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Council Approves Audiovisual Upgrade Proposals Amendment

by Diane Oberg

At its January 22 regular meeting, the Greenbelt City Council approved two proposals to improve the broadcasting/streaming of meetings in the council chambers, introduced an amendment to the city charter to correct an error in the original annexation of Greenbelt Station, and approved letters to the city's and neighboring state delegations urging opposition to the proposed maglev project, among other matters.

Council Room

In a long-awaited move, council approved a contract with Pipino Inc. to upgrade the audiovisual capabilities in the council room (\$140,365) and for maintenance and support of the new equipment (\$3,119 per year). The work will include replacing

or calibrating equipment in the control room, two displays in the council chambers, improved microphones, a new podium with display and video feed and a new control panel, among other improvements.

According to a memo drafted by Greenbelt's public information coordinator Beverly Palau to City Manager Nicole Ard, the city issued a request for proposals in February of last year. However, no vendor submitted a complete proposal by the announced deadline.

City staff did attempt to negotiate with the previous vendor; the vendor, however, was no longer interested.

Staff then looked at a vendor recommended to them by the Council of Governments,

Nicholas P. Pipino Associates from Jessup, Md. The company, Palau wrote, has contracts with the State of Maryland and several county school systems that the city could piggyback on. In addition to the two contracts awarded at this meeting, the company also submitted a proposal for improvements to the Multipurpose Room in the Community Center (Room 201) that the city can consider once it decides how best to record Wednesday night worksessions.

Although Mayor Emmett Jordan (out of town) requested that the contract not be approved until after a worksession, Councilmember Rodney Roberts, saying that council has "beaten this issue

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GES Second Grade Teacher Pilots Green School Program

by Caroline Hanks

Students and staff at Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) are getting hands-on with sustainability practices to become a Green School within the Maryland Green Schools (MDGS) Award Program in March, a process which began in 2016.

The Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education (MAEOE) established the MDGS in 1999 to increase sustainability awareness in schools, according to the MAEOE website. The website lists another local school, Greenbelt Middle School, as having already achieved its Green School status, joining 95 other Green Schools in Prince George's County.

Ayla Pommerehn, a second grade teacher at GES, leads the school's current green efforts. Before the application process began, Dr. Monica Gaines, the school's principal, asked Pommerehn if she would go to the Green School training. Although slightly apprehensive about what the training would be like prior to attending it, Pommerehn said she enjoys leading the process and loves going to the conferences, which take place every couple of months. "They're so hands-on," said Pommerehn, who notes she has always had an interest in science because of the proactive aspect of the subject.

The MAEOE website lists the association's fundamental goals as "enriching the education" of youths and empowering them to apply what they learn about sustainability to their roles in their schools, homes and communities.



Second grade students Ryan, Amanda, Oliver and Neyomi recycle items from breakfast.

Program objectives are focused on increasing awareness of the environment and contributions to sustainability.

Pommerehn describes the school's efforts as student-led. The students chose the main objectives that will be built into the school's sustainability culture. Of the 12 suggested MAEOE objectives, the students selected four as their concentration: energy conservation, water conservation (and pollution prevention), solid waste reduction and habitat restoration.

The overarching objective in becoming a Green School is to increase student awareness of the school's footprint, as well as increasing awareness of their impact as an individual. Pommerehn said she has noticed a big shift in the behaviors and habits of

the students throughout her four years at the school. The support from the Greenbelt community has been instrumental as well, Pommerehn said. The Parent

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What Goes On

- Sunday, February 4**
1 to 4 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center
- Monday, February 5**
8 p.m., City Manager Update, Municipal Building
- Wednesday, February 7**
8 p.m., Council Worksession with U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing Proposed Relocation to BARC, Community Center

Council's Letter to Baker In Opposition to SCMaglev

January 29, 2018

The Honorable Rushern L. Baker
Prince George's County Executive
County Administration Building
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772



Dear County Executive Baker,

On behalf of the citizens of Greenbelt, we urge you to oppose the proposed Baltimore-Washington Superconducting Maglev Project. Two of the three alignments (J & J-1) for this train currently being considered, run right through our City. The City communicated this opposition to the Maryland Department of Transportation in a letter dated October 24, 2017.

Greenbelt is a National Historic Landmark and planned community with parks, open spaces and recreational amenities. This proposal will have a very destructive impact on valuable environmentally sensitive resources, including the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC), the Patuxent Research Refuge, Greenbelt Forest Preserve and other vital open spaces in our region.

This project will not benefit any of the communities and neighborhoods along the proposed routes. It is not clear that this project will actually reduce traffic congestion. Residents have expressed concerns about noise, loss of trees and wildlife habitat, harmful health impacts and reduction in property values. The City is also concerned about the impact on our region's business community and important scientific and research activities at BARC, NASA Goddard and Patuxent.

The City of Greenbelt strongly opposes this project and we urge your opposition as well. This proposed Maglev project will greatly reduce the quality of life in our region. We have serious concerns about the financial sustainability of this project and fear that it may draw funds from other important transportation priorities and needs. These funds would be better spent on improving existing rail infrastructure and local transit services. The best option is the No build option!

Sincerely,

cc:

- The Honorable Ben Cardin, The Honorable Chris Van Hollen
- The Honorable Steny Hoyer, The Honorable Larry Hogan
- The Honorable Paul Pinsky, The Honorable Anne Healey
- The Honorable Tawanna Gaines, The Honorable Todd Turner
- The Honorable Alonzo Washington, Pete K. Rahn, MDOT
- The Honorable Danielle Glaros, Suhair Al Khatib, MTA

Museum Reopens



The Greenbelt Museum's Historic House is reopening for Sunday tours on February 4. See story on page 8. Above, the Museum displays Valentines from the Past.

Letters to the Editor

Why I Voted No

In the January 25 issue of the News Review, Jon Gardner covered the city council's approval of ACE grants to Greenbelt schools. In the second sentence of the story, he reported that I had cast the only dissenting vote on the matter.

I am not shying away from the vote. I stand by it. But one of the pillars – five Ws – of good journalism is “Why,” and Mr. Gardner left out the why of my vote. At the meeting, I explained that I was concerned about the level of grant funding that was recommended for Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Part of the recommendation was to reject 80 percent of Eleanor Roosevelt's grant proposals and to grant a total of \$3,875.77 less than the proposals had originally called for. The rejection rate for Eleanor Roosevelt High's grant proposals was, by far, higher than that for any of the other schools and was the only school for which the committee recommended rejecting more than half of the school's grant proposals.

Councilmember Colin Byrd

Editor's Note: ACE grants are a competitive process, with the budget set by the city council. Though the applications from ERHS met the criteria for selection, they were not all considered by the committee to be as compelling as those from other schools – there were more proposals than usual and they were of high quality. Though consideration is given to spreading available funds among all seven schools, the criteria are slanted more to the perceived benefit to the students than to an artificial fair share school by school.

