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New Deal Directors Approve Contractor for Café's Kitchen

by Ray Zammuto

On Monday, April 9, the board of the New Deal Café voted 5 to 0 to end the Café's effort to self-manage its kitchen operations. The board passed a motion to approve and sign a contract with a Washington, D.C.-based food contractor to operate the kitchen as of July 1. The Café is a member-owned cooperative established in 1995 and has been located in Roosevelt Center since 2000.

The board decided in the fall of 2016 to end the Café's relationship with a food vendor who had operated the kitchen for eight years. In a special membership meeting that September, Café

members authorized the board to borrow up to \$200,000 for capital improvements and to manage the restaurant. At Monday's meeting, the board's treasurer Bill Jones said that the Café's attempt to manage its own kitchen had not been financially successful. The Café has outstanding loans and credit card balances of about \$200,000, and its monthly operating loss has averaged between \$6,000 and \$7,000 the past few months. The Café is currently keeping its doors open with gifts and loans from the board and members.

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PHOTO BY KYOKO KOBAYASHI HILLMAN

Greenbelt residents Kyoko Kobayashi Hillman and Patricia Novinski enjoy the cherry blossoms at peak season.

Packed House Council Meeting Addresses Maglev with BWRR

by Maria Herd

Greenbelters expressed their opposition, support and questions about the SCMaglev proposal to Baltimore Washington Rapid Rail (BWRR) representatives on Tuesday, April 3. The city council chambers were so packed with residents that some sat on the floor.

It was the second time that BWRR representatives have appeared in front of the Greenbelt City Council. Mayor Emmett Jordan noted his disappointment that representatives from the Maryland Department of Transportation did not respond to their invitation to attend the public forum.

"They are the ones who are

running the environmental impact study and I have not seen them at any public meeting over the course of the last four or five months," Jordan said.

Residents were given three-minute turns at the microphone to publicly voice their opinions on the magnetic levitating high-speed train that would tunnel under Greenbelt to connect Washington to Baltimore within 15 minutes.

Three residents expressed support for the project due to its technological advancements and potential environmental benefits.

Over a dozen residents were vehemently opposed to the train, citing concerns about economic

viability, the character of historic Greenbelt, property values and environmental impacts.

"I've heard many of these concerns and I agree with many of these concerns," said Councilmember Leta Mach. Yet she also noted a new issue that was brought to her attention.

A mother with a kindergartner at Greenbelt Elementary School cited studies that have shown health and learning risks high-speed trains could pose to children, as well as reduction in fertility rates.

She said that she was there

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Five YAC Members Attend League of Cities Conference

by Beverly Palau and Alison Longworth

On March 12 and 13, five members of the Greenbelt Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) and their staff liaison, Alison Longworth, attended the National League of Cities (NLC) Congressional City Conference held in Washington, D.C. The annual conference brings together city policy makers and thought leaders to discuss issues and federal policies that affect cities, funding opportunities and emerging practices among cities. YAC members Ema Smith, Julia Sharapi, Findley Holland, Arsalan Siddiqui and Selim Boukabara attended as part of a 300-member youth delegation from around the country.

Smith was asked to take part in a panel discussion, because of YAC's successful campaign to lower the voting age to 16 in Greenbelt. "We had a workshop on increasing youth engagement, including a panel that I got to speak on. I discussed how lowering the municipal voting age can help increase youth engagement and how exactly that works," stated Smith.

Longworth was also asked to address the youth delegate chaperone workshop on the Journey



PHOTO BY ALISON LONGWORTH

YAC members from left are Arsalan Siddiqui, Findley Holland, Julia Sharapi, Selim Boukabara and Ema Smith.

to Lowering the Voting Age. The topic was of great interest to many of the attendees and Greenbelt provided a case study for others to follow.

YAC members thoroughly en-

joyed attending the conference, which featured many engaging speakers such as Bob Schiffer, Bill de Blasio, Alex Acosta, Ben

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Journey's Law Has Special Meaning for Butler Family

by Kathleen Gallagher

In the list of more than 3,000 pieces of legislation introduced in the General Assembly this session, one of them holds a special place in the hearts of all who hear about it. House Bill 1414, Sickle-Cell Trait Screening, Treatment, Education and Public Awareness, was brought to the legislature by Brian and Camille Butler, in collaboration with Lois Rosado, and is now co-sponsored in the House by Delegates Alonzo Washington and Anne Healey. The Butlers and

Rosado attended the Greenbelt City Council March 26 meeting to speak about the bill and request the council's support for it.

Also called Journey's Law, the bill is named for the Butlers' daughter Journey, who died in July 2016 at the age of 13 from renal medullary carcinoma, a rare cancer associated with inheriting the sickle cell gene from one parent. A person who inherits the gene from one parent will not

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PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

Volunteers, including members of the city council, help plant trees near Springhill Lake Rec. Center on Arbor Day, April 7.

Letters to the Editor

Census Questions

I am writing to comment on the story in the April 5 issue of the News Review city council meeting titled "Council Focuses on Security Issues and Census Question." On page 11 the author states that "...census forms have over the years often included citizenship questions." Does she mean to imply that it is not unusual for the decennial census to include a question about citizenship? According to a National Public Radio report, while the Census did ask about citizenship between 1970 and 2000, it was only in the long form that just one in six households received. The last time that all U.S. households were asked about citizenship was in 1950. Since 1960, only a fraction of households received census forms containing a citizenship question (since 2005, about one in 36 households in the census' annual American Community Survey). If all households receive a form with a question regarding citizenship in the 2020 census, it will be the first time in 70 years.

Alex Barnes

one involved. There is already a Greenbelt tradition of friends and family supporting one another, and we hope the option to make use of hospice services will further benefit Greenbelt. In the spirit of collaboration, we are looking forward to joining with other local organizations to support our community.

We are excited to announce that a very special film will be shown in the near future. The *Pioneers of Hospice* (pioneersofhospice.com) is about the founders of hospice in the UK and USA, and is scheduled to be presented at the July 16 Reel and Meal at the New Deal Café. We plan to include a few of the staff members of The Washington Home and Community Hospices who are Greenbelt residents for a Q&A after the film.

Again, thank you for publishing the article about hospice. It really is a worthy and timely resource for our community.

Margaret Capurso
Cynthia Swan
Bereavement Coordinators
The Washington Home and
Community Hospices

Article on Hospice

What a great article about hospice in the Greenbelt News Review written by Melissa Sites. We really appreciate the straightforward "tell it like it is" tone of the article. We are pleased that she was able to capture key pieces of the hospice experience. We hope the Greenbelt community takes note of the monthly discussion groups at the Community Center, which will further explore relevant hospice topics and include all age groups.

The article wonderfully covered many of the benefits families receive while their loved one is a patient in hospice. We are glad that the community can learn how a full team of professionals supports and educates every-

THANKS

On behalf of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, I would like to thank our Greenbelt friends and neighbors for your continued support participating in our Indoor Community Yard Sales. On Saturday, April 7, we had the best crowd and sellers! Our event was a huge success thanks to everyone. Thank you, Greenbelt and friends. You are the best.

We will be having another yard sale in the early part of October. You have plenty of time to gather your treasures for our friends and neighbors once again. Greenbelt is great.

Kathy Reynolds
President
Greenbelt VFD
Ladies Auxiliary

Hospice Offers Grief Program

Community Hospices will be offering a gathering for informative, supportive and inspirational discussions on varied grief/loss topics on the final Tuesday of each month. The topic for April 24 is Loss of a Parent and will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Room 103 of the Community Center. For more information, contact Margaret Capurso at 301-560-6002 or mcapurso@communityhospices.org.

New Deal Art Show Seeks Participants

Calling all artists! The New Deal Café is hosting a May/June group show to accompany the Green Man Festival. The theme of the show is Soil. The deadline for submission is April 30. Send all submissions to newdealcafeart@gmail.com.

The art show program at the Café is sponsored by the Friends of the New Deal Café Arts with support from the city of Greenbelt.

On Screen

A Kennel of Dogs With Familiar Voices

Friday the 13th is lucky for dog lovers, the date *Isle of Dogs* comes to Old Greenbelt Theatre. Director and writer Wes Anderson's meticulously crafted, bleakly beautiful, animated fable is set in Megasaki, Japan, where the mayor has banished dogs to an island garbage dump, Trash Island. The mayor's 12-year-old son Atari heroically searches for Spots, his canine sidekick.

The plot thickens and sickens with ugliness and visual splendor, driven by a whole kennel of talented actors playing dogs, whose voices, if not their furry faces, you may recognize: Bill Murray, Edward Norton, Scarlett Johansson, Tilda Swinton, Frances McDormand, Greta Gerwig, Bob Balaban, Jeff Goldblum, F. Murray Abraham, Courtney B. Vance and more.

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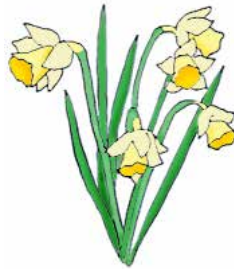
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Fri. 2:30, 5:30, 8:00 PM
Sat. 2:30, 5:30, 8:00 PM
Sun, 2:30 PM (OC), 5:30, 8:00 PM
Mon. 5:30 PM
Tues. 5:30, 8:00 PM
Wed. 2:30, 5:30, 8:00 PM
Thurs. 5:30 PM

Family Series:
ROALD DAHL'S
REVOLTING RHYMES
(56 mins)
Sat. 12:00 PM

Colorlab Series
MR. DEEDS GOES TO TOWN
35mm (1936) (115 mins)
Sun. 12:00 PM

THE TALE OF THE
PRINCESS KAGUYA
- Isao Takahata Tribute
(PG) (2013) (137 mins)
(subtitled in English)
Mon. 8:00 PM

Stranger Origins:
CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF
THE THIRD KIND
(PG) (1977) (138 mins)
Thurs. 8:00 PM

The Old Curmudgeon



I heard some bald eagle chicks have hatched.

News Review, May 30, 2002

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Community Events

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, which provide at least one-third of Recommended Dietary Allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of April 16 are as follows:

Monday, April 16: Beef hot dog, baked beans, mixed greens, wheat hot dog bun, ketchup and mustard, tropical fruit, orange juice.

Tuesday, April 17: Split pea soup with crackers, 'krab' salad, club roll, spring salad mix with dressing, diced pears, cranberry juice.

Wednesday, April 18: Bruschetta beef, au gratin rotini, green beans, wheat bread, fresh fruit, orange juice.

Thursday, April 19: Creamy chicken tikka, oven roasted potatoes, mixed vegetables, naan bread, pineapple tidbits, cranberry juice.

Friday, April 20:

Veggie burger, potato wedges, hot spiced apples, coleslaw, wheat hamburger bun, ketchup, orange juice.



