

Council Refocuses on Options To Create Affordable Housing

by James Giese

Ten months ago, the Greenbelt City Council received a report on affordable housing prepared by Mary Kovar, an intern with the Maryland Municipal League and a graduate student at the University of Maryland School of Public Policy. Kovar made three recommendations: that the city create standards for new housing developments to include affordable housing units with those standards to generally follow the Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit Program (MPDU) standards set by other area jurisdictions; that the city renew its Housing and Urban Development Section 8 contract for Green Ridge House when it expires in 2019; and that the city explore new opportunities for affordable housing development and require all economic development occurring have an affordable housing component. Also, council expressed interest in determining whether the city had the legal authority to enact rent stabilization legislation as has been done by the city of Takoma Park. With a busy schedule and change in city managers, nothing has yet been done.

Council's June 12 worksession was identified as a panel discussion on affordable housing. The panel attending the meeting con-

sisted of Hillary Chapman, housing program manager at the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments; Stephanie Prange Proestel, deputy director of the Housing Initiative Partnership of Hyattsville; Jesse Buggs, director of the grants office, housing and homelessness for the City of Bowie; and William Duncan, a Greenbelt resident retired from Enterprise Community Partners of Columbia.

There was little new information provided at the worksession. It was agreed that the Greenbelt Homes, Incorporated (GHI) housing stock provided some of the best and most affordable housing in the area. Duncan indicated that he chose to move there upon retirement. At the meeting's outset, Mayor Emmett Jordan noted that Greenbelt already had the lowest housing valuations in the area. He also noted little opportunity for finding a location to develop additional low-cost housing, because Greenbelt no longer had buildable land sites other than at Greenbelt Station.

Growth

Chapman reported that the outlook for the county was a 10 percent growth in population and an 18 percent growth in employment. She cautioned that more

people would be coming to the county than its housing could provide, raising housing costs. Proestel noted, as had Kovar a year ago, that it took two incomes at minimum wage to afford the rental on a two-bedroom apartment.

Proestel said that she worked for a non-profit, now 25 years old, that buys single-family homes to rehabilitate and resell, and that also offers a variety of other programs including foreclosure counseling. She noted the county has a program to keep housing affordable that requires property sellers to give it (the county) the right of first refusal. She felt the city could advise the county of its interest in maintaining affordable housing and work with it.

When Councilmember Edward Putens said that there was a need for a second Green Ridge House in Greenbelt, Proestel suggested bringing the city's ideas to a non-profit developer looking for development opportunities. Duncan, however, noted that the Section 8 rent federal guarantee program used to support Green Ridge House, which made the financing of construction possible, was no longer doable.

Buggs told council that Bowie has had a dialogue with non-profits and that there are some large enough to undertake affordable housing projects. Bowie has three major senior housing facilities with vacancy rates of less than two percent.

Other Jurisdictions

Bowie has three major housing projects in progress. The county has approved a project at Melford, where 2,000 units are to be built. Karrington is to be 104 duplexes to enable family caretakers to live next door

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Bad Weather?

Call Greenbelt Recreation Department Weather and Information Hotline for fireworks schedule adjustments.

301-474-0646

July 4th Week Deadline Changes

The News Review office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4. The deadline for both classified and display ads will be Monday, July 3 at 8 p.m. The deadline for letters, articles and photos will be Monday at 10 p.m.

The office will be open from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday and 2 to 4 and 6 to 10 p.m. Monday.

ones available while supplies last. The Greenbelt Concert Band then will perform a variety of patriotic songs and melodies from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Fireworks will begin at dark, around 9 p.m., and will last about 25 minutes. The best viewing spots along the lake will be claimed first. Those who come early can bring a blanket and picnic and enjoy a leisurely

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Celebrate Our Country's Birthday with Fireworks



PHOTO BY ERIC ZHANG

Fireworks seen at the 2016 display at the Lake

Greenbelt will hold its annual Independence Day celebration on Tuesday, July 4 at Buddy Attick Park. There will be festivities for family and friends of all ages, including a drum circle and a band concert, topped off by a fireworks display.

The drum circle will run from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. Aspiring percussionists of all ages are welcome to join and perform on their own instruments or borrow



PHOTO BY JAN WOLF

Firefighters respond to a fire on Plateau Place on Tuesday morning. See story on page 12.

Douglas Raysor Foundation Aids Those with Sight Loss

by René Sewell-Raysor

Who is the oldest living African American Olympic medal holder in the U.S.? It's Herbert Douglas Jr., and he was in Greenbelt recently, meeting with Franklin Park's Rev. Ray Raysor at GATE-TV to discuss the Douglas Raysor Foundation.

Douglas Jr., an alumnus of the University of Pittsburgh, competed in the long jump in the 1948 Olympics. "There were no Olympics in 1940 and 1944 because of the war," he explained.

Of all the accolades he has received, as an Olympian and as one of the first African American vice-presidents at Schieffelin & Co., now Moët-Hennessy USA, his greatest hero was his father.

"My dad owned a rental garage in Pittsburgh. Apartment buildings at that time were built with no parking facilities. People needed a place to park their cars and they needed chauffeurs. This was in 1918, you have to

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PHOTO BY BOB LOTT

Rev. Ray Raysor (left) and Herbert Douglas

What Goes On

Monday, July 3

No Council Meeting.

Tuesday, July 4

Fourth of July Celebration, Buddy Attick Park. (See City ad for details.)

City Offices, Greenbelt Library and Greenbelt Homes Offices are closed.

Wednesday, July 5

8 p.m., Council Worksession on Election Issues, Community Center

Thursday, July 6

7:00 p.m., Summer Fun Run, Buddy Attick Park. Registration 6:15 to 6:45 p.m., Youth Center Parking Lot.

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holiday afternoon socializing and enjoying free entertainment and activities for all ages, from romping in the playground to strolling around the park's lovely 1.3-mile wooded trail.

Police Presence

The Greenbelt Police Department asks for everyone's cooperation in making this a safe event. Department employees will host a tent in the grassy area by the main parking lot to help with lost children. There will also be a cooling and first aid station manned by the Greenbelt Citizens Emergency Response Team, CERT, which will have some cooling chairs to offer additional relief to those in need.

No Alcohol

Do not bring alcoholic beverages to the park. Alcohol is strictly prohibited in all city owned parks. Violators will be subject to arrest. For safety and security reasons, there may be inspection of coolers and packages.

No Private Fireworks

For everyone's safety, do not bring any fireworks, including sparklers. Fireworks are dangerous and illegal. All forms, including firecrackers, snakes, sparklers and bottle rockets are prohibited by law in Greenbelt and throughout Prince George's County. Anyone found in possession of fireworks will be subject to arrest. Penalties include fines up to \$1000 and six months in jail.

Pets, Boats, Recycling

All pets must be on a leash, although it is strongly recommended that pets be left at home. In the past, dogs frightened by the fireworks have panicked, bitten people and even run away.

For safety reasons registered boaters on the lake will need to remain behind the temporary buoys that will be in place. Boats not registered with the city will not be allowed on the lake.

Participants are asked to recycle using containers available in the park or by taking recyclables home with them.

Parking

Buddy Attick Park is on Crescent Road near Kenilworth Avenue. Participants are reminded to observe all posted parking regulations. The parking lot is reserved for handicapped and elderly individuals. Vehicles must have handicapped or elderly persons on board. Handicapped tags or placards will not necessarily be required nor will they guarantee a parking space.

Temporary No Parking signs will be posted on streets surrounding the park. Vehicles parked in these areas will be towed. Those parking adjacent to Kenilworth Avenue should make sure their car is completely off the roadway or risk being required to move. The roadway must remain clear for passage of emergency vehicles and regular traffic.

