

Council and Center Merchants Discuss Leaking Roofs, Theater

by Thomas X. White

The Greenbelt City Council moved forward its annual Worksession with Roosevelt Center merchants by a few months due primarily to the planned closing date of the Greenbelt Theater on or about May 31 for its long-awaited renovation and a host of other issues relating to activities at the Center. The Worksession was held Wednesday, April 16 at the Community Center.

With Mayor Emmett Jordan away on business, six members of council were present. Mayor Pro tem Judith Davis conducted the meeting. Also attending were City Manager Michael McLaughlin, Assistant City Manager David Moran and Celia Craze, director of Community Planning and Development.

There was good representation from the merchants' group. These included Cindy Comproni of the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, Joe Natoli of Generous Joe's, George Boyce and Eva Fuller of Club125, Terry Kucera of the Greenbelt Farmers Market and Anweh Saleh of Greenbelt

Barber & Stylist. Others were Dirk R'Kingsley of Realty One, Michael Hartman of the New Deal Café and Bob Davis of the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket. Still others were Linda Ivy of Greenbelt Professional Bldg./David Cross Law Firm, Barbara Simon of the Greenbelt Community Development Corporation, Paul Sanchez of Old Greenbelt Theatre and Sheila Alpers of the Greenbelt Step Club. Linda Ivy also attended as president of the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee.

The evening's agenda included updates from the merchants, a report from Celia Craze on the city's actions to date relating to roof leaks that have been experienced by the merchants, primarily located in shops and offices in the western portion of the mall, further efforts for directional signage to guide visitors to the Roosevelt Center, a city report on the theater renovation project and the proposed city Recreation Department's plans for outdoor movie showings at Roosevelt Center

during the renovation period and a general discussion of a growing list of Roosevelt Center festivals scheduled thus far for the balance of 2014.

Roof Leaks

Leaking roofs at Roosevelt Center have been going on for some time with little or no repair actions undertaken. The issue has been often a back-drop to the city's meetings and work sessions on the theater renovation saga. Craze reported that since early this January the city had levied nearly \$500,000 in fines and other penalties on the owner of the commercial center. She added that the repair work undertaken thus far by the owner should be completed by week's end, April 19.

That declaration was not received well by the merchants because the recent rains experienced in Greenbelt have, apparently, resulted in further leaking where "repairs" had been made. Craze assured the merchants that

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City Joins Maryland Roster Of Sustainable Communities

by Kathleen Gallagher

The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) announced last month that the City of Greenbelt has officially been named a Sustainable Community, joining a still-growing cadre of 64 communities that have been successful in applying for this designation.

In making the announcement, DHCD cited the National Historic Landmark status of the city's historic area, its extensive parklands and healthy tree canopy and its inclusion of Greenbelt Park. The DHCD blog noted: "The historic town of Greenbelt, home to one of the few single-screen theaters left in the region, has joined the list of Sustainable Communities, part of the statewide initiative to strengthen reinvestment and revitalize Maryland's older neighborhoods."

Presented to the Greenbelt City Council for review at a September meeting, the application was submitted to the state in October. Terri Hruby, assistant planning director for Greenbelt and the primary staff author of

the document, gave a detailed briefing to the city council on the plan and the state's application process in early January. By then, Hruby already knew the initial review had been favorable. She was hoping the city would get a thumbs-up in February, but the good news did not arrive until March.

The Sustainable Community designation was established by the Maryland General Assembly as part of the Sustainable Communities Act of 2010. The program seeks to identify existing rural, suburban and urban areas that are "smart" locations in which to focus scarce local and state resources for revitalization. It consolidates programs that in the past have named jurisdictions to be Community Legacy Areas or other DHCD-Designated Neighborhoods.

As a result of having held Community Legacy status since 2003, Greenbelt received an interim designation as a Sustainable

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Council Takes Steps toward TIF; Learns about War of 1812 Fest

by Kathleen Gallagher

When Mayor Emmett Jordan dropped the starting flag for the April 7 regular meeting, the Greenbelt City Council left the gate for a 40-minute marathon of presentations, of which pictures have already appeared in prior issues of this paper. After that, the meeting covered a wide range of agenda items.

These included passage of the resolution to establish a tax increment financing (TIF) district at Greenbelt Station and approval of an agreement to place art-designed signs at demonstration gardens in Greenbelt West, Greenbelt East and Center City.

Although most presentations were made by council to individuals being honored, one was an enthusiastic informational presentation to council by Aaron Marcavitz, executive director of the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area (ATHA). He provided an update on the organization's activities, focusing on what he called "the end of the War of 1812." That is, the conclusion during the upcoming summer of the three-year commemoration of the War of 1812, in which ATHA has played an active role.

"This is the big year," Marcavitz said, in terms of the anniversary of the 1814 involvement

of this area in the war. He said ATHA wants to invite everyone to come to Bladensburg on August 23 for a big party, with demonstrations, reenactments, kids' games, performances, food and fireworks for all. Information on War of 1812 activities is available on the web at princeorges1812.org.

Theater

During the segment of the meeting dedicated to petitions and requests to council, Barbara Simon, director of the animation classes for young people produced by Greenbelt Access Television (GATE) and the Greenbelt Association of Visual Arts (GAVA), announced that during the weekend of May 15 the animation classes and the Utopia Film Festival will be doing screenings at the Old Greenbelt Theatre.

If a request to council was embedded in this announcement, it appeared when Simon explained that Paul Sanchez, the theater operator, has decided to run special screenings and classic films during May because no suitable films are available for May that do not require a digital projector. She said Sanchez would do the special screenings at no cost to the animation pro-

gram or to Utopia.

Councilmember Judith Davis encouraged using these events for fundraising for the theater.

CDBG Funding

The city council adopted two resolutions that had been introduced for first reading at prior meetings. One, adopted unanimously, was a resolution to permit negotiation of the purchase and installation of replacement windows at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Over the last two years, the city had been awarded \$140,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to complete the next phase of renovation at the Center. The windows are a significant component of that project, along with replacement of the entire roof.

Shortly after the city introduced the resolution for first reading at its March 10 meeting, the county notified the city that this funding would be postponed until sometime during the city's next fiscal year. Because there is a possibility the CDBG funding will be reinstated, council voted to adopt the resolution in order that the city can be prepared to take immediate action

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Greenbelt Hosts Regional Cooperatives Meeting

by Lesley Kash

The Greenbelt Consumer Co-operative hosted the quarterly meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Food Co-op Alliance (MAFCA) here on Saturday, April 5. The MAFCA guests toured the Co-op store, ate at the New Deal Café, conducted their meeting at the Youth Center and experienced Greenbelt community culture at the Mini Makers' Faire.

The MAFCA organization is an association of food co-ops, buying clubs and start-up efforts in six nearby states. Its aims include growing the co-op economy and educating about co-ops. Its 25 members range from small food buying clubs seeking a first storefront to multi-store, multi-decade cooperatives positioned to mentor newcomers. The nearest

MAFCA co-op is Takoma Park Silver Spring Co-op. (Greenbelt's Co-op is not currently a member.)

