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## So Many Election Issues . . . So Little Time

by Kathleen Gallagher

There was a time when the Greenbelt City Council hammered out pending election-related legislation no later than the end of spring in election years, well before incumbents become candidates and election issues are likely to morph into campaign issues. This year, there may be a race against the clock. The November 7 city council election is less than four months away, the opening of the period for filing to run for office less than six weeks away, and a number of matters are still undecided.

In a push to resolve issues that might involve amending the city charter, council met in a worksession on July 5 that lasted nearly four hours. The topic most likely to be acted on this year is lowering the age for voting in city elections to 16. Another topic receiving attention, not for action now but because it is permitted by an increasing number of Maryland local jurisdictions, was allowing city residents who

are not U.S. citizens to vote in city elections. Two topics resulted from requests submitted by residents: the appointment of the mayor and mayor pro tem by the council; and the establishment of wards for electing councilmembers, rather than having all candidates run at large. Other topics were briefly touched on.

### Voting Age

Two years ago the city's Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) submitted a report to council recommending that residents ages 16 and 17 be allowed to vote in city elections. At that time, Takoma Park and Hyattsville were the first two cities in America to reduce the municipal voting age. Last fall, the City of Glenarden joined them. Although the committee members who were 16 when they wrote the report are now 18 and can vote anyway, YAC has continued to work actively to persuade council to make the change.

See **ELECTION**, page 8

## It's Over: Administration Stops FBI Headquarters Project

by Amy S. Hansen

On Tuesday, July 11, the Trump Administration cancelled the plans for a new FBI headquarters. The three top contenders for the new campus were Greenbelt, Landover and Springfield, Va.

"It is really disappointing," said Mayor Emmett Jordan. "It is a real waste of public and private resources. Everyone has committed a lot of time and resources in working with the General Services Administration (GSA)."

The prospect of the FBI headquarters near the Greenbelt Metro Station has dominated local development discussions for years. However, the project has also stalled numerous times. As recently as March 16, 2017, council discussed having a yet to be defined "Plan B" for development if the project did not happen or

the site was not chosen. Less than a week after that discussion, on March 23, the GSA put an indefinite hold on the building process.

Congressional representatives noted though that there is a difference between putting a hold on a project and cancelling it.

On Tuesday morning, Senators Benjamin Cardin and Chris Van Hollen and Representatives Steny Hoyer and Anthony Brown held a joint press conference and sent out a press release.

"The Hoover Building is crumbling around the FBI," they said. "It is unfathomable that the Trump administration would fail to move forward on a secure headquarters for the FBI workforce."

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## Council Supports Climate Accord; Votes for RFP to Seek Solar Farm

by Kathleen Gallagher

The Greenbelt City Council meeting of June 19 started off with two rounds of good words and praise for city staff. The first, for the Police Department officer and civilian employee of the year, was reported in last week's newspaper.

Immediately following was a presentation to City Clerk Cindy Murray of an item all city clerks enjoy seeing – a proclamation they didn't have to write themselves. This one was in recognition of Murray's imminent retirement and in honor of her 42 years of work for the City of Greenbelt. For most of her career, she worked in the Department of Public Works, most recently as recycling coordinator, and since 2008 served as the city clerk. Although her last day was officially June 30, she will be helping with the upcoming city election, as well as with the selection of her replacement.

### Climate Mayors

Following discussion of the range of Greenbelt's climate-re-



PHOTO BY DEVIN WILLIAMS

**Congratulations to Greenbelt's City Clerk, Cindy Murray, on her retirement. Cindy worked for the city for 42 years at the Police Department, Public Works and as City Clerk.**

lated activities and commitments, all members of council voted in support of reaffirming the city's commitment to the Paris Climate Agreement, from which President Trump recently withdrew the United States, as well as sign-

ing on with the Mayors National Climate Action Agenda ("Climate Mayors") through which local and state governments have expressed their commitment to

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## New Exhibit Celebrates Parks And Recreation During July

by Cameron Weekes

As National Park and Recreation Month, July serves to promote health in American communities through exercise and play and to recognize the personnel who maintain America's parks and recreation centers.

To achieve this goal, the Greenbelt Recreation Department has put up a display in the Community Center. Located outside Room 108 is a standard display case lined with black construction paper. Inside the case are Post-it notes with messages detailing how different people "get their play on." On the outside of the glass are packs of Post-it notes and markers to encourage passersby to write what they do for play. Those who write notes and stick them to the glass will have their notes added to the inside of the case. Di Quynn-Reno, Community Center supervisor and the one responsible for the display, hopes the case will be filled with responses by the end of the month.

Though many associate parks and recreation with outdoor and physical activities, there is no strict definition of play. Many of the notes inside the case list non-physical activities, such as making music, playing board games and sewing. When Quynn-Reno was asked what play meant to her, she replied, "What I do in my spare time that makes me



PHOTO BY CAMERON WEEKES

**Di Quynn-Reno adds one of her favorite activities to the display.**

happy." She also mentioned that some of the ways she gets her play on include walking, biking and flying trapeze.

Encouraging play is important in maintaining the well-being of a community. Not only does it bring the community together, it also promotes good health. The National Recreation and Park Association reports that 74 percent of children do not engage in daily exercise. Lack of exercise can lead to a variety of health issues later in life. Recreation centers help reduce the likelihood of issues such as obesity and heart disease by providing children and adults an outlet for physical activity.

The Community Center offers a large variety of activities, from sports and camps to ceramics

and yoga. The activities offered change throughout the year, so be sure to check often if the one you want is not currently available. A list of current programs can be found at [greenbeltmd.gov](http://greenbeltmd.gov). Remember to visit the display outside Room 108 and let it be known how you get your play on.

### What Goes On

**Monday, July 17  
7:30 p.m.,** Council Worksession at Greenbelt Homes Inc., Hamilton Place  
(See City Information for more events.)



PHOTO BY GAVA/GATE

**Still from The Big Cheese by Pallas Bane at age 13. See story about GAVA/GATE Kids Animation on page 8.**

# Letters to the Editor

## Cookie Caper Charms

I have always found the summer camps run by the Greenbelt Recreation Department to be wonderfully enriching experiences for my daughter and her friends. This year, one portion of the camp was particularly enriching for me as well, the play performed by the children enrolled in Creative Kids Camp (CKC).

The Cookie Caper was written and directed by the CKC's own Christopher Cherry. As I expected, it was a charming performance that provided an opportunity for all the campers to display their talents and learn about theater. I didn't expect to be moved to tears, however, which I was during one small but important part of the play.

The caper follows a group of kids, who happen to be campers in the Greenbelt camp, as they attempt to solve the mystery of a missing batch of cookies. The self-referential plot may sound confusing, but it works well with the children essentially playing themselves in a show about a theatrical camp.

A long lost diary serves as the vehicle to take the play back to Greenbelt's early years. In addition to historically inspired plot points that touch on the town's unusual origins in the New Deal under the guidance of Rex Tugwell and the influence of Eleanor Roosevelt, The Cookie Caper includes brief, but riveting portions highlighting some of the more unsavory aspects of Greenbelt's beginnings. This is what led to scenes that moved me deeply. They illustrated the fact that Jews and African Americans were not permitted to settle in Greenbelt during its early years. While Cherry's play doesn't labor the point in his script, the scenes that focused on it were effective and powerful beyond anything I've ever seen in a children's production.

