

Vigil Honors Dead, Expresses Solidarity for Tolerance, Peace

by Amy S. Hansen



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

Surrounded by Greenbelt residents, Lauren Cummings leads the vigil for the Orlando shooting victims.

Anger, sympathy, sadness, community and strength. With candles for the 49 victims of the Orlando, Fla., shooting, more than 100 people came together to honor the dead and seek solace at a vigil held in Roosevelt Center on June 14.

"We send our thoughts, prayers and love to the family members and friends who have been affected by this senseless tragedy," Lauren Cummings said as she opened the vigil. Organized by Greenbelt Pride, the vigil drew families, singles, seniors and babies.

"While many were LGBTQ Latinos, whatever their sexual orientation, their race, gender or class, whatever their nationality, age or religion their deaths should profoundly impact every American."

Her words were echoed by a large rainbow sign stating We Are Orlando.

The people in the night club thought they were in a safe place, Cummings said. "Like the movie

theater in Colorado, church in Charleston, classrooms in Virginia Tech, party in San Bernadino or elementary school in Newtown before this, everyone believed in their inherent safety and unfortunately each life was taken from us too soon."

Asking the crowd to move closer, she then asked the participants to move their minds forward and "honor the jubilant spirit of 49 souls who were taken and let us resolve to remember the impacts they've made in this world, not just how they were killed."

The sentiment was repeated by Greenbelt Mayor Emmett Jordan. "We are gathered in Roosevelt Center as others gather in Maryland and around the country," he said. "We need to stand together in solidarity for tolerance and peace."

The third speaker, Daniel Hamlin, added that he is angry but he will not let the anger

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Council Adopts McLaughlin's 20th – and Last – City Budget

by Kathleen Gallagher

The main event at the Greenbelt City Council's June 6 regular meeting was the adoption of the city budget for Fiscal Year 2017, which runs from July 1 of this year through June 30, 2017. For City Manager Michael McLaughlin and his staff, budget preparation began in late fall. Following the presentation of the manager's proposed budget at the March 29 meeting, council held 10 budget worksessions, with four of them doubled up into two meetings, to discuss the details of the budget and departmental planning for FY 2017.

This year is a significant one in the history of Greenbelt budget preparation in that McLaughlin has announced he will retire at end of the calendar year. Appointed city manager in fall 1996, McLaughlin has presented 20 proposed city budgets to 10 city councils, with FY 2017 being the last. (It should be noted that in this competition, McLaughlin ranks second only to former city manager, James Giese.)

Other matters on the agenda included several presentations,

adoption of the city's Program Open Space (POS) for the next year, and consideration of an invitation to join the Greater Baltimore Wilderness Coalition. Also presented under the Petitions and Requests section of the meeting was a signed petition regarding the development of a high-rise apartment building on property at Lakeside North by the property owner, Southern Management Corporation.

Budget Adoption

The process for budget adoption is that any changes to the manager's proposed General Fund budget, which were designated by council at the final budget worksession on May 16, are read aloud and, along with the revised account totals, voted upon. Then the ordinance adopting the budget, appropriating the monies to fund it and establishing the real estate and personal property tax rates for the year is moved and adopted.

Relatively little drama marked next year's budget, which at \$27,227,600 came in at just

barely two percent over the current year's budget and less than \$100,000 more than McLaughlin's proposed budget. No increase was required in property tax or business personal property tax rates. That is not to say there were no late-arriving curve balls but they bottom-lined in the black. An unexpected and unwelcome cut of \$25,000 in State Shared Highway User Fees during the General Assembly session and an increase in premiums for Workers Compensation insurance of \$50,000 were more than balanced by reimbursement from FEMA of \$100,000 of the city's expenses in managing Winter Storm Jonas this year and nearly \$20,000 of anticipated but uncommitted revenues in the proposed budget.

Council made no reductions at all to McLaughlin's proposed budget. Categories in which council added to the proposed budget included \$14,000 for economic development initiatives, \$10,000 for an IT security audit,

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Stream Valley Trail Delays, Center HVAC To Begin in Fall

by Kathleen Gallagher

The Greenbelt City Council's regular meeting of April 25 included the first public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2017 city budget that was adopted on June 6, first reading of a negotiated purchase resolution for long-awaited heating and air conditioning (HVAC) improvements to be made at the Community Center, and a request to revise the Detailed Site Plan (DSP) for Phase 1 and 2 of the Greenbelt Station South Core. A variety of presentations were given, including one from State Comptroller Peter Franchot that focused on the recent upsurge of electronic tax fraud through identity theft.

As is often the case, the public hearing on the budget produced no statements from residents. It did produce a question from Greenbelt Station resident Patricia Walters, who asked if the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) for Greenbelt Station had any relationship to this city budget, but she was told it did not.

Petitions and Requests

Walters spoke further at the Petitions and Requests part of the meeting about a rash of recent attempted car break-ins that had occurred at Greenbelt Station. She requested that security be kept in mind as various trail plans and other points of access are developed for the property.

Councilmember Judith Davis suggested that further development and occupation of the property were likely to help a great deal with this problem.

HVAC

A resolution of negotiated purchase was introduced for first reading for the cost of improvements to the HVAC at the Greenbelt Community Center, an effort that has been underway for nearly two years. In December 2014, a city council worksession was held to review the recommendations of the engineering firm hired to conduct an assessment and make recommendations

on the work to be done. The two major areas of deficiency identified were 1) that the ventilation unit for the 1937 portion of the Center had a design flaw that kept it from fully dehumidifying the outside air, and 2) that the HVAC unit in the gym is very noisy because the return air duct is too small. Other recommendations were also made.

A problem arose when the three responses to the city's Request for Proposals to undertake the work all priced it much higher than had been anticipated. As a result, the scope of work

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Sierra Club Award Winner



PHOTO BY DAN SMITH

Greenbelt resident Lore Rosenthal (left) accepts the Sierra Club 2016 Maloney Award. (See story on page 9.)

What Goes On

Friday, June 17

5 to 7 p.m., Free Roller Skating, age 6 to 12, Springhill Lake Recreation Center

7:30 p.m. Peace Month, Open Readings, Community Center

Saturday, June 18

4:30 to 8:30 p.m., Peace Month, Summer Solstice, Community Center Garden (See City Ad for Details.)

Monday, June 20

8 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at greenbeltmd.gov/municipalTV

Wednesday, June 22

8 p.m., Council Worksession on Economic Development Study, Community Center

Letters to the Editor

Nominations for 2016 Outstanding Citizen

The tee-shirt reads "Greenbelt is Great.". One reason that makes Greenbelt special is its pool of citizen volunteers.

The opening ceremonies of Greenbelt's Labor Day Festival will include the announcement of Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen for 2016. Besides recognition and congratulatory proclamations, the honoree serves as the Grand Marshall for the Labor Day Parade. Greenbelters are asked to help identify this year's Outstanding Citizen by completing the nomination form (on page 12). Describe, in your own words, your nominee's contributions or acts of kindness. Nominations are due by August 1, 2016. This year's honoree will be the 44th since the award began in 1973.

A Committee selects 2016's Outstanding Citizen, but that selection is made from nominations submitted from the community. Identifying that special person in a city of citizen volunteers requires input from citizens like you! Some outstanding citizens are easily spotted because of their leadership and high visibility within organizations. Some have a strong sense of compassion and touch others in a quiet way. Some have lived in Greenbelt for years; others, like 2013 Outstanding Citizen Eric Zhang, are relative newcomers. Age is not a criterion; we encourage nominations of young adults who have made significant contributions to the Greenbelt community.

All of us know individuals from Greenbelt who have distinguished themselves for their outstanding volunteer service to the community. Rarely do they receive the recognition they deserve. History indicates that many of Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizens have been nominated several times before their selection. We know we can count on you to keep this one of Greenbelt's special events!