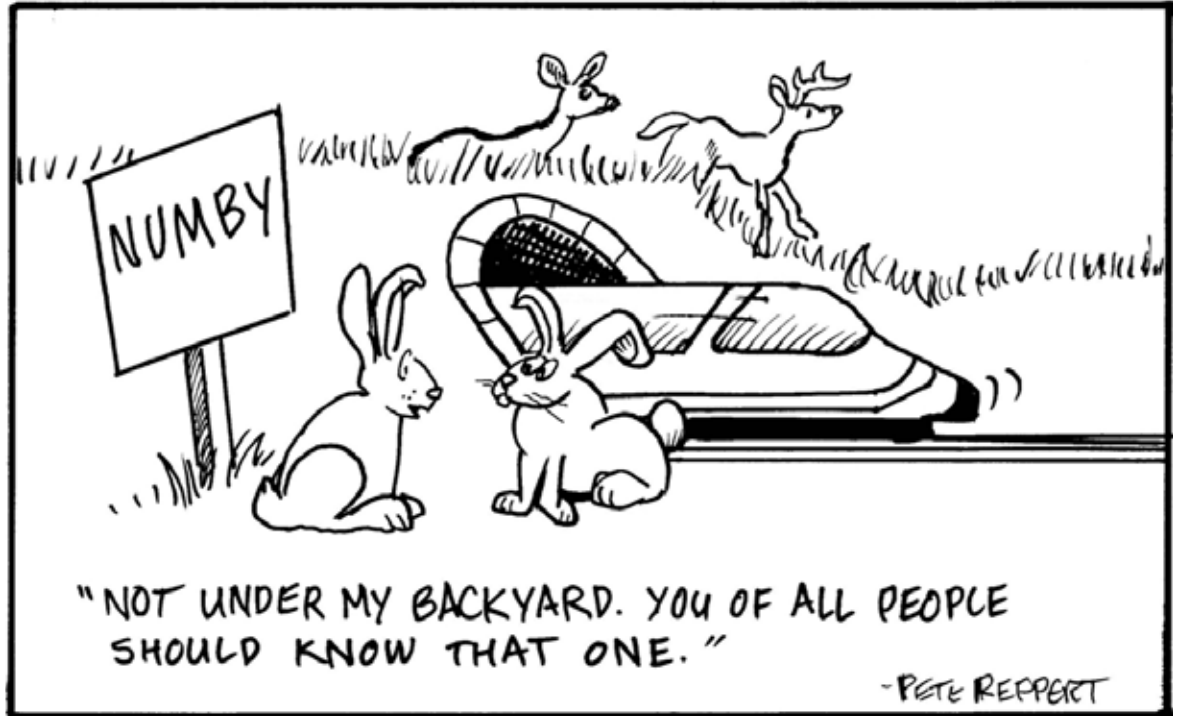
Safeguarding Library Collections

On the Greenbelt Library shelves I counted 14 Clive

Cusslers and 11 Michael Connellys, all in hardback. And so many mysteries. So much romance. And apocalypse. And mysterious romantic apocalypse. With vampires. What about Charles Dickens? Just three paperbacks. The librarian, looking sad, explained that purchasing, as well as discarding, are determined by check-out data. So is there no curating, no leadership? I asked. No education mission? Just another echo chamber? The librarian told me that PGCMML management has determined that since the library is a public institution, the taxpayer gets to decide what to read. There is a classics section, he offered. Segregated in the back? I asked. Why? So no one would accidentally pick up Vanity Fair and suspect it might be a good read?

Democracy depends on an informed, intellectually curious, critically-thinking electorate, and that is, in my opinion anyway, why taxpayers fund libraries. Everyone gets free access not only to important books but also to the leadership, standards of excellence and continuing education our libraries and librarians provide. Sure we taxpayers can fund some lightweight entertainment for each other, to keep us enjoying reading. But why not spend responsibly and keep bulk purchases of short-life hardback books to a minimum? That way we can help safeguard our collection of good books that, though no longer in frantic demand, will be respected and re-discovered well into the future. Yes, that may mean some eager fans will be waitlisted for bestsellers. Well, I'm waitlisted now, for the current Man Booker Prize winner, and I see just three copies are in the system. For the latest James Patterson book, the catalog shows 25 copies available. Yes, 25. How will that book hold value, in the

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- Jim Link

Corrections

In last week's paper, the caption under the page one photo of citizens looking at the maps for the proposed SCMaglev routes incorrectly attributed the source of the maps. They were produced by MTA and BWRR for the five Open Houses held in October.

The correct spelling of the name of the original owners of the 5.7 acre property adjacent to Boxwood should be spelled Furey. Nellie Furey and her ancestors, the Jones family, have owned this property since 1909.

The limit of work to be done along Lastner Lane will extend to #231, not #211. The Greenbelt standpipe is at 211 Ridge Road.

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On Screen

Two New Dazzlers

Two dazzling new Oscar-nominated movies come to Old Greenbelt Theatre this Friday, February 2: The Shape of Water and Call Me By Your Name.

Directed by Guillermo del Toro (Pan's Labyrinth 2006), The Shape of Water depicts the sinister military/medical experimentation inflicted on a captured Amphibian Man from the Amazon jungle in an underground laboratory in 1962 Baltimore.

Also known as “the Asset” or “the Monster,” the Amphibian Man (Doug Jones) improbably attracts the romantic, not to say sexual, attention of mute cleaning lady Elisa – the wordlessly fierce and brilliant Sally Hawkins. With the help of her fellow cleaning lady Zelda (Octavia Spencer), Elisa tries to free “the Asset.” Elisa's closeted gay friend (Richard Jenkins) is sympathetic.

Del Toro saturates his movie with allusions to, echoes of, homages to Beauty and the Beast, The Creature From the Black Lagoon, King Kong, E.T. His movie is part Cold War spy drama, sci fi horror, Gothic melodrama, film noir, even a bit of a musical. He explores themes of demonizing the Other, the voicelessness of Elisa and “the Monster,” the loneliness of pre-Stonewall riot gay furtiveness, and the racist treatment of African American women.

Rating: R

Running time: 123 minutes

Directed and co-written by Luca Guadagnino (with co-writer James Ivory), Call Me By Your Name is set in 1983 during a languorous, sensual north Italian summer, when gawky, shy 17-year-old Elio (Timothée Chalamet) tentatively realizes his strong attraction to the confident, blonde, hunky American grad student Oliver (Armie Hammer).

Elio's archaeologist father (Michael Stuhlbarg), whom Oliver assists, tolerates their burgeoning romance. “Our hearts and our bodies are given to us only once,” he says. But what happens to Elio's on again-off again French teen girlfriend (Esther Garrel)?

Rating: R

Running time: 132 minutes

Community Events

An Artful Afternoon Features alight dance

The next Artful Afternoon on Sunday, February 4 features a free performance by alight dance theater, Page 115: Playing with Words, at 3 p.m. in the Community Center. See the results of a 2017 collaboration between choreographers Matina Phillips and Eleni Grove and the participants in community movement and story-building workshops.

The workshops, hosted by the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, Explorations Unlimited and the Greenbelt Library, involved active collaboration with tots, kids, teens and adults using words, shapes, sentences and movements to playfully rearrange stories and create new ideas and unique vignettes. The alight artistic team aimed to showcase the value in thinking beyond the words on the page, as well as the power of play. The workshops were sponsored in part by the Greenbelt Community Foundation.

Come early to build a miniature sculptural shelter with artist Nikki Brooks in a free craft workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. Materials will be provided, but participants are invited to bring a small stuffed animal for which to create a home. The project is inspired by African American artist Beverly Buchanan who creates shelters that convey a narrative of triumph over poverty and adversity. While shelters are devised to meet basic needs, Brooks emphasizes that “most importantly, it is the love that flourishes within the shelter that makes the foundation secure and strong.”

For more information about city art programs, visit greenbelt-md.gov/arts or call 301-397-2208. Arts programs are sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.

Lobby Training By Climate Network

The Chesapeake Climate Action Network (CCAN) Action Fund, along with the Maryland Climate Coalition, has embarked on a visionary campaign. The Clean Energy Jobs Act aims to double renewable energy in Maryland by 2030, phasing out dirty sources of energy, investing in workforce development and creating family-sustaining new jobs. Join CCAN on Wednesday, February 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. for lobby training in Room 114 of the Community Center.

CCAN will then take part in a Lobby Night in Annapolis on Monday, February 19 to tell legislators that Marylanders want an equitable, progressive renewable energy future, as well as on February 26 to lobby with the Sierra Club. The group will also attend the February 12 city council meeting to ask for council’s support of this legislation.