Before the afternoon meeting began, Co-op Outreach Coordinator Kim Rush Lynch met the group at the Co-op's offices. Their Greenbelt itinerary began with a tour of the store by Manager Bob Davis, who shared his 30 years' experience selecting and displaying products to satisfy Greenbelt's diverse customer base. He explained Co-op's emphasis on providing normally-sourced food in accordance with consumers' wishes and talked about how space and variety are maximized. He also fielded

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What Goes On

- Thursday, April 24, 7:30 p.m.**, Greenbelt Homes Board Meeting, Hamilton Place
- Saturday, April 26**
 - 10 a.m. to noon**, Earth Day and Arbor Day, Public Works
 - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**, Public Works Open House, Public Works Facility
- Monday, April 28,**
 - 8 p.m.**, Public Hearing on Budget followed by City County Meeting, Municipal Building. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov
- Tuesday, April 29**
 - 8 p.m.**, Four Cities Meeting, New Carrollton City Hall
- Wednesday, April 30**
 - 7 p.m.**, Senior Citizen Advisory Committee, Community Center

Letters to the Editor

Benefit of Beaver Presence

Recently I was over at the lake and as usual felt dismayed by loss of yet more trees to beavers.

What was different this time was that in addition to the loss, I saw actual evidence of the benefit of beaver presence. I've been told that water quality is better thanks to the beavers. As a result of beaver dams the water levels have risen. For me, higher water levels are most obvious in the small pond and streams that feed it. Yesterday I saw wildlife in an area I hadn't before. In the tributary alongside the path leading to the small pond I saw a snapping turtle. I saw a painted turtle basking on its banks. Three wood ducks were swimming in this area as well, further down from the small pond than I'd ever seen ducks before.

Tadpoles are not something I'm in the habit of looking for but as I was standing there, I looked down and saw what looked like at least 30 of them. Another indication of healthy habitat. I feel I've got a fuller picture of our little ecosystem and upped my amateur naturalist game too.

Barbara Bjanas

Questions Funding Amount for GATE

Since 1996, Greenbelt Access Television, Inc., (GATE) a local nonprofit dedicated to public access television has enjoyed a special relationship with the City of Greenbelt. At city council's direction, the city contributes 20 percent of the franchise fee the city collects from Comcast and Verizon for use of city right-of-way, to GATE each year. For Fiscal Year 2015, the contribu-

tion to GATE from franchise fees is anticipated to be \$71,500. In addition, GATE receives 33 percent of the Public, Educational and Government Access fees the city collects from Comcast and Verizon. This amount is estimated to be \$80,000 in FY15. GATE has also enjoyed free rent at the Community Center since 1996. Other groups are required to pay rent to the city for exclusive, dedicated space in the Community Center. The city manager has indicated to council that city revenues have remained static since Fiscal Year 2009. However, one area where city revenues have grown in recent years is in the amount of franchise fees the city has collected. Accordingly, the dollar amount contributed to GATE has grown significantly from FY09, when the combined total contribution to GATE was \$99,443. The proposed FY15 budget indicates a combined total contribution of \$151,500 from the city to GATE. If the FY15 budget is adopted as is, that would represent a 52 percent increase in the dollar amount of the city's contribution to GATE since FY09. This increase has occurred during a time period when city government and residents have tightened their belts due to difficult economic times. The city has eliminated positions, made programmatic cuts and increased the tax rate. I think the significant increase in total dollar contributions to GATE over the past several budget cycles calls for a closer look at the city's practice of making monetary contributions to certain select groups no matter what other opportunities to serve the community may exist. Given the multitude of needs and opportunities throughout the city, is it

time for the city to limit GATE contributions to 33 percent of the PEG fees and use all of the revenues received from franchise fees for other purposes? The PEG fees were intended to support public, educational and government access television. GATE's mission is to provide the public access component and accordingly they should receive a third of the PEG fees. The \$71,500 in franchise fees slated for GATE in FY15 could well serve other programs. I can think of several possibilities: One possibility would be to purchase additional laptop computers for Springhill Lake Recreation Center, so there is no waiting period for Greenbelt West youth who want to access computers for homework. Another possibility would be for the city to provide grants to organizations offering Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics programs. STEM programs are important in providing our young people the opportunity to gain skills which will allow them to succeed in today's competitive job market. While GATE contributes a lot to the community, there may be other opportunities to reach, engage and impact our community with city revenues. The first public hearing on the proposed budget is scheduled for Monday, April 28 at 8 p.m. in the council chambers of the Municipal Building.

Molly Lester

Thanks

Your donations of food, groceries and sweet treats have resurrected the pantry shelves. Many thanks to the parishes who answered the call of the Lenten food drive 2014. Many thanks to Mishkan Torah Synagogue, The Knights of Columbus and the very kind person who donated the Girl Scout cookies.

Many thanks to Mark Weber, Mike McAndrew and Bob Davis, manager of the Greenbelt Co-op. Many thanks to all of our faithful donors. Happy Spring.

Solange Hess
Chair - The Pantry

Corrections

Our apologies to Doug Mangum, whose name was misspelled not once but twice with his story on the David Craig Scholarship Deadline on page 1 of last week's paper.

The April 10 issue front page story "City Manager Responds to Report by Matrix Consulting Group" misstated in the last paragraph that most councilmembers seemed agreed not to implement the consultant's proposal for "a community development department." The consultant's proposal was for a "community services" department to incorporate the Recreation Department, Animal Control and Parking Enforcement.

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OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF APRIL 25

The Other Woman
(PG-13)

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SUNDAY

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MONDAY - THURSDAY

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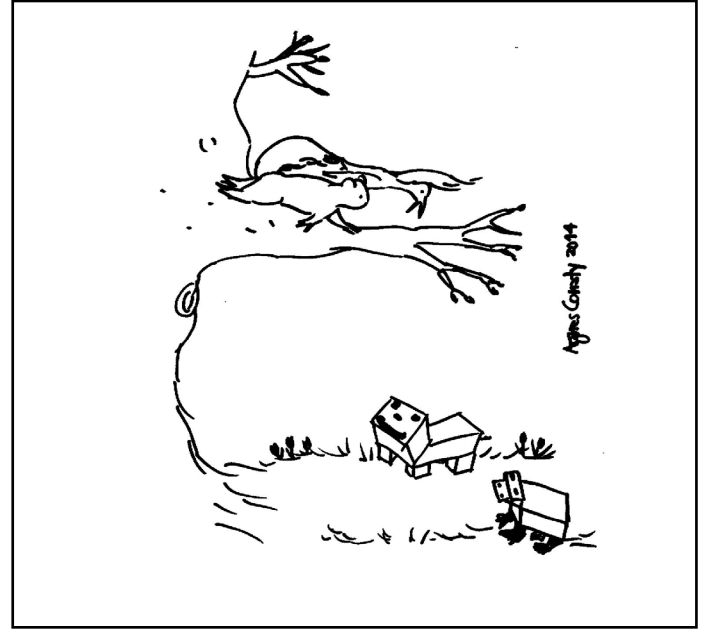
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On Screen

Let It All Hang Out

Opening at Old Greenbelt Theatre – and across the U.S.A. – on Friday, April 25 is "The Other Woman," whose title has been used previously more than once. This ditty go-round features an innocent wife two-timed by a slick hubby (played by Denmark's Nikolaj Coaster-Waldau) with not one but a pair of beauties. The three ladies (Cameron Diaz, Leslie Mann, Kate Upton) join forces (farces?) in schemes to cook the gamester's goose. Director Nick Cassavetes rides herd on a passel of these comedic efforts.