I applaud Cherry for his bravery and creativity in writing The Cookie Caper. I would have loved it for the catchy lyrics and beautiful score alone (not to men-

tion seeing my child on stage, of course). This year's CKC production, however, is truly exceptional as a clever, fun kids production that celebrates so much that's wonderful about our town while also including an unexpected glimpse of an important, but unflattering, part of Greenbelt's history.

James Riordon

## Summer Camp Kudos

It's another busy Friday at the Community Center as the second summer camp session comes to an end. On Friday, June 30 I had the pleasure of attending three shows from the first session of summer camp: The Cookie Caper put on by Creative Kids Camp, the Circus Camp Show and the Storybook Theater Mini-Camp dance performance of Rainbow Fish. In those shows my children and my nieces and nephews were among the many children who sang positive songs about bright futures, performed amazing acrobatic feats (that they likely never thought they could achieve before Circus Camp) and integrated art, music, dance and literature in thematic play. During the performances I could not help but think about how lucky I am to live in a town that supports and celebrates the arts, families and children. In reality, it is not luck; the wonderful summer camps and the many performances and activities throughout the year are due to a lot of hard work by dedicated individuals. So, a great big thank you to Chris Cherry (Creative Kids Camp), Greg May (Circus Camp), Angella Foster (Storybook Theater Mini-Camp) and all of the staff of the Greenbelt Recreation Department. And thank you Greenbelt for supporting these programs!

Kristen Maul

## The Cats of Istanbul

I don't want anyone to miss a great movie about cats, which is playing this week at the Old Greenbelt Theatre.

This movie, KEDI, is all about

the "personal" lives of hundreds of thousands of cats freely roaming the streets of Istanbul, with birds also all over the place, and about how the cats are fully embraced by the people and the reverse.

Extraordinary filming and script-writing deliver a perception of cats rarely realized.

Anyone who has ever had a cat stay for some months or years, or dreams of such, will be heart-warmed by this film, which improves the understandings among cats and people, and even claims that one who cannot love animals also cannot love people.

See last week's News Review for show times through Thursday this week.

And, for those more enamored of dogs than of cats, or enamored of both, there is also a dog movie showing at the Old Greenbelt Theatre this week.

Why not view both films!

Bill Norwood

## Correction

The article on Reading Books of the 1930s showed an incorrect website address. The correct url is [www.greenbeltmd.gov/reading](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/reading).



Old Greenbelt Theatre  
129 Centerway  
301-329-2034  
[www.greenbelttheatre.org](http://www.greenbelttheatre.org)  
Members always \$6.50!  
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 July 14th - June 20th

THE BIG SICK  
(2017) (R) (120 mins) (CC)  
Fri. 2:30, 5:15, 8:00 PM  
Sat. 2:30, 5:15, 8:00 PM  
Sun. 2:30 (OC), 5:15, 8:00 PM  
Mon. 5:15, 8:00 PM  
Tue. 5:15, 8:00 PM  
Wed. 2:30, 5:15, 8:00 PM  
Thurs. 5:15, 8:00 PM

16TH ANNUAL  
LUNAFEST: FREE!  
Short films by, for  
and about women  
Sat. 11:00 AM

School's Out Series: FREE!  
TROLLS  
(2016) (PG) (92 mins)  
(CC)  
Thurs. 1:00 pm



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## On Screen

### Love Cures All

The Big Sick, a romantic comedy with an interracial flavor, produced by Judd Apatow, directed by Michael Showalter, comes to the Old Greenbelt Theatre this Friday, July 14 (Bastille Day for you Francophiles).

It stars Kumail Nanjiani as himself, a Pakistani-American stand-up comic and his white American girlfriend and eventual wife Emily (Zoe Kazan), a psychology major.

Co-written by Nanjiani and his real life wife Emily V. Gordon, The Big Sick depicts her mysterious illness and medically induced coma and the delicate, complex racial, religious and cultural dance they both negotiate so touchingly.

Nanjiani's Muslim parents (Anumpam Kher and Zenobia Shroff) parade bridal prospects in front of Kumail, insisting on a traditional arranged marriage. Emily's parents (Ray Romano and Holly Hunter) think otherwise.

True love laced with plenty of gags.

Running Time: 2 hours

Rating: R

- Jim Link

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# Community Events

## A Bold Peace At Reel and Meal

On Monday, July 17, Reel and Meal, in collaboration with the Utopia Film Festival, will feature A Bold Peace at the New Deal Café. For a fee, an optional vegan meal is available at 6:30 p.m., followed by the free screening at 7 p.m.

In his famous Cross of Iron speech in 1953, President Eisenhower critiqued the military-industrial complex while asking, "Is there no other way the world may live?" Costa Rica shows us another way to live. In 1948, Costa Rica dismantled its military establishment and intentionally cultivated security relationships with other nations through treaties, international laws and international organizations. Free of the burden of military spending, it uses the financial savings to invest in its people. In this documentary, director Matthew Eddy shows how Costa Rica accomplished this and how it has continued to maintain this success for almost 70 years.

Reel and Meal is a monthly vegan dinner and documentary series focused on social justice, animal rights and environmental issues. It is sponsored by three organizations: Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group, Prince George's County Peace & Justice Coalition, and Green Vegan Networking. Utopia Film Festival is a frequently featured collaborator in the series. For more information, contact Susan Barnett at 301-474-7465 or susbarn@earthlink.net. You can also visit the New Deal Café's website, at newdealcafe.com/events/reel-and-meal.

## GHI Notes

Thursday, July 13, 7 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting, Board Room.

Friday, July 14, Office closed. Emergency maintenance service available at 301-474-6011.

Monday, July 17, 7:30 p.m. GHI/City of Greenbelt Stakeholders Meeting, Board Room.

Tuesday, July 18, 7:30 p.m. Companion Animal Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby.

Wednesday, July 19, 7 p.m. Woodlands Committee Meeting, Board Room.

Thursday, July 20, 7:30 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room.

Friday, July 21, noon. Office closed for employee picnic. Emergency maintenance service available at 301-474-6011.

Sunday, July 23, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. GHI Strategic Planning Meeting, Board Room.

## Writers Group Meets

The Greenbelt Writers Group meets on Friday, July 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. All local writers are invited to participate. Plans for the anthology will be discussed and open readings will be held. For more information, contact Mary Moien at 301-474-4713.



## Saturday Evening Star Party

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday, July 15 at the City Observatory located at Northway Fields. Attendees may expect to see Jupiter and Saturn first, then deep sky objects such as galaxies, star clusters and nebulae. As always, visitors are welcome to set up their own telescopes on the hill. The moon will not be up, so it will be 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.

## 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. Menu for the week of July 17 is as follows:

Monday, July 17: Baked chicken breast with tomato basil sauce, whole grain penne pasta, mixed vegetables, wheat bread, Mandarin oranges, apple juice.

Tuesday, July 18: Sanitation Training – All sites closed.

Wednesday, July 19: Sliced turkey with gravy, black eyed peas, spinach, cornbread muffin, fresh fruit, cranberry juice.

Thursday, July 20: 10-grain breaded pollock, macaroni and cheese, okra, corn and stewed tomatoes, wheat roll, diced pears, orange juice.

Friday, July 21: Salisbury steak with gravy, whipped potatoes, sliced carrots, wheat bread, tropical fruit, apple juice.

## City Notes

Public Works staff met with a landscape architect and civil engineer regarding Buddy Attick parking lot improvements.

Street Maintenance/Special Details crews removed unwanted signs and checked for graffiti throughout the city, picked up barrels from Kenilworth Avenue after the 4th of July celebration, cleaned storm drains throughout historic Greenbelt, continued painting parking lines in historic Greenbelt, pushed debris at the Northway Fields compost site and installed two No Parking signs, one on Greenhill Road and one on Hanover Parkway.

