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Seventh graders at Greenbelt Middle School stay after school to make a movie. Back row (from the right) Fatima Seisay, Cora Jackson, Sheila McGee and Mecca Lartique; front row (from the right) Madeleine McComb, Anya Wilkinson, Simone Thom, Chiamaka Chukwukere, Divya Chappa and Katie Delaney; front (center) Graphic Design Teacher Cortland Jones.

Art Curriculum Expanding In Greenbelt Schools

by Julie Depenbrock

It is 4 p.m. on Tuesday and most kids at Greenbelt Middle School are on their way home. But one group of seventh graders stays after on a mission: to make a movie.

"They organized all of this," graphic design teacher Cortland Jones said. "I was just told, 'Mr. Jones, we're meeting in your room on the 13th.'"

The students met during National Arts in Education Week – September 11 through 17 – a week that passed without emphasis, according to teachers, because here art education is emphasized year-round.

Greenbelt schools have seen a resurgence in art since Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) CEO Kevin Maxwell has championed art integration into the curriculum in his first two years as superintendent.

Greenbelt Elementary art teacher Zsolt Nagy, who graduated from Towson University with an art education degree in 2012,

has seen the changes firsthand. "My first two years, I was at three schools," Nagy said. "The art program in Prince George's wasn't as elaborate back then."

At the elementary level, Nagy said, art teachers were often shared among three or four schools.

Now teaching full time at Greenbelt Elementary, he focuses much of his instruction on integrating subjects like science, math and social studies. Right now, his second graders are making clay sundials. "So it's kind of a lesson in integrating time and how time was told before electricity," Nagy said.

Magnolia Elementary art teacher Jessica Wade still teaches at two schools, but she's optimistic about the improvements.

"It's an exciting time to be in Prince George's County," she said. Trained as a set designer in theater, Wade loves to see her

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City Manager Updates Council On Capital Projects, Budgets

by Diane Oberg

The hot topic of the September 14 city manager update was where to put a dog park in the core of Greenbelt. Other topics were a review of other capital projects, a current and prior year budget update and consideration of a renters' tax credit.

Capital Projects

The worksession was unusually well attended, with most of the attendees there to support a second dog park. Council moved a little closer to making a decision on whether and where to create such a park by narrowing the list of potential sites identified by city staff.

The Department of Planning

and Community Development will be asked to study the cost and feasibility of three sites: Parcel 7 on Ivy Lane, where an underused basketball court is currently located; opposite 101-105 Ridge Road, adjacent to the existing playground; and the former Candy Cane City location near Roosevelt Center and Braden Field.

Councilmember Silke Pope pushed hard for progress on the dog park while Mayor Emmett Jordan noted that council needs to consider how best to balance its many priorities for capital projects.

From the council discussion,

some of the desired characteristics for a dog park location are city owned (to avoid the expense of purchasing land), not in the forest preserve, flat, with few trees (some are good for shade but too many could impede the ability of the dogs to run) and adequate parking nearby.

The capital projects identified during the budget review for Fiscal Year 2017 have not changed so most of the discussion was on the projects that are not included in the plan for the next five years. As this was a worksession, council made no final decisions

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Explore Your Greenbelt

GCF Offers Many Resources To Community Organizations

by Yeri Zinn

The Greenbelt Community Foundation (GCF) was established to help worthwhile projects in Greenbelt. Since its founding, over \$150,000 has been invested into 50 projects in the community. Projects include helping organizations such as the Greenbelt Farmers Market, the Lady Angels basketball team, Our Ladies of Charity food bank and many more. The vision is "for a thriving, engaged community that is socially responsible, environmentally conscious and supports education, the arts and sciences." This vision is achieved by providing financial assistance and other resources to local community organizations in Greenbelt.

GCF provides grants for community organizations twice a year, and the fall deadline for applying is October 15. The spring deadline is April 15. GCF also provides non-monetary resources throughout the year to help organizations reach their goals. GCF's website contains diverse resources. One tool is proposal writing guidelines designed to help organizations with the grant application process. The website also provides a list of meeting venues in Greenbelt. This can be particularly helpful if an organization does not have a central headquarters at which they can readily meet. An updated press list is also available, and this can help organizations reach out to the press to publicize upcoming events and activities throughout Greenbelt.

The newest resource that GCF is excited to share with the community is a video teaching organizations how to use Facebook to market an event. Users can watch the video and follow along

on their Facebook page in order to create an effective Facebook event that will encourage the public to attend. During the early phases of the Explore Your Greenbelt campaign, GCF noticed that many of their partner organizations were not on Facebook engaging with their audience. As a response, GCF thought it would help organizations get over the technology barrier by making a step-by-step video on how to make a Facebook event, but more importantly, how to market it.

GCF has been actively working on engaging with the commu-

nity and has seen success through increased "likes" on Facebook. A popular feature on the Facebook page is Trivia Tuesday – every Tuesday, GCF posts a photograph of a place somewhere in Greenbelt and users have a week to guess where the photograph was taken. GCF encourages other community organizations to engage with Facebook to garner support for their goals and missions.

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

What Goes On

Saturday, September 24

9 a.m. to noon, Work Party, Historic Turner Family Cemetery, Ivy Lane

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop Off, Parking Lot Behind City Office
7:30 p.m., Free Moonlit Movies, North by Northwest, Sweetgum Picnic Area, Greenbelt Park

Monday, September 26

Active Aging Week, see schedule at greenbeltmd.gov

7 to 8:15 p.m., Anger Management, Community Center

7:45 p.m., Greenbelt CERT Open House, Greenbelt Police Station

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

Tuesday, September 27

3:30 p.m., Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting, Community Center

6 to 7 p.m., Free Exercise Clinic, Schrom Hills Park Fitness Zone

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

7:30 p.m., Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability Meeting, Community Center

Wednesday, September 28

1:30 to 4 p.m., Taylor Marie Fashion Show, Community Center

7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center

8 p.m., Council Worksession, M-NCPPC Zoning Rewrite Module 3, Community Center

Saturday, October 1

All Day, Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, 25th Anniversary Celebration (See city ad for details.)



PHOTO BY J DAVIS

Public art in downtown Havana. See story about J Davis's visit to Cuba on page 12.

Letters to the Editor

Thank You Greenbelt

I personally, and on behalf of the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee, cannot thank the employees and the citizens of the City of Greenbelt enough for our most successful Labor Day Festival in years.

Starting with Rebekah Sutfin, who attends our meetings, always has a level head, offers good suggestions and keeps us on point. She's a jewel and we appreciate her.

Under the direction of Mr. Jim Sterling, Public Works jumped more than once to our rescue. Every public works employee was helpful, professional and hard working. We appreciate Public Works and Mr. Sterling very much and simply could not do this without them. Thanks for being such a large part of our Labor Day Festival.

The Greenbelt Police Department officers always remain calm in tense situations. They are always just a phone call away and I am proud to say I live in Greenbelt with the best police department around. Thank you to Chief Craze and all of the Greenbelt police officers for their dedication to a successful festival. A special thank you to Captain Kemp who attends our meetings and goes that extra mile to keep us safe. He is always willing to help with good advice or just the right answer.

A special thanks to the City of Greenbelt for letting us take over the center of town every year for 62 years! Every single employee we contact is helpful and goes the extra mile.

We also want to thank the Navy Sea Chanters for an enchanted concert at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, especially Bill Edwards, who also sang the National Anthem at the opening ceremonies. My personal thank you to the best committee I could have ever joined. Every volunteer is so dedicated to this yearly festival.

Every detail is thought out and perfected. These folks are simply some of the greatest residents of Greenbelt you will ever meet. I can't thank them enough. They deserve a huge pat on the back. Our most thanks go to each and every volunteer and festival goer!