Traffic Control

When the fireworks are over, exiting traffic will be directed outbound on Crescent Road toward Kenilworth Avenue. Traffic from Kenilworth Avenue will not be allowed onto Crescent Road until most cars have left the area.

Motorists exiting the Beltway will not be allowed to proceed north on Kenilworth Avenue. Motorists heading for the Old Greenbelt area should take Greenbelt Road.

If the fireworks begin on time and no problems develop, these temporary changes in traffic patterns should be enforced from about 9:45 to 10:30 p.m.

Calls for Information

For information in case of inclement weather, call the Greenbelt Recreation Department Weather and Information Hotline at 301-474-0646.

Do not call the police dispatcher for fireworks-related information. Police telephone lines must be kept open for emergencies or for other police-related concerns.

Letter

Hats Off to City Maintenance Workers

I have noticed the city trucks and crews out removing dead leaves and debris and trimming trees at the Lake the past week or so. Great job!

Kathryn Beard

Babe Ruth Heads Into Final Week

The Greenbelt Junior Babe Ruth Team is entering the county playoffs as one of the top two seeds after their regular season concluded with an 11-1 win over the Laurel Bolts Tuesday evening. They will be entering the playoffs with a 10-2 record. Their regular season work earned them a first-round bye, their opening playoff game will be Saturday at 11a.m at Braden Field. A win in this contest will give them a spot in the County Championship Game Sunday at 5 p.m. at Braden Field.

The Senior Babe Ruth Team has 3 games remaining on their schedule; these 3 games are all that remain between them and a perfect season. They will play on the road this Friday night at Camp Springs and their season will conclude Wednesday July 5 with a doubleheader (6:00/8:15) vs. Crabfest (DeMatha).



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June 30th - July 6th

OBIT
(2016) (93 mins)
Fri. 3:00, 7:45 PM
Sat. 3:00, 7:45 PM
Sun. 3:00, 7:45 PM
Mon. 7:45 PM
Tues. 7:45 PM
Wed. 3:00, 7:45 PM
Thurs. 7:45 PM

BEATRIZ AT DINNER
(R) (CC) (83 mins)
Fri. 5:15
Sat. 1:00, 5:15 PM
Sun. 1:00 (OC), 5:15 PM
Mon. - Thurs. 5:15

School's Out Series: FREE!
CLOUDY WITH A
CHANCE OF MEATBALLS
(2009) (CC) (PG) (90 mins)
Thurs. 1:00 pm

Monday Matinees: FREE!
MR. SMITH GOES TO
WASHINGTON
(1939) (129 mins)
Mon. 1:00 pm

On Screen

Our Sad Mortality

Writing obituaries is fast becoming a dying art, implies the film *Obit*, starting at Old Greenbelt Theatre this Friday, June 30. It is a documentary directed by Vanessa Gould. *Obit* has no rating and runs for 95 minutes.

The digital revolution in journalism now gives us obituaries instantaneously, within minutes of the subject's death, without reflection, depth or reverence. "Just the facts, Ma'am," so to speak.

But the legendary craftsmen and craftswomen, past and present, of the New York Times obit department, on whom Gould focuses, give us so much more. They strive to give facts plus meaning packaged elegantly and succinctly.

This polished, professional treatment can be given to the famous or the great, particularly those whose deaths are known to be imminent. Think of Muhammad Ali, Harper Lee or Leonid Brezhnev, for example.

Much more challenging are sudden deaths like those of Michael Jackson, Robin Williams and David Foster Wallace, for example.

And what about the relatively anonymous like Betty James and Manson Whitlock? The former coined the term "Slinky" for the toy; the latter died at age 96, one of the last men to repair typewriters. How many column inches and how prominent a position do they deserve?

Obit alludes to the deaths of cartographers, astronauts, serial killers, belly dancers, athletes and so much more.

Think a moment – how would you give meaning to the lives of Meadowlark Lemon, Yasser Arafat, Georges Simenon, or Rachel Dolezal in your obituaries of them? The irreducible mystery of the human heart is a puzzle indeed.

Is it a comfort or not to know that the obits of the famous like Stephen Sondheim, Jane Fonda and David Letterman are being prepared already?

- Jim Link

Community Events

GHI Notes

Thursday, June 29, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Joan Krob's Farewell, Board Room; 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors/Audit Committee Work Session, Board Room.

Friday, June 30, Office closed. Emergency maintenance service available at 301-474-6011.

Monday, July 3, 7 p.m., Task Force for Member Reimbursement, Board Room.

Tuesday, July 4, Office closed (Independence Day). Emergency maintenance service available at 301-474-6011.

Wednesday, July 5, 7 p.m., Addition Maintenance Program Task Force, Board Room.

Thursday, July 6, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room.

Saturday, July 8, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room.

Golden Age Club

The Golden Age Club has started their 61st year with some very interesting programs. The club presented Chris Cherry with a monetary donation for Greenbelt camp programs.

Dr. Stephanie Trifoglio joined us for a question and answer session with some diagrams to clarify her answers. Many thanks to all who make these programs happen.

The trip to Dr. Samuel Mudd's house in Southern Maryland was well attended. Club member Donna Peterson was the docent at the house.

On July 12, Peterson will speak on Women in the Civil War. Other interesting trips and programs are planned for the future. A bake sale will be held on the Co-op ramp.

Summertime is with us and school is out, so watch for kids when you are driving.

New Deal Café Events

Sunday, July 2, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Deaf Brunch.

7 to 9 p.m., Raging Immortals. Blues/Folk/Rock.

Tuesday, July 4, New Deal Café will be CLOSED.

Wednesday, July 5, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Jeffrey Greenberg, piano jazz.

7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Jan Knutson, Greenbelt's jazz guitarist extraordinaire and artist in residence for Strathmore. Shawn Purcell, guitar professor at George Mason University, will be accompanying.

Thursday, July 6, 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, July 7, noon to 2 p.m., Jeffrey Greenberg, piano jazz.

6:30 to 8 p.m., Jazz and blues piano by Takoma Park's own John Guernsey.

8:30 to 11:30 p.m., Kevin Robinson and KERQ, high energy bluesy rock with amazing electric guitar.

Saturday, July 8, 5 to 6 p.m., Bruce Krittr, classical guitar.

6:30 to 8 p.m., Jazz and blues piano by John Guernsey.

8:30 to 11:30 p.m., Black Masala, featuring a wide array of instruments from tuba to accordion to banjo.



Early July Events At Greenbelt Park

Saturday, July 1, Outdoor Stewardship Volunteer Event. Join the Invasive Plant team as they monitor and repel the growing threat of invasive plants and insects in Greenbelt Park. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area at 11 a.m. Event lasts until 2 p.m.

Saturday, July 1, Nature and Fitness Walk. Join a park ranger on a one-mile nature hike on the Azalea Trail. Beginner friendly. Meet at Sweetgum Picnic Area at 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, July 1, Campfire Program. The American Flag: Evolution of the Stars and Stripes. Ceremonial proper disposal of worn and faded American flags. Meet at the Campfire Circle at 8:15 p.m.

Sunday, July 2, Campfire Program. How the U.S. Army Helped Preserve National Parks. Meet at the Campfire Circle at 8:15 p.m.

Saturday, July 8, Animals of Greenbelt. Join a park ranger for a presentation on the wildlife of Greenbelt. Ages 5 to 12. Meet at Sweetgum Picnic Area at 9:30 a.m.

At the Library

All Prince George's County Memorial Library System branches will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 for Independence Day. The Greenbelt Library will reopen on Wednesday, July 5 at 10 a.m.