## Electronics, Paint, Styrofoam Recycling

Saturday, July 22, from 9 a.m. to noon, bring your electronics, block styrofoam and paint for recycling to the Greenbelt Public Works yard at 555 Crescent Road.

The old paint will be used in developing countries' humanitarian construction projects. Do not mix paint in other containers. In order for the paint to be properly used, the contents on the inside need to match the label on the outside. There is a small fee for paint recycling.

For those unable to attend the event, this service may come directly to your home for an additional service fee. Yuck Old Paint, LLC. 888-509-9825 (YUCK) YuckOldPaint.com

### Electronics

Accepted electronic items include: TVs, CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, laptop computers, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, fax machines, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players and VCRs.

Batteries need to be taped on one end.

Expanded Polystyrene (block Styrofoam #6). This is the white, block Styrofoam that is used as packaging, not cups and trays for food, no peanuts.

Special arrangements must be made for drop-off of more than 10 items or items over 50 lbs. Call Lisa Robles at 240-542-2153 in advance.

## King Kirby at GAC

For over 50 years, Jack Kirby was the driving force behind the most iconic comic book characters in American pop culture. This is the story of the work that made the marvels.

Off the Quill, Inc., presents King Kirby by Crystal Skillman and Fred Van Lente at the Greenbelt Arts Center on Fridays, July 28 and August 4 and 11, and on Saturdays, July 29 and August 5 and 12. All shows are at 8 p.m.

## Volunteer Events

The Weed Warriors project will continue Monday, July 17 from 10 a.m. to noon in Buddy Attick Park. The volunteer water quality monitoring session will take place at Springhill Lake Recreation Center on Saturday, July 15 from 10 a.m. to noon. To attend this session, RSVP to Erin Josephitis at ejosephitis@greenbeltmd.gov or 240-542-2168.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

## Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATe)

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### Free and Open to the Public Board of Directors meeting

Tuesday, July 18th at 7:30PM in the GATe Studio

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

## Don't Trash It – Fix It Repair Café Saturday

by Janice Wolf

Greenbelt MakerSpace will hold its next Repair Café on Saturday, July 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. "You bring it, we'll teach you how to repair it" is how the volunteer handypersons, tailors, engineers and other skilled fix-it types describe the quarterly event. Now in its fourth year in Greenbelt, Repair Café can be considered the last best hope for broken toys, malfunctioning appliances, torn clothing, busted furniture and other such items that might otherwise be destined for a landfill.

The MakerSpace is well-equipped with tools and materials and will set up repair stations staffed by volunteers who can assist with fixing and mending. They also welcome new volunteer repair persons, and encourage anyone with an urge to tinker under guidance to help out for a few hours.

They don't have room to store stuff, say MakerSpace staff, so any items brought and left for repair should be picked up by 4 p.m. the same day. Repair Café is purposely scheduled one week before Greenbelt's quarterly electronics recycling.

Started in the Netherlands, the worldwide movement now claims over 1,300 such repair get-togethers operating on every continent except Antarctica, according to the website, repaircafe.org.

The service is free, but donations to Greenbelt's MakerSpace are welcome to help defray costs. Greenbelt MakerSpace is located at 125 Centerway in Roosevelt Center (next to the theater).

## Donation Drive Saturday and Sunday

Next Saturday and Sunday, July 22 and 23, the Greenbelt Community Church United Church of Christ invites donations for their quarterly donation drive. Bring gently used clothing, books and small household items to the church from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on July 22, and 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on July 23. Items should be smaller than 18" x 18" x 18" and placed in kitchen-sized plastic bags. Donors will receive a receipt for their donation and a discount coupon for Value Village Thrift Store.

Volunteers are also available to pick up items from Greenbelt homes during those same times. The Community Church conducts the donation drive in conjunction with Value Village and receives funds based on the weight of items collected. Call 301-345-1849 to arrange for a pick up or for more information.

## Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, July 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads. The group offers professionals, students, stay-at-home parents and retirees a supportive environment to improve skills in communication and leadership. For more information call 240-542-8625.



Utopia Film Festival Presents  
Sunday, July 16th, Wed., July 19th, & Fri., July 21st  
Beginning at 8 PM

"Urban Reality," and  
"Kinderblock 66: Buchenwald"

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## Greenbelt Arts Center OPENING FRIDAY AT GAC

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By Anthony Ernest Gallo  
Directed By Beatrix Whitehall  
Guest Production from Seventh Street Playhouse

July 14, 15 21 & 22 at 8:00pm  
Sunday Matinees—Jul 16, 23 at 2:00pm  
Ticket prices: \$22 General Admission, \$20 Students/Seniors/Military,  
\$12 Youth (12 and under with adult)

### COMING SOON

AUDITIONS: **Beau Jest** – July 17 & 18 – Directed by Norma Ozur  
**King Kirby** – Jul 28 – Aug 12 – Production from Off the Quill  
AUDITIONS: **Wizard of Oz** – Aug 7, 8 & 10 – Directed by Jon Gardner  
**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](mailto:info@greenbeltartscenter.org) or  
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## In Memoriam

## Shirley Gray Bailey

by Rick Ransom

Shirley Bailey, pioneer Greenbelter and mother of nine of Greenbelt's kids, grandmother of 20 and great-grandmother of 26, died on July 4, 2017, after a short illness. She was under hospice care and died at home. Her husband Raymond predeceased her, as did three of her children. She was the sister of Robert Gray and the late Mary Cherry. Her funeral was this past Sunday where her eulogy was given by her son Earl.

If you sketched out a family tree for the city, quite a number of today's Old Town residents would trace back to a thick root representing Shirley and Ray Bailey. Shirley Gray lived in nearby Brentwood, Md., after her birth in 1931 and moved with her parents and siblings to the new town of Greenbelt in 1938.

Earl remembers his Mom telling him about the various rules in place for living in the town in its early years. For example, women had to wear a skirt or dress (no shorts or jeans) to the shopping area (Roosevelt Center) and you had to have your washed clothes off of the outdoor drying lines by 4 p.m.

Shirley attended Greenbelt Elementary and graduated from Greenbelt High School in 1949. Having met and dated Raymond in her senior year, they were married one week after her birthday on October 18, 1949. She and Ray moved to Georgia while Ray was in boot camp. Their first child, Ray Edward (Christy) was born in 1950. They moved back to Savage, Md., in 1952 and had their second son Ricky (Jennifer, my niece). The following year they welcomed their first daughter (Deborah) into the fold. With the family growing they moved to College Park in 1954 where their son Billy (Judy) joined the family.

As Earl explains, "A black cloud fell upon my family when our sister Deborah fell ill and, despite the doctors trying everything, passed away from pneumonia before her second birthday in 1955." Earl says his Mom explained to him when he was a teenager that "things happen that you can't control." She noted that she had always wanted a big family, so she was not deterred by this tragedy. A year later she gave birth to another daughter, Patti (Charles) on the day her husband was moving the family to their new home in Greenbelt. Shirley and Ray would reside here the rest of their lives.

The family added three more sons, Bobby (Robin) in 1959, Earl (Donna) in 1962 and Kenny (Angie) in 1964, and a daughter, Karen (Danny) in 1968. Earl noted that he was the favorite, of course. He also remarked that 1968 was the only year when all of the kids lived together in the

home. After her husband's death, Shirley would suffer more tragedy with the loss of her first-born son Ray Edward some 10 years ago, and her first born daughter Patti nine years ago, both to cancer. She also lost her daughter-in-law Donna, Earl's wife, two years ago.