PG-13. Running time: 109 minutes.

– Eli Flam

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Community Events

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

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

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for April 28 through 30 are as follows:

Monday – Grape juice, baked meatballs with marinara sauce, whole grain spaghetti, Capri vegetables, ambrosia.

Tuesday – Apple juice, rotisserie chicken thigh, cut yams, broccoli, tropical fruit.

Wednesday – Orange juice, baked potato with diced turkey-ham, shredded cheese, mixed green salad, fresh fruit.

Menus for May 1 and 2 were not available at press time.

GHI Notes

Thursday, April 24, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting Open Session – Board Room

Friday April 25, OFFICE CLOSED – Emergency Maintenance will be Available

Monday April 28, 7 p.m. – Communications Committee Meeting – GHI Lobby

Saturday May 3, 10 a.m. – Plant Swap – GHI Administration Building

Saturday May 3, 11 a.m. – Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

Note: Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

More Community Events can be found throughout the paper.

At the Library

Tuesday, April 29, 7:00 p.m. "Twelve Years A Slave: Solomon Northup's Washington," will be the next session in this audio-visual lecture series presented by C.R. Gibbs, historian of the African Diaspora. The series will continue during the spring with other sessions on Tuesday evenings from May 6 through 27.

Children's Programs

Thursday, May 1, at 10:30 a.m., for ages 2-5, Weekly Drop In Storytime. Make reading a positive experience for children by bringing them to the library's program which contains a mixture of engaging activities and age-appropriate stories that support early literacy. This program is limited to 20 people. Stop by the Information desk to pick up free tickets.

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If patrons need items or assistance from the library when branches are closed, many services are available online at www.pgcmls.info. Audio books, e-books, magazines, music and videos may be borrowed and downloaded. All services require a valid library account number for access. Some sites may have an initial sign-up requirement as well.

For more information visit the Greenbelt Library, or call 301-345-5800.

Cinco de Mayo Comes to Town

On Monday, May 5 the Greenbelt Mamas and Papas and the Greenbelt Recreation Department will sponsor a Cinco de Mayo celebration for all ages from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the Greenbelt Youth Center at 99 Centerway. Everyone can have a snack, dance to music and make a craft. Bring a snack or finger food to share on this Mexican holiday.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club celebrated another anniversary on April 16. It was well attended and a delicious luncheon was served. The Retro Rackets provided music and entertainment. It was lots of fun to see so many folks up and dancing to some great oldies.

Now we are off to another year of activities, trips and good times.

Christal Batey, Community Resource Advocate, will be the speaker on April 30.

The month of May will be Membership Month. Bring a guest and maybe a new member and spread the word about the Golden Age Club.

Remember – your survival kit needs a pencil to remind you to list your blessings every day.

Greenbriar Phase I Holds Annual Meeting

Greenbriar Phase I had its annual meeting on March 4. Results of the election are as follows: Lawrence Nods, president; LaVerne Smith, vice president; Miriam Dodd, secretary; Rhonda Furmanski, treasurer; and Evelyn Kenley, director.

Greenbriar Phase II Holds Annual Meeting

Greenbriar Phase II had its reconvened annual meeting on April 8. The results of the election are as follows: Linda Kulle, president; Jacqueline Gray, vice president; Mary Blizzard, secretary; Sharon Seldon, treasurer; and Sherre Washington, director.

Innovation, Excellence Sought in Education

The Prince George's Commission on Education Excellence, seeking to discover, share and showcase examples of innovation and excellence in education across Prince George's County, is hosting a public session on Tuesday, April 29, at 7 p.m. at Greenbelt Middle School.

A transition team report indicated that "many good things happening in the district go unreported and, therefore, unrecognized by the community." But rather than settle for "islands of excellence," the Commission seeks to identify the county's best examples of educational innovation and excellence so they may be researched, modeled and brought to scale.

For more information, call 301-908-4517 or email Commission Chair Aimee Olivo at aimeeolivo@gmail.com or call 202-210-0380.

Greenbriar Community Assn. Election Results

Greenbriar Community Association had its annual meeting on March 25 and the results of the election are as follows: Jeanette Gordy, president; Didi Peck, vice president; Terry Benedik, treasurer; Angeline Butler, secretary; and Fran Bennett, director. Board meetings are held at the community building monthly for each association. Owners and residents are encouraged to attend.

Send us your meeting notices or special activities.

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Brick Mansions, PG-13 (!)
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The Quiet Ones, PG-13 (!)
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Haunted House 2, R (!!)
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Obituaries

In Memoriam

Jean D'Esposito

Greenbelt resident for 70 years, Mrs. Jean D'Esposito, aged 101, died gently and peacefully on the morning of April 5, 2014.

Born in New York on November 11, 1912, Mrs. D'Esposito married her longtime childhood playmate and friend, George D'Esposito in 1934. Together they raised a family of four, Robert D'Esposito (Leonardtown, Md.), Mary Ann Hawk and Stephen D'Esposito (Greenbelt), and Greg D'Esposito (Las Vegas, Nev.). She was a loving grandmother of 12, great-grandmother of 13 and great-great-grandmother of five. Family was always near and dear to her heart.

Nana, as she was known by her family, enjoyed the simple things in life. Some of her joys were poetry, a sweet backyard garden, Italian food, a glass of wine with her dinner, always her children and many Cape May vacations with her family. Most of all, she loved her husband George. His death in 1999 took a piece of her heart that could never be replaced.

A devoted parishioner of St. Hugh's Catholic Church in Greenbelt, she was also a member of the Ladies of Charity.

The memory of Mrs. D'Esposito will live on through her family and friends. She was well loved by so many.

A memorial plaque will be placed in her honor next to the plaque of her husband George under a special tree at Roosevelt Center.

The family would like to recognize and thank all of those whose lives were touched by our wonderful matriarch over the years. The outpouring of love and the sharing of so many special memories will forever touch our hearts.

Teri Paolucci
Granddaughter



Jean and George D'Esposito wedding portrait 1934.

