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Council Takes Several Steps To Lower the City Voting Age

by Kathleen Gallagher

Although not all councilmembers are yet on board with making the change, the Greenbelt City Council took several steps at its May 22 meeting that would be necessary to allow city residents who will be 16 or 17 years old by November 7, 2017 to vote in the next city council election. A change in the minimum voting age would apply only to Greenbelt municipal elections. The voting age for state and federal elections would remain at 18. Those registering would continue to have to meet all other requirements for voting in the State of Maryland.

Six members of council were present at the meeting, with Mayor Pro Tem Judith Davis chairing the meeting for Mayor Emmett Jordan, who was away on business.

Included on the meeting agen-

da were a public hearing on the subject of lowering the voting age and a motion to direct staff and the city attorney to draft the charter amendment resolution that would be required to make the changes to voting eligibility. Since some issues remain to be decided, drafting language for the resolution will also include consideration of various options.

Getting to this point has taken a long time. The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) submitted a report to the city council in July 2015 recommending that 16- and 17-year-olds be allowed to vote in city elections. A year later Ema Smith, chair of YAC, and other members of the committee attended a city council meeting to request information on the status of their 2015 report.

They were advised that the issue had been placed on the

Community Questionnaire circulated at the 2015 election and was also on the list of council worksessions to be scheduled. As reported in the November 17, 2016 issue of this paper, the worksession was held on November 2, with Smith and committee member Hunter Whaples representing YAC.

Following the worksession, council referred the issue to the Community Relations Advisory Board and the Advisory Committee on Education for their recommendations. Reports from these two groups, both dated May 2, endorsed the YAC request unequivocally.

Public Hearing

Although a question on the Community Questionnaire distributed at the time of the 2015 city election suggested there might be rather formidable opposition to the notion of lowering the voting age, no one from the public attended the meeting to speak against it. Smith, who is still chair of YAC, presented a short version of the reasons her committee believes the voting age should be lowered. In addition to the fact that young people in that age group are allowed to work, drive and pay taxes, Smith said that many members of that age group do care about public issues, are not apathetic and want to have a voice.

Addressing the concern that younger voters might turn out in numbers that would dilute the voting pool and have too much impact on decisions, Smith pointed out that registration and turnout have both been modest in the first two cities in the county to lower their voting age. Neither Takoma Park nor Hyattsville has "crashed and burned," she said.

Smith added that YAC believes it is easier for young people to maintain good habits if they are established while still living at home with their families.

Other speakers at the public hearing were Bill Orleans and Colin Byrd, both of whom supported the request to lower the city voting age to 16.

Motion to Proceed

Some confusion surrounded the initial motion, which would have both approved making the change in the voting age and also directed staff to draft the resolution needed to make revisions to the City Charter. Councilmember Leta Mach made the motion, with a second from Councilmember Konrad Herling, who also asked to clarify it. In the subsequent discussion, Councilmembers Edward Putens and Silke Pope made it clear that they still had

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PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

Residents enjoy Adaptive Kayaking. For more photos of weekend events go to [page 10](#).

Insufficient Funds Limits Council's Budget Changes

by Diane Oberg

The final budget worksession has been known to stretch on until the wee hours of the morning. But Mayor Pro Tem Judith Davis found a way to streamline the process at this year's session on Wednesday, May 17. Unlike in some years past, staff came bearing no gifts for council: no increased revenue (such as a higher income tax estimate) or decreased expenses (such as lower health insurance costs). The only sources of extra funding for council's desired additions to the budget were a tax increase or changing the allocation of funds in the city manager's proposed budget.

Assistant City Manager David Moran helped get the ball rolling, informing council that staff had set aside \$60,000 in a reserve for contingencies that was

usually funded at just \$20,000. The councilmembers present (all save Mayor Emmett Jordan, who was on business travel) quickly decided to liberate \$30,000 from that reserve.

All the councilmembers (including Jordan by memo) also quickly agreed not to increase taxes. Davis noted that meant that none of the additional personnel expenses that council had considered (such as extra hours for the CARES geriatric intervention counselor, half-time animal control officer, additional code enforcement inspector or volunteer coordinator) was affordable.

There did appear to be consensus among councilmembers for one reduction in revenue

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New Evaluation System For City Recognition Groups

by Matt Arbach

The Greenbelt City Council held a worksession on May 10 to review the current applications for groups seeking or renewing Recognition Group status, as well as project and operating grants for such groups. Sixteen groups presented themselves, 14 of which have Recognition Group or Contribution Group status: Greenbelt MakerSpace, The Gemz, Greenbelt Soccer Alliance, Greenbelt Senior Softball, Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee, Center for Dynamic Community Governance, Greenbelt Youth Baseball, Greenbelt Arts Center, Greenbelt Babe Ruth, Greenbelt Boys and Girls

Club, Boys to Men Mentoring Network of Greater Washington D.C., Greenbelt Concert Band, FONDCA, Greenbelt Farmers Market, CHEARS and Greenbelt Aquatic Boosters. The two first-time applicants were The Gemz and the Greenbelt MakerSpace. All were received warmly and enthusiastically by council.

Of particular note at this meeting was the implementation of a new evaluation system. Groups now submit a grant request based on their particular needs for the upcoming fiscal year. A Grant Review Panel, comprised of five

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City of Greenbelt's Birthday Will Extend to 18 Months

by Chris Cherry

When a baby is born, the arrival date is an historical fact that is seldom subject to interpretation. But when the baby is a brand-new town planned and built by the federal government, determining the date of birth becomes a philosophical question.

When is Greenbelt's birthday? June 1 is the date that has traditionally been celebrated as the anniversary of Greenbelt's founding. That's the effective date of the charter approved by the Maryland General Assembly, incorporating Greenbelt as a town in 1937. For that reason, June 1 originally was called Charter Day in Greenbelt.

In some respects, Charter Day is a birthday that only a lawyer could love. One could argue that Charter Day commemorates the birth certificate, rather than the baby. The truth is that on June 1,

1937, when Greenbelt officially became a town, it had no citizens. Nobody lived here, because the homes were still being built.

The first five families moved into Greenbelt four months later, on September 30, 1937. The date

of arrival of the first residents certainly has a plausible claim to be Greenbelt's birthday. If we look to the state for an example, we find that Maryland Day is celebrated on March 25, the anniversary of the landing of the

first English settlers on St. Clement's Island near the mouth of the Potomac. Perhaps September 30, the date that the first Greenbelt pioneers landed here, should be Greenbelt Day.

But do five families really constitute a town? At what point over the ensuing months, as more

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Greenbelt 80th Logo

What Goes On

Saturday, May 27

11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Kitten Shower for Greenbelt Animal Shelter, American Legion (there is a fee)

Monday, May 29

City Offices Will Be Closed for Memorial Day No Council Meeting.

Tuesday, May 30

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

Wednesday, May 31

7:30 p.m., Council Worksession with School Board Representative, Community Center

Thursday, June 1

3:30 p.m., Ethics Commission, Municipal Building

Friday, June 2

7 to 8:30 p.m., Greenbelt Police Explorers Open House, Police Station (see page 5 for details)

Saturday and Sunday, June 3 and 4, Greenbelt Day Weekend (see page 16 for details).

Saturday, June 3

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Greenbelt Animal Shelter Pet Expo, Greenbelt Dog Park

Letters to the Editor

Racing to Contracts

At its May 22, 2017 meeting, the city council approved a speed camera contract with Brekford. I support the Police Department's efforts to address speeding in Greenbelt, but I was deeply concerned with the way the city council made this decision. They did not advertise an official RFP. Thus, this was a no-bid contract. And, in my view, they also did not value quality.

This vote came a week after the City of Baltimore relaunched its own speed camera program, and I am deeply concerned that Greenbelt did not heed the lessons of Baltimore, which had to shut down its speed camera program a few years ago. The problems in Baltimore were so severe that, in May 2015, the Baltimore City Council released a nearly 200-page report blasting Baltimore's speed camera program, which gave Baltimoreans erroneous tickets for slow moving and stopped cars. It found widespread problems with Brekford, which had tickets sent to incorrect addresses and provided Baltimoreans with wrong information about how to go about paying tickets. Brekford also had problems with component failure, including missing data and missing picture fields, and

staffing, which meant that, even in cases when they did administer justified tickets, they did not send the tickets out within the statute-related mandatory time.

The Greenbelt City Council defended its support for the contract, saying that past issues with Brekford had been addressed, but they pointed to an example where a sitting city councilmember had received a ticket and gotten his personal issue resolved. I am not surprised that a politician who votes on contracts can get his issues with contractors resolved, but my concern is about what happens to the thousands of other Greenbelt residents who do not cast votes on city contracts. Do they get their issues with Brekford resolved, or do they just get a ticket and a metaphorical door slammed in their face?

Bottom line: I was not happy that the city council, in an apparent rush to make more speed camera revenue by any means, ironically moved at breakneck speed to approve this speed camera contract without having a standard, robust RFP process that would have put the people of Greenbelt before the profits of a contractor.

Colin Byrd

Astronomical Society Events

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a special star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday evening, May 27 at the City Observatory located at Northway Fields. This event is scheduled to partially make up for the many such events which have been "clouded out" so far this year. Saturday's plan is to observe Jupiter first and Saturn later in the evening, and also galaxies, such as the Whirlpool Galaxy, the Sombrero Galaxy and others as time permits. As always, visitors are welcome to set up telescopes on the hill. A nearly new Moon will set at 10:30 p.m., so it will be relatively dark.

Observing will begin at around 9:30 p.m. and continue for at least two hours. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.