Storytimes

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

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

Thursday, July 6, ages newborn to 2, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m., limit 20 people.

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

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATe)

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Thursday, July 6th, 7-10PM in the GATe Studio
Come and find out if GATe is right for you!

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Tuesday, July 11, and Wednesday, July 12
From 7-10PM in the GATe Studio

Reservation required at greenbeltaccess@gmail.com

Check out our Channel on Comcast 77 and Verizon Fios 19
To view our schedule, visit: www.greenbeltaccessstv.org
And click on "Channel"

Final Activities For Peace Month

Write and sing to inspire peace. An ongoing month-long activity plus a singalong will mark Greenbelt Peace Month 2017. As it has done every year since 2001, the city of Greenbelt proclaimed Peace Month, invited sponsor groups and publicized the calendar of events, all of which are free and open to all. The Prince George's County Peace & Justice Coalition has been pleased to compile the calendar.

June 1 to 30, Message to Tomorrow, Greenbelt Community Center, Lobby.

All through Peace Month the city celebrates its anniversary by inviting Greenbelters to write themselves a letter, outlining their hopes for the future and the actions they commit to taking to improve their community and the world.

Friday, June 30, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Gardening and Resistance and Visioning Singing, Three Sisters Garden and Peacemakers Memorial space, near the Community Center.

First enjoy potluck finger food and do some maintenance work in the Chesapeake Education, Arts & Research Society (CHEARS) garden, just behind the Community Center; then from 7:15 p.m., sing songs of protest and of hope, led by Melissa Sites, at the memorial for four Greenbelt peacemakers on the lawn below the Youth Center parking area.

For more information, contact Maggie Cahalan at maggie@chears.org.

Weed Warriors

The Weed Warriors project will continue Monday, July 10 from 10 a.m. to noon in Buddy Attick Park. The volunteer water quality monitoring session will take place at Schrom Hills Park on Saturday, July 8 from 10 a.m. to noon. To attend this session RSVP to Erin Josephitis at ejosephitis@greenbeltmd.gov or 240-542-2168.

Events at the Co-op

On July 4 the Co-op will be open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. The pharmacy will be closed all day.

The end of the Co-op's fiscal year is July 31, when all patronage is recorded, income and expenses are tallied and the board of directors determines if the Co-op has had a successful enough year to return dividends to members.

Participants Solicited For Labor Day Parade

Make plans now to participate in the Greenbelt Labor Day Parade. Community, school and government groups, local businesses, political incumbents and candidates or even informal groups formed just for the parade are invited to submit a parade application, available online at greenbeltlaborday.com/get-involved/parade-participants/. Create a float, put together a performance, show off your antique or otherwise unique vehicle or simply march together displaying signs advertising your group. You might even win a prize. All parade participants must pre-register no later than August 25 by emailing a completed parade application to GreenbeltLaborDayParade@verizon.net.

The 2017 Labor Day Festival Parade will take place on Monday, September 4 from 10 a.m. to noon. The route is along Crescent Road, from Greenhill Road to Southway. Participants are asked to line up in the staging area along Crescent Road between Lastner Lane and Greenhill Road between 8 and 9:30 a.m. More detailed information is available on the web site listed above.

Senior Softball Rivals Match Up July 5

Greenbelt Senior Softball will play Bowie Senior Softball at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 5 at Braden Field.



Participants Sought For Information Day

Information Day at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival welcomes groups, local businesses and other organizations to share their causes, missions or products with festival goers. The event is on Saturday, September 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Roosevelt Center. For details about registering to participate in Information Day, go to greenbeltlaborday.com/events-and-activities/information-day/

Register by July 15 to ensure your group is in the Labor Day Festival Pull-Out Guide.

Area Survey Seeks Transportation Wishes

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments invites Greenbelters to share their ideal vision of transportation in the National Capital Region. What issues affect daily travel? What would improve workers' commutes? Survey answers will help elected leaders and regional planners as they discuss and make decisions to improve our region's transportation future.

The Visualize 2045 Survey can be taken at visualize2045.org before July 31. Respondents will be entered in a drawing for a \$50 Visa gift card.



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Arden Now (an As You Like It adaptation) - Aug 25 - Sept 2 - Production from the Rude Mechanicals
Midnight Cigarette - Sept 8 - 24 - Production from Wolf Pack Theater

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

In Memoriam

Major Ethel C. Warner

by Kathleen Scott McFarland

In a beautiful ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery on June 16, retired Women's Army Corps (WAC) Major Ethel C. Warner, a pioneer Greenbelter, was laid to rest with full military honors.

Ethel was born in New Haven, Conn., on April 21, 1919. Her father Henry William (Bill) Warner got a steady job as a metal polisher at the Navy Yard in Washington, D.C. and received an approval for his application to the planned community of Greenbelt. He and his wife, Agnes (McFarland) Warner and youngest daughter, Ethel, moved to 17-D Ridge Road in February of 1938, "before the street lights had been turned on." Ethel had graduated from high school in June 1937. Her three older siblings, already settled adults, elected to stay in New England.

In high school Ethel excelled in sports and rose in the ranks of the Girl Scouts. In Greenbelt, she was named a lieutenant in Girl Scout Troop 17 and roamed the town taking snapshots of the modern town center buildings and of her scouts in the July 4 and Labor Day parades. She even got a photo of one of the town's first policemen, Buddy Attick, on his horse. She clipped articles about Greenbelt from the Washington Star for a large brown album, subsequently donated to the Greenbelt Museum. She got part-time jobs at the town drugstore and the new swimming pool, a novelty for those times. Later she took a four-month comptometer course while living temporarily with her eldest brother in Springfield, Mass., which led to an office job at Woodie's in downtown D.C. and then to a starting job at the D.C. Employment Center. She began that job only six days before the December 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor. In March 1943,



PHOTO COURTESY OF KATHLEEN MCFARLAND

Ethel Warner

she joined the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps which later became the WAC and began basic training at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

My connection with Ethel Warner began in 1940, when her mother, Agnes, became the guardian of her nephew, 14-year-old Henry McFarland. Henry moved from New Haven to Greenbelt to live with the Warners. Ethel considered him not just her cousin, but her "little brother." Henry (who the Warners called "Sonny") entered Greenbelt High School as a freshman (my class, too) and joined the Greenbelt Band, already proficient on clarinet. He worked as a cashier at the Co-op Food Store both before and after his service in the Air Force. In 1949 we were married.

Always a prolific letter-writer and journalist, Ethel kept in touch with Henry and me throughout her military service. I kept many

of the letters and have been discovering them lately in my many stacks of "stuff." More importantly, I'm now heir to a treasure trove of albums of genealogical records and detailed personal accounts of her 21-year military career. The post I remember most was from Heidelberg, Germany, after she completed Officers Candidate School. During those years, she mailed us postcards from Germany and gifts like a gingerbread house and a cuckoo clock.

Ethel's last post before her retirement as a major in 1964 was at the Presidio of San Francisco. She bought a home in nearby San Rafael and began her new hobby of genealogy, spurred on by discovering through the birth certificate needed to become a WAC, that her mother Agnes who had raised her from infancy, was not actually her birth mother. Her birth mother had died only two weeks after Ethel was born. Through extensive research, she located her family of origin and visited them several times. Ethel also achieved, in her retirement years, her dream of a college education, which had not been possible before. She graduated with honors from Sonoma College in 1977 with a B.A. in business and accounting.

