



PHOTO BY ERIN JOSEPHITS

Aziel Axel, Maria Atancio, and Jacqueline Espinoza finish planting their tree at Springhill Lake Elementary School.

Fifth-graders Plant Trees At Springhill Lake School

by Amy Hansen

The project started as an environmental science unit in Daneille Todd-Jones' fifth grade, and it will last long after these students are done with high school. On Wednesday, May 3, city officials assisted Springhill Lake Elementary School students in planting 13 pine trees near the school.

The trees will grow fast, as

much as 24 inches a year. They will provide a wind break and will stabilize the soil. In short, they will be good for the environment, which is exactly what the class wanted.

Todd-Jones explained that at the end of their environmental science unit, the class talked about what kids could do. "We

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Rabbi Cohen To Retire From Mishkan Torah



PHOTO BY STEVEN MIRSKY

Rabbi Cohen and his wife Mona Baumgarten

Jonathan Cohen will retire as rabbi of Mishkan Torah Synagogue as of August 1. Rabbi Cohen, a native of Montreal, Canada, will return to Montreal after serving as the rabbi of Mishkan Torah since the summer of 1998, making him the synagogue's longest tenured rabbi.

Rabbi Cohen has been a cherished spiritual leader, counselor, teacher and more to his congregation. He has also been active through the years in interfaith activities with other Greenbelt clergy. Rabbi Cohen has demonstrated his outreach to the less

fortunate by assisting the chaplain at the Prince George's County prison to serve Jewish inmates when called.

Rabbi Cohen became a rabbi in mid-life. He received his rabbinic ordination and Master of Arts in Hebrew letters from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Wyncote, Pa. There he received the A. Walter Socolow Prize for an essay on the Jewish Labor Bund that demonstrated "excellence in conception, method, content, style and articulation." Before coming to

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Milestone Withdraws ERHS Cell Tower Application

Following a contentious public meeting and an exchange of letters between School Board Representative Lupi Grady and Chief Executive Officer Kevin Maxwell of Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS), Milestone Communications has decided to withdraw its application for the proposed cell tower at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Grady's letter to Maxwell, dated May 9, read as follows: Dear CEO Maxwell:

I am writing to request that you reject the proposed cell tower at Eleanor Roosevelt High School in no uncertain terms.

The process followed by Milestone Communications has shown a lack of respect for community engagement and a complete dismissal of community concerns. The very location of one meeting showed a clear insensitivity to the community's views. Milestone's decision to host a meeting outside of the high school and the City of Greenbelt limited local participation by design. There was no prior notification to me or the Board of Education, which prohibited my own participation since the meeting was scheduled the same night as a Board meeting. It was also brought to my attention that

Milestone did not respond to the Greenbelt City Council when its members sought a meeting to discuss their concerns.

Although the contract predates our tenure, this process has not met our standards for transparency, open communication and meaningful stakeholder engagement. Before Milestone proceeds with the tower at Eleanor Roosevelt or at any other school in our system, we must re-examine whether this contract best meets the needs of our students, parents and communities.

While local school communities are asked to accept cell phone towers, they receive no direct benefit. This issue deserves more consideration by the Administration and Board. Administrative Procedure 0800 calls for community input. The community has spoken on Milestone's shortcomings in this area. Now, as the elected Board of Education member, so have I.

I ask that you reject this proposal immediately.

Sincerely,
Lupi Grady
Board Member, District 2.

Dr. Maxwell's response, also dated May 9, was as follows:



Dear Mrs. Quinteros-Grady:

I concur with you that Milestone Communications has not met our desired standards of transparency, communication and community engagement. Your displeasure with their process, which we share with you, has been clearly communicated to Milestone Communications.

In response, we have been notified by Milestone Communications of its decision to withdraw their application for the proposed telecommunication facility (cell tower) at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

I greatly appreciate your continued advocacy for our students, our schools, and your constituents.

Sincerely,
Kevin M. Maxwell, Ph.D.
Chief Executive Officer

What Goes On

Friday, May 12
7 p.m., Ribbon Cutting for Safe Medicine Disposal Box, Police Station

Saturday, May 13
9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop Off, parking lot between Municipal Building and Community Center

Monday, May 15
7:30 p.m., Budget Worksession with Green Ridge House, at Green Ridge House
7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Grief Counseling Support Group, Municipal Building

Wednesday, May 17
7:30 p.m., Final Budget Review, Community Center

Friday, May 19
6:30 to 8:30 a.m., Bike to Work Day Pit Stop, Aquatic & Fitness Center

5 to 7 p.m., Roller Skating, Springhill Lake Recreation Center

Saturday, May 20
9:45 a.m. to noon, Adaptive Kayaking Experience, Buddy Attick Park, Greenbelt Lake
10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Public Works Open House, Public Works Facility

2 to 6 p.m., Celebration of Spring, Springhill Lake Recreation Center

Beer, Cider Coming to Market, Delegation Has Good, Bad News

by Kathleen Gallagher

It was the Advisory Committee on Education annual ACE Student Awards that rocked the room at the city council's May 8 regular meeting. Nonetheless, there were a few other agenda items to occupy council once the crowd receded, including a public hearing and subsequent action on a request to allow the Greenbelt Farmers Market to offer samplings and sales of beer and hard cider, a presentation by the 22nd district state delegation on the recently completed session of the General Assembly and proclamations on Kids-to-Parks Day and Public Works Week. The ACE Student Awards will be covered in a separate article.

Farmers Market

Terry Kucera and Ann Marigza, president and secretary respectively of the board of directors of the Greenbelt Farmers Market, appeared at the February 27 council meeting to ask that the city give the market permission to offer samplings and sales of beer and hard cider in the fashion in which they have offered wine with city authorization since 2013. According to Kucera, a number of the farmers markets in the area were offering

beer and cider successfully and the Greenbelt market wished to move in that direction, too. An ordinance to allow the expansion was introduced for first reading at the April 27 council meeting.

Prior to continuing with the ordinance at the May 8 meeting, Mayor Emmett Jordan recessed the regular meeting to hold a public hearing on the ordinance. Kucera presented a brief statement reiterating what the market wished to do and why. No other residents wished to speak either for or against the matter. Councilmember Konrad Herling, who had introduced the ordinance for first reading last month, was not able to attend the May 8 meeting. In his absence, Councilmember Silke Pope introduced it for second reading and adoption, with a second from Councilmember Edward Putens.

Councilmember Judith Davis reminded everyone that, just as with the wine, the market staff were required to card everyone wishing to sample or purchase, regardless of apparent age. It was also noted that the market is required to maintain a Prince

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Letters to the Editor

Discard Fishing Line

I do not know if this is an appropriate news of such tragedy happening to Greenbelt birds for the News Review.

But sadly this is what is happening to the birds at Buddy At-tick Park in this nesting time of migratory birds.

The fishermen at the lake leave their unwanted fishing lines on the paths and snagged in trees. Also just carelessly not picking up tangled fishing lines!

Due to their poor knowledge of using a rod, these fishermen snag the lines in trees and leave their dangerous lines for birds to get caught up in or to take back to their nests.

My photos illustrate the end result for a Baltimore Oriole, the Maryland State Bird, being caught and entangled when taking such lines back to the nest.

This is one of many I have observed lately and many birds suffer a shocking death of strangulation and starvation caught in the lines.



Oriole entangled in fishing wire



Graeme B. Simpson - Photos by Graeme B. Simpson

Not Fair to Animals Or the Public

At the May 1 Council work-session, Mayor Emmett Jordan asked Celia Craze (Director of Planning and Community Development) about the use of “no-kill” to describe the shelter. Craze assured Mayor Jordan the shelter was no-kill. Councilmember Judith Davis stated that she has no problem with the shelter being described as no-kill. Councilmember Rodney Roberts asked Craze how many animals the city transferred to the county’s shelter. Craze responded that the city does not send animals to the county’s shelter unless the animal is from outside Greenbelt.

We contend that the “no-kill” label is deceptive and that Craze’s response was misleading.

On April 26, 2016 we received a memorandum Craze drafted for Michael McLaughlin, former Greenbelt city manager, responding to our petition that the city stop advertising the shelter as no-kill. The memorandum states the city’s policy: (1) intakes at the shelter are limited to animals surrendered by city residents, or

found stray or running at large in Greenbelt; (2) animals are not taken from outside of jurisdiction; (3) animals dumped at the shelter are considered out of jurisdiction; (4) no intakes are accepted when the shelter is at capacity; (5) any animals received at Animal Control that are not from within the city are transferred to the county’s shelter.

The first statement speaks to the circumstances that cause an animal to need shelter. The last statement is the outcome and is in conflict with the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) guidelines. Statements 2 to 4 are merely the excuses to be used by Craze and her staff to try to explain away reasons why the shelter is not no-kill. For instance, the shelter conveniently considers any animal of unknown origin – such as those dumped at the shelter – to have originated outside Greenbelt. According to records received from the county, 40 percent of the animals sent from Greenbelt to the county are killed.

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On Screen

Danish Direction, English Banter, Feminist Edge

Danish female director Lone Scherfig and witty writer Gaby Chiappe maneuver a stellar British cast in a romantic comedy about a serious theme: the miracle, or rescue, at Dunkirk in WWII.

Starting this Friday, May 12 at Old Greenbelt Theatre, *Their Finest* stars Gemma Arterton as spunky, Welsh proto-feminist Catrin Cole, who is tasked with writing uplifting propaganda movie scripts. Though exponentially more talented than the men, she doesn’t get paid as much as “the chaps.”

Head writer Tom Buckley (Sam Claflin) actually begins to crush on the married Catrin, and a host of character actors all dazzle, particularly the incomparable Bill Nighy.

Rating: R
Running time: 1 hour, 57 minutes

- Jim Link

Corrections

The photo of a couple accompanying the story in last week’s News Review about the Schrom Hills Park clean-up misidentified the individuals pictured. Those helpful volunteers were Deb and Monte Kaelberer.

DPW Open House And Tree Tour

Come on out to the Public Works Open House on May 20 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to learn more about trees. Meet inside at 1 p.m. to check in for the Tour of Greenbelt’s Significant Trees led by members of the Advisory Committee on Trees. Note that the tour has limited space and will be first come, first serve.