Vincent T. Bly will speak at the Astronomical Society's meeting on Thursday, May 25 at 7:30 p.m. about LEISA, an instrument he designed and assembled which flew to Pluto two years ago on the NASA New Horizons mission. The free meeting is open to all and will be held in the Planetarium of the Howard B. Owens Science Center, 9601 Greenbelt Road (adjacent to DuVal High School).

Car Wash Saturday

St. Hugh's Catholic Church youth group will hold a car wash on Saturday, May 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the church parking lot. Donations will help defray travel costs to the annual youth conference in Steubenville, Ohio.



Old Greenbelt Theatre
129 Centerway
301-329-2034
www.greenbelttheatre.org

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Adults \$9, Senior/Student \$8, Members \$6.50, Kids \$6

All shows before 5 PM:
Adults \$7, Members \$6.50, Kids \$5

OC = Open Captions
CC = Closed Captions

SHOWTIMES
May 26th - June 1st

THE LOVERS
(R) (CC) (117 mins)
Fri. 2:30, 5:15, 8:00 PM
(with guest speaker)
Sat. 3:00, 5:30, 8:00 PM
Sun. 12:00 (OC), 2:30,
5:15, 8:00 PM
Mon., 5:15, 8:00 PM
Tues. 5:15, 8:00 PM
Wed. 2:30, 5:15, 8:00 PM
Thurs. 5:15

Family Series:
A LITTLE PRINCESS
(1995) (G) (97 mins)
Sat. 1:00 PM



Tree in Greenbelt Lake

PHOTO BY BERNADETTE GORMALLY

On Screen

Thou Shalt Commit Adultery?

The Lovers is a subtle, poignant romantic comedy about how an adulterous affair – the “extracurricular boinking,” as one reviewer charmingly puts it – can drive a married couple back into each other's arms. Not at all a screwball comedy, The Lovers is a nuanced, lush, slow, yet hilarious depiction of how Mary (Debra Winger) and Michael (Tracey Letts) reignite their marital passion and are “unfaithful” to their adulterous partners.

Join the lighthearted discussion led by Taylor Cole, founder and practicing clinician at Choice Clinical Services in Roosevelt Center, after the 8 p.m. show this Friday, May 26 at Old Greenbelt Theatre.

Director and Screenwriter: Azazel Jacobs

R. Running time: 1 hour, 34 minutes

- Jim Link

The Old Curmudgeon



“There's a cicada in my soup ... my dessert ... my hair ... my pants ...!”

- Greenbelt News Review in April 22, 2004

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Community Events

At the Library

All Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) branches will be closed on Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day. The Greenbelt Branch Library will reopen on Tuesday, May 30 at 1 p.m.

Sign up to participate in Summer @ Your Library through August 19 by going to the dedicated website: pgcmls.beanstack.org. Play online or on paper. A library card number is needed to complete the registration. Contact the Greenbelt Branch Library for assistance in registering, if necessary.

Weekly Storytimes

Tuesday, May 30: Ready 2 Read Storytime, ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 20 people.

Wednesday, May 31: Ready 2 Read Storytime, ages 3 to 5, 10:15 a.m., limit 20 people; Ready 2 Read Storytime, ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 20 people.

Thursday, June 1: Ready 2 Read Storytime, ages 0 to 2, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s) or caregiver(s); Ready 2 Read Storytime, ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m., limit 20 people.

Career Online High School

PGCMLS is offering qualified community members the opportunity to earn an accredited high school diploma and credentialed career certificate through Career Online High School, a program brought to public libraries by Gale, a part of Cengage Learning. Part of the world's first accredited, private online school district, Career Online High School is specifically designed to re-engage adults into the education system and prepare them for entry into post-secondary career education or the workforce. Learn more about Career Online High School at the library or at pgcmls.info.

New Digital Resources

PGCMLS patrons can now achieve their language learning goals with 24/7, free access to Rosetta Stone Library Solution from EBSCO Information Services.

PGCMLS recently added RB-Digital's OnePlay to its digital resources. New are more than 2,000 games downloadable for free and available 24/7, with 1,500 games available for PC and another 500 for Android devices. By month's end, there will be 80 more games, including five virtual reality games.

For more information, call 301-345-5800 or stop by the branch at 11 Crescent Road.

Blood Drive Friday

The Greenbelt Community Center will host a blood drive on Friday, May 26 from 12:30 to 6 p.m. Online registration is no longer being accepted. For assistance, call 1-800-RED CROSS.

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 29 are as follows:

Monday, May 29: Memorial Day; all sites closed.

Tuesday, May 30: split pea soup with crackers, crab salad, Kaiser roll, mixed green salad with French dressing, fresh fruit, cranberry juice

Wednesday, May 31: bruschetta beef, Delmonico potatoes, green beans, wheat bread, fresh fruit, orange juice

Thursday, June 1: creamy paprika chicken, whipped potatoes, baby carrots, wheat bread, rosy pears, cranberry juice

Friday, June 2: breaded pollock, potato wedges, hot cinnamon applesauce, coleslaw, wheat hamburger bun, orange juice

Local College Hosts Information Session

Lancaster Bible College/Capital Seminary and Graduate School (LBC) will host an information session for prospective students interested in earning an accelerated undergraduate or graduate degree. This event will take place Saturday, June 3 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at LBC's Greenbelt site, located at 7852 Walker Drive. Those interested in attending can register by visiting lbc.edu/infosession or by calling 877-793-7227.

Attendees will preview undergraduate or graduate level courses offered through the institution, learn about financial aid options and talk with representatives about the various programs, including online degree programs offered at the Greenbelt site. Complimentary refreshments will be provided.

21st Annual Crazy Quilt Music Festival

The 21st Crazy Quilt Music Festival will be Saturday, June 3 from noon to 8 p.m. in Roosevelt Center. Then the music continues in the New Deal Café till 11:30 p.m.. There will be seven musical acts performing in the square including The Music Workshop for Special Needs Adults, June Star, George Jessup, Red Line Ramblers, The Bachelor and the Bad Actress, Moosejaw, and WTF. The festival is a celebration of the New Deal Cafe's 21st anniversary. In case of rain the concert will be inside the Cafe.

Upcoming Events At the New Deal

Sunday, May 28 from 10:30 a.m. to noon, Deaf Brunch. Deaf and hearing people socialize together using sign language. Newcomers welcome. There is a charge for brunch.

7 to 9 p.m., The Petrified Pickers, an off-the-cuff evening of bluegrass and country classics with some of the area's finest pickers.

Tuesday, May 30, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Susan Jones Jazz Quartet, a violin-led jazz group, playing an exciting and eclectic mix of originals and jazz standards, with a strong emphasis on swing and bossa nova.

Wednesday, May 31, 5:30 to 7 p.m., piano jazz with Jeffrey Greenberg; 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Sharon Knight performs Celtic-inspired songs for poets, adventurers and lovers of mystery.

Thursday, June 1, noon to 2 p.m., Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft ; 7 to 10 p.m., Songwriters' Association of Washington (SAW) Open Mic with Paige Powell.

Friday, June 2, noon to 2 p.m., piano jazz with Jeffrey Greenberg; 6:30 to 8 p.m., jazz and blues piano by John Guernsey; 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., The Allman Others Band. A super-group of the area's best local musicians, this D.C. tribute to The Allman Brothers recreates the mystery and magic of ABB classics. Ghanaian percussionist and world beat master Nana Frimpong adds a distinctive global groove that makes the music fresh and takes it to extra funky heights.

Saturday, June 3, 5 to 6 p.m., classical guitar with Bruce Kritt; 6:30 to 8 p.m., jazz and blues piano by John Guernsey; 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., Fractal Cat, a six-piece rock ensemble that emphasizes classic songwriting, melodic vocals and a multilayered psychedelic rock sound. Original songs combine the spirit of early rock 'n' roll with elements of soul, classic country and electronic music. Musical influences include Chuck Berry, early Pink Floyd and John Coltrane, while lyrical inspirations range from Blake to Buddha.

There is no cover charge at the café; however, patrons can show their appreciation for the performers by dropping money in the tip jars found on every table.

Spaghetti Dinner

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

Spaghetti Dinner
Saturday, June 3
5-7 p.m.
Adults \$10

Children 5-12 \$6
Under 5 free

Baked goods for sale

Saturday is Not For Seniors Only

The Greenbelt City Council's Senior Citizen Advisory Committee will once again host its annual Not For Seniors Only event on Saturday, June 3 starting at 1 p.m. in Room 201 of the Community Center. The 2017 edition of Not For Seniors Only will focus on the subject of Continuum of Care: What are the Next Steps? Christal Batey, community resource advocate for the Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program, will lead the conversation, which will include a discussion of the stages of care for you or your loved ones.

Items of interest to be addressed by Batey include home health, skilled nursing, assisted living and independent living. She will also present an overview of costs associated with different levels of care. Additionally, Batey will provide information about the realities and myths concerning Medicare coverage. Time will be allowed for general questions, and attendees will have an opportunity to schedule an appointment with Batey to discuss their personal situations and ask more specific questions.

In order to assure sufficient resources will be on hand for all attendees, advance registration for this event is required. To register, call 301-345-6660.

New Explorer Post For Law Enforcement

The Greenbelt police are forming a Greenbelt Police Explorer post and will be holding an open house on Friday, June 2 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at 550 Crescent Road.

Applicants must be 14 to 20 years of age, have maintained a minimum 2.0 GPA and be free of felony or misdemeanor convictions.

Participants are offered the opportunity for up-to-date police training, biannual academics and conferences and may assist at city events. The program also includes the opportunity to ride along with officers on patrol.

Events at the Co-op

There is never a dull week at the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket, and this coming week is no exception.

Friday, May 26 offers a free wine tasting featuring Good Dog wines of California from 4 to 7 p.m. As always, there is one dollar off all tasting wines.