During this period in California, Ethel was joined by her old Army friend Henrietta Moss, who became her housemate and

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Mishkan Torah Hosts Film About the Jews of Nigeria

The film, *Re-emerging: The Jews of Nigeria*, will be screened at Mishkan Torah on Sunday, July 9 at 4 p.m. The 93-minute film will be followed by a discussion led by Sabrina Sojourner, the co-convenor of the DMV chapter of the Jewish Multiracial Network (JMN).

The 2012 documentary film by Jeff L. Lieberman introduces the Igbo people of Nigeria. Although most of the 25 million Igbo practice some form of Christianity today, many were taught by their elders that they were descendants of one of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. When the introduction of the internet allowed more access to information about Judaism, at least some Igbo saw many parallels between the two traditions. As a result, a number of Igbo people have embraced Judaism and created communities structured around what they believe is their ancestral religion.

This touching film raises many questions about race, religion and identity. It demonstrates the passion and love the Igbo have for Judaism, illustrates the possible route their ancestors may have taken from the Middle East to this part of Africa, exam-

ines some of the parallel traditions and shows how they are educating themselves about and connecting to modern Judaism. It also discusses how some segments of the global Jewish community support their efforts, while others are more dubious about their ancestral claim. Lastly, the film shares that many Igbo were captured and brought to the United States as slaves, leading viewers to wonder if many African Americans could possibly be descendants of the same Tribe of Israel.

JMN describes itself as an organization that "brings together Jews of color and Jewish multiracial families and individuals to learn about and celebrate their Judaism. We are committed to diversity and inclusive community-building, and seek to help our members strengthen their identities as Jews and members of other ethnic groups." For more information on JMN, visit jewish-multiracialnetwork.org.

Hosted by Mishkan Torah's Social Action Committee, this event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

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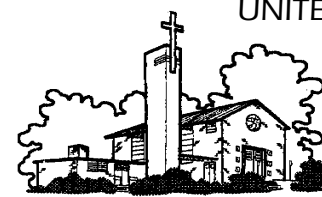
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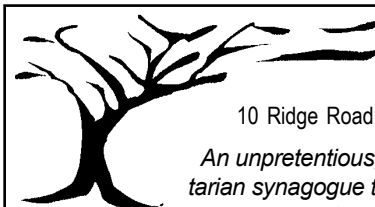
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City Information

MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF JULY 3-7

Monday, July 3 - **NO COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday, July 5 at 8pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Election Issues (voting age, selection of Mayor, Election Wards/Resident vs. Citizen Voting)** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

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



JULY FOURTH FANFARE

Celebrate Independence Day with friends and neighbors at Buddy Attick Pk. 555 Crescent Rd.

Bring a picnic, Walk the lake trail, Enjoy the playground!

- Community Drum Circle, 5:30pm-6:45pm
- Greenbelt Concert Band, 7:30pm-8:30pm
- FIREWORKS approximately 9:00pm

In case of inclement weather, please call the weather and information hotline, 301-474-0646, for updated event status.

Greenbelt CARES SUMMER GED PROGRAM

Registration will be on MONDAY, JULY 3 at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center 6101 Cherrywood Lane Class will begin that day.

This class will meet every MONDAY and WEDNESDAY through July 27. This is a combined class, reviewing basic math and English skills, critical thinking and analytical skills in social studies, science, and computer skills.

Students should bring pencil, pen, and a notebook. Students must be at least 16 years of age and have withdrawn from school in order to take the GED course.

Students are required to show proof of residency (i.e. current lease, phone or electric bill, driver's license or Motor Vehicle I.D. card).

Students are required to purchase a copy of the GED textbook, calculator and test-taking materials for \$45 (purchased from Greenbelt CARES). There is no registration fee for GREENBELT RESIDENTS. Non-Greenbelt residents are required to pay a \$ 75 registration fee.

Questions should be directed to Judy Hering, Vocational/Educational Counselor, GED course instructor, 301-345-6660, ext. 2016, or email: jhering@greenbeltmd.gov.

JULY IS PARK & RECREATION MONTH

The Greenbelt Recreation Department wants to know...

How do you...

Visit the Community Center at 15 Crescent Road & share with us.



BUDDY ATTICK SUMMER FUN RUNS

Thursdays July 6 - August 10 7:00pm (6:15-6:45pm registration at Greenbelt Youth Center parking lot)
The Recreation Department and the Prince George's Running Club offers this informal fun run race series to provide an opportunity for individuals to exercise and increase their activity. The course will take runners and walkers around Buddy Attick Park lake path for their choice of either 1.75 miles (1 lap) or 3 miles (2 laps). Open to all runners (novices, combination runners/walkers and families). All participants must complete a registration form and sign a waiver prior to running in this FREE program.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Tuesday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of July 3
Monday Route – Collected Monday
Tuesday Route – Collected Wednesday
Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday
Thursday Route – Collected Friday

There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, July 7.

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Daily Schedule: 12:30 - 1:00 - Lunch, 1:00 - 2:30 - Academic Program, 2:30 - 3:00 - Reading, 3:00 - 3:30 - Daily Program*

Pre-registration is required

Need more information? Call Judy Hering, M.S., Vocational/Educational Counselor at 301-345-6660 ext. 2016 or jhering@greenbeltmd.gov

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, 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.



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July 8

July 29

August 19

Springhill Lake Recreation Center

6101 Cherrywood Lane

July 15

August 5

REMINDERS:

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes.
- Bring a reusable water bottle, hat, and sunscreen.
- High School Students: Bring your service-learning forms!
- Interested? Please RSVP to Erin Josephitis at ejosephitis@greenbeltmd.gov or (240)-542-2168



Weed Warriors Volunteer Event

July 10, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Buddy Attick Lake Park,

555 Crescent Road

Weed Warrior Volunteers are needed to protect our forests by removing invasive species. Training and gloves will be provided. Meet at Buddy Attick Park from 10 am - 12 pm on June 19. REMINDERS: -Wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes. -Bring a reusable water bottle. -High School Students: Bring your service-learning forms!

NEW CITY JOB OPENINGS

To view the job specifications, benefits summary and to apply, log on to www.greenbeltmd.gov. The City of Greenbelt is an EOE ADA

Assistant Director of Public Works (Parks) – Salary \$71,780 – 84,448.

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Case Manager/Counselor Salary Range \$25 - \$29/hr.

28 hours per week: To provide case management services, short term counseling, support groups, and information and referral services to seniors and disabled adults and caregivers. Work in close collaboration with local and county aging services and community partners. Requires a Master's Degree in Social Work, Family Therapy, or Professional Counseling (Licensure Or LGSW, LGMFT, LGPC status) with a background in geriatric services and/or mental health and at least two years of field experience is required. Intern supervisory experience a plus.

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A Review

Murder On The Nile

by Jim Link

Director Rick Starkweather and his 10 myrmidons from Thunderous Productions invite you to beguile the hours of a balmy summer's eve with a pleasant serving of . . . murder! Class snobbery, greed, religious hypocrisy and tart English humor enhance the audience's delight at the Greenbelt Arts



PHOTO BY JEREMY TODD

Love Triangle Canon: Aref Dajani (back), Devonna Burrowes (left), Christina Wilharm (right), Alexander Gordon (front)

Center, now presenting Agatha Christie's Murder on the Nile.

Originally written in the 1940s, Dame Agatha's whodunit, updated to the 1960s, is a classic locked door mystery slightly tweaked. Instead of a claustrophobic country house living room, we have the suffocating confines of a cruise ship. Instead of a detective of ratiocinative genius like Hercule Poirot or Miss Marple, Dame Agatha gives us Canon Ambrose Pennefather (the most excellent Aref Dajani), a morally dubious Anglican clergyman who is himself one of the suspects, to voluntarily do the fiendishly clever labyrinthine sleuthing.

