

## Council Adjusts Proposed Budget, Final Public Hearing on May 23

by James Giese

On Monday, May 16, the Greenbelt City Council began its final budget worksession at which the council makes tentative final decisions on changes it wishes to make to the city manager's proposed budget for the coming fiscal year, beginning July 1. The council first considered both good and bad news provided by City Manager Michael McLaughlin. Although the bad news far outweighed the good news, the worst of it did not directly affect the proposed budget and the good news provided the council with an extra \$75,000 to spend to fund some items on its list of desirable added expenditures. The council chose not to cut a single dollar of the record setting \$27 million plus expenditure budget proposed by the city manager, but instead spent the evening determining how to spend the extra money available.

The net result was a tentatively balanced budget of \$27,227,600 and no increase in the property tax rate.

The final public hearing on the budget, with the announced tentative changes made by council, will be held on Monday, May 23 at the beginning of its regular meeting. Mayor Emmett Jordan pointed out to anyone watching

the worksession on television that the council would also accept written comments mailed or emailed to it by anyone not wishing to appear at the public hearing.

The adoption of the budget is scheduled for June 6. Council for many years has proceeded to do this adoption in a scripted manner of motions and has rarely made any changes to the decisions reached at the final budget worksession.

Because the final budget worksession realistically becomes the last chance for an advocacy group to succeed in getting changes sought to the budget, there has been significant resident turnout at past meetings. However, there has yet to be any significant vocal expression of concern about this budget and the only citizen present at the worksession was perpetual council meeting attendee William Orleans.

Although the budget does not call for an increase in the property tax rate, many property owners will be faced with increased tax bills. All Greenbelt property has been re-assessed with the new values to be phased in over the next three years. For many homes, values have increased from the lows reached in the last

reassessment three years ago. However, this was not true of all properties and city staff was disappointed to find the growth in property values to be less than anticipated. That caused McLaughlin to propose a budget with few new items of expenditures, to the disappointment of councilmembers eager to fund unfunded perceived needs.

### Bad News

The city will have to refund over \$700,000 to the owners of the Franklin Park apartments who won an appeal of their 2013 property assessment value that had been the basis for their tax payments for the last three years. While tax abatements are common occurrences and are factored into city revenues, this relates to the city's largest rental apartment project and is unusually large. The assessment date is January 1, 2013 and unfortunately for the city (fortuitously for the owners), the project had a lot of vacancies due to a recent major fire and many units under renovations. Subsequently, the project has maintained high occupancy rates as have other rental apartment projects in the city.

The good news about the bad

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## City Council Deals with Lake Dredging and HVAC Issues

by Diane Oberg

The city moved one step closer to the long-deferred dredging of the Greenbelt Lake forebays at its May 9 regular meeting. In addition, council gave final approval for purchase of the fan coil units needed for the Community Center heating/air conditioning upgrade.

### Dredging

Council unanimously approved the proposal by the county's Clean Water Partnership to dredge the two lake forebays at no cost to the city. Council had given preliminary approval earlier this year and now is finalizing that approval and directing staff to enter into the necessary agreement with the county.

The forebays are the small ponds just outside the lake. One is located between the Braden Fields access road and the lake, the other is located near University Square and Charlestowne North apartments. By catching runoff on its way to the lake and slowing it down, these forebays are designed to allow sediment to settle out and result in cleaner water reaching the lake.

The work will be paid out of the county stormwater manage-

ment fee (known in the last gubernatorial campaign as the "rain tax"). Both the Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) and the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES) have reviewed that plan. Both boards supported the concept but had concerns about the lack of detail available such as tree loss, revegetation, impact on users, protection of wildlife and runoff from the dredging.

Ken Dunn, managing member of Soltesz Engineering, representing the county partnership, said that six trees will be removed with four being replaced. After dredging, native plants will be planted to mitigate the loss of vegetation and invasive species such as poison ivy will be removed. He said that herbicides would not be used; instead, they will plant enough desired vegetation that the undesired vegetation cannot come back.

In addition to the initial dredging, the agreement commits the county to maintain the functional aspects of the project for at least 30 years at no expense

to the city. The forebays are long overdue for dredging but lack of funds had prevented the city from undertaking this work on its own.

Dunn said that the project is expected to take 120 to 150 days but that it will not block the lake path or otherwise prevent access. They will be taking the dredged material offsite so he does not anticipate odors from the dredged materials being a problem. He noted that the details requested by GreenACES would not be available until the project is bid.

Council unanimously approved the proposal and directed staff to enter into the required agreement with the county.

### Community Center

Council gave final approval on a 4-1 vote with Councilmember Rodney Roberts opposed to the purchase of fan coil units needed for the Community Center's heating, ventilation and air conditioning upgrade. Roberts stated that his vote was due to the provision to fund 75 percent of the project with Program Open Space funds. (Mayor Emmett Jordan

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PHOTO BY KAREN HALEY

Mike Harris (front) and Shawn O'Neil (back) enjoy a tandem bike ride. See story on page 6.

## Crazy Quilt Fest Returns To Center Saturday, June 4

by Joe P. Harris

On Saturday, June 4 the Crazy Quilt Music Festival will return to Roosevelt Center from noon to 8 p.m. Last year's festival featured the first-ever permitted wedding in the Center, and this year's festival is no less historic with the first-ever contra dance closing the event from 6 to 8 p.m. Local band Transatlantic Crossing will provide music for the big dance, and Lindsey Dodson, also a local talent, will be the caller. A brief lesson will be given from 6 to 6:30 p.m., and the dance will follow until 8 p.m.

The festival opens at noon with a band from the Music Workshop for Special Needs Adults. The Music Workshop is founded on the principle that people with significant challenges can develop creatively, making important contributions to the cultural and economic life of their communities. This year's act is a quartet, performing an original tune with a mix of pop and R and B covers.

At 1 p.m., The Bachelor and the Bad Actress, who got married at last year's festival, take the stage to sing and possibly renew their vows. Will this become a Crazy Quilt tradition!? By the way, he's no longer a bachelor, and her acting has improved, so if you've got a better name,

they're taking suggestions.

At 2 p.m., The Coolots storm the stage with their proprietary blend of feminist funk, punk and soul. Roosevelt Center may forever be changed. At 3 p.m., Doug Stevenson and the Spades twang out classic country and honky-tonk with originals they simply call American. Additionally, Doug always wears a cool cowboy hat.