For more details, contact Lore Rosenthal, Greenbelt Climate Action Network, at lore@simplicity-matters.org or 301-345-2234.

Drop Us a Line!

Electronically, that is.
editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com

Upcoming Events At the New Deal

Sunday, February 4, 5 to 11 p.m., The New Deal Big Game Party. Come watch the Eagles and Patriots battle it out in our own community living room. Happy hour prices all night.

Monday, February 5, No events.

Tuesday, February 6, 7 to 9 p.m., The New Old Jamboree hosted by Ruthie and the Wranglers features new songs, old songs and special guests.

Wednesday, February 7, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., 4ThaGruv. The smooth sounds of contemporary jazz with a twist of funk. This band of five seasoned musicians puts their spin on tunes by artists you know and love.

Thursday, February 8, noon to 2 p.m., Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft. 7 to 10 p.m., Open Mic with James and Martha.

Friday, February 9, 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., Moose Jaw. This five-piece bluegrass cooperative hailing from the foggy hollers of the D.C. metropolitan area combines hard-hitting originals, eclectic covers and driven bluegrass favorites to create a unique and energetic sound sure to entertain.

Saturday, February 10, 9 to 10 a.m., Meet & Greet with Congresswoman Donna Edwards. 4 to 6 p.m., Bruce Kritt, classical guitar. 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., Wild Anacostias. Come celebrate Mardi Gras with Hyattsville’s preeminent New Orleans blues-style, funky, raucous, merry-making, multi-morphous zydeco party band.

Ukulele Jam Session At the New Deal

Each Friday at 1 p.m., come to the New Deal Café for a ukulele jam session. Learn and teach new chords, songs and strumming patterns. All levels are invited. It is not necessary to bring a uke to participate.

In addition, there will be a special ukulele jam fest, Won’t Uke Be My Valentine?, on Valentine’s Day, Wednesday, February 14 from 4 to 5 p.m. All ages are invited.

For more information, contact Dan Celdran at dceldran@hotmail.com or call 240-643-3768.

At the Library

English Conversation Club: Tuesday, February 6, 6 p.m. Learning to speak English? Join our club and practice speaking English in a friendly atmosphere with people from diverse backgrounds. Registration is recommended, as space is limited. (This club will meet weekly on Tuesday evenings.)

Kids Achieve Club: Tuesday, February 6, 6 p.m. Homework help and reading practice for students in grades K through 6. (This club will meet weekly on Tuesday evenings, concurrent with the English Conversation Club.)

Weekly Ready 2 Read Storytimes: Tuesday, February 6, ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 20 people.

Wednesday, February 7, ages 3 to 5, 10:15 a.m., limit 20 people; ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 20 people. Thursday, February 8, 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.

Winter 2018 African History and Culture Lecture Series: Tuesday, February 6, 7 p.m. Kush and Axum: Splendid Kingdoms of the Nile will be the next session in this audiovisual lecture series presented by historian C.R. Gibbs.

Golden Age Club

February is here and hopefully the weather will be milder. We missed one meeting in January due to the weather. Since there are five Wednesdays in January, we were able to get in all of our activities. Below is the calendar for February:

February 7, Business meeting and swearing in of officers.

February 14, Special presentation by Golden Age member Joyce Bailey and members of the Female REEnactors of Distinction (FREED) who will discuss the role African-American women played during the Civil War. The women will appear in period clothing.

February 21, Monthly pot-luck and birthday luncheon. Bring a dish to share.

February 28, Bingo. Bring a prize if you can.

Events at MakerSpace

Chess Meetup is back. Stop by the MakerSpace Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. to play some chess.

Other happenings at the MakerSpace:

Thursday nights until March, the Labradoodles will be practicing for the state robotics competition.

Friday, February 2: First Friday Game Night from 6 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, February 3: Teen Makers from 10 a.m. to noon.

Sunday, February 4: Animation Meet-up from 2 to 4 p.m.

Monday, February 5: FLL Team 1 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 6: FLL Team 2 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 7: Fiber Fans from 6 to 9 p.m.

Fundraising Meeting For WAGS Feb. 10

A meeting will be held at the New Deal Café on Saturday, February 10 from 2 to 2:45 p.m. to discuss fundraising events for Well Wishers for Animals of Greenbelt Shelter (WAGS), benefiting the Greenbelt Animal Shelter. Everyone is invited.

WAGS is a non-profit organization raising funds towards completing special improvement projects and adding enrichment for animals at the city’s animal shelter.

Star Party Saturday Evening, February 3

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday evening, February 3 at the City Observatory, located at Northway Fields. Attendees may expect to see deep sky objects such as the Orion Nebula, the Crab Nebula, the Little Dumbbell Nebula, the Cigar Galaxy and more through the astronomical camera. As always, visitors are welcome to set up their own telescopes on the hill.

Observing will begin at 6:30 p.m. and continue for 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.

Arts Board Will Not Meet in February

The Arts Advisory Board will not be convening on Tuesday, February 6. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 6 at 7 p.m. at the Community Center; on that date members will have an opportunity to review FY19 Recognition Group grant applications and select a representative to the grant review panel.

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Letters continued

long run, compared to anything that's ever won the Man Booker Prize? And when bestselling thrillers get old, where do those expensive hardback books go? Into that blue dumpster behind the library, to be sold by weight for pulp?

To fans of the authors whose names I appropriated, I apologize for any offense. My husband loves Michael Connelly – sorry honey! I like bestsellers too, have my own favorites and want them in the collection. Just not so many copies, please? For readers who share my concern, let's regularly check out older books that we value. Don't see them? Please request them. Even books we've read many times, or own, we can just glance at them fondly then return them next week. Every check-out is a vote for these books, our old friends, to stay safely in our library's collection.

Thank you.

Lesley Kash

No Benefit to County

Prince Georgians I hear you. I have heard what proponents are saying about the maglev train and its benefits outside of the county. My sole focus however is on Prince George's County and after careful analysis I have concluded that the maglev would not be beneficial for the county and here's why.

First, bringing the maglev train to the county would displace homes and businesses and would threaten to raise property taxes. It would also harm the environment, putting trees, wildlife habitat and green space at risk.

Second, it would be an expensive venture and thus not economically feasible for the county. The projected cost is expected to be between \$10 billion and \$12 billion. Japan has financed \$5 billion thus far and I am skeptical that private funding would cover the rest. I have a duty to ensure that we are good stewards over the hard-earned dollars of Prince Georgians and I do not feel that this would be a responsible act.

A third reason I oppose the maglev is that the cost to ride would be high and inaccessible to many Prince George's County residents. Proponents of the project say that the prices would be competitive with Acela. Even if this is true, the cost would range between \$46 and \$82. I am interested in finding transportation solutions that would benefit the whole county and be cost effective.

And last, the maglev train is focused on transporting riders to and from places outside of the county. The route does not include any stops within the county which is why I am concerned about communities like Greenbelt, Bladensburg, Bowie, Laurel and Riverdale which would be affected by the maglev's existence

but gain no tangible benefits.

So Prince Georgians I hear you. I am paying close attention to the timeline regarding the maglev's environmental impact statement and permit requests and if I am elected as your next county executive one of my top priorities will be to stop the maglev initiative.

Angela Alsobrooks



Condolences to family and friends of Ruth Bond, a resident of Lakewood for over 40 years, who died at Riderwood on Saturday, January 27.

Congratulations to Amanda Jabson Robotham, who made the President's Honor Roll for the Fall 2017 semester at Washington State University in Pullman, Wash.