The Game is Afoot! GAC Has Baskerville

Starting April 13, Greenbelt Arts Center presents Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery, directed by Ann Lowe-Barrett.

Prepare for a comical journey into the world of that most famous of detectives from 221-B Baker Street – Sherlock Holmes. It's a wild ride through London streets and Devonshire moors.

The play offers a comedic take on Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's famous story, The Hound of the Baskervilles. Holmes, Doctor Watson and 40 other characters (played by three other actors) gallop through the English countryside in search of a murderer. They find butterflies, red herrings, love and plenty of laughs along the way.

Evening shows are on Fridays and Saturdays, April 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28, May 4 and 5 at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees are on April 22 and 29 at 2 p.m. Buy tickets online at greenbeltartscenter.org or contact boxgac@gmail.com.

Opioid Overdose Response Training

On Monday, April 23 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. the City of Greenbelt will sponsor a free training session including certification for administering nasal naloxone (NARCAN). Participants can receive a NARCAN prescription kit courtesy of the Prince George's County Health Department. The training will take place at the Springhill Lake Recreation Clubhouse at 6101 Cherrywood Lane. For more information, email cares@greenbeltmd.gov or call 301-345-6660

Building a Synthesis By Planting Peace

Alexis Baden-Mayer, political director for the Organic Consumers Association (OCA), will speak on Sunday, April 15 from 2:30 to 5 p.m. on building a synthesis between environment, economy and peace at the Greenbelt Community Church.

Baden-Mayer will describe OCA's Planting Peace campaign, which advocates for issues that concern peace, economy and environment. Local farmers are being displaced from their lands by corporate agriculture and climate change. OCA advocates for regenerative agriculture that would replenish soil and for local farmer control of land. This would help local economies and farmers and provide healthy food. It would also reduce climate change, migration and conflict.

Baden-Mayer's presentation is co-sponsored by Greenbelt Climate Action Network, Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition and Maryland United for Peace and Justice. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact Tony Langbehn at 301-390-9684 or tonylang4peace@gmail.com.

Table Talk at New Deal April 28

On Saturday, April 28 from 10 a.m. to noon at the New Deal Café, State Delegate Alonzo T. Washington will be holding a Table Talk conversation about gun control and school safety. State's Attorney Angela Alsobrooks and public safety and education experts will lead a panel discussion on these issues. Washington will provide a 2018 Legislative Session update. Other community issues will also be open for discussion. For additional information, contact AlonzoWashington.com or at 240-394-9274.

Weekly Playdates

Join friends of all ages for play on Tuesdays from 3 to 5 p.m., weather permitting, at the playground/field at Ivy and Laster Lanes.

Local Youth Baseball: It's Finally Spring!

Greenbelt Youth Baseball Opening Day will be held on Sunday, April 15. The parade, which will begin at noon, will start in front of the Aquatic & Fitness Center and work its way up Southway, ending at McDonald Field. Join in for great food and fun.

The following games, all played at McDonald Field, are scheduled for April 15 through 21:

Sunday, April 15, 1 p.m., Indians vs. Orioles; 3:30 p.m., Cardinals vs. Giants.

Monday, April 16, 6 p.m., Cubs vs. Tigers.

Tuesday, April 17, 6 p.m., Indians vs. Giants.

Wednesday, April 18, 6 p.m., Cardinals vs. Orioles.

Thursday, April 19, 6 p.m., Cubs vs. Indians.

Friday, April 20, 6 p.m., Tigers vs. Cardinals.

Saturday, April 21, 11 a.m., Orioles vs. Giants.

Caregiver Skills Training in May

Registration is now open for family and friend caregiver skills training to be offered in the Multipurpose Room of the Community Center on Monday, May 21. Two sessions will be offered, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m. Space is limited to 20 participants per session.

Dementia Friendly Prince George's County-North County has partnered with United Medical Care to offer a free training program for family members who currently take care of elderly or disabled family members, neighbors or friends.

The training will be led by a registered nurse and will consist of training in proper techniques for bathing assistance, dressing/undressing assistance, ambulation/transferring assistance and checking vitals. The attendees will then apply their new skill under the supervision of the instructor.

Registration is required and closes Tuesday, May 8. To register, call Meryam Kahn at 240-542-2033.

Monteiro to Speak At Democratic Club

Paul Monteiro, who ran the VISTA program during the Obama administration, will be the featured speaker at the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club membership meeting Sunday, April 15, 3 p.m., at the Greenbriar Community Building. He is the fourth candidate for Prince George's County executive to present views on the issues. State Attorney Angela Alsobrooks, former Congresswoman Donna Edwards and State Senator C. Anthony Muse were featured speakers this past November, December and January, respectively.

Of additional note, the club is working with area organizations to put together a forum comprising the Democratic candidates running for Governor.

For more information, contact club President Nicole Williams at 202-321-4207 or check out the webpage at rooseveltdemocraticclub.com or on Facebook (Roosevelt Democratic Club) as well.

GHI Notes

Thursday, April 12, 7 p.m., Executive Session of the Board, Board Room

Sunday, April 15, 2:30 p.m., Woodlands Plant Swap, GHI Administration Building

Monday, April 16, 7 p.m., Executive Session of the Board, Board Room

Tuesday, April 17, 7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby

Wednesday, April 18, 7 p.m., Bicycle Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby; 7 p.m., Woodlands Committee Meeting, Board Room

Thursday, April 19, 7:45 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room

Friday, April 20, office closed. Emergency maintenance service available at 301-474-6011.

Registration Open Greenbelt Park Events

Saturday, April 14, Potomac Watershed Cleanup and SCA Volunteer Day. Participants meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area at 8:45 a.m. We will be working on several cleanup projects and other park projects.

Pre-registration is required at nps.gov/gree; use the link Potomac Watershed Clean-up.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

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Obituaries

Sharon Ann Alfaro

Sharon Ann Conroy Alfaro, 75, of Mount Airy, died suddenly on April 3, 2018, from complications of a routine surgery. She lived in Greenbelt for many years.

Sharon was born on September 21, 1942, at Father Baker's Orphanage in Lackawanna, N.Y., as Bernadette Eileen Regan and was adopted and raised as a daughter of the late Dr. Paul Robert Conroy, Sr. and Marian (Ordway) Conroy.

A lifelong learner, Sharon graduated from Holy Cross Academy in Washington, D.C., from the University of Maryland with a B.S. in education and from Bowie State University with a master's degree in human resource development.

As a young mother, she taught art classes as a volunteer in classrooms and even in a neighborhood in Mayagüez, Puerto Rico one summer. After getting a teaching certificate, she taught science at Hammond High School in Columbia, Md., from 1977 until her retirement in 1993, due to disability.

Sharon was an active participant of the Multiple Sclerosis Support Group in Carroll County and attended monthly meetings in Westminster for almost 20 years. She was also a regular student and attendee of classes and programs at the Senior Center in Mount Airy. In the 1970s, she started the Greenbelt Marching Kazoo Band.

Sharon was a curious and creative force of nature. In the 1970s, she was an early participant in National Organization of Women and Silva Mind Control (what would now be considered mindfulness meditation). She easily and happily adopted Hispanic culture by learning to speak Spanish, cooking a mean pot of rice and beans and dancing her head off at every opportunity. What she loved most about this adopted culture, though, was the all-inclusive and multi-generational parties that included everyone from the 100-year-old abuela (grandmother) to the newborn bebé (baby). Sharon loved laughing, having fun, traveling, reading, writing, socializing with friends and, in her younger years, painting, acting and other creative arts. She spent most of her adult life in Greenbelt, where she had many close friends and raised her children.

Sharon studied geology in college when, in her words, "I flew over Arecibo in a small plane, from San Juan to Mayagüez, looked out the window, and wanted to know how those mountains were formed." Even though requiring the use of a



Sharon Ann Alfaro

PHOTO COURTESY OF ALFARO FAMILY

wheelchair, physically impaired by multiple sclerosis for over 30 years, she was known for living every single day to the fullest and her last words were, "I still have things to do."

She is survived by a brother, Paul Robert Conroy, Jr. (Liz), and three sisters, Patricia Benton, Linda Benton and Loretta McCollum; sons Robert Alfaro (Marcie), of Crosby, Texas, and James Paul Woodworth (Gayle) of Emmett, Ind.; daughters Theresa Alfaro Daytner (Allen) of Mount Airy and Regina Diane Miller of Littlestown, Pa.; grandchildren Katherine Buechlein (Clint), Alysha Daytner, Kelsey Hawk, Jacqueline Woodworth-Kennel (Jake), Callie Miller, Michelle Daytner, Julia Miller, Candice Daytner, Ben Miller, Logan Daytner, Matthew Daytner; and six great-grandchildren. She is also survived by five nieces and nephews.

A celebration of her life was held on Saturday, April 7. Memorial donations may be made in Sharon's name to the Race to Erase Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, kintera.org/faf/donorReg/donorPledge.asp. Expressions of sympathy may be offered to the family at StaufferFuneralHome.com.

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suffer from sickle cell disease, but the gene is associated with increased risk for other diseases. Moreover, if both parents carry the trait, the chances of a child being born with sickle cell disease are one in four. Most people who carry the trait are of African descent but not exclusively so. In the United States, one in 10 African Americans carries the sickle cell trait.

Brian Butler is a coordinator at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. He and Camille also worked together on an award-winning mentoring program that was designed to provide safe and positive outlets, build friendships, establish self-esteem and create a strong sense of community for young people aged 8 to 16 in the Springhill Lake neighborhood.

The bill would require the Maryland Department of Health to reconvene the inactive State-wide Steering Committee on Services for Adults with Sickle Cell Disease and charge the committee to work with the medical community, in conjunction with local health departments, to conduct a comprehensive public awareness, education and treatment program.

Rosado told council that while the bill is intended to honor Journey's memory, the goal is to increase awareness and knowledge among those who carry the trait. According to Camille Butler, although newborns are scanned for the trait, the results are reported to parents only about 30 percent of the time, with the result that the child, too, often grows up uninformed.

"This bill would require communication to parents," Camille Butler said. She added that it is important not to frighten parents but to make them aware that the trait can carry some risk factors.

Council members were strongly supportive of the effort and voted unanimously to submit a letter of support for the bill quickly, but they regretted not

having been told about it earlier. The bill was introduced rather late in the session. At the time of this writing, it had not come out of committee following a hearing in mid-March. Rosado said their experience this year had been one of learning the procedures and that they would be at the ready to resubmit early and identify a sponsor from the other chamber next year.



Condolences to the family of Sharon Alfaro, who died this week. A longtime Greenbelt resident, she is fondly remembered as the founder of the Greenbelt Marching Kazoo Band.

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



A Cooper's Hawk looks over the Lake.