At 4 p.m., North American Martyrs will be playing originals that somehow blend classic country with latin rhythms, and it works. When the five o'clock hour rolls around, June Star will take the stage. All I can say about these guys is they fairly blew me away when I did a show with them about a month ago. The only thing that could possibly follow them is a contra dance – which is happening – to close the festival. Perfect! And now we've come full circle, just as they do in a contra dance. Hope to see you there.

The Crazy Quilt Music Festival would like to thank its sponsor, Friends of the New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA), and the City of Greenbelt. We would also like to acknowledge the many years' hard work and dedication of Frank Keyser, who provides all the sound equipment and technical support.

### What Goes On

#### Saturday, May 21

9:30 a.m., Free French Kickboxing Demo, Schrom Hills Park Fitness Zone and 2:30 p.m., SHL Recreation Center

10 a.m., Public Works Open House, Public Work's Facility

2 to 6 p.m., Celebration of Spring, SHL Recreation Center (See city ad for details.)

#### Monday, May 23

8 p.m., City Council Meeting and Public Hearing on Budget, preceded by ACE Student Awards, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and at greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

#### Tuesday, May 24

7 p.m., Advisory Committee on Education, Municipal Building

7:30 p.m., Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES) and Green Team, Community Center

# Letters to the Editor

## Discount for All

I noticed a small, yet significant error in the article by Caroline Fuchs, The Co-op Supermarket: More than Bread and Milk, in the May 12 issue of the News Review. It is in the final sentence. We should all be grateful that someone gets to the final sentence! It reads, "And rush hour at the Co-op is the last Wednesday of every month when members receive a five percent discount on purchases." This is absolutely true, but the 5 percent savings is for everyone, not just members, which is significant given that about 25 to 30 percent of shoppers are not members of the Co-op.

Thanks for publishing articles about the Co-op. In uncertain economic times, it is great that we can come together to support each other.

Joe Gareri

## Clarifications

After reading the May 5 article regarding the Greenbelt Fire Department, I found some incorrect statements.

For the last several years, Prince George's County has provided five paid career firefighters 24/7, not just during week day daytime.

Another statement should read: Both the College Park and Glenn Dale fire stations, while mostly volunteer, have career county-staffed ALS medic units assigned 24/7, not volunteer staffed. Branchville, College Park and Berwyn Heights volunteer fire departments provide part-time volunteer medic units (when volunteer ALS members are available) to supplement these two Prince George's County Fire Department career medic units assigned to the College Park and Glenn Dale stations.

These facts can be double checked through the Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department's chief spokesperson, Mark E. Brady at 240-508-7930 or mebrady@co.pg.md.us.

Kyle Snyder



## Museum Event Article

Thank you so much for the excellent coverage that you gave the Greenbelt Museum's Hands-On History Day and 10-A Input Event in last week's issue. We had a very good crowd and kids of all ages enjoyed themselves as they learned about various aspects of Greenbelt history.

The typewriting activity was by far the favorite amongst attendees and we received a great deal of feedback about the Museum, its most important roles and how people envision the museum's expansion to 10-A. We are currently working on an online survey seeking the same input, so stay tuned for information about that.

The most important reason I'm writing, however, is to correct the byline of the article that was published in last week's issue. The piece was written by our education and volunteer coordinator, Sheila Maffay-Tuthill, not myself, which I should have made clear when I submitted it. This was my mistake. Her unflagging enthusiasm for working with children came through loud and clear in her words and I wanted to be sure that this was acknowledged.

Thanks again for the front page placement!

Megan Searing Young  
Director, Greenbelt Museum

## City Notes

Horticulture/Parks staff report that the steel beam needed for improvements to a pedestrian bridge at Stream Valley Park was set in place. The old steel decking and railing were removed.

Four ash trees were removed, having been infested with emerald ash borer, and replaced with Princeton elms on Hanover Parkway.

### GAIL

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program in partnership with BabyLove DC, distributed 21,000 diapers for babies and toddlers in Greenbelt. GAIL also served over 180 families with 870 family members at the Springhill Lake Elementary School produce distribution.

## Dieterich to Address Astronomical Society

On Thursday, May 26 at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Serge Dieterich will address the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt on Understanding Our Closest and Smallest Stellar Neighbors. In his talk, Dieterich will highlight recent developments and advances in the understanding of very low mass stars, with particular emphasis on the role of recent observations in pinpointing the end of the stellar main sequence and how the smallest stars compare and contrast to their lower mass cousins, the substellar brown dwarfs. He will also discuss what types of observations are needed to understand the fundamental properties of a star and how stellar astronomers interpret the results of those observations.

Dieterich received his Ph.D. in astronomy from Georgia State University. He is currently a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Terrestrial Magnetism of the Carnegie Institution of Washington.

The meeting will be held at the H.B. Owens Science Center, 9601 Greenbelt Rd., Lanham (adjacent to DuVal High School). All are welcome. There is no admission fee.



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Sat. 1:15 PM, 3:30 PM, 5:45 PM, 8:00 PM  
Sun. 1:15 PM (OC), 5:45 PM, 8:00 PM  
**Mon. 5:45 PM, 8:00 PM**  
**Tues. 5:45 PM, 8:00 PM**  
Wed. 3:30, 5:45 PM, 8:00 PM  
Thur. 5:45 PM, 8:00 PM

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**Family Series: BLACK STALLION (1979) (G) (118 m.) Sat. 11:00 AM**

**Building Bridges: I AM ELEVEN (2011) (NR) (89 m.) Sun. 3:30 PM FREE!**

## The Old Curmudgeon



"I think it's rust!"

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# Community Events

## Huge Free Sampling At Co-op Saturday

On Saturday, May 21, the Co-op Supermarket will be hosting a store-wide tasting event from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This has shaped up to be quite extensive. The store will have vendors and staff offering samples of more than 15 different items that the Co-op sells, including energy drinks, locally baked pastries and cookies, handmade sushi, vegan sides, Greek and Middle Eastern dishes, natural soaps and shampoos and a selection of specially selected wines.

The Co-op will be raffling off several items including t-shirts, gift cards, stuffed animals, a coffee grinder and reusable Co-op shopping bags. The Greenbelt Community Foundation (GCF) will also be holding a raffle of its own, so there will be many opportunities to come away from the event a winner.

This event is being sponsored by the Co-op to help celebrate a past grant by the GCF. As a grant recipient, Co-op is proud to participate in the Foundation's 10th anniversary celebration campaign, Explore Your Greenbelt, sponsored by Beltway Plaza, the Greenbelt News Review and Paradyne Management.