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

GHI Notes

Thursday, February 1, 9 a.m., Storm Water Management Task Force Meeting, Board Room

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

Saturday, February 3, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room

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

Thursday, February 8, 7:30 p.m., Special Membership Meeting, American Legion

Friday, February 9, office closed. Emergency maintenance service available at 301-474-6011.

Juggling and More to Replace Popular Summer Circus Camp

by Caroline Hanks

This summer the Greenbelt Recreation Department will offer Juggling and More to carry on the essence of the previously popular, and for now discontinued, Circus Camp.

The retirement of Greg May from instructing Circus Camp has brought into question whether the popularity of this type of activity camp will remain with the new juggling class. May now holds the position of performing arts manager at the Port Discovery Children's Museum in Baltimore.

Kids between the ages of 10 and 14 can register for nearly two-week sessions with circus coach Charlie Fahey, who will teach juggling acts with scarves, balls, clubs and more.

Fahey first learned circus skills at May's camp and by age 14 was helping the instructor at Circus Camp sessions. Fahey said his goal is to teach campers the basic circus skills and help them find something among the wide variety of talents from the camp that they like.

The class differs from the department's previous Circus Camp as it is a 90-minute After Care Class while May's camp lasted nearly seven hours each day of the session. Fahey's camp focuses on juggling talents in contrast to the greater number of circus skills May taught, which included juggling, walking on stilts and balancing acts, according to the

website for the Prince George's County Theater.

The number of campers, Fahey said, may be slightly different than May's full-day camp of the past, but he expects the interest in learning these skills to remain somewhat consistent.

Other summer camps run through the Recreation Department could see larger numbers at registration than in past years because of this change in classes offered. Camp Pine Tree and Creative Kids Camp provide kids with similar activity and creativity opportunities, though at different times during the day than in previous summers.

Camp Pine Tree, led by Recreation Supervisor Greg Varda, offers sessions of sports, crafts, field games, swim sessions and more, according to the department's 2018 Spring and Summer Camp brochure available online. The Creative Kids Camp, led by

Chris Cherry, the department's performing arts coordinator, allows kids to explore several forms of art, according to the brochure, from performance to visual arts.

For more information and registration procedures, email rcampbell@greenbeltmd.gov or visit greenbeltmd.gov/recreation.

Caroline Hanks is a University of Maryland journalism student who is the Dorothy Sucher Memorial Intern.



Charlie Fahey teaches juggling at the 2017 Spring Circus Camp.

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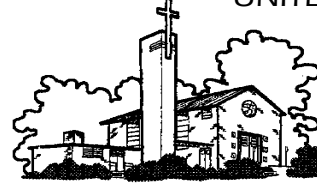
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Upcoming Events At Greenbelt Park

Note that programs may be moved or cancelled due to weather.

Saturday, February 3: Outdoor Stewardship Volunteer Event. Join the Invasive Plant team to monitor and repel the growing threat of invasive plants. Learn valuable information that helps protect vulnerable species in the region. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area at 11 a.m. Event lasts until 1 p.m.

Saturday, February 3: The History of Paper and Recycling. Meet a park ranger to learn about the history of paper and what happens to paper that is recycled. Meet at the Ranger Station at 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, February 3: The Groundhog, Nature's Meteorologist. Happy Groundhog Day, belatedly. Come for a talk on the weather-prognosticating rodent and learn about the traits of this Greenbelt native. Did he see his shadow or not? Meet at the Ranger Station at 1 p.m.

Saturday, February 10: Meet the Beaver. Join a park ranger to learn about the beavers of Greenbelt. Learn of the distinct characteristics of beavers and interesting facts about their habitats and life. Appropriate for ages 5 to 12. Meet at the Ranger Station at 10 a.m.

Saturday, February 10: The B&O Railroad, Greenbelt's Neighbor. A talk focusing on the history of the Baltimore and Ohio (the Chessie, Conrail and now CSX) Railroad that has run on tracks less than a mile west of the park (and the forest and fields of Greenbelt before 1950) since 1835. See model trains representing the different eras of the B&O and other artifacts. Meet at the Ranger Station at 1 p.m.

Sunday, February 11: Charles Young, Man of Courage. Celebrate Black History Month with a journey through the life of the first African American superintendent in the National Park Service. Meet at the Ranger Station at 2 p.m.

City Notes

Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability crews collected 24.91 tons of refuse and 11.09 tons of recyclable material.

CARES

The winter session for GED classes began on Monday, January 22. GED classes are held every Monday and Wednesday for 10 weeks in the Springhill Lake Recreation Center Clubhouse. Eight students have registered to take the class.

Staff attended training for the Getting Ahead program, which works to help people move from poverty or unstable living conditions to economic and housing stability. The training was sponsored by the Governor's Office for Children.

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City Information

MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY 5-9

Monday, February 5 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: City Manager Update** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. This meeting will be shown live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and stream live at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

Tuesday, February 6 at 7:00pm, **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the agenda: Cell Phone Towers and a CARES representative explaining Narcan training.*

Wednesday, February 7 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Bureau of Engraving and Printing Proposed Relocation to the BARC Campus** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Thursday, February 8 at 6:00pm, **EMPLOYEE RELATIONS BOARD** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

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

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Committee on Education, Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and Youth Advisory Committee.

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

AN ARTFUL AFTERNOON

Sunday, February 4 from 1-4pm

**Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd.
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1-3pm: Craft Workshop, build a miniature sculptural shelter with artist Nikki Brooks. Materials provided. Bring a small stuffed animal to create home for.

1-4pm: Studio Open and Sale with the Community Center's Artists in Residence

1pm - 5pm: Greenbelt Museum historic house tours, 10-B Crescent Road, \$3

3pm: Free performance – alight dance theater presents Page 115: Playing with Words.

Created in part through community workshops sponsored by the Greenbelt Community Foundation.

For more information, contact the Greenbelt Community Center at 301-397-2208.

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**CITY OF GREENBELT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED
ANNEXATION
CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION 2018-1**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, a municipal corporation has initiated by legislative action (pursuant to an annexation petition received by the City) to annex 0.131 acres of land more or less consisting Prince George's County Tax Map 0025 Parcel 0192 as listed in the assessment and taxation records of the State of Maryland, and as recorded among the land records of Prince George's County, Maryland, in Liber 6694 at Folio 858 and containing 0.131 acres more or less, being on the north side of Branchville Road, adjacent to the southern and eastern border of the Greenbelt Station South Core development.

The exact legal description and a survey plat of the above property are on file with the City of Greenbelt Department of Planning and Community Development at 15 Crescent Road, Suite 200, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770 and are available for inspection during normal business hours.

The City Council will hold a public hearing on this proposed annexation on February 26, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Room at the Greenbelt Municipal Building located at 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770. Public testimony will be received by the City Council at the hearing on the above date. Written comments may either be presented at this hearing or sent to the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770.

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Notice of Charter Amendment Resolution

At its regular meeting of January 8, 2018, the City Council adopted a resolution to amend the City Charter. As required by State Law, this resolution will be posted in its entirety for 40 days, until February 17, 2018, at the Municipal Building, as well as on the City's Web site at www.greenbeltmd.gov. Copies may also be requested of the City Clerk. It will become effective on February 27, 2018, unless a proper petition to submit the amendment to the voters on a referendum is filed as permitted by law. As also required by state law, this notice is given to provide a fair summary of the resolution.

CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION NUMBER 2017-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE XI-E OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND AND TITLE 4, SUBTITLE 3 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT FOUND, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, IN THE COMPILATION OF MUNICIPAL CHARTERS OF MARYLAND (1983 EDITION AS AMENDED), AS PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 77 OF THE ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND OF 1983, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 12, 15, 16 AND 20 TO CHANGE THE VOTING AGE FOR CITY ELECTIONS TO THOSE 16 YEARS OLD AND OLDER AND TO CLARIFY THAT THOSE WHO SERVE ON THE EMPLOYEE RELATIONS BOARD, THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND CITY COUNCIL MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD.