Bob Zugby
Chair, Outstanding Citizen Selection Committee

Changes Proposed For Fire & EMS

Citizens of Greenbelt,

I'm writing to inform you that the Prince George's County Fire and FMS Department has issued a General Order change that could negatively impact the volunteer-side of the system. The new order, which is set to take effect on July 1, changes the current chain of command and places the Volunteer Fire Chiefs throughout the County below the Battalion Chiefs (both career and volunteer). In general terms, this means a Battalion Chief can take command of an incident away

from the local Volunteer Chief, who has the best understanding of the community and the nuances of the structures within his/her own city. In addition, restrictions are being placed on the Volunteer Chiefs as to which calls they may respond to outside of their jurisdiction, despite the fact their fire apparatus and firefighters are responding to the incident. This undermining of the volunteer departments could fuel a further decline in recruitment, retention and overall, volunteerism. As you all know, it is hard to find volunteers in today's society as it is, and this order change adds to that difficulty. With this in mind, we would ask you to advocate on behalf of your volunteers by contacting the Office of County Executive Rushern Baker (301-952-4131) and asking him to direct the Prince George's County Fire & EMS Department leadership to re-engage with the volunteer leadership and develop a more equitable and less detrimental agreement.

Thank you for your time and your support with this matter.

Sincerely,

Thomas Ray, Fire Chief
Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Inc.

Stand with PRIDE In Solidarity

It was with pain and shock that we read and watched the news unfold about the killings in Orlando. That those killings happened at a popular gay nightclub reminds us starkly of how dangerous it continues to be for LGBTQ+ people in our neighborhoods, towns, cities, and nation. While we celebrate the strides that have been made towards equality, we are again reminded of the work that needs still to be done to create safe space for all people.

Safe space for all people. Hate breeds more hate; it was hate and fear that led to the mass murders early Sunday morning in Orlando. We ask that no one use this tragedy as an excuse to breed hatred and fear in their own hearts. Homophobia is not counter-acted with Islamophobia. The path to safety and equality is through open-heartedness and understanding. We invite our neighbors to stand with us in solidarity; to be open-minded, warm-hearted, and loving towards each other and ourselves, that together we may heal and continue progressing towards becoming a nation and community that embraces both diversity and equality.

We join with the world in sending our most healing wishes and loving thoughts to those who lost loved ones, to those who will forever be changed.

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Correction:

In last week's paper Christine Doran wrote the article about the Greenbelt Elementary School's multicultural celebration. Her name was mistakenly omitted.

City Notes

Facilities Maintenance crews assisted a contractor with a new camera installation in Roosevelt Center, worked with a contractor on the first alarm at the Aquatic & Fitness Center and repaired the diesel pump at Public Works.

CARES

During the month of May, 13 families on average were seen for counseling. Sixty individuals on average came on a weekly basis among whom 18 were 18 years of age and younger. The crisis intervention counselors saw 14 clients.



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Jun 17 – Jun 23

THE LOBSTER
(R) (118 m.) (CCAP)
Fri. – Thurs. 7:45 PM

A BIGGER SPLASH
(R) (124 m.) (CCAP)
Fri. – Thurs. 5:15 PM

LOVE & FRIENDSHIP
(PG) (92 m.) (CCAP)
Fri. 3:15 PM
Sat. 3:15 PM
Wed. 3:15 PM

THE MEDDLER
(PG-13) (100 m.) (CCAP)
Fri.- Sat. 1:00 PM
Sun. 1:00 PM (OC)
Wed. 1:00 PM

Cult Series:
THE TERMINATOR
(1984) (108 m.)
Fri. 11:00 PM

Family Series:
NWFF CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL: BEST OF FEST
(NR) (66 m.)
Sat. 11:00 AM

Building Bridges Series:
LANDFILL HARMONIC
(NR) (84 m.)
Sun. 3:30 PM
FREE!

Summer Series:
THE LORAX
(2012) (PG) (95 m.)
Thur. 1:00 PM
FREE!



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On Screen

A Foursome Takes its Turn

While Love and Friendship still makes its risible rounds this week at the Old Greenbelt Theatre, three new films claim our attention on the big screen. The Meddler features Susan Sarandon as a with-it widow who follows her daughter from New York to Los Angeles; let the fun and folderol begin (PG-13, running time 100 minutes). Far deeper dross plays on the fearsome fate of humans in The Lobster (R, running time 159 minutes). Finally, two high-octane couples (including Tilda Swinton and Ralph Fiennes) criss-cross on the run in A Bigger Splash.

- Eli Flam

Community Events

Summer Solstice Celebration

Greenbelters and their neighbors are cordially invited to a Summer Solstice Celebration, to be held this Saturday, June 18 at the Community Center and grounds. The free event will recognize the human-species connection to the earth and to one another. It is jointly sponsored by the Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS) and the Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition in observation of Greenbelt Peace Month.

All are welcome to attend any one or all of the solstice celebration activities. At 4:30 p.m. there will be planting, harvesting and building raised-bed boxes at the CHEARS Three Sisters Center Garden, behind the east end of the Community Center. At 6 p.m., a potluck supper will be served in Room 114, and at 6:30 p.m. there will be a sing-along and ceremony at the peacemakers' memorial area on the lawn below the parking lot near the Youth Center.

This will be a time to share reflections on how concerns for peace and the natural world intersect and how they could be strengthened. Rain location is Room 114 for both garden work and party.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

Summertime has arrived and the Golden Age Club has been busy with activities. We took part in the Not for Seniors Only program and enjoyed chair yoga and meditation.

Thanks to Program Chair Suze Marley, we have had interesting speakers and programs. She has a great schedule for the months ahead.

Gather your favorite mugs or dainty tea cups and some goodies and come to tea on June 19. There will be a book exchange and some magazines, too.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Cathie Holcombe and Irene Owens. They were longtime members of the club.

I would like to thank all my friends for the cards, prayers and help during my recent heart surgery. True friends share your joy, see the best in you and support you through your challenges.

CARES Summer Programs

CARES vocational/educational programs for the summer include after-school tutoring at Springhill Lake Recreation Center Clubhouse (SLRCC) Monday through Thursday afternoons from 1 to 3 p.m., July 5 to July 28; tutoring camp at SLRCC Wednesday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon through July; GED in the SLRCC on Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon; and GED in the Municipal Building, Tuesdays and Thursdays in July from 10 a.m. to noon.

Saturday drop-in group tutoring will continue throughout the summer.

Greenbelt Book Club Meets

The Greenbelt Book Club meets in the staff meeting room of the Greenbelt Library every third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Upcoming book discussions include the following: Carl Hoffman's *Savage Harvest: A Tale of Cannibals, Colonialism and Michael Rockefeller's Tragic Quest for Primitive Art* (June 21); Celeste Ng's *Everything I Never Told You* (July 19); Paula Hawkins' *The Girl on the Train* (August 16); and Tiphonie Yanique's *Land of Love and Drowning* (September 20). Further book recommendations are welcome.

Kids Open Mic At the New Deal

Kids Open Mic will be held Sunday, June 19 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. The New Deal Café is a low-key, friendly place for children and families to gather and make music. Musicians, singers and all performers age 17 and younger, including walk-ins, are welcome.

Homeschoolers Summer Meet-ups

Beginning Monday, June 20 at 9:30 a.m., Greenbelt homeschoolers will meet at the playground next to Greenbelt Museum every Monday. For more information, visit greenbelthomeschoolers.org or Greenbelt Homeschoolers on Facebook.

St. Hugh's Huge Rummage Sale

St. Hugh's offers great bargains at its annual Huge Rummage Sale on Saturday and Sunday, June 18 and 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Hugh's, 135 Crescent Road.

Something for everyone will be on sale, so all are encouraged to "stop, buy and see."

New Deal Café Has Free Concert

Jan Knutson will give a free concert at the New Deal Café on Sunday, June 26 from 3 to 5 p.m. The concert is sponsored by the Friends of the New Deal Café Arts with the support of the City of Greenbelt.

Berwyn Heights native Knutson will be performing a guitar duo concert with local master Steve Abshire. Knutson has been playing guitar for seven years and has performed with such legendary artists as Bucky Pizzarelli, Frank Vignola, Julian Lage, Gary Mazzaroppi, Andreas Oberg and Chuck Redd. Abshire performed with the U.S. Navy Commodores jazz band for 24 years and has also performed with Charlie Byrd, Herb Ellis, Etta Jones, Keeter Betts, Rosemary Clooney and many more. Knutson has been studying with Abshire for almost two years and they have developed a unique and responsive musical interaction. They will be performing many classic jazz standards as well as originals from Knutson's latest album, *Looking Both Ways*.