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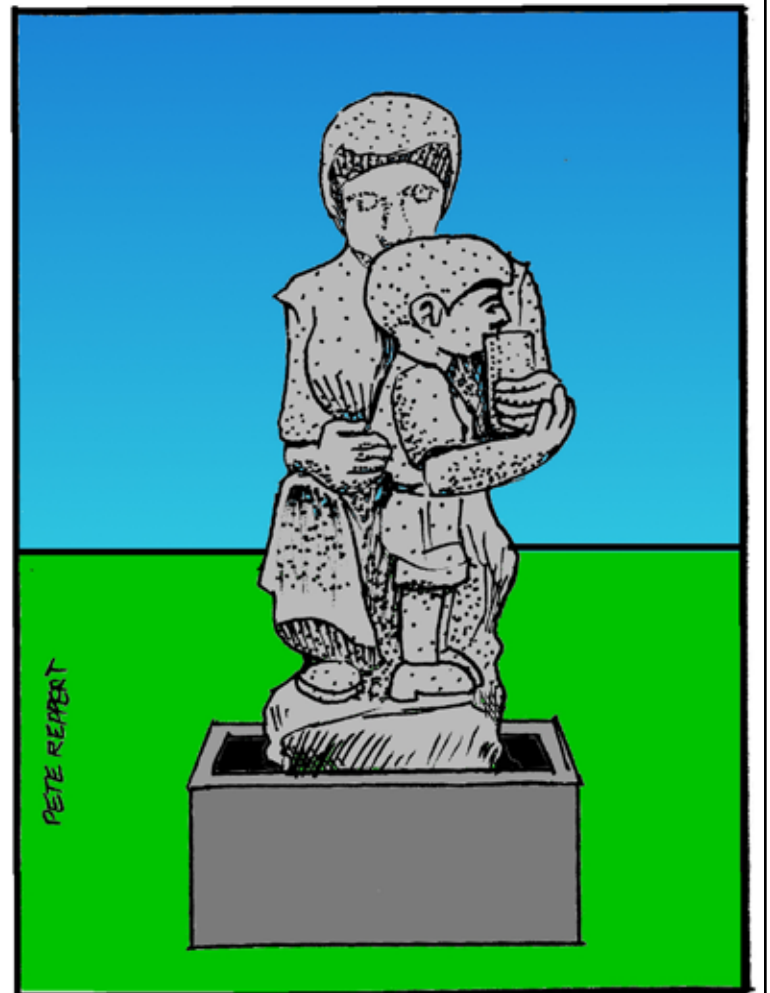
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Wed. 2:30, 8:00 PM
Thurs. 5:15 PM

THE LOST CITY OF Z (PG13) (CC) (141 mins)
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Sat. 5:30 PM
Sun. 2:30 PM
Mon. - Wed. 5:15 PM
Thurs. 2:30 PM

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MIA AND THE MIGOO (PG) (92 mins)
Sat. 1:00 PM

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ROYAL OPERA HOUSE - MADAME BUTTERFLY (165 mins)
Sun. 7:45 PM
Mon. 1:00 PM

Leading Ladies Series:
MILDRED PIERCE (1945) (111 mins)
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Community Events

Linux Install Day At MakerSpace

In the early days of computer programming, sharing software was a common practice. Unlike hardware, programs could be copied at no cost. This concept lives on in the form of open-source software, shareware and freeware, such as Linux, a free open-source operating system.

Originally considered not very accessible, Linux has long been a viable option for home computers with familiar icons for common tasks like creating documents (even Microsoft-compatible documents), web browsing and photo editing. There is an online Software Center with tens of thousands of free and paid apps. Once people try it (which can be done from a thumb drive without altering the computer's existing system), they are amazed they had never heard about it.

Curious? Greenbelt's Maker Space is hosting a Linux Install Day on Saturday, May 20 from 1 to 4 p.m. Volunteers will be on hand to help install Linux and answer questions. So bring an old computer and stop by 125 Centerway.

At the Library Monthly Storytime

Tuesday, May 16, Books at Bedtime, presented by the Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program, 7 p.m., for ages birth to 3, limit 20 people. Families are encouraged to come start their bedtime routines with us. This is an opportunity for children under three with special needs, along with their family and friends, to participate in storytime, music and motor activities. Stop by the Information desk to pick up free tickets on the day of the event.

Weekly Storytimes

Ready 2 Read Storytimes:

Monday, May 15, ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 20 people.

Wednesday, May 17, ages 3 to 5, 10:15 a.m., limit 20 people; ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 20 people.

Thursday, May 18, ages birth to 2, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m., limit 20 people.

Encourage your child to make reading a positive experience by bringing them to the library's storytimes. Each program includes a mixture of engaging activities and age-appropriate stories that support early literacy. Stop by the information desk immediately prior to each session to pick up free tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Reading Makes Cents

Tuesday, May 16, 5:30 p.m., grades 3 to 5, limit 25 people. Learn about basic money management concepts and practice money skills through a multi-week series on the history of money, saving money, and borrowing and lending money.

Advance registration required. This 7-week program will be conducted on Tuesday evenings through June 13. Contact the branch information staff for event details and/or to register, either in person or by calling 301-345-5800.



Dems Will Discuss Annapolis Happenings

Maryland has a part-time legislature. The Maryland General Assembly meets from January until April each year unless a special session is called for some reason. This year's legislative session was a busy one. The fracking ban was passed with Governor Hogan's 11th hour endorsement. The General Assembly passed bills to protect funding for Planned Parenthood in Maryland and took steps to protect Marylanders if there is a repeal of the Affordable Care Act (also known as Obamacare) and to allow the Attorney General to sue the federal government in cases of federal actions that might harm Maryland residents. There were some disappointments, but those bills may be reintroduced next year.

On Friday, May 19 the delegates for Maryland Legislative District 22 (which includes Greenbelt) will speak at the Roosevelt Democratic Club meeting about bills that passed this legislative session and what can be expected in the future. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbriar Terrace Community Room located at 7600 Hanover Parkway. The meeting is open to everyone.

Registration Open For Kindergarten

Kindergarten registration is open for Prince George's County Public Schools. Greenbelt Elementary School would prefer if all kindergarteners are registered before the end of this school year so they know how many teachers will be needed for next year.

Those registering will need a deed, lease or MOC to show Greenbelt residency, the child's birth certificate, identification, immunization records and two pieces of mail (less than 30 days old) with current address. The school registrar is usually available Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

For more information, visit pgcps.org/greenbelts/PB-greenbeltes.aspx?pageid=234930&id=222980.

New Deal Reel and Meal Features Quest

On Monday, May 15, Reel and Meal at the New Deal Café is showing Quest, a debut film of Jonathan Olshefski that premiered at this year's Sundance Film Festival. Chefs Jeremy Ehrenreich and Lisa Voith will offer an optional vegan meal at 6:30 p.m., followed by the free screening at 7 p.m. The co-sponsor of this film is the AFL-CIO, which included this film in its Laborfest Film Festival, which takes place every May.

Filmed over a decade, Quest shows the daily life of the Rainey's, a working-class black family living in North Philadelphia. Christopher, aka Quest, works a newspaper delivery route to support his recording studio while his wife works at a domestic violence shelter. Quest is an engaging and intimate depiction of what everyday life is like for many African Americans that is both affectionate and insightful.

Discussion leader Jonathan Hutto serves as the coordinator for the Prince George's County People's Coalition in Maryland. He has worked on many human rights issues for Amnesty International's Mid-Atlantic Regional Office.

Reel and Meal is a monthly documentary series sponsored by three organizations: Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group, Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition and Green Vegan Networking. For more information, contact Donna Hoffmeister at donna.hoffmeister@verizon.net or 301-441-9377 or visit the New Deal Café's website. The New Deal Café is at 113 Centerway in Roosevelt Center and is accessible from the Greenbelt Metro station by buses G12 and G14.

Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, May 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads. The group offers professionals, students, stay-at-home parents and retirees a supportive environment to improve skills in communication and leadership. For more information call 240-542-8625.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

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

All meals include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of May 15 are as follows:

Monday, May 15: baked meatballs with teriyaki sauce, Japanese vegetables, jasmine rice, wheat roll, mandarin oranges, apple juice

Tuesday, May 16: country captain chicken, brown rice, broccoli, rye bread, fresh fruit, cranberry juice

Wednesday, May 17: turkey burger, peppers, onions and mushrooms, broccoli, wheat bun, fresh fruit

Thursday, May 18: oven-baked chicken, macaroni and cheese, Harvard beets, wheat roll, tropical fruit, grape juice

Friday, May 19: 10-grain breaded pollock, black-eyed peas, okra and stewed tomatoes, cornbread muffin, diced pears, orange juice

GHI Notes

Thursday, May 11, 7:30 p.m., GHI Annual Meeting, Community Center

Friday, May 12, 7 to 10 a.m., GHI Elections, Board Room

Friday, May 12, 5 to 8 p.m., GHI Elections, Board Room

Monday, May 15, 7 p.m., Audit Committee Meeting, Board Room

Tuesday, May 16, 7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby

Wednesday, May 17, 7 p.m., Woodlands Committee Meeting, Board Room

Thursday, May 18, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room

Friday, May 19, office closed. Emergency maintenance service available at 301-474-6011.

Boxwood Village Yard Sale, May 20

Boxwood Village Civic Association will hold a community yard sale on Saturday, May 20 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and a community picnic from 1 to 3 p.m. Maps with the addresses of participating families will be provided at the playground at the corner of Lastner and Ivy Lanes.

Greenbriar to Host Community Yard Sale

Greenbriar Condominiums will hold a community yard sale on Saturday, May 13 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (rain or shine) at 7600 Hanover Parkway. As many as 25 vendors will be there, along with a concession stand and other light refreshments for sale.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

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Obituaries

Jack Mills

Jack Logan Mills, born Leap Day, 1996, died Thursday, April 26, 2017. He leaves his wife, Suzannah Noyes, and her family, to mourn him, as well as his father, John; mother, Kerstin; elder brother Paul; and younger sister Sally. Aside from his passion for family and pets, Mr. Mills was devoted to the Army National Guard, in which he served for three years as a Specialist for B/1-175 Infantry Regiment White Oak, Md. He will be remembered for his love and respect for his country, and his gentle soul will be grieved by over 40 aunts, uncles and cousins, as well as by friends, neighbors and the Army National Guard.