Sec. 12. Employee relations board.

(a) Members; appointment. There shall be an employee relations board consisting of five (5) members who shall be appointed by the council. Members of the employee relations board shall be qualified voters of the city who are at least 18 years of age; and no member of this board shall hold any other elective or appointive office in the city government.

Sec. 15. Voters.

A qualified voter within the meaning of this charter shall be any person who is a resident of the City of Greenbelt and who is duly registered with Prince George's County under the applicable provisions of the [Article 33] Election Law Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and is at least 16 years of age; provided that eligibility to vote in any city election shall be subject to applicable registration deadlines as set forth in the charter and code of the city.

Sec. 16. Board of elections--Generally.

(a) Appointment. There shall be a board of elections consisting of five (5) members who shall be appointed by the city council. The members shall be appointed for a term ending on the third Monday of January in even numbered years or until their successors are appointed. Members shall serve for a term of four (4) years, or until their successors are appointed; except that, of the members first appointed, three (3) shall be appointed for a term expiring on the third Monday in January, 1978; and two (2) shall be appointed for a term expiring on the third Monday in January, 1976.

Members of the board of elections shall be qualified voters of the city who are at least 18 years of age and shall not hold or be candidates for any elective office in government (federal, state, or local) during their term of office. The board shall elect one of its members as chairman who shall serve at the pleasure of the board until a successor chairman is elected. A vacancy on the board shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by the city council.

Three (3) members of the board shall constitute a quorum at meetings duly called pursuant to rules to be adopted by the board.

Sec. 20. Nominations.

(a) Any qualified voter who is at least 18 years of age may be nominated for the office of member of council upon filing at the office of the city clerk a nominating petition signed by not fewer than fifty (50) voters, a written acceptance of the nomination, and such other statements as may be required by this charter or by law. Upon the finding by the city clerk that the nomination petition, the written acceptance, and such other statements as may be required are in order, the name of such nominee shall be authorized to be placed upon the ballot.

For additional information, contact Bonita Anderson, City Clerk, at 301-474-3870 or banderson@greenbeltmd.gov.

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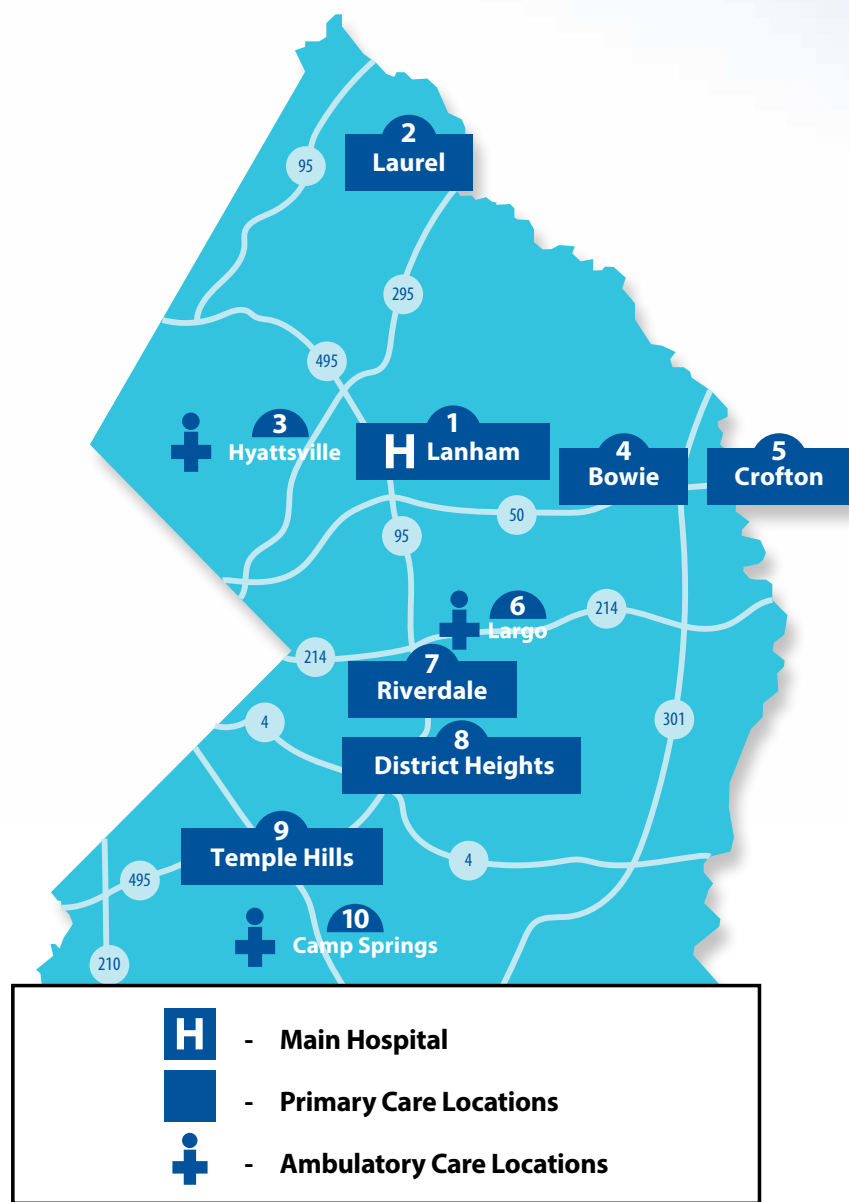
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Taxpayers Flock to Delegate Washington's Table Talk

by Maria Herd

Dozens of District 22 residents filled a Starbucks in New Carrollton on Saturday, January 27 to hear Delegate Alonzo Washington's Table Talk on how they will be affected by the new federal tax overhaul. "I'm amazed that he engaged so many people here today," Greenbelt resident Lore Rosenthal said.

President Trump signed the new tax bill into law at the end of December. Although the majority of the new provisions will not take effect until next year, those in attendance were eager to understand how their finances will be affected.

About 71 percent of Maryland residents will see a cut in their federal taxes, while 13 percent will pay more and the rest will see no change, according to the Maryland Comptroller's office. Those who save money on their taxes under the new plan will gain an average of \$1,741.

A report from U.S. Representative Steny Hoyer estimates that 700,000 middle class families in Maryland are among those who will see an increase. "Greenbelt has a lot of middle class families who are going to be disproportionately affected," Washington told the News Review. "We want to be sure they're informed."

To help Marylanders with the complexities of the new tax plan, Comptroller offices provide free tax assistance to residents. A new Comptroller's office opened in Greenbelt last summer, off of Greenbelt Road near TGI Fridays. Kevin Ross, a representative from the Comptroller's office, spoke at Washington's Table Talk.

He advised attendees to prioritize their property and real estate taxes, and be mindful that the state and federal deductions interact with each other. However, the state legislature is still debating how to handle some of the new changes, such as personal exemptions.

A representative from the Prince George's County Assessor's office was also present as a speaker. He reminded attendees that they have until February 12 to appeal their property assessment if they disagree on the value. About 20 to 25 percent who appeal are successful, he said. Property owners should receive an assessment every three years.

Prince George's County Coun-

cilmember Dannielle Glaros said that homeowners should be receiving the homestead tax credit, and may also be eligible for the separate homeowner tax credit.

While many Marylanders may see a federal tax cut next year, Glaros said the tax plan will severely impact social programs.

"At the federal level, this is an attempt to undermine social programs that many of us use, from affordable housing to Medicare and Medicaid, so keep this in mind," she said. "What we're seeing is a continued push from federal to the state government of responsibilities and costs."

