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## Concerns over Maglev Project Overpower Supporters' Claims

by Eugene "Jesse" Nash IV

On Thursday, August 8, the Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition (GEAC) hosted an information meeting on the proposed maglev project at Hunting Ridge Condominiums, under which the train would travel at an average depth of 140 feet.

The maglev would take commuters from Washington to Baltimore in 15 minutes by levitating the train over its tracks using magnets. Part of the route would be enclosed in a tunnel with the remainder running above ground. Baltimore Washington Rapid Rail (BWRR) is the company trying to develop the maglev project.

The tone of the meeting was different from the information meeting in Riverdale in May, but the message seemed the same. Most of the vocal attendees left

with the same skepticism for the project with which they arrived. David Henley, a project director for BWRR, presented his company's plans for the project. Interruptions followed in challenge to many of Henley's statements.

A Goddard Space Flight Center scientist, who preferred not to be identified, stood against the voices of doubt "to ask good questions." He didn't find most arguments against the maglev persuasive enough to counter the potential technological advancement.

A diverse set of speakers presented on aspects of the project from political to engineering in the face of doubts from residents of potentially affected

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## ERHS 2019 Japan Bowl Stars Invited to Experience Japan

by Julie Rapp



PHOTO COURTESY OF VIVIAN CHAN

ERHS students Vivian Chan (left), Nicole Chen (middle) and Joselle Quijano (right) eat lunch in Tokyo, Japan, as part of their trip paid for by the Japanese government.

Three Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) students visited Japan this summer as part of the Kakehashi exchange program. Vivian Chan, Nicole Chen and Joselle Quijano were selected because of their excellent performance in the nationwide 2019 Japan Bowl, held this spring. The Japan Bowl is essentially a quiz competition, testing students' knowledge of all things Japanese. In Japanese, the word Kakehashi means building bridges. This exchange program is funded by the government of Japan which seeks to bring American students to Japan in order to build bridges of friendship and cooperation between the two countries.

Japan Bowl participants compete as members of a three-person team. They have 30 seconds to respond to questions asked both in Japanese and English. They are tested on their knowledge of Japanese culture, society, daily life, history, geography and current events.

The three ERHS students, as

part of a larger group of exchange program participants, visited Japan from July 16 to 24. They engaged with other Japanese students, experienced homestays, and met senior Japanese and U.S. government officials.

Chan enjoyed randomly strolling and exploring the city with friends in the morning and night. "It really gave me a feel for the country and let me see the everyday lifestyle of Japanese people," she said.

Chan enjoyed watching store owners clean and set up shop and watching people bike and walk to work. She recalled stepping into convenience stores and exploring the different and often unusual items available.

"Japanese cities are really quiet and clean and the people are so honest and mindful," she said. "It gave me a lot of peace and relaxation that I don't experience everywhere." As a result of the trip, she is considering living in Japan sometime.

## Residents, Law Enforcement Celebrate Safe Neighborhoods

by Leslie M. Cummings and Eugene "Jesse" Nash IV

Greenbelt neighborhoods celebrated National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6. The national event is now observed by thousands of communities in all 50 states and has its origins in the nascent neighborhood watch programs that sprung up in the early 1970s. For Greenbelt, the event meant an evening of police interacting with community, good food, games and prizes, all before the rain started.

### Greenbriar and Glen Oaks

At Hanover Parkway, National Night Out meant hot dogs, chips and ice cold beverages available for everyone, courtesy of Shoppers Food and Pharmacy. Free giveaways included back-to-school items and toys for the kids, plus handouts related to emergency preparedness situations and personal safety. There was a face-painting station and a balloon animal maker for the kids. Raffle tickets were given



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Keaton Williams of Franklin Park pets the horse of a National Parks Police officer at National Night Out on August 6.

to everyone as they arrived. Gift cards, donated by multiple sponsors, were won during the event.

Members of the Greenbelt City Council who stopped by included Silke Pope, Edward Putens, Colin Byrd, Judith Davis

and Emmett Jordan. State Delegate Alonzo Washington, County Council Chair Todd Turner, members of the Greenbelt Police Department, the Bike Patrol and

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## City Reboots Roundup Site, Highlights Lighter News Stories

by Eugene "Jesse" Nash IV

*Este artículo está disponible en español en nuestra página web [www.greenbeltnewsreview.com](http://www.greenbeltnewsreview.com).*

After a nearly five-year hiatus, the city has rebooted its "light" news blog with a new staffer and articles about the opening of Hook and Reel, the kickoff of a ladies-only bicycle group and the process of putting down the soft base for a playground.

The Greenbelt City Roundup ([greenbeltcityroundup.com/](http://greenbeltcityroundup.com/)) first came into existence through the efforts of the city's public information director, Beverly Palau, who believed that attention needed to be brought to some of the less serious and pressing aspects of the city and its staff. She was also tired of hearing residents complain that the only reason they didn't attend various events was that they didn't know the events were happening.

Her solution was to create an informal blog for the city that would help humanize its staff and bring attention to smaller events that the News Review might not cover. The blog first struggled to get its wheels in motion, but has gained momentum since it started

back up in April with the help of a new writer and photographer, Jennifer Sterling.

In the age of the internet, with Millennials and Generation Zers preferring to read their news online, multiple cities across the country have started their own blogs. But Palau said that the Greenbelt City Roundup is far from an attempt to keep up with the trend of the times because she keeps it simple and more informal than other blogs.

And it has already picked up an audience of over 1,700 on the email listserv that residents can opt into. Sterling said that the city's five social media accounts have also seen a rise in followers since the restart of the publication

and after Sterling and Palau attended a social media workshop.

Light news, or what Palau would describe as the less important, feature-like stories, is the staple product of the site. Each week, Palau and Sterling look at what the different departments of the city are up to, and then try to cover as much as they can with creative writing and simple videos for the blog, as most of the city's departments don't have their own spokesperson.

"There is so much more to the city government than just what you see at the city council meetings," Palau said.

Then, in addition to the event

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### What Goes On

There will be no City Council Meeting or Worksession this week, August 19 to 23.



PHOTO BY MARY MURCHISON-EDWARDS

Three Swallowtail butterflies at the pond across from the Greenbelt Post Office

# Letters to the Editor

## Misconception

I read Ms. Conway's letter in the August 8 issue of the News Review and thought it would be a good idea to correct the misconception. While it's called a "deer tick," it's carried by mice. Mike McGrath talks about this almost every year in his posts at WTOP's website; here is one: [wtop.com/news/2013/04/tick-tubes-solving-the-creepy-sometimes-deadly-problem/](http://wtop.com/news/2013/04/tick-tubes-solving-the-creepy-sometimes-deadly-problem/).