Writers Group Will Observe Peace Month

All writers are invited to the Greenbelt Writers Group celebration of Peace Month on Friday, June 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. Participate by reading a personal peace writing or one by another author. Snacks will be served; all authors are welcome.

For more information, contact Mary Moien at 301-474-4713.

MakerSpace Activities

New Event: On the third Friday of each month, MakerSpace will be hosting a Minecraft meet-up. Learn tips, tricks, modules and challenges from 5 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, June 18 is the National Maker Faire at UDC (Van Ness/Red Line) from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday, June 19, Animation Workshop meets from 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, June 21 is Open Project Night – come see what people are working on.

Wednesday, June 22 from 6 to 9 p.m. is Knit Night for knitters, crocheters, quilters and other fibers enthusiasts.

Thursday, June 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. will feature a project making Truffula trees as part of the Roosevelt Center Merchant's Association School's Out Celebration.

GHI Notes

Thursday, June 16, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room.

Friday, June 17, Office Closed, Emergency Maintenance Service at 301-474-6011.

Monday, June 20, 7 p.m., Audit Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby.

Monday, June 20, 7 p.m., Pre Purchase Orientation, Board Room.

Tuesday, June 21, 7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby.

Wednesday, June 22, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee Meeting, Board Room.

Greenbelt Station Day

City officials will answer questions of residents at Greenbelt Station on June 18 from 2 to 4 p.m. The event, held at the Greenbelt Station Pond, will answer basic questions about city services, elected officials and how to find out about community events. In addition, city officials will present plans for future development of the area. For more information call 301-474-8000.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

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Week of June 17

FRIDAY – TUESDAY

Now You See Me 2, PG13
10:50, 1:35, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, PG13
1:45, 4:20, 6:50
The Conjuring 2, R
11:55, 3:45, 6:40, 9:35
Finding Dory, 3D**, PG
3:30, 8:30
Finding Dory, 2D, PG
10:40, 11:15, 1:05, 1:45, 4:15, 6, 7, 9:30
Central Intelligence, PG13
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Warcraft, PG13
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X-Men: Apocalypse
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Special Anniversary Showing:
Fast and Furious, PG13
7

THURSDAY

Independence Day, PG13
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The Shallows, PG13
7, 9:15
The Free State of Jones, R
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10:40 a.m.

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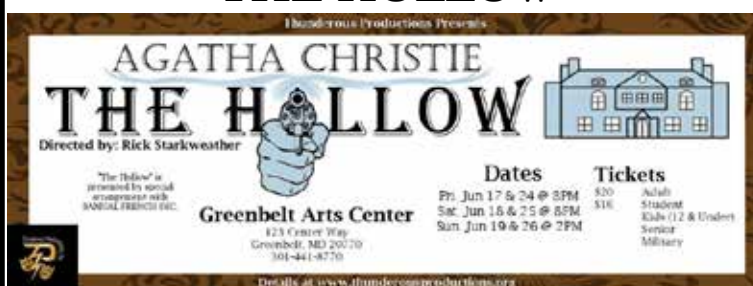
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Sunday, June 19th & Wednesday, June 22nd
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"Two Men, Two Cows, and Two Guns (2010)"
and "Alan Haley's The Invisible Man"

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Henry V – Aug 19 – Sept 7 – Guest Production by The Rude Mechanicals

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Mishkan Torah Celebrates Sinatra

Mishkan Torah Synagogue and Bigshot Records will celebrate pop/jazz legend Frank Sinatra by staging a special 100th birthday concert, *Our Way*, on Sunday, June 26 from 3 to 5 p.m. featuring the Choper Jazz Project, a band led by noted drummer Brian Choper.

The concert will be held at Mishkan Torah Synagogue, 10 Ridge Road. The show will include performances of *My Way*, *New York, New York* and other Sinatra classics by vocalist Peter Cannella, a Sinatra prodigy who joined the band last year after performing to packed houses in several East Coast venues. Tickets may be purchased online at MishkanTorah.org or BigshotRecordsLive.com.

Part of the proceeds from ticket sales will support Sinatra for Seniors, an organization that brings music to senior citizens to help improve mental health. To learn more about Sinatra for Seniors, visit indiegogo.com/projects/sinatra-for-seniors/.

Mishkan Torah On Cell Phone Safety

On Sunday, June 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Adult Education Committee at Mishkan Torah Synagogue will present a special program entitled, *Are Cell Phones Safe? Institutional Corruption or Scientific Consensus? The Uncensored Story of Cell Phones and Safety Risks in the United States*. The speaker, Theodora Scarato, LCSW-C, is Director of Public Affairs at the Environmental Health Trust. The event is free and open to the entire community. Mishkan Torah is located at 10 Ridge Road.

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 June 20 are as follows:

Monday, June 20: Grape juice, Hawaiian chicken, black beans, mixed vegetables, wheat bread, mandarin oranges.

Tuesday, June 21: Cranberry juice, baked potato w/beef chili, shredded cheese and sour cream, crackers, mixed green salad with Italian dressing, fresh fruit.

Wednesday, June 22: Apple juice, baked swai w/lemon butter sauce, confetti rice, sliced carrots, wheat bread, fresh fruit.

Thursday, June 23: Pineapple juice, western baked beef, Delmonico potatoes, broccoli, wheat bread, applesauce.



We were sorry to hear of the death of former Greenbelter Clifton Wright "Buddy" Raley on June 9, 2016.

Happy Birthday to Virginia Nagel, long time resident of Greenbelt, most recently of Green Ridge House, who will celebrate her 100th birthday on Friday, July 15, 2016. See article at right on celebration.

Congratulations to Greenbelt Area Homeschoolers who celebrated their school year-end accomplishments at a "Pomp and Potluck" event this week. Each child presented a poster board highlighting work, art, and photos of their most proud moments of learning. A special thanks to Samantha Fitschen for organizing and emceeding the event.

Kudos to Greenbelt Girl Scout Troop 2037 collecting more than 1,500 diapers to donate to Prince George's Child Resource Center. They had their Diaper Drive last Saturday in front of Safeway at Greenway Center.

Please share your accomplishments, milestones and news for the next *Our Neighbors* column. Email your news to kyoho@comcast.net.

- Karen Yoho

Obituaries

Clifton Raley

Clifton Wright "Buddy" Raley, 84, of Owings, Md., died June 9, 2016, at Anne Arundel Medical Center. He was born May 6, 1932, in Washington, D.C. to James and Louise (Wright) Raley. Mr. Raley was raised in D.C. where he played basketball and baseball at Palisades Park and where he eventually met Elizabeth "Betty" Harris. They married in 1951. They lived in D.C. and had two daughters, Caron and Sharon.

They later moved to Greenbelt and had two more daughters, LouAnne and Colleen. Mr. Raley raised his family in Greenbelt where he coached his girls' basketball and softball teams for many years. He and his family eventually moved to Calvert County, where he continued to coach his daughters' co-ed softball teams. Following his retirement as a sheet metal worker, the Raleys became snowbirds in Sarasota, Fla., for 20 years. In his leisure time Mr. Raley enjoyed shooting pool and sports, especially baseball and basketball. He also enjoyed spending time with his family and never missed

his children's or grandchildren's games after he stopped coaching.

Mr. Raley was preceded in death by his wife, who died in March. He is survived by daughters Caron Sisson of North Beach, Sharon Sherbert and husband Julius of Owings, LouAnne Boehm and husband David of Islamorada, Fla., and Colleen McClair of Huntingtown. He is also survived by seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions in Mr. Raley's name may be made to the North Beach Boys and Girls Club or North Beach Volunteer Fire Department. To leave a condolence visit rauschfuneralhomes.com.