Jack Logan Mills

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE FAMILY

In Memoriam:

Milly Kern, Greenbelt Pioneer And Long-Time Choir Director

by Rick Ransom

Mildred E. Kern (Home), 99, died peacefully at the home of her daughter Dona L. Davey in Afton, N.Y., on December 22, 2016. She had spent the last 11 years there. Mildred, or Milly to her many friends, was born in York, Pa. She and her husband Donald G. Kern moved to Greenbelt as one of its first families and, except for the WWII years, lived here together until they moved to a retirement community. Don predeceased her in death, which is when she moved in with Dona. Others who died before her include her twin sister Marquerite DeLone and her brother Donald E. Home. In addition to her daughter, Milly is survived by three nieces: Corinne DeLone-Ladd of York, Pa.; Regina Horne of West Chester, Pa.; and Elizabeth Biles of Bay Minette, Ala.

Milly and her husband were early members of Greenbelt Community Church and celebrated the laying of the cornerstone at the current building on Hillside Road in 1949. Music was Milly's passion and she learned piano and organ. She was the choir director for the church for many years and taught private lessons as well. She was also active in the Greenbelt Combined Choir, Lady Lion Belles (Don being a Lion), Greenbelt Gun Club and Center School PTA. She was secretary at Greenbelt Center School (now the Community Center) and Cheverly Tuxedo Elementary.

I joined our church choir some 35 years ago and sang under Milly's direction until her retirement. She was easy-going as choir directors go, always positive and complimentary. She helped me acclimate to singing in a larger harmonic group as opposed to lead and backup in three- to six-piece rock and soul groups. She placed emphasis on diction as well as to the attributes of tone and timing. I shared a

desire for clear words as one of the goals of my solo vocals with my bands. We had many conversations, both musical and general, and I don't remember a cross word in any of them.

Marty Folk and Rena Hull, two choir members who both grew up in Greenbelt, remarked how committed Milly was to music in general and to the church choir in particular. Rena knew of Milly originally through Milly's association with her parents and others in the church and by friendship with Milly's daughter. They recounted that she began as a choir member too and only ascended when the previous director left and there was no one else. Marty remembered that Milly's favorite hymn was This Is My Father's World. She noted that Milly and Don lived very close to the church in a free-standing home on Woodland Way. Being so close made it easier for Milly to participate, but her enthusiasm is what made the difference.

A memorial service to celebrate Milly's life and what she meant to her church and her community will be held on Sunday, May 21 at 11:30 a.m. at Greenbelt Community Church. All are welcome. Milly was interred with her husband at Indian-town Gap Cemetery in Annaville, Pa., on April 12.



Condolences to the family and friends of Jack Logan Mills who died on April 26, 2017 at age 21.

Condolences to the family and friends of Mildred Kern, whose memorial service will be held on Sunday, May 21.

Congratulations to Rabbi Jonathan Cohen upon his upcoming retirement after 19 years of service to Mishkan Torah Synagogue.

Congratulations to Michelle Gray, who received the Honors College Citation in a recent ceremony at the University of Maryland College Park campus. The Honors College Citation signifies the successful completion of Honors coursework, which includes Honors seminars, special Honors versions of introductory courses and a first-year colloquium. The Honors College is a highly selective, nationally recognized academic program for talented undergraduates at the university.

At this time of year, we know many awards and accolades are presented. Please share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

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Mishkan Torah, Rabbi Cohen was a student rabbinical intern at Congregation Kol Ami in Boca Raton, Fla., and led High Holiday services for five years for a Havura in Ottawa, Canada. Rabbi Cohen additionally holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Montreal's McGill University.

Before attending rabbinical school, he was a technical writer, teacher, editor and translator, working both free-lance and in industry. He has written and produced a weekly radio program on cross-cultural themes for a community radio station in Montreal, written magazine articles and given short talks on a variety of subjects, as well as editing a multimedia script. Applying these skills to rabbinics,

he has edited his own version of the Passover Haggadah and of the Tu-bi Shevat seder. He has also assembled and edited materials for more than 50 Judaic adult education programs on such topics as "The Subversive Bible You Thought You Knew" and "What is Midrash?"

Rabbi Cohen is married to Professor Mona Baumgarten, also a native of Montreal. She has retired from her position as a professor of epidemiology in the School of Medicine of the University of Maryland to return with Rabbi Cohen to Montreal. Rabbi Cohen and Professor Baumgarten have one child, son Reuben, who will graduate this spring from Sarah Lawrence College.

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We will celebrate our beautiful Mother Earth, and honor her need for our loving attention. Please bring a flower for each family member attending. You will go home with a flower from another member of our church community.

This is an All Ages Celebration; children and youth are invited to remain in the Meetinghouse for the entire service. Nursery Care for the youngest is provided in Room 6.

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City Information

FAMILY FUN ON SATURDAY, May 20th!



9:45-12:00pm
ADAPTIVE KAYAKING EXPERIENCE
 Buddy Attick Park-Greenbelt Lake, 555 Crescent Road
 Fun for all ages! FREE! Pre-Register with the Greenbelt Recreation Department, ACTIVITY # 252505-1.

Info: 240-542-2054. You are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch!



10:30am-1:30pm
PUBLIC WORKS OPEN HOUSE
 Public Works Facility, 555 Crescent Road

Come out to this favorite family event and see all we do at Public Works! Ride the Bucket Truck, Climb on

Work Trucks, Demonstrations, Environmental and Sustainability Information & Games, Tours, Free Reusable Water Bottles and Reusable Bags, Tree Tour, Hot Dogs and Drinks. Fun for kids of all ages!



2:00pm-6:00pm
CELEBRATION OF SPRING
 Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Ln.
 Enjoy arts & crafts, activities, performances, inflatables, video game screens, Magician, Community Info tables, food and music with Greenbelt

Recreation Department and your neighbors and friends. Children and parents alike will be delighted on this fun-filled day.

MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF MAY 15-19

Monday, May 15 at 7:30pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION w/Green Ridge House** at Green Ridge House, 22 Ridge Road.

Wednesday, May 17 at 7:30pm, **FINAL BUDGET REVIEW** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, May 17, **PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD:** The PRAB meeting on May 17 is cancelled. Members are being encouraged to attend the final Budget Review that is scheduled for this evening.

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

RIBBON CUTTING FOR NEW SAFE MEDICATION DISPOSAL BOX AT THE POLICE STATION!

FRIDAY, MAY 12 AT 7PM
550 Crescent Road

Join City Council, CERT, Public Safety Committee member and Police Officers in the opening of a new safe disposal box which will be available to residents at all times in the lobby of the Greenbelt Police Station!

Bike to Work Day - Friday, May 19, 2017

Greenbelt Pit Stop, Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center
 101Centerway from 6:30-8:30am

Please register at www.biketoworkmetrodc.org. Remember the first 16,000 registrants are eligible for a free t-shirt.

Grief Counseling Support Group

In response to a recent tragic loss in our community. Facilitated by CARES Crisis Intervention Counselors

May 15 from 7:30-8:30pm

**Municipal Building
 25 Crescent Road
 301-345-6660**

Open to anyone wishing to attend. Additional counseling is available to those seeking additional support.

www.greenbeltmd.gov/infowall

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Committee on Education (effective July 1st), Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Community Relations Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Senior Citizen Advisory Board and Youth Advisory Committee.

For information on how to apply contact 301-474-8000.



CITY OF GREENBELT NOTICE OF A PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The City Council of the City of Greenbelt proposes to increase real property taxes.

1. For the tax year beginning July 1, 2017, the estimated real property assessable base will increase by 4.69%, from \$1,924,702,552 to \$2,014,892,377.
2. If the City of Greenbelt maintains the current tax rate of \$0.8125 per \$100 of assessment, real property tax revenues will increase by 4.69%, resulting in \$732,792 of new real property tax revenues.
3. In order to fully offset the effect of increasing assessments, the real property tax rate should be reduced to \$0.7761, the constant yield tax rate.
4. The City is considering not reducing its real property tax rate enough to offset increasing assessments. The City proposes to adopt a real property tax rate of \$0.8125 per \$100 of assessment. This tax rate is 4.69% higher than the constant yield tax rate and will generate \$732,792 in additional property tax revenues.

A public hearing on the proposed real property tax increase will be held at 8 p.m. on Monday, May 22, 2017, in the City Council Room, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

The hearing is open to the public, and public testimony is encouraged.

Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 for further information.

POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS FORUM

Tuesday, May 23 at 7:00pm
Greenbriar Community Building
7600 Hanover Parkway
Terrace Room

Join us for the second in a series of forums where you can share your thoughts about the relationship between the community and the Greenbelt Police.

Hosted by the City of Greenbelt's Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB). All are welcome.

We want to hear from you!

If you cannot attend, you may provide your comments at www.greenbeltmd.gov/policecommunityforum. If special accommodations are required, please contact the City Manager's Office at 301-474-8000.

DONATION DROP-OFF

Green Drop Charitable Donations
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Every second and fourth Saturday of the month
 Saturday, May 13, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon or until the truck is full

Parking lot between City Office and Community Center
 City of Greenbelt Recycling Office: 301-474-8308

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY FROM THE GREENBELT AQUATIC & FITNESS CENTER!

Everyday is a Mom's Day at GAFC throughout May, 2017. Moms are honored to One Free Day Admission with an Adult Daily Admission Purchase or Membership.

All Moms are WELCOME!

City of Greenbelt Recreation Department Invites you to Free Friday Fun! Roller-skate!

Springhill Lake Recreation Center
 May 19, 2017 from 5:00pm-7:00pm
 Ages: 6-14 years and parents/guardians
 Roller-skates provided free of charge or bring your own.
 Info: 301-397-2212 or 301-397-2200

Fourth Graders Create New Animation Projects

by Ingrid Cowan Hass

Visiting Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA) artist, George Kochell, aka "Mister Geo," is helping Mrs. Polston's fourth grade media students at Greenbelt Elementary School complete a new arts integration project called My Graphic Novel Character.

Students are drawing characters based on their favorite collections or creating their own original characters that could be featured in a graphic novel.

Working directly on the iPad, using the Doink Animation app, fourth-graders will soon have moving characters demonstrating traits and super powers. This project is one of many funded by The Family Art Fund at Greenbelt Elementary, which was created by the PTA and the non-profit GAVA, bringing local artists into the school to interweave the arts into the curriculum to make learning more engaging and meaningful.