Memories were made this weekend, and we hope that memories will be made for many, many generations to come. Thank you Greenbelt for letting our committee bring you such good memories and thank you to the residents of Greenbelt, for being a part of our success and our memories of the 2016 Greenbelt Labor Day Festival. See you all in 2017!

Linda Ivy

Claim of Alarm A Distraction

This is a response to the article, Zoning Rewrite Raises Alarm about Municipal Authority, written by Kathleen Gallagher and published in the September 1 edition of the Greenbelt News Review.

The topic of the article is the Greenbelt City Council (the council) worksession held on August 17 with Chad Williams from the Prince George's County Planning Department of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. The Planning Department is comprehensively rewriting the County Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations, which are the laws that determine how property in Prince George's County can be developed. The rewrite consists of three modules. Williams is the project manager for the rewrite and provided an update on Module 2.

According to Gallagher, the council expressed concern about two features of the rewrite: 1) the City of Greenbelt is categorized as being entirely inside the Beltway, and 2) the rewrite will undermine the ability of citizens and municipalities (like Greenbelt) to review and oppose new development projects. But the council has not appeared alarmed at all; it is the community that is alarmed.

The rewrite currently categorizes Greenbelt as being entirely inside the Beltway even though not all areas of Greenbelt are physically inside the Beltway. (According to Williams, the council made this recommendation in 2001 in support of the 2002 Prince George's County Approved General Plan. The categorization, in the rewrite, is a continuation of that recommendation.) According to Williams, this means all areas of Greenbelt will, in the rewrite, be considered as urban and subject to development rules applicable to urban areas. The council, according to Williams, can request the Planning Department to change this categorization – but has not done so in time to meet the regular deadline (September 1).

We believe the council supports the urban categorization because it may allow higher density development throughout Greenbelt, including the Lakeside North High-Rise Development, which appears to have the council's, but not the community's, support.

On April 4 the council held a worksession with David Hillman, president of Southern Management Corporation (SMC) and owner of Lakeside North Apartments, to discuss his proposal to

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GHI Notes

Thursday, September 22, 7 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting, Board Room.

Friday, September 23, office closed, Emergency Maintenance Service at 301-474-6011.

Sunday, September 25, noon to 3 p.m., GHI Community-Wide Open House, Roosevelt Center.

Monday, September 26, 7 p.m., Board /Legislative and Government Affairs Joint Meeting, Board Room.

Tuesday, September 27, 7 p.m., Audit Committee Meeting, Board Room.

Tuesday, September 27, 7 p.m., Nominations and Elections Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby.

Wednesday, September 28, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee Meeting, Board Room.

Thursday, September 29, 7 p.m., Executive Session Meeting, Board Room.



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Sun. 1:30, 5:00PM

Mon. 2:15, 5:00PM

Tues. 5:00, 8:00PM

Wed. 2:15, 5:00, 8:00PM

Thurs. 5:00, 8:00PM

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Fri. 11:00PM.

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Art House Theater Day:
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(76mins)
Sat. 1:00PM

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MATISSE (100mins)
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Mon. 12:00PM

Live Coverage Debate:
CLINTON VS TRUMP
DEBATE
Mon. 9:00PM

Storytime on Screen:
Mon. 10:30AM (free!)



"Don't stop pedaling - the beavers are eating bicycles now!"

Cartoon by Peter Reppert. Caption submitted anonymously at the News Review caption contest, July 10, 2016.

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On Screen

I Just Wanna Hold Your Hand

Coming to the Old Greenbelt Theatre this Friday, September 23 is The Beatles: Eight Days a Week - the Touring Years, a meticulous documentary of Beatlemania from 1963 to 1966, chock full of concert footage, interviews with the Fab Four, memories by celebrities (Whoopi Goldberg, Sigourney Weaver) and cultural assessment of the Beatles' unprecedented impact (Malcolm Gladwell).

It should be bittersweet for baby boomers, 20-ish then, 70-ish now, to see Paul and Ringo then and now and the deceased John and George, forever young. Go with someone whose hand you wanna hold and you'll feel fine.

Director: Ron Howard

Running Time: 99 minutes. Not Rated

- Jim Link

Community Events

Star Party Evening On September 24

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday evening, September 24 at the City Observatory located at Northway Fields. With the Observatory telescope observe deep sky objects such as galaxies, planetary nebulae and star clusters. Visitors are welcome to set up personal telescopes on the hill. There will be an opportunity to observe Saturn, Mars, Neptune and Uranus. The moon will not be up, so it will be dark.

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

CERT Preparedness Open House Monday

To celebrate National Preparedness Month, the Greenbelt Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will hold an open house on Monday, September 26 from 7:45 to 8:45 p.m. in the Greenbelt Police Department Multipurpose Room to learn more about the team and the resources available to the community for making a plan, building a preparedness kit, staying informed and getting involved. RSVP or ask questions by emailing greenbeltcert@gmail.com.

The mission of Greenbelt CERT is preparedness through service. Greenbelt CERT members receive training in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations in order to prepare for and respond to emergencies and disasters at the individual and community level. Greenbelt CERT engages with the local community by providing preparedness information and education, first aid resources and traffic control support at events such as the Fourth of July fireworks display, Greenbelt Labor Day Festival and Parade, Pet Expo and National Night Out.

Memory Support Group Meets Wednesdays

On Wednesdays through November 16, Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) will host a Memory Support Group and a Café Group on alternate Wednesdays at the Municipal Building, second floor. The Support Group will meet from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.; the Café Group will meet from 1:30 to 3 p.m. To register, contact Sharon Johns at 301-345-6660.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

Crafters Wanted

For Friends of Patuxent Wildlife Holiday Bazaar
Saturday, November 5
9 am to 3 pm
National Wildlife Visitor Center, Laurel, MD

\$10+15% of sales.

Table provided.

Contact 2ufrommah@gmail.com or call 301-497-5789.

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 September 26 are as follows:

Monday, September 26: Pepper beef steak, brown rice, sliced carrots, wheat roll, diced peaches, apple juice.

Tuesday, September 27: Cream of tomato basil soup, chicken salad, kaiser roll, mixed green salad with Italian dressing, fresh fruit, cranberry juice.

Wednesday, September 28: Spanish tilapia, Delmonico potatoes, broccoli with cheese sauce, wheat roll, tropical fruit, orange juice.

Thursday, September 29: Creamy paprika chicken, butter beans, ratatouille, wheat bread, rosy pears, apple juice.

Friday, September 30: Breaded veal patty with marinara sauce, garlic rotini, Brussels sprouts, breadstick, pineapple tidbits, grape juice.

At the Library

Wednesday, September 28: Ready 2 Read Storytime: Ages 3 to 5, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 20 people.

Thursday, September 29: Ready 2 Read Storytime: Ages 0 to 2, 10:15 and 11:15, limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); Ready 2 Read Storytime: Ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m., limit 20 people.

Crazy 8s! Season 3

Tuesday, September 27 at 4 p.m., for grades K to 2, limit 14 children; 5 p.m., for grades 3 to 5, limit 14 children. Crazy 8s is a new after-school math club designed to get kids fired up about math. Advance registration is required. This eight-week program will be conducted on Tuesday afternoons through November 1. Contact the branch Information staff for details either in person or by calling 301-345-5800.

African History & Culture

Tuesday, September 27 at 7 p.m. John Henrik Clarke: High Priest of Black History, will be the next session of the Fall 2016 season in this audio-visual lecture series presented by C.R. Gibbs, historian of the African Diaspora. Other sessions will be conducted during the fall on Tuesday evenings through November 15.

Astronomical Society Has Guest Speaker

Dr. Jose Carlos Aponte will be the featured speaker at the Thursday, September 29 meeting of the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt. His topic will be Organic Astrochemistry: Origins of Organic Compounds Inside Meteorites. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be held at the H.B. Owens Science Center, 9601 Greenbelt Road (adjacent to DuVal High School).