Earl remembered his mother's kindness to all of the friends each child brought to the home. Sometimes she would fix sandwiches for her kids and when one of the friends would inquire "where's mine" she would make another one, saying "What's one more?" Certainly, she was a "Mom" to more than just her own kids. He stated she was at the hospital emergency room dozens of times with all of the various illnesses and injuries her children experienced. "She always taught us to be respectful and work hard for the things you wanted because we knew who really wore the pants in our family," he pointed out.

Shirley had a grand sense of humor and a great appreciation and knowledge of Greenbelt's history. She worked in the Prince George's County school system a number of years and earned her retirement. She tutored elementary kids with learning deficiencies or physical disabilities as well as those who were learning English as a second language. Earl said she loved to garden and to just

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## Obituaries

## Darwin Brooks

Darwin Brooks, longtime resident of Greenbelt, died on June 30, 2017. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, July 12.

Mr. Brooks, son of Johnny Brooks and Darwin Brooks, was born on September 10, 1944, in Washington, D.C. He was the third child of seven. He attended Theodore Roosevelt High School in Washington, D.C., and graduated in 1962.

Following his high school graduation, Mr. Brooks enrolled in the Pharmacy School at Howard University and graduated in May 1967, leading to a long and successful career in pharmacy. His professional career started at People's Drug and then led him to owning his own pharmacy alongside his brother, Phil Brooks, under the name of Brooks and Thomas Pharmacy in 1970.

In August 1967, Mr. Brooks married Lorraine Turner and had two sons, Daryl and Eric Brooks. The family moved into Boxwood Village in May 1972.

Mr. Brooks was a loving and devoted father. He was an amazing role model and taught his children the importance of education and pursuing professional careers. His son Daryl is a Grants Technical Assistant at NIH and Eric is a pharmacist at Safeway. Mr. Brooks loved his grandchildren and was always willing to babysit and spend time with them. He was an amazing cook and enjoyed cooking meals for his family and friends.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE BROOKS FAMILY.

Darwin Brooks

Mr. Brooks was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Carolyn Richardson and Barbara Fisher, his brother Tyrone Brooks, brother-in-law Avon Richardson and sister-in-law Florence Brooks. He is survived by his sons Daryl and Eric Brooks; his brothers Johnny Brooks Jr., Phil Brooks and Willie Brooks; his brother-in-law Joel Fisher; his sisters-in-law Sandra Brooks, Joyce Brooks and Peggy Brooks; his daughters-in-law Tanya Brooks and Saera Brooks; and seven grandchildren. Mr. Brooks was blessed to have the continued support and love of his wife Lorraine and her daughter Barbie Franklin, along with Barbie's husband Sir-Colin Franklin and their children Azyra and Malachi.



Condolences to the Bailey family and friends on the death on July 4 of Shirley Bailey, Greenbelt pioneer.

Our sympathy to the family and friends of longtime Boxwood Village resident Darwin Brooks, who died on June 30.

Congratulations to Jonathan Miller and Sarah Sisler on the birth of their son. Nathan Paul was born on July 6, 5 lbs. 7oz. Bob and News Review staffer Mary Ann Baker are proud first-time great grandparents.

Please share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

## Obituaries

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

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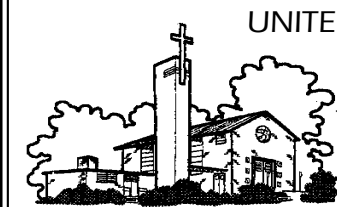
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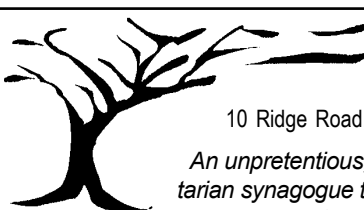
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Monday, July 17, Reel and Meal at the New Deal, 7 to 9 p.m. A monthly film series exploring social, environmental and animal rights concerns.

Tuesday, July 18, 7 to 9:30 p.m. Rising Star Karaoke. Come out and shine as YOU take the New Deal stage and sing your favorites. State-of-the-art sound equipment and expansive song selections. Hosted by Kelley Hildebrand.

Wednesday, July 19, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Jeffrey Greenberg playing piano jazz. 7 to 9 p.m. Pub Quiz. Bring a team or form one on the spot. Each participant donates a dollar, which will be the prize for the winning team. Come out and test your knowledge on topics from aardvarks to zymurgy.

Thursday, July 20, noon to 2 p.m. Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft. 7 to 10 p.m. Open Mic with Joe Harris.

Friday, July 21, noon to 2 p.m., Jeffrey Greenberg plays 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. The DYLZ, a unique 40-song tribute show honoring one of America's finest songwriters, Nobel prize winner Robert Zimmerman, aka Bob Dylan. Seven performers from top of the region bands come together for a special show that includes humor and harmonies, music and memories, songs and stories.

Saturday, July 22, 1 to 5 p.m., Jazz Jam with Greg Meyer. Bring on your jazz groove and join in this community jam session. 6:30 to 8 p.m., Jazz and blues piano by Guernsey. 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., Soulfied Village. Bringing funk, rock, pop, R & B, neo-soul, gospel and originals, Soulfied Village delivers what you know and love while introducing their homegrown material.

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On a local level, the outrage was tempered by realism that the project was never certain.

"I had a feeling when this kept getting stalled," said Councilmember Silke Pope. "I hope this is not the end of it."

City Manager Nicole Ard said the city has other plans to address economic development that are not directly tied to the FBI building. These include a recent award for improvement of the 193 corridor (Greenbelt Road),

work that would be done jointly with Berwyn Heights and College Park; green improvements to Cherrywood Lane; and the opening of the South Core connection to Cherrywood Lane.

"Greenbelt remains an excellent site for business," she said. "During last night's council meeting, council requested a worksession to discuss economic development. The worksession is tentatively scheduled for July 24."

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sit with her grandkids and hold them in her lap when she got the chance.

I believe she was a gardener, both of the earth and of the gardens she saw in each of her children and grandchildren. She talked to one and all, helping to resolve troubles for them and

softening the blows of life. She purged the weeds to reveal the shining flowers that were their better natures. As Earl said in closing, "Mom, we love you with all our hearts and miss you. You will never be forgotten, for the family you have started will only grow."

The FBI story has been updated to correct the entity that stopped the project.



# City Information

**MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF JULY 17-21**

Monday, July 17 at 7:30pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/ GHI** at GHI Hamilton Place.

