rainy parade and proclaimed Greenbelt a “small town that won't let bad weather stand in the way of having a good time.” According to the September 4, 1975, issue of the News Review, it never occurred to Sy Pristoop, that year's chairman, to shut down the carni-

Al Herling, Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen for 1983, enjoys his role as Grand Marshall for the Labor Day Parade.
- News Review, September 8, 1983



PHOTO BY J. HENSON



70th anniversary logo by Lucy Dirksen



PHOTO COURTESY NEWS REVIEW ARCHIVES

The Greenbelt Bicycle Coalition brought Potomac Pedi-cabs to the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival in 1995, for tours and rides from the Festival to center city homes and nearby parking areas.
- News Review August 24, 1995

Mutual admiration society - Mayor J Davis and City Councilmember Alan Turnbull check out each other's pie-smeared faces after the contest.
- News Review, September 10, 1998



PHOTO BY HANK IRVING

val area, cancel the stage events or stop the parade, so the “dauntless Festival” continued.

Festivalgoers this year will be able to enjoy an exciting line-up of bands as well as the usual carnival rides, food, Information Day, Craft Fair, Art and Photo Show, games and other activities. To celebrate the 70th anniversary there will be commemorative T-shirts available for purchase, with a logo designed by Greenbelt artist Lucy Dirksen. On Saturday morning there will be a breakfast to celebrate the distinguished service of past councilmembers.

New on the stage this year will be a children's Singalong with Superheroes on Saturday afternoon featuring Taylor, Spiderman, Captain America, Elsa and Anna from Frozen and a new-to-Greenbelt band Honky Tonk Cassanovas on Sunday. Local band The Relics will play on Saturday, as will Greenbelt singer Kieran Lally on Monday.

Visit the Festival website at greenbeltlaborday.com or follow Greenbelt Labor Day Festival on Facebook for updates on the schedule and information about all the different activities.

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Visit our model homes this week-end. Corner Greenhill Rd., and Greendale Place. Open from 10 A.M. 'till dark. Telephone GR 4-9659

Lakewood

GREENBELT, MARYLAND

PHOTO COURTESY NEWS REVIEW ARCHIVES

This full-page ad appeared in the August 21, 1958, issue of the News Review. Sales representatives for the new community reported that 70 homes had been purchased the previous weekend, which was considered a record for opening sales in this area.

I believe strongly in Prince George's as the smartest buy in the DC metro area. Be in touch if I can help with real estate anywhere in the DMV--and especially in Prince George's County!

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Tadpoles from a Forgotten Baby Pool Resettled in Greenbelt Lake

by Susan Cahill

Despite being drained, shut down and made inaccessible to the public, a former baby pool tucked away in a corner of the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center (GAFC) yard proved irresistible to some of the city's frogs during mating season. Shallow rainwater collected in the pool, and that's where the frogs laid their eggs, then hopped away. The result was a bumper crop of little tadpoles – who would then risk drowning if they couldn't get out of the pool when they transitioned from gills to lungs, or if they were washed away in overflow drains during a storm.

On discovery of the tadpoles, the GAFC, the Recreation Department Park Rangers and a gym patron got to work. They ended up with two large containers filled with rainwater from the pool and tadpoles, which they took to Greenbelt Lake and released. The rescuers placed them in shallow water in which plants were growing, in areas where the tadpoles had access to land they could crawl onto as their tiny legs and lungs developed and that also had vegetation for cover.

Then the rescuers went back and did it all again – in the rain – to get the remaining tadpoles. Frogs can lay hundreds to thousands of eggs in a single clutch, depending on the species. All told, the rescuers released an es-



Clare Alexander, left, and Danielle Stagers, Park Rangers with Greenbelt Recreation, prepare to release rescued tadpoles into the Lake.

Assistant Kathy Mitchell, was captured and released on Monday, August 12.