Film still from *In the Garden* by Alexandra Nickel, age 12



Film still from *To Six Flags* by Genna Lee, age 10

- Photos by GAVA/GATe Animation Class

Homeschoolers Set up Weekly Meet and Greet

A small group of homeschooling families have joined together to form a weekly group. The group currently meets in the Youth Center on Thursdays, but beginning this fall plans to meet on Mondays. The fall meetings will feature structured activities from 10 a.m. to noon, followed by a social hour, open to all Greenbelt and surrounding area homeschooling families.

There will be three terms during the time period September through May. Families who join are expected to attend all terms.

There are no membership dues; however it may be necessary throughout the year to ask families to contribute materials, supplies and money for field trips, food or special events. This is a cooperative group; all families are required to help teach, supervise their own children when necessary, set up and clean up, plan events and otherwise help the group function. Children are expected to participate fully in activities, since children who are talking, walking around, playing and otherwise not participating are a distraction to

the other children. This is neither a drop-off program nor a 501(c) (3) group but a group of families learning and having fun together. Children in the group currently range from toddler to 12 years old.

Meet and greets are scheduled on May 25 and June 1 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Youth Center. If the weather is nice, the group will be outside and may even make its way to a nearby playground.

Space is limited, with room for about 20 children (10 in grades K-3 and 10 in grades 4 and up). The group will generate a list of those who attend the meet and greets. Current families have until May 31 to indicate if they will continue. The group will begin inviting new families sometime in June.

Those interested in learning more about the group or who want to meet the current families should email Liz at gbhs20770@gmail.com. Those planning to attend a meet and greet should RSVP so the group knows not to leave for a playground without the potential new members.

Council Worksession Covers Recreation Dept. Budget

by James Giese

The Greenbelt City Council held another budget worksession at the Greenbelt Recreation Center on May 3, this time on the budgets of the Recreation Department.

They spent about three hours reviewing the departmental budgets with Recreation staff. The Parks budget is grouped with Recreation, but much of that budget deals with maintenance, a responsibility of the Public Works Department, rather than the Recreation Department-managed programming of activities. The combined Recreation budgets total \$4.5 million with no increase in personnel. Staff consists of 19.5 classified employees, plus part-time non-classified employees, totaling the equivalent of 37.7 full-time employees. The Recreation presentation in the budget book takes up 47 pages.

Budget Information

The department estimates it will have 417,350 participants (each time you walk in the door, you're counted) this year and 425,890 in 2018.

Mandated increases to the minimum wage will result in increased wages for many part-time employees, thereby increasing expenditures.

The budget includes \$10,000 to implement marketing study recommendations.

The gym floor in the Springhill Lake Recreation Center is to be redone, necessitating the relocation of Boys and Girls Club basketball games to Greenbelt Middle School, thereby reducing expected attendance to the facility in the new fiscal year.

At the Aquatic and Fitness Center, the indoor pool is proposed to be recoated and the boilers replaced. For the Fitness Center, repairs to the roof and replacement of heating-ventilating-air conditioning units are proposed.

The adult day care provider has lagged in making rental payments, reducing departmental income for the Community Center operation. Councilmembers agreed this needed to be given further attention and there was brief discussion on whether alternate uses of the space would be more beneficial.

A used piano is proposed to be purchased for the Community Center for use in children's musicals and other programs. It will replace the current one.

New programs in Therapeutic Recreation are proposed to be American Sign Language and Ageless Grace.

Under Fitness and Leisure, there is a growing interest in holding softball tournaments.

Expenses are proposed to increase for holiday decorations at Roosevelt Center. There was also discussion about encouraging center merchants to do more in window decorations.

Softball Field #3 (nearest to the St. Hugh's school building) is proposed to be redesigned into a tee ball/whiffle ball field.

Management objectives for Parks include conducting events for National Public Land's Day and Earth Day.

Council Review

The county Department of Parks and Recreation is supported by a special parks tax as well as

additional funds for recreation realized from a county-wide tax levy for recreation for the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCP-PC). Because Greenbelt has its own park system, its taxpayers do not pay the county tax. But they do pay for recreation. Recognizing that Greenbelt provides its residents and even many county non-residents with a full range of recreational activities, the city does receive an annual grant of funds for recreation from M-NCP-PC, expected to be \$234,000 for the next year, the same as for the current and past years. The city council has long felt that this was not enough, considering the millions of dollars Greenbelt residents pay to the county for recreation. Mayor Emmett Jordan said he thought the city could do better.

A basketball court in Mandan Park in Greenbelt East continues to lack basketball hoops, although the area is otherwise in suitable condition for basketball play. Councilmember Judith Davis noted that some nearby residents are strongly opposed to that use. She said the adjacent homeowners association, Windsor Green, has too much else on its plate to consider that issue. It was asked by the council for its recommendations, but never responded, according to Councilmember Rodney Roberts. Other residents are seeking the restoration of the court. Councilmembers agreed that the matter needed to be dealt with by the council.

Pickleball

Councilmember Leta Mach asked if staff planned to install a pickleball court. The game is very popular in Florida, she said. Assistant Recreation Director for Operations Joe McNeal said that it was being considered for

Braden Field tennis courts 7 and 8. Extra lines would be added to the court surface, he said, as the game, which uses a ball similar to a whiffle ball, uses only about a quarter to a third of the tennis court.

If done, a scheduling plan for shared use by tennis and pickleball players would need to be worked out, McNeal said. The game offers play opportunities to those less able. It can be done indoors, he said, and has been played both at the Community Center and the Youth Center.

The department is expanding physical activities for seniors and disabled in conjunction with the Let's Move Cities and Towns national program. Council noted that part of the program was to get councilmembers to do healthier things. Jordan suggested that the council might do stand-up meetings. He thought that it might not be only healthier but result in shorter meetings.

The city had been participating in the Kaboom program to build neighborhood playgrounds with citizen participation. The program has since been dropped. Mach commented that the city was basically doing the program already and to participate would require a lot of added staff work.

There will not be a planned schedule of Moonlight Movies as attendance last year was not good. Recreation will schedule such movies along with special events and will do another one at Greenbelt Park if asked.

The Grad Night all-night programs for high school graduating seniors is under review. Attendance has dropped off, in large part because Eleanor Roosevelt class sizes have dropped. Staff also finds it difficult to come up with new ideas.

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Performing Arts Repertory Company
presents
A Bedtime Story
An original ballet
Cheverly Publick Playhouse
May 20, 3 pm & 7:30 pm | May 21, 3 pm
Tickets: 301-277-1710 or www.performingarc.org



NOTICE OF New Deal Café ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The New Deal Café will hold its annual membership meeting at the Café on Sunday, May 21 2017 at 1:00pm.

Sign-in and payment of annual dues begins at 12:30pm.

Reports will be presented. Elections will be held for 2 positions on the Board of Directors and 3 positions on the Audit Committee.

Please come and enjoy your co-op, discuss whatever ideas you might have, and participate in our mutual establishment. Members can view the complete agenda on our website: www.newdealcafe.com.

New Deal Café -- 113 Centerway, Roosevelt Center

Earth Squad Kids Become Environmental Stewards

by Matthew Arbach

At the beginning of each meeting, Earth Squad members join hands in a circle and, at the count of three, shout “CHEARS!” From there, they are onto the business at hand: maintaining gardens and edifying themselves in the subjects of cultivation and healthy living, as well as making themselves into stewards of their environment and community.

The original Earth Squad was a joint tutoring and environmental education project of Adelphi Friends Meeting and the Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS) begun in 2002 for students at Mary Harris Jones Elementary School in Adelphi. After it lost its momentum, Carolyn Lambright-Davis and her husband Bill revitalized it in 2016 at Springhill Lake Elementary School with just 11 students; the number is now over twice that. Carolyn and Bill were and are currently volunteers for CHEARS, and Earth Squad continues to be a sponsored project of this organization.

The Earth Squad meets on Monday and Wednesday of every week during the school year. Students make their way to the Springhill Lake Recreation Center clubhouse straight from Springhill Lake Elementary. Time is provided for a snack and homework. Participants, from kindergarten to fifth grade, set up the tables and chairs themselves before donning their green Earth Squad T-shirts. Earth Squad also includes students from James McHenry Elementary and Turning Point Academy. Lambright-Davis lauded Springhill Lake Recreation Center directors, Frank Jones and Brian Butler, for their indispensable support to Earth Squad as well as many other groups.

The goal of the Earth Squad, and its parent organization CHEARS, is to create a “zeal,” says Lambright-Davis, for several things: environmentalism, healthy living and volunteerism and in the end, an appreciation for partnerships. “No one does it alone,” says Lambright-Davis. Earth Squad seeks to represent all of Greenbelt through its efforts and all are welcome. There is an open door to all interested groups.

The Earth Squad maintains the Three Sisters Gardens and the Greenbelt Food Forest, all sponsored by CHEARS. The three gardens are located at Springhill Lake, Schrom Hills Park and the Community Center. The Springhill Lake garden, situated at the Recreation Center, is fashioned into the shape of a Native American medicine wheel, which, according to the National Institutes of Health (nlm.nih.gov/nativevoices/), “embodies the Four Directions, as well as Father Sky, Mother Earth and



Earth Squad members on May 6

- Photos by Carolyn Lambright-Davis



Earth Squad members work on planting trees.

Spirit Tree, all of which symbolize dimensions of health and the cycles of life.” The philosophies of the Native Americans, especially their respect for the natural world, are stressed often at Earth Squad. Expert gardeners from the University of Maryland College Park have often been invited to share their knowledge on subjects like the importance of compost and mulch. At the Springhill Lake garden one can find rhubarb, strawberries, corn, mint and asparagus, among other things. Lambright-Davis asserted that their garden is a place of peace, where one can commune, and appreciate the Earth.

Students like Ta’Nyiah Derriington and Kadiatu Yansane, both in third grade, and Baboucarr Caesay, a fourth-grader, all expressed their deep enthusiasm for Earth Squad. They represent a core 21 who are especially devoted to the group; about a third of these have been involved for several years. Lambright-Davis asserted the dual goal to “work and play hard.”