Tuesday, July 18 at 7:00 pm **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES** at Public Works Facility, 555 Crescent Road. *On the agenda: Continue discussion of Greenbelt Tree Master Plan issues.*

Tuesday, July 18 at 7:30pm, **COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road *On the Agenda: Planning for youth police-community forum, 13th Amendment/Freedom Day Holiday, Information Day table at Labor Day Festival and CRAB email address. This agenda is subject to change.*

Wednesday, July 19 AT 7:30pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.** *On the agenda: Review of draft Green/Complete Street Policy*

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

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**VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**  
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**Weed Warriors Volunteer Event**  
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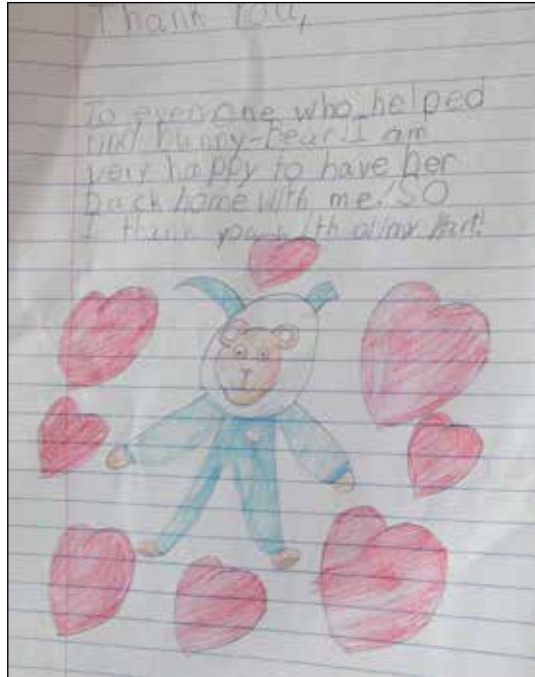
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## Greenbelt is Great!



These two signs were spotted on the Co-op bulletin board. The sign on the right reads: To everyone who helped find Bunny-Bear. I am very happy to have her back home with me! So I thank you with all my heart! (There had been a post on the city facebook page trying to reunite Bunny Bear with her owner.)

- Photos by Amy Hansen

# Parade Always the Highlight Of City's Labor Day Festival

by Butch Hicks

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Parade, a demonstration of community spirit and diverse cultures, provides an array of orderly military units, marching bands and floats complimented by occasional disorderly processions of people and animals that amaze and amuse viewers. Along its route, children laugh at the clowns and adults shout encouragement as the parade passes by. It continues a Labor Day tradition that began September 5, 1938 when the parade was declared "Greenbelt's greatest parade to date."

Jim Tilton, parade manager, said the event is a culmination of the parade committee's work. The committee organizes the parade, and coordinates with the Greenbelt Police Department and the Community Emergency Response Team volunteers for crowd and traffic control and with Prince George's County Emergency Radio Association volunteers, who monitor the parade progress. Eleanor Roosevelt High School student volunteers also assist parade participants. "Hundreds of decisions go into creating a big, boisterous parade," said Tilton, who, since the early 1990s has been involved with various aspects of the parade's organization. "Every year the volunteers, police and safety organizations help make the parade enjoyable. Their cooperative efforts are absolutely phenomenal."

Parade mornings start early:

Some viewers set up folding chairs and coolers along the parade's route, floats and marching units get their place assignments, bands warm up and baton twirlers practice acrobatic moves. Tilton said the annual parade is a festival highlight that also includes fire trucks, color guards, scout units and numerous local groups. "The parade demonstrates our community spirit and accentuates our city's diverse cultural background," he said.

Enthusiastic parade participants receive more than viewers' smiles and waves. Beginning in 1938, trophies were awarded to float entrants. This year 24 trophies, ranging from Best in Parade to Most Humorous to Best Community Representation, will be presented to entrants. Former Greenbelter Rose Bistany, now living in Nashville, Tenn., said her best festival was building the Spirit of 1976 St. Hugh's Teen Club float, marching and carry-

ing the U.S. flag and winning a trophy.

On September 4, as in years past, with a siren's whoop and the rattle of snare drums, the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival parade begins. The Greenbelt Police honor guard leads the show, followed by the parade's Grand Marshall, Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen. A year of planning and organizing efforts materialize as the parade's varied units – amid booming bass drums, occasional sirens and screaming, cheering viewers – move toward the reviewing stand. Distinguished politicians, Greenbelt community leaders and special guests salute flags and wave to marchers, signaling another parade's end. Memories for families and friends that can only be found in small town America have been created.

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



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## Kathleen Teaze, County Library CEO, Will Retire

by Layne Litsinger

Longtime chief executive officer (CEO) of Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS), Kathleen Teaze, announced her retirement from the system effective August 1.

"This has been a difficult decision, but after 32 years in the library profession, seven of which have been with the PGCMLS, I believe that this is a good time to move to the next stage of my life. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to move our library system to such an exciting place in Maryland's public library landscape," said Teaze.

Teaze brought new technology and digital programs to the PGCMLS. She managed to modernize and improve library standards across a large and diverse organization consisting of 628,000 library customers in a county of over 1 million residents.

During her time, PGCMLS renovated old library buildings, built new libraries in South Bowie and Laurel, introduced 3-D printing for customers and pushed new programs such as Leap Into New Knowledge (LINK), which provides all Prince George's County students access to library services.

"Using real data to support decision-making, we have inaugurated a measurement and evaluation system for business intelligence that is being emulated in libraries across the state and, above all, we deliver our services with a smile," said Teaze.

Alease J. "Christy" Wright, president of the PGCMLS board, wished Teaze luck as she moves on to the next chapter of her life. Wright explained how Teaze helped the library system flourish. "Under the leadership of Ms. Teaze, the library system has ex-



PHOTO BY ANDREW ALDRICH

After seven years with Prince George's County Memorial Library System, Kathleen Teaze remains involved to support the library system in the state.

panded its reach in various areas, offering several new community-based services while remaining a central point for county residences to access vital information resources," said Wright.

Teaze is still currently the president of the Maryland Library Association, an organization that helps develop and support libraries within the state. She also serves on the Commission for Education Excellence, which advises the Prince George's County executive on educated-related matters, and the Early Childhood/ Project LAUNCH Advisory Council, which helps young children and their families in the county.

The PGCMLS consists of 19 branch libraries, including the Greenbelt Library.

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



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As reported in the November 17, 2016, issue of this paper, council held a worksession with YAC on November 2 to discuss the committee's recommendation. Little was added at the July meeting to the discussion that occurred at the earlier worksession. Committee Chair Ema Smith and YAC members Findley Holland and Julia Sharapi urged council to adopt the required charter amendment rather than placing the issue on the ballot as a referendum question.

Residents were not supportive of lowering the voting age in their responses to a question on the 2015 Community Survey. Some councilmembers expressed a reluctance to make the decision and favored a question on the ballot, though Councilmember Judith Davis questioned the practice of having people who hold a right be the determiners of whether that right should be extended to a wider group. Discussion ensued on whether such decisions are better made by the government. In what situations should elected officials follow the preferences of their constituents and in what situations should they lead rather than follow?

Councilmembers Rodney Roberts and Silke Pope, as well as Mayor Emmett Jordan, continued to say they did not think they should make this decision; rather, residents should. Sharapi suggested that if voter turnout is low at the election, a referendum is not a good way to determine resident opinion. She urged council to do the resolution. She noted that the voters could challenge the result if they didn't like it, adding, "but I don't think the public feels that way."

The YAC had conducted a survey, previously submitted to council, on their peers' interest and attitudes toward voting. Smith once again reviewed YAC's assertion that 16-year-olds in Greenbelt are studying government in high school and that only those who are seriously interested will come out to vote. YAC has also maintained that starting the habit of voting earlier will encourage continuing it as students enter college and move away from home. A strong motivating force for lowering the voting age is that turnout among young voters in the U.S. has been at an all-time low.

The YAC report was also referred to the Community Relations Advisory Board and the Advisory Committee on Education, both of which supported the recommendation.

When Pamela Gregory, chair of the city's Board of Elections, was asked her opinion, she said, "Given the state of this nation, let's get the young people used to voting. The reason I'm on this board is because I want to encourage people to vote."