The Co-op Supermarket will close at 7 p.m. on May 29 in celebration of Memorial Day. The Co-op Pharmacy will be closed all day Monday.

Wednesday, May 31 is Patron Appreciation Day with five percent discount for all shoppers all day long. From 4 to 7 p.m. is a Patron Day delectable tasting featuring ice cream and store-baked cookies just in time for summer.

Friday, June 2 from 4 to 7 p.m. is a cider tasting showcasing the outstanding hard ciders produced by Bold Rock Hard Cider from the Rockfish Valley in Nellysford, Va. All Bold Rock ciders will be offered at one dollar off their regular price.

Remember to look in the store entrances, follow us on Twitter, Google+ or Facebook to keep up to date on the many events, activities and specials happening at the store.

GHI Notes

Monday, May 29, office closed (Memorial Day). Emergency maintenance service available at 301-474-6011.

Tuesday, May 30, 7:30 p.m., Audit Committee Meeting, Board Room

Thursday, June 1, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room

Friday, June 2, office closed. Emergency maintenance service available at 301-474-6011.

Wednesday, June 7, 7 p.m., Addition Maintenance Program Task Force Meeting, Board Room

Thursday, June 8, 10 a.m., Storm Water Management Task Force Meeting, Board Room

Thursday, June 8, 7 p.m., Board of Directors Orientation Presentation, Board Room

Greenbelt Arts Center COMING SOON

SHE SPEAKS



A guest production from the Rude Mechanicals
June 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17 at 8PM
June 11 at 2PM

Ticket prices: \$22 General Admission, \$20 Students/Seniors/Military, \$12 Youth (12 and under with adult)

COMING SOON

CANCELLED: Off the Cuff: A 48-Hour Play Project - May 27
Murder on the Nile - Jun 23 - Jul 2 - Production of Thunderous Productions
Teresa - Jul 14 - 23 - Production from 7th Street
King Kirby - Jul 28 - Aug 12 - Production from Off the Quill

For information & reservations, call 301-441-8770 or email: info@greenbeltartscenter.org or BOOK TICKETS ONLINE at www.greenbeltartscenter.org

Utopia Film Festival Presents
Sunday, May 28, Wed., May 31, & Fri., June 2nd
Beginning at 8 PM

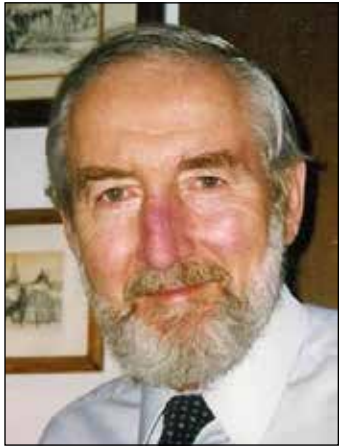
“Radio Cape Cod (2008),” “Hot Afternoon in Montana” and “Drawn From Water (2013)”

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Obituaries



Eli Flam



COURTESY OF FLAM FAMILY

Eli Flam

Eli Flam, of New Smyrna Beach, Fla., died at Florida Hospital on May 19, 2017, from heart failure. He was 83.

Upon moving to Greenbelt in 2003, Flam joined the editorial staff of the Greenbelt News Review, which also carried his regular film reviews. Last August he and his wife relocated to New Smyrna Beach, where they had previously spent many a winter.

Born in New York City, Flam graduated from Brooklyn College with a B.A. in English. Starting out as a copy boy for the New York Times, he subsequently worked as a reporter at The Greenwich Times in Connecticut. In 1956 he was drafted into the Army and sent to Puerto Rico, where he taught English to Spanish-speaking inductees. Upon discharge, Flam returned to journalism, notably working as a reporter for the Patriot Ledger in Quincy, Mass.

In 1964 he brought his journalistic experience to the U.S. Information Agency, serving in Caracas, Barbados and Buenos Aires. His European assignments were to Moscow as press officer in the U.S. Embassy and as cultural attaché to Madrid. During his first tour of duty in Washington D.C., he became head of the Voice of America USSR Division, supervising broadcasts in the Russian, Ukrainian, Georgian, Armenian and Uzbek languages. In a subsequent assignment to VOA, Flam, a fluent Spanish speaker, was head of the Latin American Division, broadcasting to the Southern Hemisphere and the Caribbean.

Upon retirement from the federal government in 1988, he turned again to journalism. While living in Port Tobacco, Md., he started a quarterly journal dedicated to reviews of current books acquired for the Charles County Library, The Reading Lamp, also hosting a monthly cable show, The Reading Lamp TV. In 1995, he became recipient of the Maryland Library Association Outstanding Volunteer Award "for extraordinary efforts" to promote the Charles County Library. Simultaneously he was also contributing to various publications, including the Washington Post.

This was followed by eight years as publisher-editor of a literary quarterly, Potomac Review, which was eventually deeded over to Montgomery College. Flam's novel, Alex and the Eagle, originally serialized in 1994 by New Bay Times Weekly (Dale, Md.), came out in print in 2015 (Amazon).

His first marriage to Carol Cohen ended in divorce. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Ludmila Obolensky-Flam, son George of Chevy Chase, Md., step-daughter Dr. Anna Raevsky of New Smyrna Beach, granddaughter Nicole Sowell and five step-grandchildren.

His ashes will be deposited in an Eternal Reefs site. Donations in his memory can be made to Greenpeace.

Homage to Eli Flam

Eli Flam was a world-traveling newspaperman, novelist and poet – a far voyaging, ink stained wretch. (See obituary.)

Eli was droll, intelligent, kind, a master of the infuriating cornball pun, a superb raconteur and great friend. I think he would like this slightly paraphrased excerpt from Philip Larkin's The Mower: "Next morning I got up and Eli did not.

The first day after a death, the new absence

Is always the same; we should be careful

For each other, we should be kind

While there is still time."

- Jim Link



Rose Remenick



PHOTO COURTESY OF PAUL REMENICK

Rose Remenick

On May 19, 2017, Rose Remenick died, just nine days after her 95th birthday. She was born in Romania in 1922. When she was a year old her family moved to the United States, coming in through Ellis Island, and eventually settling in South Philadelphia. In 1939, at the age of 17, she married Joseph Remenick. Their first son, Dan, was born in 1941. Soon after Dan's birth, Joe accepted a federal government job in the Government Accounting Office and the family then moved to Washington, D.C.

In 1943, their second son, Paul, was born. After Joe overheard people at work talking about this new community of Greenbelt, they put in an application to move there. When they got the call in 1945 that there was a home available for them, Rose and Joe and their two young sons moved to 6-H Plateau Place. Since the family did not own a car at that time, they all moved to Greenbelt in the moving van.

In 1956, as their family was expanding, they moved to a larger home at 1-E Westway. In early 1957 their third son, Jay, was born.

She was devastated when her firstborn son, Dan, died of cancer in 1998.

Over the years Rose and Joe served on many committees for

the city and for GHI, and they were always available when some group needed an extra hand. After Joe died in 2002, she became even more involved in the community, heading up a current events group and serving on the membership committee of the Golden Age Club for 10 years.

She is survived by her son, Paul and his wife Carol, son Jay and his wife Nancy, daughter-in-law Dee Dee, six grandchildren (Becci, Lori, Jessica, Berrigan, Tommy and Barbara), 10 great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department, 125 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 (engine35.com).

Paul and Jay Remenick

Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.

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City Notes

Animal Control staff reports two dogs were abandoned, one turtle was removed from under a vehicle, one snake was removed from a home, one cruelty case was investigated, one dog was found running at large and returned to the owner and one dog was adopted.

Arts staff are preparing the former darkroom space in the Community Center for conversion to a ceramic glazing room. This will enable wheel students to glaze their wares during class time without interrupting a simultaneous hand-building class. Public Works is scheduled to begin their work on the space next week.

Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability crews collected 29.99 tons of refuse and 12.61 tons of recyclable material.

Registration Open For Kindergarten

Kindergarten registration is open for Prince George's County Public Schools. Greenbelt Elementary School would prefer if all kindergartners are registered before the end of this school year on June 13 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/greenbeltes/PB-greenbeltes.aspx?pageid=234930&id=222980.

Boxwood Village Offers Scholarship

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

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



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City Information

MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF MAY 29-JUNE 2

Monday, May 29 at **NO MEETING-MEMORIAL DAY**

Tuesday, May 30 at 3:30pm, **SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: FORA/GAIL update, Widowed Persons update, update on Contribution/Recognition Groups, and Not For Seniors Only: Continuum of Care – What are the next steps?*

Wednesday, May 31 at 7:30pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/School Board Representative** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Thursday, June 1 at 3:30pm, **ETHICS COMMISSION** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. *On the agenda: Review of 2016 Financial Interest Reports.*

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

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.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day. The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of May 29

Monday Route – Collected Tuesday
Tuesday Route – Collected Wednesday
Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday
Thursday Route – Collected Friday
There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, June 2.

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For questions or reservations, contact MPO Hawkins-Graham at 240-437-1810 or email shawkins-graham@greenbeltmd.gov



See the back page for the Greenbelt Day Weekend Schedule. Mark your calendar and help celebrate Greenbelt's 80th Anniversary!

For City Information, Services and Events visit www.greenbeltmd.gov. To access all of the City of Greenbelt Social Media in one place, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/infowall

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Invitation to Bid #2017-1

The City of Greenbelt, Maryland, invites sealed bids for furnishing of material and labor for the repair and re-plastering (white coat) at the main indoor pool of the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center, 101 Centerway, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770.