A native of Peru, Aponte received his B.S. in chemistry from the Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia, Lima, Peru, and his Ph.D. in natural products and organic chemistry from the University of Louisville, Kentucky. He is currently a research associate working at the Goddard Space Flight Center through a cooperative agreement with the Catholic University of America. His research involves developing analytical protocols to characterize, quantify and measure the isotopic and enantiomeric signatures of small organic compounds that are present in carbon-rich meteorites. These compounds may have been relevant to the origins of life on Earth.

All are welcome. There is no admission fee.

Events at MakerSpace

As the weather cools off, First Lego League (FLL) is heating up at the MakerSpace. Sign up on the website at make125.org or stop by MakerSpace in Roosevelt Center.

Thursday, September 22: FLL Team 2 creates from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Minecraft Club meets from 7 to 8 p.m.

Friday, September 23: Fermentation Fans brew from 7 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, September 24: FLL Team 3 builds from noon to 2 p.m. and Labradoodles meet from 2 to 4 p.m.

Sunday, September 25: Animation Meetup from 2 to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, September 27: FLL Team 1 builds from 6 to 7:30 p.m., and Coder Dojo (adults) code from 8 to 9 p.m.

Wednesday, September 28, FLL from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and Fiber Enthusiasts from 6 to 9 p.m.

The next Repair Café is Saturday, October 15.

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Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

Greenbelt will be having Active Aging Week from September 26 to October 2. The Golden Age Club will be taking part in many of the activities. On September 28 the Taylor Marie Fashion Show will have Golden Agers strutting their stuff.

During the week there will be something for everyone. Active seniors will be walking, swimming and practicing yoga. The open forum on October 8 welcomes everyone.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Pauline Bordas. She was a much loved and a longtime member of the club.

Be sure to save Saturday, October 22 for the Golden Age Club Yard Sale/Bake Sale.

Words of Wisdom – Secret for a Happy Life: Something to do, something to look forward to, something to love.

Concert to End Gun Violence on Sept. 25

Concert Across America to end gun violence will be held Sunday, September 25 from noon to 5 p.m. at the Roosevelt Center. Come for an afternoon of music and enlightenment about the plague of gun violence. Learn how it affects us all. How close does it need to come before one stands up? This event is sponsored by Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church and Prince George’s County Peace & Justice Coalition. For more information, contact Justpeacepg@earthlink.net or #ConcertAcrossAmerica on Twitter.

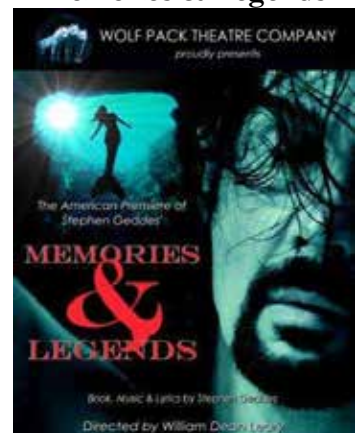
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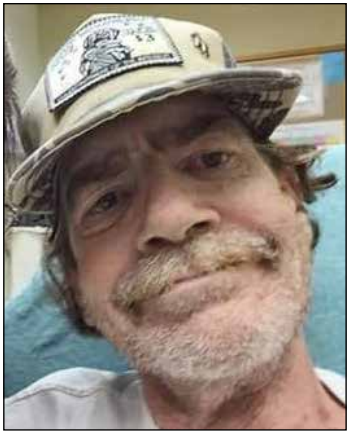
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In Memoriam

Jimmy "Tator" Williams

by Rick Ransom



Jimmy Williams in the hospital.

James Anthony "Jimmy" or "Tator" Williams, a life-time Greenbelt resident and a frequent presence in Roosevelt Center, died on September 7 from lung cancer. He was 56. He had resided with his parents, Jeff and Mildred Louise, in the 73 Court of Ridge Road but had no fixed address for the most part after the death of his parents. His friend Tim Corley stated that he sometimes called himself The King of the Center Bums, a term anyone who spent their youth in Greenbelt would understand. Jimmy is survived by sisters Ellen Dietz of Salisbury and Wilma Breen of Brandywine, as well as brothers Jeff Jr., JT of Ocean City and Joey of Felton, Del.

Williams lacked a steady source of income, although he labored at painting and landscaping when he could find the work. The friends I spoke with said that Jimmy never refused to help others whenever and however he could. Corley said Williams helped him move and for a time, accompanied Corley's son home from school. By the time Corley returned home from work, Williams had gotten the son started on his homework.

Amy D'Esposito reminisced about having been Williams' friend since the age of seven. She noted that they both served internships at GHI in the youth training program. D'Esposito was with Williams at the end, helping him get admitted to hospice, although he lived just one day after admission. D'Esposito recounted that Jimmy was very funny and tried to make the best out of every situation. She stated that she admired his integrity; according to her, his word was his bond. "He was someone with whom you could leave \$10,000 in cash

(if you had it) for two weeks and return to find every dollar," she claimed.

Former longtime Greenbelter Glynnis Reslock (née Beard) echoed the idea that Williams had a heart of gold. "He would do anything for you and he wouldn't take money," she related. Williams, after learning his illness was terminal, expressed a desire to attend his last Labor Day Festival. Reslock borrowed a wheelchair from a friend's church and pushed him around the rides and booths. He was grateful to all for the experience. He died a mere three days later. Corley listed Williams' friends as Frank White, Sean Clerkin, Duke Perry, Donnie and Frank Dorsey and Amy's husband, Steve, as well as the late Terry Walton. Williams spent five years living with Walton on Crescent Road as a caretaker in the later stages of his friend's battle with muscular dystrophy.

It is easy to judge a person by their circumstances. But quick assessments cannot divine a person's heart or the history and incidents that led to his or her status. Williams didn't have much, but he contributed his time and support in meaningful ways whenever he could. Williams donated his body to science because he stated that he didn't want anyone to have to pay for funeral or burial arrangements. A memorial service will be held in Room 201 of the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 1. Those who can attend are encouraged to bring a covered dish and any photos they could share. Corley also asked for donations to be made there so that he and other friends can purchase a plaque in Williams' memory.

In Memoriam

Janet Meetre

by Cathie Meetre



PHOTO BY CATHIE MEETRE

Janet Meetre enjoyed watching her grand-nephew playing football.

Janet Meetre died Monday, September 12, 2016 after a brave 18-month battle with multiple myeloma, a cancer of the blood. Janet was born February 2, 1942, in Washington, D.C. There will be a celebration of her life at 166 Research Road in Greenbelt on October 9 from 2 to 5 p.m. Friends are invited to stop by for whatever length of time is convenient. It will be an informal setting where Janet's friends and family can gather to share stories and honor her memory. Janet's lifelong interest in piano will be celebrated with some live performances.

Janet was raised in Hyattsville, where her family owned a diner on Route 1. She attended Hyattsville Elementary, Hyattsville Junior High and Suitland High Schools. She graduated from the University of Maryland in 1964 with a major in Spanish and headed for California to work in the airline industry, though her ambition was to play piano and sing professionally. She was in flight reservations and was an early computer operator for Trans World Airlines. She later managed cargo at Pan American

Airlines. Her work for the airlines also allowed her to travel, and she visited many countries. Janet kept fond memories of the many friends she made during this time.

The airline industry proving a fickle employer, Janet went to work as a travel coordinator with Mattel Toys. With Mattel, Janet experienced one of her favorite trips of all time when she got to drive the real-life, full-sized Barbie Beach Bus from California to Las Vegas and then on to Nashville, Tennessee. Honk if you love Barbie.