Resident Bill Orleans also spoke to say that we have a system of representative government and "it is totally council's responsibility" to make this decision. He recited a litany of items he might have appreciated having more input on, noting that council had no problem taking those actions without consulting him.

### Related Issues

Councilmembers directed staff to prepare versions of the charter amendment resolution with different options for possible action at the August 14 regular council

meeting. For example, in earlier discussions, councilmembers were in agreement that if the voting age was lowered, it would not be lowered for other activities currently tied to the voting age. In particular, at least initially it was agreed that the minimum age for running for city council would not be lowered.

If a charter amendment resolution were adopted by council at the August regular meeting, it would not become effective until several days before the October 9 cut-off for registering to vote in the November election. Since the practice in Prince George's County is already to register 16-year-old residents who will be 18 in time to vote in the next General Election (November 6, 2018), those 16-year-olds and 17-year-olds who hope to vote in the 2017 city council election should consider registering as soon as they are 16 rather than waiting for the law to take effect in Greenbelt.

In Maryland, city charters can be amended in only one of two ways: introduction and passage of a charter amendment resolution by the city council or the presentation of petitions signed by at least 20 percent of the registered voters in the city (likely to be about 2,600 valid signatures). If council adopts a charter resolution, it will become effective in 50 days unless it is petitioned to a referendum by signature of at least 20 percent of registered city voters. Such a petition would have to be filed within 40 days of the passage of the resolution.

### Non-U.S. Citizens

Davis placed the subject of allowing city residents who are not U.S. citizens to vote in city elections on the agenda, with the idea of discussing it for the future. Ten local government jurisdictions in Maryland, with all but Hyattsville and Mount Rainier located in Montgomery County, allow voting in local elections by residents who are not U.S. citizens. Pope and Councilmember Leta Mach stated their strong opposition to allowing non-U.S. citizens to vote, saying they would

prefer to put effort into assisting residents to achieve citizenship. Councilmember Edward Putens agreed, saying, "If you want to vote, become a citizen." Roberts said he was undecided for now and could see arguments on both sides.

Resident Cynthia Newcomer advised coming down on the side of inclusion, adding that "there are many complex reasons for not becoming a citizen." Orleans agreed, questioning whether there is a meaningful connection between voting in a city election and holding U.S. citizenship. Councilmembers agreed to refer the matter to the city's Board of Elections for further consideration.

### Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem

The city charter requires that the mayor and mayor pro tem be elected by the incoming council. It is longstanding tradition for the council to elect the two highest vote-getters. Resident Colin Byrd made a request at a regular meeting to codify the tradition so these selections would be required to follow the voters' wishes. Councilmembers were unanimously unwilling to make that change since the tradition had worked well over the years. Moreover, since the council is a group of peers, the opportunity to vote for these two individuals provides a unique opportunity to express support for them and bring council together following the election.

### Creating Election Wards

Resident Rick Gordon had earlier requested that the city establish election wards to provide more direct representation on council. He also had expressed a belief that having wards would increase voter registration and turnout. The city went through substantial discussion of this alternative years ago when it decided instead to increase the number of seats on council from five to seven at the 2009 election.

Councilmembers said they continued to want anyone elected to council to work to represent all parts of the city, not just one.

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### Regional Transportation Agency of Central Maryland (RTA) 30 Day Public Comment Period

Monday, June 26th through Tuesday, July 25, 2017.

The Regional Transportation Agency of Central Maryland (RTA) gives notice of a public hearing regarding RTA service enhancements that will affect the following routes: 203, 401, 405, 406, 407, 408, 501, 503. New proposed service routes include: 409B and 504. For more details regarding route enhancements and scheduled information sessions, visit [www.transitRTA.com](http://www.transitRTA.com) or call 800-270-9553 Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-5:00 pm. The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the RTA Administration Building located at 8510 Corridor Road, Suite 110, Savage, Maryland. Riders can access location via Route 409. The RTA opens a 30-day public comment period on Monday, June 26th through Tuesday, July 25, 2017. During this period the public is encouraged to provide feedback regarding proposed changes by submitting written comments either online, [www.transitRTA.com](http://www.transitRTA.com), email, [consumer@transitRTA.com](mailto:consumer@transitRTA.com), or 7-1-1 MD Relay or mail, RTA Administration office, 8510 Corridor Road, Suite 110, Savage, MD 20763. Proposed changes are scheduled to go into effect Monday, September 11, 2017. Anyone requiring special assistance or additional accommodations, or who requires printed materials in an alternative format should contact RTA in advance at 1-800-270-9553 to make arrangements. RTA fully complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. For the full policy, visit [www.transitRTA.com](http://www.transitRTA.com).

## Amanda Ferouz is Co-op's New Pharmacy Manager

Amanda Ferouz, R.Ph., takes over as the new pharmacy manager at the Co-op Supermarket. She replaces the Co-op's long-time pharmacist Sajida Quayme.

Although new to the Greenbelt Co-op, Ferouz is not new to the profession. For the past two dozen years, she created and successfully ran the Twins Pharmacy in Berwyn Heights. She recognizes the challenges, but also the rewards and benefits that independent pharmacies provide. Reviews of Twins Pharmacy are

filled with glowing adjectives such as caring, efficient, reliable and accurate.

Prior to opening Twins Pharmacy, Ferouz worked as a staff pharmacist for Kaiser Permanente, Grubbs Pharmacy in Washington, D.C., and the Washington Hospital Center. She is a board certified licensed pharmacist with the state of Maryland, holds a certification in vaccinations and is a certified fitting consultant for orthotics and breast prostheses.

## GAVA/GATe Kids Animation At Old Greenbelt Theatre

by Ingrid Hass

GAVA/GATe Animation made by youth ages 10 and older right here in Greenbelt will be screening at the Old Greenbelt Theatre through the coming weeks. Caitlin McGrath, director of the OGT, suggested running animation clips from students of the GAVA/GATe animation classes as part of the previews before the School's Out! series that screens on Thursdays at 1 p.m. Almost 20 years in the making, the GAVA/GATe animation program is led by George Kochell, otherwise known as Mister Geo, with winter and fall classes offered at the Greenbelt Access Television studio in the Community Center. The short films, lasting an average of one to two minutes each are completely made by students – from creating and drawing characters

on paper, writing storyboards, coloring and animating their artwork in Adobe Flash, to lastly, adding titles and sound effects – over a 12-week period.

For more information, or to register for fall 2017 animation classes starting in September for homeschool students on Mondays or after school on Fridays, contact George Kochell/Mister Geo at [gkochell@yahoo.com](mailto:gkochell@yahoo.com) or call 240-418-1889.



Film Still from *Roffle's First Flight* by Tucker Bane at age 10

PHOTO BY GAVA/GATE



### PRELIMINARY AGENDA

### GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, July 20, 2017

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

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

- GHI Open Session
- Approval of Minutes: June 15, 2017 GHI Special Open Meeting
- Approval of Minutes: June 15, 2017 GHI Regular Open Meeting
- Re-certification of Yardlines for 9-M Research Rd
- Review Request for Proposal for Installation of a Solar PVES within the Administration Building Complex
- Buildings Committee's Recommendations Re: Reserves' Funds for Future Replacements of Water Supply/Waste Piping and Electrical Wiring.
- External Auditor's Responses to Questions from the Board of Directors
- External Auditor's Review of GHI's Procedures for Compliance with Investment Policy
- Proposed Establishment of a Task Force to Recommend a Plan for Installing Bike Sheds in GHI



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# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, [www.greenbeltmd.gov/police](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police)

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

## Assault

June 30, 10:21 a.m., 5900 block Greenbelt Road. A man entered the Metro PCS cell phone store and demanded to have his broken phone replaced. When the employee explained the replacement procedure, the man became irate, displayed a can of pepper spray, threatened him and then fled. He is described as black, 5 feet 7 inches to 5 feet 9 inches tall, 160 to 180 pounds, wearing a red and white striped T-shirt, khaki shorts and sunglasses.