There are several steps people can take.

First, never let your pet roam. They will bring ticks home.

Second, when you take your pet for a walk, always check for ticks before going inside.

Third, put out Tick Tubes in the spring.

Fourth, control the mice as much as possible without spreading poisons for other animals to

pick up. Keep your grass cut to 3 to 4 inches so they have no long grass to nest in. Feed birds from hanging feeders; sweep/rake for leftovers every day.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention knows of a number of natural tick repellents, many of which you can grow in your yard: lavender, garlic, pennyroyal, sage and any kind of mint. Add basil, rosemary, bee balm and marigolds, and you also repel mosquitoes. Make sure you buy open-pollinated seed and these will reproduce themselves year after year.

Another way to control mice is to encourage owls, but that would mean reducing lights in the city at night. On the other hand, if we did encourage owls, we would have fewer crows tearing into our trash; owls prey on crow nests.

Patricia Heil

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## News Review in Denmark



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Betty Sonneveldt and her Danish granddaughter take the News Review to the Hans Christian Andersen House in Odense, Denmark.

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## On Screen

### Toni Morrison: The Pieces I Am

The first feature-length film about Toni Morrison, this documentary offers an artful and intimate meditation on the life and works of the acclaimed novelist. From her childhood in the steel town of Lorain, Ohio, to 70s-era book tours with Muhammad Ali, from the front lines with Angela Davis to her own riverfront writing room, Morrison leads an assembly of her peers, critics and colleagues on an exploration of race, America, history and the human condition as seen through the prism of her own literature. Woven together with a rich collection of art, history, literature and personality, the film includes discussions about her many critically acclaimed works, including novels *The Bluest Eye*, *Sula* and *Song of Solomon*, her role as an editor of iconic African American literature and her time teaching at Princeton University. The Wall Street Journal summed up the essence of the film: "It contains no tips on how to become a Nobel laureate, as she did, but it reminds us how long she had to wait for the recognition she so richly deserved, and what a distinctive, generous, funny, astute, self-doubting, unstoppable and formidable figure she was along the way."

Rated PG-13, running time: 119 minutes.

The Farewell also continues this week. See August 8 issue of the News Review, page 2.

- Sandy Rodgers

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# Community Events

## At the Library

Greenbelt Branch Library hours: Monday and Tuesday, 1 to 9 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

### Teen Advisory Board

Monday, August 19: 4 p.m., ages 13 to 18, limit 15 participants. Earn service hours while making the local library a great place for teens. Enjoy snacks, meet new people, become a leader. For registration or further information, contact the library either in person or by calling 301-345-5800.

### English Conversation

Tuesday, August 20: 6 p.m. Learning to speak English? Come and practice speaking English in a friendly atmosphere with people from diverse backgrounds. No registration required.

### Roberta's Reads

Tuesday, August 20: 7 p.m., adults. Join library CEO Roberta Phillips as she conducts a follow-up video discussion with author Kim Michele Richardson about her new novel, *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*. Call the library's administrative office to reserve a seat at 301-699-3500, ext. 6241, as space is limited.

### Weekly Storytimes

Tuesday, August 20: ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 30 people. Wednesday, August 21: ages newborn to 2, 10:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 30 people. Thursday, August 22: ages newborn to 2, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s).

Encourage children to make reading a positive experience by bringing them to the library's storytimes. Each program contains a mixture of engaging activities and age-appropriate stories that support early literacy. Stop by the Information Desk immediately prior to each session to pick up free tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis. No advance registration available.

### Storytime on Screen

Monday, August 26: 10:30 a.m., ages newborn to 5. Bring a baby, toddler or preschooler to the Community Center (Room 200) to listen to a story read from the big screen, see a short film and complete a craft. Popcorn will be provided. No registration required.

### STEM-tastic: UV Kids

Wednesday, August 28: 4:30 p.m., ages 5 to 12. Become a mad scientist by conducting hands-on, fun science experiments using basic scientific principles. No registration required.

## Thoughtful Discussion At Roosevelt Center

Is it possible to find a silver lining to every cloud? Are people who can find them happier? Assuming rain clouds don't come rolling through, the thoughtful discussion group from Maker-Space will meet at one of the umbrella tables at Roosevelt Center on Tuesday, August 20, from 7 to 9 p.m. to discuss finding the good in bad situations and how that affects one's outlook. Feel free to join the conversation and suggest a topic for the following week.



## Participants Sought For Labor Day Parade

by Jim Tilton

Make plans now to participate in the Greenbelt Labor Day Parade. Community, school and government groups; local businesses; political incumbents and candidates or even informal groups formed just for the parade are invited to submit a parade registration form, obtainable from [greenbeltlaborday.com/get-involved/parade-participants](http://greenbeltlaborday.com/get-involved/parade-participants).

Create a float, put together a performance, show off an antique or otherwise unique vehicle, or simply march together displaying signs advertising your group. There will be prizes!

All parade participants must pre-register no later than August 23 by emailing a completed parade application to [GreenbeltLaborDayParade@verizon.net](mailto:GreenbeltLaborDayParade@verizon.net). All parade registrations will be acknowledged with a confirmation email within a couple of days.

The 2019 Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Parade will take place on Monday, September 2 from 10 a.m. to noon. The parade route is along Crescent Road, from Greenhill Road to Southway. Participants are asked to line up in the staging area along Crescent Road between Lastner Lane and Greenhill Road between 8 and 9:30 a.m. More detailed information is available from the Parade Participants website listed above.

## At Greenbelt Park

Saturday, August 17, Volunteer Trail Crew. Join the Greenbelt volunteer corps to improve the park through stewardship projects. This is a great opportunity to get outdoors and pay it forward while working on a trail maintenance project. Meet at the Park Headquarters at 9 a.m. (3 hours).

Saturday, August 24, Ranger Demonstration Greenbelt's Backyard, Bladensburg. Just south of Greenbelt on the Penn Rail Line or U.S. Route 1 is the field of Bladensburg, America's worst defeat of the War of 1812, and perhaps the most disgraceful defeat ever suffered by the American Army. On August 24, 1814, the British Redcoats routed the American troops, which fled in utter panic from the British bayonets, abandoning Washington to capture, looting, and fire. Attendees will witness blank firings with a flintlock musket. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunday, August 25, Greenbelt Park Walk. Join a 1.2-mile walk in the park along Park Central Road. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area at 9:30 a.m.