In 1994 she went to work for the U.S. Department of Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) as an inspector. In 2007, she transferred back to this area to be closer to her family and assist CBP with the implementation of new computer systems. She moved into a block home on Eastway in Greenbelt. She enjoyed life in Greenbelt, made many delightful friends, volunteered for the News Review and was a regular participant at the Aquatic & Fitness Center. She especially enjoyed having weekly Sunday dinner with her brothers Jeff and Rick, prepared by sister-in-law Cathie. As her illness progressed, she moved to a one-level apartment in Westchester Park, where she was met with much kindness from the staff and residents.

Janet enjoyed travel and music and was a tuneful and capable pianist and singer. She could also speak, read and write Spanish at an effective level. She was a devotee of the TV series Golden Girls and had a life-long interest

in aviation, which became part of her life again when she volunteered at the College Park Aviation Museum.

She will be greatly missed by her brothers, Jeff and Rick Meetre; her sister-in-law Cathie Meetre; nieces Lisa Psaromatis, Sarah Liska and Jenny Meetre, as well as her many grand-nieces and nephews.

For those wishing to make donations in her name, the College Park Airport receives donations online at fieldoffirsts.com/donate-online.



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GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING
Municipal Building, Monday, September 26, 2016 at 8 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
- 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 Repeal and Reenact with Amendment Resolution Number 2012 to Adopt Standing Rules for the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland
-2nd Reading, Adoption

OTHER BUSINESS

- Application from Willy K's to Liquor Control Board for Special Entertainment Permit
- Application for Conversion of Liquor License – Shell Food Mart
- Public Safety Advisory Committee, Report #2016-1 (Prescription Drug Take Back Program)
- Letter to Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission – Zoning Rewrite Module 2 Review
- 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 to reach the City Clerk.

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- 11:30am - 12:30pm: FITNESS CENTER EQUIPMENT ORIENTATION
- 11:30am - 1:30pm: WATER FUN FOR CHILDREN

TAYLOR MARIE FASHION SHOW

An Active Aging Week Special Event!
Wednesday, September 28 from 1:30-4:00pm
Greenbelt Community Center Gym
Greenbelt Residents will model some new fall fashions. Clothing sale will follow with sizes petite to 3X, and accessories!
Download the entire **ACTIVE AGING WEEK SCHEDULE** AT www.greenbeltmd.gov

Greenbelt CERT Meeting

Monday, September 26, 2016 at 7:30pm
Greenbelt Police Station (550 Crescent Road)
Agenda: National Preparedness Month Greenbelt CERT Open House and Recruitment Fair-RSVP at <http://bit.ly/GCERTInvite>

MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 26-30

Monday, September 26 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

Tuesday, September 27 at 3:30pm, **SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the agenda: Old Business, FORA/GAIL update: Memory Café, Widowed Persons update, Update on Active Aging Week Activities, Open Forum: 10/8/2016, New Business, Announcements*

Tuesday, September 27 at 7:00pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION** at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Feedback - Labor Day Parade, CIP Hearing, Executive Search, College Park EAC, PTA President' Meeting, Updates – Clubs, Grants, AOB – BOE Meeting on Headstart*

Tuesday, September 27 at 7:30pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY MEETING AND GREEN TEAM MEETING** at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the agenda: Updates from Sustainability Framework / Green Team Circles, Energy / Solar, Food Systems / Sustainable Landcare, Green Building, Land Use / Planning / Pathways of Sustainability, Transportation - Patty: Greenbelt Station path to Metro, update, Time Bank / Local Economies, Waste Management / Zero Waste – LDF recap, Water / Stream / Stormwater Restoration, Letter asking Council for a Sustainability-minded General Manager, update, Sustainable Land Care Policy, update.*

Wednesday, September 28 at 7:30pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD** at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the agenda: Pedestrian and Bike Plan updates.*

Wednesday, September 28 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: M-NCPPC Zoning Rewrite Module 3** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

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

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

Saturday, September 24 9am-12pm

Historic Turner Family Cemetery on Ivy Lane

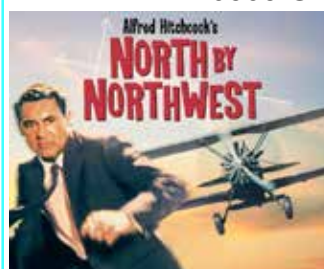
Volunteers will help: Conserve and protect public lands, Clear around historical headstones, Install a protective boundary fence, and Paint the main entrance gateway gate.

- Free parking spots are available on Turner Place and limited spaces at Old Line Bank.
- Bring a reusable water bottle.
- Wear weather appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes you don't mind getting dirty.
- High school students: Bring a copy of your service-learning form for graduation!

Questions? Contact Erin Josephitis at ejosephitis@greenbeltmd.gov or 240-542-2168



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ANGER MANAGEMENT

The Drama Club: Dispute Resolution and Managing Anger
Mondays, Sept. 26-Nov. 21 from 7:00-8:15pm
Greenbelt Community Center 15 Crescent Road
Adults ages 18 & up. Cost is \$25 for the workbook. Call 301-345-6660 to enroll.

Artists, Artisans, Authors and Non-Profit Groups Sought for Greenbelt Festival of Lights Juried Art and Craft Fair

Registration now through September 30, individuals and non-profit organizations can apply to participate in the City of Greenbelt's 2016 Festival of Lights Juried Art and Craft Fair. The Fair will take place on December 3 and 4 at the historic Greenbelt Community Center located at 15 Crescent Rd.

The Art and Craft Fair is open to youth exhibitors as well as adults. Applications are available at www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts. For more information, call 301-397-2208. Arts programs are sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.

GET OUT, GET FIT FREE Exercise Clinic Tuesday, September 27, 6-7pm

Schrom Hills Park Fitness Zone
6915 Hanover Parkway
Come out and try the new circuit training equipment at the park. Session will include High Intensity Interval Training, Cardio, Strength, Plyometrics and more. All levels of fitness are welcome!

Active Aging Week:

Explore the Possibilities 9/26-10/2
Try a new FREE class or a new skill and stay active. Schedule is posted at www.greenbeltmd.gov

There are still openings in the SCHOOL'S OUT-SKY ZONE TRIP!

Friday, September 30 9:00am-3:30pm
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Survey Deems Springhill Lake Apartments Historic Complex

by Chris Miller

There's a sign on Southway directing drivers to Historic Greenbelt. It turns out there should be multiple arrows, since the Library of Congress deemed Springhill Lake (SHL) apartments (renamed Franklin Park at Greenbelt Station) an important historic complex, and in 2005 published historic black-and-white photographs of SHL.

The photos were taken by the Historic American Building Survey (HABS), a division of the U.S. National Park Service, said Megan Young, the Greenbelt Museum director and curator. HABS was designed to document historic buildings in the U.S. Records of the historic photographs are archived in the Prints and Photographs Division of the Library of Congress.

When SHL was first built in the mid-1960s it was reputed to be the largest garden apartment development on the East Coast. Theresa Hammonds, the director of leasing at Franklin Park, says it is still the largest development east of the Mississippi River.

Franklin Park has over 153 acres of land, 2,877 total units, houses over 12,000 people and comprises 60 percent of the total Greenbelt population, Hammonds said. Franklin Park is so vast that an elementary school, Springhill Lake, even resides on the property. "It's a world in a world," says Hammonds.

About seven years ago, SHL apartments transitioned into Empirian Village and in October 2010, Fieldstone Properties acquired the development and it became Franklin Park at Greenbelt Station.

According to Brian Butler, Springhill Lake Recreation Center coordinator, the development seems much safer now than it was in the past. "Before, it was a little more turbulent and rowdy," he says, explaining how it was common for children living in the apartments to simply stop coming to the Recreation Center. Now though, the apartments seem a lot more college student-oriented and more diverse, Butler says.