Founded in 2006 by Maggie and Bob Cahalan and Joan Clement, CHEARS “is a non-profit or-

ganization dedicated to the health of all who share the Chesapeake watershed environment.” They are “a tribe of friends and volunteers” dedicated to “enabling others in the area of ecological stewardship and artistic expression” and developing “the past, current and future earth community worldwide,” yet most especially in urban, suburban and rural areas in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia. Refer to the website chears.org for more information.

Some recent events where students participated were Earth Day on April 22 and a tree-planting effort on May 6 on Breezewood Drive. Expect to see a representative group at the upcoming Green Man Festival on May 13, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and May 14, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Drinking Water

Council discussed the need for testing the quality of water coming from Recreation building pipes, although McNeal pointed out that staff was not certified to do tests and it was a matter for the city Public Works and the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC). City Manager Nicole Ard said that WSSC did water tests every three years but did not report the results. Davis was concerned that the agency was testing its own product, but Councilmember Edward Putens thought that a contractor was used. Councilmember Rodney Roberts was concerned about the quality of water that stood for long periods of time in unused drinking fountains. Jordan said a policy was needed to regularly check water quality.

The requirements of the American with Disabilities Acts have been revised. This necessitated adding chair lifts to the swimming pools as two accessible means of entry are required, McNeal reported. Fortunately, the baby pool is exempt as providing entry there would be problematical, he said.

McNeal said that the “hundreds and hundreds” of volunteers aiding the Recreation staff was worth over a million dollars. While background checks for each volunteer is required, they are not as rigorous as for regular employees. A \$17.50 fee is charged for each check with the Human Relations section of Administration handling the processing.

Chris Cherry and Nicole DeWald are planning special activities relating to the city’s celebration of its 80th anniversary this year, Assistant Director for Programs Greg Varda told council.

Gym Chairs

Council received a petition at its last meeting seeking more chairs for the gymnasium at the Community Center. Recreation Director Julie McHale told council that there was no place to store the extra chairs, if purchased, and that she felt there were greater needs.

Councilmember Konrad Herling asked if there were any plans to improve the stage at Attick Park. Varda noted that it was necessary to put plywood down if a band was to perform. McNeal

said there had been discussion as to whether to improve what was there or remove it. Davis noted that the city had been offered a private donation that might be used to build a new stage and that the city should follow up on the offer. Mach thought a new stage would be a good project for the anniversary. Varda noted, however, that the stage was used only five times a year.

Reutilization of the space in the Community Center to be vacated by the Museum after it fully relocates to the newly acquired 10-A Crescent Road has not been finalized, McNeal told council, as that is still some time off. It should be for some form of visual arts use, as is the rest of the floor in that wing of the building, he opined.

Due to the school year now starting after Labor Day, there is one extra summer week to program for the various city camps, Varda said. Previously, the last sessions were special one-week long programs instead of two weeks. Now there will be just another two-week session for each camp.

Staff believes that one of the common amenities to be added to the Greenbelt Station development being built will be an amphitheater. However, Varda felt it would be unsuitable for city-wide events because parking is very limited. Staff will work with the new homeowner association on its utilization.

A darkroom at the Community Center is no longer being used due to the advent of digital cameras. The space will possibly be converted to use for the placement of kilns.

Halloween Parade

Success has created a logistical problem for the annual Halloween parade. The large number of participants has made it difficult for judging. Varda said staff is considering splitting the parade into two groups, each with its own set of judges. He noted that banning parking on Centerway last year helped.



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GREENBRIAR COMMUNITY



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Saturday, May 13, 2016

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Farmers Market Cranks Up May 14, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Farmers Market is heading into Season 10. When the market founders first began the quest that led to Greenbelt's current successful marketplace, they were happy to get Year One going and now a decade has passed and the market has not merely survived but thrived. Many things have changed, often gradually, over the years. This year will see some more obvious changes due to increasing regulation at the county level.

Changes at the Market

This year's layout is different. New fire department regulations and the desire to eliminate gasoline-powered generators mean some vendors will be in different locations this year. The overall layout of the market has also changed to accommodate stricter offsets between vendors using cooking equipment. As a result, the center row of tents has become a square.

2017 Vendors

Most 2016 vendors are back this year. Pleitez Produce, Three Springs Fruit Farm, Pat Hochmuth Farm, Patty's Garden, Simple Pleasures Ice Cream, Kings Mushrooms, Elk Run Winery, Zeke's Coffee, Roy and RT's Kitchen Garden, Two Oceans True Foods, Gladelink Farms, Heavenly Created Desserts, Ferguson Family Farms, El Taco Loco and Crepes, Woodland Harvest Farm, Shlagel Farms, Stone Hearth Bakery, Mystic Water Soap, Jack Creek Plants, Barnola and #1 Sons. New vendors I Confect, Baked Apple and Martha's Jams join the roster. Romano Winery is back after a year's absence and Tasha's Cookies is also returning. Just couldn't stay away!

Sponsors

The market depends on the generosity of local businesses as well as individuals. This year market sponsors include Proteus Cycle Shop, the New Deal Café, Bee Fusion Yoga, Freedom Realty, the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, author Kim Kash and our longest-donating sponsor - Founding Board Member Kim Rush-Lynch's Cultivating Health. Their generous contributions sustain the market and help



Circus Artistes Alex Adams, Julia Sharapi and Ema Smith make balloon animals at the 2016 market.

underwrite the many associated costs of insurance and permits.

Volunteers

Without volunteers, the market would grind to a sorry halt. Volunteers staff the booth, set up and take down, and perform other duties over the year. The Board are all volunteers who also participate in the weekly duties of the market as well as do the many tasks that underpin the market's infrastructure. It may look like the market just happens 'organically' - but like with a good gymnast, it only looks easy. To stick the landings every week, a considerable amount of preparation has to be done for each season - as well as ongoing work for each Sunday market.

Market Master

The market hears from its vendors that Greenbelt is a preferred location because it is well-

organized and has nice people. Nobody embodies this better than long-time Greenbelter and Market Master Nancy Solomon. She kindly, but firmly, keeps the market operating smoothly, heads off crises and does way more than anybody imagines to smooth the path of the market.

The City

The city's support is fundamental to the market. From permission to use the parking lot to provision of barrels and trash cans, the city has been unstinting in helping the market to become established and to grow. This year, a significant contribution is that the electrical outlets on two of the light poles have been lowered from heights only a giraffe could love to allow the market to avoid gasoline generators.

To view the full list of vendors and sign up as a volunteer, go to the website at greenbeltfarmersmarket.org



Free Ballet Spring Showcase at UMD

Come to Ballet Company M's spring showcase on Sunday, May 14, at 3 p.m. in Kay Theatre of The Clarice. The showcase features original ballet, jazz, contemporary choreography and classical ballet variations. The talent of the dancers is also showcased in choreography, costume design and performance production.



Bladensburg Hosts Waterfront Art Festival

On Saturday, May 13 from noon to 6 p.m., discover a scenic atmosphere immersed in local art and imagination. Paintings, sculptures, jewelry, ceramics, photography and more will be on display and for purchase from the artists. This free event includes art workshops, live skill demos, a children's creative space, music performances, river boat tours, food vendors and more at the Bladensburg Waterfront Park. Call 301-779-0371; TTY 301-699-2544 for more information.

Bedtime Story Ballet Showcases Local Talent

The Performing Arts Repertory Company, a non-profit arts organization located in Beltsville, will present a dance production on Saturday, May 20 and Sunday, May 21 at the Publick Playhouse in Cheverly. A Bedtime Story is an original story ballet that will capture the imagination of audience members of all ages, while showcasing local talent, including several Greenbelters.

This ballet is a fast-moving, lively program about a young girl named Marissa. As her mother tries to put her to bed, Marissa begs to hear her favorite story of a faraway village of lively children, fairies, and a jester, king

and queen. Marissa's adventure begins as a small urchin enters her bedroom and entices her to visit her favorite village and become a part of their May Day festival. She meets the hunter, milkmaids and village girls and boys and joins in the merriment as dancers from Ireland, Spain, the Orient and Egypt come to greet the king. The fairies bring blessings for a prosperous harvest.

The program also includes a variety of repertory dances and class dances performed by dancers of all levels. For more information, visit performingarc.org or see the ad on page 6.



PHOTO BY CATHIE MEETRE

Dancers from the Performing Arts Repertory Company rehearse for their upcoming recital.

- Photos by Andrea Carpenteri



Greenbelt Toastmasters Club
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City council presents awards to ACE student recipients Christiana Alapa, Braylon Martin, Guadalupe Cardenas, George Ford III, Yoshi Ramesh Chettri, Sean David, MunginFavor Bate, Alyssa Bailey, Benjamin Ehrenreich, Jennifer Celstino, Jordan Epps, Kyle Del Villar and Favour Dimelu.

George's County liquor license.

The ordinance was adopted on a 5-1 vote with Councilmember Rodney Roberts not in favor. Roberts explained that he never supports efforts to expand access to alcoholic beverages. The market will open for the season on Sunday, May 14.

State Legislative Wrap-Up

Three of the four members of Greenbelt's state delegation attended the ACE Awards and stayed to discuss the highs and lows of the 2017 General Assembly session. State Senator Paul Pinsky and Delegates Anne Healey and Tawanna Gaines were present. Delegate Alonzo Washington was unable to attend.

Pinsky described it as "a mix and match year" in which steps forward alternated with steps backward. One success was a bill he said they had been working on for years to require employers to provide some measure of sick leave, since while many employees can assume sick leave as a benefit, if others don't work, they don't get paid. Another victory, this one on the environmental front, was the bill to prohibit fracking, especially in Western Maryland. Pinsky commented that the level of support received for the bill in Western Maryland was especially gratifying. Another success was the Protect Our Schools Act, which will enhance the protection of public schools from being privatized.

On the defeat side of the equation was the Trust Act, which would have limited Maryland law enforcement's cooperation with federal immigration authorities. Pinsky said they would try again next year.

Healey, who is chair of the House Rules Committee, agreed with Pinsky that it often takes multiple tries before movement occurs on many issues. She also commented on the impact of new administrations – state and federal – in creating new legislative needs.