## Art Share

Local artists are invited to bring 1-3 pieces in any medium on Sunday, August 18 from 2-3 p.m., and join in a constructive discussion of the work. The meetup will happen in Room 113 at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.



## MyHopeFest August 17

Hope Center D.C., Inc. is excited to announce its third annual MyHopeFest, a free family-friendly day, on Saturday, August 17 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Middle School. This year's festival will feature live entertainment, a health fair, free food and beverages, haircuts for boys going back to school, a full Kids Zone with a petting zoo and more.

Hope Center will also be providing school-age children with free backpacks filled with back-to-school items. All families and friends are invited to join in this fun day.

Volunteer sign-up, vendor sign-up and charitable donations toward the backpack drive can be done online at [myhopefest.com](http://myhopefest.com). Donations are tax deductible. For more information and the event schedule, visit [myhopefest.com](http://myhopefest.com) or email [myhopefest@gmail.com](mailto:myhopefest@gmail.com).

## 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 August 19 are as follows:

Monday, August 19: baked chicken leg with mushroom gravy, whipped potatoes, Brussels sprouts, whole-wheat bread, tropical fruit, apple juice

Tuesday, August 20: pork roast with apple glaze, mashed spiced yams, green beans, dinner rolls, fresh fruit, orange juice

Wednesday, August 21: baked cod loin with Old Bay cream sauce, white beans with arugula and garden vegetables, whole-wheat roll, fresh fruit, cranberry juice

Thursday, August 22: potato soup, Swedish meatballs, penne pasta, peas and carrots, whole-wheat bread, sliced peaches, cranberry juice

Friday, August 23: beef ziti, broccoli, hot spiced apples, Italian bread, fruit punch.

## Reel and Meal Features New Film on Pesticides

Summer is when we spend more time outside enjoying picnics in the yard, visiting the golf course and watching children play in sports fields. But is it safe outside? What role do pesticides that keep the grass green play in public health? The documentary *Ground War*, in a screening on Monday, August 19 at the New Deal Café, will explore such questions. The free screening will begin at 7:15 p.m. following an optional vegan meal, for which there is a fee, at 6:30 p.m.

A discussion will be led after the film by those who are active in the field of environmental landcare policy development including Julie Taddeo, a leading architect of the Safegrow Takoma program, and Luisa Robles, sustainability coordinator for the City of Greenbelt and staff liaison to GreenACES. They will facilitate discussion about organic land care and integrated pest management strategies.

This program is co-sponsored by Beyond Pesticides, a national organization that works with allies in protecting public health and the environment, and by the Butterfly Brigade and the Greenbelt Forest Preserve's Keep it Wild citizen committee.

For more information about this program contact [reelandmeal@newdealcafe.com](mailto:reelandmeal@newdealcafe.com). Or go to [newdealcafe.com/events/reel-and-meal](http://newdealcafe.com/events/reel-and-meal). On Facebook go to [facebook.com/reelandmealNDC](https://facebook.com/reelandmealNDC).

## Homeschoolers Meet Monday, September 9

Greenbelt homeschoolers will hold their first meeting of the school year on Monday, September 9 at 11 a.m., in the multipurpose room of the Youth Center. All are welcome to help plan the year, both children and their adults. Bring a brown bag lunch and enjoy free play from noon until 1 p.m. Greenbelt homeschoolers is also a group on Facebook at [Facebook/greenbelt\\_homeschoolers](https://facebook.com/greenbelt_homeschoolers).

## Writers Group Meets

The Greenbelt Writers Group will meet on Friday, August 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. All Greenbelt writers are welcome to participate in this monthly meeting featuring open readings and general discussions.



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Coming Soon to the Greenbelt Arts Center  
August 30-September 15: The Wild Party  
AUDITIONS - September 9-10: Phantom Tollbooth

## Labor Day Tennis Social and Picnic

On Saturday, August 31 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Greenbelt Tennis Association (GTA), the Greenbriar Condominium Association and Mayor Emmett Jordan will sponsor their annual Labor Day tennis social at the Greenbriar Condominium tennis courts, 7600 Hanover Parkway.

GTA will provide drinks, snacks and a cookout with hamburgers and hot dogs. Bring a potluck dish to share. The event is free for GTA members and Greenbriar residents. In case of inclement weather, the rain date is Sunday, September 1. To RSVP or for more information, send an email to [rsvp\\_gta@outlook.com](mailto:rsvp_gta@outlook.com), call 301-715-3632 or visit [greenbelt.com/tennis](http://greenbelt.com/tennis).

## Call for Volunteers

The 2019-20 school year is upon us. We all know that kids are our future and we need to provide them with the keys to success. One way you can help is by participating in Cookies at the Bridge. Every weekday at 3:25 p.m., a group of Greenbelt volunteers meets at the Old Greenbelt side of the Spellman Overpass to hand out smiles, encouragement and cookies to weary students returning home from Roosevelt High School. Consider joining like-minded volunteers to see the impact a half hour of donated time can yield. Call Mowatt UMC at 301-474-9410 and leave a message. Calls will be returned.



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**Program Schedule**  
**Friday Aug 16 - Thursday Aug 22**

<b>7 am</b>	Greenbelt News Reel
<b>8 am</b>	Democracy Now!
<b>9 am</b>	Classic Film: <i>Film Noir Suddenly (1954)</i> Frank Sinatra
<b>11 am</b>	Adopt A Pet
<b>11:30</b>	Greenbelt Discussion
<b>12 pm</b>	Greenbelt News Reel
<b>1 pm</b>	Strata (Archaeology)
<b>2 pm</b>	Greenbelt News Reel
<b>3 pm</b>	Classic Film: <i>Film Noir Suddenly (1954)</i> Frank Sinatra
<b>5 pm</b>	Strata (Archaeology)
<b>6 pm</b>	Greenbelt News Reel
<b>7 pm</b>	Democracy Now!
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**Grief Support Group Next Meets August 20**

Community Hospices offers a discussion on various grief topics each third Tuesday evening of every month in the Community Center. Come for informative, supportive and inspirational discussions. All are welcome. On August 20, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., the topic is Experiences of Transition at End of Life for caregivers and loved ones. Check the whiteboard in the Community Center hallway for the room number. Contact Margaret Capurso with any questions at 301-560-6002.