The Bid Information Packet is available online by visiting the City of Greenbelt website at www.greenbeltmd.gov. All bids must be submitted on the Bid Proposal Form included in the packet. The Bid Proposal form, plus required attachments should be placed in a sealed envelope and addressed as follows;

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Saturday, May 27 from 11am-2:30pm
American Legion-6900 Greenbelt Road
Tickets are \$5.00 each and can be purchased at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter at 550-A Crescent Road.
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We are registered for: Cat Beds, Fleece Blankets, Towels, Kitten Food (both dry and wet), Kitten Replacement Milk, Kitten Bottles, Toys, Heating Pad, Kitten/Cat Collars, Pine Fresh Litter, Litter Pans (smaller the better), Cat Carriers, Cat Trees, Dish Detergent (Lemon Joy is best), Canned Pumpkin, Mineral Oil, Feliway, Cat Nail Clippers and Monetary Donations.



Saturday, June 3 from 10am-2pm
Greenbelt Dog Park- 7201 Hanover Parkway

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Microchip Scanning, Rescue Dogs, Behavior Training Consultation, Raffle Basket, Dog and Cat Food Samples, Community Groups, Information Tables, Food and Drink for sale



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residents moved in and construction was completed, did Greenbelt come to life as a community? Was it the date Greenbelters elected the first town council? The date of the first community gathering? The publication of the first newspaper?

All of those milestones – and more – will be noted and celebrated during an 18-month period beginning in June. During the Greenbelt Legacy commemoration, cultural and civic organizations are partnering with city departments to present a series of events, articles and exhibits highlighting significant events in Greenbelt's early history and their relevance to Greenbelt today. Look for the celebration logo in upcoming articles and event announcements throughout the next year-and-a-half.

The celebration will start with the Artful Afternoon at the Community Center on Sunday, June 4, when the Greenbelt Elementary School chorus will sing a medley from *The Cookie Caper*, a children's musical that commemorates Greenbelt's history. The event will also inaugurate the Message To Tomorrow project, during which citizens are invited to write themselves a letter, which will be mailed back to them in June, 2018.

Extending the Greenbelt Legacy celebration to 18 months will ensure that Greenbelt's first 12 inhabited months are commemorated, along with key founding events. Best of all, Greenbelt's multiple birthdays will provide many opportunities for birthday cake.

and a handful of new expenditures. Staff estimated that changing the fee structure for false alarms would reduce revenues by \$10,000. Director of Planning and Community Development Celia Craze explained that current city policy penalizes companies with good compliance by holding years old violations against them. Currently fines are imposed when a company or person has four violations. If someone had three violations five years ago then has a violation now they would be penalized in the same manner as someone who had had three violations within the same month, for example. This is not fair and not what was likely intended, Craze said. Instead, this proposal would have city practices mimic the county's and reset annually.

Council approved a number of

the smaller additions requested by at least one member including additional funding for the Public Safety Advisory Committee (\$900), added a \$2,500 contingency fund for grants and contributions to cover unexpected needs, \$1,500 to put the city's logo on the trailer expected to be donated for the Community Animal Response Team, \$1,800 for an interpretive panel at the old middle school, \$4,500 toward the past due electric bill at the Old Greenbelt Theatre, \$1,200 for a Labor Day shuttle to Greenbelt West and taking on the salary for the director of the Greenbelt Concert Band. The eventual tab for the theater's electric bill will be \$18,000 based upon a 4-year payment plan.

In addition, council adjusted the amounts given to several city recognition groups, resulting in a net increase of \$3,100. In making these decisions several councilmembers expressed concern about the minimal links between some organizations and Greenbelt, even for groups with Greenbelt in their names. While they did not defund any of those groups there was a desire that those groups seek to increase their services

to Greenbelt or participation by Greenbelters.

Council also reviewed the comments raised at the first public hearing. Some were being acted upon, one was already provided for in the budget and others were held for further research. The comments did not result in any changes to the budget.

The final public hearing on the proposed budget was held on Monday, May 22. Council is expected to approve the budget with their changes at the June 5 regular council meeting.



Yoga and Jazz Free at Montpelier

On Friday, May 26 at 7 p.m. at Montpelier Arts Center in Laurel, breathe in . . . breathe out. Breathing connects yoga, jazz and life to achieve the perfect balance between hard and soft, the firm and flexible and the give and take. Relax and find your center at this evening yoga class with live jazz music. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat.

WSSC Replaces Water Mains, Holds a Meeting at Library

by Robert Candey



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

Workers dig up an old pipe for replacement, at the corner of Maplewood and Lakeside.

Water pipes in parts of Greenbelt are too small and falling apart, according to Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC). The replacement project is underway on Pinecrest, Olive-wood, Maplewood and Lakeview courts, with Lakeside, Northway and Forestway scheduled for completion in June 2018, WSSC said at a community meeting held at the Library on May 15.

Digging started at Pinecrest Court in March. Workers found old three-inch pipes that were corroded and breaking. Some of the three-inch mains had collected iron deposits so long that the main was only a quarter-inch across, a process called tuberculation. The water main on Pinecrest had broken in at least two spots according to Damion Lampley, chief of Utility Services at WSSC.

Residents attending the meeting said there had been problems with the water dating back to 1978, including low pressure and discolored water, primarily iron deposits. Residents from Pinecrest report better water pressure now that their part of the project is completed.

The new water main is multi-

layered zinc-coated ductile iron pipe with polyethylene encasement and cement mortar interior coating designed to last over a century, according to Lampley. The process of hooking up these new pipes involves laying a temporary water line and hookup to houses while the new water main is installed and house hookups are completed. Additional fire hydrants are added as enabled by the larger water mains.

Residents reported the workers have been very pleasant. They kept the area clean and have communicated the process well. The main concerns with the construction project have been with the noise and vibration, incomplete filling in near the sidewalks and loose stones which WSSC promised to fix. When the water is restored after an outage, WSSC recommends running cold water taps for five minutes starting at the highest level and moving to the lowest to clear sediment and trapped air. WSSC will send a plumber on request to flush water heaters. WSSC said to call for water testing whenever there is a concern. Orthophosphates have been added to the water since 2003 to inhibit corrosion, which

was causing pinhole leaks.

Before the final curb and gutter and paving is completed, the sewer lines are checked with a camera to see if any work is needed there. In order to reduce the need to replace the sewer lines, WSSC made a plea to residents to pour grease and fat into a can and wipe greasy plates and pans with paper towels for disposal in the trash, rather than rinsing down the drain. Grease and roots are the two main problems for the sewer system, according to WSSC.

More information is available at WSSC Water Main Replacement wsscwater.com/wmr.

Free Summer Concerts At Bowie Town Center

Bowie Town Center's Saturday Night Concert Series continues on Saturday, May 27 from 7 to 9 p.m. The featured artist this week is Rob Williams Special Occasion Band (R&B). The series is sponsored by Transdev and Dimensions Healthcare System.

Bring a lawn chair or blanket. For a list of dates and participating bands, visit bowietowncenter.com.



PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, June 1, 2017

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

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

- Review Minutes for the May 4, 2017 GHI Special Open Meeting
- Review Minutes for the May 4, 2017 GHI Regular Open Session Meeting
- External Auditor's Updated AU-C §265 Letter with Staff's Comments
- Request from the Member of 8-H Research to Replace an Existing Kitchen Window with a Door
- Request from the Member of 4-D Hillside to Allow the Installation of an Unapproved "Ivy" Rain Barrel
- Buildings Committee's Recommendation re: Shingle Replacement Choices for Frame and Larger Homes
- Communications Committee's Recommendation re: Communications to the Membership
- Review 1st quarter Financial Statements

2. GHI Executive (closed) Session Meeting, 7:00p.m.

- Review Minutes for the May 4, 2017 Closed Meeting
- Discuss a Member's Financial Account
- Request by a Member for an Exception to GHI's Parking Rules
- Contract for Foundation Repairs to an Addition of an unit
- Change Order for Engineering Firm to Supervise Repairs of Foundation Wall for an Addition
- Contract for Repairs to an unit assigned to GHI

3. GDC Regular Open Session Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

- Review Minutes for the April 6, 2017 Open Meeting
- Elect Officers for the Board of Directors during 2017-18
- Proposed Resolution for GFCU - GDC Tenant Security Deposit Account
- Review 1st quarter Financial Statements

4. GDC Executive (closed) Session Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

- Review Minutes for the April 6, 2017 Closed Meeting
- Review Minutes for the April 20, 2017 Closed Meeting

5. GDC Annual Stockholders' Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

- Approve Minutes for the June 2, 2016 Annual Stockholders' Meeting
- Elect Board of Directors for 2017-2018.



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Volunteer and mother, Sandrine Jenzer, helps students from Ms. Hollinsworth's 3rd grade class plant beans.

Art Aides Science for Third Graders

Photos by Ingrid Cowan Hass

Guest artist Lucy Dirksen worked this spring with third graders at Greenbelt Elementary School to observe beans and draw plants during different stages of development. The beans were first planted in the classroom and then transplanted into the courtyard garden.

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, Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts. The program brings local artists into the school to interweave the arts into the curriculum to make learning more engaging and meaningful.



Student drawing of a plant



A homemade trellis for the beans to climb on



A sprouted bean in classroom

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reservations about lowering the voting age but were willing to support directing staff to identify the changes that would need to be made to the charter and draft charter language for the options, since if the change is to be made for the 2017 election, the time to do so is limited. Ultimately, the latter motion was supported 6-0. Regardless of what this motion said, the subsequent vote on whether or not to support the charter amendment resolution is the important vote.

Smith was asked to discuss in greater detail the survey YAC had developed using Survey Monkey to question students at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Of the 159 responses, they found that 20 percent were already registered with the county, which allows youth aged 16 and 17 to register but will not permit them to vote until they are 18. Of those under 18, 92 percent said they would vote if they had the opportunity, and 87 percent overall supported lowering the voting age.