## Greenbelt Writers Meet, Plan for Peace Month

The Greenbelt Writers Group (GWG) will hold its monthly meeting on Friday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. Open readings will be held in addition to planning for GWG participation in Peace Month in Greenbelt. The Peace Month GWG meeting on Friday, June 19 may include readings from writers' own works as well as published works with a peace theme. All interested writers are invited to participate in meetings.

## Car Wash

St. Hugh's Youth Group will hold a car wash this Saturday, May 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the rear parking lot of St. Hugh's Church.

Freewill donations will support the group's annual retreat to Steubenville, Ohio in June.

## Del. Washington Tour at New Deal

Delegate Alonzo Washington invites the community to join him on his Table Talk Tour for an informal conversation of issues, concerns or questions residents may have regarding the 2016 Legislative Session, the county or District 22.

The tour will stop at the New Deal Café on Saturday, May 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## 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 margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of May 23 are as follows:

Monday, May 23: Apple juice, rotisserie chicken, mashed yams, broccoli, wheat roll, tropical fruit.

Tuesday, May 24: Apple juice, chicken noodle soup with crackers, meatball sub, mixed green salad with Italian dressing, fresh fruit.

Wednesday, May 25: Senior Health & Fitness Day. All sites closed.

Thursday, May 26: Grape juice, stuffed salmon with dill sauce, lima beans, parslid carrots, wheat roll, applesauce.

Friday, May 27: Cranberry juice, hamburger with bun, baked beans, coleslaw, mayo, sliced cheese, hot peach crisp.

## Greenbelt Time Bank Orientation Social

The next Greenbelt Time Bank orientation and social will be on Saturday, May 21 at 7902 Kara Court in Greenbelt. Orientation will be 1 to 3 p.m. followed by a social from 3 to 5 p.m. All are invited to the orientation to learn about timebanking, refresh skills and meet members of the timebanking community. Bring snacks to share.

Attendees should RSVP to [greenbelt.timebank@gmail.com](mailto:greenbelt.timebank@gmail.com).

## Children and Animals Safety Workshop

W.A.G.S. (Well-Wishers for the Animals of the Greenbelt Shelter) is holding a free Children and Animals Safety Workshop on Sunday, May 22, from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Schrom Hills Community Park clubhouse, 6915 Hanover Parkway. Volunteers and professional dog trainers will teach children ages 5 to 10 and their parents about dogs and cats with particular emphasis on identifying an animal's stress signals, how to approach unfamiliar animals, what to do if approached by an unfamiliar dog off leash, and how to supervise and monitor children and dogs to avoid dog bites.

The workshop is made possible by the Jim Cassels Community Service Award and in partnership with Your Dog's Friend (a non-profit organization with the mission of keeping dogs out of shelters by offering workshops and training) and the City of Greenbelt Animal Shelter. Register by emailing [wagsgbas@gmail.com](mailto:wagsgbas@gmail.com) or calling 301-312-9603. Specify the number of children and adults attending and the ages of the children. The next workshop will occur Sunday, June 12 from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Community Center; additional workshops will be scheduled for autumn 2016.

## Dems Meet May 20

The Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club's meeting on Friday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m. features Pat Murray, executive director of the Maryland Democratic Party. The club's meeting will be held in the newly renovated Greenbriar Community Building. The featured topic will be the upcoming Democratic Party convention in Philadelphia, the party's platform and organizing for the general congressional, senatorial and presidential elections this November.

## GHI Notes

Thursday, May 19, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room.

Friday, May 20, Office Closed, Emergency Maintenance Service at 301-474-6011.

Monday, May 23, 7 p.m., Communications Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby.

Wednesday, May 25, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee Meeting, Board Room.

Saturday, May 28, 11 a.m., Pre Purchase Orientation, Board Room.

Monday, May 30, Office Closed (Memorial Day), Emergency Maintenance Service at 301-474-6011.

## Events at MakerSpace

Friday, May 20 is an Open Project night. Stop during open hours to see what we are working on or to work on your own project.

Saturday, May 21, Lego Build returns. This workshop is open to all ages; adults are welcome as well as kids. This week we will be motorizing claws and grabbers.

Sunday, May 22 from noon to 1:30 p.m. is an art doll workshop. From 2 to 4 p.m. the free Animation Workshop taught by local artist Ola Betiku continues.

Tuesday, May 24, Arduino class continues from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Wednesday, May 25, Junior Lego builders will be working from 4 to 5 p.m. Knit Night for knitters, crocheters and other fibers enthusiasts is from 6 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, May 26 from 5 to 7 p.m. is Lego Robotics Programming; class size is limited and some experience is required. Coder Dojo continues from 7 to 8 p.m. where kids from 9 to 14 are working on game design.

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### Week of May 20

#### FRIDAY – SATURDAY

The Darkness, PG-13  
11:20, 1:50, 4:20, 7:25, 9:50  
The Jungle Book, PG  
11:10, 1:40, 4:10, 7:10, 9:40  
The Angry Birds Movie, in 3D, PG\*\*  
4:50, 9:20  
The Angry Birds Movie, in 2D, PG  
11, 12:05, 1:30, 2:20, 4:20, 6:35, 7:05, 8:50  
Captain America: Civil War, PG-13  
11:45, 2:50, 4, 6:15, 7, 9:40  
Neighbors 2, R  
11:30, 1:40, 4:30, 7, 9:20  
Barbershop 3, PG-13  
11, 1:30, 9:50  
The Nice Guys, R  
10:50, 1:30, 4:30, 7:20, 9:50

#### SUNDAY – WEDNESDAY

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#### THURSDAY

X-Men: Apocalypse, PG-13 (preshow)  
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Alice: Through the Looking Glass, PG (preshow)  
7  
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More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

## Greenbelt Arts Center OPENING THIS WEEK



Written and directed by William Leary  
A guest production from Wolf Pack Theatre  
May 20 - 29

Friday and Saturday at 8:00, Sunday at 2:00  
Ticket prices: \$20 General Admission,  
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The Hollow – June 17 – 26  
The Eaton Woman – July 8 – 17  
A Few Good Men – July 29 – August 13

For information & reservations, call 301-441-8770 or email: [info@greenbeltartscenter.org](mailto:info@greenbeltartscenter.org) or BOOK TICKETS ONLINE at [www.greenbeltartscenter.org](http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org)

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In Memoriam**Remembering Martin Coyne**

by Rob Baker

I want to share memories after the passing of one of our longtime neighbors in Greenbelt. I grew up with the Coynes since we all moved into the new townhouses in 1970/71. Mr. Coyne was always that quiet, nice neighbor who worked on his car and yard, but never shared much about himself. As I got older, he'd help me work on my car or lend me a tool or two, but still never mentioned much about his past. Then, in 1982 I came back from a trip to Europe and told him about visiting Dachau concentration camp outside of Munich. I knew he had been in WWII, but up until that day, didn't really know what he did during the war.