**Kid Stuff Swap August 24**

The Greenbelt Mamas and Papas Group will host a Kid Stuff Swap on Saturday, August 24 from 10 a.m. to noon in Room 202 of the Community Center. This is a free community swap of clothing, gear and toys aimed at parents of children ages newborn to 5 years old.

Items should be dropped off for sorting in Room 202 on Friday, August 23 from 4 to 7 p.m.

People should bring extra, gently used baby and toddler gear that is no longer needed. Nothing stained or overly worn. This is a chance to give a little and get a little, for free.

Bring a bag to fill. All unclaimed pieces will be donated to local families in need.

Interested in helping out? Go to [bit.ly/kidstuffswap](http://bit.ly/kidstuffswap) and fill out the form.

*In Memoriam*

**Keith R. Bare - Living Out His Values**

by Emmett Jordan

Keith Bare was a long-time Greenbelt resident and GHI member, living for many years at 39 Ridge Road. He died on December 8, 2018.

Mr. Bare lived out his values through his work as volunteer for many political and social causes. He was a dependable volunteer for several Greenbelt organizations. For example, he worked with adult English as a Second Language learners as a tutor at the Greenbelt Library for a number of years. He was also an active member of the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club, where he served as the board secretary for more than a decade. He was a fixture at voter registration drives and was tireless in canvassing and phone banking for progressive political campaigns and causes.

Mr. Bare enjoyed gardening, cooking, reading, traveling and had a lifelong love of sports. He was also an avid cyclist and bicycle commuter.

The Democratic Club is planning to purchase a bicycle rack for the city in Mr. Bare's mem-




PHOTO BY EMMETT JORDAN

**Keith Bare**


ory. Anyone who wishes to contribute may send donations c/o the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club, P.O. Box 824, Greenbelt, MD 20768 or send an email to [president@rooseveltclub.com](mailto:president@rooseveltclub.com) for more information.



  
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**Church Service 10:30 a.m.**  
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Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.  
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.  
**Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.**

**Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe**



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**Diamond Jubilee!**  
**Holy Cross Lutheran Church**  
**6905 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt MD 20715**



You are cordially invited to attend the special 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Greenbelt, Sunday, August 25 at 9:30 a.m. The Rev. Paul Birner, a son of the congregation, now serving King of Kings Lutheran Church, Seattle, WA, will be the guest preacher.

A reception will follow the service. We look forward to seeing you!

**City Notes**

Animal Control impounded two stray dogs and a bird, investigated a cruelty complaint and did one Trap/Neuter/Release. One dog, three kittens and two birds were adopted.

Public Works continued inspections of the WSSC water main replacement on Northway.

Street Maintenance/Special Details installed a headstone at the Greenbelt Cemetery and assisted contractors with concrete work for the new EV stations at Public Works.

Refuse/Recycling collected 30.73 tons of refuse and 13.20 tons of recyclable material. Environmental staff led the Invasive Plant Removal volunteer event at CHEARS Food Forest.

Summer camps drew to a close with fun field trips, enrichment and performances.

Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center hosted a Red Cross course, Water Safety Instructor Recertification Assessment and welcomed 12 guests from the American School for the Blind for a visit with games and pizza.

Arts staff hosted a Community Art Drop-In on making sock monkeys.

Donations of school supplies for Operation Backpack were welcomed at the Community Center.

Therapeutic Recreation opened the Sensory Room for those who want to take a break and decompress, or just to engage the senses.

Senior nutrition served 84 hot meals the week of August 5, with the Therapeutic Recreation supervisor hosting and assisting guests.

Park Rangers attended and facilitated National Night Out, including quick packing up before a storm. The Rangers also diplomatically assisted a permitted group that had set up in a reserved space in the wrong park. Rangers helped them move and minimized conflict and disruption between the two groups.

**Local School Supply Lists Now Available**

Parents from local schools have a new tool in their back-to-school bag of tricks this year, as all of their schools' supply lists are now posted on TeacherLists.com. With just one or two clicks, parents can find their child's exact supply list and then click right over to pre-filled shopping carts on Target, Walmart, Office Depot, Amazon or Staples to purchase their list and have it shipped to their home. Target, Walmart, Office Depot and Staples also offer in-store pick-up. Complete details and all the lists are available at teacherlists.com/parents.



**Holy Cross Thrift Store**

Every Thursday  
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# City Information & Events

**CITY ELECTION INFORMATION  
NOMINATIONS FOR 2019 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL ELECTION**

In accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter, a regular election will be held in the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, on Tuesday, November 5, 2019, to elect the seven members of the City Council.

Any qualified voter of the City may be nominated for the office of Member of Council upon filing a nomination petition with the City Clerk (signed by not fewer than 50 Greenbelt resident voters), a written acceptance of the nomination, and other statements that are required by the City Charter or by law. Required forms and information are available in the City Clerk's office, 25 Crescent Road, beginning Monday, August 19, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

**NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM MONDAY, AUGUST 19 THROUGH MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2019.**

For additional information, call Bonita Anderson, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000, or e-mail [banderson@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:banderson@greenbeltmd.gov).

**CITY ELECTION INFORMATION  
VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR CITY ELECTION OCTOBER 7, 2019**

Greenbelt residents are reminded that to participate in the 2019 City Council election—whether as a voter, a candidate for City Council, or a signer of a petition for a candidate—you must be qualified to vote in Prince George's County.

- To register, you must:
- Be a citizen of the United States of America
- Be at least 16 years of age
- Be domiciled within the corporate limits of the City of Greenbelt as of the date of registration
- Not have been convicted of a felony, or if you have, you have completed serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment, including any term of parole or probation for the conviction
- Not be under guardianship for mental disability

**VOTER REGISTRATION**  
For information about registering to vote in Prince George's County, contact the County Board of Elections at 301-430-8020 or visit [www.elections.state.md.us](http://www.elections.state.md.us). Forms for voter registration and address and name change are available at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, and the Greenbelt Library, 11 Crescent Road. Forms are also available on the city website, [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov).

All forms must be received by the County Board of Elections in Upper Marlboro no later than 4:30 p.m., Monday, October 7.

For additional information, contact Bonita Anderson, City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or [banderson@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:banderson@greenbeltmd.gov).

If you are already registered to vote in Prince George's County but have moved or changed your name since the last election, you must complete an application to have this information changed.

\*\*This can also be done online at [www.elections.state.md.us](http://www.elections.state.md.us)

**VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Ethics Commission, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, and Youth Advisory Committee. For more information: 301-474-8000

**CITY WELCOME PACKETS**

If your business, club, or organization would like to be included in the City of Greenbelt Welcome Packets please bring 300 copies of your promotional material to the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Rd, by Monday August 19, 2019. Packets are distributed to all new residents of Greenbelt and are a great resource to help promote your business!