Davis, who has taught younger students, said she knew from experience how excited younger people can become about elections and issues and how important it is to maintain that enthusiasm.

Pope continued to be "not 100 percent convinced" and Putens said he would wait to make a decision until after he saw the proposed charter changes.

Roberts, who serves as the

council liaison to YAC, said he would in general like to see young people much more involved with government issues. "If being able to vote will get them involved, then it's a good thing," he said, adding that he would still prefer to see an advisory referendum question be placed on the 2017 ballot.

Herling applauded YAC for its work and perseverance on this matter and said that on a national level he thought it was necessary to make it easier for people to vote.

Davis said she was afraid putting it on the ballot would result in the same disapproval that appeared on the Community Questionnaire and that she did not think turnout among 16- and 17-year-olds would be so dramatic that it should be a concern.

"We should allow those who are really interested in participating to do so. It's a part of becoming adults," she said, adding that those who want to do it will put a lot of energy and study into it.

Mach, too, praised YAC. Adding that she was once a high school teacher, she said she was sure that being eligible to vote would have resulted in no problems with the students she taught.

When comment was opened to the audience, Lore Rosenthal spoke in support of the change, as well as being in favor of letting younger voters run for office. The issue had been raised of

whether the charter should clarify that the age for running for city council will remain at 18, as is the case in Takoma Park and Hyattsville.

Janet Walenta opposed the idea of a referendum, saying, "It's not always good to ask people who can vote to say who else can vote."

Lois Rosado had the last word. She rejected the ideas of having a referendum or a forum and said to the council: "It is really important that everyone listen to these young people. Some young people want to participate in the election of those who represent them. Some young people are saying, 'Let us contribute to our city.' It's time that you make that happen."

If and when a charter amendment resolution is introduced, it will be voted on at a second meeting. If adopted, it will become effective 50 days later if it has not been petitioned to a referendum by those opposing it within 40 days of passage.

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Greenbelt residents chosen by city advisory boards and committees, then develops a recommended amount. Application criteria and the limits of the city manager's Recognition Group budget were all used to make determinations; a 100-point scale determined by the panel evaluating each group's "overall strength and their capacity to fulfill their proposals," according to the city's Grant Review Panel Report, was also taken into consideration.

The city's 2018 proposed budget for these groups is \$81,400 and the proposed allocations came in at \$81,255. In several cases, the recommended amounts were lower than the requested amounts. However, as was stressed at several points during the meeting, the recommended amount could increase or decrease after the final budgetary assessments are made by the council.

In addition, each group is now required to match the amount bestowed by the city. This can be accomplished in many ways: dues, registration fees, donations, sales of memberships, tickets or goods and other grant incomes. Beyond the financial concerns, council felt that this policy creates a greater appreciation of the monies provided and a stimulus to the groups to develop their own avenues for raising funds. This new funding procedure was approved at the October 10, 2016 council meeting. A final judgment on the efficacy of this system is pending, following the completion of the budget.

Recognition groups may apply for either of two types of grants: project and operating. Project grants require a group to have recognition status for the entire fiscal year prior to their application. A program may not exceed 12 months and includes festivals, artist's residences and specific community service initiatives. The operating grant covers expenses such as salaries and wages, contractual services, facility rent and utilities, fundraising expenses, marketing costs, and supplies and equipment. To be eligible for an operating grant, a group must have received city funding in the past.

Recognition status itself bestows the following privileges: limited free use of Recreation Department facilities in accordance with facility guidelines, inclusion in listings of contacts in city and print online publications

as space allows and the opportunity to apply the following fiscal year for a project grant. This is according to the Policy and Information Guide for Recognition Groups. Status must be renewed yearly, by an online application. To be eligible, a group must provide services that enhance the community, be open to all and support the community pledge in support of diversity and inclusion. The group must be non-profit and non-religious. Liability insurance must be acquired for applicable activities, as well as background checks, if needed.

Most of the groups represented at the worksession have had long relationships with the city, some going back decades, with a fairly consistent monetary allotment each year. Two recent additions to Greenbelt devoted to youth support are The Gemz and Boys to Men Mentoring. The Gemz looks to empower young women ages 11 to 18 in the areas of leadership, health and self-esteem, and to aid in college preparation. A large percentage of their nearly 40 regular participants are from Greenbelt Middle School. Boys to Men Mentoring is a nationwide program and follows a similar mandate for young men ages 13 to 17. Group leader Walter Augustine expressed the need for young men to have an older male role model available for advice and support to navigate the possible difficulties of this crucial age range. Begun 20 years ago, the local affiliate already has a strong presence at Takoma Park Middle School, but is now looking to expand to Greenbelt Middle School. Augustine emphasized the need for more youth participants, as they currently have a preponderance of mentors. Both of these groups use the Community Center for their meetings.

First time applicant Greenbelt MakerSpace endeavors to offer a creative environment focused on arts and crafts, a woodshop and even a 3D printer. A particular emphasis is on science and technology, including computers, robotics and micro-electronics. There currently are 125 members.

This meeting displayed the wide range of positive programs now available in the city. A final budget worksession is scheduled for May 17, followed by a regular meeting on May 22. The final FY 2018 budget will be determined at the council meeting June 5.

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101 Riders Participate May 19 In Annual Bike to Work Day

by Connor Roessler

The City of Greenbelt hosted their sixth pit stop event as part of Bike to Work Day on Friday, May 19. One hundred one riders participated. The annual event is sponsored to promote bicycling as a sustainable, fun and healthy way to get to work. Bicycling positively impacts the environment because it produces less than one-tenth of the climate-warming carbon emissions of traditional passenger car commutes. Biking also reduces local air pollution that cars and buses create, such as nitrogen oxides and particulate matter.

Greenbelt's pit stop event included swag bags and T-shirts given to registered riders, water

and snack giveaways, a yoga stretch with bikes, raffle prizes given to approximately two dozen riders throughout the event, free bicycle check-ups, information from the Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA) and convoys of riders to downtown D.C. An interactive map allowed riders to trace routes from home to the pit stop and from the pit stop to work. A zero-waste station provided by Public Works helped to sort recycling from landfill waste and collected 10 pounds of compostables.

Donations were provided by Anacostia Trails Heritage Area, Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy, DrinkMore wa-

ter, Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation, Bee Yoga Fusion, Proteus Bicycles, BicycleSPACE and Arrow Bicycle. Bee Yoga Fusion led the stretching session and Paul Lemieux from Proteus Bicycles offered mechanic services to riders during the event. WABA provided registration support and Commuter Connections contributed T-shirts.

Since the inception of the Greenbelt pit stop, over 350 riders have registered for Bike to Work. Greenbelt's recreation supervisor, Di Quynn-Reno, coordinated the event.



PHOTO BY JULIE MAGNESS

Residents do yoga stretches on their bikes.



PHOTO BY CONNOR ROESSLER

From left are Greenbelt residents ready to leave Greenbelt, Michael Reinsel, Luisa Robles, and Bill Norwood, riding to work at Beltsville, Greenbelt and College Park, respectively.



PHOTO BY JULIE MAGNESS

Residents mark their route on the map to and from work, the pit stop and home.



PHOTO BY GLORIA A. BROWN

Red fox roaming the woods and the pathway searching for food at Buddy Attick Park.

National Trails Day Bioblitz

National Trails Day Bioblitz will be on Saturday, June 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Schrom Hills Park. National Trails is recruiting naturalists and note-taker volunteers; no experience necessary. Training and materials will be provided. Participants should wear weather-appropriate clothing, closed-toe shoes and bring a reusable water bottle. High school students should bring service learning forms.

RSVP to Connor Roessler at croessler@greenbeltmd.gov or 240-542-2150. Sponsored by the City of Greenbelt Department of Public Works and Greenbelt Biota.

Homeschoolers Field Trip

by Li'l Dan Celdran



PHOTO BY HELENA SANTOS-COLLINS

Homeschoolers visit one room schoolhouse.

Greenbelt homeschoolers visited Seneca One Room Schoolhouse on May 12.

Boasts the website: A carefully researched 19th century school day program is taught by a trained and costumed teacher. The session is given from 10 to 2 p.m. with time out for lunch and outdoor games. This field

trip is designed for fourth grade students as local history, but can be tailored to any age, including mixed-age groups. We're confident that scholars of all ages will find the 19th century time travel appealing, informative and fun. We found this to be true!

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Climate Change Education Games at Public Works

by Erin Josephitis

The City of Greenbelt Public Works is committed to raising awareness about climate change and sharing resources to reduce the carbon footprint, or impact on the planet. On May 18, Connor Roessler, Chesapeake Conservation Corps Member, attended the Maryland Association for Environmental & Outdoor Education Youth Summit to present Greenbelt's Extreme Weather Watershed Model. Roessler used the model to inform students and teachers from across Maryland about the importance of green infrastructure to combat flooding and nutrient pollution during increased storm events caused by climate change. Students identified the benefits of many stormwater best management practices and designed sustainable landscapes with rain gardens, rain barrels, green roofs and pervious pavement.

On May 20, Public Works featured climate change and environmental education games as part of the sustainability display at its Open House. Community members of all ages had fun learning that small individual actions can lead to big community impacts. Public Works handed out free, reusable grocery bags and reusable water bottles as an effort to promote zero waste to the landfill. John Lippert, chair of Green ACES/Green Team, demonstrated how replacing incandescent with LED light bulbs is a great way to reduce energy use and promoted the borrowing of Kill-a-Watt meters and thermal leak detectors.