Upon my telling him about my trip, he said, "I was one of the first three people to liberate Dachau." Say what?!

Mr. Coyne went on to tell me that he was in Patton's Third Army. He was first stationed in Britain and then one day was told to "load up." So, on a June day in 1944, he landed on "some beach" in France (he was never quite sure which one). He arrived to witness the carnage of the previous day. Maybe it was his youth or loyalty or naiveté or a combination of each, but he never questioned his duties and did whatever he was asked to do. He was assigned to be a scout on a half-track (à la the final scene in Saving Private Ryan). This meant that he would report enemy positions and troop movements ahead of Patton's advance. Just imagine the bravery that would take.

He went on to fight in the Battle of the Bulge and in a number of other engagements. Imagine the frigid cold, bullets and bombs raining down, all the while dressed in heavy cotton

that stays frozen and never dries. These were the "small details" that he shared, but only after I pulled them out of him.

In April of 1945, Mr. Coyne was assigned to take a military reporter/cameraman to a place called Dachau on the outskirts of Munich. He told me that they had no idea exactly where they were going or what to expect. Upon entering the gates he saw a dead SS officer (he had missed his chance and another soldier grabbed the enemy's Luger). He went on to tell me about the atrocities he saw (much too graphic to share).

Mr. Coyne told me that when he came back to the States, his little Pennsylvania town had a parade for a few of the returning soldiers. He was not in the parade. Instead he watched as if he was just another person in the crowd. He laughed as he told me that one of the hometown heroes in the parade was given special accolades because he was awarded three bronze stars. An extraordinary feat. But in a moment of rare bravado, Mr. Coyne chuckled as he told me that he had been awarded five Bronze Stars! If you ever met him, you know that humility was one of his personality traits. I wonder how many people the day of the parade and for most of his life ever knew that they were in the company of a great American hero.

It's estimated that 420 WWII veterans are dying every day and they will all be gone by 2036. If you ever have the chance and a veteran is willing to share, listen to their stories. I will always be grateful for the opportunity to have met the hero in my hometown.

Thank you Mr. Coyne.

**At the Library**

On Your Mark, Get Set, Read! is the 2016 Summer@Your Library theme for all ages from baby through adult. Become a gold medal reader and earn prizes for reading and completing fun activities. Here's how: Sign up for Summer@Your Library from May 19 through August 15 by going to [pgcmls.info](http://pgcmls.info) and using your library card number to complete your registration. Play online or on paper. (A registration station is available at the Greenbelt Branch Library.) Starting June 18, come to any branch to claim a prize just for signing up. There will be exciting sports, fitness and wellness events at all library branches throughout the summer. After completing the activities, get a final prize and enter to win the grand prize raffle for electronics, event tickets, gift cards and more.

Weekly Ready 2 Read Storytimes: Wednesday, May 25: ages 3 to 5, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 20 people. Thursday, May 26: ages 1 to 2, 10:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); ages birth to 1, 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m., limit 20 people.

Crazy8! Season 2: Tuesday, May 24: 4 p.m., for grades K to 2, limit 25 students; 5 p.m., for grades 3 to 5, limit 25 students.

All Prince George's County Memorial Library System branches will be closed on Monday, May 30 for the Memorial Day holiday. The Greenbelt Branch Library will reopen on Tuesday, May 31 at 1 p.m.

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**Boxwood Village Scholarship Open**

The Boxwood Village Civic Association offers an annual \$500 scholarship to a resident of Boxwood Village. It is available to graduating high school seniors and to full-time (at least 12 credit hours per semester) undergraduate students. The scholarship is partially funded through the proceeds from the Boxwood Booth at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival.

The application form should be completed and returned by June 30. A scholarship committee composed of five Boxwood Village residents will choose this year's recipient. For further information and/or to pick up an application form, call Jean Cook at 301-345-2597 or Judy Ott at 301-474-0222.



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135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
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**Mass Schedule:**

Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

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

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**Greenbelt Coop's Biggest Fan**

by Yeri Zinn

Danielle Celdran is an exercise physiologist and in her free time she also loves karaoke and dancing. She grew up in Greenbelt, moved out to Lanham but came back to Greenbelt after 12 years. Celdran currently resides in Boxwood Village not far from the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative (Co-op).

She recently had a great experience at the Co-op, when Joe Gareri, the education and outreach coordinator led an informative tour for Greenbelt Home-schoolers. Celdran and her son, Danzson, both agree that the tour was very enjoyable and educational. Gareri led them on a scavenger hunt-themed tour around the store to find various types of produce, milk and meat products. He emphasized the importance of "eating a rainbow" and suggested easy meals like chicken salad. Celdran said that she is now hooked on it and recommends it on a bed of spinach.

Danzson enjoys going to the Co-op with his mother. He helps write her grocery list, finds items for the best prices and enjoys weighing produce on the scales. Sometimes, he spends his own money so that he can learn about the value of money. The cashiers at the Co-op are patient and are

always happy to help him count out the right amount of change.

It is no doubt that the Greenbelt Cooperative is a neighborhood gem. Celdran enjoys running into her neighbors while shopping for groceries. She believes that the staff is personable and friendly and has made her into a lifelong Co-op shopper. The Co-op also leads initiatives that benefit the community such as collecting plastic bags, offering taste tests and a kid's fruit of the month club "membership." One of the best qualities about the Co-op is that because it is run as a cooperative, members of the community care about its success.