There will be a Packet Stuffing Party on Thursday, August 22 at 6pm in the City Council Room of the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Volunteer hours will be given. Please bring your forms.

For more information contact Beverly Palau at [bpalau@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:bpalau@greenbeltmd.gov) or 240-542-2026

For City Services, Events, Meetings and more, visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)

**MEETINGS FOR AUGUST 19-23**

Monday, August 19: No City Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 20 at 5:30pm, **SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Tuesday, August 20 at 7:00pm, **CHERRYWOOD LANE COMPLETE AND GREEN STREET PROJECT COMMUNITY MEETING** at Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane

Wednesday, August 21 at 7:30am, **BUSINESS COFFEE** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

**Wednesday, August 21 at 7:30pm ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Pedestrian and Bicycle Subcommittee Update and Presentation by Sabra & Associates regarding bicycle facilities on Hanover Parkway*

Wednesday, August 21: No City Council Meeting

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

**Greenbelt Lake Dam**

**Improvements to Begin Mid-August**  
Project expected to take approximately 7 months to complete



**WHAT TO EXPECT**

- Temporary Lake Path Closures
- Lower Lake Level (4 to 5 feet)
- Construction equipment
- Construction noise
- Informational signs will be posted around the lake.

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT AT THE AQUATIC & FITNESS CENTER**  
101 Centerway

Friday, August 16 from 8:00pm-9:45pm.

Admittance to the pool will be \$5.00 for all families (including passholders.) Bring your pool toys and the whole family for an evening of fun!

Entering family must have at least one adult. Families will be charged \$1.00 for each additional non-family member, with a limit of three non-family members per group. In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved to the Indoor Pool.

**Greenbelt Nursery Project**

City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Rd, Second Floor, Greenbelt, MD 20770

Studies show the first three years of a child's life are a critical part of development.



This **free** program is available to:

- Families living in the city limits of Greenbelt
- Children ages newborn to 2 years old
- Children who wear diapers or pull-ups

**Features:**

- Receive up to 3 home visits (one visit every other week) from nursing students.
- Home visits are scheduled between 8:00AM-1:00PM – starts Thursday, September 19th.

**Free Services Offered:**

- Diapers, Formula, Baby Accessories monthly
- Baby Wellness Nursing Assessment
- Baby Milestone Progress Review
- Information/Resource Linkage
- Healthy Eating Education

**Need more information? Want to register?**

Please call Katherine Farzin (240) 542-2019 or email [kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov)



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**FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION**  
Thursday, August 22 from 1:30-2:30pm

**Green Ridge House, 22 Ridge Road**  
Admission is free, no RSVP needed!

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Crofton, Maryland 21114  
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## Doctors Community Practices at District Heights

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6400 Marlboro Pike  
District Heights, Maryland 20747  
301-327-0953

## Doctors Community Practices at Laurel

(Primary Care and Diabetes Care)

13900 Baltimore Avenue  
Laurel, Maryland 20707  
301-276-7396

## Doctors Community Practices at Riverdale

(Primary Care, Family Medicine and  
Endocrinology)

6502 Kenilworth Avenue, Suite 100  
Riverdale, Maryland 20737  
301-278-8637

## Doctors Community Practices at Temple Hills

(Primary Care and Family Medicine)

5859 Allentown Way  
Temple Hills, Maryland 20728  
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(Primary Care and Family Medicine)

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Lanham, Maryland 20706  
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*My Perspective*

## Smart Economic Development Ideas for Greenbelt (Part 1)

by Konrad Herling

I grew up in this unique town starting in the early 1950s. I saw our 2.5-square-mile town spread out from over 1,600 Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI) townhomes to include Springhill Lake in Greenbelt West, one of the largest apartment complexes in the country, and various developments in Greenbelt East. Greenbelt West now includes Greenbelt Station and Verde Apartments and the city's total land area now is 6.34 square miles.

Our city staff and city council have performed diligently throughout the years to provide services to connect all of our community. The goal of unifying our community is increasingly challenging. I hope the goals I present will help unify our community and even our country.

I recommend that the following actions be taken by our city council, staff, the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation and our state representatives.

### Signage

Work with the state and its Department of Transportation to modify signage directing folks to "Local Info" and replace it with appropriate signage such as "Roosevelt Center."

I recognize that this change comes down to the state's Department of Transportation and regulations but surely it deserves to be pursued by our state delegation. It is essential to attract more folks to Roosevelt Center – be it from all areas of Greenbelt, the broader metropolitan area, or from other parts of the country. This is particularly important if we want to increase the Center's critical mass.

### Walk- and Bike-ways

In conjunction with infrastructure improvements, we should appropriate funding at the federal and state levels to build more pedestrian overpasses and underpasses in our community where it is divided by federal and state roads.

The benefits are fairly clear: More of us would travel without a car (a fundamental planned community principle), and thereby reduce our carbon emissions. Yes, it could easily be a long-term project. But it should be pursued for the additional purpose of safety. As it stands, biking and walking across Kenilworth Avenue, and biking and walking along Southway to Greenbelt Road en route to Greenway Center is not safe.

In 2017, I proposed to the National League of Cities (NLC) Transportation Infrastructure Committee that this proposal become part of our committee's

objectives. We adopted it as part of what the NLC would request annually. However, it is only requested from the federal government and thus only applies to federal highways. As Route 193 and Kenilworth Avenue are state roads, funding from the state would be necessary to build overpasses there.

### Shuttles

To further reduce reliance on vehicles, work with the three shopping centers to help fund and provide a city shuttle to 10 major points. These points would include the shopping centers and other key locations. To be specific, the key locations might include the amenities surrounding the Roosevelt Center area (library, museum, recreation and arts facilities and fields), Schrom Hills Park, Greenbriar and Windsor Green community centers, medical offices on Hanoover Parkway, the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, Franklin Park's courtyard, Greenbelt Lake, Greenbelt Station and the Verde apartments.

In 2019, the city council adopted this objective as a general goal. I am most thankful for this, as it will help get the ball rolling.

This shuttle service is in addition to buses provided by Metro and the county, as their primary objective is to get folks to and from the Metro station.

Regarding bus transportation to Greenway Center, are there financial incentives that could be explored to free it up and provide bus access?