Scientists have identified several factors that may be contributing to loss of amphibians, including disease, habitat loss, climate change, pesticide use and agriculture. Although the decline in frogs and other amphibians might seem of little consequence to us, it matters.

For example, toxic substances pass especially easily through frog skin, so when their numbers decline, it can be a signal that there might be toxicity in an environment, calling for action. In the food web, frogs are part of the transfer and recycling of nutrients and energy that help the various species in their food chains to survive – the circle of life. And, for this writer,

there is no better lullaby than the soothing chants of frogs and toads at night.

estimated 400-plus tadpoles into the lake. The last straggler, dubbed "Jaws" by GAFC Administrative

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Turtle convention at Greenbelt Lake

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section would instruct the city clerk to prepare and make available a list of qualified non-citizen voters, as is done for citizens. A new amendment would give the city's BOE responsibility for handling any challenges to the registration.

In the City Code, the major changes were: all who are eligible to register with the county's Board of Elections must register with that agency, in accordance with state and city law; non-citizen city residents may register with the city clerk's office to vote in city elections; and a non-citizen must be over 16 and must file a registration application at least 30 days before the election. In addition, documents are required that verify residence, such as a Maryland driver's license or similar government identification, a utility bill or a mortgage or lease showing an interest in property. If these documents are not available, an affidavit proving city residence is required.

Gilbert said that in this process, making as few changes as possible is preferred.

In answer to a question from Jordan, Gilbert explained that the city's Charter functions much like the state and federal Constitution, laying out the framework of government, while the city's Code consists of laws. Gilbert said that the Maryland Constitution allows great independence for municipalities to develop their own processes of governance. Jordan made a request to staff to find out any possible limits from the county and/or state in city legislation.

There was a debate on using the term "corporate limits," as laid out in the draft, this being a requirement for voting. Some areas of the city exist in a gray area. The final consensus was that the language should remain for now, as it was the most legally clear for the moment.

An important implication of this provision is the notion that

non-citizens may include those who have undocumented immigration status, among other circumstances. There was concern on the council that a list of non-citizen voters could be used to alert immigration authorities. Gilbert assured them that one's immigration status is not part of this and will not be requested or recorded; the new ordinances will apply to all non-citizens. It was pointed out by all that voter lists are publicly available.

Terry said that BOE looked at similar measures being taken in Hyattsville, Riverdale Park and Takoma Park. The registration form may be modeled after the one for Hyattsville.

Equity of rights for citizens as well as non-citizens was of primary concern to BOE and council, with resident Cynthia Newcomer suggesting a process for non-citizens be as easy to navigate as possible.

Residents Frankie Fitz and Newcomer felt that same-day registration should be a long-term goal for city elections as well.

In the case of someone falsifying a city voter registration, which Gilbert said was akin to perjury, the idea of imposing similar penalties as the county was deemed possible by Gilbert.

There was a debate on the nebulous area, where someone who was under 16 but would be eligible on the day of the city election would be allowed to vote. Consensus was that this was a fair provision and that the exact language would need to be worked out further if it is to be included formally in the city's election process.

Council requested that BOE prepare a new draft of these amendments for first reading at the next council meeting. Council was deeply appreciative of BOE for their focus and efforts in this matter.



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Incidents reported here occurred August 5 to 11, 2024. Readers are encouraged to contact the police if they have information that may aid in an enquiry. Call the non-emergency number 301-474-7200 or email pd@greenbeltnmd.gov. Times provided are when the incidents were reported.

Greenbelt Police Department reported one death; four domestic incidents, including one arrest; and two mental health diversions, one involving attempted suicide.

On August 5 near 6440 Cherrywood Lane, several juveniles found sleeping in a stairwell were picked up by their families, including one reported missing from Montgomery County.

Assault

On August 10 at 5:34 p.m. near 550 Crescent Road, a man had an argument with another driver. The other vehicle followed him, and when he parked, occupants threw a gas can at his vehicle, shattering his front windshield. Some of the fuel also went into his eyes but he did not require medical treatment.