Church Van For 100th Party

Virginia Nagel, long-time resident of Greenbelt, most recently of Green Ridge House, will be celebrating her 100th birthday on Friday, July 15. Friends are planning to party with her at the Crofton Care and Rehabilitation Center, from 2 until 3 p.m. Mowatt Memorial UMC is arranging for a van to take celebrants to Crofton. The van will leave the church parking lot, 40 Ridge Road, at 1 p.m. and return by 4 p.m. Van space is at no charge but limited so reserve a seat before July 1. Call the church at 301-474-9410.



Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
 40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
 Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors
www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410
 Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

Worship Service 10 a.m.
 Reserve your space for Virginia Nagel's birthday party.

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church
 3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi
 Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org

Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

June 19 10 a.m.
"And Let the Earth Rejoice"

The Rev. Evan Keely; with Noel Monardes, Worship Associate
Joy and celebration are not only psychological states, they are spiritual practices.

Greenbelt Community Church
 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

1 Hillside (at Crescent Road)
 Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings
www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org

Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
 Rev. Glenyce Grindstaff, Pastor

When freedom of conscience, liberty of thought & right of speech prevail...development & growth are inevitable." - Baha'i Writings

Greenbelt Baha'i Community

1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918
Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com www.greenbeltbahais.org

ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH
 135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
 301-474-4322

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

GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

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 Sunday School 9:45AM
 Worship Service 11:00AM

101 Greenhill Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
 (301) 474-4212 www.greenbeltbaptist.org

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Sundays 10 A.M.
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St. Hugh's 2016 HUGE RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday and Sunday
 June 18th and 19th
 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
 Something for Everyone!
 135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt MD 20770

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.

Sign up for Summer @ Your Library through August 15, by going to pgcmls.info. Starting June 18, come to any branch to claim a prize just for signing up. All library branches will offer exciting sports, fitness and wellness events throughout the summer. When you have completed the activities, come get your final prize and enter the grand prize raffle to win electronics, event tickets, gift cards and more.

Weekly Storytimes

Wednesday, June 22 for ages 3 to 5, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 20 people.

Thursday, June 23 for ages 1 to 2, 10:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); for ages birth to 1, 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); for ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m., limit 20 people.

On Your Mark, Get Set, Apply! Tuesday, June 21, 6:30 p.m. Learn skills and resources needed to apply for jobs online.

Yoga Ready 2 Read Storytime for ages birth to 2 is Thursday, June 23 at 10:15 a.m. Learn about yoga and try some simple yoga "animal" poses.

Go for the Gold! Saturday, June 25, 2 p.m. Compete in mini-summer games at the library, then check out books about the Summer Games.

New PGCPS LINK Account

A partnership between Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) and the Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) provides students with virtual library cards, called Leap into New Knowledge (LINK). All PGCPS students can now use their school-provided student identification number to checkout library books from PGCMLS and access most resources, including public computers and Wi-Fi, live on-line tutoring with BrainFuse, digital resources (downloadable/streaming music, games, videos and e-books), language learning services, technology tutorials and Ask Us Now research help.

Students can access their LINK account by visiting the library website or downloading the PGCMLS app. To sign in, students must add their 9-digit student identification number to PGCPS and use the last four digits of their identification number as the PIN. For example, Username = PGCPS100100100; PIN = 0100. Students can borrow up to three library materials at a time and late fees are not accrued with the LINK account.

To learn more about the LINK account, visit pgcmls.info/LINK.



City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING
Municipal Building, Monday, June 20, 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-
 - Dem' Raider Boyz Step Squad
 - Proclamation – Parks and Recreation Month
- 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
 - Community Relations Advisory Board, Report #2016-3 (Welcoming of Refugees)

LEGISLATION

- End of the Year Budget Adjustments
 - A. An Ordinance to Make a Supplemental Appropriation in the Special Projects Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016, for Additional Special Projects Fund Expenditures Over the Appropriated Amount - 1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules
 - 2nd Reading, Adoption
 - B. An Ordinance to Make a Supplemental Appropriation in the Replacement Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016, for Additional Replacement Fund Expenditures Over the Appropriated Amount - 1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules
 - 2nd Reading, Adoption
 - C. An Ordinance to Make a Supplemental Appropriation in the Community Development Block Grant Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016, for Additional Community Development Block Grant Expenditures Over the Appropriated Amount
 - 1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules
 - 2nd Reading, Adoption
 - D. An Ordinance to Make a Supplemental Appropriation in the 2001 Bond Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016, for Additional 2001 Bond Fund Expenditures Over the Appropriated Amount - 1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules
 - 2nd Reading, Adoption
 - E. A Resolution for Re-Appropriation of Funds within Departments in the General Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016 - 1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules
 - 2nd Reading, Adoption

OTHER BUSINESS

- Maryland Municipal League 2017 Legislative Requests
- Council Reports
- * Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Report #2016-4 (FY 2017 Contribution and Recognition Groups Budget Review)

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.

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.

MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF JUNE 20-25

Monday, June 20 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

Tuesday, June 21 at 7:30pm, **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, June 22 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Economic Development Study** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

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 Tuesday, June 21, 2016, at 7:30pm. The meeting will be held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building.

The purpose of this meeting will be to consider a personnel matter. Cindy Murray, City Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**Greenbelt Board of Appeals
Variance # 16-003-V**

Notice is hereby given that the Greenbelt Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on June 21, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 114, Greenbelt MD on a variance application filed by Mr. Michael Cantwell for consideration of a request for a variance on premises located at 127 Greenhill Road, Greenbelt, MD. The applicant is requesting a variance of 2 feet 1 inch from the required 25 foot front yard setback for the purpose of constructing a 6 ft. x 9 ft. covered porch. For additional information please contact the Greenbelt Department of Planning and Community Development at (301) 345-5417.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board

Notice is hereby given that the Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board will hold a public hearing on June 22, 2016 at 7:30 pm in the Greenbelt Community Center, Room 114, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD on an application filed by Mr. Anwar Selah for consideration of a request for a Departure from Parking and Loading Standards (DPLS) for premises located at 151A Centerway, Greenbelt, MD 20770. The Applicant is requesting a DPLS for 13 of the required parking spaces to allow for a church to occupy the 1,973 square foot lower level space. For additional information please contact Ms. Terri Hruby, Assistant Planning Director at (240) 542-2041.



Free Friday Fun! Roller-skate!

Springhill Lake Recreation Center
June 17, 2016

5:00pm-7:00pm, Ages: 6-12 years
Roller-skates provided free of charge or bring your own. Info: 301-397-2212

SUMMER CAMP BEGINS JUNE 20TH!

Kinder Camp: Ages 3 ½-5, Camp Pine Tree: Ages 6-11, Soccer Source 360: Ages 5-15, Creative Kids Camp: Ages 6-12, Youth on the Go (YOGO): Ages 12-14,

Campers will have fun and learn through enriching programs that develop social skills, fitness, independence, self-worth and confidence, all while fostering lasting friendships.

Visit us online at www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation
Before and After Care is available. Sign up soon! Spots are limited!
**Financial Assistance is available (subject to approval) for Greenbelt residents only. INFO: 301-397-2200*

Greenbelt Peace Month, June 2016

Friday, June 17, 7:30 - 9 pm Open readings of poems, songs and other writings on peace. Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. By Greenbelt Writers' Group. Contact Barbara Ford, barb.ford@comcast.net.

Saturday June 18, 4:30 – 8:30 pm Summer solstice earth garden celebration, including reflections on peacemaking with the natural world. Work session at Three Sisters Demonstration Garden behind Community Center, followed at 6 pm by a potluck, ceremony and sing-along at the peacemakers' memorial area below the parking lot for Greenbelt Youth Center. *Cosponsored by Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society and Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition. Contact Maggie Cahalan, maggie@chearts.org, or Lucy Duff, justpeacepg@earthlink.net.*

Monday, June 20, 7 pm "Reel & Meal at the New Deal" Café, screening of Amreeka, film about a Palestinian American family in both the West Bank and Post-9/11 suburban Chicago, followed by discussion of ongoing U. S. reception of immigrants and refugees. Vegan dinner buffet is \$14. 113 Centerway, Roosevelt Center. *Program planned by Prince George's County Peace & Justice Coalition. Contact Lucy Duff, justpeacepg@earthlink.net.*



Congratulations to our Youth Triathlon Participants!