*Yeri Zinn is an intern working with the Greenbelt Community Foundation.*

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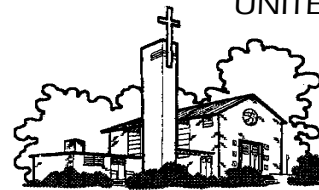
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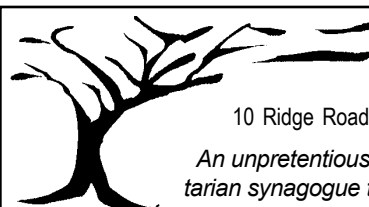
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**New Deal Café**

Thursday, May 19, Mid-Day Melodies from noon to 2 p.m. Open Mic hosted by Joe Harris from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, May 20, John Guernsey plays jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The Bad Influence Band offers up blues and roots rock music sure to have you moving and grooving from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 21, Table Talk with Maryland Delegate Alonzo Washington from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Bruce Krittr plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. John Guernsey plays classic American standards on piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Lady Rose Blues Band brings on straight ahead power blues with a dash of funk from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 22 join the Deaf Brunch from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Craig Gildner and the Blue Sky 5 perform classic American swing music and group jazz pieces from the 30s, 40s and 50s from 5 to 8 p.m.

Monday, May 23, New Deal Café Board of Directors meets from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Members and visitors are welcome to attend.

Tuesday, May 24, The New Deal Laugh-In presented by CLaw Comedy productions from 7 to 9 p.m. Adult audience suggested.

Wednesday, May 25, the monthly Cajun Music Jam from 7 to 9 p.m. Bring an instrument and join in.

Thursday, May 26, Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft from 12 to 2 p.m. SAW Open Mic hosted by Lynn Hollyfield from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, May 27, John Guernsey plays standard American classics on piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Fast Eddie and The Slowpokes offer up a blend of Chicago, West Coast, swing and jump blues music from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 28, Jazz Jam with Greg Meyer from 1 to 5 p.m. Bring an instrument and join in this community jam session. John Guernsey plays jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Four Star Combo performs high energy 1950s rockabilly music from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

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# City Information

**GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING  
ACE STUDENT AWARDS  
Municipal Building, Monday, May 23, 2016 – 8:00 p.m.**

**ORGANIZATION**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- Presentations
  - American Legion Auxiliary – Poppy Presentation
  - Peace Month Proclamation
  - Paradyme Management Presentation
  - Advisory Committee on Education Student Awards
  - Legislative Wrap-Up
- Public Hearing
  - Proposed FY 2017 Budget
  - Constant Yield Tax Rate
- Petitions and Requests
- (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)
- Minutes of Council Meetings
- Administrative Reports
- \*Committee Reports

**LEGISLATION**

- A Resolution to Amend Resolution 2032, a Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Certain Goods and Services from Various Vendors as Enumerated Herein When Total Fiscal Year Purchases from Each Vendor Exceed Ten Thousand Dollars
  - 1st Reading

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- Approval of Pepco Vegetation Management Work (Advisory Committee on Trees, Report #2016-2, Pepco Request for Tree Removals)
- Council Reports

**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](mailto:cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov) to reach the City Clerk.*

**OFFICIAL NOTICE**  
The Greenbelt City Council has scheduled a **PUBLIC HEARING** To be held during the Regular Meeting of Council Monday, May 23, 2016 at 8:00 p.m.

**CONCERNING THE PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND EACH OF THE OTHER FUNDS OF THE CITY.**

This is the second of two Public Hearings on the budget. 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/budget](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/budget). For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

*Cindy Murray CMC, City Clerk*

**VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**  
Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Board of Elections, Community Relations Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Youth Advisory Committee – Adult Member  
**For information call 301-474-8000.**

**FREE Savate (French) Kickboxing Demos**  
**Saturday, May 21**  
9:30am: Schrom Hills Park Fitness Zone  
6915 Hanover Parkway  
2:30pm: Springhill Lake Recreation Center  
6101 Cherrywood Ln, Greenbelt  
Come visit the new outdoor fitness zone at Schrom Hills Park! Shade structures cover the 12 exercise stations and cushioned open space. 9:30am Savate (French) Kickboxing Demo. This new class offers a cardio workout, focused on fitness, agility and conditioning.  
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**MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF MAY 23-27**  
Monday, May 23 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING/ ACE STUDENT AWARDS/PUBLIC HEARING ON FY2017 BUDGET** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. *Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv).*

Tuesday, May 24 at 7:00pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

Tuesday, May 24 at 7:30pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY** (Green ACES) and **GREEN TEAM** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, May 25 at 7:30pm, **CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. *(see below)*

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

**OFFICIAL NOTICE**  
In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, an Executive Session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Wednesday, May 25, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Library of the Municipal Building.  
The purpose of this meeting will be to consider a personnel matter.  
*Cindy Murray CMC, City Clerk*

**Public Works OPEN HOUSE**



**May 21 from 10:00am-1:30pm**  
**Public Works Facility-555 Crescent Rd.**  
Ride the Bucket Truck, Climb on Work Trucks, Demonstrations, Environmental and Sustainability Information & Games, Tours, Hot Dogs and Drinks.  
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**COMMUNITY ART PROJECT**  
Participate in a Community Art Project using recycled caps and lids with Karen Arrington, a Resident Artist at the Greenbelt Community Center.

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**FREE CELEBRATION OF SPRING**

**Saturday, May 21st from 2:00-6:00pm**  
**Springhill Lake Recreation Center**



**Live Entertainment by the N2N Band**  
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# City Hosts Tandem Cycling Event for Visually Impaired

by Jack Chavez

Riding a bike brings the feeling of speed and the rush of the wind. On May 14 experienced bikers joined with visually impaired individuals for a tandem cycle around town.

"It's great having the energy from moving fast, feeling fluid," said event organizer Denna Lambert, who is visually impaired.

It was a sentiment echoed by more than a dozen people from Greenbelt and neighboring communities who came together at the Community Center to learn how to ride tandem.

The event was open to the public but catered towards people with vision disabilities.

Tandem bikes are manned by a captain, who pedals and steers in the front, and a stoker, who pedals from the back.

"It's wonderful to have captains and stokers working together," said Laura O'Neil, who was riding a tandem bicycle for the first time in 20 years. "Greenbelt is an inclusive community, regardless of ability."

The objective of the event was to demonstrate to visually impaired people that there are still ways they can participate in high-energy activities that their disability makes challenging.

"I don't get many opportunities to exercise," Shawn O'Neil said. "This event gave me a



PHOTO BY KAREN HASELEY

Ken Silberman rides behind Jim Cawley.

chance to."

The event also educated participants about tandem bicycling, which requires both riders to be in clear communication with each other at all times. The act of mounting, riding and stopping a tandem bicycle are all more challenging than one may assume, Lambert said. The event also gave people the opportunity to network with people that have a common interest in cycling.