PHOTO BY GLORIA BROWN

Obituaries

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

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



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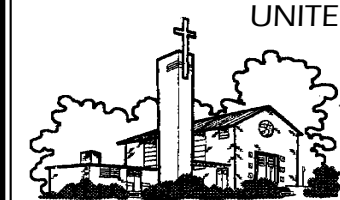


April 15 10 a.m.
"Each Kindness"

Rev. Rachel Christensen, Minister; with Carla Miller, DMRE; and Beth Charbonneau, Worship Associate

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Sunday Worship
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Sunday School 9:45AM
Worship Service 11:00AM

101 Greenhill Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
(301) 474-4212 www.greenbeltbaptist.org



City Information

MEETINGS FOR APRIL 16-20

Monday, April 16 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Greenbelt Station Residents/WMATA Trail** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. *Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming live at www.greenbeltmd.gov*

Wednesday, April 18 at 5:30pm, **YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at Youth Center, 99 Centerway. *On the Agenda: Voter Registration Event at ERHS, Youth Economic Accountability, Youth Higher Learning Prep, Committee Initiated Discussion*

Wednesday, April 18 at 7:30pm, **PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: New date for MasterPlan survey results, Launching of the logo, Budget update, Camp registration update, Mosquito Control*

Wednesday, April 18 at 7:30pm, **COUNCIL BUDGET WORK SESSION re: Public Works** at Greenbriar Community Center, 7600 Hanover Parkway.

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, Employee Relations 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.

Greenbelt Recreation & Bee Yoga Fusion present

Youth Running Club

Ages 10-16 years, beginners welcome!

Sundays, 4:00pm-5:00pm

May 6-July 15 (no class 5/27), Fee: \$45

Runners will meet at Bee Yoga Fusion, 111 Centerway 2nd floor in Greenbelt. Youth will run (from the yoga studio) around Buddy Attick Lake. When the weather doesn't allow for us to run, we will do yoga!

Brag to your friends and family that you will run a marathon over the course of 10 weeks! This is a non-competitive running club for youth to learn running tips and techniques, enjoy getting to know new friends and best of all have FUN running! Coach Wendy Young, Certified Road Runners Club of America Running Coach, will lead the youth every Sunday during practice. Gretchen Schock, owner of Bee Yoga Fusion, will teach yoga on rainy days.

**Parents are expected to volunteer for one practice over the course of the 10 weeks. We need one parent to sit with the bags and water bottles while the kids run. Super simple but an important job!*

Contact Anne Oudemans at 301-397-2200 for more information.



Greenbelt Recreation Invites you! Free Friday Fun! Roller-skate!

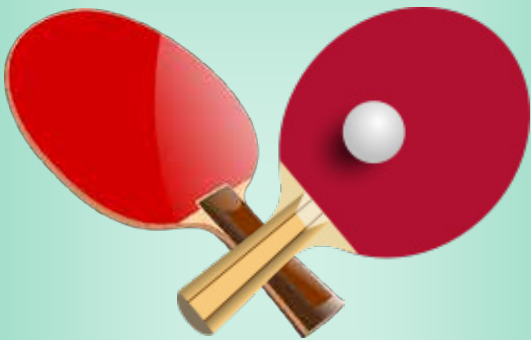
Springhill Lake Recreation Center
April 20 from 5:00pm-7:00pm

Ages: 6-14 years and parents/guardians

Roller-skates provided free of charge or bring your own. Call 301-397-2212 or 301-397-2200 for more information.

TABLE TENNIS

Tournament



4.19.18

Youth Center | 99 Centerway Greenbelt MD 20770 | 6 P.M. | All ages welcome
3 Games Guaranteed! Registration begins 5:30 P.M. Trophies for winner and runner up FREE!
For more information contact Alison Longworth 301.397.2200 alongworth@greenbeltmd.gov

25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation | 301.397.2200



SHREDDING AND PAINT RECYCLING

Saturday, April 28 from 9 AM – 12 NOON
(or until the truck is full)

The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union will be shredding your documents in the parking lot behind the Credit Union at 112 Centerway



Only 5 file boxes/bags per person. Must be present for shredding; abandoned boxes/bags will be put in the trash. Personal records only (no business). No contaminants accepted. NO BATTERIES. No plastic binders and sheets.

Public Works, 240-542-2153.

Paint recycling cost: \$5 per container



ELECTRONICS AND PAINT RECYCLING

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2018

9:00 AM-12:00 NOON

Public Works Yard, 555 Crescent Road



Recycle Your Old Computers and Other Electronics!

Accepted items include: TVs, CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, laptops, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, fax machines, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, batteries taped on one end.

ALSO, expanded polystyrene (block "Styrofoam" #6)

NO Cups, egg cartons or food trays.

PAINT RECYCLING!

Cost—\$5 per container. **DO NOT** mix paint in other containers. In order for paint to be properly used, the contents on the inside need to match the label on the outside. If you are unable to attend the event, you may hire this service directly to come to your home for an additional \$50 service fee. Yuck Old Paint, LLC 888-509-9825 (YUCK) www.YuckOldPaint.com
Questions? Greenbelt Sustainability Office 240-542-2153



EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, April 28, 2018



Buddy Attick Park

555 Crescent Road Greenbelt, MD

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Volunteers needed!

Join us for trail maintenance and food forest plantings

Reminders:

Bring a reusable water bottle

Wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes

Students: bring community-service forms

Questions? Contact Public Works Environmental Coordinator Jason Martin jmartin@greenbeltmd.gov or 240-542-2168



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Providing knowledge and care of our remnant woods



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ARTIST STUDIO SPACE AVAILABLE

Applications for Artist in Residence studio space at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road are now being taken until May 6, 2018.

Scheduling a studio tour by contacting Nicole DeWald at 301-397-2208. Applications are available online at www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts.

For assistance, contact Nicole DeWald at ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov or call 301-397-2208.

WELCOME PACKET MATERIALS ARE BEING COLLECTED

The City of Greenbelt is currently collecting material from area organizations, businesses, groups, etc. to be included in our next set of Welcome Packets.

Please supply 300 flyers, coupons, trinkets, etc. that you would like included by April 27 at 4:30pm.

Materials are being collected at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

For more information contact Beverly Palau, 240-542-2026.

DONATION DROP-OFF

Green Drop charitable Donations

www.gogreendrop.com/acceptable-items/

Saturday, April 14

9:00am-12:00 noon

or until truck is full.

Parking lot between City Office and Community Center

Info: 301-474-8308

Registration is now open for

BIKE TO WORK DAY 2018



Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center parking lot, 101 Centerway
Friday, May 18
6:30-8:30am

Commuter Connections and the Washington Area Bicyclist Association invites you to join over 17,000 area commuters for a celebration of bicycling as a clean, fun and healthy way to get to work. The Greenbelt Pit Stop will be one of 85+ Pit Stops in the regional area. Refreshments will be provided to registered participants arriving by bike.

Register at biketoworkmetrodc.org;
Pit Stop Manager:
Di Quynn-Reno,
240-542-2053.

New Bridge Construction Planned for Sunnyside Road

by James Giese

Prince George's County has received bids for construction of a new bridge and roadway on Sunnyside Avenue from Edmonston Road to the CSX Railroad tracks. If all goes well, construction will begin this summer and be completed in three years. The \$10 million-plus project will be funded by federal grant funds allocated for bridge replacement and repairs. A wary Greenbelt City Council, voicing concerns that the bridge exceeds design needs, is programmed to be a part of a future multi-lane extension of Edmonston Road, and will excessively impact adjacent wetlands, met with the chief bridge project designer at a March 19 worksession to get more information.

History

Users of Sunnyside Avenue well know that the narrow road just north of the city and to the west of Edmonston Road is without shoulders, crosses Indian Creek on a crumbling bridge, and is frequently flooded and closed during heavy rains. Built in 1946, the bridge span is 37 feet across the creek and has a 22-foot wide roadway. In 2009, about 12,600 vehicles crossed the bridge each day, four percent of which were trucks. There are a variety of overhead and underground utilities running parallel to the road.

In the summer of 2013, the city learned that plans were afoot to build a new, longer and wider bridge and widened roadway over Indian Creek and the adjacent floodplain. The new bridge would be 385.5 feet long and 68 feet wide; more than 10 times as long and three times as wide. The new width would provide for two 12-foot travel lanes, two five-foot bicycle lanes, two nine-foot shoulders and two six-foot sidewalks. The grade of the roadway and bridge would be raised in elevation by eight feet. Bridge construction would be in two parts with half the width built at a time. This would enable two-way traffic to be maintained during construction. The old road would continue to be used while the first half is built; the new half-road and bridge would be wide enough to use for two-way traffic while the second half is built.

The Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board and then the city council raised concerns about the bridge design and impact. The fear was that this might become a four-lane roadway tied into the proposal to widen and reroute Edmonston Road to directly connect into the Inter-County Connector in south Laurel. The city proposed eliminating the shoulders but increasing the bicycle lanes to six feet wide and keeping the sidewalks. There was also concern that the greatly enlarged road would detrimentally impact upon the wetlands that it crosses.

Response

In August 2013, Darryl P. Moble, acting director of the county Department of Public Works and Transportation, responded in detail to the city's concerns. The new construction was designed as a two-lane road with added left turn lanes at Edmonston Road and at the entrance to the WMATA Metro train maintenance

facility. The shoulders were necessary to provide emergency pull-off space for disabled, emergency and maintenance vehicles and to provide space for the piling of snow by plows during snow emergencies. The total width was also needed to maintain two-way traffic during construction. It would be possible to increase the bike lane width by narrowing the shoulder if it was found necessary to do so. The federal funding for bridge work and county lack of other funding prevented consideration of widening and improving Sunnyside west to U.S. 1, as council suggested. Further, it was a stand-alone project unrelated to future work on Edmonston Road.

There had been considerable coordination with other agencies to mitigate wetland impact, including bridge location and design. The new construction would not increase the volume of storm water entering Indian Creek. Environmental studies had been done and included in wetland permit applications.

Following that response, no further action apparently was taken by the city until the council became aware of a November 2017 county request to modify the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's fiscal years 2017-2022 Transportation Improvement Program to increase funding for the Sunnyside project, a matter routinely acted upon and granted. This led the city to make further inquiries and to invite the county to provide council with a project update.

Update

Erv Becker, chief of the county Highway and Bridge Design Division, met with council to provide the update. Becker happens to be a city resident living within walking distance of the Municipal Building.

He reiterated much of the information previously provided to the council. The design remains unchanged except that the bicycle lanes have been relocated to between the shoulder and sidewalk instead of next to the vehicle travel lanes. He said that pavement markings and possibly flex posts could be added to make the lanes safer and that the county would work with stakeholders on this following job completion.