Healey cited successful legislation (the Maryland Defense Act) to give the Maryland attorney general the authority, which most state attorneys general already have, to sue the federal government if it does something that harms the state: for example, in environmental, safety or budgetary matters. According to Healey, the legislature found it necessary to grant this authority now out of concern that Govern-

nor Hogan could be reluctant to oppose the current Washington administration.

Gaines spoke about progress made with Youth and Family Services to provide funding intended for such Youth Service Bureaus in Prince George's County as Greenbelt CARES. CARES will be fully funded this year, and Gaines said she hopes that next year the funding will not be an issue. Other good news was the legislation saying municipalities would not have to repay tax monies incorrectly distributed to them by the comptroller this year. In addition, Gaines said it is their impression that Congress is not disposed toward reducing funding for the Chesapeake Bay and that Bay funding is likely to remain almost level.

A big question from the council, conveyed by Davis, was, "What happened to the Highway User Fund bills?" Once a reliable source of funding for local government to maintain roadways, in recent years highway user funds have become unreliable at best. Gaines, who is House subcommittee chair for transportation, said the impression had been given that the governor was making funding available and the legislature was holding it up. In reality, she said, the funding was not available.

Pinsky added that what was not apparent to the public was that there was a significant "disingenuousness" factor in operation and that the legislature had no choice but to cut what the governor was offering. According to Gaines, the underlying problem has to do with the state transportation trust fund, which she described as being in trouble.

"If you think we're taking away what [the governor] wants to give you," Gaines concluded, "You're wrong."

Requests

Several requests were made during the Petitions and Requests section of the meeting. Rick Gordon of Franklin Park requested that the city move to a ward system from an at-large system for elections, an idea that has been discussed and rejected in the past. Colin Byrd of Greenbelt East criticized the council for its ordering of agenda items at meetings, saying residents who wish to speak and make requests should be allowed to do so earlier in the meeting than is allowed. He continued to argue

with the mayor about this even after being ruled out of order. Bill Orleans made his regular request for more information on council's closed sessions.

Administrative Reports

Under this topic, City Manager Nicole Ard indicated that staff is preparing for a briefing of council on the options for resolving financing issues for the Greenbelt Lake dam project. She also mentioned a need for the city to move forward on the Pepco billing issue at the Old Greenbelt Theatre.

The mayor read and presented proclamations to Recreation Director Julie McHale in recognition of Kids-to-Parks Day on May 20 and to Assistant Public Works Director Brian Kim in recognition of Public Works Week from May 21 to 27. McHale and Kim both addressed the multitudinous spring events upcoming in Greenbelt.

Red Cross Transport Volunteers Needed

The American Red Cross needs volunteers to deliver life-saving blood and blood products to local area hospitals. Volunteer transportation specialists play an important role in ensuring an ample blood supply for patients in need. For more information or to apply for a volunteer transportation specialist position, visit rdcrss.org/driver.

Mississippi Puppies Hitch a Ride To Greenbelt Shelter

by Lesley Kash



The Greenbelt Animal Shelter received over 25 puppies from an overcrowded shelter in Mississippi.

Over 25 puppies from an overcrowded shelter in Mississippi are quickly being adopted by Greenbelt residents, thanks to the financial and logistical efforts of volunteers Amanda Brozana and her fiancé Victor Barreto-Rios. The Greenbelt Animal Shelter is housing and preparing the new puppies for adoption by Greenbelters.

Brozana discovered the overcrowded Oxford Humane Society Shelter while attending the University of Mississippi. Her mission to rescue puppies involved recruiting adopting families, fundraising, usage of the engaged couple's wedding gifts and driving to Mississippi to bring back the puppies.

Lauren Crossed of the Greenbelt Animal Shelter, hearing of the project, offered the facilities of the Greenbelt Animal Shelter where few puppies were currently available for adoption. Brozana's fundraising will cover the necessary shelter and medical costs. Her organization, Patron's Paws, offers more information at patronspaws.net.

City Notes

Animal Control staff reports two litters of kittens were brought into the shelter and several dogs and puppies were taken in from Mississippi.

The Greenbelt Connection had to be put out of service for approximately two weeks for major repairs.

Public Works staff inspected the WSSC water line replacement in Roosevelt Center.

Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability staff performed quarterly bioretention/rain garden inspections.

Facility Maintenance crew continued reinsulating the HVAC pipes in the Community Center.

Arts staff is working to coordinate the installation of new artwork at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center computer lab. Ninety-eight first grade students from Greenbelt Elementary School participated in Artward Bound fieldtrip workshops at the Community Center. Activities included art projects and dance instruction celebrating Mexican culture, contributing to the students' preparation for their upcoming multicultural dinner.

Fairland Hosts Wellness Fair

On Saturday, May 13 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., come to this free unique community health and wellness fair that will include over 50 vendors. The fair will be totally interactive with health classes and screenings, children's activities and more. On-site trainers and fitness instructors will be available to assist in planning a personal health and fitness program. The fair site is the Fairland Sports and Aquatics Complex in Laurel. For more information, call 301-362-6060; TTY 301-699-2544.



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

Arson

May 3, 1:32 a.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court. An officer on patrol observed a small fire coming out of the gas fuel door on a vehicle and extinguished it. Minor damage resulted. Another vehicle was also observed on fire and was extensively damaged. It was reported that attempts were also made to set three other vehicles on fire, again by tampering with the gas fuel doors, but these were unsuccessful. Prince George's County fire investigators also responded. An investigation is ongoing.

Assault

April 28, 4:30 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A man inside Super Beauty threatened an employee with a knife and then fled.

Theft

April 30, 2:18 p.m., 15 Crescent Road. An unattended cell phone was taken from the Community Center.

Burglary

April 27, 4:10 p.m., 100 block Westway. A video game player, video game, two televisions, notebook computer, clothing and cash were taken.

April 27, 8:30 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Drive. Two video game players, video games, sneakers and a notebook computer were taken after entry was gained, possibly by way of an unlocked sliding glass door.

Vandalism

April 28, 5:30 a.m., Crescent Road near Greenhill Road. A roadside speed enforcement camera was vandalized.

May 1, 7 a.m. Greenhill Road near Crescent Road. A traffic sign was spray painted.

May 1, 8:30 a.m., 99 Centerway. A window at the Youth Center was damaged, possibly by a pellet-type gun.

Vehicle Crime

Five thefts from vehicles were reported. Four tires and rims were taken from each of two cars, one in the 6400 block Ivy Lane and the other in the 8000 block Greenbury Drive. Rear Md. tag 7AP2916 was taken in the 7600 block Mandan Road. Tools, laptop computer, GPS unit and cash were taken in the 6200 block Springhill Court after a car door was forced open. Headphones, cash and a handicap placard were taken from a possibly unlocked auto in the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter.
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Greenbelt Homicide Investigation Underway

The stabbing death of a 19-year-old Greenbelt resident was discovered on May 5 at 6:08 a.m. on South Ora Court, and is under investigation as a homicide by Greenbelt Police detectives. The deceased has been identified as Jean Marie Acha.

Officers, responding to a report of a man lying in front of a residence in the 7200 block of South Ora Court, found the victim suffering from apparent stab wounds. He was pronounced dead at the scene. The incident does not appear to have been a random act.

Anyone with information possibly related to this crime is asked to call Greenbelt police detectives at 301-474-7200.

Seniors Art Show In College Park

The College Park Arts Exchange invites the public to its second annual Seniors Art Show on Friday, May 12 from 4 to 8 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4512 College Avenue.

Adults age 50 and over will display their art. The art exhibit, which is supported by a 2016 grant from the College Park Community Foundation, brings seniors together to celebrate their art and builds a more robust and lively community in College Park.

Call 301-927-3013 or visit info@cpae.org for more information.

Events at the New Deal Café

Sunday, May 14, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., 13th Annual Green Man Festival. The outdoor festival goes until 5 p.m., then the music moves inside until 8 p.m. 10:30 a.m. to noon, Deaf Brunch. Deaf and hearing people socialize together using sign language. Newcomers welcome. 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Not2Cool Jazz Trio brunch. 5 to 8 p.m., KIVA.

Monday, May 15, 7 to 9 p.m., Reel and Meal at the New Deal. Quest is about the struggles and hopes of a working-class black family in North Philadelphia.

Tuesday, May 16, 7 to 9:30 p.m., Rising Star Karaoke. Hosted by the dynamic Kelley Hildebrand.

Wednesday, May 17, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Piano jazz with Jeffrey Greenberg. 7 to 9 p.m., Pub Quiz. Bring a team or form one on the spot. Each participant pays a dollar, which will be the prize for the winning team.

Thursday, May 18, Noon to 2 p.m., Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft. 7 to 10 p.m., Open Mic with Joe Harris.

Friday, May 19, Noon to 2 p.m., Piano jazz with Jeffrey Greenberg. 6:30 to 8 p.m., Jazz and blues piano with John Guernsey. 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., Built 4 Comfort. With its soulful vocals, tasty guitar licks and a deep foundation in the blues, this band is known to add their own flavor to R&B and classic rock favorites.

Saturday, May 20, 1 to 3 p.m., Poetry Open Mic. Come express your inner beatnik through the spoken word. 5 to 6 p.m., Classical guitar with Bruce Kritt. 6:30 to 8 p.m., Jazz and blues piano with John Guernsey.

8:30 to 11:30 p.m., Billy Coulter Band. Coulter brings his band to The New Deal for a night of inspired, organic and original music that blurs the line between roots rock and power pop.

May 12 Ribbon Cutting For New Drug Drop Box

by Stan Zirkin

For the past several months, the Public Safety Advisory Committee and the Greenbelt Police Department have been working to place a Drug Drop Box at the police station to be used by the general public to conveniently and safely dispose of unwanted, unused or expired medications. The purpose of the project is two-fold: first to reduce the possibility that minors will ingest or otherwise improperly use the medications without parental consent; and second, to protect the environment by offering a method of disposal that will not result in medications entering the water supply. Partnering with the Rite Aid Foundation's KidsCents Safe Kids Medication Disposal Program, a drug drop box was obtained and will be installed in front of the Police Station located at 550 Crescent Road.

This is a free service to citizens where medications can be turned in anonymously 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It is not intended to be used by businesses or clinics. Directions are clearly printed on the box both in English and Spanish. Items that are acceptable at the Drop Box are any prescription or over-the-counter medications, vitamins and pet medications.