Virtually all 10 of the characters have a motive for murder, except the victim. A disgruntled employee, a socialist's envy of capitalist wealth, greed for one character's wealthy estate, sexual jealousy—all are plausible suspects or motives.

Christie's genius is such that despite her strict logic shorn of any red herrings to mislead the viewer, or any deus ex machina to cheat us with an unsatisfactory ending, we are still stumped and dazzled by the solution.

Assistant director Jeff Robert and co-producers Christina Wilharm and Jeff Robert, both of whom also play excellent roles, have woven 1960s pop classics into the action. Listen for Led Zeppelin, Jimi Hendrix, Joe Cocker, Procol Harum and others.

The set is minimalist, with only three sets of chairs surrounding three small coffee tables, allowing frequent scene changes just by altering the lighting, while actors exit and enter unobtrusively.

One particularly effective scene features newlyweds Simon Mostyn (Alexander Gordon) and Kay Mostyn (Christina Wilharm) billing and cooing, kissing and whispering at one table until they notice Simon's jealous ex-girlfriend, Jacqueline de Severac (Devonna Burrowes), pouting mightily at another table.

Without uttering a word, Burrowes' body language speaks volumes. Wearing a fire engine red clingy knit short skirt dress,

Jaqueline sulks, sighs, eye rolls, is languorous and resentful all in smoldering silence.

Meanwhile at a third table, dialogue between Canon Pennefather and Miss Ffoliot-foulkes propels the plot forward. The always-welcome Trix Whitehall is insufferably snobbish and self-absorbed as Miss Ffoliot-ffoulkes, who blithely admits that her name's unorthodox spelling "is one of our incomprehensible English whimsies." When one of the characters is killed, she is incensed: "Oh, this is most disturbing. Christina, hand me my knitting."

Christina is her long suffering caretaker/niece who is a martyr to her aunt's whims. Emily Canavan is spot on as the sacrificial niece.

Christina Wilharm shines as the ebullient, beautiful but hardly blushing newlywed Kay Mostyn, whose wealth is quite an object of desire. Her thigh-high slit skirts and exotic necklaces nestled in her ample décolletage enhance her performance considerably.

Credit the rest of the cast with sturdy yeoman work. Jeff Robert as the raffish Irish socialist anglophobe Smith; Annette Landers as the hysterical, sinister franco-phone maid; the venerable John Marget as the stethoscope-bearing Dr. Bessner; Alexander Gordon as the handsome newlywed Simon Mostyn, burdened by the attentions of two beautiful women, and Armaan Tsiyon as the gin-fizz mixing steward are all thunderously impressive.

Is my imagination overheated or did I accurately detect Aref Dajani speaking snippets of French and Arabic with an English accent? No mean feat.

By the way, experience matters; this is Starkweather's fifth production of an Agatha Christie masterpiece, so let the great Dame tease your mind and tickle your funny bone on June 30 and July 1 at 8 p.m. and on July 2 at 2 p.m.

Artwork at the New Deal Café

by Layne Litsinger

Earlier in June, long time artist and community member Barbara Stevens placed a new art exhibit called Retrospective, which features 22 paintings, in the New Deal Café.

Stevens and her husband, Ray, are among the original founders of the New Deal Café. Both have donated many hours to its start-up and continuation since opening in 1995.

All of the proceeds from the sale of one of her pieces of art will be donated to the New Deal Café. This large acrylic piece of art, created in 2002, is called the Longwood Gardens Topiary Hedges.

"Look at this hard edge, hue intervention and cutting the edges of the foliage just perfect. Then look at the mad, real, wild nature about the trees," said Stevens.

Inspiration for the other green pieces relate to Stevens' time spent in her art studio called Montpelier. She described her inspiration as coming from the trees she saw on her daily commute to the art studio.

Michael Hartman, current president of the Board of Direc-



PHOTO BY LAYNE LITSINGER

The Longwood Gardens Topiary Hedges piece (pictured center) is an important part of the Retrospective art exhibit.

tors of the Café, has known both Barbara and Ray for a long time. He talked about how grateful the Café is for Barbara's donation of her Longwood Gardens Topiary Hedges piece.

"[It's] fully in alignment with Barbara's values and consistent with her generosity and creativity and we appreciate it very much," said Hartman.

All of the paintings in the exhibit relate to past experiences of Stevens dating back as early as 1960. These inspirations come

from her time living in Maryland and New Mexico, traveling to Amsterdam, and NASA discoveries from the 1970's.

The entire art exhibit runs from June until July 24. A reception for the artist will be held Sunday, July 16 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the New Deal Café. To see more of Stevens' artwork, go to barbarastevensart.wordpress.com/.

Layne Litsinger is a University of Maryland journalism student working as an intern for the News Review.

Knutson and Purcell Offer An Evening of Jazz Guitar

by Matthew Arbach

When asked what makes jazz played on a guitar distinctive, Jan Knutson says "There is something very inviting about it," allowing one "to articulate and express ideas and moods in a wholly unique way in comparison to a traditional jazz horn such as sax or trumpet." On Wednesday, July 5 at the New Deal Café from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., listeners will get a chance to hear "a wide variety of jazz repertoire from Django Reinhardt to The American Songbook to Blue Note and beyond," all performed on guitar, says Knutson. He will be joined by eminent guitarist and jazz educator Shawn Purcell.

Knutson has a long history in Greenbelt. He is an alumnus of Greenbelt Middle School and Eleanor Roosevelt High School. While at Roosevelt, he performed in the band on trombone, as well as playing guitar in the jazz band and leading the Dixieland Combo. Knutson got his start as a solo jazz performer at the New Deal Café while in middle school, performing at the Sunday open mic sessions. He will soon return to Manhattan School of Music for his second year as a jazz studies major.

Knutson is now 18 years old and began learning the guitar in 2009. His interest began with



PHOTO BY MICHAEL G. STEWART

Jan Knutson

learning the rock guitar styles of groups like Van Halen, Led Zeppelin and Megadeth. Through the tutelage of his first teacher, Frank Latino, he was encouraged to tackle the more intensive and challenging area of jazz; a style that demands a wide and proficient technique and a firm grasp of music theory. He soon gravitated toward jazz guitar legend Django Reinhardt, yet it was a version of The Flintstones television theme played by guitarists Barney Kessel and Herb Ellis that really set his path. Knutson says, "I knew I had to be a jazz guitar player - there was a sense of humor and virtuosic passion that I hadn't heard from the rock guys." Since then, he went on to study with Paul Wingo, Shawn Purcell, Heather McKay, Frank Vignola, Martin Taylor and Rodney Jones.

Knutson has won several honors along the way. In 2016, he was an artist in residence for the Strathmore Music Center in Rockville and he won first prize in the Shenandoah Conservatory Jazz Soloist Competition. He was selected to play in elite groups such as the U.S. Army Blues and Jazz at Lincoln Center Summer Jazz Academy in 2015 and 2016, and the 2016 Jazz Band of America. He has performed beside guitar luminaries Julian Lage and Bucky Pizzarelli, among others.

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Jan Knutson

Co-op Pharmacist Leaving After 30 Years of Service

by Joe Gareri

July 7 will be a milestone day for the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket & Pharmacy. After nearly 30 years the cooperative will say goodbye to its lead pharmacist, Sajida Qayumi. The outpouring of sentiment on social media and in the store has been incredible as many customers, patients and friends have expressed their heartfelt thanks, well wishes and sadness upon hearing the news. While the pharmacy department will continue on much as before, it will be a very different place without her leadership.