Dinah Cohen, Mettres Murill, Logan Skovron, Kidus Zelehe, Abigail Taylor, Aurimas Paludreucias, Isaiah Willis, Nathaniel Parker-Feng, Eleanor Colarco, and Zane Skovron

www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt

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Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!
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Greenbelt, Md. 301-345-5111

Letters continued

With open hearts, GreenBeLT Pride

Anna Bedford-Dillow, Carole Breakstone, Raven Eyes A Cagle, Chris Cherry, Christine Chianese, Little Dan Celdran, Barbara Cook, Laurie Crunk, Lauren Cummings, Jessamyn Daniel, Nate Daniel, Frank DeBernardo, Bill Edwards, Daniel Hamlin, Josh Hamlin, Pam Hamlin, Anja Hanington, Kyla Hanington, Michael Hartman, Clara Holland, Hilary Howes, Amy C Kraft, Eileen Murray Kraft, Aileen Kroll, CC Lackey, Margaret Loebe, Liz Matson, Tanya Owe, Ron Padron, Jennifer Patterson, Megan Plyler, Joe Sherren, Gretchen Schock, Andrea and Corita Waters, Kris White, Lauren Young

Council Can Decide To Oppose High Rise

We want to thank the people that came to our first Public Information Day at the firehouse. Many Greenbelt residents are opposed to the proposed Lakeside North Development. Nearly 400 Greenbelt residents have thus far signed our petition to stop the development, and opponents packed the room at the June 6 Council meeting to support our petition.

Southern Management Corporation (SMC) proposes to build a 25-story, 400-unit luxury high rise apartment complex on five acres of forested land adjacent to SMC's existing Lakeside North Apartments. The property, which includes the area containing the existing apartments and the five acres of forested land, is already at the maximum allowed density. When he built the existing apartment complex, the original developer stacked the development on one side, possibly thinking that if he left the other side undeveloped, he could later seek re-zoning to develop the other side. And now new owner David Hillman, president of SMC and owner of the Lakeside North Apartments, appears ready to do so.

The change in zoning will need to be approved by the district council, which must first seek a recommendation from the governing body of the municipality. If city council opposes the zoning change, then a two-thirds majority of all members of the district council must approve the change in zoning classification. (SMC is also believed to be seeking to bypass the rezoning process altogether by obtaining special treatment under the ongoing overhaul of the county zoning laws.)

(Per the Park and Planning Commission, the re-drafting of the zoning code is not supposed to be used to re-zone individual properties.)

Hillman has said he will abandon the project if council expresses serious opposition. It is important that this opposition be voiced now to send the message to SMC that the proposed development is not wanted.

We ask that council do two things. 1.) Write to Hillman expressing council's opposition to the proposed development and asking him not to proceed with the project. 2.) Write to our county representative, Todd Turner, objecting to the apparent plan to bypass the rezoning process by

possibly getting language into the county zoning law revisions that would allow the development.

The proposed development would change the character of our community and set a precedent for high density development in Greenbelt. We expect council to address our petition in a timely manner. In the meantime we plan to hold more public events to inform residents and unite those that oppose the proposed development.

*Brian and Donna Almquist
Co-founders, Greenbelt
Advocates for Environmental
and Social Justice*

Sewer Rehab Work August to October

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) plans to rehabilitate sewer mains and sewer house connections from August into October, weather permitting. The affected streets include: Crescent Road, Rhode Island Avenue, Riverdale Road and Good Luck Road.

Existing sewer mains are nearing the end of their life cycle. The sewer mains within the project were originally installed between the 1940s and 1990s.

In the event a resident's sewer house connection is defective, WSSC will replace the portion of the sewer house connection between the public main and the property line connection. Some sidewalks, curbs, gutters and trees may have to be removed and/or pruned to accommodate the work. Residents will be notified ahead of time if there is a need for any tree removal. WSSC will restore the area when construction is completed.

All work is expected to be conducted during weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Residents will receive more detailed information from the construction team prior to any scheduled service interruption.

For any questions contact Project Manager Biplab Ghimire at 301-206-7089 or by email at BIPLAB.GHIMIRE@wsscwater.com and refer to Project No. CICR5302K11.

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was modified to focus on the most critical components of the project, and revised proposals were solicited. The result was the resolution introduced at this meeting to contract with Shapiro and Duncan at an estimated cost of \$355,264 to undertake the HVAC improvements.

Council also voted to approve a separate item at tonight's meeting for the city to purchase fan coil units directly from Boland Services (Trane) at a cost of \$181,792, bringing the total cost for the Community Center work to \$537,056. The city can buy the units directly at a lower cost than if it bought them through the contractor.

At its next regular meeting on May 9, council adopted the resolution to contract for the Community Center work, with Councilmember Rodney Roberts voting against adoption because about 75 percent of the project will be undertaken with Program Open Space funding. Because of the high temperatures and the high use of the Community Center over the summer, work will be scheduled for after Labor Day.

Stream Valley Trail

It is typically the case that the schedule for a developer to provide certain amenities on a property is triggered by the number of housing permits that have been approved for the site. So it goes with Woodlawn Development Group, the site developer for the South Core residential component of Greenbelt Station. The County Planning Board originally stipulated that the construction of the Stream Valley Trail, a public trail system along Indian Creek, would be completed prior to the issuance of the 250th building permit.

The developer is now caught waiting for a number of permits and approvals from the state, for which the timing is in the control of neither the developer nor the city and requested that the deadline be extended to the issuance of the 352nd building permit. Staff of the city's planning department recommended that the city council extend the deadline with a number of conditions to take other aspects of the schedule into account. As a result, the staff

recommendation to council was that the 300th permit should be the trigger. This would assure that the construction of townhomes in Phase III of the development would not occur until after all recreation facilities in Phase I are completed.

The staff also recommended that the city adopt a condition suggested by Planning Board staff that the developer provide signage at each planned entrance to the trail so that existing and future home buyers will be aware of the location and construction schedule for the trail. Council unanimously adopted the recommendation as its position on the matter with the county.

Presentation

Opening the presentations section of the meeting was Maryland Comptroller Peter Franchot, the chief financial officer of the state, who had asked to provide an update on the 2017 state budget at the conclusion of this year's legislative session of the General Assembly. Before doing so, he presented a Comptroller's Medallion, by which he recognizes Marylanders who make a difference in their communities, to Mayor Emmett Jordan.

Franchot spoke at length about his practices and philosophy regarding good service to the taxpayers, stating that his office has been recognized as one of the most effective comptroller's offices in the nation. Regarding the state economy, he said the index should be how working residents and small businesses are doing and that we must look not only at how much money taxpayers make but also at how much money they are able to keep. At the same time, he stresses that tax cuts must be offset by expense cuts.

The major concern he discussed was the growing problem of tax fraud through identity theft. Ten years ago in Maryland there were 367 cases of tax fraud, representing about \$600,000. Last year nearly 20,000 cases were identified by the comptroller's office, representing more than \$38 million. These are "astounding figures," Franchot said, "that continue to grow."

In this year's state legislative

session the Taxpayers Protection Act was introduced. It would have tightened laws and regulations giving the comptroller's office increased authority to pursue enforcement. Although the bill had considerable support, it was not brought to a vote in this session, a fact which Franchot suggested might be political in nature, in response to his efforts to work cooperatively with the Republican governor.

Franchot concluded his presentation with high praise for Prince George's County's financial literacy programs. "We need this in all Maryland counties," he said.

Science Bowl Winners

At this meeting, the city council recognized the science team of Greenbelt Middle School for winning the 2016 Prince George's County Public Schools Science Bowl Championship. Chidimma Ndubuisi-Oluavu and Onome Efe-Aluebhosele were present at the meeting to represent the middle school team, as was Antoinette Glen, chair of their science department.

Magnolia Elementary School won for the second time in the elementary competition this year and the Magnolia team will attend the next regular council meeting.