Certain items are not acceptable, however, including needles, lotions or liquids, aerosol cans, thermometers, inhalers, hydrogen peroxide or illegal drugs.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony is planned to give recognition to those who contributed to the effort. The ceremony will take place at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 12 at the Police Station.

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An Open Letter to City of Greenbelt Residents from SafeSchoolspg.org,

Milestone Communications is planning on erecting a 105 foot tall cell phone tower this summer on the hilly footpath used by students to walk from Greenbelt Rd. to the school parking lot to school. At the base of this enormous buzzing eyesore, covered up to look like a tacky shopping center "marquee" sign, will be a large, ugly, fenced in enclosure. Your Board of Education entered into a no-bid contract with Milestone to build the tower and it has the active support of our County executive and school CEO.

Independent experts (not those paid for by the powerful telecom industry and their lobbyists) from around the world say that being within a quarter mile of a cell tower's microwave radiation for hours of the day greatly increases your chances of getting cancer—and the closer you are, the greater the risk. This exposure has also been implicated in suppressed immune function, memory problems, depression and other adverse health effects. These risks are taken seriously by firefighters in LA who successfully fought to prevent cell towers from going up on fire station grounds. Angry parents in Bethesda, aware of the health dangers, and not content to risk the health of their children, successfully prevented the Board of Ed from putting cell towers on the grounds of Wootton High School. The Fairfax Co. teachers association has come out against cell phone towers on school grounds. Helen Caldicott, pediatrician and co founder of Physicians For Social Responsibility, says that placing cell towers on or near school grounds is criminal. All over the state and country, informed parents are fighting these towers from going up on school grounds. For further information on this important subject go to safeschoolspg.org or download the comprehensive publication titled Cellular Phone Towers by the Center for Health, Environment, and Justice which may be downloaded from the internet for free.

In addition to the health risks and sheer ugliness of this tacky structure marring the green beauty of the ERHS campus, the cell tower can be expected to cause a significant loss in property tax revenues due to declining property values in the homes that surround the school. One study conducted by Bond and Hue estimates an average loss of 15% in value due to close proximity to a cell tower. There are over 1,000 residential town houses and condos in close proximity to and encircling ERHS. There are 20 town homes alone whose backyard and decks are within hundreds of feet of the proposed structure. The expected monetary gain to the County from this tower is estimated to be around \$12,000 a year after the initial \$25,000 payout. One need not be an economist to figure out that any gain in payouts from the tower will be greatly exceeded by loss in revenues.

Prince George's County residents should not have to suffer a decline in health and fiscal revenue for the sake of corporate profits. Now is the time to speak out and to contact our elected officials on this important topic before the tower is erected this summer. You should also demand a community meeting that is attended by the county executive, the school CEO, and the board of education members so they can hear what you have to say.

Board of Ed members and CEO Maxwell [(301) 952-6115]; Council Member Todd Turner [(301)952-3094]; County Exec R. Baker [(301) 952-4131]; Senator Paul Pinsky [(410) 841-3155]; Delegate Alonzo Washington [(410) 841-3652].

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Dynamic Governance Comes To Greenbelt Organizations

by Matthew Arbach



PHOTO BY AILEEN KROLL

Edwin John facilitates while John Buck transcribes participant ideas during a session at the Greenbelt Youth Center on April 23.

Beginning in 2014, the Center for Dynamic Community Governance (CDCG) has endeavored to bring their organizational philosophy of Dynamic Community Governance (DCG) to the groups and residents of Greenbelt. Conceived in the 1970s in the Netherlands by Gerard Endenburg, DCG, says co-director and president of CDCG Aileen Kroll, “focuses on transparent communication, equivalence amongst participants and consent-based (vs. consensus-based) decision making.” Through this approach, “meetings are energized, different perspectives are valued, the decision-making process is streamlined and participation is increased because people feel heard and valued...there is an opportunity for conflicting points of view to both be true and to be included in the final decisions,” said Endenburg.

DCG was introduced to Greenbelt in 2013 via a speaker on the subject, hosted by the Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS). In the audience was Kroll, already a member of CHEARS and several Greenbelt groups such as Greenbelt Time Bank; she described the experience as “a light-bulb moment.” Kroll says that “she could see this process as not only invigorating and inspiring groups from within, but also as a modality that could create interlinked circles throughout Greenbelt.” This led Kroll to seek out John Buck, now co-director of CDCG, a leading expert on DCG. After being trained by Buck, both decided to form CDCG in 2014. By 2015, CDCG had achieved non-profit status.

Training in DCG develops equivalency among participants, consent decision-making and the “circle concept,” says Kroll, “in which people are welcomed and participation is encouraged.” Consent-driven decisions result in a “final decision ... that everyone can accept and avoids the endless deliberations that can occur with consensus, where people are asked to agree, or bitterness that can occur with a winners-losers majority vote. “Every aspect of the election process is rendered ‘transparent,’ with ‘no back-door politicking.’” Training prepares the participants to train others in the basic DCG processes.

Buck was introduced to CDCG in 1985, while on a professional trip to the Netherlands. At this early time, DCG was dubbed “sociocracy” or “rule by the socios: people with a social relationship, partners,” says Buck. Buck is the author of *We the People: Consenting to a Deeper Democracy* as well as an upcoming work with Jutta Eckstein that seeks to “create a synthesis of the several streams that have developed in the past 30 years to improve the management of our organizations,” says Buck.

In 2016, CDCG trained some of the board members of Greenbriar, who were in search of a way “to conduct meetings that would encourage diverse thinking and resolve conflicts,” says Kroll. Consulting support was given to the board members of Greenbriar “which helped them reach a resolution on a contentious matter,” she said. This led CDCG to seek a grant from the City of Greenbelt to “help Greenbriar

residents address obstacles that are impacting their use of Greenbelt services offered by CARES and GAIL programs,” says Kroll. This grant is under review, with a decision pending soon.

In addition, CDCG trained representatives from many Greenbelt organizations including the New Deal Café, Old Greenbelt Theatre, Greenbelt Time Bank, Greenbelt Public Works as well as many environmental efforts.

Among some of the future plans for CDCG are continued trainings and the spreading of the DCG message to all ages and groups

CDCG will have a table at the upcoming Green Man Festival on May 13 and 14, where they plan to “have fun, educational, engaging and interactive activities for all ages,” says Kroll. For more information, refer to dynamic-governance.org and dynamic-governance.org/library for their online library.

May 19 is Bike to Work Day

Registration for Bike to Work Day (BTWD) 2017 is officially open. Celebrating its 16th anniversary this year, BTWD is again expected to break participation records as commuters embrace bicycling as a clean, sustainable and healthy transportation option. The event will be held on Friday, May 19. Registration is free and open to anyone who commutes in the region, from first-time to daily cyclists. All registrants will be entered in a regional bicycle raffle; the first 16,000 to register and attend will receive a free T-shirt at one of more than 85 pit-stops throughout the District, suburban Maryland and northern Virginia. Participants can register online at biketoworkmetrodc.org.

More than 17,500 cyclists pedaled to work in metropolitan Washington during last year’s event. “Bike to Work Day is a great opportunity for commuters to discover the benefits of bicycling to work,” said Nicholas Ramfos, Commuter Connections director. “This event started with the goal of promoting bicycling as a viable commute alternative, and has grown into one of the largest bike to work events in the country.”

Visit commuterconnections.org/commuters/bicycling/ for information on bicycles, rules of the road and bicycling in traffic, outfitting both rider and bicycle, transit and bikeshare. Follow this year’s event on Twitter via Commuter Connections at @BikeToWorkDay and by using #BTWD2017 or #BTWDC.

Join a Greenbelt bike commuter convoy on Bike to Work Day. Meet up at the Greenbelt pit stop at 6:50 a.m. Jeff Lemieux’s group will depart at 7 a.m. sharp, and make brief stops at Lake Artemesia (7:20), downtown College Park (7:30) and the Met Branch trail in NE DC (8:15-ish), before heading to the Freedom plaza pit stop (9 a.m.-ish). Laurie Lemieux’s group will take a more direct route down the trails from Greenbelt via Lake Artemesia to DC, without stopping in College Park. Yet another group, guided by Marc Christophersen and starting from Lake Artemesia, will take the newly finished Anacostia River Trail all the way to South Capitol Street and Nationals Park. Register (it’s free plus you get swag) and learn more at biketoworkmetrodc.org or contact jlemieux256@gmail.com.

School Artwork on Display



Artwork by 4th grader Toni King is part of a display by Greenbelt Elementary and Greenbelt Middle School students. The artwork will be on display in the Community Center hallway through June 4.

- Photos by Anne Gardner



Artwork by 5th grader Ava Howard



PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, May 18, 2017

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

1. GHI Open Session – Begins at 7:30 p.m.

- Approve Minutes for the GHI Special Open Meeting Held on April 20, 2017
- Approve Minutes for the GHI Regular Open Session Meeting Held on April 20, 2017
- Certification of Election, Chair, N&E Committee
- Board Reorganization and Election of Officers
- Code of Ethics Acknowledgement
- Appointment of Member Complaint Panels
- Designation of GDC Stockholders
- Board Meeting Procedures
- Proposed Date for Board Orientation Training
- Establish Date and Agenda Items for Stakeholder's Meeting with the City of Greenbelt
- Proposed Joint Board/Audit Committee Work Session to Discuss Governance Matters
- Proposed Meeting Dates During the New Board Term
- Permit Request from the Member of 59-G Ridge Rd to Install an Unapproved Rain Barrel
- Establish a Task Force to Draft New Restriction Language in Investment Documents re: Transfer of funds
- Item of Information:
 1. Rental Permit Granted to the Member of 9-R Southway



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County EDC Has Upbeat Talk On County, City Prospects

by Kathleen Gallagher

On April 12 four members of the city council met in worksession with representatives of the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation (EDC). Councilmembers Leta Mach, Silke Pope and Edward Putens were unable to attend.

EDC provides services that help attract, retain and expand businesses, create high-quality jobs and expand the county's commercial tax base. Its mission of business attraction and expansion is accomplished through several primary components, including: business development, small business services, technology assistance, workforce services, international business development and a variety of economic development incentives and tools.

The council has been meeting with EDC every two or three years to share information about Greenbelt and keep abreast of county priorities and economic development resources that might be helpful to the city. Present on behalf of EDC were President and CEO James Coleman, Executive Vice President Pradeep Ganguly and Business Development Directors John Mason and Mayank Kapur.