Terrance Taylor, a representative from Hoyer's office, explained that Hoyer did not support the \$1.45 trillion federal tax cut because of its structure.

"The most important thing is that we will defer this on to our children and our grandchildren," Taylor said. "To pay it all off is about \$2.2 trillion."

According to Taylor, the Trump administration has said the U.S. will earn the money back because the plan will theoretically increase the GDP from approximately 1.5 percent to 4 percent. Taylor emphasized one of the biggest changes is the new \$10,000 deduction cap on income and property taxes. In contrast, the deduction for corporations is unlimited. "That's not a fair piece of legislation," Taylor said.

Other key provisions include a suspension of personal exemptions, repealed itemized deductions, increases in standard deductions, increases in the child tax credit, expanded 529 plans and overall changes to the tax brackets.

Maria Herd is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism writing for the News Review.

Arts Exchange Hosts Songs and Stories

The College Park Arts Exchange offers Chicken Soup on Saturday, February 3 at noon and again at 2 p.m. This is neighborhood music fun at the Old Parish House, hosted by Eric Maring (Mr. M), Allison Hughes and some amazing kids. Bring family and friends to be a part of the wonderful songs and stories.

A Winter's Tale:

From London to Greenbelt Loving the Skiing Life

by Cathie Meetre

Little girls growing up in the working-class London of the 1950s and 1960s didn't ski. The royal family skied in Gstaad, Switzerland. Onassis-type people skied, but not us. Once we got a telly in about 1958 we saw people skiing and it looked like a lot of fun. I always wanted to do it but no such luck. The 1969 James Bond movie, *On Her Majesty's Secret Service*, was my final call to action.

In early 1970, I went as a chaperone with a school trip comprised of about 25 boys and girls aged 13 to 15 from an East London school. Watchers of the television program *Call the Midwife* will recognize the area they came from – these were tough but lively kids brimful of energy. It's not clear whose brilliant idea it was they should ski.

We went to Austria by cross-channel ferry and train (about 18 hours) and stayed in a ski dormitory which equipped us with skis and boots. The boots were lace-up leather, like ice skating boots, and they clamped into the skis which were wooden and really long. Skis were measured to your wrists with your arm held over your head and we looked like something out of a Hans Christian Andersen story absent the muffs and bonnets.

Nobody had accessories like goggles or good gloves. Just woolly hats, knitted gloves and scarves. They first sent us out to ski in the meadow below the lodgings to get used to the equipment – no lifts, ski down, walk up. A very gentle slope.

I loved it. The teenage oafs loved it too and it is a miracle that nobody was killed or injured given the risks they were willing to take. We went by train up into the resort itself and were given an initial lesson on how to stop and turn. The boys, however, were not interested in stopping or turning. Their idea was to go straight down as fast as possible and run into something or somebody to stop. An alternative method involved bailing out in a cloud of snow and skidding to a halt on their faces. We had to dig one kid out of a snowdrift before he suffocated. Only his legs and skis were visible. In his attempt to stop, the rest of him had bored



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE SKOLNIK FAMILY

Ski lessons at ESCO. Greenbelters Shayna Skolnik (left center in red), Benjamin and Kevin Skolnik (back right) in the 1980s.

horizontally into the drift, head first.

Darwin was right – I read recently that the bones of prehistoric mammoths indicate that young male mammoths died more often than the rest of the herd from trauma induced by risky behaviors which indicates, if anybody needed proof, that human boys still have some evolving left to do. Or possibly that mammoths invented skiing.

We were above the tree line on the mountain and the trails were not marked and roped – it was pretty much go where you will. Precipices were marked by crosses. The bigger the cross, the more thousands of feet there were to fall (though it's the first few hundred that really count). There were some very big crosses.

At altitude and with the sun reflecting off the snow, I had the worst sunburn on my face ever – blisters and swollen up. It didn't occur to anybody to use sunscreen and I'm not even sure it had been invented. I looked like a frog. Despite considerable

odds and apart from second-degree sunburn, the only injury of note to anybody in the group was one boy who found the local rifle range and shut part of his hand in the breech of a rifle. How weird is that?

Fast forward 15 years. By then ensconced in Greenbelt, I hadn't had the opportunity to ski again. I was now in my thirties, married to my husband Rick and the mother of three daughters, twins Sarah and Jenny aged 6 and big sister Lisa aged 7. So it goes. I thought it must be time for us all to learn to ski. We went to Liberty in Pennsylvania and all took lessons and learned to muddle down the slopes. The equipment had changed to plastic boots and quick release bindings – a vast improvement. The kids made quick progress and Rick, though he didn't really like skiing as much, enjoyed being with the kids, riding the lifts and sharing the fun.

We invested in used equipment See WINTER, page 11

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Greenbelt Museum to Open Again on Sunday Afternoons

by Megan Searing Young

The Greenbelt Museum's Historic House is reopening for Sunday tours on February 4 after being open by appointment only through January. The Museum suspends Sunday hours in the first month of the year due to low visitation numbers combined with frequent inclement weather.

Despite the house being closed, Museum staff remained busy with tours and events in January. Walking tours included an assistant professor in the Department of City and Regional Planning at Cornell University and a group of 40 planning students from Penn State University. Many thanks to Sandy Lange, Konrad Herling and Mike McLaughlin for their help with the latter tour. In January, the museum also co-sponsored a well-attended encore screening of *Defending Utopia: The Greenbelt* News Review at 80, Susan Geravasi's documentary commissioned by the News Review to commemorate its 80th anniversary. Last, but not least, the Museum held a docent training session

on January 27. Volunteers are always needed and much valued at the Museum. Those interested in learning more should contact Sheila Maffay-Tuthill, education and volunteer coordinator, at education@greenbeltmuseum.org or 240-542-2064.

The Museum house has new displays of vintage Valentine's Day decorations and will resume its normal opening hours of 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, February 4. The shop also now has in stock a new book, *New Deal Utopias*, by photographer Jason Reblando. The book includes many photographs of Greenbelt. The Museum offers tours of an original 1937 historic Greenbelt home furnished with objects from approximately 1937 to 1952. The interior includes furniture that was designed by the federal government and built to fit into the experimental homes. The kitchen is state-of-the-art 1937. Kids of all ages can explore a completely hands-on children's bedroom with toys of the era and a manual typewriter. For more information, visit greenbeltmuseum.org.

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to death," moved for approval of both proposals. The motion was approved on a 5 to 1 vote with Councilmember Edward Putens opposed. The work will be funded using public, education and government money set aside in the city's cable television agreements.

When asked what the issues are in recording the Wednesday worksessions, Ard cited staffing and technical power. Palau explained that she uses field cameras to record these sessions. Unlike the recordings in the council room, the recordings from the field cameras cannot just be uploaded to the system. First, the video must be downloaded from the camera(s), then reformatted, then uploaded. This process can take four hours or more.

Palau identified other issues such as the lack of an official policy regarding these meetings and the lack of signers for the hearing impaired. In addition, since the room has no sound system, the videos have poor sound quality. Palau said that if these meetings were to be regularly recorded, she would need to hire additional staff and council would have to decide whether it wants to provide sign-language interpreters, as it does for regular council meetings. Councilmember Judith Davis asked Ard to provide information on options and costs in advance of the budget worksession.

Ard then raised a touchy subject – the need to either reschedule or relocate Greenbelt CARES Wednesday counselling sessions. As soon as she mentioned it, Roberts stated his opposition to moving CARES. The city needs to give CARES a permanent home and council should not inconvenience them, he said. Ard reminded council that CARES had used the Multipurpose Room on several occasions, so it is feasible.