Everyone values shade from trees on a hot day and the beauty and aroma of flowers blossoming in the spring. Greenbelt's Urban Heat Island model showed how the temperature changes among



PHOTO BY ERIN JOSEPHITIS

Climate change and environmental education games were featured as part of the sustainability display at the Public Works Open House. This photo was taken at the Schrom Fest in 2015.

various landscapes. Parking lots and roadways generate a lot more heat than areas with dense vegetation and tree canopy. Opportunities were identified to replace these areas with native trees and pollinator garden plantings.

The Decomposition Timeline was used to display the length of time it takes for various materials to break down. Polystyrene (Styrofoam) never goes away. That's one of the reasons it has been banned by businesses in Prince George's County since July 1, 2016. On the other hand, organic matter like orange or banana peels can decompose in compost bins in a matter of weeks.

Another display informed players how to upcycle waste into new products with TerraCycle. The TerraCycle drop-off center was made possible thanks to grant funds from the Alice Ferguson Foundation and the Jim Cassels Award. The interac-

tive recycling right display and toss game depicted where curbside recyclables, hard-to-recycle recyclables, materials accepted for TerraCycle and landfill trash should be deposited.

Finally, the pet waste game generated awareness about the importance of scooping pet poop every time and trashing it to protect the health of pets, children and the watershed. The City of Greenbelt Public Works, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Companion Animal Committee and Prince George's County Department of Environment worked together on the pet waste education program.

Climate change and environmental education kits are great resources for classrooms, scout troops, adults and senior groups. For more information, contact Erin Josephitis, environmental coordinator, at ejosephitis@greenbeltmd.gov or 240-542-2168.

Kitten Shower May 27 at Legion

Well-Wishers for the Animals of the Greenbelt Shelter (WAGS) will hold a Kitten Shower at the American Legion Post 136 on Saturday, May 27 from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

Guests will have the opportunity to buy raffle tickets. Kittens from the Greenbelt Shelter will be available for adoption.

WAGS will also be collecting shower gifts for kittens at the event as well as for the puppies who recently arrived at the shelter. Items on the wish list include cat beds, fleece blankets, towels, kitten food, kitten replacement milk, kitten bottles, toys, heating pads/Snuggle Safes™, kitten/cat collars, pine fresh litter, small litter pans, cat carriers, cat trees, Lemon Joy dish detergent, canned pumpkin, mineral oil, Feliway, cat nail clippers and monetary donations. Puppies are in need of dry puppy food, puppy wipes and toys.

Donations may be sent to WAGS, P.O. Box 1672, Greenbelt, MD 20768-1672 or call at 301-474-6124.



Weekend Events

Last weekend was a busy weekend in Greenbelt. Residents could have been out all day Saturday starting with Adaptive Kayaking Experience on Greenbelt Lake. On their way out of the Park they could have stopped by the Public Works Open House and seen the bucket trucks and demonstrations, played games, taken tours and eaten some lunch. The most committed people could then have headed over to Springhill Lake Recreation Center for the Celebration of Spring. There were arts and crafts, inflatables, video game screens, a magician, informational tables, food and live music. A few other events from this weekend included the very popular Bike to Work event on Friday and the Linux Install Day at MakerSpace on Saturday. The first weekend in June will be another busy weekend of fun with the city's 80th anniversary events. Greenbelt has a lot going on these weekends.



Hunter Siadys climbs out of a large vehicle at the Public Works Open House.



On left, residents enjoy the Celebration of Spring.



Residents learn about Adaptive Kayaking before heading out on the Lake.



Councilmember Judith Davis, Leta Mach and artist Gina Mai Denn admire the new ceramic tile panels which have been installed in the computer lab at Springhill Lake Recreation Center. The tile panels were created as a community art project at an Artful Afternoon, facilitated by Denn, Mary Gawlik, and Jan Marrow.



Residents enjoy the Celebration of Spring at Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

All photos were somehow taken by Beverly Palau.

The Role of Bees

On Tuesday, May 30 and Wednesday, May 31 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. children ages 3 and 4 can learn about bees. Come learn why bees have an even more important role than just making gardens beautiful.

Public programs at the Patuxent Research Refuge are free although advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887.

For more information visit the website at fws.gov/refuge/patuxent.

The Visitor Center is on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 197.

See Raptors Reign At Research Refuge

On Saturday, May 27 from 1 to 3 p.m. join special guest and licensed falconer Rodney Stotts, who shares the power of nature through discussions and up close encounters with birds of prey. This is a drop in program for all ages and no registration is required.

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Owl Fascination At Patuxent Refuge

On Saturday, May 27 from 10 to 11 a.m., kids ages 7 to 15 can learn how owls can find food in total darkness and how they can stand to eat a smelly skunk. Learn about these nocturnal hunters and dissect an owl pellet.

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Free Talk on Bariatric Surgery, Weight Loss

On Friday, May 26 at 9 a.m. Doctors Community Hospital will have a free bariatric surgery and weight loss lecture presented by Hitesh Amin, M.D., board-certified surgeon and medical director, Bariatric and Weight Loss Center.

Amin also educates people about advanced surgical procedures that are covered by most insurance plans. One such bariatric surgery procedure uses the daVinci robot, which may result in reduced pain, shorter hospitalization and faster recovery. The lecture will take place at the Professional Office Building, Suite 210, 8116 Good Luck Road. Registration is required by calling 301-324-4968 or 240-965-4405.

Community Fair and Picnic Sunday June 4 10 AM to 3 PM

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ERHS Junior ROTC Cadets Chosen for Air Patrol Flights

The following is a compilation of contributions from Colonel George Ryan USAF (Ret.), Senior Aerospace Science Instructor at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) and Cadets Staff Sergeant Mi Le, Staff Sergeant Joshua Le, and 2nd Lieutenant Brennan Biggs on background and recent activities of the ERHS Junior ROTC program.

From Col. Ryan

Prince George's County Public Schools has Junior ROTC programs in most of the county's high schools. Many are Air Force, but there are also Army and Navy programs. These programs are not recruiting activities for the military. They are more appropriately considered citizenship programs that are sponsored by the military services and that prepare students for the real world.

There are cadets in all four years of high school. Cadets are the leaders of the activities, with guidance from the two instructors.

On April 2, the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) unit, MD-901, participated in a cadet orientation flight program with the Apollo 1 Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol at Tipton Airport. The cadets were given a hands-on introduction to aviation. One of Civil Air Patrol's three missions is aerospace education and this opportunity was mutually beneficial.

On April 12, MD-901 took a field trip to Dover Air Force Base, Delaware. On this trip, approximately 45 cadets and their instructors got the opportunity to fly as passengers on a U.S. Air Force C-17 cargo plane. This was a regular training mission for the Air Force. Cadets saw all phases of flight, including air-to-air refueling.

Many of the students commented on the youth of the aircrew members flying them at Dover, realizing there were only a few years difference between the cadets and the aviators.

Cadet Account

Cadets from Eleanor Roosevelt High School's Air Force Junior ROTC (AFJROTC) program participated in orientation flights with the Apollo 1 Squadron of Civil Air Patrol (CAP) in April. Eight cadets were chosen to fly in two trips at different times. The people at Tipton Airport were very welcoming and kind. As soon as we arrived, we were offered doughnuts and drinks. Parents sat at a table and the cadets anticipated their flight. We would go out and watch other cadets as they landed back at Tipton.

The first thing we did was listen to a presentation given by Major Derek Rustvold. We went through safety and procedural information, how to read weather reports and the history of CAP. After that, we went to our assigned pilots; I was assigned to Major Pat Hempen. We spent a little time going over our route and more procedural information. After getting to know our pilot a bit, we were led out to the planes. Our pilots went over how they would check the plane before taking off. My partner, Kenny Yim, was the one who helped pilot the plane first. Our pilot talked Kenny through on

how to take off and assisted Kenny during it. Eventually, we took off and the feeling of taking off was exhilarating. Sitting in the back allowed cadets to see the land below, while sitting in the pilot seat allowed cadets to take control of the plane for a bit. Cadets were allowed to take pictures and videos.

Our route took us to Carroll County where we took a snack break. After our break we switched, so I piloted the plane while Kenny sat in the back. Major Hempen was extremely kind and helpful when instructing me on how each control works. He often encouraged us, which helped Kenny and me become more comfortable. Having the headset on was a lot louder than expected; there were a lot of reports from nearby airports. We looked at a screen in front of us, which showed the route we were taking. Our job in the air was to remain on route. The ride back was peaceful, and when it was time to land, Major Hempen took over. Once we landed, we talked about our experiences in the plane as we waited for the other flight to come back. Once everybody came back, we had a small award assembly. As the trip came to an end, we said our goodbyes and thank-yous for allowing us to take part in a rewarding experience.

Cadet Account of Dover AFB

On April 11, 42 cadets from Eleanor Roosevelt High School Air Force Jr. ROTC (AFJROTC), MD-901, met at 5 a.m. to go to Dover AFB in Delaware. The cadets were sleepy and tired but they were also eager for the trip, after waiting for months. These cadets, picked by Chief Hollis and Colonel Ryan, are some of the best cadets of the corps.

As the cadets arrived they were issued items for the trip

and then boarded the bus for the nearly two hour bus ride.

Once the cadets reached Dover AFB they met with members of the 3d Airlift Squadron who were responsible for preparing the flight and the cadets safety. The cadets were then briefed on the plane they were to ride on, the C-17 Globemaster III, and also what the plane was used for. The cadets were even told that they were the first JROTC unit to fly



Eleanor Roosevelt High School Junior ROTC cadets with the Apollo 1 Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol at Tipton Airport at Fort Meade

Photos Courtesy of George Ryan



Eleanor Roosevelt High School Junior ROTC cadets at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware

at Dover AFB.