Ganguly opened the meeting with a well-researched presentation on a long list of all the advantages and amenities Greenbelt has to offer to businesses, organizations and people who might be considering relocating here. Just a few of the advantages he cited included the above-average education level of city residents, the presence of significant large companies, Eleanor Roosevelt High School, NASA/Goddard and other federal facilities, Greenbelt Station, several shopping centers and the Marriott and Martins Crosswinds conference facilities. He noted Capital Office Park as one of the most attractive business parks in the region.

"Greenbelt has assets other jurisdictions would love to have," he said, adding that EDC is "very impressed" with Greenbelt. He also enumerated many developments in Prince George's County that have enhanced its attractiveness as a business destination.

Noting that the city has a high level of office vacancies, Councilmember Judith Davis asked about the likely impact of big cuts in the federal workforce by the Trump administration. She said some people were of the opinion that Prince George's County would take the biggest hits, which raised concerns about a return of some of the county's problems in the 2008-2009 recession.

Coleman said their workforce services division would ramp up to assist with job-search assistance and retraining. He added that when the federal government makes staff cuts, one result is often an increase in contracting opportunities, especially for experienced federal contractors, which the county should be positioned to take maximum advantage of. Increases in defense and cyber security spending could also benefit the county.

Ganguly further commented that workforce development is at least half the picture. Right now, he said, there are 26,000 jobs open in the county, but "we have

a mix-match problem."

Returning to the issue of Greenbelt's office vacancies, Mayor Emmett Jordan said the city's vacancy rate is about 25 or 30 percent. He also speculated on whether the economic development incentives for the Greater College Park Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise Zone may have resulted in some unanticipated consequences and asked if that should be looked at. Specifically, in an area of relatively small municipalities sharing boundaries, what is the effect on the other cities and towns of providing incentives in one location?

Coleman did not directly respond to Jordan's question but did cite the many incentives available in the county. He pointed out that Greenbelt includes a Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone), in which businesses may be eligible to participate in the federal program that encourages economic development in such zones by providing preferred access to federal contracting opportunities.

Councilmember Konrad Herling inquired about the availability of green tax credits from the county. Ganguly replied that EDC had not done much with that but should look into it.

Davis complimented EDC on its strategies with larger businesses and asked whether the county was doing anything to attract and support small businesses. Coleman said the county has many tools and programs that support small businesses, including, for example, financing and workforce training programs. Ganguly added that EDC works with small businesses and start-ups in such areas as counseling, contract opportunities, connecting with other businesses, management and marketing training.

Coleman and the mayor discussed possibilities for the city and EDC to host some Small Business Day meetings for local businesses at Roosevelt Center or Beltway Plaza.

A sizeable audience attended the worksession, including Marc (Kap) Kapastin, general counsel for Quantum Companies and Beltway Plaza; Susan Walker, Greenbelt Community Development Corporation; Michael Hartman, Roosevelt Center Merchants Association; representatives from a number of local businesses and other residents. Hartman invited EDC representatives to attend a meeting of the merchants association, and Kapastin suggested plans for further discussion in Greenbelt West. All in all, it appeared that this conversation was not over and would continue in other venues.

Beltsville Garden Club Plant Sale

The Beltsville Garden Club (BGC) will hold its second plant sale of the spring on Saturday, May 13 in the parking lot of High Point High School, 3601 Powder Mill Road.

The sale runs from 8 a.m. to noon and will be held rain or shine. All proceeds from greenhouse plant sales will benefit the school.

To learn more about the club, visit beltsvillegardenclub.org.

Green Man is a Commitment To the City's Environment

by Connor Roessler

The Green Man Festival May 13 and 14 will continue its commitment to environmental sustainability in 2017 with Zero Waste stations, a chance for festivalgoers to refill reusable water bottles at TapIt stations and an interactive booth with educational games and information.

Zero Waste stations with recycle, compost and landfill trash bins will be available throughout the Green Man Festival. Volunteers will monitor the stations to help festivalgoers properly sort their waste into the appropriate bins. Food waste in the landfill harms wildlife and produces climate-warming methane. Composting turns food scraps back into valuable resources. Generous Joe's, the New Deal Café, the Co-op Supermarket and Beijing will also compost their kitchen food scraps during the Green Man Festival. All compostable materials will be collected and brought to My Organic Market (MOMs) of Bowie for composting.

Patrons should remember to bring their reusable water bottles. TapIt partners will provide free refills to festivalgoers with reusable bottles. Look for TapIt decals in the windows of public buildings and merchants in the Roosevelt Center to fill your bottle. The Municipal Building, Community Center, Aquatic and Fitness Center, Youth Center, Old Greenbelt Theatre, Greenbelt Library, New Deal Café, Beijing, Generous Joe's and the Co-op Supermarket are all sponsors of the TapIt program and will fill water bottles during business hours.

Stop by the Green Team's Zero Waste Circle table for more information about zero waste practices. There will also be a chance to play an educational game and winners will take home a reusable grocery bag. Stop by to learn more about TerraCycle. Collection bins for clean and dry Earth's Best and GoGoSqueeze baby food pouches, CLIF wrappers and chip bags, and oral care products will be displayed and ready for drop-off.

The Green Team's Zero Waste Circle will rely on volunteers to monitor the Zero Waste stations and to lead fun, educational games at the table. Those interested in serving as a zero waste volunteer are encouraged to attend a training session on Thursday, May 11 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Public Works (555 Crescent Road). Volunteers will receive service-learning hours. Volunteers will learn how to sort recyclable and compostable materials and how to teach zero waste to fellow festivalgoers. Anyone who would like to learn more about serving as a zero waste volunteer should contact Connor Roessler at croessler@greenbeltdm.gov or 240-542-2150.

Connor Roessler is a Chesapeake Conservation Corps member working for Public Works.



Volunteers go dumpster diving to correctly sort through composting and landfill waste.

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Zero waste stations will return to the Green Man Festival in 2017.



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Letters continued

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We believe the city should stop the deceptive practice of advertising the shelter as no-kill. It is unfair to the public and to the organizations that are meeting the ASPCA guidelines.

It concerns us that council has chosen to ignore the facts and has allowed the deceptive practice to continue. Given that we have previously provided council with records supporting our position, which they appear to have ignored, we believe this should be an issue in the upcoming election.

Brian and Donna Almquist
Greenbelt Advocates for Environmental and Social Justice

Red Means Stop!

For some time now, there has been a traffic light on Ridge Road at the Green Ridge House crosswalk. The light has recently been changed from blinking yellow to blinking red. I'm sure that you all know what the colors mean. Green means GO. Yellow means slow down and YIELD the right of way to pedestrians. Blinking red means STOP whether or not you see pedestrians in or entering the crosswalk, YIELD the right of way, and then proceed. It has been observed that some cars are not stopping at the blinking red light. This light serves a purpose. Be considerate of the Green Ridge residents and STOP.



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wrote down a lot of ideas and they voted," she said. "They decided to write to the city council and ask them for trees."

The letters included information about how the trees would improve air quality, reduce pollution, provide habitat for animals and provide food for animals.

In early February, city council and City Manager Nicole Ard agreed. The school should have more trees: what's more, the students should plant them.

"When I announced to the class that city council was going to give us trees, my students were so excited and shocked," said Todd-Jones. "I don't think they believed we would really get the trees."

But Erin Josephitis, city environmental coordinator, said the city was happy to work with young environmentalists. "We are really glad to give students an opportunity to plant their first tree. We find it's a really good way to become engaged."

The city worked with Principal Natasha Jenkins to make sure the

trees were acceptable on school property. And Todd-Jones said they also contacted Franklin Park Apartments management to make sure no one objected. "They were very supportive," said Todd-Jones. "They said the more trees the better!"

So with the sun out on May 3, Josephitis joined City Horticulturalist Brian Townsend, other members of public works and a few members of city council at Springhill Lake Elementary School.

"We chose loblolly pines because they're native trees," said Josephitis. "They like full sun and the well-drained soil that is near the school." She said the trees are drought resistant and that these were trees that the city had grown.

At the school, the students worked in teams of about three to dig the holes, plant the trees and spread mulch, said Todd-Jones. It was a rewarding project for the students, she said.

"Each group took a lot of pride in their tree."



Tree planters celebrate their work. Shown are: Saul Osorio, Louis Casillo, Danielle Todd-Jones, Edwin Moreno Garcia, Hans Barrientos, Carlos Cartatagena, Daniel Burey, Diego Umanzor, Luis Escobar, Junior Cabrera, Byron Wilson, Kelon Vessfield, Caron Gary Brewer, Jason Morales Lopez, Fatima Oterga, Owen Moss, Amy Ascencio, Kevin Orellana, Jasmin Turcios, Aziel Axel, Jacquelin Espinoza, Maria Atancio, Brian Townsend, Darshwell Johnson, Nick, Lori, Rebecca Wang, Silke Pope, Mike Rousseau



Jason Morales Lopez, Daniel Burey, and Shawn Ndiformutieh work on planting trees while Mike Rousseau looks on.

- Photos by Erin Josephitis

Fire Damages Greenbelt's New Comptroller's Office

by Amy S. Hansen

A fire did \$50,000 worth of damage at the new Maryland Comptroller's office in Greenbelt on May 6. No one was injured.

Fire trucks from Greenbelt and around the county circled the building, located at 6401 Golden Triangle Drive off of Greenbelt Road, at 6 p.m. on Saturday.

The emergency vehicles garnered attention as the hotel patrons spilled onto the parking lots and people driving tried to come up with alternative routes.

"The fire was in the walls," said Prince George's County Fire Department Public Information Officer Mark Brady. More specifically, the fire was in the walls of the ground floor, and spread to the second floor.

Brady said the fire started because workers were trying to remove a safe that had been left by previous tenants. While grinding out the safe door, the workers' equipment ignited combustible material in the wall. The fire spread through the second floor.

Brady said firefighters had to break windows and pull the walls apart in order to stop the fire from spreading.

Emergency vehicles were beginning to leave the area by 6:40 p.m.



PHOTO BY MARK BRADY

Many county trucks responded to the fire in Golden Triangle on May 6.



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

Emergency equipment circles the building.



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