Proclamations

Other presentations included two proclamations. Public Works Director James Sterling accepted the proclamation for Public Works Week. The proclamation for Older Americans Month was received by Christal Batey, community resource advocate for the Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program and Joyce Kolenky, service coordinator for Green Ridge House. Kolenky, who is new on the job, was officially introduced to the city council by Batey.

Batey also announced that for the summer (June through September) the free produce distributions would switch from Springhill Lake Elementary School to Green Ridge House, where they will be held from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month.



Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance Rewrite

Monday June 20, 2016, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Greenbelt Library

Greenbelt Advocates for Environmental and Social Justice have invited representatives from the Prince George's County Planning Department (PGCPD) of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) to provide an update on the status of the comprehensive re-write of the Prince George's County Zoning and Subdivision Regulations. The rewrite will impact Greenbelt. This is an opportunity to ask questions.

The PGCPD is comprehensively rewriting the county's Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations. The Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations are the laws that determine how land or property in Prince George's County can be developed. The intended impact of this multi-year project is to modernize the county's zoning code into a document that is aligned with the county's vision for smart growth, economic development, and improved quality of life for Prince George's County Residents.

Contact Brian or Donna Almquist for information at: GreenbeltAdvocates.ESJ@gmail.com

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\$5,000 for security cameras in the animal shelter area, \$1,000 in increased funding for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), \$4,000 for concrete repairs at the Aquatic & Fitness Center, \$8,500 for increased counseling time in the GAIL program and \$1,000 each in additional grant funding for the Greenbelt Community Foundation and the Greenbelt Soccer Alliance.

The budget was adopted on a 6 to 0 vote, with Councilmember Edward Putens being absent.

It is traditional that at completion of the budget adoption each year, councilmembers share their thoughts about the budget, and everyone thanks everyone else for the work accomplished. Mayor Emmett Jordan started the ball rolling by thanking McLaughlin, City Treasurer Jeffrey Williams and their staffs and the department heads for their work on the budget. He described the budget as a road map that shows where the city is going for the year, while at the same time being vehicle for the city to save and invest in its future. He was especially pleased that they were able to fund a 1.9 percent cost of living adjustment (COLA) for city employees, as well as some funding for merit increases.

Councilmember Judith Davis noted that from March to June, the proposed budget did not change much. "The city manager gave us a good, balanced budget," she said, "but there was less good news than we hoped for and not much extra to play with."

Councilmember Leta Mach stressed that all services had been maintained with no tax rate increase. Davis agreed, adding that the city would be taking care of some needed repair and maintenance issues this year as well.

Davis was joined by the other members of council in congratulating McLaughlin on his last city budget and thanking him for his many years of service to the city.

"He has seen us through some bad financial times," she said. "He has always given us budgets that are balanced and pragmatic but fair in meeting residents' needs."

The perennial discussion was held on why more residents do not attend budget worksessions. Councilmember Rodney Roberts suggested (only half kidding, he said) that more residents might be likely to attend if the meetings ended at 10 p.m.

McLaughlin thanked council for its remarks and complimented Jordan on his summary of challenges facing the city. He also thanked council for its careful consideration of the budget docu-

ment and process. He agreed that FY 2017 was not as improved as everyone had hoped it would be in comparison with FY 2016, but it was still "trending up." He also thanked council for its support of the 1.9 percent COLA in the budget for staff and for its ongoing concern for the city staff.

When asked later if having hit the "20th budget" mark was a factor in the timing of his decision to retire, McLaughlin replied, "Just a coincidence."

Small Cities Month

The mayor read a proclamation declaring June to be Small Cities Month. With a population of fewer than 50,000, Greenbelt falls under the National League of Cities' definition of "small city." Councilmember Silke Pope is currently chair of the League's Small Cities Council, the steering committee for which will meet in Greenbelt from June 13 to 16.

Petition

All seats were taken in the city council room during the reading of a petition presented by Brian Almqvist opposing a proposal to construct a 25-story, 400-unit luxury apartment building on the property of the Lakeside North Apartments. Almqvist said the proposal had already been signed by more than 350 people. David Hillman, CEO of Southern Management Corporation, had discussed the proposal informally with council at a worksession on April 4. To date, no formal application has been filed to which the city would respond.

The petition makes two specific requests of council: 1) to write to Hillman, copied to County Executive Rushern Baker and County Councilmember Todd Turner, and ask him not to continue with this plan. Almqvist said Hillman promised at the earlier meeting that he would not proceed in the face of opposition from the City of Greenbelt. 2) to write to Turner, copied to Hillman, asking the county council not to let the property in question effectively be rezoned via the zoning re-write currently being undertaken by the county Planning Board. The current R-30 zoning requires that the property remain undeveloped, and the re-

write of the zoning ordinance is not intended to be used to rezone specific properties.

Former Greenbelt resident John Stith, who now lives in Takoma Park, spoke about the high rents he encountered in the apartments in which he lived in Greenbelt. He thought having 400 units of luxury apartments added to the rental mix would be a great boon to increasing competition and driving down the price of the mid-range apartments that should be more affordable. Stith said he has long thought city government should be more active in addressing rental costs and increasing housing in Greenbelt. He encouraged the city to consider the application when it was filed.

Wilderness Coalition

The City of Greenbelt has been a participating member of the Baltimore-Washington Partners in Forest Stewardship since June 2011. That group is joining with other federal, state and local governments and non-profits to expand the area of stewardship by forming the Greater Baltimore Wilderness Coalition. Following what the mayor deemed "a spirited presentation" by Gary Allen, a member of the steering committee for the project, council directed the city manager to sign the necessary agreement.

Program Open Space

According to Assistant Planning Director Terri Hruby, the county will receive \$3.3 million in POS funding for FY 2017. Based on 2010 Census data, the city should receive about \$87,000. Since the county is meeting the state's requirement for funding to be spent on acquisition projects, it is allowing municipalities to use the entirety of their POS allocation for development projects.

The city already has over \$900,000 in POS money encumbered for a number of projects. Council agreed to use its FY 2017 allocation and some of that from FY 2016 for funding the Community Center HVAC project. Funding would also be directed toward the Community Center playground renovation project.

New Computers Grace SHL Recreation Center

Paradyne Management, a premiere local provider of information technology and integration services, donated funds to purchase 10 new laptop computers

for the computer lab at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. The lab is used by both students and adults.



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

Front, l. to r.: Presenting a check to the city for the Springhill Lake Recreation Center computer lab are Paradyne Management Vice President of Operations Thames Hillman, Office Manager Diana Hunter, Chief Marketing Officer Sang Na and CEO Viraj Gandhi. Director of Recreation Julie McHale and Councilmembers Silke Pope and Konrad Herling. Back: Councilmember Edward Putens, Mayor Emmett Jordan, Councilmembers Judith Davis, Leta Mach and Rodney Roberts. Assistant Recreation Director Joseph McNeal.

Jim Sterling Is Named Public Works Director

The City of Greenbelt named Jim Sterling as Public Works director. He has served as acting public works director for the past 18 months.