As to wetland impact and mitigation, Becker noted the numerous government agencies he had to work with as well as the utility companies. In particular,

the county worked with the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) to compensate for lost wetlands. The center has ponds that have been poorly managed and will be restored as a means to offset the impact of the new construction, he said.

By raising the height of the new bridge by seven feet, it is designed to accommodate a 25-year storm without flooding. Councilmember Judith Davis noted that with climate change 25-year storms may occur more frequently.

CSX

The new road level will tie into the CSX crossing and Edmonston Road at a relatively flat grade instead of the current sudden rises. The roadway will be slightly dipped to provide for water run-off. WMATA has asked for a traffic light at its facility entrance but that is not to be a part of the project. It might be considered at a future date. Becker noted that new Metro train cars are being hauled to the facility via Sunnyside Avenue.

Davis asked if the new construction would eliminate the bump at the railroad crossing. Becker said the road would be built to the level of the tracks but that to otherwise change the crossing would involve CSX and obtaining approvals is extremely complicated.

Davis questioned whether consideration was given to providing an overhead crossing of the tracks as might eventually be required for traffic safety. Mayor Emmett Jordan noted the recent loss of life there. Becker said that nothing was being planned and the county simply did not have the money to undertake such a venture.

Another concern raised by Davis was light pollution caused by newly installed lighting. Becker said LED lights would be used and directed to just illuminate the roadway. Councilmember Rodney Roberts said he understood that the brightness of LED lights was harmful to flora and fauna that couldn't distinguish between day and night. Such lights can drastically reduce insect populations, he said. Jordan said he thought that light colorization could mitigate that problem. Becker said he would look into the matter and provide a response to council.

Roberts expressed continued opposition to the project. While he recognized the need for a new

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“on behalf of a lot of different parents who have significant concerns for their children and what the impact of this train will mean for them.”

“I am very pleased we had this public hearing because I had not really focused on the learning and health problems for young children,” Mach said.

House insurance was another topic that brought new information to the table.

Chair of the Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition Rohanie Bacchus said that she represented over 3,300 residents who are opposed to the SCMaglev project. “The value of our property will diminish tremendously, our taxes will increase, insurance may increase, we may not even get insurance,” she said.

Bacchus explained that she was recently told by an insurance company that they would refuse to insure her home if she had a tunnel under her house.

Residents of Greenbriar Condominiums and Hunting Ridge Condominiums also spoke of serious concerns about the potential tunnel. Their buildings were constructed on marine clay soil “which is susceptible to ground movement,” explained one resident.

Due to the instability of the material, they have had several structural and plumbing issues, including collapsed walls. Residents are concerned that the construction and train vibrations could add to those problems.

Local elected officials also spoke at Tuesday's public hearing, urging residents to put pressure on federal officials since it will be federal taxes, not state taxes, that go toward the high-speed train.

Delegate Alonzo Washington said that he recently asked for Representative Steny Hoyer's position on the SCMaglev proposal.

“I said, ‘Sir, our residents – yours and mine – need an answer as to whether or not you support this train.’ He said to me that he

did not have enough information at the time, so I gave him some information,” recalled Washington. At Tuesday's meeting, Washington passed out his official letter to Hoyer asking him to take a stance on the high speed train.

Prince George's County Councilmember Todd Turner also encouraged residents to take their concerns to federal elected officials. “Obviously three of them are on the ballot this year, so why not make this an issue as you're going to the ballot box?” Turner said.

A representative from the Greenbelt Advocates for Environmental and Social Justice noted that over 225 handwritten letters expressing opposition to the project have been collected and mailed to public officials at various government levels.

The answers to Greenbelters' questions for BWRR will eventually be posted on the SCMaglev Project Information page of the City of Greenbelt website, said City Clerk Bonita Anderson. The Greenbelt City Council has set the end of the month as a deadline for BWRR.

One of the two remaining potential routes – Baltimore Washington Parkway West or Baltimore Washington Parkway East – will be selected as the preferred alignment this fall, said BWRR Project Director David Henley. Then a series of public meetings up and down the corridor will follow.

“After that, it's about another year crystalizing what that alternative means, what the impacts are, and how to mitigate, minimize or avoid those impacts,” he said.

A draft of the environmental impact statement will come out next January, and the final version is due December 2019.

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

GHI Candidates Forum

See which of your neighbors are running, learn their views, and ask them questions!

7:30pm Tuesday April 17
Municipal Building
25 Crescent Road

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Alert!

We have no declared Audit Committee candidates. Please contact N&E if you are willing to serve!

Noon Tuesday April 17

Deadline to declare candidacy for forum participation

5pm Tuesday May 1

Final deadline to declare your candidacy

7:30pm Thursday May 10

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Community Center Gymnasium
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Thursday & Friday May 10-11

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MEET TAMI WATKINS GHI BOARD CANDIDATE

APRIL 17TH FORUM at 7 pm
Municipal Building



Patricia Novinski

GHI Board member 2006-2016

City Manager's Proposed Budget: Stable Taxes, Some Fee Changes

by Diane Oberg

The proposed budget that City Manager Nicole Ard presented to the Greenbelt City Council calls for no change to the city tax rate and no increase in the fee for trash and recycling. She proposed increasing the fees for pool passes (up 3 percent) with daily admission rates increasing by 25 cents.

Overview

Total expenditures for Fiscal Year 2019 (July 2018 through June 2019) would total \$29.8 million, an increase of 5.2 percent over the current fiscal year. Most of this increase was due to the development of Greenbelt Station. City workers would get a 2 percent cost of living adjustment, as well as merit increases. The city's current health insurance provider has proposed an increase in premiums of 13 percent. The city plans to either negotiate a lower rate or find a less expensive provider. Ard also proposed adding three employees (two full time equivalents): a full time economic development coordinator, a half time volunteer coordinator and a half time mobility coordinator.

The budget, if approved, would reorganize the city government, adding a Department of Community Services composed of Greenbelt CARES, the Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program, animal control and code enforcement.

Other significant costs include the purchase of eight new police vehicles, allocation of \$140,000 in funds for economic development, \$30,000 for security cameras and \$40,000 for the development or acquisition of an electronic payroll system. Ard also calls for purchasing several items using the replacement reserves, which sets aside funds towards the replacement of durable equipment. In FY19, Ard anticipates purchasing two electric sedans, a skid-steer loader, a pickup truck, a garbage truck and new exercise

bikes at the fitness center.

In addition, she proposes that the city, through gritted teeth, prepare to purchase a new van for the Greenbelt Connection. The previous county-provided bus was destroyed by fire and the city has been unable to get a replacement through the county. While waiting, the city has been borrowing Berwyn Heights's bus.

The proposed budget allocates \$5 million for various capital projects including resurfacing parts of Ridge Road, Ora Glen Drive and Hanover Drive, as well as replacing the heating, air conditioning and ventilation equipment at the Old Greenbelt Theatre (\$320,000), making state-mandated repairs to the Greenbelt Lake dam (\$2.3 million) and funding the WMATA Connection Trail.

Ard also proposes that the city finally wave goodbye to 2001 by transferring funds from the general fund to the 2001 bond fund, thus closing it out. The bond fund has a negative balance due to cost overruns on the Public Works facility and renovation of the theater. This fund was used to build the new public works facility, to renovate the Springhill Lake Recreation Center and the Old Greenbelt Theatre, and for traffic safety improvements in Greenbelt East.

Presentation

Before unveiling her FY19 budget, Ard presented eight slides regarding the city's accomplishments so far in Fiscal Year 2018. These ran from planting flowers to multiple software upgrades to running the 2017 city election. She also presented a slide mapping key budget objectives to council's goals.

This slide identifies Ard's proposed top priority projects, such as deciding whether to hire an economic development professional, stopping the proposed Maglev train, hiring a new police chief and ensuring that the

county's rezoning project properly protects Greenbelt, including strong protections for the historic core in the Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zone. This is just a sampling of the high priority projects for the coming fiscal year. Ard's slides and the full budget document are available on the city's website for those wanting a more detailed view.

Future Challenges

Ard also identified several upcoming events, issues and challenges. All homes in Greenbelt will be assessed, which will determine the city's largest source of revenue for three years. The city is setting aside funds to deal with changes in the minimum wage as well as determining whether adjustments are needed, such as higher pay to other employees to maintain a rational relationship between grades bumped up by the minimum wage law with grades above that level. For commercial property, the city must also be prepared if major property owners, such as office buildings or shopping centers, appeal their assessments and obtain an abatement. Companies can appeal their assessments at any time through the three-year assessment cycle.

Other anticipated events include finding a site for a new fire station, building improvements and sustainability, among other issues.

Council Consideration

Now that Ard has presented the big picture of the FY19 budget, council will begin a series of deep dives into the minutia of the budget in a series of budget worksessions, two public hearings and one final budget worksession to work out what changes it wants staff to make. That revised document is scheduled to be introduced for first and second reading and final adoption at the June 4 regular meeting. (See box for schedule.)

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bridge, he thought this effort would be "giant overkill." He advocated eliminating the shoulders, the added width contributing to the size of a dead zone under the bridge. He also felt the new bridge would bring about more traffic.

Becker said he thought the road would remain to serve local traffic. He also said the bridge was designed to last 100 years. There were no plans to modify it at a later date.

Other County Projects

Jordan asked Becker about the status of other county projects. Becker said the big one under way was the rebuilding and widening of Contee Road. A sidewalk along Greenbelt Road to connect the entrance to Greenbelt Station to the Beltway Plaza would definitely be done. It was in the plan for next year. Because of a sharp road bend, some additional right-of-way may be needed.

The county is considering making improvements to the Old Baltimore Pike to the north between Powder Mill and Edmonston Roads. It is subject to flooding, a high crime area and a heavy industrial area. He thought it was a potential Green Street project.

Jordan asked if he was aware of what impact there would be from locating a proposed maglev train yard in BARC adjacent to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. Becker offered to bring with him on his next visit a person from the county familiar with that matter.

The meeting ended with Becker agreeing to return to provide the unanswered information sought by the council.

Meanwhile, the project will proceed, with the next step being the selection of a contractor. Becker was pleased that the apparent low bidder was a contractor satisfactorily used by the county for other bridge projects.

City Notes for April 2-8

Animal Control staff impounded four dogs: three living in a vehicle and one running loose. Kittens left at the shelter gate were reunited with their mother. A cruelty complaint was investigated and one cat was adopted.

Springhill Lake Recreation Center hosted a city council budget worksession on April 4, a Fast Break Basketball Clinic and a Spring Camp from April 2 through 6 and an Arbor Day tree planting on April 7.

The Community Center Art Gallery's new exhibition, Collide-o-Scope, features dense collages by Israeli-American artist Anna Fine Foer.

Arts staff offers 28 quarterly workshops this session with 272 participants enrolled. A free art workshop for teens is planned for Greenbelt Day Weekend at Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

The Community Center hosted a free Community Art Drop-In on April 8.