Greenway Center has been reluctant to explore this possibility as it will result in the removal of some parking spaces. Incentives could encourage people to use buses to shop there, possibly giving greater access to people with disabilities.

### Roosevelt Center

It has been 20 years since the last marketing study for Roosevelt Center. I ask the county Economic Development Corporation to work with the Roosevelt Center Merchants Association and the city's Economic Development Coordinator to explore marketing survey firms so we can secure a more accurate reading of the center's patronage. Similar efforts should be explored with Beltway Plaza and Greenway Center.

Also, it behooves the five or six businesses that populate Roosevelt Center to explore establishing an umbrella organization for their businesses. This discussion should also include the means by which an alternative to the principal developer of the two original buildings could be secured.

*A Review*

## A Little Bit Naughty, a Lot Funny – The Country Wife

by Sandy Rodgers



PHOTO BY RACHEL ZIRKIN DUDA

From left, Hans Zarpaf as Dr. Quack, Erin Gallalee as Lucy, Paul Brinkley as Mr. Sparkish, Claudia Bach as Alithea Pinchwife, Wes Dennis as Frank Harcourt, Josh Engel as Jack Pinchwife, Erin Nealer as Margery Pinchwife, Chris Fominaya as Harry Horner, Joe Kubinski as Jaspar Fidget, Christine Evangelista as Mrs. Squeamish, Spencer Dye as Mrs. Dainty, Jaki Demarest as Lady Fidget.

Interested in a summer escape – and some laughter? Catch the hilarious, well-acted production of *The Country Wife* by William Wycherly at the Greenbelt Arts Center, to be performed at 8 p.m., August 16 and 17. Celebrating their 20th anniversary, the Rude Mechanicals deliver an imaginative take on an ancient play.

The 1675 Restoration-era sex comedy is a social satire about a rake who convinces society that he is impotent and thus safe in the company of its wives. Dueling displays of wit and virility, along with lustful wives and trickery sprinkled with puns and double entendres, are all part of the action.

Director Alan Duda sets the play in 1955 Manhattan – think of an upscale *I Love Lucy* and *The Honeyymooners*, mixed with a *Playboy* magazine sensibility and 17th century dialogue.

In the opening scene in a high-rise apartment on the Upper East Side, Dr. Quack confirms rake Harry Horner's pitiful condition to the aristocratic set of colorfully and aptly named characters. There are Jack Pinchwife, his sister Alithea and her fiancé Mr. Sparkish; Lord Fidget, his wife Lady, her sister Mrs. Dainty, her cousin Mrs. Squeamish and the maid Lucy; and Horner's friend Frank Harcourt, who's in on Horner's ruse.

The only one not on stage is Pinchwife's pretty young country wife Margery, whom her jealous husband wants to keep out of sight and safe from debauchery on her first visit to town.

Plots twist. Fidget asks Horner to be a companion to the three ladies while he is out of town. The trio overcomes their lack of interest once they discover he is not the eunuch everyone thinks. Steamy embraces and offstage bedroom romps follow.

Harcourt falls for Alithea and tries to lure her away from her fiancé, the self-absorbed Sparkish. When Margery Pinchwife begs to see what town life is all about, her husband reluctantly takes her to a play, where she is spotted by Horner, who begins pursuing her in earnest. And she wants to be caught, in spite of her husband's efforts to keep them apart.

The actors were all excellent, and showed their comedic chops. Chris Fominaya (Harry Horner) oozed charm and likeability even when he was being sleazy and calculating. Hans Zarpaf (Dr. Quack), with a scratchy voice, sense of decorum and comic narration, was an original. Erin Nealer (Margery Pinchwife) managed to pull off a terrific mixture of wholesome, dim, plotting, and clever – that drove her husband nuts. Josh Engel (Jack Pinchwife) gave a wonderfully neurotic performance as her jealous, hapless cuckolded husband.

Claudia Bach (Alithea Pinchwife) created a more subtle persona than others, coming off as the only grown-up character, but she still got laughs. Wes Dennis (Frank Harcourt) inhabited his role as the rake who fell in love, while delivering perfectly timed zingers that slayed his rival. Paul Brinkley (Mr. Sparkish) gave an over-the-top, almost slapstick performance that was just right for the bright-yellow-pants-wearing egotist.

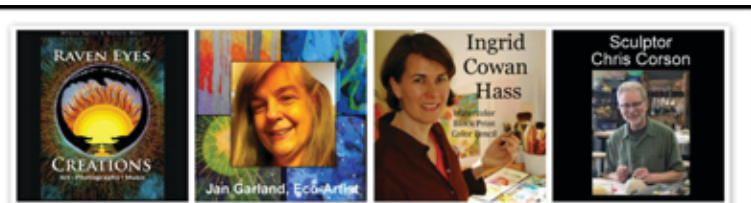
Jaki Demarest (Lady Fidget) had an earthy gusto and confidence that made her a good foil to Horner. Joe Kubinski (Lord Fidget) played a sublimely oblivious husband. Spencer Dye (Mrs. Dainty) and Christine Evangelista (Mrs. Squeamish) made up

the rest of the threesome with Lady Fidget, and each created distinct, equally funny characters. Erin Gallalee (Lucy) played the stealthy, conspiring maid for humor.

The spare set featured a bar stocked with liquor bottles and martini glasses, from which all the characters liberally imbibed throughout the play. Depending on the location, the backdrop changed from a giant portrait of Dwight Eisenhower (Pinchwife's apartment) to sexy close-up photos of Marilyn Monroe (Horner's apartment). For street scenes, the bar was covered up and street signs were projected.

Costuming by Spencer Dye was lush, with wide-skirted 1950s-style dresses in turquoises, scarlets and pale greens for the women and plaid vests, ties and jackets (one in white linen) for the men. Period music, like *Lollipop* by the Chordettes, *Goin' to the Chapel* by the Dixie Cups and *Once I Had a Secret Love* by Doris Day, added to the ambience.

*The Country Wife* was a thoroughly enjoyable production. Note that the play contains adult situations inappropriate for young children. For tickets, and to find out about other productions coming soon, visit [greenbeltartscenter.org](http://greenbeltartscenter.org).



### Calling all Greenbelt Creatives!

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Labor Day Festival Book Sale 8/30 - 9/2

# Business

The News Review invites Greenbelt businesses to submit brief announcements for the business column. Tell us about events such as new employees, anniversaries, awards won, new programs, and other newsworthy items. Send brief (40-50 words) items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

## Nimel Mental Health Office Now Open on Greenbelt Road

Nimel Mental Health has opened at 6215 Greenbelt Road, Suite 202, offering therapeutic counseling and medication management by a team of experienced mental health clinicians.