## Theft

June 29, 4:30 p.m., 7800 block Walker Drive. A wallet was taken from an unattended purse in an office suite.

June 29, 6:50 p.m. 5900 block Greenbelt Road. A parcel was taken from the front stoop of a residence on June 2.

June 29, 9:02 P.M., 7600 block Mandan Road. A man attempted to sell a cell phone online and was waiting to meet the buyer to complete the transaction. The buyer then approached the seller and asked to see the phone. The seller handed the phone to the buyer, who then fled without paying.

July 30, 6:30 p.m., 7400 block Greenbelt Road. An unattended cell phone was taken from Modell's sporting goods store.

June 30, 10:30 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A man attempting to buy a cell phone online waited in the area of Beltway Plaza to meet the seller to complete the transaction. She approached him, took the money and gave him a box, supposedly containing the cell phone. After she left, the buyer discovered the box had no phone in it.

July 3, 9:59 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. An unattended cell phone was taken from the counter at Baskin Robbins.

## Shoplifting

July 1, 11:31 a.m., 7400 block Greenbelt Road. A 20-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana, and a 13-year-old nonresident youth was arrested for theft after they were stopped during the investigation of shoplifting. Both were released on citation pending trial.

## Vandalism

June 28, 7:58 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. The bedroom window of a residence was broken out with a rock.

## Vehicle Crime

One motorcycle and three vehicles were stolen and attempts were made to steal five others. A red 2014 Honda CB motorcycle with Md. tags 9D1561 was taken from the 5900 block Cherrywood Lane.

Two black 4-door Chevrolet

Impalas were stolen, one 2014 with Md. tags CB6983, taken from the 6000 block Springhill Drive, and the other 2008 with Mich. tags, taken from the 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive. A grey 4-door 2008 Volkswagen Passat with Md. tags 9CK1632 was taken from the 6000 block Springhill Drive.

Attempts were made to steal five vehicles on July 4 in the 6000 block Greenbelt Road when ignitions were tampered with and damaged.

Windows were broken and stereo equipment taken in the 9100 block Edmonston Road, 5900 block Cherrywood Lane and 6100 Springhill Terrace. A purse was taken from the 6000 block Greenbelt Road, also after a window was broken out.

Windows were broken and nothing taken in the 6200 block Springhill Drive, 5900 block Cherrywood Lane and 9100 block Edmonston Road.

Rear tags were taken from two vehicles, Md. 9BP5353 in the 9200 block Edmonston Road and Md. 7CT6234 in the 700 block Hanover Parkway. Four tires and rims were taken in the 400 block Ridge Road.

Catalytic converters were taken in the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace and 9300 block Edmonston Road.

## Man Found Shot

A man, later identified as 36-year-old Russell Derek Tolson of Washington, D.C., was found in the 6100 block Breezewood Court on Friday, July 7 at approximately 9:57 p.m. after having sustained gunshot wounds. He was transported to Washington Hospital Center, where he was pronounced dead.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Greenbelt police at 301-474-7200.

## Safer Internet Selling, Buying

The Greenbelt Police Department invites the public to use the police station as a safe place for completion of legal online transactions. Meeting there might also deter those persons attempting to carry out possible scams. Sellers and buyers can meet in the lobby or just outside to finalize transactions. The lobby is open and available for use 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

The Greenbelt Police Station is located at 550 Crescent Road. For more information contact George Mathews, Public Information Liaison at 240-542-2116.

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continuing to uphold the Paris Agreement in the absence of federal leadership.

Council also supported sending a letter urging Governor Larry Hogan to support the Paris Climate Agreement and its goals at the state level.

## Wind, Solar, Wind, Solar

Last September, the city council approved the city's participation in the electricity procurement process of the Maryland Department of General Services (DGS), with the expectation that it would further reduce the city's electricity costs. In May city staff learned that DGS could not award a contract to Greenbelt because the city's existing contract had a different term than state contracts and, in addition, was based on 100 percent wind credits. The state did, however, put the city in touch with Constellation, the winner of the state bid.

Constellation made an offer to the city that would provide the lowest rate for electricity that the city has seen in 13 years. The rate would also be 42 percent lower than the city's existing contract. The term would run from July 2018 to June 2021 and would put the city on the same contract term as the state.

A decade ago that might have been the end of the story, but life in Greenbelt has become more complicated. Discussions have taken place in the city regarding possible options for an off-site solar farm with potential to generate enough electricity to offset a significant amount of the city's usage. Assistant City Manager David Moran explained that for a time there was consideration of financing a solar farm through a Power Purchase Agreement with NRG Energy, but NRG has now backed off.

Luisa Robles, the city's sustainability coordinator, said there had been delay in getting back to NRG, by which time interest rates had gone up. At this time, the owners of the property are not ready to sell. "The farm would be the better deal," Robles said, "but so much is up in the air." The Constellation offer, on the other hand, would be locked in.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts said he thought the city should send out requests for proposals (RFPs) to pursue the solar farm idea.

Moran pointed out that the Constellation offer was "just a window of opportunity" that did not require any action. No decision would be required until next year, since the city's current contract would be in force until then. City Manager Nicole Ard added that over that time staff could undertake additional research and talk with other jurisdictions that have undertaken solar.

## Another Opportunity

Just as it appeared that the topic might be parked again, since no action was required, Steve Skolnik, chair of the Green Team's Solar Circle, stepped into the breach. He said he had come to the meeting to oppose taking the safe option of Constellation since there would be other offers from Constellation down the road. He said he agreed with Roberts that issuing an RFP would be a good thing to do at this time.

"Direct GreenACES and the Green Team to develop an RFP. We'll put that out and see what kind of offers come back. Then

the city will be in a better position to make a decision," Skolnik said. He added that it would be an easy RFP to prepare and it could probably be issued in September.

In addition to other benefits, if the city buys electricity drawn from the Pepco area, it will be from the local grid, unlike wind power purchased elsewhere. It would count toward the city's MEA Smart Energy goal of generating 20 percent of its energy demand with renewable energy by 2022. Skolnik and Robles agreed that it is always better to own the array, but getting there involves a longer path. Taking these first steps would make some progress and enable the city to find out more about what its options are, while at the same time putting itself on the radar screen of solar contractors. Council was convinced and voted unanimously to direct the Green Team and GreenACES to work with staff to develop the RFP.

Under the Petitions and Requests section of the meeting, Edith Beauchamp informed council of her recent experience, which she said was shared by quite a few homeowners in the area, with duplicitous practices by mortgage lenders resulting in "fake foreclosures." She also described a practice of homeowner associations (HOAs) that would neither allow residents who are victims of such practices to attend their own HOA meetings nor accept payments from them to attempt to keep current on their fees.

## Legislation

An annual practice at the first regular council meeting following the adoption of the upcoming year's budget is tending to

end-of-year budget adjustments. These adjustments involve no new monies; rather, balances left in accounts at the end of the fiscal year are moved to the most propitious locations by adoption of ordinances. This year an additional \$600,000 was appropriated for the Building Capital Reserve Fund to cover Community Center HVAC expenditures that were scheduled for Fiscal Year 2016 but did not occur until Fiscal Year 2017. An additional \$100,000 was appropriated for the Greenbelt West Fund to cover legal services and the development of a Parks Master Plan related to Greenbelt West.