Greenbriar Phase III Holds Annual Meeting

Greenbriar Phase III had its reconvened annual meeting on April 8. Their new officers are: Fran Kemper, president; Angeline Butler, vice president; Odella King, secretary; Thelma Loret de Mola, treasurer; and Anne Weldon, director.

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questions about employees, suppliers and the Co-op's license for beer and wine sales.

Produce Manager Ellen Siegel talked to the group about maintaining the range of fruits and vegetables that Co-op customers prefer, noting increasing demand for local and/or organic produce, she showed expansion of space for organic offerings. She described Co-op's promotion of healthy foods, including happy hours with sampling of healthy food creations. Questioned about handling waste of no-longer-fresh produce, she discussed marketing bargain produce and mentioned a farm-therapy organization that benefits from subsequent donation.

On the way to lunch before the meeting, the visitors strolled through the "Makers' Faire" held in Roosevelt Center. The Faire gave the visitors a look at Greenbelt's hands-on enthusiasts demonstrating inventions, devices, mechanisms and creations.

Lunch at the New Deal Café was well-received, a Chef Karim healthy, Middle Eastern buffet, held in a leisurely networking environment. The visitors shared ideas, common challenges, recent accomplishments and motivated colleagues with encouraging, practical advice.

The MAFCA meeting began after lunch in the Youth Center meeting room. Davis was the first speaker, describing the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative's long, varied history. Today's Co-op, with more than 50 employees, nearly 10,000 members and an average of 8,000 transactions weekly, suggested many issues of interest to the attendees. Davis answered questions about organizational structure, profit distribution, logistics, infrastructure improvements and other challenges of the co-op grocery business. Co-op Accounts and Member Records Manager Sheila Ostdiek talked about handling of membership



Greenbelt Co-op Manager Bob Davis addresses participants.

funds and the financial advantages of membership, and took other financial and tax questions raised by MAFCA members.

Greenbelt City Councilmember Leta Mach was the guest speaker at the meeting, sharing her expertise on cooperatives in Greenbelt. She described the pioneer origins of Greenbelt's cooperatives that live on in the Greenbelt Credit Union, Greenbelt News Review, Greenbelt Nursery School and Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Mach explained cooperatives can and still do arise when there are unmet needs and potential leaders are available. She mentioned a co-op incubator group is now mentoring several possible Greenbelt co-op "start-ups" including a nursery school in Franklin Park, a thrift store and alliances for composting and ecological yard and garden efforts.

MAFCA members then turned to the official business of their quarterly meeting, sharing information, advice and motivation and described their varied cooperatives' efforts since the last meeting.

Lesley Kash writes for the Co-op Newsletter.



Councilmember Leta Mach was the guest speaker.

Synagogue to Show Climate Shift Film

Thursday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m. Mishkan Torah's Social Action Committee will show the award-winning National Geographic environmental film "Chasing Ice." All are welcome.

The 75-minute free film shows the effects of climate change based on multi-year time-lapse photography by James Balog in the Arctic. A discussion will follow the showing. Snack items and coffee will be available for purchase.

The program will be at the synagogue at 10 Ridge Road. For details or directions call Susan Ungar at 301-758-5033.

Roosevelt High Holds Orchestra Concert

The Spring Orchestra Concert at Eleanor Roosevelt High School is scheduled for Wednesday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m. The Concert will feature: Roosevelt Strings, the Concert Orchestra, the Chamber Orchestra and the Symphonic Orchestra, all directed by Dr. David Yarbrough. The ERHS Orchestras draw students from all over northern Prince George's County.

The concert is open to the public and admission is free at the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Auditorium, 7601 Hanover Parkway.

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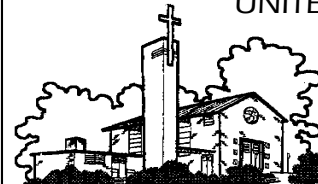
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Sunday Worship
10:15 a.m.

Clara Young, Interim Pastor



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April 27, 10 a.m.

Circle for the Planet: Annual Earth Day Service

Guest Speaker Professor Derrick Lampkin

Jonathan Mawdsley, Worship Associate,

and the Children's Choir

What can we learn from Terra's fast-changing "Big Ice" and why does it matter for the future of human life on our planet? PBUUC's Green Team will show "Chasing Ice"

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Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

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Tennis Members Hold Annual Social

On Saturday, May 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the Greenbelt Tennis Association (GTA) will host its annual membership social at Braden Field Tennis Courts. The event is free and open to all ages and skill levels. The social includes doubles play, drills, courts for kids and beginners and refreshments. Balls will be provided and some rackets made available. The event also provides an opportunity to learn more about joining GTA and its schedule of events for the 2014 season, and to join GTA.

Eileen Peterson Youth Concert

Saturday, May 3, from 4 to 5 p.m., two student groups in the music program at Robert Goddard Middle School in Seabrook will present the free spring 2014 concert of the Eileen Peterson Youth Music Series in Roosevelt Center. All are welcome to hear these talented young people.

The Robert Goddard Jazz Band under the direction of Nucleo Vega is a traditional big band consisting of a horn and rhythm section. The band will play a collection of jazz standards from Ellington to Coltrane and improvise their own solos. The Robert Goddard Electric Strings under the direction of Kevin Gillis, who founded the school's music program in 2007, will play a collection of modern, Latin, classical and traditional styles of folk and American music.

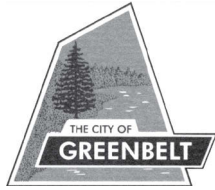
Students from Robert Goddard have presented a spring concert each year since the Eileen Peterson Youth Music Series began in 2009. The series is produced by the New Deal Cafe and sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Cafe Arts (FONDCA). The series was created to honor the memory of Eileen Peterson, a strong supporter and volunteer for both the New Deal Cafe and FONDCA. Peterson was especially interested in music and in programs that served young people. The series has received the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative Jim Cassels Award and grants from the Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council and is currently supported by the City of Greenbelt.

GreenSTEMs/Club125 At Convention Center

GreenSTEMs is headed downtown to the Washington Convention Center for the third biennial USA Science and Engineering Festival (USASEF) Expo, the largest science/maker fair in the world. More than 250,000 people are expected to participate! This free three-day event starts Friday with a sneak peak offered to school groups, with the general public invited to attend on the weekend, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days.

The USASEF Expo will feature more than 3,000 fun, hands-on activities for all ages, including 150 stage shows including music, magic, comedy, and more. GreenSTEMs, promoting Greenbelt's Club125 community makerspace, will be in booth 1453 on the east side of Hall B. We'll be surrounded by robots of all purposes and sizes, featuring our own uniquely modified Rubik's cube-solving robot.

For more information, see the usasciencefestival.org website.