Street Maintenance/Special Details cleaned storm drains throughout Historic Greenbelt.

Building Maintenance staff started preparing the outdoor pool for summer.

Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability crews collected 22.47 tons of refuse and 11.94 tons of recyclables.

Greenbelt CARES staff took webinar training on Suicide and Self-Harm in Our Youth, learning signs and risk factors for self-harm and suicide.

The Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) held the 2018 Annual Educator Awards ceremony on March 26. A teacher from each Greenbelt School received certificates from the city, county, school board and the Maryland General Assembly.

Budget Worksessions, April-May

Topic	Location	Day	Date
Public Works/Capital Projects	Greenbriar Comm Bldg.	Wed	4/18
Comm. Services/Planning/Economic Dev.	Council Room, Muni Bldg	Mon	4/30
Recreation Dept	Council Room, Muni Bldg	Mon	5/7
Recognition Groups	Community Center	Wed	5/9
Green Ridge House	Green Ridge House	Wed	5/16
Final Budget Review	Council Room, Muni Bldg	Mon	5/21

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Sunday, April 15, 2018

GCF Application Deadline

GCF funds organizations serving The Greenbelt community

Applications are at greenbeltfoundation.net/grants/how-to-apply

Email complete application and other documents to greenbeltcommunityfoundation@gmail.com



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2018 Show and Sale

All American: Pattern, Elegant, Art Deco & Depression-Era Glassware, China, Kitchenware, Pottery, Books & Linens

Special Display: "Fabulous FENTON!"

Saturday, April 21, 2018 10 am - 5 pm

Sunday, April 22, 2018 10 am - 3 pm

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9880 Good Luck Road at Greenbelt Road
Lanham, MD 20706

BW Parkway to Route 193 East - Greenbelt/NASA
(about 2.5 miles to DuVal H.S.)

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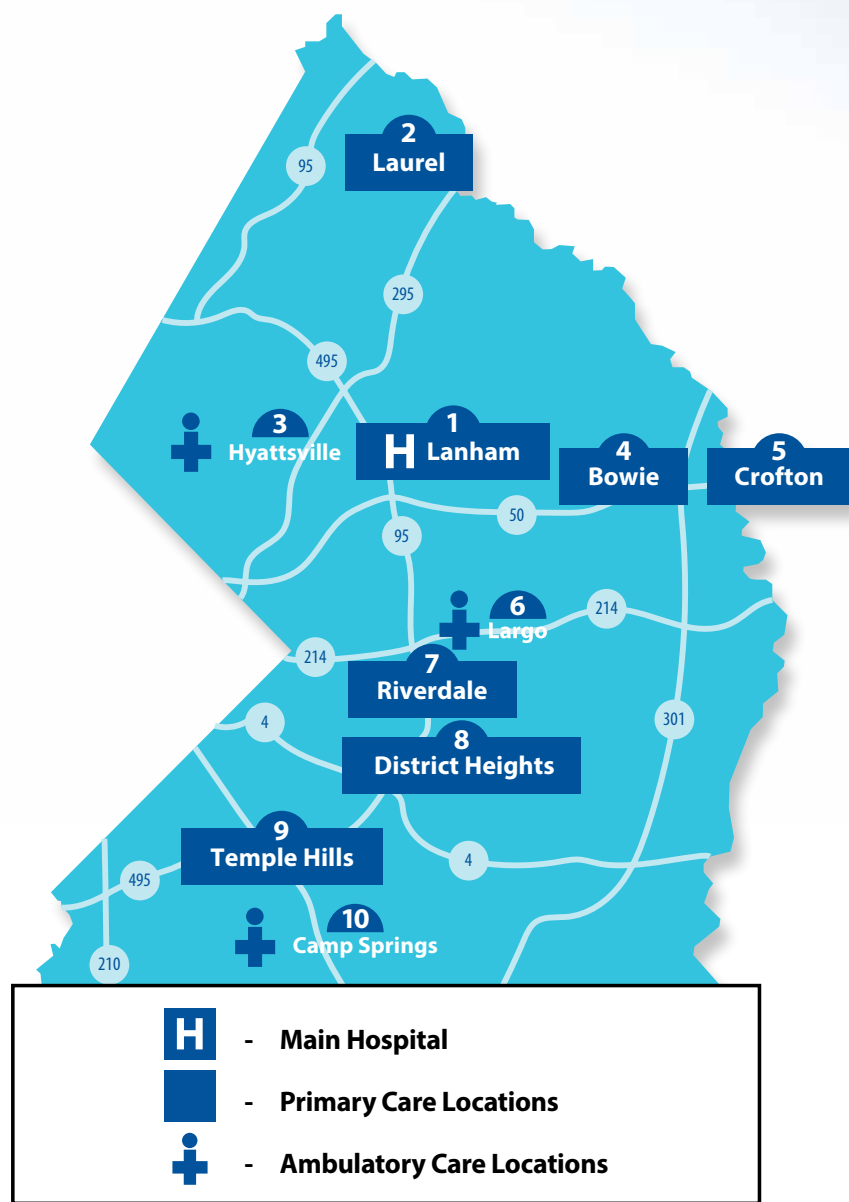
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Skunk Cabbage Offers Bugs A Warm Spring Welcome

by Lesley Kash



PHOTO BY LESLEY KASH

Skunk cabbage patch at the Lake

Greenbelt Lake hosts many plant curiosities, including one that generates body heat enough to melt snow. Take a walk around the lake the day after a late spring flurry, checking damp spots along the lake path. Look for little holes in the snow with a greenish brownish snoutish sprout in the middle. That's the hood of a skunk cabbage, called a spathe, which encloses and protects its flower.

For a couple of weeks, the skunk cabbage burns its sugar sap, in a process called thermogenesis, to produce warmth. This not only melts snow but attracts the first insects of spring, which buzz in and out of the warm flowers distributing pollen. Insects also like the odor the plant is named for: a skunky, rotten smell that reminds bugs of the carcasses they also like to visit.

"Skunk cabbage is a native wetland plant," said Brian Townsend, assistant director of Public Works-Parks. "It appears early in the season and develops into a big, broad-leaf plant that contrasts with the surrounding vegetation."

As the weather gets warmer these big leaves unwrap and unfold in the sunshine, bright and green and up to three feet long on crisp, watery stems. The leaves stink when crushed and burn when eaten: in humans, they cause inflammation in the mouth and esophagus. Few mammals eat the plant except bears, which is why the plant has also been called bear weed.

By the time summer's leaf canopy forms, the skunk cabbage foliage begins to decay. Leaves droop, holes form, black spots and slime spread, and the cabbage disappears from view, dissolving into the earth by mid-summer. Its seeds left to germinate on the surface, the cabbage

retreats into its big, branching root system, anchoring itself more deeply every year.

Even as it melts from sight the sturdy cabbage is preparing for springs to come. Craig Holdrege of the Nature Institute dissected the base of a skunk cabbage stalk and was astounded at what he discovered. "At the base of one of the middle leaves was the bud of a spathe that will grow out in the following spring ... deep wine-red in color. A few leaves further inward, another spathe bud was visible - smaller and still white. This spathe would emerge in the spring after next. Another even smaller spathe follows after a few more leaves; it would emerge two-and-a-half years later! Spathe are being prepared years ahead," he said.

To watch these forward-planning plants unfurl in the coming weeks, look on the north side of the lake path between the lake-side picnic tables and the eastern settling pond.

Fenton Glass At Upcoming Show

The Del-Mar-Va Depression Glass Club's 83rd Show and Sale will be held on Saturday, April 21 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at DuVal High School, 9880 Good Luck Road, Lanham. Dealers at the show specialize in American Depression-era, Elegant, Pattern and Art Deco glassware, china, kitchenware, barware, pottery, books and linen collectibles. Each show and sale features a special display of glass collectibles of a specific pattern, color, theme or function. This year's display is Fabulous Fenton.

There is a small entrance fee. For directions and information, phone 202-445-4208 or 301-773-6234, or email Greg.Vass76@icloud.com.

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Carson and U.S. Senators Tim Scott and Cory Booker. YAC member Siddiqui reflected on the experience, "As a youth delegate, I went to the NLC Conference to learn from other people and how they have made their cities better for the youth. The mayor of Baltimore, for example, talked about the ways in which she has been able to engage the youth in her city. Also, I was able to learn how to increase economic opportunities for young people. Apprenticeships are one of the most popular ways; it allows them to foster skills at a young age and grow with those skills. With these ideas in mind, I hope I can make Greenbelt a healthier, safer and more engaging community for the youth."

The conference definitely made an impact on the YAC members and will help them to participate in city government with new insights on very important issues facing youth. "Being able to attend the NLC conferences is very rewarding. Talking to other youth gives insight to the diverse issues that are happening all across America and helps inspire ideas to implement in Greenbelt. It provides perspective on how fortunate we really are in this city, but also all the ways we can improve. Being able to connect with people from all over, with so many different backgrounds and ideas is very eye-opening and such a beneficial experience. During my course at the conference, I got to talk and learn about renewable energy, opioid legislation, brownfield redevelopment, gun violence and so much more. The speakers there all had different ideas about how to fix and run things, but I took away one key thing: in a time of such political polarization, collaboration is the way of the future," stated Sharapi.

Smith reflected on her experience. "This experience really helped give me ideas about what to do and what to propose to the YAC in Greenbelt, and it was also really great to get to share my knowledge with the other youth delegates."

Japanese Dance At National Gallery

The National Gallery of Arts hosts a free concert by the Tamagawa University Dance and Taiko Group on Friday, April 13 at 12:10 p.m. in the East Building Atrium.

Thundering taiko drumming meets traditional Japanese dance as nearly 30 drummers and dancers from Tamagawa University take the stage.



PHOTO BY JASON DIXSON

Ema Smith (right) at the opening ceremony



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Arsalan Siddiqui and Findley Holland hold up their poster, which includes News Review articles about their achievements.



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- I'm interested in making our state-owned roads (like Greenbelt Road) calmer and nicer, with better tree-lined sidewalks, bike paths, and bus stops. I think these investments will make us safer and improve our quality of life, which, in turn, will also help preserve Greenbelt's housing values and economic base.

I served with Nicole on Greenbelt's Advisory Planning Board. She's very knowledgeable on transportation and infrastructure, smart development, affordable housing, and other tough state-level issues affecting Greenbelt.

If anyone could successfully take on the State Highway Administration, it would be Nicole!

Jeff Lemieux

ACE Grant Helps Bring Local Animation Artist to GES

by Ingrid Cowan Hass

Fifth graders at Greenbelt Elementary School are creating an unusual book report. Local animator and teaching artist George Kochell designed a special project, together with Lindsey Volk, 5th grade language arts teacher and arts integration officer at the school, to enhance the 5th grade reading curriculum. Using iPads to illustrate and create special effects, four classes (about 100 students in all) depicted characters from the text of their favorite book read this year.