To build stronger families and communities, Nimel's mental health professionals aim to promote growth and understanding through individual, group and family counseling, community support and medication management for all ages.

Evaluations and medication management are available for various disorders and diagnoses. Therapeutic counseling may help individuals and families develop the skills and tools needed to live in a safe, stable, healthy environment and navigate through major life transitions.

For more information, phone 301-272-1558 or email [nimelmentalhealthllc@gmail.com](mailto:nimelmentalhealthllc@gmail.com). Read more at [nimelmentalhealthllc.com/](http://nimelmentalhealthllc.com/).

## Engineering Firm Now Open



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

On August 8, elected officials from the county and the city attend a ribbon cutting for the new Ivy Lane offices of Charles P. Johnson & Associates, a planning, design and engineering firm.

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coverage, the pair have begun a weekly business spotlight article series on various local businesses such as Why Not Boutique, The Space and Bee Yoga Fusion. Palau said that these articles go deeper into some of the characters and stories behind the businesses to promote local economic development.

Both Sterling and Palau said that they thoroughly enjoy filling up the blog with content each week, as both remembered staying late at work on multiple Friday afternoons to finish up some of the articles for the week.

And it's all to show that city employees are all people at the end of the day, according to Palau.

### Send Us Your High Resolution Photos!

The News Review encourages readers to send in photos of Greenbelt landmarks, activities and the changing seasons. Photos should be at least 300 dpi, and must include the name of the photographer and a caption. The caption must name any identifiable people in the photo, as well as explain the picture.

If you are sending photos from your phone, please choose the option to send "actual size", or upload the photos to your computer first and then email the photos at full size. Send photos to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

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communities from Bladensburg to Linthicum. District 22 Representative Alonzo Washington – himself a Greenbelt resident – said that Governor Larry Hogan's support of the maglev has made it more difficult for state and county legislators to stop its development.

District 22 State Senator Paul Pinsky agreed and added that while the BWRR representatives may tell residents that the project will require no state funding, the company has actively fought efforts to pass legislation barring state funding of the project. Pinsky said that BWRR brought in members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) to testify that the maglev would bring hundreds of jobs to the state for its employees.

While the IBEW, NAACP and BWRR have now made this claim, residents in the audience and longtime protestors scoffed to hear it again. It wasn't the only assertion they rejected.

One woman held a "Stop the Maglev" sign in the back and interrupted twice with questions about a Japanese maglev train that Henley's partner at BWRR described as a successfully operating version of the project. Another attendee questioned whether the train would really make a quiet whoosh as it passes through the tunnel under Greenbelt at 300 mph. "That's a lot of dispersion, the air has gotta go somewhere, I'm not buying it," he said.

He followed up with a round of questions about the thickness of the wall (two feet), the distance of the above-ground portion of the track from houses (50 feet in one area) and the type of material holding in the sound (unanswered).



PHOTO BY EUGENE 'JESSE' NASH IV

David Henley, project director of the maglev speaks at the meeting.

"That would be a little noisy don't you think?" The man asked for the house located 50 feet from the opening of the tunnel.

"No, you won't hear a thing," Henley replied.

As Henley began to detail the benefits of the train for local residents (mainly jobs and improved air quality), resident murmurs of doubt grew until they overpowered him. When it died down, Henley criticized the organizers of the meeting for using misleading images in the ad about the meeting published in this newspaper.

He informed the attendees that the first picture showed a Taiwanese hotel after a 6.4-magnitude earthquake where nearly a dozen people died. It was not related to transportation or tunneling consequences. "This was a very unfortunate use of something that was tragic," he said. "This is not really representative of the good faith effort that I know most opponents practice."

The image of a sinking house was lifted from the Norfolk Daily News website. The house sunk after contractors removed too much of the foundation, according to a resident quoted in the article.

While no one offered a direct response, it prompted a discussion of a slide from Henley's presentation which stated that the land around Greenbelt is stable and uniform. A resident claimed it was false. She cited thousands of dollars that her homeowner's association has spent on structural

problems that have arisen from the clay in the soil. Henley said that he had contractors test the soil and that is how he came to his conclusion.

Mayor Emmett Jordan then announced to the crowd that the ground samples that BWRR subcontractors had taken were from private land without authorization and were therefore illegal. Henley responded that the subcontractors falsely assumed that land was owned by the county and he apologized for their mistake.

And there was no shortage of jokes from Henley, as he confused the audience when he repeatedly referred to Jordan by the name of the mayor of Bladensburg, Mayor James. The audience, unsure if he was joking or serious, laughed after the third time, pointing and looking directly at Jordan.

As Henley's allotted time came to a close, multiple residents shouted, "Your time is up!" He moved through two more slides then sat on the floor near the podium to hear the rest of the speakers, most of whom directly criticized him or his project in their speeches.

When asked afterward how he can come to meetings where he knows he will be criticized, Henley said that he has been doing this a long time. While the audience of this particular meeting was more clearly against the maglev than others, he still wanted to hear the concerns of the community to see if there were any that he could address.

### Donate Books For Annual PTA Sale

Books for the Greenbelt Elementary School Book Sale can now be dropped off at the collection areas at the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Greenbriar Condominiums. Large donations will only be accepted the week of August 19. Call 202-630-9285 to arrange for large donations. Collection will end August 29 in preparation for the sale at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival on Friday, August 30 to Monday, September 2.

**GREENBELT** Sunday, 10 to 2  
Parking Lot  
Roosevelt Center  
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# Police Blotter

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

## Home Invasion

August 6, 8:08 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Drive. After knocking on the door, four men forced entry into a residence. One of them pointed a handgun at the head of one of the persons in the home. Cash and various electronic devices were taken and the men fled on foot. The investigation is ongoing.

August 7, 11:53 a.m., 7900 block Mandan Road. Three men with handguns knocked on the door to a residence and forcibly entered the home. They assaulted one of the residents, took cash and various items, and fled on foot.

## Assault

August 1, 8:05 p.m., 5500 block Cherrywood Lane. A man was struck in the back of the head by an unknown object while sitting at a bus stop drinking an alcoholic beverage. He was transported by ambulance to UM Prince George's Hospital Center for treatment of a head laceration.

August 2, 5:56 p.m., 5700 block Cherrywood Lane. A man approached a person pumping gas at the Shell Food Mart and told him to move his vehicle. When he said he could not move it, the man giving the order sprayed him with an unknown substance and threatened him with a knife before he fled on a bicycle. The man who had been sprayed was treated on location.