The cadets then proceeded to the C-17 and prepared for takeoff. Two cadets proceeded up to the cockpit and participated in takeoff. While in flight, two other cadets were selected to watch a mid-flight refueling. In a mid-flight refuel, the C-17 (or any plane being refueled) flew behind and under a tanker. As the two planes remained at constant speeds, the tanker would extend a boom and connect with the C-17. During two periods of the flight, cadets were allowed to move freely in the cargo bay of the aircraft. Some were more nervous than

others, but everyone was excited and having fun. The cadets took pictures, marveled at the amazing view of the Atlantic Ocean, and even attempted to drill! The cadets then returned to Dover AFB with an amazing experience and a great day.

After the flight, the cadets were taken to a museum where they were allowed to walk around and explore as well as buy souvenirs. Many cadets found great joy in buying small keepsakes of the adventure they had. Afterwards, they boarded the bus once again to go to their final stop: Chick-fil-A. As everybody re-

ceived their orders, they boarded the bus once again to enjoy their food together on the ride back home to Eleanor Roosevelt High School. On the ride back home, some looked back on their trip, some had their own conversations, and others rested. Once the cadets arrived back at school, everybody wished each other goodbye and said their thanks for the opportunity to go to Dover AFB.

The trip would not have happened without the help of Colonel Ryan, Chief Hollis, the personnel on Dover AFB, and the 3d Airlift Squadron. It was truly an amazing opportunity for MD-901.



Memorial Day



American Legion Post 136, Greenbelt Community
honor those who died serving in the United States' armed services

Join Greenbelt American Legion members and Greenbelt community as we honor those who showed the last measure of devotion to their country.

As we form at Greenbelt's Memorial Garden America's military continues to fight in conflicts in Afghanistan and other areas. From the daily news reports we see the full cost of war. During the more than decade of fighting in Afghanistan and Iraq more than 7,000 American soldiers have died.

As an American Legion organization and as a community, with our Memorial Day services, we meet our moral obligation to not forget those who have fallen in America's military conflicts.

Please join us at the Greenbelt War Memorial at Centerway at 11 am to participate in ceremonies conducted by Greenbelt City Council, Greenbelt American Legion and other dignitaries.

After the event a buffet luncheon will be served at 12 pm at the American Legion Post 136 at 6900 Greenbelt Rd.



Old Greenbelt Theatre: A Staple to the Community

Molly Higgins

Nearly 80 years ago, the Greenbelt Theater screened its first movie, charging 30 cents for adults and 15 cents for kids. Today, it's \$9 for adults and \$5 for kids. One of the oldest businesses in the City of Greenbelt remains a valuable asset to the community.

The single screen movie theater was completed in 1938, initially running as a cooperative much like many other businesses in Greenbelt at the time. Members of the community would work to staff the theater making all decisions including what to sell at the concessions and what film to play, according to the theater's website.

Recently the theater has seen many changes, experiencing an expansive remodel in 2014-2015 by the city. In Spring 2015, the city and Friends of Greenbelt signed a contract to operate the theater as a community based non-profit organization.

Siobhan Hagan, director of Public Programs and Outreach at Old Greenbelt Theatre spoke on some of the challenges that the theater has faced and what makes the theater special to her.

Q. What makes the theater so important to the City of Greenbelt today?

A. The Old Greenbelt Theatre is a focal point in the community, offering Greenbelt a warm, family-like environment where guests are entertained and educated. While we offer much for the surrounding area, we also offer rare programming in a nationally historic and recently renovated space that brings in guests from around the world.

Q. What challenges has the Old Greenbelt Theatre had to overcome?

A. A big challenge would be operating as a non-profit, rather than a for-profit model: this is always difficult as we strive to provide free community programming and educational opportuni-

ties to learn about media, while also operating a movie theater with customer service-oriented staff and quality concessions. Another challenge is being a single screen theater: many other theaters have multiple screens, bringing in more guests and donations due to their varied programming.

Q. What type of community involvement does the theater still have today?

A. There is a lot of community involvement! Many of our staff and volunteers are Greenbelt residents or originally from Greenbelt, and help to foster cooperative relationships with other organizations and groups.

Q. What type of programs does Old Greenbelt Theatre offer?

A. The theater frequently offers free and community-centered programming. For example, our Monday Matinee series is always free, as is our We the People series, sponsored by the Maryland Humanities. Another great free series that we have is our Storytime on Screen series, in partnership with the PG County Memorial Library System: young children read a book on the screen with a librarian, followed by a short film and a crafting activity.

Q. What do you love most about the theater?

A. While it's hard to choose just one thing, I personally love the fact that the theater made a commitment to motion picture film exhibition: they still have working 35 mm changeover projectors, in addition to working 16 mm projection and a collection of rare 16 mm films that will be more included into programming in the near future. Also, the local concessions: there are not many other movie theaters out there where you can get Old Bay on your popcorn AND in your chocolate.

Molly Higgins is a University of Maryland student in journalism writing for the Greenbelt News Review.

Ruth White Selected as David Craig Scholarship Winner

by Douglas A. Mangum

On Tuesday, May 16, in the Eleanor Roosevelt High School auditorium, this year's David Craig Memorial Scholarship Fund (DCMF) recipient, Ruth White, was announced and recognized in front of a crowd including administrators, teachers, her peers, her mom and her younger sister. Ruth was presented with a check for \$2500, the first of four as she begins her continuing education journey from high school graduate to college freshman.

Ruth's path has been marked with large signs, the first of which reads "leader." She is the president of two organizations, the Asian Student Association and the International Cancer Alliance for Research and Education. She is a coach for the Greenbelt Swim Team, and an instructor and life-guard at the Greenbelt Aquatics and Fitness Center. Ruth is an officer for the ESOL Bridge Program for international students, where she tutors. She has been a four-year member of her class council using her artistic talents to make banners and helping with decorations for activities, becoming the official artist for the class of 2017. She was a member of the Junior State of America and a secretary for the History Club.

Another sign along her path is "competitor." Ruth has been a competitive swimmer throughout her high school career. She has been the only female member of the school's Ultimate Frisbee Team since its inception. She has also competed at the national Future City Competition where her imagination, research, design and engineering skills helped build cities of the future. She was a Mathematics Contest winner, and competed in the National History Day Competitions along with high school science fairs in the environmental science division. She is currently involved in the WISP program focusing on water run-off. Her research focuses on water quality and chemical absorption for various surfaces in hopes of determining what surfaces outside of grass have the best absorption percentages and

water quality.

An additional sign is "volunteer." Ruth has accumulated 671 service hours. Her experiences as a volunteer range from children's summer camp to Doctors Community Hospital where she performs many functions to make the nurses and patients life a bit easier.



Ruth White, 2017 DCMF Scholarship recipient

PHOTO BY COURTESY RUTH WHITE

"Artist" may be the biggest and brightest sign along Ruth's path as she draws (pun intended) out her passion and love through creative expression. She is an illustrator, a writer, a musician and vocalist, using her voice, trombone, violin and bass guitar as instruments to showcase her talents. Two authors asked her to illustrate their children's books which fueled her passion for children and to pursue teaching as a profession.

Towson University will be the next stop this fall along Ruth's path to becoming an elementary school teacher. Ruth desires to impart knowledge to others and teach her future students to navigate society and make a difference in the world. She is already making a difference in the world. Her interest in knowing more about the person of Jesus led to a home Bible study for her family. As a perfect hostess she set up the study with materials and refreshments. She often led the discussions with insightful questions and thoughtful deliberations. Because of this she was invited to be guest speaker for Missions and Evangelism Day where she shared her experiences with Christianity. Her presentation

included what she had learned, what she wished she knew and what she found surprising about Christianity. Ruth's moving reflections capture the essence of Christian theology.

One of Ruth's greatest talents is her ability to balance all these interests and activities with family while being a well-rounded multi-talented young woman. Having lost her father at the tender age of 10 Ruth has been a wonderful example for her younger sister. Ruth's short bio submitted to the selection committee was profound and poignant. She sets imagination as the true sign of her completeness. She has traveled as a princess warrior, loving daughter, caring friend, president, artist, competitive swimmer, energetic team member, scientist, mathematician, public speaker and "balancer" of endeavors.

Here are a few self-described quotes from Ruth's bio. "I grew up in a small town, but in my mind I grew up in a big world." "Imagination comes in handy when planning a meeting, coaching my swimmers or even cheering up a friend." "We aren't supposed to stop imagining, we are supposed to get better at it." She states, "I love how unexposed kids are to the world. I want to teach them. I'm not going to limit their thoughts by just teaching answers, I want to expand their minds. Telling them stories, taking them on adventures and talking to them about what it means to be a human with a mind, a heart and a body." "I want to be a teacher like my mom. To show kids the world not for just what it is but for what it can be."

Ruth's most alluring sign is that of the beautiful gift of imagination, a sign that personifies her as an intensive caring and playful individual. As an active young person with varied interests and gifts she displays wonderment and enthusiasm that instills passion in those she comes in contact with. She is an individual that ERHS, the City of Greenbelt and the David Craig Memorial Scholarship Fund is proud to have representing them. Congratulations to Ruth White, the David Craig Memorial Scholarship 2017 recipient!

Douglas Mangum is president of the David Craig Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Greenbelt Nursery School is enrolling for fall 2017. Openings are available in our 4 day Afternoon Class and 5 day Morning Class for 3 & 4 year olds. For more information call: 301-474-5570 or go to our website: greenbeltnurseryschool.org

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Sexual Assault

May 20, 1:30 a.m., 9100 block of Edmonston Road. A man entered a residence through a partially open window of a first-floor bedroom in which there was a woman. He implied he had a handgun, sexually assaulted her and then fled. He is described as black, approximately 19 years old, 5'7" tall, 150 pounds, with a heavy build, wearing a black and white long-sleeve jacket, grey shorts and white socks.