On August 10 at 8:12 p.m. near 6223 Springhill Court, two men got into a fight. The man who started the fight was arrested and the other received medical treatment for his injuries.

On August 11 at 1:27 a.m. near 6104 Breezewood Drive, a woman was injured when she attempted to stop a fight.

On August 11 at 9:22 p.m. near 9184 Springhill Lane, two girls had an argument that escalated when one began to assault the other. The assailant was arrested and released to her parent.

Robbery

On August 11 at 7:27 p.m. near 5506 Cherrywood Lane, a masked man snatched a woman's backpack and fled.

Shooting

On August 11 at 3:05 a.m. near 6108 Breezewood Drive, a man was shot by another man with a BB gun, and went to the hospital to receive treatment for his injuries.

Disorderly

On August 9 at 9:38 a.m. near 121 Centerway, a man caused a disturbance in a store and was banned from the location.

Fraud

On August 5 near 8015 Mandan Road, a woman received a collection notice for an account she did not open. On August 9 near 7607 Greenbelt Road, a man had two unauthorized withdrawals from his bank account.

Vandalism

On August 7 at 2:33 a.m. near 7807 Mandan Road, someone threw a brick through a glass bedroom window.

Traffic Stop

On August 7 at 5:17 p.m. near 7607 Greenbelt Road, officers observed a subject throwing trash

out of his vehicle and issued a citation.

Theft

On August 5 at 3:35 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a repeat offender walked past all points of sale with a stolen item, and was issued a criminal citation. On August 5 at 7:26 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a woman stole several items on several different occasions. On August 5 at 3:28 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, two women stole miscellaneous items. On August 7 at 12:49 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a man stole merchandise and was banned from the property. On August 7 at 3:56 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a shoplifter was detained by security; officers made a report and banned the suspect from the property.

On August 7 at 9:59 a.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, an employee was assaulted when five suspects came into the store, stole merchandise, then fled in a stolen black 2014 Lexus.

On August 9 at 8:15 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a repeat shoplifter was arrested. On August 10 at 8:32 p.m. near 7589 Greenbelt Road, two suspects stole multiple items. On August 10 at 11:25 a.m. near 7429 Greenbelt Road, two men stole several items. On August 11 at 1:12 p.m. near 7595 Greenbelt Road, two women stole several items.

Vehicle Crimes Stolen Vehicles

On August 7 two Hondas and two Kias were stolen: near 5807 Cherrywood Lane, a 2021 CR-V (Md. 5GA4950); near 6002 Springhill Drive, a black 2016 Forte (Md. FG1243); near 6970 Hanover Pkwy, a 2021 Sportage (Md. 5GC0511); and near 6115 Breezewood Court, a red 2020 CR-V (Md. 1FM2578).

Attempted Theft of Vehicle

On August 7 near 6008 Springhill Drive, a vehicle had window and ignition damage.

Stolen Vehicles Recovered

On August 5 near Mandan Road and Mandan Terrace, officers located a stolen vehicle.

On August 8 at 11:13 p.m. near Springhill Drive and Edmonston Road, a motor scooter was stolen and was later discovered in a wooded area with damage to the windshield.

Theft from Auto

On August 6 near 6027 Springhill Drive, an ID and credit cards were taken from a vehicle. On August 7 near 9135 Edmon-

ston Terrace, a window was broken and money was stolen. On August 8 near 7700 Hanover Parkway, tires were stolen from a 2022 Honda Civic. On August 9 near 7850 Walker Drive, the tag was stolen from a work vehicle.

Vandalism to Auto

On August 7 near 6008 Springhill Drive, a vehicle's rear window was broken. On August 11 near 6233 Springhill Drive, a vehicle's door and door handles were damaged.