City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING Monday, April 28, 2014 - 8:00 p.m. Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

- Eleanor Roosevelt High School - Lady Raiders Basketball Team
- Prince George's County Sheriff's Department Update
- National Kids to Parks Day Proclamation

Public Hearing on FY 2015 Budget

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

Minutes of Council Meetings

Administrative Reports

Committee Reports

- Arts Advisory Board, Report #2014-2 (Evaluation of FY15 Recognition Group and Contribution Group Applications)

LEGISLATION-None

OTHER BUSINESS

- Council Reports
- * Letter to County Councilmember Ingrid Turner
- * Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT) – Board of Trustees Ballot
- * Reappointments to Advisory Groups
- * Resignations from Advisory Groups

MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

PUBLIC HEARING

To be held during the Regular Meeting of Council
Monday, April 28, 2014 at 8:00 p.m.

CONCERNING THE PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND EACH OF THE OTHER FUNDS OF THE CITY.

This is the first of two Public Hearings on the budget. The second will be held on Tuesday, May 27, 2014. Public attendance and participation are encouraged. All citizens of Greenbelt will have a reasonable opportunity to provide written and oral comments and to ask questions concerning the entire budget.

Copies of the proposed budget may be examined at the City Offices, 25 Crescent Rd., during normal operating hours. The budget is also posted on the City Web site at www.greenbeltmd.gov. For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

Cindy Murray CMC, City Clerk

DONATION DROP-OFF

American Rescue Workers

Every second (2nd) and fourth (4th) Saturday of the month
Next one: Saturday, May 3, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Parking lot between City Office and the Community Center
Info: 301-474-8308



This year's Greenbelt Recreation Egg Hunt Golden Egg winners:

Julian Yeates
Christabel Senngerey
Jeffrey Huang
Kyle Swahl
Selbin Moreno

Thank you to all who helped make this event a great success.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and Youth Advisory Committee

For information call 301-474-8000.

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF April 28-May 2

Monday, April 28 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING ON FY2015 PROPOSED BUDGET**, at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov

Tuesday, April 29 at 8:00pm, **FOUR CITIES MEETING** at New Carrollton city hall.

Wednesday, April 30 at 7:00pm, **SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 111.

Wednesday, April 30 at 7:30pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION re: RECREATION** at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

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

Earth Day and Arbor Day Celebration

Saturday, April 26 from 10am-12pm

Meet at the Public Works Facility at 10 or on the peninsula at Greenbelt Lake to help with restoration plantings of shrubs and trees. Participants should wear work gloves, clothes and shoes that can get dirty, and they should bring a reusable water bottle. Individuals and groups are welcome.



Public Works Open House

Saturday, April 26
10am-2pm

Public Works Facility, 555 Crescent Road

Come out to the Public Works facility to enjoy demonstrations, tours, educational

stands and climb on the big trucks! Hot dogs and light refreshments. Bring the family out to this popular annual event.

SHREDDING DAY

Saturday, May 3rd from 9 AM – 12 NOON
(or until the truck is full)

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

Only 5 file boxes/bags per person; must be present for shredding. Personal records only (no business).

No contaminants accepted. NO BATTERIES. No plastic binders and sheets. Abandoned boxes/bags will be put in the trash.

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

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

SATURDAY, MAY 3 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Public Works Yard-555 Crescent Road

City residents can recycle old and/or unwanted computers and other electronic items.

Bring your items to Greenbelt Public Works, 555 Crescent Road.

Accepted items include: TVs, CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, laptop computers, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, fax machines, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, batteries taped on one end, expanded polystyrene (block "Styrofoam" #6)

– NO cups, egg-cartons, nor food trays.

PLEASE CALL IN ADVANCE IF YOU WANT TO DROP-OFF MORE THAN 10 ITEMS OR ITEMS OVER 50 LBS.

For further information, contact the Greenbelt Recycling Office at 240-542-2153.



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where those new leaks occur, the city staff will require that they be corrected.

The roof leak issue also fired up Councilmember Rodney Roberts who reiterated his belief that simple leak repairs and “crack” repairs will not assure stoppage of the leaks and that “roof replacement” is needed to assure a leak-proof situation for the merchants.

Thinking ahead, Roberts promised he “would hold Celia Craze” responsible for any holes made in the theater roof to accommodate any new heating, ventilation and air conditioning units. Roberts also believes city staff should have included the Roosevelt Center roofs along with the building facades when it required easements on any changes to the buildings. Davis chastised Roberts for his threat directed at Craze.

Further on roof leaks, New Deal Café representatives noted increased water dripping from the canopy over the covered patio. They wondered whether the gutters might have been removed. Others felt there had never been gutters on those canopies.

Craze said the city would look at the situation and, if needed, could require gutters at those locations.

Other merchant issues included a longstanding situation near the delivery area behind Generous Joe’s and the New Deal Café which presents an unpleasant appearance because of trash storage and traffic issues during commercial deliveries. City staff indicated they have looked at that situation but have not been able to come up with a workable solution due to tight maneuverability conditions.

Councilmember Edward Putens attempted to engage the merchants in suggesting possible solutions but none seemed to be at hand.

Signage

The merchants continue to request better directional signage for motorists to find Roosevelt Center. City officials felt they have tried to address that need but have been stymied by strict legal requirements that the state Department of Transportation applies for directional signs on state highways.

McLaughlin indicated that the Greenbelt Historic District designation applies generally to the “planned community” constructed in the 1930s and that Roosevelt

Center does not, per se, have an historic designation. He noted that more recently, with the help of the state and the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area, directional signs have been placed on Southway and Crescent Road to lead visitors to the Community Center, where they can obtain information.

Davis suggested that the merchants’ association consider utilization of a website for marketing of the commercial center. Councilmember Leta Mach reiterated her suggestion of the placement of an information kiosk at a strategic location within the commercial center. She suggested seeking grants for such an improvement. Representatives of Club125 indicated that they are working on a proposed website for the Center.

Theater Closing

Craze announced the start date for renovation of the theater lobby, concession area and restrooms is June 1. She noted these renovations would take about six months, though it may be possible to reopen the theater in less time.

Sanchez, who manages the theater under contract with the city indicated that when the current film at the theater (“Grand Budapest Hotel”) completes its run, he will no longer be able to get first-run features in the 35-mm format from his film distributor because of the switch nationwide to the new digital format.

His plan for the next several weeks, however, he said, is to obtain still available 35-mm films until the theater closes on May 31 for the renovation work. As an example he mentioned the possibility of showing “The Other Woman,” “Nebraska,” and other popular/classic films in that format. Once the renovated theater reopens, it will have the capability to feature new films in the digital format.

In anticipation of the Greenbelt Theater being dark for the summer period, the Recreation Department is planning for the screening of movies on up to 10 Saturday evenings at Roosevelt Center. The films will be PG rated and the plan is to use the area behind the Mother & Child statue where viewers could bring blankets or lawn chairs to enjoy the show.

A concern was raised that some effort be made to allow those with handicaps to avail themselves of the outdoor screen-

ings. This was echoed by Councilmember Konrad Herling, who also urged the center merchants to utilize the outdoor filming as part of their marketing efforts.