Qayumi has worked tirelessly keeping Greenbelt healthy – dispensing advice as well as medicine. Over the years, she became a trusted advisor and confidant. It was known that she would have medicines delivered to customers who were too sick to come to the pharmacy in person, and on occasion would visit the sick herself. Qayumi's personal touch made the Greenbelt Co-op Pharmacy more than just a drugstore.

As manager of the pharmacy, she worked hard to keep our independent pharmacy viable in the face of stiff competition from all quarters. Chain pharmacies have opened on seemingly every corner. Pharmacy departments are found in supermarkets, shop-



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE CO-OP

Sajida Qayumi

ping malls, doctors offices and membership warehouses. Neighborhood pharmacies face threats from large mail order houses too. Through her hard work and determination, the Greenbelt Co-op Pharmacy has remained relevant and an important part of the community.

Please join the Co-op family in wishing Sajida Qayumi well as she hangs up her lab coat for the final time and moves to a new beginning with her family in the Midwest. We miss her already.

Joe Gareri is the marketing and outreach coordinator for the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket & Pharmacy.

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remember, cars were for the middle class. They had only been available to the working class from about 1906."

When the elder Douglas suddenly lost his sight, he thought his days as a business owner were over. He applied for and received a Seeing Eye guide dog in the 1930s when service animals were not widely accepted.

"The independence that the dog afforded Dad gave our family a quality of life that may have not been possible otherwise," stated Douglas Jr.

Now in his 90s, Douglas Jr. wants to honor his father. "I should have done this 50 years ago, but I didn't know quite how to go about it until I met Rev. Ray." Rev. Raysor is a blind Greenbelt community activist and a graduate of The Seeing Eye guide dog school.

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to persons requiring assistance. Amber Ridge is to be 100 units. The city has obtained a five percent commitment from the federal government.

Bowie also has a program to enable homeowners to get \$10,000 for upgrades. The program has served 180 homeowners and another 40 grants are planned. Putens asked about using community development block grants for such programs but Buggs noted that source had been "knocked out."

The Takoma Park rent stabilization program was discussed with councilmembers asking if the city might have the authority to enact such legislation. Buggs

said that Bowie had obtained a legal opinion that council could see. He noted, however, that "private development won't come if you have it."

Duncan told council he had retired nine years ago, but the issues were still the same. Noting he lived "just across the street" from the Municipal Building, he said that GHI was "one of the best sources of affordability in our area and one of the best dollar values in the county." He saw nothing that works as well as it does. Its five-year homes improvement program shows that it is sustainable and it is affordable on a market basis.

As to obtaining public dol-

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companion. They traveled extensively, making cross-country trips to visit family in the east (including the McFarlands of Greenbelt), touring national parks, even a trip to Japan and the Far East. Several of my children, as adults, visited them there in the 1980s. In 1997, Ethel and Henrietta attended the opening ceremonies of the Women in Military Service for America (WIMSA) Museum at the gate of Arlington National Cemetery, of which they were charter members.

In 2002, both in their 80s, Ethel and Henrietta decided to spend their last years in Hawaii. They chose a spacious apartment on the 19th floor of a building in Honolulu, within sight of the Tripler V.A. Medical Center. They left behind their cars and furniture, even Ethel's "Greenbelt chair" which she had told me she would never part with. After my husband's death, my daughters treated me to a trip to Hawaii to visit Ethel. I wrote about that trip in an article for the News Review (March 17, 2005). My daughter Janis, whose job took her to meetings in Hawaii occasionally, made it a point to check up on Ethel each time she was there. Ethel loved these visits, and always wanted to hear details of what the McFarlands were do-

ing, what colleges they were attending, what they fixed for Thanksgiving dinner and who was there.

Ethel and I spoke occasionally by phone, but by 2013 I noticed that I was communicating more with Henrietta, who said Ethel had trouble hearing on the telephone. The charming cards and letters from Ethel were not coming anymore, and it was Henrietta who dealt with the caregivers who became a necessary part of their life. Eventually Henrietta died in the V.A. hospital. The V.A. doctor indicated that Ethel had recently been diagnosed with Alzheimers disease and that she could not live alone. Finally, a family decision was made to bring Ethel back to Maryland, where members of my family would be available to oversee her health. We found a highly rated memory-care facility in Silver Spring and brought her back to the area on April 20, 2015. We celebrated Ethel's 96th birthday the next day.

The last years of Ethel's life were spent back in Maryland near Greenbelt, a town she'd loved and had written about many times. There were problems with legal issues and falls and



PHOTO COURTESY KATHLEEN MCFARLAND

Bill and Ethel Warner in 1943

nursing homes, but my family and I did the best we could to visit Ethel frequently and make sure she was happy. Her health was failing, but every now and then a flash of her old sense of humor would appear, and she kept on smiling and always appreciated that we were there. I was out of town when she died peacefully at Howard County General Hospital last November, but reportedly her last words were "thank you." Ethel left instructions for her burial at Arlington, and it was fitting that she be honored in that impressive ceremony.

Free Concert Features Susan Jones, Jan Knutson

On Thursday, July 6 from 6 to 8 p.m., the Susan Jones Jazz Quartet will present a free jazz concert at Lake Artemesia. (The rain location is upstairs at 5600 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights.) If you enjoyed the quartet at the Green Man Festival and at the New Deal Café, this free concert should be a real treat. In addition to the jazz quartet, guest guitar wizard Jan Knutson, home from the Manhattan School of Music for the summer, will be performing. Bring a picnic and something to sit on, and enjoy a wonderful evening of jazz in a beautiful setting.

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lars, he felt that was not likely. Greenbelt is not eligible to receive funds directly and would have to go to the county, which has other higher priorities.

Councilmember Leta Mach said the city should look for a limited equity cooperative to build affordable housing. She noted the city needed to first find a location.

Chapman suggested a list of resources that she could provide relating to affordable housing information including a new guidebook that is just coming out. She also suggested reaching out to Takoma Park to learn more about its programs.



PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, July 6, 2017

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

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

- Approval of Minutes: June 1, 2017 GHI Special Open Meeting
- Approval of Minutes: June 1, 2017 GHI Regular Open Meeting
- Certification of Yard Lines for 19A-M Hillside
- Request from the Member of 8-K Southway to Have a 2/3 Lite Door Installed During the HIP
- Request from the Member of 8-D Hillside for Donation of Storage Space to Aid a De-Cluttering Project Initiative
- Woodlands Committee Recommendation re: Drainage Options for 127 Greenhill Rd Proposed by P.G. County's DEP Stormwater Management Division
- 2016-17 Audit Committee's Recommendation to Establish a Repository on GHI's Website to Include all Board Decisions Regarding the HIP that Have Been Made
- 2016-17 Audit Committee' Recommendation re: Treasurer's Duties and that GHI's Finance Director be Required to Maintain an Active CPA License
- 2016/17 Audit Committee's Recommendation re: Safeguarding of Sensitive Information
- 2016/17 Audit Committee's Recommendation that the 2018 Budget Include Funds for a Comprehensive Examination of GHI's Internal Controls
- Proposed Establishment of an Integrated Information Technology Taskforce
- Review Minutes for the 2017 Annual Membership Meeting
- Yard Solutions' Taskforce Report re: A Member Survey of Members' Needs, Wants, and Concerns About Their Yards and GHI Common Areas
- Request from the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee for a Contribution
- Record of Board Poll Conducted re: Allowing a Prospective Member of 9-E Ridge to Become a Member Before Attending a Pre-purchase Orientation
- Item of Information: Update on City of Greenbelt/GHI Hoarding Taskforce Initiative
- Item of Information: Letter of thanks from Greenbelt Nursery School for \$125 GHI Donation

2. GDC Open Meeting

- Approve Minutes: GDC Open Meeting Held on June 1, 2017
- Request the Buildings Committee to Investigate the Feasibility of installing LED lighting at the Parkway Apts



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Police Blotter

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

Robbery

June 21, 10:10 a.m., 6000 block Breezewood Drive. A woman walking down a footpath observed a man walking toward her. After he passed, he ran back, grabbed the wallet from her hand, shoved her and then fled on foot. He is described as black, 6 feet 2 inches to 6 feet 3 inches tall, 180 pounds, wearing a blue baseball hat, grey polo-type shirt, blue jeans and blue sneakers.