Attempted Carjacking

An attempted carjacking with shots fired was reported on Tuesday, August 13, near the 9200 block of Springhill Lane. Around 9 a.m., two suspects with a gun announced a robbery as they approached a female sitting in her vehicle. One of the suspects entered the car as the victim ran away. Witnesses at the scene noticed the suspects and began to approach them.

As witnesses approached, one of the suspects fired a gunshot after exiting the vehicle. The two suspects entered another car and drove away from the scene. No injuries were reported.

Information for this report came from a press release from Greenbelt Police Department. The department asks that anyone with information about this incident call the Greenbelt Police Department at 301-474-7200.

Man Killed Monday In Greenbelt Park

On Monday, August 12, at about 9 a.m., United States Park Police officers responded to a report of a man with traumatic injuries at Greenbelt Park, which is part of the National Park Service lands. Officers found Jeffrey Strong, 38, of Washington, D.C., suffering from stab wounds. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Later that day, Ronald Brisbon, 63, also from Washington, D.C., was arrested and charged with murder on federal lands. The Park Police say the murder was an isolated incident and there is no threat to the public. The investigation is ongoing.

This information is from a press release issued by the United States Park Police.



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The Mother and Child statue undergoes work in Roosevelt Center. City crews power-washed the sidewalks and are restoring the base of the statue.



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Brianne Boylan and Dmitri and Alex Barnes on a Colorado stopover during their cross-country train trip.



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Greenbelters Hannah and Aleks visit Aleks's hometown of Helsinki, Finland.



PHOTO BY CAROLYN JOLLY

Helping the institution celebrate 150 years, fourth generation Chautauquan Mary Lou (Miller) Williamson reviews improvements to the public garden celebrating her grandmother Louise Igoe Miller at Chautauqua, New York. Miller was the first Bird and Tree (garden) Club president 1913-1923 and the first woman appointed to the Chautauqua Institution Board of Trustees 1918-1938.



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Greenbelt Park Ranger Bryce Rusk, right, keeps up with the news from home while tubing down South Fork Shenandoah River with family members Sarah Rusk, Garren Rusk and Mason Rusk.

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together and build relationships, it also allowed the volunteer fire department to fill vacancies left by Prince George's County's reassignment of career firefighters away from Greenbelt. Roberts said he spoke with multiple residents who were interested in lending a hand to the fire department. He said the community is now more aware of the role that firefighters and safety personnel play in Greenbelt.

"For the fire department, we get some potential volunteers," Roberts said. "I think they enjoy seeing the apparatus ... it makes them more aware of what we do."

Greenbelt has been celebrating this tradition of community bonding since 1985. As Greenbelt's National Night Out continues, more and more Greenbelters are attending the event. Roberts said the crowds have increased by "four, five, six times" the number of people at the initial celebration.

Matthew Neus is a student in the University of Maryland Philip Merrill College of Journalism and a summer intern at the News Review.



City Manager Josué Salmerón poses with police in front of a Park Police helicopter at Beltway Plaza during National Night Out.



- Photos courtesy Greenbelt Police



McGruff the Crime Dog and police officers pose with participants at National Night Out around Greenbelt.



Greenbelt Circus Camp



Wren Adams balances on stilts.

- Photos by Amy Hansen



Adelaide Baker spins a rope, Theo McElhenny tosses a disk and Arthur Mein practices with a diablo during the Circus Camp at the end of the summer.



Persephone Douglas spins a plate while practicing her balance on the board and cylinder.



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Instructor Mary Gawlik, center, and her tile-making students pose with panels of tiles that incorporate examples of 15 different techniques. The panels are hung outside Room 304 in the Community Center. Shown from left are Carolyn Neuendorffer, Judith Belkin, Mary Gawlik, Dave Ringler and Gregg Savard. Additional participating tile makers included Elaine Jones, Christine Kleemeier, Courtnye Koivisto, Gretchen Leigh, Carol Ossi, Melanie Price, Robin Sarracino, Carol Savard, Angela Shearer and Elisabeth Smela.