Festival Activities

Provided with the worksession materials was a listing of groups who have obtained Roosevelt Center permits for the remainder of 2014. Beginning on April 27, there will be a nearly full calendar of community events taking place in or near the center.

Already permitted are 13 events, not including the three-day Labor Day Festival. (Since Linda Ivy was present, she assured everyone that, yes, there will be a 2014 Greenbelt Labor Day Festival.) She and her committee have addressed the challenge of replacing the carnival operator and are also addressing the issue raised by Prince George’s County fire officials that the tried-and-true Greenbelt Public Works wooden booths will have to be replaced by canvas tents.

Ivy also noted that the Festival is considering measures that can moderate sound issues associated with the Festival activities.

The final item addressed by council was to obtain feedback from the merchants regarding a range of issues associated with city permitting of the Roosevelt Center for community events. These issues include (in no particular order of importance) the festivals themselves, trash accumulation, damage to plantings and fixtures, the need for insurance and costs to the city, mainly for work provided by the Public Works Department.

For the most part, responses to those issues were muted. Merchants were generally divided on the impacts. Food establishments did not express problems with the festivals taking away from their business. Some felt indeed that the festivals bring added traffic and newcomers to Greenbelt and that is good. Other merchants noted however that the popular festivals restricted some of their regular customers for parking spots (supermarket and barber/stylist).

Council asked particularly about the merchants’ views about allowing up to three food trucks for certain festivals. These have been requested by some festival sponsors to broaden the range of food choices, i.e. vegetarian.

By the end of the two-hour worksession, everyone was ready for a festival!

Greenbelt Baseball

Major League Standings as of 4/21/14

National League		American League	
	W-L		W-L
Giants	2-1	Tigers	1-0
Cubs	2-0	Indians	0-2
Cardinals	3-1	O’s	0-3
		A’s	0-1

Schedule for the Week of April 28

Mon., April 28	6:00	Indians vs. A’s
Tue., April 29	6:00	Giants vs. Tigers
Wed., April 30	6:00	Cardinals vs. Cubs
Thur., May 1	6:00	O’s vs. Indians
Fri., May 2	6:00	Giants vs. A’s
Sat., May 3	6:00	Cardinals vs. O’s
Sat., May 3	6:00	Cubs vs. Tigers

*All games are played at McDonald Field

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Community but was required to present a plan and apply to maintain that status. Since Greenbelt’s existing Community Legacy designation was due to expire on December 31, the city needed to submit a new application and action plan promptly.

Important Designation

Qualifying as a Sustainable Community is important because without such designation the city would not remain eligible for state revitalization funding. As a Community Legacy Area, the city received state funding for a number of projects including, for example, the Roosevelt Center Merchant Revolving Loan Fund, the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Bathroom Project and support for the museum and for renovation of the theater building. Under the new program, some funding is open only to applicants within designated Sustainable Communities; in other instances, enhanced funding is available to Sustainable Community applicants.

In designing the program, the state has encouraged plans that would demonstrate a comprehensive strategy toward nurturing local investment by increasing economic, transportation and housing choices, as well as the quality of the local environment, in a sustainable manner. The application is complex and the plan itself is broad and flexible—not a chronological list of steps to be taken but rather a roadmap of

possible initiatives and projects to revitalize areas according to local priorities.

Consistent with Greenbelt’s previous Community Legacy designation, the new application designates the entire city as a Sustainable Community. The components of the plan are drawn from a number of other recent projects and reports that have already received substantial vetting by residents, the city council’s advisory boards and committees and the council itself.

For example, the plan incorporates not only the city’s current fiscal year budget rationale, prior Community Legacy activities, the city council’s vision and goals that resulted from the 2012 community visioning sessions and the strategies contained in the Adopted Greenbelt Metro Area and MD 193 Corridor Plan but also such recent initiatives as the Pedestrian and Bicyclist Master Plan, the Bus Stop Safety and Accessibility Plan and the Green ACES Sustainability Plan. According to Hruby, as specific projects come up, additional comment will be sought from residents and stakeholder groups to which they relate.

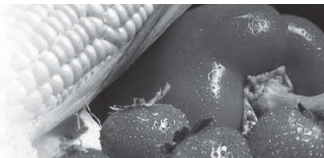
For a more detailed description of potential projects and initiatives discussed in the city’s application and plan, see the article about the January worksession and briefing that begins on page 1 of the January 16 issue of the paper.

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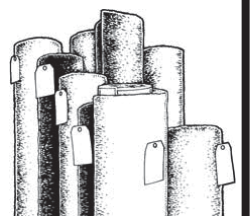
New or returning volunteers and the uncommitted but inquisitive are invited to GFM’s Volunteer Orientation on Sunday, April 27 from 1:15 to 2:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, Rm 202. Tasty refreshments are a distinct possibility. More at www.greenbeltfarmersmarket.org

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if the opportunity arises.

South Core TIF

Also adopted was a resolution to take the first steps required in establishing a special tax district for the South Core of the Greenbelt Station development. As a condition of its 2006 annexation of the South Core, the city entered into an agreement setting forth a framework that would be needed for the city to provide public funds for the construction of a north-south connector road, which is now being called Greenbelt Station Parkway.

One alternative for providing such financing was for the city to issue bonds payable from no more than 50 percent of the increase in incremental tax revenues for the defined area and from a back-up special tax on properties in that area.

The first steps required to establish preconditions for any such financing were for the city to designate a contiguous area as a tax increment financing (TIF) development district to specify the properties from which tax increment revenue can be derived to pay taxes on such bonds and to designate the same contiguous area as a special taxing district in which special taxes can be levied and collected to support such bonds if the tax increment revenue is insufficient.

Taking these preliminary actions now does not commit the city to authorizing TIF bonds in the future, but it should be of benefit in the event the city eventually decides to make public

financing available. At a work-session devoted to this topic on March 3, it had been pointed out that property values in the South Core will only increase as those properties are developed and improved. Defining the TIF district now establishes the base value that would be used in calculating future tax increments.

At a public hearing held prior to the council's taking action on the resolution, Bill Orleans was the only speaker. He was skeptical that the city would in fact take these first steps to permit itself to issue bonds without eventually sliding down the slope and doing so.

The resolution was adopted on a 6 to 1 vote. Councilmember Rodney Roberts voted against it because he does not think a north-south connector road should be built at Greenbelt Station. (For more detailed information on the legislation laying the groundwork for a potential TIF district at the South Core, see articles in the March 13 and April 3 issues of the News Review.)

Garden Signs

Following long and detailed discussion, council unanimously approved a proposal from the Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS) and Alight Dance Theater to commission artist-designed signage for the "Three Sisters" demonstration gardens at Schrom Hills Park, the Springhill Lake Recreation Center and the Community Center. The gardens will serve as performance space for three site-specific pieces

being created this year by Alight.

The two organizations have identified funding sources and are asking the city for in-kind support but not direct funding. Specific designs would have to be approved by the council, the Maryland Historical Trust and the Prince George's County Historic Preservation Commission.