Anyone having information is asked to call Greenbelt Police at 301-474-7200.

Robbery

May 13, 2:15 a.m., 200 block Lakeside Drive. A taxi driver picked up a fare near Seventh and H Streets, N.E. in Washington, D.C. and drove him to the 200 block Lakeside Drive, where he asked the driver for change. As the cabbie pulled money out of his pocket, the man grabbed it and fled on foot.

Assault

May 10, 10:30 p.m., Greenbelt Road near the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. A woman in her vehicle in the 5900 block Greenbelt Road became involved in a verbal altercation with three men and two women in another vehicle. When she drove away they followed her in their vehicle and then pulled up alongside her car. One of the occupants then leaned out of their vehicle and began striking her car with a baseball bat, shattering it. Another occupant of that car produced what appeared to be a long rifle and pointed it at her vehicle. They then fled in what is described as a small 4-door silver car.

May 13, 8 p.m., Springhill Drive near Springhill Lane. Three people wearing masks got out of an older model black passenger car and approached a man walking to the bus stop. They asked him, "where's your boy at?" and then punched him several times. The injured man fled. He said a similar incident occurred a day earlier and involved two masked people. The injured man was transported to a hospital for treatment of minor injuries.

Theft

May 14, 8:30 p.m., 6100 block Greenbelt Road. An unattended cell phone was taken from a shopping cart at Target.

May 15, 8 a.m., 7500 block Greenway Center Drive. Two laptop computers were taken from a medical office.

May 15, 1:30 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. The victim lost his wallet, which was recovered and turned in a short time later with the driver's license and a credit card missing.

May 16, 2 a.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. A semiautomatic handgun was taken from a residence.

May 16, 4 p.m., 7500 block Greenway Center Drive. Credit cards were taken from an unattended purse at an office suite on May 2.

Counterfeit Money

May 17, 12:45 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A man passed counterfeit currency at Super Beauty. He is described as black, 22 to 27 years old, 6' tall, 185 pounds, with hair in long deadlocks, wearing a white T-shirt and blue jeans.

Trespass

May 12, 1:34 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. A 17-year-old Greenbelt youth and a 16-year-old nonresident were arrested for trespass after they were found on the grounds of Greenbriar Condominiums. They were returned to Eleanor Roosevelt High School pending action by the school board and Juvenile Justice System.

Burglary

May 10, 3:50 p.m., 7900 block Mandan Road. A television, notebook-type computer, clothing and change were taken after a residence was entered.

May 12, 5 p.m., 8100 block Mandan Road. A window screen was pried off in an apparent attempt to break into a residence. Entry was not gained.

May 14, 1 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. A vacant apartment was broken into. Nothing appeared to have been damaged.

Vandalism

May 13, 11:37 a.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane. The welcome mat in front of a residence was vandalized.

May 17, 10:53 a.m., 135 Crescent Road. A window in the St. Hugh school building was broken.

Vehicle Crime

Nineteen vehicle crimes were reported. Three of these involved stolen tags. Temporary tag Md. T183482 was taken from the 6000 block Greenbelt Road and rear tag Md. 8AG2539 from the 6100 block Breezewood Court.

Rear motorcycle tag Va. 940310 was taken from the 100 block Centerway.

Nine crimes involved the breaking of windows to gain entry prior to thefts. Two of these thefts occurred in the 7500 block Hanover Parkway (gym bag) and 5900 block Cherrywood Lane (power tools).

Items taken from four vehicles in the 7500 block Greenway Center Drive on May 10 consist of a travel bag, purse, wallet and book bag. A witness saw a man reach into a vehicle, remove the book bag and then enter a blue Barwood taxi cab and flee. Three more thefts also occurred on May 10 in the 6000 block Greenbelt Road. Taken were a cell phone and pair of sunglasses; wallet; and package of hair extensions.

Two thefts involved unlocked vehicles. Clothing, money and prescription medicine were taken in the 5500 block Cherrywood Lane. In the 6900 block Hanover Parkway a woman left her purse in her unlocked car to talk with a nearby neighbor. She then saw a man wearing a white hooded sweatshirt, dark pants, black gloves and a mask open her driver's door, take her purse and flee on foot.

Five instances of vandalism were reported. In the 7900 block Mandan Road a window was broken out and four tires and rims were taken from the same vehicle. Windows were also broken out in 46 Court Crescent Road and the 7500 block Greenway Center Drive, where the body of the same car was also damaged.

Two vehicles in the 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace each had one tire slashed on May 15.

CARES Needs: More Space, Funding and Bilingual Staff

by Diane Oberg

When Greenbelt CARES Director Liz Park sat down to discuss the Fiscal Year 2018 proposed budget with the Greenbelt City Council, she reported one piece of good news: according to Delegate Tawanna Gaines, CARES will receive state funding in FY18, in contrast to prior years. Manager Nicole Ard's proposed budget calls for spending \$1.07 million on CARES. \$725,800 of that will go to the CARES account, \$675,300 of which is for personnel expenses. Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) would get \$273,000 and the Green Ridge House Service Coordination, which helps seniors to stay in their homes, would be funded at \$73,600, with \$59,000 of that funded through a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grant and \$27,700 from a transfer from Green Ridge House.

Needs

CARES continues to have several unmet needs, however, including that CARES has no Spanish speaking counselors. According to Park, they have had no bilingual applicants despite including this as a desired skill in job postings. She suspects CARES' largely part-time positions are competing with organizations offering full-time jobs.

Stressing that the city needs this capability, Mayor Emmett Jordan suggested biting the bullet and funding a full-time Spanish speaking counselor. Park suggested beginning with a contractual position instead. Councilmember Judith Davis did call for adding funds to increase the hours authorized for the case manager/counselor to 32 (up from 28) to a list that she did not want to call council's "wish list."

CARES also needs space not only for its staff but for its burgeoning files, which by law must be maintained for seven years after a client leaves the program. Clients often remain in the program for many years and have active files that must be kept on site or in an accessible location.

GAIL has reconfigured its office to accommodate the additional staff but they also share space with interns and a county social worker.

The city has explored the possibility of renting space in the former Greenbelt Middle School, but a number of concerns arose, including the cost of bringing the space up to code. Prince George's County Public Schools also reportedly insisted on maintaining camera coverage of the space, which would violate the confidentiality CARES promises

those receiving services. In addition, Davis noted that the school system wanted to retain the right to kick the city out of the space whenever it wanted to.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts urged council to reconsider the middle school option, saying he was not yet ready to give up on the space. He felt CARES has been underfunded from its inception and council should spend money if necessary to get them a more workable space. Jordan raised the possibility of putting CARES in the Community Center but Roberts objected saying that the city should keep as much space there as possible for citizen use.

In response to a previous council request to shift the CARES program to another night so that council could broadcast Wednesday worksessions, Park explained that such a move would be a huge undertaking. Jordan, among others, has expressed his desire to make broadcasting of Wednesday meetings a reality, but Roberts stated that he would not support moving CARES to another night.

Calling the recent suicides in the city alarming, Park noted that CARES has added a mental health assessment to its website, one that youth or their parents can use along with other resources available to them.

Hoarders

CARES is currently leading a hoarding task force in conjunction with other city departments, Park said. They are currently working to establish criteria for evaluating hoarders, how best to serve them and how to make sure that all applicable departments are involved. They also plan to work with Greenbelt Homes, Inc. She expects the group to have a report by the end of the calendar year.

GAIL

Park also updated council on the GAIL program, another service available through CARES. In response to a question from Councilmember Konrad Herling on the number of GAIL clients facing eviction and how they are assisted, Park said they typically get 40 to 50 calls per year and are able to help about half of those financially based on certain criteria including Greenbelt residency and amount of debt. While all clients get some assistance through city or county resources, she explained, the size of some debts are beyond the assistance that GAIL can provide. She added that they often refer callers to the county for assistance in finding subsidized housing.

Green Ridge House

The demographic of the Green Ridge House population is changing, as there are fewer seniors and more disabled residents. This in turn results in a shift in the services that the city provides, according to officials. Roughly a quarter of the current residents are disabled and under the age of 62, and roughly 58 percent of the waiting list falls into this category. Services for physically and mentally disabled residents are very limited in the county, according to the budget notes, which also indicate that if this trend continues, Green Ridge House could be almost fully occupied by disabled adults within the next several years.

Snippets from the Past

Periodical Cicadas in Greenbelt

by Steve Frank

The periodical cicadas singing now are believed to be an accelerated emergence of Brood X, and thirteen years old.

Periodical cicadas do not bite, sting, scrape, scratch or poke. They are relatively slow and essentially defenseless. They use an alarm call, a loud buzzing they make when something grabs them, in hopes of scaring the predator. Their main defense is in their numbers; with millions emerging at once, the likelihood of any one of them getting eaten is minimized. So what good are periodical cicadas? They provide a food source for many animals, such as birds, foxes and other mammals and trout. They also give trees a periodic pruning and provide nutrients for trees and other plants with their molting.

To avoid feeling defeated by cicadas, there are a few exercises that may help. Protect young trees with mesh, sweep sidewalks to prevent a build-up of carcasses and cover the backyard pond with net or skim the pool often to avert a smelly buildup in the filter system.

[Greenbelter Steve Frank is a graduate student at the University of Maryland, Department of Entomology, and a member of the department's "Cicadamanics," a group which educates the public about periodical cicadas.]

- Greenbelt News Review, April 22, 2004.



Shell from the early cicada swarm that is not due to emerge for four more years.

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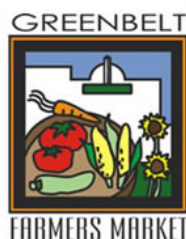
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