Greenbelt's History

Springhill Lake's home city has a unique history.

Greenbelt was founded in 1937 by President Franklin Roosevelt's administration through his New Deal programs, specifically the Resettlement Administration. Franklin Park was named in honor of the president, says Young.

Greenbelt was one of three green towns, along with Greendale, Wisc., and Greenhills, Ohio, created as part of a social experiment to create new communities in areas with affordable housing and ample gardens and parks. The belt of vast green space surrounding the city was how Greenbelt got its name. Greenbelt was created also to help ease the housing shortage near Washington, D.C., and to create new jobs.

The federal government owned Greenbelt until 1952, when it sold the city to a local cooperative, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. The cooperative later sold large areas of vacant land to private developers.

SHL and its successors have helped to form the makeup of Greenbelt. "The complex has been the cornerstone of the

Greenbelt community for over 40 years," says Hammonds.

Franklin Park currently has over 93 percent occupancy and is in the process of renovating and upgrading its units.

The SHL photos can be seen on the Library of Congress website at loc.gov/pictures/item/md1700/.

Chris Miller is a graduate student studying journalism at the University of Maryland and writing for the News Review.



Historic photos of Springhill Lake from the Library of Congress website.



The Franklin Park apartments as they look today.

Letters continued

build a 25-story, 400-unit luxury high-rise apartment building on land adjacent to the existing Lakeside North Apartments. Hillman conceded that SMC would not fight if the council expressed serious opposition to the proposal – but the council has not expressed this opposition.

Council has had over three months to respond to our June 6 petition asking the council to write to Hillman to express opposition to the proposed Lakeside North Development and to ask him not to proceed with the proposal. A petition to stop the Lakeside North Development has been signed by over 500 Greenbelt residents and we are still collecting signatures. Despite community opposition, the council has not openly opposed the proposed development. Additionally, the property would have to be rezoned to allow for the proposed

development. SMC may be seeking to bypass the normal rezoning process altogether by obtaining special treatment, perhaps under the ongoing rewrite. The June 6 petition asked the council to write to County Councilmember Todd Turner to object to any plan to avoid a rezoning case by getting special treatment through the rewrite. The council has been silent here as well.

The council owes the community a response to our June 6 petition.

The claim that the council is alarmed should not distract attention from the real issue, which is the apparent desire by council to keep secret its position on high density development in Greenbelt.

Brian Almquist



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students take risks. "They really build individuality and a sense of self, I think, through the creative arts and sort of recognizing their own style, patterns, the way they draw," Wade said.

Wade hopes to do more environmental art – maybe hang mobiles from trees in the courtyard or do something with the changing leaves. "Students get to use all the materials around them to create something and also see that art can happen everywhere," Wade said. "It's not just in the art room."

Back at Greenbelt Middle School, Jones, a graduate of the Corcoran School of Art who celebrates his 24th year of teaching this October, praises the county's support – especially that of Elizabeth Stuart, visual arts supervisor for PGCPSS.

"I can only do all the stuff that I'm doing because I've been given that liberty," Jones said. "I think it enhances the children's motivation to reach the boundaries as well as move past them because they're being instructed by somebody who clearly has been allowed huge parameters."

His classroom is his biggest resource – from the Mac computers to the display board, which Jones landed by writing a grant to the Greenbelt Community Foundation two years ago.

"It inspires me to be in this

room," Jones said. "As far as resources, I've been provided everything I need to be effective."

The room allows students the freedom of self-expression, which is crucial to Jones.

One of his students is designing a logo for a non-profit organization. Others, he's introduced to local authors in need of illustrators. Still others have found their passion on PowerPoint, designing magazine covers.

And what's the name of that movie the seventh graders are making?

The Start of Something New, said Anya Wilkinson, student director.

This is the second year that students at Greenbelt Middle have made a movie, Jones said. Both projects have been entirely student-driven and executed.

In January, B-Roll Media and Arts, a Maryland-based non-profit, is coming to help students film a documentary on literacy at the middle school. If successful, the film will be shown at the Old Greenbelt Theatre.

"It's helping them to see that these skills and abilities they have – they don't have to wait until they're adults to make use of them, to do something significant," Jones said.

Julie Depenbrock is a graduate student in journalism at the University of Maryland.



PHOTO BY JULIE DEPENBROCK

An example of Greenbelt Elementary art teacher Zsolt Nagy's abstract art properties by a fifth grade student.

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in the meeting.

One such project, the water fountain in Roosevelt Center, appeared likely to be scratched from the list now that the city has the TapIt program to refill water bottles for the public. This item will likely appear on the agenda of a future city council regular meeting as it has been the subject of a petition to council that needs to be closed out.

Councilmember Judith Davis put in a plug for replacing the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system for Old Greenbelt Theatre. According to the theater director, Davis said, this project cannot be put off any longer. However, this will be an expensive project. The Friends of Greenbelt Theatre are planning a capital campaign but City Manager Michael McLaughlin said there needs to be discussion as to the purpose of this campaign – renovations desired by the theater group or renovations to the city-owned building.

Jordan urged finding a way to recoat the Youth Center foam roof in the next year or two, saying that it is in really bad shape.

Councilmember Leta Mach called for funding expansion of the Greenbelt Cemetery by installation of an urn wall. However, Davis noted, this would entail cutting down “a swath of trees.”

Renters' Relief

Assistant City Manager David Moran reported on the status of Council Action Request 45 from 2015 regarding whether Greenbelt should offer a renters' tax credit. He noted that the State of Maryland has a renters' tax credit for very low income residents of up to \$750 per year. Eligibility is based upon the renter's household income, net worth and monthly rent excluding utilities for seniors and disabled residents. For residents under age 60 additional factors are considered. According to staff research in 2015 there were 24 recipients of the state credit in Greenbelt's zip code, although some may live outside the corporate limits of Greenbelt.

In 2015, Prince George's County established a similar program where the county provides a grant of 50 percent of the state payment to eligible residents. Moran's written report proposed that the city could mirror the county program.

The councilmembers appeared interested in pursuing this approach. This will require a city ordinance repealing an inactive program from 1973 and implementing the new program. McLaughlin noted that it is too late for the program to take effect for 2016. (The application deadline for the state was September 1.)

This item will likely appear on a future council agenda.

Budget

There was good news and bad in City Treasurer Jeff William's budget update. For FY17, which started July 1, the city is on track with the adopted budget.

For Fiscal Year 2016, there was bad news on the tax front. Major commercial property owners were granted abatements (reductions in property tax) by the state. There were 13 properties receiving abatements of more than \$5,000. These totaled more than \$400,000 in FY16 and more than \$1.3 million over the 2014 to 2016 assessment cycle. As a result, the general fund balance (essentially reserves) dropped to roughly 11 percent from 13 percent. This is still above the city's 10 percent target, however.

2001 Bond Fund

The city continues to show a deficit in this fund. The 2001 Bond Issue funded projects including the public works building, renovations to the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, traffic calming projects in Greenbelt East and renovation of the theater. In FY16, the city transferred \$300,000 from the general fund to bring the deficit down to just over \$1 million.

Jordan asked if this fund could be closed out or renamed. Williams said that since this fund does not have a revenue source (now that the initial bond proceeds are gone) the only way to close it out would be a transfer from the General Fund. Doing so would cut the fund balance by roughly one-third.

When asked how a bond fund could have a deficit, since the funds had been spent and had to have come from somewhere, Williams told the News Review that the city's Consolidated Financial Statement differs from the budget presentation in that (on page 44 of the Fiscal Year 2015 statement) it shows the city's total fund balance as \$2.5 million, as it adds the General Fund balance (unassigned funds) of \$3.8 million and the deficit in the 2001 bond fund and reports a total fund balance of \$2.5 million. The fund balance monitored by council only reflects the General Fund.