Tandem bicycling is challenging, even for people with perfect

vision, but Lambert stressed that vision disabilities alone should not discourage anyone from participating. "This disability does not prevent me from being active," she said.

Currently there are no set plans for similar events, but organizers want this event to be a precursor to offering a short biking course and regular scheduled rides in the future.

Jack Chavez is a University of Maryland journalism student writing for the News Review.

# Grade 5 Animation Workshop At Greenbelt Elementary

by Barbara Simon

Fifth graders at Greenbelt Elementary School began making their own animation this month in workshops led by George Kochell, who is the animation instructor for the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts and Greenbelt Access Television (GAVA/GATE). They will draw and then animate literary characters in Ms. Polston's classes in the Media Lab using the school's iPads and the award-winning Doink Animation app. The students will then integrate their animation into final book report presentations prepared in Mr. Richardson's classes.

The animation workshops are part of the school's efforts to integrate the arts with the academic curriculum. The workshops are partially funded by the school's PTA. A grant from Todd Turner, who represents Greenbelt on the Prince George's County Council, awarded additional funds for the project, through the county's Special Appropriation Grant Pro-

gram. The grant award was made to the Family Fund for the Arts at Greenbelt Elementary School. The Fund was set up two years ago as a joint project by the school PTA and GAVA to support

arts programming at the school. Donations to the Fund are always welcome and are tax-deductible. For more information contact Barbara Simon at simongava@yahoo.com..



PHOTO BY BARBARA SIMON

George Kochell, instructor, demonstrates an animation app to 5th graders Sophie Cooper and Rebecca Schmit at Greenbelt Elementary School.

## Carnivorous Plants Featured at USBG

On Saturday, May 21 from 10:30 a.m. to noon the U.S. Botanic Garden (USBG) will hold a lecture, The Fascinating World of Carnivorous Plants, by Todd Brethauer, USBG science education volunteer.

Few plants fascinate young and old alike more than carnivorous plants. The adaptation and ability of these 700+ plant species allow them to capture and digest insects and small animals. In turn, this enables them to grow in nutrient-poor soils. Learn about the evolution, history, ecology and physiology of the carnivorous plants of the world and how modern science is being applied to better understand them. Get hints on how to keep carnivorous plants healthy and happy at home. Discover which carnivorous plant was a favorite of President Thomas Jefferson and which carnivorous plant was used by the surgeons in General George Washington's Revolutionary War Army.

This free talk will be held in the Conservatory Classroom. Pre-registration is required; visit usbg.gov to register.

## GHI Election Results

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. elected a new Board of Directors, Audit Committee and Nominations and Elections Committee on May 12 to 13.

### Board of Directors

- 4 vacancies - two-year terms
- Stefan Brodd\* - 207
- Stephen Holland\* - 207
- Ed James\* - 198
- Diana McFadden\* - 191
- Kim Kweder - 46

### Audit Committee

- 3 vacancies - one-year term
- Molly Lester\* - 181
- Paul Kapfer\* - 162
- Leeann Irwin\* - 158
- Henry Haslinger - 131

### Nominations and Elections Committee

- 5 vacancies - one-year term
- Alex Barnes\*
- Theresa Henderson\*
- Tom Jones\*
- Therese Kucera\*
- Anna Socrates\*
- Elected by voice vote.

Ballots Cast: 232

\*Elected

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news is that this does not directly affect the proposed budget. Relating to past years' operations, the payback will be made from the city's reserve funds. McLaughlin said that the remaining reserves would still be at the 10 percent of revenues level desired to assure that money is available for unexpected emergencies. It did put the kibosh on some councilmembers' thoughts of using a part of the reserves to fund added city expenditures, the reserves being before the refund well above the 10 percent level.

McLaughlin offered more bad news in that further information had resulted in the need to increase the budget for Worker's Compensation by an additional \$50,000 and the legislature had failed to fully implement the governor's recommendation on the amount of highway-user revenues to share with the local jurisdictions, resulting in a \$25,000 reduction in the estimate for that revenue.

### Good News

Those bits of bad news were more than offset by the good news that the Federal Emergency Management Administration had approved reimbursing the city to the tune of \$100,000 for the extraordinary cost of snow removal caused by last winter's major snowfall.

The net result was that there was an extra \$25,000 available for the council to allocate as it wished. Added to that was a \$19,500 excess of estimated revenues over proposed expenditures proffered by the city manager in the proposed budget, giving council the grand total of \$44,500 to allocate without the need to change any item in the already proposed \$27 million budget.

For two and one-half hours the council wrestled with how to spend the money. Although Councilmembers Edward Putens and Leta Mach could not attend the meeting, they had previously submitted their recommendations, which those present respectfully noted and counted when tallying votes. Councilmember Rodney Roberts, growing weary of the meeting's length, suggested at one point that council should just fund everything it wanted and be over with it.

Staff had identified a list of 15 items that councilmembers had expressed an interest in adding to the budget totaling \$386,400. Individual councilmembers had some additional items to throw into the mix.

On a first go-around, councilmembers cut the list and dollar amounts back to 10 items totaling \$83,700.

After a second go-around and a little adjusting, a final list of budget additions was agreed to.

### Winners

The following items were tentatively approved by the council as additional budgeted expenses for Fiscal Year 2017: provide

funding for economic development initiatives, \$14,000; perform a security audit for information technology activities, \$10,000; provide additional funding for the Community Emergency Response Team, \$1,000; undertake concrete repairs at the pool, \$4,000; add four hours a week of pay for the part-time geriatric case manager, \$8,500; provide security cameras at the animal shelter, \$5,000; and provide \$1,000 grants to the Greenbelt Community Foundation (GCF) and the Greenbelt Soccer Alliance (GSA).

### Losers

Contenders that lost were: a master plan for information technology, \$120,000, although \$10,000 was budgeted for performing a security audit; an added public information position to assist in community development promotion, \$61,500; replacement of one additional police vehicle, \$35,000; paramedic training for a fire department volunteer, \$5,000 (council hoped a grant could be obtained to do this); an inflatable play area device for the swimming pool, \$9,500; assessment of a splash pad area for the wading pool, \$5,000; recycling totes for Woodland Hills (the last area on the list to get bins from the city), \$5,000; planning for second dog park, \$5,000 (will be considered as a project for funding in the Capital Projects Fund); increase in part-time geriatric case manager hours by one day a week, \$8,000 (council did add funds for a half-day); fund a position to coordinate volunteers assisting the city, \$61,500; create a code enforcement abatement fund, \$25,000; and add a half-time animal control officer, \$27,200.