Greenbelt Elementary is in its third year of being an Arts Integration School. Volk, clearly enthusiastic about this development, leads training sessions for teachers and has helped lead 'learning walks' to show other schools how to integrate art into their curriculum.

"Integrating the arts brings content to life," she said. "I'm seeing that the lessons that are interwoven with art have improved student engagement, participation and understanding of concepts. The creative process allows students to take ownership of their learning, and that makes it not only more fun to learn, but to teach!"

Volk explains that for this project, the focus is on teaching students sequencing and summarizing the steps of a process. Readings from the textbook focus on special effects and animation. Instead of just reading about how animators in the field work together to create movies with special effects, students were given an opportunity to follow the steps firsthand.

Kochell (also known as Mister Geo) took students through each step of the animation project, including creating their own setting and character traits. Students re-read the texts, looking for descriptive and sensory details to include in their animations. Each detail of their work, down to the color of their character's clothes, was based on evidence from the text. By the end, the characters were moving animations based on the climax of the story.

The best part about practicing these reading skills, said Volk, "is that the students did not have to be taught explicitly. It just came naturally through animating." As an assessment of the skills and standards learned through this project, students then wrote summaries, sequencing the steps they took to create their animation. "This also came with great ease, as they were the ones taking part in the whole process." Students then presented their work on a big screen to their class, parents and administrators.

Kochell has an extensive background in teaching art to children and teens, focusing on drawing, comic books, graphic novels and animation, building on his professional background as a cartoonist. He has led several workshops at Greenbelt Elementary in past years. He has also taught quarterly classes at the Montpelier Arts Center for over 20 years and has been the animation instructor for Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA) at Greenbelt Access Television (GATe) for almost 20 years. In partnership with the Pathways Schools, the media classes were expanded to



Lindsey Volk works with Briana Faxio, Ny'Zell Blair, and Christian Turner.

- Photos by Ingrid Cowan Hass



George Kochell answers a question about the animation process.



Students create a character and setting from their favorite book using a stylus to draw and color their own cartoon elements with the DoInk animation app.

serve at-risk teens eight years ago, which Kochell also leads. GAVA, a local non-profit, formed a partnership with the school's PTA three years ago, creating The Family Art Fund of Greenbelt Elementary School to help bring

local artists into the school. This animation project was funded by an ACE Grant and The Family Art Fund.



Council Looks at Management And Standing Rules Issues

by Kathleen Gallagher

The city council meeting of March 26 considered document management, software acquisition and standing rules.

Document Management

Council adopted a resolution for the purchase of an electronic document management system for the city's Human Resources Department. The vendors of the five best proposals made presentations for review by a staff committee, which recommended a Laserfiche Electronic Document System contracted with UnityECM of Poquoson, Va. This year's budget includes \$20,000 for the purchase. Initial costs will be \$24,600, with the city IT Department picking up the costs of a cloud server. In addition, subscriptions will run \$9,600 per year, which will be included starting with the FY 2019 budget. The longer-term plan is to expand the use of this system to other departments, such as police and finance, as well as offices under the city manager's office.

Planning Software

Council also resolved to pur-

chase an upgrade to the Utopia Planning Software used by the Planning Department. Among other improvements, city inspectors will be able to use mobile devices to complete inspections, look up past inspections and accomplish other tasks. Currently, inspectors complete paper forms for all their inspections. That information then needs to be entered into the existing Utopia software. The time savings and improved data capture will benefit the entire department. The cost of the upgrade is \$15,000 from Perconti Software of St. Petersburg, Fla., which develops and maintains Utopia.

Standing Rules

A resolution to amend the city council's Standing Rules was introduced at the prior regular meeting, but the document required too much further revision to bring it back for adoption at the March 26 meeting. It was once again introduced for first reading with the intent that it be on the agenda for second reading and adoption on April 9.

New Deal Café to Screen Film Advocating Plant-Based Diet

On Monday, April 16, Reel and Meal will collaborate with Green Vegan Networking and Compassion Over Killing (COK) to host a screening of The Last Pig with a generous grant from VegFund. The program starts at 7 p.m. at the New Deal Café, following an optional vegan buffet beginning at 6:30 p.m.

In commemoration of Earth Day Month, the single most effective action you can take for the environment is to adopt a plant-based diet, according to the UN.

The Last Pig raises crucial questions about equality, the value of compassion and the sanctity of life. The documentary's soul-bearing narrative follows the protagonist's final year of farming pigs, the struggle to reinvent his life and the ghosts that will haunt him forever. Through sparse, intimate musings, the farmer reveals

the growing conflict of a life spent "peddling in death." The Last Pig is a lyrical meditation on what it means to be a sentient creature with the power to kill.

A representative from COK will address issues covered in the documentary and facilitate a conversation following the film.

Reel and Meal, a monthly vegan meal and film series, happens every third Monday of the month at the New Deal Café and is sponsored by Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group, Green Vegan Networking, Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition and Utopia Film Festival.

The New Deal Café is accessible from Greenbelt Metro station by buses G12 and G14.

For more information, contact Cam MacQueen at worldisvegan.com or visit the New Deal Café website at newdealcafe.com.

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SADD MakingItClick Campaign Raises Consciousness at ERHS

by Anish Kakarla

Students in Eleanor Roosevelt High School's (ERHS) Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) made valiant efforts to encourage and inform their peers in the #MakingItClick Campaign during the 2017-2018 school year. According to SADD, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among teens. Forty-nine percent of all teens who were killed were not wearing seat belts. In response to this, the #MakingItClick campaign involves school staff and SADD in promoting seat belt safety.

SADD members have contributed to these efforts by motivating and encouraging the ERHS student body to stay safe while driving by always wearing a seat belt.

Upcoming Events At the New Deal

Sunday, April 15, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Deaf Group: Weekly Brunch Meeting. Deaf and hearing people socialize together using sign language. Newcomers welcome. 6 to 8 p.m., Fez Tones Hafla. An evening of live Middle Eastern music and dance. Musicians will play exotic instruments such as qanun, oud, darbuka and riq. Amazing performances by the region's best belly dancers.

Monday, April 16, 7 to 9 p.m., Reel and Meal at the New Deal. This monthly film series explores social, environmental and animal rights concerns.

Tuesday, April 17, 2 to 4 p.m., Bruce Krit, classical guitar. 7 to 9:30 p.m., Rising Star Karaoke. Come out and shine on the New Deal stage and sing favorites. State of the art sound equipment and expansive song selections. Hosted by the dynamic Kelley Hildebrand.

Wednesday, April 18, 2 to 4 p.m., Bruce Krit, classical guitar. 7 to 9 p.m., Pub Quiz. Bring your own team or form one on the spot. Test your knowledge on topics from Aardvarks to Zymurgy.

Thursday, April 19, noon to 2 p.m., Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft. 7 to 10 p.m., Open Mic with Joe Harris.

Friday, April 20, 2:30 to 4 p.m., Music Makers Jam Session. Bring instruments, voice and passion for making music together in a casual/informal and supportive atmosphere. All ages and experiences welcome to participate. 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., The GoodFellas. This Beatles tribute band entertains with not only the classic hits, but also with early gems and obscure B-sides, embracing the energy reminiscent of the Fab Four's Liverpool and Hamburg days.

Saturday, April 21, 4 to 6 p.m., Bruce Krit, classical guitar. 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., Gina DeSimone & the Moaners. Eclectic, upbeat mix of music from all eras with a foundation on rock solid rhythm, chilling harmony and unstoppable energy.

SADD members started off the campaign by surveying the number of drivers at the school who wear seat belts. Back in January as students exited the parking lot at dismissal, SADD tallied the number of people who did not wear their seat belts. This experience opened both members' and drivers' eyes to the large number of people who drove without their seat belts. SADD members also looked at seat belt use by passengers. They will do a second survey in May to determine if the campaigns throughout the year have helped.

Enjoyed by members and non-members alike are the SADD lunch events. Thus far this school year SADD has conducted two Teen Driver Safety campaigns, one in October and the other in March. These activities focused on encouraging students to buckle up before driving or before riding as passengers. The ERHS Spring Fling Week event on March 14 placed special emphasis on seat belt safety. The chapter engaged and informed students by giving out handmade black and yellow ribbon bracelets to represent teen driving safety. SADD also distributed stickers with the slogan "Click, Clack, Front and Back" and St. Patrick's Day Seat Belt cards from the MVA. The third and biggest push for the seat belt campaign will take place on Thursday, April 19. SADD will have new seat belt pledges, posters stickers and a huge, panoramic banner of the members, all courtesy of the MVA/MDOT. Students often adorn their binders and IDs with these stickers. These fun events and trinkets leave students with an increased consciousness of the importance of seat belt safety. Continued efforts toward a safer environment for all resonate with both the student body and community.

Follow MVA for frequent updates. Other sites to visit: #MakingItClick Facebook: facebook.com/towardzerodeathsmd Twitter: @tzd_maryland Instagram: @twdzerodeaths_md Also follow SADD for frequent updates on Twitter (@_erhsadd_) or at sadd.org.

Donations are accepted and welcome.

Anish Kakarla is a student at ERHS and the publicity director for ERHS/SADD.

Franklin Park Church Raises Funds to Help Feed Families

by Rene Sewell-Rayson

Every Sunday, Springhill Lake Elementary School's gymnasium is converted into a sanctuary for Rivers of Life AME church. Good Friday found a number of members seeking to live out what they see as the church's mission.

"Jesus challenged the church to feed the stranger and today, we are more challenged than ever to carry this out," said Traci Mitchell-Dunbar, head of the Implementation Team for the Rivers of Life Spring Community Engagement Program.

Pastor Rev. Kendra Smith challenged the church to feed 30 families. For every \$30 bag donated by members, the church would match the donation.

The implementation team shopped for \$800 of non-perishables to fill the bags. "When kids are home on spring break they seem to eat more," laughed Michelle Bullock, member of Rivers of Life and resident of Franklin Park. "Your carefully crafted food budget can take a big hit."

People often think that food insecurity is the purview of the poor, but statistics bear out that approximately 15.6 million working-class families are working two or more jobs to put food on the table.

Charles Grace, a resident of Franklin Park and one of the volunteer food packers, says statistics don't have faces attached to them. "When I think of any kid coming home from Springhill Lake [Elementary] who might go hungry, it motivates me even more."

This is the second year for the Spring Break Community



Grocery bags are filled to feed overwhelmed families during spring break at Springhill Lake Elementary School.

- Photos by Rene Sewell-Rayson



Engagement Program. Working with the school-parent coordinator, families were identified and asked to pick up their bags on Saturday. Rivers of Life member Ivory Carter chimed in, "we call ourselves 'the little church

that could.' We can't change the whole world but we can change our corner of it."