June 21, 3 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Drive. A man approached a woman walking down the street, pulled her purse from her arm and attempted to flee. He was temporarily stopped by citizens nearby and her purse was recovered. He then ran to an awaiting vehicle, described as a newer model Chevrolet Impala bearing Virginia tags, and fled.

Assault

June 17, 6:30 p.m., 5700 block Cherrywood Lane. A patron at Shell Food Mart was punched in the face by a man who then fled. He is described as black, 6 feet tall, 150 pounds, wearing blue skinny jeans and no shirt. The shopper was not injured.

Theft

June 14, 2:30 p.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway. A parcel package was taken from the front stoop of a residence.

June 15, 7:53 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. A man approached a woman walking down the street and then took her small purse as he ran past her.

June 17, 8 a.m., 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive. A man smoking a cigarette outside the Residence Inn fell asleep and awoke to see a man taking the sneakers off his feet and fleeing with them as well as his cell phone.

June 19, 6 p.m., 5300 block Stream Bank Lane. A person attempted to take a parcel package from the front stoop of a residence but fled when approached by a witness. A person possibly involved has been identified and the investigation is ongoing.

June 20, 6 p.m., 5400 block Stream Bank Lane. An unattended package was taken from the front stoop of a residence on June 15.

June 21, 11:33 a.m., 5300

block South Center Drive. A parcel package was taken from the front stoop of a residence.

Indecent Exposure

June 21, 3:35 p.m., 100 block Centerway. A 26-year-old resident was arrested and charged with indecent exposure after he exposed himself inside the Co-op Supermarket. He left the store but returned a short time later and was arrested. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Burglary

June 15, 5:30 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. A 49-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with fourth degree burglary and trespass after she was found inside a vacant apartment. She was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Vandalism

June 19, 2:47 p.m., 99 Centerway. Graffiti was painted on a wall at the Greenbelt Youth Center.

Vehicle Crime

Three vehicles were stolen. A white 2001 Ford Econoline E250 van with Md. tags 8CK6730 was taken from the 9100 block Edmonston Road; a blue 2000 Dodge Caravan with Md. tags 2931M1 from the 6200 block Springhill Court; and a 4-door 2014 Nissan Versa with Md. tags 6CB6378 from the 6100 block Breezewood Court.

One vehicle was recovered when officers responded to a report of a car fire in the 6300 block Ivy Lane. Investigation revealed that the vehicle, a 2014 Buick Enclave SUV, had been stolen from Hagerstown.

Six reports of thefts from vehicles were received. Rear tags were taken from two vehicles: Md. 1CT1436 from the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace and Md. 14V331 from the 6200 block Springhill Court.

A purse was taken in the 7500 block Greenway Center Drive after a side window was broken out. A registration sticker was stolen from a vehicle tag in the 6000 block Springhill Drive and a side view mirror was taken from the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace.

Zirkin Among Labor Lawyers Offering Advice on ABC 7

On Thursday, July 6, News Review reporter and copy editor Stan Zirkin is scheduled to appear on ABC 7 News intermittently on the 4 p.m., 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. broadcasts as part of a team of lawyers who will give free legal advice to callers on employment related problems. Their areas of expertise include, but are not limited to, wage theft (failure to pay minimum wage and/or overtime), unemployment compensation, Family Medical Leave Act, sick leave, discrimination laws, workers' compensation, OSHA, terminations and employee benefits. Some of the volunteers may be interviewed by the station as part of this "7 on Your Side" segment.

Zirkin retired from the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), an independent federal agency, in January 2013, after 43 years of service. He was a successful prosecutor who garnered numerous awards during his career, including recognition of his career achievements by the American Bar Association, which named him a co-recipient of the first annual Federal Labor and Employment Attorney of the Year award in 2006. Following his retirement, Zirkin began volunteering with a D.C. non-profit organization devoted to assisting non-represented workers with labor and employment issues. That organization, then known as the Employment Justice Center (EJC), merged in 2017 with another non-profit, the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs (WLC). The employment law arm of WLC operates free legal clinics at three locations in Washington, D.C., including the main clinic at Bread for the City, 1525 7th Street, N.W., which is available to the public on a first-come first-served basis every Wednesday night from 6 to 9 p.m. except during the month of August. There are also satellite clinics located at the Neighborhood Legal Services Program Office, 2811 Pennsylvania Avenue, S.E. and at Bread for the City's southeast location, 1640 Good Hope Road.

At each of the clinics Zirkin and other volunteers dispense free legal advice and assistance



PHOTO BY RACHEL ZIRKIN DUDA

Stan Zirkin

to DMV residents on a variety of employment related issues as referenced above. It is anticipated that similar inquiries will be communicated through the phone banks on July 6.

When asked about his post-retirement activities Zirkin responded "I never expected to sit in front of a television set or a computer and vegetate. I got tremendous psychic satisfaction during my career at the NLRB by helping workers who had nowhere else to turn. I was lucky enough to find an organization post-retirement where I could continue that work." In July 2014 Zirkin was named Advising Attorney of the Year by EJC, and has been on the D.C. Bar Association's Pro Bono Honor Roll for the past three years.

EJC and WLC have had success over the years defending employee rights. Those achievements led to the invitation to appear on ABC News.

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Purcell has an extensive reputation as a jazz guitarist, bandleader, composer and educator. As a teacher, he has worked on the faculties of Towson University, Middle Tennessee State University and Tennessee State University as well as acting as visiting lecturer and instructor at workshops and master classes across the country. His composer/arranger credits include works for The Chicago Jazz Ensemble, Tito Carillo as well as several university jazz ensembles. He can be heard on more than 20 recordings, including one selected for a Grammy. From 1996 to 2004, he was a member of the U.S. Air Force premier jazz ensemble, the Airmen of Note. He currently teaches at George Mason University and in 2011 joined the U.S. Navy Band Commodores jazz ensemble. Knutson says "playing with Shawn is always exciting, and he constantly takes the music in directions I wouldn't have thought of initially. He's really inspiring."

The New Deal performance will be the first for Knutson and Purcell as a duo. Both expressed excitement and admiration for each other's abilities. Purcell noted Knutson's unique drive and great talent and added that Knutson "was one of the nicest people I have had the pleasure

of working with." For more information on both, check janknutson.com and shawnpurcell.com.

Knutson has two recordings available, entitled Out of Nowhere and Looking Both Ways. Recordings featuring Purcell include The Whirl by Chip McNeill (a Grammy winner), Steve Fidyk's Heads Up! and Prime Time by the Alan Blaylock Jazz Orchestra.

Knutson is a member of a musical family. His violinist mother, Laura, retired in 2015 as concertmaster of the U.S. Army Strings/Orchestra and his father, Jeff, currently plays trombone in the U.S. Navy Band. Knutson also excels at woodworking and has crafted all of his own guitars.



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Shawn Purcell will accompany Knutson at the concert.