Councilmember Colin Byrd, who has been a vocal supporter of cablecasting all council meet-

ings, reported on his discussions with CARES about this issue. Although this had already been identified as an issue to be discussed at the appropriate budget worksession, Byrd did not want to wait that long and made a motion requiring staff to produce an exploratory report earlier. Davis countered that Palau is a department of one and that having the information in time for the budget worksession was adequate. Councilmember Leta Mach called for the city to look at other options, such as moving the CARES staff. Byrd's motion failed on a 2 to 4 vote with Councilmember Silke Pope also voting aye.

Annexation

It took three agenda items to do the deed, but council set in motion the process to annex 0.131 acres "more or less" in the south core of Greenbelt Station. The annexation is necessary to correct an error in the original annexation of that site. Council accepted a petition from NVR MS Cavalier Greenbelt, LLC requesting annexation. Five agenda items later, resolution was introduced to modify the description of the city's boundaries in the city charter and finally, two items still further on, council adopted an annexation plan for the property. This plan is required by state law and outlines the effect of the annexation on municipal services.

The resolution is expected to be introduced for second reading and final passage at the next regular council meeting. As it is a charter amendment, it could be petitioned to referendum.

New City Solicitors

Ard introduced the new city solicitors, Jason Deloch and Todd Pounds of Alexander Cleaver, P.A.

Standing Rules

A resolution modifying council's standing rules was introduced for first reading. The

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GREEN SCHOOL continued from page 1

Teacher Association (PTA) has provided funds to send her to training opportunities throughout the state.

The school has adopted greener behaviors such as doing as much as possible through electronic means: homework can be sent and completed online, resources are shared virtually and photocopies are printed only when necessary (and always double-sided). The school building has also been updated with the addition of energy sensors; after five minutes of no detected movement, the lights shut off. Students have also created posters to remind others to turn off computers and lights when not in use and at end of the school day. The MDGS application requires complete documentation and records of the school's behaviors.

All grade levels participated in sustainability activities in December 2017. For example, fifth graders trimmed the nature trail located on the school grounds; fourth graders painted several storm drains to ward off dumping of trash into the waterways. As required for completion of the application, each grade level has also taught a class lesson about sustainability.

According to Pommerehn, the focus on the necessities of the county curriculum has been an obstacle to consistently incorporating the sustainability lesson; Pommerehn said, however, that she appreciates how supportive the teachers continue to be. Whenever possible, her colleagues intertwine lessons about the environment with other topics the elementary school students are taught.

The school has continued to look to the future with major projects planned to start the final months of this application process. An outdoor classroom is in the mix of ideas. Art teacher Zsolt Nagy leads the planning for a mural on the front wall of the school. "The theme will be 'pollinators' and, from what I've seen, it's going to be very colorful and bright," said Pommerehn.

The school has started a composting program, as requested by staff and PTA members.

"We will begin with a few



Volunteers and students in 2015 created a pollinator garden in front of the school.



Fifth graders Okiki Aloba and Emma Cantwell clean up the nature trail.

classrooms participating this spring and build from there," Pommerehn said. "We are going to work on bokashi composting, which does not involve the use of worms and other insects within the school."

The next step after completing the application will be to re-apply and go through the two-year process again.

"The design [of the certification process] entwines it in the school's culture," Pommerehn said. After the four-year span, the Green School certification becomes permanent.

Caroline Hanks is a University of Maryland journalism student who is the Dorothy Sucher Memorial Intern.



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Robbery

January 20, 12:58 a.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court. People sitting in a vehicle were approached by a man who displayed a handgun and announced a robbery. He fled in a blue sedan after taking a purse, car keys, cell phone and wallet.

January 24, 1:11 a.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace. Three men surrounded a food delivery person as he walked down the steps to an apartment building in order to make a delivery to a residence. One man displayed a handgun and took the food order and money as another man displayed a knife. They then walked the delivery person to his vehicle and took a cell phone and additional money. The delivery person was able to drive away.

January 24, 1:24 a.m., 100 block Westway. A cab driver arrived at the location to which he was dispatched and called the person who requested the cab to inform him that he was outside. Shortly thereafter the cabbie heard a knock on the driver's side window and opened the rear doors. Two men got in and one displayed a handgun and demanded money. The other took the driver's cell phone, a vehicle key fob and his wallet containing three credit cards and his driver's license. When they exited they demanded that the driver also exit, but he was able to speed off.

Assault

January 20, 3:25 p.m., 100 block Centerway. A man approached another man regarding a parking matter. When he returned to his vehicle, a verbal exchange occurred and the second man displayed a handgun. No shots were fired and the first man fled. On January 23, a nonresident was arrested in connection with this assault and was charged with one count of first degree assault, one count of second degree assault and other handgun-related charges. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner and was held on bond.

Theft

January 19, 2:30 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. An unat-

tended purse containing U.S. currency, three credit cards, a cell phone and a driver's license was removed from a shopping cart in the parking lot of Giant.

January 24, 7:46 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. A male Yorkshire terrier named Loki, wearing a black collar, was taken from an apartment.

Fraud

January 20, 1:58 p.m., 51 Crescent Road. A social security number was used by another person to open a credit card account.

Trespass

January 24, 10:47 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. A 50-year-old nonresident was arrested for trespass after she was found on the property of Franklin Park Apartments after having been banned from there by agents of the property. She was released on citation pending trial.

Burglary

January 19, 6:01 p.m., 6700 block Lake Park Drive. A watch, laptop, television and computer tablet were taken after an apartment door was pried open.

January 23, 9:07 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. A sliding door in an apartment was opened without forced entry and money was taken. A portion of it was recovered from the person suspected of taking it, the person's 17-year-old cousin. He was released to a parent.

Vehicle Crime

Six attempted thefts from vehicles were reported. They occurred on January 18 and 19 in the 7500 and 7600 blocks Mandan Road. All involved the breaking of windows to gain access. All vehicles were rifled through but nothing appeared to have been taken.

Four thefts from vehicles occurred. Money was taken from two vehicles, on January 18 in the 7500 block Mandan Road after a window was broken to gain access, and on January 20 from the 100 block Rosewood Drive from an unlocked vehicle.

Four tires were taken from the same vehicle in the 400 block Ridge Road on January 23 and on January 24 rear Md. tags 41W844 were taken from the 5900 block Cherrywood Lane.

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resolution is expected to be introduced for second reading and final adoption at the next council meeting. The changes were reviewed by council at a worksession on December 18, 2017.

Maglev

Council unanimously approved draft letters to the city's state delegation along with a second letter to nearby delegations urging them to oppose the maglev project.

Sunnyside Avenue

Roberts alerted council to discussions at the Transportation Planning Board regarding the Sunnyside Avenue Project. The project is being billed as a bridge widening that would not affect

air quality. However, the project would also widen the road significantly, he said. Roberts requested that the city attorney review the law and determine whether the state should have studied the project's environmental impact.

Committees

Council accepted the resignation of Jason Martin from the Forest Preserve Advisory Board. Martin is now the city's environmental coordinator.

Council reappointed Don Rich to the Advisory Committee on Education, Judith Ott and Jean Cook to the Board of Elections and Jeanette Grotke to the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee.

80th Anniversary

Resistance to Nazi False News Focus of Film Mortal Storm

by Chris Cherry

The next free film in the Old Greenbelt Theatre's 80th anniversary matinee series will be shown this Sunday, February 4, at 12:30 p.m. The Mortal Storm is an important and still-timely 1940 anti-fascist film depicting a German family's personal struggles as Hitler's regime destroys the fabric of civic and family life. The film was originally shown at the theater during the week of August 22, 1940.

Reviewing the film for the New York Times in 1940, critic Bosley Crowther called it "one of the most harrowing and inflammatory [stories] ever placed upon the screen. It strikes out powerfully with both fists at the unmitigated brutality" of the Nazi system.