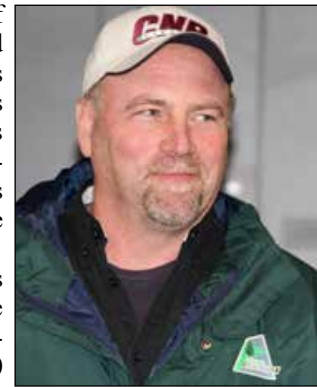


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Jim Sterling

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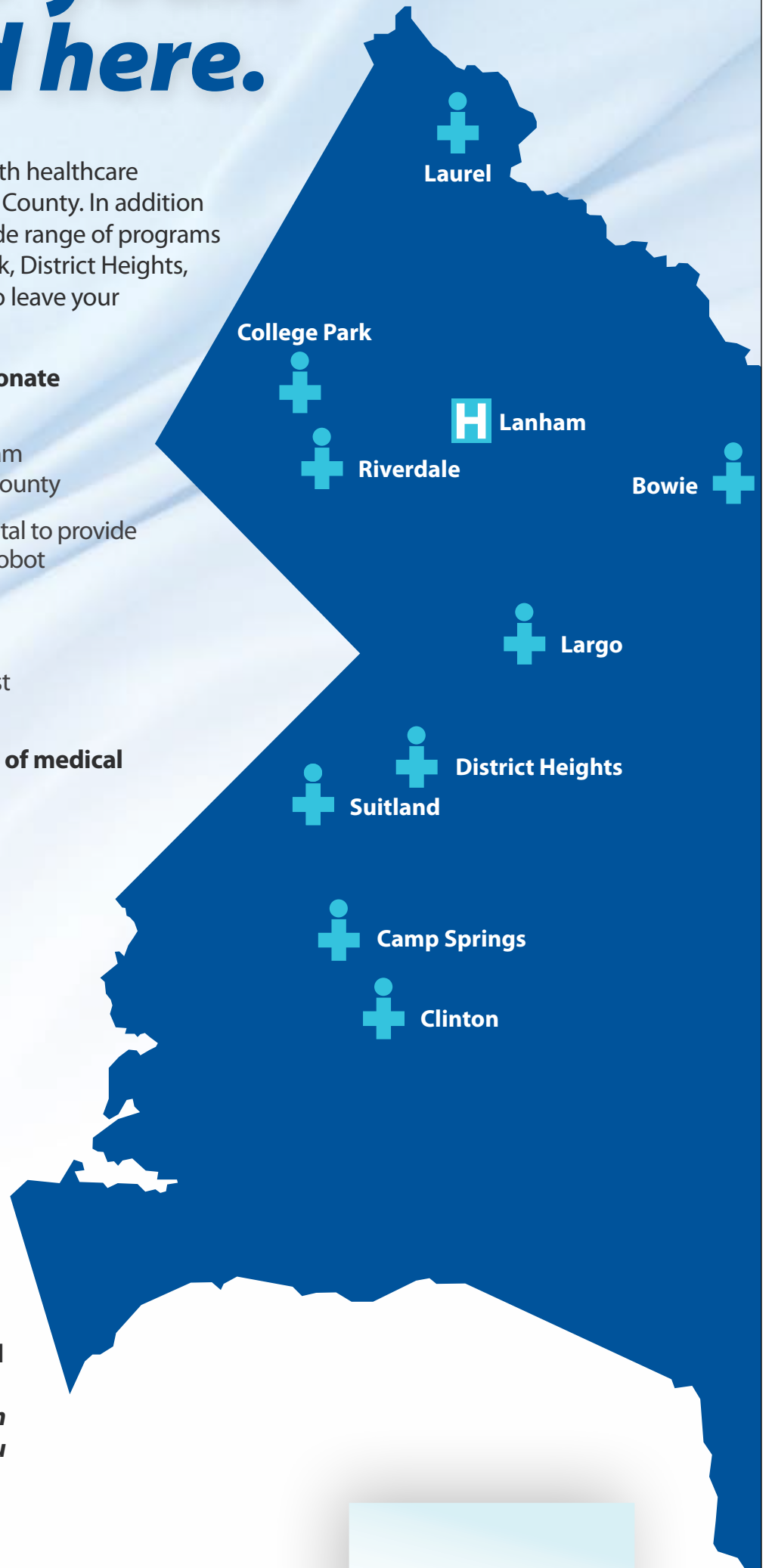
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Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery

June 2, 10:10 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. A man walking behind the Springhill Lake Recreation Center was confronted by two men. One demanded his cell phone and when the walker refused, one of the men punched him on the head. The two men then took his cell phone and duffle bag and fled on foot. The injured man was transported to Doctors Community Hospital for treatment.

Assault

June 2, 2:08 p.m., 7600 block Hanover Parkway. A 16-year-old youth was arrested for assault and disturbing school activities after she allegedly punched another student inside the cafeteria at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. She was released to a parent pending action by the School Board and the Juvenile Justice System. The other person was treated for minor injuries.

June 2, 6:46 p.m., 6400 block Golden Triangle Drive. A 21-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with assault on a law enforcement officer, second degree assault and destroying evidence. He was found inside another person's vehicle but fled. After being apprehended nearby and taken to the police station, he bit an officer. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

June 4, 4:13 a.m., 6200 block Breezewood Drive. A 19-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with first and second degree assault and reckless endangerment after he allegedly stabbed another person when a verbal confrontation became physical. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner. The injured person was transported to Prince George's Hospital Center for treatment of serious but not life-threatening injuries.

Theft

June 1, 8:38 p.m., Lakecrest Circle. A portable basketball hoop was removed from the driveway of a residence.

June 2, 3:39 p.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. A woman's wallet was taken from her unattended purse at Safeway.

June 3, 9 a.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane. Laundry was taken from a dryer at the Franklin Park Laundry Center.

June 5, 11:15 p.m., 7200 block Hanover Drive. Attempts were made to force open a vending machine at the Holiday Inn, damaging the lock in the process.

June 7, 10:44 p.m., 6000 block Breezewood Drive. A cab driver gave two men a ride to

the 6000 block Breezewood Drive and when he asked them to pay, they both exited the taxi and fled on foot.

Trespass

June 2, 5:15 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A 40-year-old nonresident 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

June 3, 10:30 p.m., 7800 block Hanover Parkway. The front door of a residence had pry marks on it in an unsuccessful attempt to enter the residence.

June 4, 8 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. A window screen was pried from a window in an unsuccessful attempt to gain entry.

Vehicle Crime

One vehicle was stolen, a black 4-door 2013 Toyota Corolla with Md. tags 7BN09723, taken June 2 from the 6100 block Breezewood Drive.

Three stolen vehicles were recovered. A 2014 Nissan Murano reported stolen May 30 from the 6100 block Springhill Terrace was recovered June 2 in the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace. A 2007 Ford Econoline van stolen from the 7900 block Mandan Road on June 2 was recovered the same day by D.C. Metropolitan police on 52nd Street S.E., in Washington. A 2011 Yamaha motorcycle reported stolen to the D.C. Metropolitan police was recovered June 6 in the 7900 block Candlewood Place.

Five thefts from vehicles were reported. In the 100 block Westway on June 5 a gym bag and basketball were taken from an unlocked vehicle and another unlocked vehicle was rummaged through but nothing appeared to have been taken.

Eight tires and rims and a spoiler were taken from inside a work trailer in the 9200 block Edmonston Road on June 6, and on June 8 in the 9200 block Springhill Lane four tires and rims were taken from a vehicle. Four wheel covers were taken from a vehicle in the 7300 block Morrison Drive on June 6.

Five reports of vandalism were received, with four associated with the breaking of windows on June 2. In the 6900 block Hanover Parkway rear windshields were broken out of two vehicles and in the 6600 block Lake Park Drive rear windshields were broken and roofs dented on two vehicles.

In the 7800 block Hanover Parkway a driver side door was damaged.

Sierra Club Honors Lore Rosenthal

Greenbelt activist Lore Lyon Rosenthal is the 2016 recipient of the Prince George's Sierra Club's Walter "Mike" Maloney Environmental Service Award. The award is presented annually to a Prince George's County resident for excellence in environmental leadership.

Rosenthal is co-founder of the Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN) with Steve Kane and is currently its program coordinator, organizing monthly educational gatherings and spreading the word on climate change. She has been an important convener of people in the county, reaching out to involve more of the community in key environmental issues at the local level – among them, composting, community solar, zero waste and the county's fracking ban – to address climate change and save the planet from the bottom up.

Since 2008, Rosenthal has worked with GCAN and other local activists to pilot different approaches to expand composting in Greenbelt and surrounding communities, which could reduce the waste going to the landfill.

The award was presented to Rosenthal on Sunday, June 12 at the annual Prince George's Sierra Club picnic at Watkins Regional Park.

Greenbelt Mayor Emmett Jordan congratulated Rosenthal on the prestigious award. "Lore has tirelessly worked to bring together people with shared interests around environmental and equity issues," he said. "She is a connector and a way-finder who has the ability to reach across geographical, economic and social divides to convene people around progressive ideas and projects. Greenbelt is very fortunate to have her as a resident and active citizen."