In addition, two organizations seeking recognition as contribution groups and thereby receiving regular funds were given much smaller grants instead. The GCF sought \$10,000 to put on a 10-year anniversary celebration, but received only \$1,000. The city will also help out by assisting in other ways. That organization is unable to use the funds it raises for that purpose.

The GSA also received a \$1,000 grant for the purpose of reducing the fees charged to Greenbelt residents in its non-competition soccer programs. GSA had sought a contribution of \$6,000.

### Registration for GES

Greenbelt Elementary School is currently accepting registrations for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students for the 2016-2017 school year each Monday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration for new students in grades one through five opens on June 21. A list of the required residency documents and health forms is available at [pgcps.org/greenbeltes/](http://pgcps.org/greenbeltes/).

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and Councilmember Leta Mach were not present.)

### Liquor License

Council approved the request of Friends of the Greenbelt Theatre to serve sparkling wine at their anniversary celebration on June 11 with the conditions that the wine not be offered for sale, that theater management ensure that it is served to adults only and that they obtain the required county liquor license. Roberts voted against the motion without comment.

### Committee Reports

Council accepted the Advisory Committee on Trees report 2016-2 that recommended approval of most of Pepco's proposed tree removals with the exception of six pine trees on Edmonston Rd. This report will be considered at the May 23 regular meeting.

Council also accepted the Park and Recreation Advisory Board report 2016-3 on the Sustainable Land Care Policy, which will be considered at a future regular council meeting. PRAB recommended that council approve a sustainable land care policy, then direct the parks superintendent to update the Lake Park master plan.

### Other Actions

Council approved without discussion a request for a \$1,000 donation to the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area's Heritage Center Project, which will create a per-



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

City Councilmembers Silke Pope, Edward Putens, Magnolia Elementary School Science Team Coach Robert Allen, team members Dustin Navarrosa and Kobe Marshall, Councilmembers Judith Davis, Rodney Roberts and Konrad Herling celebrate the team winning the county 2016 Science Bowl Championship.

manent home for the organization as well as provide space for a welcoming center for visitors.

### Proclamations

Mayor Pro-tem Davis presented certificates to Kobe Marshall, Dustin Navarrosa and Coach Robert Allen of Magnolia Elementary School's Science Team on their winning the 2016 Prince George's County Public School Science Bowl Championship. She noted that the contest was hard-fought and won by just five points.

Davis also presented a proclamation declaring May 16 to 23 "Infrastructure Week" in Greenbelt to Venu Nemani, Assistant District Engineer for Traffic at the State Highway Administration and a proclamation declaring May 21 as "National Kids to Parks Day in Greenbelt" to Director

of Recreation Julie McHale and Superintendent of Greenbelt Park Matthew Carroll.

Carroll talked briefly about the Every Kid in a Park program whereby on Tuesday, May 24 from 2 to 3 p.m. fourth graders can come to the Ranger Station to receive a pass for themselves and their families for free admission to any national park through the end of August. See the park website for more information.

McHale noted that Saturday, May 21 is the Celebration of Spring at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center as well as the Public Works Open House. Next month there will be a ribbon cutting at the outdoor fitness zone at Schrom Hills Park.



### Teenage Vocalists Shine at UMD

The Xtreme Teens Rising Star Vocal Showcase will take place on Saturday, May 21 at 7 p.m. in the Kay Theatre of The Clarice. Come see talented Prince George's County youth ages 10 to 17 compete vocally for cash prizes. There is a small fee.

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# Police Blotter

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

### Robbery

May 5, 7 a.m., 8100 block Lakecrest Drive. A man walking on the path to the rear of the 8100 block Lakecrest Drive leading to the lake trail observed a man sitting on a rock, who produced a knife and demanded his property. After the walker gave him a rolling carry bag and ID badges the man fled on foot. He is described as black, 15-to-17 years old, 5'4" tall with a medium build, wearing a black hooded jacket and navy blue pants.

May 8, 2:51 p.m., 100 block Centerway. A man reported that on May 6 at approximately 7 p.m. he was approached by three men, one of whom threatened him and demanded cash. After he gave it to him, he was told to go to the Co-op Supermarket and withdraw money from the ATM. He complied and then walked outside, gave the money to the men and ran. The reason for the man not reporting the incident on May 6 is unknown.

### DWI/DUI

May 8, 2:13 a.m., Greenbelt Road near Kenilworth Avenue. A 53-year-old resident was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol- and traffic-related offenses after being stopped for a traffic violation. She was released on citations pending trial.

### Air Gun

May 8, 7:45 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace. A 19-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with transporting an air gun on a public way after officers responded to a report of a person carrying BB guns that looked like rifles. He was released on citation pending trial.

### Theft

April 30, 9:25 p.m., 6000 block Cherrywood Court. A taxi driver picked up a man at the Greenbelt Metro and drove him to the 6000 block Cherrywood Court. The man attempted to pay the fare with a counterfeit bill but when the driver refused it, the man said he would go home and get the money. He never returned. He was described as black, 25-to-30 years old, 5'2" tall, 150 to 160 pounds with a thin build, a goatee, wearing a white jacket over a black shirt and black jeans.

### Trespass

May 8, 7:45 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A 30-year-old resident was arrested and charged with trespass after he was found on the grounds of Beltway Plaza after having been banned from the mall by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial. At 2:27 p.m. the same day he was found on the property again, arrested and charged with trespass. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

May 9, 3:22 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A 31-year-old resident was arrested and charged with trespass after he was found on the grounds of Beltway Plaza after having been banned from the mall by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

### Burglary

May 5, 12:38 a.m., 100 block Centerway. Officers responded

to a report of a burglary at the Sunoco service station. A witness heard noises coming from inside the garage bay area and then heard the alarm sound. He then observed a man exit, run to a nearby vehicle and flee. Nothing appeared to have been taken. The man is described as being 6' tall with a thin build, wearing a grey hooded sweatshirt and jeans. The vehicle is described as a dark colored Honda.

May 5, 1:30 p.m., 7500 block Mandan Road. A woman reported that on April 30 at approximately 5:30 p.m. she observed a man she did not know walk into her unsecured front door. He asked for the address of the residence and then left. He is described as black, in his mid-to-late 40s with moles on his face, wearing a red shirt, blue jeans and Timberland boots. The reason for the delay in reporting the incident is not known.