Rivers of Life AME church meets every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. Sunday school meets at 10 a.m.

The Clarice Hosts Gospel Concert

The Maryland Gospel Choir Concert will be held on Friday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m. in DeKelboun Concert Hall of The Clarice. College Park's very own gospel choir is committed to encouraging Christian growth, fellowship, leadership and community service. This concert is free.



Annual Plant Sales

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Beltsville Garden Club

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, April 19, 2018

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

1. **GHI Special Open Session Meeting – begins at 7.00 p.m.**
 - Approve the Agenda for the GHI Executive Session Meeting to be Held on April 19, 2018
2. **GHI Executive Session – begins after the GHI Special Open Session Meeting adjourns**
 - Approve Minutes of an Informal Hearing Meeting Held on March 1, 2018
 - Approve Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting Held on March 15, 2018
 - Approve Minutes of the Formal Hearing Meeting Held on March 29, 2018
 - Member Financial Matters
 - A Member Complaint Matter
 - Consider the Terms and Conditions of the Following Contracts in the Negotiation Stage:
 - Contract for Replacing Air Conditioning Units for Larger Townhomes - 2nd reading
 - 2018 Spring Concrete Replacement contract - 1st reading
3. **GHI Open Session – begins at 7.45 p.m.**
 - Announcement of an Informal Complaint Hearing Held in an Executive Session Meeting on April 12, 2018
 - Approve Minutes of the Regular Open Session Meeting Held on March 15, 2018
 - Presentation of 2017 External Audit Report
 - Requests by Members for their Units to be Designated Smoke-Free
 - Rationale for Possible Sewage Backup Study
 - Proposed Shingle Colors for Frame and Larger Townhome Roofs
 - Review Petitions to be Placed on the 2018 Annual Membership Meeting Agenda
 - Recommendation to Amend Section 111, Minimum Use and Maintenance Standards – Homes and Yards, in the GHI Member Handbook

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New Deal Poetry Moment Focus: Poetry for Survival

by Matthew Arbach

For Julie Winters, poetry can be used to survive not just a world not at peace, but the microscale of our personal lives. Poetry For Survival was the theme of the sixth annual Poetry Moment Reception at the New Deal Café on April 7. Eight poets, whose work had been featured in the Poetry Moment Box project since 2013, as well as other local writers, gathered to read their own original works as well as some of their favorite poems that reflected this idea. According to Winters, poetry can allow us to bear with grace and address issues through its ability to act as a unifying medium that distills into a moment our thoughts, feelings and travails.

Winters is vice president of Friends of the New Deal Café (FONDCA) and an occasional host of the monthly Poetry Open Mic there. She organized this year's reception on the heels of former project organizer Leeann Irwin. Winters developed this year's reception theme from a discussion at her poetry critique group, which includes reception presenter Rob Soley.

In April 2013 the first Poetry Moment Box was established outside the New Deal Café with a poem by Soley. The idea was first ventured by FONDCA member Chris Logan in 2012. Logan had experienced this concept in Portland, Ore. In consultation with local writers like Marjorie Gray, Barbara Ford, John Hayes, Barbara Young, Jim Link, Soley and Chris Farago, FONDCA brought it to fruition. Said Irwin, "the essence of the project is literally for passers-by to take a moment and read a poem."

A new poem is chosen every six weeks. A selection committee evaluates each entry. There are no specific parameters beyond a length of under 30 lines in order to fit into the box, yet often poems are selected on the basis of a topicality with the world at large.

The eight scheduled readers were Soley, Sarah Browning, Hiram Larew, Janet Walenta, Robin Gorsline, Chris Farago, Lori Martin and Winters. Soley



Featured poets pose after the Poetry Moment on April 7 at the New Deal Café. From left: Rob Soley, Hiram Larew, Janet Walenta, Lori Martin, Chris Farago, Julie Winters, Robin Gorsline, and Sarah Browning.

wrote about how nature can act as a solace in a turbulent world, about the here and now of beauty in the moment. Browning read from her book *Killing Summer* and spoke on the hope of a world without walls where we recognize the humanity of each other. Larew, an award-winning poet and major poetry supporter, read a microessay on poetry's value as a vehicle for questions and searching, not truth or answers. Walenta presented a wry poem on life's eventual decay and even a humorous conversation with Death himself. Gorsline, a local theologian-in-residence for the Metropolitan Church, championed the many persecuted members of our modern world. Farago shared his kaleidoscopic work that Winters characterized as abstract art in written form. Martin delved into our modern fixation with technology through a piece that detailed a parting with her laptop. Winters rounded out the formal part of the program with work that explored new hopes in life's constant change. Later, Marjorie

Gray shared some spiritual pleas from her book *Mulled Psalms*. Soley capped the event with a reading from Theodore Roethke's poem *The Waking* which ends with the lines, "I wake to sleep, and take my waking slow/I learn by going where I have to go."

For submission information for the Poetry Moment Box, refer to newdealcafe.com/events/poetry-moment. Submissions can be sent to robsoley@comcast.net.

Breast Cancer Support Group

On Tuesday, April 17 from 7 to 9 p.m. Doctors Community Hospital will hold a free breast cancer support group meeting for women who are newly diagnosed with or are recovering from breast cancer. Registration is required by calling 240-542-3034 or visiting DCHweb.org/breast.

The meeting will be in Room 415 on the fourth floor of Doctors Community Hospital North Building at 8100 Good Luck Road.

Ridge Road: Then and Now



Photo of 3E Ridge Road in 1938



Photo of 3E Ridge Road in 2018



Daffodils bloom on Hanover Parkway by the Greenbriar condos.

Maryland Veterans Creative Arts Festival

The eighth annual Maryland Veterans Creative Arts Festival will take place on Saturday, April 21 at Bowie Performing Arts Center, 15200 Annapolis Rd. (MD route 450), Bowie.

The event, which is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary and the city of Bowie, features the artistic, dramatic, musical and written talents of more than 70 local veterans that were entered in the Veteran's Administration national annual competition that began in 1981.

For more information contact the American Legion Auxiliary at 301-602-7214 or Rbeeg5908@gmail.com.



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We need everyone in our community that opposes the SC Maglev train project to sign our online petition at Change.org. There are two ways to get to the petition.

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Please continue to contact us at GreenbeltAdvocates.esj@gmail.com

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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltmd.gov/police

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

Robbery

March 27, 5:24 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. A man invited a friend to his residence on March 21 and when he opened the door for his friend to leave, two men walked into his residence. One displayed an unknown type gun and demanded money. They fled after obtaining money and medical marijuana. The man who had been robbed reported the incident on March 27 after he thought he may have seen one of the men. The investigation is ongoing.

April 4, 4:05 a.m., Cherrywood Lane near Greenbelt Metro Drive. Two men approached a man from behind as he walked down the street, when one of them placed a knife against his neck and announced a robbery. They obtained the man's wallet and house key and fled.

Assault

March 28, 8:25 p.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. A 15-year-old Greenbelt youth was arrested for assault after he allegedly swung a shopping basket at a man's face as he was leaving Safeway. The man was able to block the basket with his arm and was not injured. The youth fled on foot but was located a short time later and positively identified by the man. He was released to a guardian pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Unattended Child

April 2, 12:22 p.m., Greenbelt Road near Mandan Road. A 57-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with unattended child by officers who responded to a report of a 5-year-old child running in traffic. He was released on citation pending trial.

Theft

March 28, 6 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Drive. A package was taken from the front stoop of a residence.

April 1, 12:20 p.m., 100 block Centerway. A man's wallet was taken after a locker in the Aquatic & Fitness Center was broken into. Two people possibly involved had been seen walking into the locker room and leaving shortly afterward. They are described as black men, one wearing a grey hooded sweatshirt, blue jeans, grey and blue shoes and a blue hat with a Chicago Bulls logo on it, with the other man wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, black jeans and black

shoes and carried a black gym bag.

April 3, 1 p.m., 7400 block Greenbelt Road. A set of car keys was taken from the counter at Advance Auto.

April 3, 1:39 p.m., 8100 block Mandan Terrace. Jewelry was taken from a jewelry box in a residence.

Trespass

March 30, 7:25 p.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. A 30-year-old resident was arrested and charged with trespass after he refused to leave the grounds of Greenway Center after having been banned from there by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

April 3, 8:12 p.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. A 30-year-old resident was arrested and charged with trespass after he was found in a store at Greenway Center after having been banned from there by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

Vehicle Crime

Two vehicles were recovered on the day each had been stolen. On March 29 a 2011 Ford Econoline E-250 was taken from the 7800 block Hanover Parkway and recovered the same day by Prince George's County police in the 1900 block Rochell Avenue, District Heights. The tags on the vehicle at the time of theft, Md. 54262B, were not recovered and are still listed as stolen.

A 2011 Ford Econoline E-250 was taken on April 2 from the 7800 block Hanover Parkway. It was recovered the same day by Prince George's County police in the 2100 block County Road, District Heights.

One theft from a vehicle and two attempted thefts were reported, as were windows being broken on seven vehicles. Four of the seven took place on March 29 in the 9100 block Edmonston Road; a tool bag and power tool were taken from one vehicle, and in another vehicle nothing appeared to have been taken after it had been rummaged through.

The other three incidents in which windows were broken occurred in the 100 block Westway; 7600 block Mandan Road, where several bags of candy were also taken; and 7800 block Mandan Road, where a vehicle was also rummaged through but nothing appeared to have been taken.

At the Library

Crafternoon: Build A Book. Monday, April 16, 4 p.m., ages 13 to 18, limit 20 participants. Learn about different genres of books, what makes a book and even how to make your own. Call the branch at 301-345-5800 to register.

STEM-tastic: Crazy 8's Math Season 2. Tuesday, April 17, 5:30 p.m., for grades 3 to 5, limit 15 children. Get kids fired up about math with the Crazy 8s after-school math club!

English Conversation Club. Tuesday, April 17, 6 p.m.

Kids Achieve Club. Tuesday, April 17, 6 p.m. Homework help and reading practice for students in grades K through 6.

Weekly Ready 2 Read Storytimes. Tuesday, April 17, ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, ages 3 to 5, 10:15 a.m.; ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m. Thursday, April 19, ages newborn to 2, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m.; ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m.

Spring 2018 African History & Culture Lecture Series. Tuesday, April 17, 7 p.m., An Army of Educators, presented by Marvin T. Jones.

Community Led Book Discussion. Tuesday, April 17, 7 p.m. Join friends and neighbors to discuss great contemporary books every month. The selection for April is Exit West by Mohsin Hamid.

French Conversation Club. Thursday, April 19, 5 p.m. Learning to speak French? Join this club and practice speaking French in a friendly atmosphere. (The club will continue weekly on Thursday evenings through April 26.)