City Notes

Planning Staff prepared a brief of the status/goals of bike planning in Greenbelt for the Inter-Municipal Bikeways Working Group.

Public Works and Horticulture staff met to discuss the purchase of new trees from the Pepco rebate.

Street Maintenance/Special Details crews took steel cans to the county scrap metal yard and also dumped 55 barrels filled with water and oil into a recycling tank.

The Youth Center gym floor refinishing project is complete.

Aquatic & Fitness Center staff, with the assistance of the Greenbelt Police Department, conducted in-service training for cashiers and pool managers, discussing ways to deal with hostile and confrontational situations.

The Fall Walk With Ease class has begun at Schrom Hills Park, with participants taking the Schrom Hills path and learning about arthritis and exercise. The Walk With Ease/Walk on Route 66 group in the community center gym has walked from Greenbelt and is almost in Cumberland, on their way to L.A. via virtual Route 66.

Volunteer Opportunity For Public Lands Day

On Saturday, September 24, from 9 a.m. to noon, Greenbelt is celebrating National Public Lands Day with a volunteer opportunity at the historic Turner Family Cemetery on Ivy Lane. Volunteers can help to conserve and protect public lands by clearing around historical headstones, installing a protective boundary fence and painting the main entrance gateway gate.

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Security Camera Meetings Scheduled in October

by Stan Zirkin

As noted in the News Review's front page article on June 23, the city council has asked the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) to conduct public hearings on security camera issues affecting Greenbelt. Those meetings have now been scheduled for October.

The first meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherry Lane. The second meeting will be held on Saturday, October 8 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Center, 7600 Hanover Parkway, #101. The third and final meeting will be held on Saturday, October 15 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Municipal Building Council Room, 25 Crescent Road. Any Greenbelter may attend any of the meetings.

At present there are a total of 61 security cameras in the city: 17 in the Community Center; five in and around Public Works; three at Roosevelt Center; 12 in and around the Aquatic & Fitness Center; 19 in and around the police station; two outside of Springhill Lake Elementary School; and two at the Spellman Overpass. The city's Information Technology branch, whose director is Dale Worley, manages all of the cameras except for those at the Community Center and Public Works.

Those locations are maintaining legacy systems that have been in place for some time.

The meetings will seek to elicit the public's input on concerns relating to current security cameras; the need for additional security cameras; suggested locations for additional cameras; and reasons for each concern or suggestion. A police representative will be available to answer questions at the meetings. For those who are unable to attend in person, email comments or suggestions to stanley.zirkin@gmail.com.

Stan Zirkin is a member of PSAC and the News Review.

Jewish Vegetarian Talk at Mishkan Torah

Jeffrey Cohan will give a talk, Judaism and Animals: Restoring the Relationship, at Mishkan Torah Synagogue on Sunday, September 25 at 4 p.m. Cohan, executive director of Jewish Veg and author of the blog The Beet-Eating Heeb, will explore Torah passages that may suggest an exclusively plant-based diet. He will present health and culinary aspects of vegan and vegetarian diets and share resources provided by Jewish Veg (jewishveg.org).

The event is free and open to the public. Light, vegan refreshments will be served.

GREENBRIAR AND GLEN OAKS FALL YARD SALE

Saturday, October 1, 2016

Bargain hunters won't want to miss this. All are invited to enjoy and "Shop 'Till You Drop" at our semi-annual yard sale.

Light refreshments will be sold.

Hosted at **Greenbriar Community Center**

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The event will take place RAIN or SHINE!

Plan for Progress at the New Deal Café

All-new menu items, an espresso bar, and expanded hours are part of the business plan to transition from contracted restaurant operation to self-management led by an experienced professional—like other Greenbelt co-ops. Earnings will belong to the Café rather than a for-profit contractor.

All members are encouraged to attend the upcoming Special Membership Meeting.

Motion for Discussion:

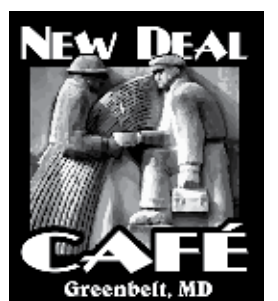
The Membership authorizes the Board of Directors, in its discretion, to solicit loans and donations up to \$200,000, at up to the prevailing rate of interest. These funds will be used for the purpose of capital improvements and restaurant operations, as well as making other necessary modifications to the operation of the Café.

This motion is per Article 8, Section 7 of the Café bylaws, "The Board of Directors shall not borrow any money in excess of \$10,000 total during any calendar year without approval by the membership."

Special Membership Meeting

Member sign-in begins 6:30pm
Meeting begins 7:00pm

Monday September 26
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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltmd.gov/police

Home Invasion

September 9, 11:48 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. A woman saw a man standing in front of her apartment building. When she walked to her front door, he produced a gun, pushed her into her apartment and demanded money. After he got it, he began walking through the apartment. The woman ran from the apartment yelling for help. The man then exited and fled on foot. He is described as black, 5'10" tall, with a long face, light complexion, hair in short curls, wearing a red short-sleeved shirt and black jeans.

September 14, 1:52 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Court. A man followed a woman into an apartment building and when she opened the door to her residence he forced his way in, produced a gun and announced a robbery. He fled after obtaining two notebook-type computers and money. He is described as black, 21 to 26 years old, 5'10" to 5'11" tall with a thin build, short black hair and a beard, wearing camouflage pants and a black shirt.

Theft

September 8, 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive. Three nonresidents ages 17 to 19 were arrested for theft when officers responded to a report of people attempting to enter vehicles at the Greenbelt Metro Station. The three were located in the parking lot in a vehicle and found to be in possession of stolen property. The two adults were released on citation pending trial and the youth was released on citation pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

September 8, 4:33 p.m., 6500 block Springcrest Drive. A parcel package was taken from the front of a residence on July 27.

September 9, 11:24 a.m., 6500 block Capitol Drive. A dealer registration plate was taken from Capitol Cadillac.

September 11, 11:54 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. A parcel package was signed for and taken on September 5.

September 11, 11:56 a.m., 100 block Centerway. An unattended cell phone was taken at the Co-op Supermarket.

September 14, 4 p.m., 9000 block Breezewood Terrace. Jewelry and a Kindle Fire were taken during an eviction.

Public Intoxication

September 11, 8:02 p.m., Cherrywood Lane near Greenbelt Metro Drive. A 33-year-old resident was arrested and charged with public intoxication when officers responded to a report of an intoxicated man on a bridge. He was released on citation pending trial.

Vandalism

September 8, 2:46 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. A bedroom window of a residence was broken out.

Vehicle Crime

One vehicle was stolen from the 7500 block Mandan Road, a black 2004 Chevrolet Tahoe SUV with Md. tags 63220CF.

Six vehicles were recovered, including three from Greenbelt.

A 2001 Audi reported stolen from Edmonston Court on September 4 was recovered September 8 by D.C. Metropolitan police in the 300 block Jefferson Street, S.W. A 2005 Honda motorcycle reported stolen September 6 from the 9100 block Springhill Lane was recovered September 12 by D.C. Metropolitan police in the 3200 block Stanton Street, S.E. A 2013 Yamaha motorcycle reported stolen from the 9100 block Edmonston Road on September 6 was recovered September 10 by Prince George's County police in the 5700 block Allentown Road in Suitland.

Three vehicles stolen elsewhere were recovered in Greenbelt. A 2006 Nissan Altima reported stolen to Montgomery County police was recovered September 10 in the 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive and appears to have been involved in an accident. A 2008 Honda Civic CRX reported stolen by Laurel city police was recovered September 13 in the 9100 block Springhill Lane. A 2016 Lacrosse sedan reported stolen by Prince George's County police was recovered on September 14 in the 7900 block Mandan Road.