The Prince George's Sierra Club established the annual environmental service award in 2005 to honor the late Walter Maloney, a civic activist, county councilmember and attorney dedicated to the rights and the quality-of-life of everyday people. Nominees are county residents who have shown excellence in local environmental leadership.

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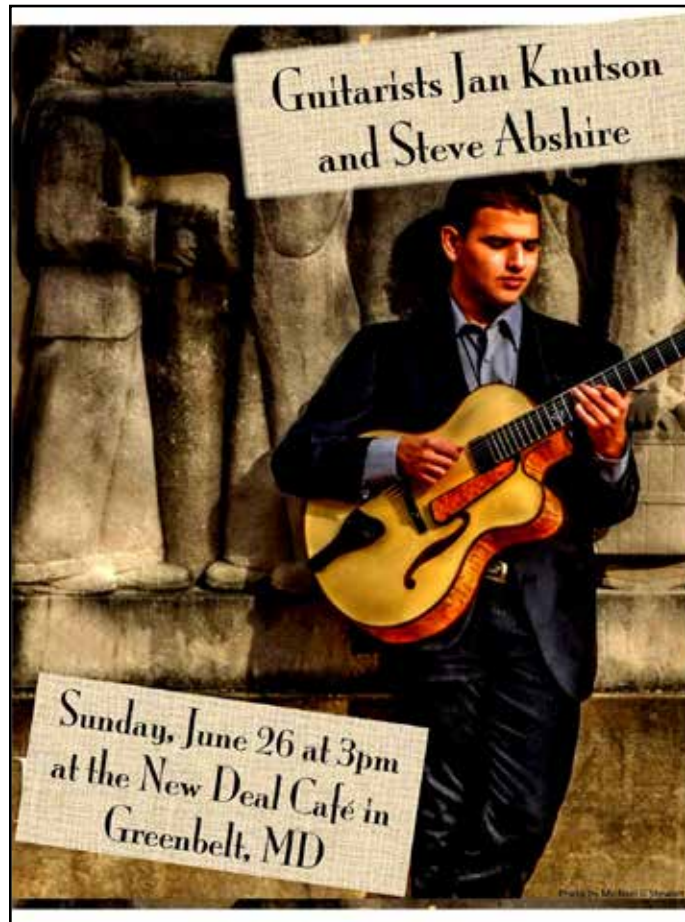
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Braden Field Vandalism Surprises Tennis Players

by Stan Zirkin

Greenbelt tennis players were stunned when they arrived at Braden Field on the morning of Sunday, June 5. The courts were covered with debris from four shattered chairs, which had been purchased and brought to the courts by some of the players. A further examination revealed that the chairs, or pieces thereof, had apparently been slammed against the top of the nets, some of which showed severe fraying. Finally, it was apparent that there had also been an attempt to damage the rollers used to dry the courts, which had been purchased by the Greenbelt Tennis Association for the public's use.

The vandalism probably occurred sometime on Saturday night, June 4, since no such dam-

age was observed by the tennis players who played in a doubles tournament during the day on Saturday.

The vandalism was immediately reported to the police. Since there are no security cameras at Braden Field the perpetrators could not be positively identified. Greenbelt police Captain Thomas Kemp told this reporter on Tuesday, June 7, that the police had a "pretty good idea" of who committed the vandalism. However, without eyewitness testimony, confessions or camera evidence, prosecution would be difficult.

The News Review will follow-up with a story on the issues of security cameras in a future issue.



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Visit Water Quality Projects Of Local Girl Scout Troop

by Jimmika Robinson

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The Girl Scout troops of Greenbelt have made strides over the years to staying connected to their community by performing various community services.

In the past, support from the Greenbelt Community Foundation (GCF) has allowed the Girl Scouts of Troop 4816 to work on four watershed restoration projects as a part of their silver and silver trefoil awards. The Girl Scouts were able to plant a rain garden, study the ecology of the retention pond at Hanover Parkway and Ora Glen and establish a water quality program for youth. The girls have continued their work on improving the environment each year by participating in clean-up activities for Earth Day, Public Lands Day and National Parks Day. Besides clean-up, they plant new flowers and trees, separate and transplant existing flowers, and pull invasive and other weeds to keep gardens at Schrom Hills Park, the Community Center and Springhill Lake healthy.

Besides environmental projects, some of the troop's other projects include sponsoring the annual Children's Pet Show at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival and participating in World Thinking Day, a day of international friendship, implementing projects that celebrate that friendship, and speaking out on issues that affect girls and young women around the world. These are just a few of the community projects carried out by the Greenbelt Girl Scouts.

Many volunteer members like Troop Leader Shazada Kashif, who was a girl scout herself as a teen, remain active volunteer members and leaders in the organization because they truly believe in the girls and want them to achieve their fullest potential.

As part of the GCF Explore Your Greenbelt campaign, the public is invited to visit the public gardens at Schrom Hills Park, Springhill Lake Outdoor Classroom and the Hanover Pond any



PHOTO COURTESY SHAZADA KASHIF

Girl Scouts Katalina Martinez (standing), Grace D'Eustachio, Amira Smith and Athena Jones with troop leader Shazada Kashif at the 2015 Public Lands Day in Greenbelt.

day between June 16 and July 1 to see some of the wonderful projects the girls have executed. Sponsored by the Greenbelt News Review, Beltway Plaza and Paradyme Management, Explore Your Greenbelt is an awareness campaign celebrating GCF's 10th anniversary through a series of 14 events and activities that feature organizations that have received GCF funding. All are invited to attend to learn about these organizations and how GCF lives out its mission of "nourishing all of Greenbelt's Neighborhoods."

For more information go to greenbeltfoundation.net or email explore@greenbeltfoundation.net.

Immigrant Experience At Reel and Meal

On Monday, June 20, the Reel and Meal film series presents the feature film Amreeka at the New Deal Café in Greenbelt's Roosevelt Center. It explores how a family of immigrants from the West Bank search for a place to call home in rural Illinois at a time when many Americans are afraid of immigrants from the Middle East. The free film starts at 7 p.m., following a vegan buffet served from 6:30 p.m. (there is a charge).

Linda Rabben, professor of anthropology at the University of Maryland and author of Give Refuge to the Stranger: The Past, Present, and Future of Sanctuary, will help lead the discussion following the film. She will be joined by Bshara Nassar, a Palestinian now living in Hyattsville, who created the Nakba Museum: Project of Memory and Hope, an exhibit of photographs, paintings, discussions, lectures and video recordings of Palestinians relating their history and experiences.

The "Reel and Meal at the New Deal" film series is a collaboration of three Greenbelt affinity groups: Green Vegan Network, Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group and Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition, which planned this month's event.

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change into hate. "Because we see what happens when hate metastasizes into a monster."

"Use the anger," said Hamlin. "Let the anger be your power to work." Hamlin said we can keep working toward the ideals

that are already in the Greenbelt pledge, ideals of tolerance and equality. "This is our family," he said, referring to the people in Orlando and the people standing next to him. "We owe it to one another."



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Vigil participants make a banner.

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Have been cleaning-up the environment

Go see the gardens at Schrom Hills Park, Springhill Lake Outdoor Classroom, the pond at Hanover Pkwy and Ora Glen Dr where the Girls Scouts have been doing annual clean-up, pulling weeds and planting flowers and tree.

Explore Your Greenbelt information at greenbeltfoundation.net

NOMINATION FORM
Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen

Submit this form by August 1, 2016 to: Bob Zugby, Chair
Outstanding Citizen Committee
94 Ridge Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Attach a statement (preferably printed or typed), which explains why this nominee deserves recognition as Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen. Possible subjects include a list of organizations or activities in which the nominee has participated, including length of time, specific accomplishments during period of service, the impact on Greenbelt or on people within the City, and personal qualities which make the nominee special. Award is for volunteer (unpaid) work only. Supporting printed material is useful to the Committee but is not required. Testimonials by others as to the person's good works will be helpful.

You may be contacted for additional information. If you prefer, send this form now and complete the statement later, but no later than the August 1st deadline.

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