Crowther praised the film, saying "It is magnificently directed and acted. James Stewart and



Movie poster of Mortal Storm

Margaret Sullavan bring to vibrant and anguished life the two young people who resist."

A notable plot point in the film is the regime's disparagement of scientific facts that conflict with Nazi racist ideology. The patriarch of the family, a college professor, is arrested and sentenced to a concentration camp for refuting the Nazi claim of biological superiority.

Isolationists who sought to prevent

American involvement in World War II decried the film and others like it as an incitement to war. In September 1941, a Senate subcommittee convened a hearing to investigate what it called "war propaganda disseminated by the motion-picture industry."

LIFE magazine reported that the hearing was "politically maneuvered by a small coterie of isolationist politicians as a kangaroo court" aimed at pressuring movie studios to avoid disturbing depictions of Nazism. Questioned about The Mortal Storm, Nicholas Schenck, president of Loew's Inc., defended the making of the film – and landed a zinger in the process. "Did you approve Mortal Storm?" the chairman asked. Schenck replied, "I only loved it after I saw it."

Like all of the films being shown in the series, The Mortal Storm is being shown on 35-mm film. More information about the 80th Anniversary Films For A Better Tomorrow film series is available on the Old Greenbelt Theatre's website at greenbelt-theatre.org.

Chris Cherry is the Recreation Department's Performing Arts Coordinator, and is also coordinating the 80th Anniversary celebration for the city.



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(\$250 outfitted all five of us with boots, skis and poles though not very glamorously) and over the next few years we made a number of treks with other Greenbelt families up to Mount Sutton in the Eastern Townships of Quebec, just over the Vermont border.

The trips were organized by the Bob and Mary Helen Spear family and included, at various times Greenbelters Steve and Lola Skolnik and their kids as well as Hans Jorgensen and son Eric, Bryn and Alan Schultz and their son Michael, Sue Schultz, Cathy and John Abbot and their family, Jim and Cass Cooney and their three boys and Tony and Bobbi McCarthy and their kids.

The lodgings were classic hostel (and very cheap). As befitted members of GHI (as most were) we stayed at the Eastern Ski

Co-op (ESCO) where the rooms had several bunks per tiny room and there were communal bathrooms where the water varied in temperature over a five-minute period from cold to scalding – depending on toilet flush activity. The hosts cooked but the guests set tables, bussed the dishes and washed up. We even had a talent show, which was a riot, and a hotly contested ping-pong tournament. There is still a contingent of current and former Greenbelters who head for Sutton every year. Though ESCO is long gone, the building lives on as a rather smarter place.

We kept up skiing as a family and then, as the kids grew up and got families of their own, the grandchildren skied (or snowboarded). So now we have three generations of skiers. The equip-

ment has improved, the lifts have improved, and we all ski better too as a result of more lessons and more practice.

Though almost seventy, Grandma and Grandpa still ski – fitting in as much time on the slopes as we can before advancing age clamps down on us. Perhaps we'll actually get to four

generations of skiers on the snow at one time. There's a new great-grandchild so in another few years we can do it.

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Artist Barbara Simon Honored at New Deal Café



PHOTO BY FRANK GERVASI

Tom and Nora Simon help unveil a plaque honoring Barbara Simon at the New Deal Café.

On Sunday, January 28, the New Deal Café dedicated their gallery space to the memory of Barbara Simon, a tireless champion of the arts. Simon died June 24, 2016. Her husband Tom Simon and daughters Julia Kender and Nora Simon helped unveil the plaque in Barbara's honor.

"Artists need space to operate," said Tom Simon, as he explained that space included having the work viewed by the public, not simply space for a studio. Barbara, he said, worked to help create that space at the New Deal. "She shaped the character of the New Deal and provided a great space," he said.

In unveiling the plaque that will hang in the front room of the Café, NDC board member Frank Gervasi recounted Simon's many contributions, including



PHOTO BY ERIC ZHANG

Barbara Simon

founding and running Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA) and organizing many of the outdoor festivals associated with the New Deal. She was "a tireless champion of the arts," he said.



PHOTO BY MARY MURCHISON-EDWARDS

A Greenbelt Pineapple. I planted a green pineapple top in a container in 2016. A flower sprouted in September 2017 and it has grown to its current size during the past three months. Once it turns yellow it will be ripe, possibly in February or March. - Mary Murchison-Edwards

A Review

At GAC: Let There Be Light(s) And Laughter And Love

by Jim Link

Almost, Maine is the fictional town which is also the title of John Cariani's wildly successful 2006 play now showing at the Greenbelt Arts Center. On a single winter Friday night eight excellent actors playing multiple roles depict nine bittersweet, tender vignettes of love lurched at, love found and lost and even love actually found.

These enchanting episodes ache with yearning and burst with comic surrealism. There's not a mean bone in the play's body - no hot, steamy sex - but magically just a sudden kiss can be a life-changing event.

Here's a real recipe for success: Get veteran director/actor/theatrical Johannes Factotum Bob Kleinberg to enlist his wife Wynne, actress Pamela Northrup and actor Jason Kanow to direct three scenes. Then use the spiffy, new, safer, cordless lighting system to light up the Maine night sky with a thousand stars. Kleinberg thanked Den Giblin and others for "putting their lives on hold" to add some theatrical blaze into our lives.

Then have veteran Andrew Negri produce the play, Gayle Negri do the costumes and props, and Penny Martin paint the sets. Steve Beitzell and Tom Gill skillfully wield the new lighting system.

Then bookend the play with Pete (Rob Allen) and Jeanette (Christine Smith) hilariously groping toward a declaration of love, parting, then coming together in the epilogue.

More bizarre, wonderful scenes include Glory (Jenna Jones Paradis) pitching her tent on East's (Ryan Willis) property to watch the northern lights and to commune with her deceased husband, whom she has killed (sort of).

Randy (Jason Kanow) and Chad (Ryan Willis) exchange stories of disastrous dates, then quite weirdly, tentatively and hilariously, fall in love with each other. Less violent and much funnier than Brokeback Mountain.

Distraught Gayle (Emma Earnest) returns all the love given her by Lendall (Win Britt) - great big red plastic bags of it - which she tosses at Lendall's feet and demands he give her back the love she gave Lendall. Gobsnacked Lendall finds a tiny bag to return. But the most precious things come in small packages ...

Woman (Pamela Northrup) abruptly returns to Man (Jason Kanow) years after not replying to his marriage proposal to explain her "procrastination."

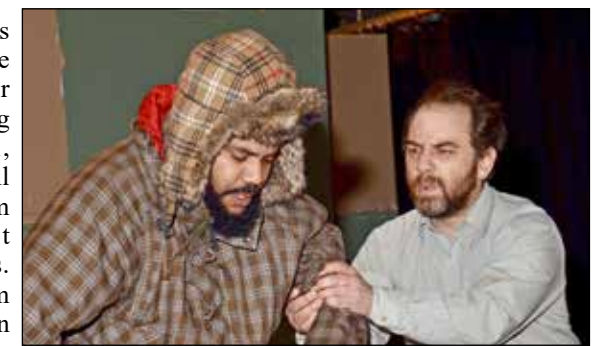
Unsurprisingly, huge misunderstandings ensue.

Veteran producer Andrew Negri says in his program notes that Almost, Maine is now the most produced play in North American high schools, recently supplanting Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Ergo, he fears the audience might run for the exits gagging with a spoon, but hopes it will leave all warm and fuzzy. Not to worry, folks. Go get all warm and fuzzy on Friday and Saturday, February 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, February 4 and 11 at 2 p.m.



Rob Allen (Pete), Christine Smith (Ginette) in Prologue - contemplating how the world is round



Ryan Willis (Chad), Jason Kanow (Randy) in They Fell - evening of beers

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