## Town Hall Meeting On Zoning Rewrite

In partnership with the Prince George's County Planning Department, the County Council is conducting a progress update on the County's Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations Rewrite during a Town Hall Meeting. This meeting will be held on Monday, July 17 in the Council Hearing Room, First Floor at the County Administration Building, 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro beginning at 7 p.m.

For more information about Prince George's County's effort to create a 21st Century Zoning Ordinance, see [zoningpgc.pgplanning.com](http://zoningpgc.pgplanning.com).

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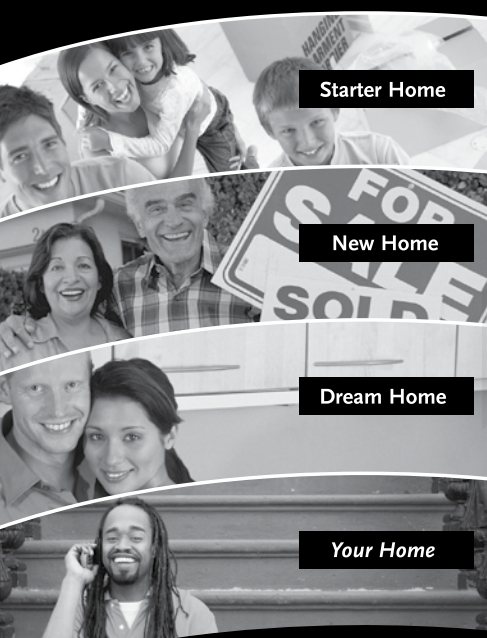
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## Barbara Stevens Reception At New Deal this Sunday



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The New Deal Café will host an artist reception for Barbara Stevens and her show Retrospective. The reception will take place Monday, July 17, from 3 to 5 p.m. Stevens' show runs through July 24. Pictured above - Messages from the Lowlands.

## ELECTION continued from page 8

Davis suggested that moving to a ward system might eventually be necessary if the population reaches too high a level, but at this point she could not support anything that in her opinion would further divide the city. Nonetheless, council gave direction to staff to place the question on this year's Community Survey.

### Other issues

Topics touched upon more

briefly included some that had been placed on the 2013 Community Survey (changing the council term from two years to four, instituting a recall provision for councilmembers, establishing term limits for councilmembers) and others that councilmembers had raised, including allowing voters to vote at precincts other than their own, and allowing same-day voter registration.





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**3 Bedroom GHI Townhome** - Oak hardwood floors throughout. Fenced backyard with deck and brick patio. Nearby playground, friendly neighbors! **SOLD**

**Large Corner Lot** - 2 Bedroom GHI home - Freshly painted GHI! New siding, windows and doors. Refinished hardwood flooring throughout. Ready! **UNDER CONTRACT**

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# Greenbelt Prepares for Partial Solar Eclipse on August 21

by Amy Hansen

At high noon – which is not necessarily noon on the clock – on Monday, August 21 a big west-to-east swath of the country will face a phenomenally dark sky. This will be the first total solar eclipse in the continental United States since 1979, and the first coast-to-coast total solar eclipse in 99 years.

The rest of the continental United States will be seeing a partial eclipse, which is, according to astrophysicist and Greenbelter Terry Kucera, a big deal.

“Greenbelt will be getting 80 percent coverage, so that is pretty significant,” she said. “It is a reminder of our place in the solar system – something to make people look and think about the sun, moon and Earth.”

A solar eclipse occurs when the moon passes between the sun and Earth and blocks all or part of the sun. Since the moon and sun appear roughly the same size from Earth, when they line up in a total solar eclipse the moon can completely cover the sun, the sky gets dark and the fainter outer layers (corona) of the sun are visible.

If you need help visualizing it, try doing this. Put a lamp in a darkened room, and take off the lampshade. The bare bulb is the sun. Now take an orange (Earth) and a grape (moon). Have the grape rotate around the orange as you walk around the light. When the moon, or grape, comes between Earth (orange) and the sun (lightbulb), the moon’s shadow blocks out the sun on parts of the Earth. It doesn’t last long – usually less than three minutes according to NASA – and it isn’t a very big shadow. But when it happens, people (and other animals) notice.

The most dramatic effects are only seen from places inside the path of totality. Greenbelt is outside this path. The sky will not get fully dark and it will be too bright to see the solar corona.

However, the moon’s shadow can still be seen using the right equipment. In Greenbelt, the moon will first appear to contact the sun at 1:18 p.m. At 2:43 p.m., the moon will cover 80.5 percent of the sun. And the moon’s last contact will be at 3:01 p.m.

To view the eclipse, the first rule is never, ever look directly at the sun. Instead, protect your eyes using eclipse glasses meeting the ISO 12312-2 specification; four certified vendors are Rainbow Symphony, American Paper Optics, TSE 17 and Thousand Oaks Optical.

Or, create a pinhole projection. Kucera explains: “If the sky is



A pinhole projection shows the sun.

At left, Robert Candey demonstrates making a grid with his fingers to view the sun. The tiny dot in the center is the sun.

Below, Robert Candey holds a pinhole solar projector that gives a sharper image of the sun. Candey will help people construct these projectors at MakerSpace on July 22.



Photos by Amy Hansen

clear this is something very easy to observe – you can do it with equipment as simple as a piece of cardboard with a hole in it to make a simple pinhole projector. Even looking at the shadows of leaves on the sidewalk you’ll be able to see little crescent suns.”

Another very simple pinhole projection can be made by crisscrossing the outstretched, slightly open fingers of one hand over the outstretched, slightly open fingers of the other. With your back to the sun, look at your hands’ shadow on the ground. The little spaces between your fingers will project a grid of small images on the ground, showing the sun as a crescent during the partial phases of the eclipse.

MakerSpace in Roosevelt Center is inviting people to use their facilities to make safe, more complex pinhole projectors. The projectors will use a lens to make the projection of the sun bigger. MakerSpace is holding a building party on Saturday, July 22 from noon to 4 p.m. Bring long cardboard boxes or tubes (like mailing tubes) if you have them.

“This is a rare phenomenon,”

said Greenbelter Carolyn Ng, education specialist for the Heliophysics Division of NASA Goddard. “Every American will be able to see a partial eclipse.” Ng wants to reach libraries and community groups that could use help in understanding the science and just having fun with the eclipse. Ng invites amateur astronomers to view opportunities to participate in eclipse-related citizen science projects (see [eclipse2017.nasa.gov/citizen-science](http://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/citizen-science)) and to send in photos of persons or groups viewing the eclipse, but not of the sun itself.

NASA Goddard’s Visitor Center will be open from 1 to 3 p.m. on August 21.

More information is available at the main NASA eclipse website ([eclipse2017.nasa.gov](http://eclipse2017.nasa.gov)), and the eclipse websites of the American Astronomical Society ([eclipse.aas.org](http://eclipse.aas.org)) and the Exploratorium in San Francisco ([exploratorium.edu/eclipse](http://exploratorium.edu/eclipse)).

To see a simulation of the eclipse in Greenbelt, visit [eclipsemega.movie/simulator](http://eclipsemega.movie/simulator) and enter Greenbelt MD as the location.

## Summer Camp Activities



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Circus Campers practice tricks on their unicycles.



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Gretchen Schock of Bee Fusion Yoga does yoga with Kinder-camp.

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