In other actions, council approved contracting for landscaping and mowing services this season with TruGreen Land Care at a cost of \$48,956. The vote was again, 6 to 1 with Roberts opposed. Roberts did not voice any specific objection to TruGreen but said he would prefer to see a program developed in which the city could hire young people in need of employment to do mowing and landscape work.

Council voted unanimously to contract with Sage Policy Group, Inc. of Baltimore to draft an economic development strategy for the city at a cost of \$23,265. Sage was one of several highly qualified respondents to a Request for Proposals issued by the city last year for a study to help define a role and strategy for the city in economic development.

Balinese Music Presented at UM

The Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center will host a free concert by the UMD Gamelan Saraswati on Friday, April 25 at 8 p.m. in Dekelbourn Concert Hall.

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Villa Capri Italian Sausage \$2 ⁹⁹ lb. Sweet/Hot	Fresh Crop Potatoes \$2 ⁵⁰ White/Russet 5 lbs.	Shurfine Orange Juice \$2 ⁰⁰ 64 oz.	Swanson Meat Pies \$1 ⁰⁰ Assorted 7 oz.	Matlaws Stuffed Clams \$2 ⁹⁹ 7-8 oz.

Grocery Bargains		Wednesday, April 30 5% Discount to ALL customers on ALL purchases (except stamps and gift cards)	Grocery Bargains	
Ken's Assorted Salad Dressings 9 oz. 99¢	Shurfine Solid White Albacore Tuna 5 oz. 88¢		Bull's Eye Barbecue Sauce Assorted 18 oz. \$1 ⁰⁰	Gatorade Thirst Quencher Drinks Assorted 32 oz. \$1 ⁰⁰
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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf.
 Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Attempted Burglary

April 11, 9 p.m., 20 block Parkway. An unknown person attempted to enter a residence by removing a window, but was unsuccessful in gaining entry.

Arrest

April 10, 9:25 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A 39-year-old resident was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct during the investigation of a car accident. She was released on citation pending trial.

April 16, 9:36 a.m., 9000 block Breezewood Terrace. A 31-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after officers responded to a call involving a verbal altercation between people in a parking lot. She was released on citation pending trial.

Vandalism

April 13, 7:39 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Court. A rock was used by an unknown person to break out the window of a residence.

DWI/DUI Arrest

April 5, 2:35 a.m., 6800 block Hanover Parkway. A 34-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with alcohol and other traffic-related offenses as a result of a traffic violation. He was

Police to Conduct Sobriety Check May 3

On Saturday, May 3 between 9 p.m. and 3 a.m., the Greenbelt Police will conduct a sobriety checkpoint.

The objective both is to deter motorists from driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol and to arrest those who ignore the dangers of getting behind the wheel while impaired.

For further information contact MPO Scott Yankow at 240-542-2114 or syankow@greenbeltmd.gov.

released on citation pending trial.

Automotive Crime

Two vehicles reported stolen: A red 1999 Dodge Stratus 4-door, MD tags 3BG6088, from the 200 block of Lakeside Drive; gray 2000 Dodge Caravan, MD tags 5BK0898, from the 6000 block of Breezewood Drive.

Registration plates were reported stolen from a vehicle at 9200 block Springhill Lane. At 100 block of Westway, gasoline was found to have been removed from a vehicle's tank by an unknown person who drilled a hole in the tank.

Upcoming Events At the New Deal Cafe

Friday, April 25 begins with John Guernsey on piano from 6:30-8:00 p.m. The Moxie Blues Band brings a mix of blues/blues rock with a touch of Southern rock, to the cafe from 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, April 26 offers up a Jazz Jam with Greg Meyer from 1 to 5 p.m. Join in or just sit back and listen. John Guernsey will play piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Cold Hard Cash, a Johnny Cash tribute band plays from 8 to 11 p.m. CHC is a cafe favorite, reservations suggested.

Join the weekly Deaf Brunch on Sunday, April 27 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. The Not2Cool Jazz Trio will play from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. In the evening, two time Wammie Winner, Chick Hall and Brendan Pelan, an Irish community favorite, join forces to entertain us from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. This show promises to be a rip roaring good time.



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The Blogs of Greenbelt

by Susan Harris

Let's start with the question, "What are blogs?" They're a kind of website that's updated frequently, with new articles at the top of the home page and comments allowed. Blogs are everywhere on the internet because of their ease of use and the more conversational and casual writing style that most bloggers use.

When blogs began in the early 2000s many were personal diaries or political ranting, but now every field known to humankind has a lively blogosphere. So blogs about science, law, economics and foreign affairs are typically where the best, most up-to-date conversations are going on, usually by experts in the field. There's that word again - - conversation; that's what blogs are especially good at creating.

When the News Review asked me to update readers on the state of blogs in Greenbelt I jumped at the opportunity to discover local blogs and help direct readers to their creative content. Below are Greenbelt's blogs, so far . . .

The city's best-known blog, Greenbelt 2012 (greenbelt2012.wordpress.com), was created by Eric Zhang to document Greenbelt's 75th anniversary year. The photo and text blog was updated almost daily by Zhang and he did such a terrific job that he was voted Greenbelt Citizen of the Year in 2013. It remains on the web as a comprehensive reference, chronicling the activities of almost every organization and business in town and lots more goings-on in 2012. Zhang has been generous with his photos, allowing groups he photographed and blogged about to use them for their own promotional purposes. Many of them link to the article he wrote about them on Greenbelt2012. Among bloggers this is called "link love."

Another local blogger is yoga teacher and photographer Gretchen Schock, who has been sharing her love of recipes, crafts and frugal living at CocktailMom.com since 2007. She also created a blog about her yoga teaching and practices, BeeYogaFusion.com. And it's no secret where blogger Karen Davis lives, since her blog about free thinking is called The Greenbelt. (thegreenbelt.blogspot.com)

A blog I follow closely (to the surprise of friends who know I'm no fashionista) is Wardrobe Oxygen.com, Alison Gary's fashion advice blog. The niche Alison fills and the reason I love this blog is its appeal to "women who often find fashion frustrating, unattainable or overwhelming." She uses her experience dressing women of varying ages, shapes and income levels to show that women over 35 and size 10 can love fashion.

Almost a decade old now, Wardrobe Oxygen is one of the top 25 followed fashion blogs in America and has been featured in The Washington Post, Redbook, U.S. News and World Report and Lifehacker.

Brand-new on the scene is Greenbelt Girl (Greenbeltgirl.wordpress.com), an engaging and more personal blog by Heather Brooks about living here. She started the blog to get connected with Greenbelt, a place she re-

turned to after living here in the early 2000s. She and fiancé William Hardy live in an apartment and are joined by her daughter Jade when she's home from college. Brooks says, "We like to say that it's crowded, but if it were a New York apartment, it'd be considered spacious." We can expect articles about living small and the craft, art and organizational projects she has used to make their home comfortable, happy and efficient.