Bibliobop Dance Party. Saturday, April 21, 10:30 a.m., ages 2 to 5. Calling all preschoolers and toddlers to come bust a move and shake the sillies out at the Greenbelt Bibliobop Dance Party. Bring parents or caregivers and prepare to boogie and bop. This event is presented every third Saturday of each month.

Read to Rover. Saturday, April 21, 2 p.m., ages 6 to 11. Read to Rover helps children build reading confidence while reading aloud to specially trained therapy dogs glad to listen. Each child will read for 15 minutes. This event is presented every third Saturday of each month. Registration is recommended; call the branch at 301-345-5800 for more information.

Bike to Work Day

Registration for Bike to Work Day (BTWD) 2018 is now open. This year's event on Friday, May 18 in metropolitan Washington features 100 pit stops throughout the region with raffles, giveaways, food and beverages. The first 20,000 people who register and attend will receive a free BTWD T-shirt.

Greenbelt will participate with a pit stop in front of the Aquatic & Fitness Center from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m.

It's free, fast and easy to register for BTWD. Just visit biketoworkmetrodc.org. Check out the pit stops, get tips from biking experts, join a commuter convoy or find a ride buddy.

Bike to Work Day is coordinated in the region by the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's Commuter Connections program at the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and the Washington Area Bicyclist Association.

Traffic Relief Plan Focuses On I-495 and I-270 Corridors

by Caroline Hanks

Members of the public will have the opportunity on April 24 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Eleanor Roosevelt High School to learn more about and comment on Gov. Larry Hogan's Traffic Relief Plan and the studies behind managing the traffic congestion. The plan aims to ease commuter congestion by adding lanes to over 70 miles of major Maryland interstates, I-495 (Capital Beltway) and I-270 (Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Highway).

This open house will be the fourth in the area held in April by the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration. Events are scheduled for April 17, 18 and 19 at other high schools in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties. Meetings will provide the opportunity for the public to view the elements of the plan that Hogan announced in September 2017.

As part of the Public-Private Partnership (P3) Program, the projected \$9 billion expense to reduce commuting times would

not cost taxpayers money, according to the press release from September 21, 2017, announcing the plan. The press release cited an estimated \$2 billion cost in 2015 owing to auto delay, truck delay, and wasted fuels and emissions from commuter congestion. The original plan also includes improvements to MD 295 (Baltimore-Washington Parkway).

The study on the environmental impact of the proposed expansion has an expected completion time of early 2020, according to the program's website (495-270-P3.com). An Environmental Impact Statement will be released following the study, which will include looking at the purpose and need, potential alternatives and the environmental conditions of the expansion. Further information on the program can be found at 495-270-P3.com.

Caroline Hanks is a University of Maryland journalism student and the Dorothy Sucher intern for the News Review.

Dems Take March Message Seriously, Promote Voting

by Konrad Herling

The young people at the March for Our Lives rally were there for more than asserting that there must be change. Hundreds of teens, and some even younger, had information and forms for people to take with them to set folks on track to seriously consider registering to vote and voting. There is courage to this message which is inspiring. The Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club takes that message seriously.

In its 41-year history, the club has provided information about key issues that face area residents through its presentation of speakers, films and social activities. But underlying it all is what the young people were saying on Saturday: if you want change, you must register and vote.

Consistent with this theme was the message conveyed by director Rachel Hamilton whose film This Little Light of Mine, shown at

the club's Black History Month presentation in February, portrayed the courage of Fannie Lou Hamer in assuring that African Americans were empowered to vote at the Democratic National Convention of 1964. The effort to make that change, a vital element of the civil rights movement, is also part of the local club's efforts. Many folks may not realize that some people went to jail and some were even killed for marching for changes in the law so that people, regardless of race, religion, geographic or economic background, could vote. That is why, without regard to party, club members have been at Beltway Plaza and other locations throughout the years to reach out to folks and provide information about registering to vote. So as teenagers have learned that to affect desired changes, people need to make the effort to vote.

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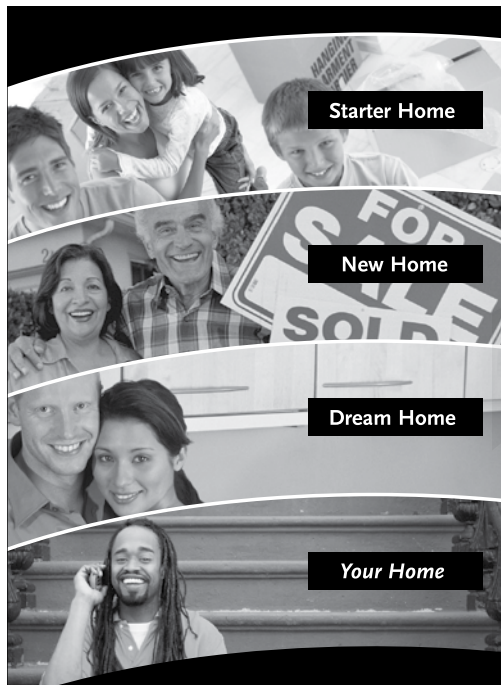
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The new contractors, Michael and Leah Moon, own and operate DC Vegan Catering as well as Pianta, a sandwich shop. According to their website (dc-vegan.com), they have over 30 years of combined business and event experience. Board President Tom LeaMond said the Café's new menu would offer "plant-based Italian/American comfort food." Under the proposed three-year contract, the Café would continue to manage the bar and music venue while the contractor would be responsible for operating the restaurant and a catering business.

Café will look like going forward but community use of the Café is a goal of the board and of the new contractors. As one board member noted, "we are all working toward one goal, the success of the Café."

The decision to bring in a contractor was announced to the membership in an email Tuesday. The next board meeting is Monday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the backroom of the Café, where the Moons will be introduced to the members. The Café's annual membership meeting is Sunday, April 29 at 1 p.m. in the backroom of the Café. Sign-in and payment of annual dues begins at 12:30 p.m. These meetings are open to members and the larger community.

Individuals attending Monday's meeting raised several concerns. Would the new menu be affordable? Would the Café continue to offer morning coffee? Would the Café still function as the community's living room where people can sit and visit? LeaMond responded that "we don't know yet" what exactly the



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A pair of cormorants are unusual visitors at the Lake. The turtle is more often seen there.

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Your Greenbelt Specialists In Roosevelt Center

Editor Emerita Champions The News Review Legacy

by Cathie Meetre

The Mary Lou Williamson celebration luncheon and Greenbelt Archive kickoff on May 6 at the Ivy Lane Marriott is proving a popular event with the tickets being purchased at a great rate. Don't miss out. Ticket sales end at noon on Wednesday, May 2. With entertainment provided by Greenbelt favorites Chris Cherry and Stefan Brodd and based on the News Review itself (a rich topic indeed), luncheon attendees will get a treat for both body and soul. Start at website <https://greenbeltarchive.org> for tickets and information. It's a one-time only opportunity not to be missed.

Mary Lou Williamson leaves a fabulous legacy. As a direct participant in almost all the papers since the mid-1960s, Williamson has an exceptional knowledge of the content and nature of the paper. That's 50 out of the 80 years of the paper. There's nobody more qualified to orchestrate the digital archive which will benefit from the silent auction and donation drive associated with the luncheon. Funding the archive is a way to thank her for all those years of service – because without digitization, the papers will be but a memory. Williamson has a drawerful of 'whereas' citations, presentations and possibly ovations, ministrations and libations – but she doesn't have an archive.

Why an Archive?

The long span of newspapers contains stories – not just the articles themselves, but themes that run through time to build up an ever-evolving picture of the lives lived here. An amusing study, for example, is the change in how women are named. The journalists were merely observing the style of the times – but it tells us a tale. In the early papers there are numerous columns on how to be a better housewife – tips on cooking, cleaning and appliances. Women were writing about what they did. In these early papers, women are referred to using their husband's name – as though they don't have one of their own. Mrs. Albert Poole attended a luncheon, for example. Some decades later, household hints drop off and women acquire their own names, so we know that Mrs. Lavinia Poole recently went to a wedding in Poughkeepsie. In the last few decades, women are just Martha Frimley or Primrose Mellifliboot and domestic savvy is in short supply. Though the paper may consider a new column on housewifery, nobody knows what it would say.

Silent Auction Goodies

The online and on-site silent auction aims to offer something for everybody. Online bids (buy-now bids permitted) close at noon May 5 and in-person bids will be accepted until 3 p.m. at the luncheon. Checks are appreciated, made out to Greenbelt Archive Project. With some delicious bespoke food items (apple pie to die for, prize-winning cake made for you on an agreed-upon day), local experiences (birdsong walk by ornithologist Deanna Dawson and a guided art museum tour with Loyola Professor Letty Bonnell) and catered al fresco meals in some of Greenbelt's loveliest gardens, the variety is wide. Add to this the opportunity of a week in a beautifully renovated Maine cottage, hand-made quilts, artwork and pottery created by some of Greenbelt's prize-winning artists. It's a cornucopia of beautiful and unique things. Estimated winning bid prices range from \$10 to \$1,750 with lots of moderately priced possibilities available. Services and food items are arranged after the event by and at the mutual convenience of buyer and donor as are deliveries of any large items.

Those attending the luncheon may pay and get their item or a purchaser certificate during the program, including for online bids. Donations unassociated with a bid are also welcome: every \$15 donation preserves a page of the paper. \$100 saves a week. Salvage the week of your birth. Preserve a page or two of history. How often does each of us get the chance to so directly create value for the future?

Tickets to the luncheon are still available at the time of writing but are going fast and numbers must be finalized to the hotel on May 2 at noon. At the screening of *Defending Utopia* last November, tickets ran out before some of Greenbelt's procrastinators woke up to their danger. Desperate people showed up at the box office on the day, pleading for a seat. Avoid this dire fate and act now.

Free Diabetes Support Group

Doctors Community Hospital will hold a free diabetes support group on Monday, April 16 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be at 8100 Good Luck Road on the 5th floor of the North Building. To register call 301-552-8661.



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Old Greenbelt Theatre Shows Free 1936 Film

On Sunday, April 15, as part of the 80th Anniversary Film Series, the Old Greenbelt Theatre will present a free showing of a 35-mm print of Frank Capra's romantic comedy *Mr. Deeds Goes To Town*. The film stars Gary Cooper as the down-to-earth heir to an unexpected fortune and Jean Arthur as the slick city reporter who schemes to fleece him but ends up falling in love with him instead. The film was named the Best Picture of 1936 by the New York Film Critics and the National Board of Review and was originally shown at the Greenbelt Theatre on March 16, 1939. The free showing starts at noon. Running time: 1 hour, 55 minutes.



Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, April 18 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.

Send us your photos!

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