May 6, 5:54 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Drive. A black and grey Yorkshire terrier was found to be missing and two tablet-type computers were taken after entry into a residence was gained by forcing open the front door.

### Vandalism

May 8, 10:55 p.m., 7800 block Hanover Parkway. A bedroom window was broken out.

### Vehicle Crime

May 5, 3:19 a.m., 9200 block Edmonston Road. Two nonresidents were arrested. A 35-year-old woman was charged with alcohol- and traffic-related viola-

tions after being stopped during investigation of auto vandalism and a 38-year-old man was arrested and charged with malicious destruction after allegedly slashing four tires on a vehicle. Both were released on citations pending trial.

Two stolen vehicles were recovered. A 2008 Chevrolet Trailblazer reported stolen January 12 from the 7800 block Mandan Road was recovered May 6 by D.C. Metropolitan police in the 5000 block Shepard Parkway S.W. The tags on the vehicle at the time of theft, Md. 5AJ1311, were not recovered and are still listed as stolen. A 2003 Dodge Caravan reported stolen April 1 from the 7200 block Hanover Drive was recovered May 6 by Greensboro North Carolina police.

Four tires and rims were taken from a vehicle in the 6200 block Springhill Court.

Five of six calls to police involved broken vehicle windows. Three occurred in the 7700 and 7800 blocks Hanover Parkway, where handicap placards were taken from two cars, and a stereo and change were taken in the 6000 block Springhill Drive. On Hanover Drive near Greenway Center Drive a car was rummaged through after a window was broken but nothing appeared to have been taken. The interior of a car was vandalized in the 7800 block Walker Drive after a window was broken.

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Pictured on left is Dali Aoyama, Mission employee and Marine veteran and, on the right, Mission Manager Doug Plain; in the center are Greenbelt Police Officers Lieutenant Tom Kemp, FOP President MPO Michael Apgar and Corporal Scott Kaiser.



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The green heron has returned to Greenbelt Lake for 2016.

## Campaign to Stop the Lakeside North Development

We would like to thank the Greenbelt residents who came to our table at the Green Man festival and signed the petition to **stop** the proposed Lakeside North Development. We got many signatures! Our goal is to inform and unite Greenbelt residents.

Please stay tuned because we are planning the following upcoming events:

1. Public Information Days to provide information on the proposed development and how the development would impact Greenbelt. We will include information on the changes to the Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations. The petition to stop the development will be available for those who would like to sign.
2. Public Meeting with Prince George's County Zoning Officials in mid-June. Zoning officials will provide a presentation and answer questions about the proposed changes to the Prince Georges County Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations.

Contact Brian or Donna Almquist for more information at: [GreenbeltAdvocates.EJ@gmail.com](mailto:GreenbeltAdvocates.EJ@gmail.com)

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## A Wood's Perspective

James Giese's article, dated 4/14/16, reads, *"The owner of the Lakeside North Apartments has now put forth such a proposal to build a 25 story luxury high-rise apartment building on an unused portion of property."* After reading this, I went and had a look.

Upon my arrival it was easy enough to hike in. A worn path led my way and I was struck by how many crisscrossing animal trails there were. What also got my attention was the forest-filling bird-song. With a few more steps into this domain, I was greeted by a green fuzzy ground fern that I had never met before. It was feathery and angelic.

Whenever I go to a forest I have not seen for a while, first thing I do is sit Buddha-like and get still, letting the energy of the space influence me, before I influence it. Immediately I sensed I was among elders. In a bit, I hiked further in and came upon the largest interior forest red oak I have ever seen: at least 4-5 feet wide at the base. From the size of this towering giant it looked like this forest had been here for a good long while - well before the Roosevelt administration ever conceived of its affordable housing green towns ideas. I then walked down a hill and quietly climbed way up on a very slanted tulip poplar tree to get a panoramic view. For the first time in my life I saw fox pups. They were about 50 feet down the hill. I had heard they were cute - but I never knew how cute, until I saw them. As I watched the fox pups carousing in the silky ferns, heard the bird chorus singing its ancient song and looked over at the matriarch red oak vaulting ever skyward; the place did not look very "unused" to me.

As the eventide of sunset drew long easing shadows on the forest floor the birds alighted on the tree limbs facing the open fields. Even though there was still an hour of sunlight left and they could be tending nests or chasing off foe or harvesting seeds, they gathered in great multitudes, chirping in the shafts of sunbeams that softened a day's end.

I wandered below them and, looking up, I wondered, why aren't they doing something? Why do they just sit there and sing as if time does not exist. Then I had an

"ah-ha" moment, I suddenly knew. They were gathering in legions on the boughs of great trees to sing a song to Mother Nature for another beauty of a day.

When I looked back through the greenery at Lakeside North apartment homes, I was struck by how many windows face these vibrant woods. I wondered if the dwellers in the apartments enjoyed the gold sunset beams pouring into their homes, too. I wondered if all the folks who lived on Lakeside Drive and Boxwood Village enjoy the uninterrupted winter skyline of sunsets, too. The proposed luxury high-rise will be twice as tall as Maryland Trade Center II in Greenway Plaza. I decided to watch the angle of the sun as the day waned. It became obvious this structure would shade out the bronze sunset for many, many beings great and small.



I wondered faintly if the forest in any way could sense its potential demise. So I went back and climbed up the very leaning poplar and told the forest that anywhere else in Prince George's County your fate would be doomed. I then heard a whisper from yonder holly trees, *"But Paul, we don't own this land."* I told this vulnerable kingdom the story about saving the last of the original green belt nearby. I also said to them, *"We didn't own that land either, and now, it is our forest preserve. You reside within the borders of a community that has heeded the call of the wild before. Your beauty defines this town, so, in essence you, too, are a green belt. There are dear folks voicing for your preservation now, as I speak. Hark, hark, majestic woods! Hark, hark, fox pups and hulking red oak. The trumpets are sounding. You reside where sensitivity for all our bountiful forests is quite keen."*

Often, I have found, the clearest perspective is found within the woods.

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Saving what remains of our green belt has never been easy... and with every passing year this becomes more of a challenge, as developers look for fewer and fewer places to build. But, not here, not this time... again!

*Keep It Wild and Wooded!*

**State funds provided by Maryland to expand green space have been channeled into building maintenance projects. Remind your City Council members to use these funds as intended: to grow the green for our enrichment in all parts of Greenbelt, not into construction that favors the town center!**

**If you oppose this project, the Greenbelt City Council needs to hear from you.**

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