Eighteen thefts or attempted thefts from vehicles were reported. Two involved possibly unlocked cars in the 7800 block Somers Court (head phones, hand tools and charger) and 8300 block Canning Terrace (laptop computer) and one unlocked car in the 400 block Ridge Road (GPS). Four thefts occurred after windows were broken out to gain access in the 9100 block Springhill Lane (handicap placard), 9000 block Breezewood Terrace (money, GPS) and two occurrences in the 7800 block Mandan Road (purse, laptop computer).

Two sets of four tires and rims were taken, one set in the 9100 block Edmonston Road and the other in the 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace. Three thefts occurred in the 400 block Ridge Road, where sunglasses were taken from one auto; sunglasses, jewelry and money from another; and cash from a third after the door was forced open. Keys were taken from the 9300 block Edmonston Road.

There were five attempted thefts in which nothing appeared to have been taken. In the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace windows were broken out in two vehicles and both were rifled through. In the 400 block Ridge Road an unlocked vehicle was rummaged through. Vehicles were also rifled through in the 7600 block Mandan Road and 5900 block Cherrywood Court.

Five acts of vandalism were reported. Windows were broken out in three vehicles in the 9100 block Springhill Lane, 9000 Breezewood Terrace and 5900 block Cherrywood Lane. A window was broken and two tires slashed on one car in the 7800 block Hanover Parkway and four tires on one vehicle were slashed in the 6100 block Springhill Terrace.

ACE Grant-Writing Workshop at GES

The Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) will hold a grant-writing workshop on Thursday, September 29 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Greenbelt Elementary School in the Media Center. The instructor will be Emmett Jordan.

The workshop is aimed at school administrators, teachers, parent-teacher association volunteers and community members from the seven ACE core schools: Greenbelt Elementary, Springhill Lake Elementary, Magnolia Elementary, Turning Point Academy, Dora Kennedy French Immersion, Greenbelt Middle and Eleanor Roosevelt High School. All are welcome to attend.

Successful grant proposal writing is a process that requires a strategic and systematic approach. This workshop will provide an overview of that process and offer some insight into effective grant development techniques. Topics will include: how to turn ideas into successful grant proposals, what to include in a grant proposal and identifying and researching potential funding sources.

Jordan is the mayor of Greenbelt and has extensive experience with grants. He has designed and implemented successful marketing, communication and fundraising programs for educational, health care, cultural, and social service organizations for more than 25 years. He has worked with non-profit associations, businesses, universities and government agencies on grant writing and other fund-raising activities.

The program will share some information about how to apply for the ACE Grants to Schools program. The deadline for ACE grant proposals is November 1. For more information see: www.greenbeltmd.gov.

The workshop is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is not required. Greenbelt Elementary School is located at 66 Ridge Road.

Greenbelt News Review Annual Meeting

**Sunday, October 2,
4 to 6 p.m.
Community Center
Light Refreshments**

Celebrate Active Aging Week

by Karen Haseley

Join Greenbelt in celebrating the International Council on Active Aging's Active Aging Week, Monday, September 26 through October 2. The city is hosting many free activities for individuals of all ages during this week. Try out the Senior Swim on Monday, Holy Cross Senior Fit class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, or the Fit'N Fun Cardio class; attend the free lunch at Greenbriar Condominiums (registration required); get a taste of Tai Chi, try out Double Dutch, play strategy games and come to the following free special programs:

Walk with Aegis to reach more than 100,000 miles walked this week: Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 9:45 a.m. at the Community Center; Tuesday and Thursday Walk on Route 66 in the Community Center gym from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.; and Thursday 9 a.m. at Buddy Attick Park (meet at the tennis courts). Yoga at Green Ridge House, Monday and Thursday at 10 a.m.

Ageless Grace with Riz on Monday at 1:15 p.m., Marsha Thursday at 9:30 a.m., Karen Friday at 11 a.m., or Janet Saturday at 11:15 a.m.

Pickleball Monday and Thursday at 2:30 p.m., Community Center Gym. Get Out Get Fit Exercise Clinic Tuesday at 6 p.m., Schrom Hills Park Fitness zone. Free drop-ins at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center every day.

Wednesday

All aquacize classes are free in celebration of the GAFC's 25th anniversary. Attend the Golden Age Club meeting at 11 a.m. at the Community Center; Taylor Marie Fashion Show at 1 p.m. at the Community Center Gym; Tai Chi with Linda at 6:30 p.m., Youth Center.

Thursday

How to Stay Young the First 100 Years, 10:30 a.m. at the Community Center, followed by free Spinal Screens at the GAFC, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Sponsored by Sims Chiropractic. Free lunch at Greenbriar complete with Bingo and prizes from 12:15 to 2:15 p.m. (registration required, call 301-397-2008).

Sew For Charity 10 a.m. to 2

p.m., Community Center. After School Fit club ages 5 to 12 from 3 to 5 p.m. at Youth Center Gym.

Ladies night Basketball 8 p.m. at Springhill Lake Gym.

Friday

Gifts From the Heart 10 a.m. to noon, Community Center.

Explorations Unlimited on at 1 p.m., Greenbelt Community Center: Minding Your Medications with Clinical Pharmacy Associates.

Saturday

Fitness Equipment introduction at GAFC, designed for those with visual impairments, but all are welcome. (registration required, call 301-397-2208).

Contra Dance (a fee will be collected at Community Center gym door) 6:30 to 9:45 p.m.

Oklahoma (fee) Old Greenbelt Theatre Sunday at 10 a.m.

Artful Afternoon Sunday at Community Center from 1 to 5 p.m.

Call 301-397-2208 for more information. Come on out, get Active and have loads of fun!

Old Church Slavonic Concert September 29

The Seminary Choir of Blessed Theodore Romzha Academy in Mukačevo, Ukraine will perform a concert at St. Gregory of Nyssa Byzantine Catholic Church on Thursday, September 29 at 7 p.m. It will feature sacred music from the Carpathian region of Eastern Europe sung by seminarians in Old Church Slavonic and include selections from liturgical services and religious hymns. A dessert and coffee reception will follow the concert.

The public is invited and there is no charge. Freewill offerings will be used to support the seminary. Audio and video recordings of the choir will be available for purchase.

St. Gregory's is located at 12420 Old Gunpowder Road Spur in Beltsville. Call 301-953-9323 or visit stgregoryofnyssa.net for more information.



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Solar Homes Tour Saturday To Feature Greenbelt Homes

Two Greenbelt homes are on the 2016 Tour of Solar and Green Homes, scheduled for Saturday, October 1, and Sunday, October 2 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sponsored by the Sierra Club, the Mid Atlantic Solar Energy Society and the American Solar Energy Society, the tour showcases 40 homes with environmentally-friendly features located throughout the Washington metropolitan area.

6 Pinecrest (exterior only on the tour) has a 6.02 KW photo voltaic system leased from Solar City. The 30 panels installed on two roof surfaces can sustain 130 mph winds. Each individual panel weighs less than 40 pounds, which facilitated construction without roof reinforcement. The system is configured so that if any one panel is in shade, that panel no longer generates power but the rest of the system continues to use the sun's energy. This home also features two Prius automobiles in the driveway and

edible plants (blueberries, strawberries, asparagus and herbs) in the landscaping.

108 Ridge (whole house on the tour) is a passive solar residence designed and pre-engineered by Acorn Deck House. House siting and design, rather than manufactured devices, capture the energy of the sun and lessen generated energy demands. Large expanses of south-facing glass allow storage of winter sun heat in the concrete underlay of tile flooring. Light shafts through the front deck provide natural lighting to the lower level. Operable clerestory windows can vent hot air and draw cooler air from shaded areas. Massive trees provide shade in the summer and shelter from winter winds.