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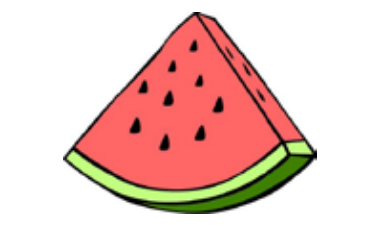
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City and Green Ridge House Celebrate, Support Pollinators

by Erin Josephitis

National Pollinator Week was June 19 to 25. On Friday, June 23, Public Works partnered with Green Ridge House for a pollinator celebration. A group of residents and staff gathered at the six elevated garden beds behind the building. Connor Roessler, Chesapeake Conservation Corps member, started the event with an interactive presentation to raise awareness about the importance of pollinators.



PHOTO BY ERIN JOSEPHITIS

Connor Roessler helps to plant a pollinator garden at Green Ridge House.

Pollinators are small, but mighty. According to the USDA, one of every three agricultural outputs depends on pollinators. In fact, some crops, like blueberries and cherries, are 90 percent dependent on honey bee pollination. Pollinators need the same things as us: food, shelter, water and a place to raise a family. Many reasons contribute to their recent decline. However, we know for certain that more nectar and pollen sources will help improve their health and numbers.

After the presentation, residents were excited to get their hands dirty and start planting in the gardens. Baskets were filled and hung with flowering plants that brightened up the landscape. Thanks to Joyce Kolenky for organizing the event and to Public Works for donating flowers, as well as reinforcing the structural integrity of the garden beds.

When it comes to protecting pollinators, every small action leads to a big impact. From in-

dividuals to schools, community groups, places of worship and businesses – everyone can make a difference. To help pollinators flourish, consider planting a pollinator garden. Any size is great, from window and patio planters, to elevated beds and home gardens – all can be beneficial. Be sure to include local native flowering plants with a variety of colors. Select plants with different heights and growth habits. Avoid using pesticides. In either the fall or spring, plant the best trees for bees, such as native oaks and magnolias. Residents may register their gardens to “bee” counted at <http://pollinator.org/mpgcmapp> and

register with the Greenbelt Green Team’s Pathways of Sustainability by contacting ejosephitis@greenbeltsmd.gov. Thanks to all the gardeners for growing and sustaining food sources for both people and pollinators alike. “Bee” sure to spread the word about how to help support healthy and sustainable populations of pollinators.

Erin Josephitis is the environmental coordinator in the Greenbelt Department of Public Works.



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Volunteers Plan and Manage The City's Labor Day Festival

by Butch Hicks

Residents of Greenbelt and guests will celebrate Labor Day with Greenbelt's 63rd annual festival of fun with a parade, games, rides, food and entertainment. As much as the event is about fun, it is also a celebration of Greenbelt's volunteerism. The yearly event celebrates unity through community involvement.

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival will occur this year from September 1 to 4 and is planned and organized by a committee of community volunteers, one of the largest volunteer organizations in Maryland. They are the glue that makes each Festival happen – from parade production and fair development to bus service and portable toilet placement.

"We have volunteers who have supported the event for more than 20 years," said Linda Ivy, president of the Labor Day Festival Board of Directors. "Our organization and its success are all about volunteering. Without the volunteers, we definitely would not have this annual event. We encourage and welcome new volunteers to join our Labor Day Festival team."

Jim Tilton, who has volunteered since the early 1990s, organizes and runs the Labor Day parade. "A sizable parade with bands, marching units, floats, autos and animals requires thorough coordination," he said. "We are fortunate to have dedicated radio service volunteers working with volunteers from Eleanor Roosevelt High School; together they make sure parade participants are properly positioned and monitor parade progress. And year after year, as long as the parade is a go, our volunteers are there regardless of the weather."

When the parade ends, viewers and participants may then enjoy the ongoing fair. Contributing to their enjoyment is volunteer Frank Kellaher, coordinating utility functions with the Greenbelt Public Works Department. "Utilities support is transparent to fair goers," he said. "For them fun awaits when food prep happens, rides function, bands play and the bingo microphone works."

In October, the volunteer committee begins the event review process: what worked well and what needed improvement for next year. "Our quality control efforts and safety concerns ensure each year's Festival is enjoyable for the hundreds who attend



PHOTO BY ERIC ZHANG

Brian York, left, the Festival's shuttle coordinator, and Brett Fishburne provide volunteer shuttle service between parking areas outside of Greenbelt Center.

the event," said Carol Goddard, festival facilities chairperson on the Labor Day Festival board. "Festival committee volunteers are creative with event production but they are also cautious addressing the safety and security of participants."

Ivy said the Greenbelt community is blessed with citizens who volunteer on many levels through local government, religious organizations, community associations and school and veterans groups.

"Volunteering can be deeply satisfying," she said. "Greenbelt's Labor Day event is another opportunity for our citizens to give back and make a difference."

For more information about Greenbelt's Labor Day Festival and how to volunteer visit the website at greenbeltlaborday.com.

Butch Hicks is a Greenbelt resident and a member of the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee.

Try these Zero-Waste Tips For a Green Fourth of July

by Brionna Colson-Fearon

With the 4th of July just a few days away, the celebration of America's birthday is just around the corner. While having a good time at the neighborhood cook-out is a necessity, it is also very important to keep in mind the amount of waste produced and where the trash goes. Whether hosting the party or simply attending, here are some zero-waste tips to keep the amount of materials going to the landfill at a minimum.

Make sure that the plates, cups, utensils and napkins being used at your party are either reusable, recyclable or compostable. Selecting plates, cups, utensils and napkins that can be washed and reused will significantly limit the amount of waste produced. Clean paper cups and plates made out of #1 to #5 plastics are also ideal because they can be recycled in Prince George's County. Napkins, paper plates and paper cups stained with food residue should be composted. But no matter what, stay away from Styrofoam. Prince George's County

recently banned its sale in order to reduce the amount entering landfills and waterways.

Large amounts of food waste are left over after Fourth of July celebrations, but through composting all of this waste can be returned to the environment instead of sent to the landfill.

Have three different bins for people to sort their recyclable, compostable and landfill waste to achieve the zero-waste goal. Each bin should be labeled. It is important to educate guests on what can be properly placed in each bin and let them know that the landfill bin is ideally a last resort. See the curbside recycling flier on the city's website (greenbeltmd.gov) for information on what is and is not recyclable.

Remember, if people know more about the reduce, reuse, recycle, and compost alternatives, there will be less waste thrown away at the end.

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Plateau Place Fire Displaces One; No Injuries Reported

by Janice Wolf

No one was injured in a fire on Plateau Place that displaced one person around 8 a.m. Tuesday, June 27. The cause of the fire is still under investigation, but is believed to have started in the kitchen, according to Mark Brady, public information officer for the Prince George's County Fire/EMS Departments.

The resident was not at home at the time but a next door neighbor heard the smoke alarm and called 911.

According to eyewitnesses, when fire trucks arrived smoke was billowing out of the unit and obscuring the front of the townhouse. Firefighters quickly located and extinguished the blaze in the unit, said Brady.

Firefighters were seen shoveling burned debris out of the kitchen window by around 9 a.m. Serious fire damage was observed in the kitchen and ground floor of the home.

The resident affected and the other next door neighbor had both returned

to the scene by 11 a.m. Neither neighboring unit appears to have suffered fire damage, although smoke damage was evident.

Staff from Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) were on site during and after the fire, according to witnesses. At least two GHI staff members encouraged and assisted the displaced resident in removing personal effects like clothing and books from the home, one observer said.

Contractors working on GHI's Homes Improvement Program further up on Plateau Place were seen carrying lengths of either siding or 2x4s on their shoulders through the gauntlet of fire equipment, as Ridge Road at Plateau Place was completely blocked for over an hour.



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Fire departments from several local jurisdictions responded to the fire on Plateau Place.



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