Brooks is going to keep the blog positive and upbeat, though readers shouldn't be surprised to see her politics and strong views about injustices on the blog, because she loves to start dialogues "especially about things people hesitate to talk about." We'll even be seeing some nudity from Greenbelt Girl and the man she loves, though always in good taste. This just proves that blogs, independent publications that they are, can be anything the writers want them to be; no "mainstream media" rules apply.

Finally, there's my blog, Greenbelt Live (greenbeltlive.com), launched in the summer of 2012, not long after I moved here. I thought it would help me get to know Greenbelt and boy, has it ever. And an unexpected result has been discovering and trying things here that I'd never have explored without the excuse of writing about it. One recent example was touring the Fitness Center, which led to my hiring Little Dan Celdran as

my personal trainer and becoming part of the friendly community of people who use the weight room.

I call Greenbelt Live a community blog and a team blog and in my experience with team blogging (at GardenRant.com), the more the better. So here's a call to potential contributors and columnists out there - contact me about guest-blogging. It's a great way to write occasionally without the demands of keeping your own individual blog updated frequently.

Next?

Blogging can be absolutely free (see Blogger.com), super-easy technically and potentially very rewarding - usually not financially, but you never know. In 2005 my first garden blog quickly turned into a second career as a garden writer. Through blogs I've become friends with garden writers/bloggers all over the English-speaking world - and we even get together in person. For seven years now garden bloggers have gathered in a different city to see the best private and public gardens in the area and just hang out and have fun.

I could go on; I'm such a big fan of blogging. But I'll stop and simply invite other Greenbelters to give it a try, to ask for help any time and to let me know when their blogs go online so they can be added to the "blogroll" in the right sidebar of greenbeltlive.com.



Gretchen Schock of Cocktail Mom fame.

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Hundreds of Children Attend Annual Egg Hunt

by Jaclyn Turner

Hundreds of parents brought their children to Buddy Attick Park the day before Easter to participate in a classic event: the annual Greenbelt Egg Hunt.

The morning started exactly at 10 a.m. with a dramatic count-down from Councilmembers Judith Davis and Silke Pope, who joked about the latecomers rushing from the park entrance to get in on the action.

"It's fun to watch the kids," Davis said.

The Greenbelt Recreation and Public Works Departments helped set up and plan the annual event. "The set-up is probably longer than the event itself," said Rebekah Sutfin, the Community Center coordinator. "However, seeing the kids' faces is priceless. It makes it all worth it."

"It's a happy scene," said David O'Brien, who brought his 2-year-old daughter, Fiona to the egg hunt. "It's a good activity for her age group."

While the children hunted for eggs, most parents brought out their cameras to capture the moment.

The egg hunt was separated by age categories from 18 months to 6th grade, so that children could find eggs at their own pace.

Each egg had a small prize in it for the finder such as candy or a temporary tattoo. Children searched through the hay to find the pastel-colored eggs to fill their baskets—and find a golden egg. Julian Yeates, Christabel Sentgery, Jeffrey Huang, Kyle Swahl and Selbin Moreno each found one of the much-prized golden eggs. Inside, they found a piece of paper saying to come up to the front of the stage, and each received a gift card to Target.

Seven-year-old Kyle Swahl found his golden egg under a trash can. "I was happy when I found it," said Kyle. "He took off like a shot and slid on his knees to secure the golden egg ahead of his sisters and neighbors," joked Kyle's father, Scott.

"It's a really well-run event. The park's great and there's plenty of eggs for everyone. It has a family atmosphere," remarked Swahl.

The older children finished the egg hunt within minutes, and then started collecting eggs from the toddler's egg hunt. Davis said this was the first time she saw the older kids doing this. She hoped this doesn't happen next year.

After the egg hunt, Mandy the Clown entertained youngsters with an upbeat soundtrack, juggling and hat tricks.

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Children participate in the egg hunt at Buddy Attick Park on April 19.



The Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center's annual underwater egg hunt took place on Friday, April 18.

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Jonah Holland, 5, and Maggie Holland, 8, at the Annual Greenbelt Egg Hunt

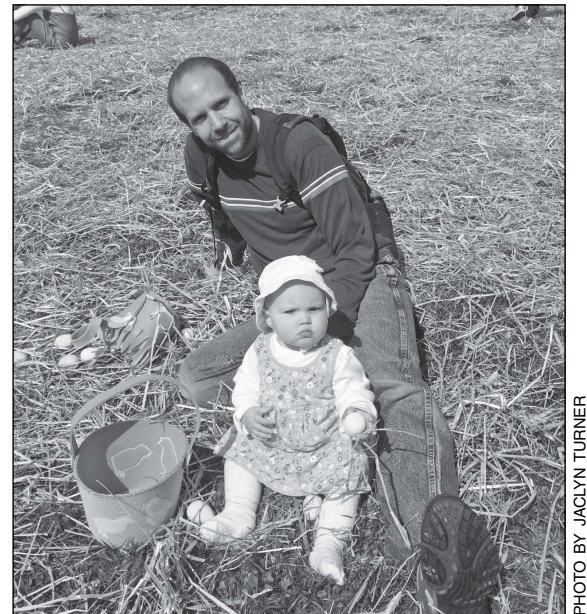
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Above, the Easter Bunny gives Maeve Waters (2, held by mom Corita Waters) a high five.



At left, Karma Mattocks (left, 5) and Amaru Ingram (3) examine their eggs.



At right, Aspen Gurney, 1, and her father, Reid hang out after the egg hunt.

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Notice of Annual Membership Meeting

The New Deal Café will hold its annual membership meeting at the Café on Sunday, May 4th at 1:00pm. Sign-in and payment of annual dues begins at 12:30pm.

Reports will be presented and the election of officers will be held. Voting will also take place on three proposed bylaw changes:

Proposed Bylaw #1:

Amendment to Article III., Section 1: "b. Renewing membership in the Cooperative requires payment of \$25 annual dues. The membership year begins the day of an annual meeting and ends the day before the following annual meeting. Payment of the membership fee makes a person a member for the membership year in which said fee is paid."

Proposed Bylaw #2:

New subsection to Article V., Section 5: "d. Conflicts of Interest. Whenever a Director or Officer has a financial or personal interest in any matter coming before the Board of Directors, the affected person shall a) fully disclose the nature of the interest and b) withdraw from discussion, lobbying, and voting on the matter. Any transaction or vote involving a potential conflict of interest shall be approved only when a majority of disinterested Directors determine that it is in the best interest of the Corporation to do so. The minutes of meetings at which such votes are taken shall record such disclosure, abstention and rationale for approval."

Proposed Bylaw #3:

Amendment to Article III, Section 4: "...No member may hold elected office if the member or the member's spouse or a member's immediate family member (defined as parent, child or sibling) is employed by the New Deal Café Cooperative. This applies to both direct employment by the Cooperative and to employment by companies that have entered into long-term on-site contracts with the cooperative."

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