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Dena Kohn Scholarship Fund Mini Golf Event

On Sunday, September 25 from 9 a.m. to noon there will be a fundraiser for the Dena Kohn Theatre Lab Scholarship Fund as a celebration of the life of lifelong Greenbelter Dena Kohn, who died just before her 23rd birthday.

The Dena Kohn Scholarship Fund provides scholarships each summer to teenagers to participate in Theatre Lab's Musical Theatre Institute for teens. The Fund was established to perpetuate the memory and spirit of Dena Kohn and the values of giving back that she cherished.

The event will be held at Rocky Gorge Four Seasons Golf Fairway on U.S. Route 29 and Old Columbia Road, Laurel.

Call Robert Goldberg-Strassler at 301-345-8755 to sponsor a hole or with any questions.

Exploring Minding Your Medicines

Explorations Unlimited welcomes Drs. Christopher and Sabrina Keays on Friday, September 30. The Keays will discuss community programs designed for patients and caregivers to help participants understand how medication works to prevent, treat or correct health disorders. They will also share information that will empower individuals (family and caregivers) to "Mind Your Medication." What are your rights, responsibilities, beliefs, experiences, knowledge, strengths and limitations?

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Community Center. This presentation will be held in room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

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J Davis Gets an Education While Exploring Cuba

by Jane Ulrich

As she stepped off the plane onto the steps leading to the tarmac, J Davis, accompanied by her sister, embarked on a journey to explore Cuba's history, people and the introduction of private sector activity. "I made this trip now so that I could see what Cuba was like before the changes occur while Cuba rebuilds and modernizes," she said.

Outside the airport, a line of classic 1950s cars waited for tourists, as well as a modern Chinese tour bus that would be used by her group, the Road Scholars, throughout the trip. The road to the hotel was filled with old cars and trucks, along with foreign-made cars, scooters and bicycles. But the vintage cars were not what Davis wanted to see the most. On this trip, she would meet ranchers from Camaguey and learn how the ranch interacts with and supports a local village. She would visit the Ché Guevara Memorial and Museum in Santa Clara, learn about fishing from a local coastal community, meet dancers in Guantanamo specializing in La Tumba Francesa, a song and drumming style that accompanies a fusion of West African and French colonial dances, and so much more. Each city and town would have a history, with plenty of fine food, dancing, arts, sports and schools. In 16 days of traveling on an island, however, they would not once stop at a beach as that isn't considered educational.

From the tour bus, Davis saw houses, farms, community gardens and people selling items on their porches. She noticed people waiting in line at bus stops and



Cuban school children after class.

- Photos by J Davis

street corners waving pesos at passing vehicles. If the tour bus had empty seats, it would have had to stop to pick up people according to Cuban law.

Tourists receive the best of what Cuba has to offer, Davis recounted. Tourism is one of the primary ways that the island state makes money. Only in Cuba can one convert dollars to (tourist) pesos. A 13 percent fee is assessed on all conversions and the entire fee goes back to the government. Tourists can get steak whereas a citizen may not be able to afford steak for ropa vieja, a Cuban dish of shredded meat, peppers and onions. The Cuban government sells licenses for all street performers, taxi drivers, restaurants and hotels. Licensed bed and breakfast lodgings are sprouting up everywhere.

The tour had a striking history lesson, she said. The six-lane highway that they were traveling on ended mid-commute. The tour bus went from a paved highway to a smaller country road. In 1991, before the "special period in a time of peace," the highway that connected the island was halfway finished. This abrupt transition occurred when the USSR dissolved, stopped paying for 80 percent of Cuba's ex-

ports and imports and stopped building the highway. From 1991 to 1995, most adult Cubans lost from 5 to 25 percent of their weight due to a shortage of food.

Davis remarked that resources are not taken for granted in Cuba. It is not uncommon to make the items that you need out of what you have on hand or can find.

Once the great exodus occurred in the 1950s, she said, Fidel Castro gave housing rights to the people wherever they lived. For example, the maid of a former household might become the owner of a lavish house. As more people needed housing, more people crowded into a large house. Each person would then own a room or set of rooms. The difficulty was that no one person was responsible for the upkeep of the whole building, and no one, not even the government, had the resources to renovate. Since Raúl Castro has stepped in as president, many laws have eased. Private business is possible, homes may now be bought and sold, pay rates are no longer equal and natural resources are being discovered. There are large oil fields off the coast of Cuba, but the impact on nearby pristine coral reefs is being studied. Overfishing could become a problem.

The group's tour guide was rarely out of sight during the trip. Davis and the others could not freely travel on their own; however, they were sometimes given free time to shop at markets or to go to a restaurant. Even so, she believes the trip was informative, with friendly interaction with a variety of Cubans. Davis is very curious to see what the next 10 years will bring to Cuba.



Book stalls in Havana.

Artful Afternoon Features Synetic Theater and Masks

by Nicole DeWald

Art fans of all ages are invited to attend a free Artful Afternoon on Sunday, October 2 from 1 to 4 p.m. Sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department Arts Program, this event takes place at the Community Center. Reservations are not required.



PHOTO BY KOKO LANHAM

Synetic Theater performs *The Miraculous Magical Balloon*, combining music, dance, clowning and pantomime.

At 3 p.m., members of the Synetic Theater

company, based in northern Virginia, will perform *The Miraculous Magical Balloon*. Synetic is well-known for their astonishing and deeply impactful mainstage productions, including a wordless *Macbeth* for which they received five Helen Hayes Awards. The company combines music, dance, clowning and pantomime techniques to create highly energetic and expressive shows that transcend differences in language, culture and hearing ability. Developed especially to include young audience members, *Balloon* tells a wonderful story of a traveling actor and his magical trunk of tricks and toys. The running time for this show is approximately 45 minutes.

Prior to the performance, guests are invited to create their own mask in a workshop led by Celestine Ranney-Howes, an artist in residence at the Community Center and a professional costume designer. This activity will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. and all materials will be provided.

Visitors can also enjoy a studio open house and sale from 1 to 4 p.m. with the Community Center's artists in residence. Eight artists currently hold studios at the center. The open house is a great opportunity to meet local talent and find affordable paintings, prints, collage, assemblage, funky art jewelry, tie dye, fiber arts, ceramic art tile and functional pottery.

The Greenbelt Museum's Community Center exhibit space is currently hosting *The Knowing Hands that Carve This Stone: The New Deal Art of Lenore Thomas Straus*. Straus is best known locally as the creator of the iconic Mother and Child statue in the Roosevelt Center and the impressive bas reliefs on the façade of the Community Center.

For more local history, tour the Greenbelt Museum's historic house at 10-B Crescent Road.

Exemplifying the residential core of this New Deal planned community, the house has been restored and furnished with objects from the period of 1936 to 1952. Tours provide visitors with a view of home life for ordinary Americans of modest means during the Great Depression and World War II. Docent-led tours are available on Sundays between 1 and 5 p.m. for a nominal fee; plan to arrive no later than 4:30 p.m.

For more information about City of Greenbelt art programs, visit greenbeltmd.gov/arts or call 301-397-2208. See the online Fall Activity Guide for information about visual and performing arts classes for all ages along with Moonlit Movies, contra dances and other events. All Greenbelt Recreation Department programs are open to both residents and non-residents of the city. Arts programs are sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.

Exploring Aviation History on Sept. 23

A Bit of Aviation History: The Pre-Jet Era is the topic of an Explorations Unlimited presentation on Friday, September 23 by Robert Reno, a docent at the Military Aviation Museum in Pungo, Va. The speaker will, with the aid of over 100 photographs of aircraft housed at the museum, discuss the historical events associated with many of the aircraft in the museum's collection.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday beginning at 1 p.m. in the Community Center. This presentation will be held in Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

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