August 6, 5:10 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. A 16-year-old Greenbelt youth was arrested and charged with armed robbery, theft and first degree assault after another teen reported that two youths pulled a knife on him and attempted to take his bike. An officer arriving at the location observed one youth fleeing the area. He was apprehended after a foot chase and released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

## Theft

August 1, 1:15 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A woman who was shopping at Marshalls department store believes an unknown person removed her purse from her shoulder without her knowing it.

August 7, 1:35 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. A package was taken from in front of an apartment door.

## Disorderly Conduct

August 4, 6:42 p.m., 6100 block Cherrywood Lane. A 54-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct by officers who responded to a report of an intoxicated person. He was released on citation pending trial.

## Fraud

August 1, 2:52 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace. A woman reported that someone gained access to her bank account

and made unauthorized purchases. She stated her bank card has always been in her possession and believes her bank card number was copied.

## Vandalism

August 6, 10:51 a.m., 9200 block Edmonston Road. Graffiti was written on the inside of an elevator.

## Vehicle Crime

Two vehicles were stolen. A gray 2-door 2018 Mazda with D.C. tags EY8411 was taken August 5 from the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace.

A 2019 Chevrolet Equinox SUV taken on July 31 in the 9300 block Edmonston Road was recovered the same day by Prince George's County police in the 2800 block 31st Avenue in Temple Hills.

Four tires and rims were taken in the 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive on August 1, a passenger-side mirror was removed in the 9100 block Springhill Lane on August 3, and two tags, Maryland 6CJ5537, were taken from inside an unlocked vehicle in the 6000 block Springhill Drive on August 5.

Thefts from vehicles also include a cup holder taken from an unlocked vehicle in the 7300 block Mandan Road on August 1. Two iPad computers and cable installation equipment were taken from the 9100 block Edmonston Terrace on August 5 after the driver's side window of a van was broken out.

Two tires were slashed and a wallet was removed from a possibly unlocked vehicle in the 6400 block Ivy Lane. A credit card inside the wallet was later used to make an unauthorized purchase.

Three instances of vandalism were reported. A tire was slashed in the 9300 block Edmonston Road and a rear window was broken out in the 100 block Centerway.

A woman reported that as she was driving on Greenbelt Road near Kenilworth Avenue, another driver threw a coffee cup at her vehicle, which scratched the paint.

## Indecent Exposure At Beltway Plaza

Greenbelt police responded to a report of indecent exposure in the rear parking lot of Beltway Plaza on Friday, August 9. Video surveillance captured a man fleeing in a silver Ford Explorer, last seen on Cherrywood Lane going toward Breezewood Drive. The man is described as Hispanic, wearing a white shirt, in his 30s or 40s with black curly hair.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Greenbelt Police Department at 301-474-7200.

# NIGHT OUT continued from page 1

Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department were in attendance. Sparky and McGruff posed for photos.

The Prince George's Running Club set up a very colorful table that attracted many. Representatives in opposition to the maglev project also were present.

## Franklin Park

About 200 Franklin Park and Greenbelt Station residents gathered behind the Target in Beltway Plaza to participate in National Night Out. They came to receive free food, climb a rock wall, skate in a makeshift skatepark and pet the steed of a National Parks mounted police officer. The line for hot dogs, hamburgers and pizza stretched over 100 feet.

Underneath a tent at the head of the line stood Greenbelt Officer Carlos Torres, the police officer assigned to the Franklin Park Apartments complex. Once residents made it to Torres, he asked them what they wanted in either Spanish or English and personally handed out drinks, burgers and hot dogs. Standing alongside him were employees of the Franklin Park Apartments who grilled the meats and assisted in passing out food.

Shortly before the thunderstorm rolled through, Torres led a raffle for school backpacks, basketballs and other items. And most residents made it back home before the rain and lightning came through.

Other parts of Greenbelt — including Schrom Hills Park and Roosevelt Center — held celebrations as well.



PHOTO BY GEORGE MATHEWS

A Greenbelt police officer deputizes young recruits at Franklin Park's National Night Out on August 6. The coordinated national event now celebrated by thousands of communities in all 50 states has its origins in the nascent neighborhood watch programs that sprung up in the early 1970s.



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

McGruff the Crime Dog escorts Greenbelt MPO Scott Yankow to the clink — or maybe it's the pound.



PHOTO BY MATT RODRIGUEZ

Greenbelt's Bike Patrol joins Windsor Green's National Night Out activities on August 6. The community has a very active Static Watch Committee, co-led by Fred Edwards (far right) that works with police (see News Review July 11, 2019, page 1). Young residents Naomi and Nathaniel Rodriguez (front and center) are flanked by back row, from left, Sergeant Jermaine Gulleddge, Officer Matthew Shurg, MPO Scott Yankow, McGruff the Crime Dog, and Officer Rakibur Rahman.

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# Sports

## Greenbelt Babe Ruth Takes Part in State Tournament

by Ian Gleason



PHOTO BY IAN GLEASON

Front row from left, Coach James Willis, Coach Ruth Anne White, Adam Howard, AJ Rizzo, Joseph Klein, Michael Rodriguez, Nick Butler, Jacob Willis, Manager Ian Gleason, Marc Velasquez, Daylen Smith. Back row from left, Coach Patrick Gleason, Joshua Young, Justin Adames, RJ Thornburg, Jackson Maul, Fernando Gomez, Alex Jarboe. Not Pictured: Nikos Cooper.

At the end of each regular season the Prince George's County Babe Ruth League puts together an All-Star team for each respective age group from 13 to 18 years old. The teams are made up of a combination of players from each team that participates in the league during the regular season. This year the 13- to 15-year-old team had a strong Greenbelt presence as Greenbelt players occupied 10 of the 15 available slots.

Braden Field was the host site for this year's state tournament, which consisted of a three-game series vs Frederick County. The series opener was a back-and-forth affair that would not be decided until the bottom half of the seventh and final inning. The Prince George's All Stars (PG) got a strong pitching start from Marc Velasquez (Cheverly) that was squandered by nerves and errors. After just a few innings PG faced a 6-0 deficit. PG fought back to tie the game as Fer-

nando Gomez and Jackson Maul (Greenbelt) delivered savvy relief performances on the mound, only to give the lead right back to Frederick. Entering the seventh inning PG trailed 11 to 9. Daylen Smith (Laurel) walked for PG and Justin Adames (Greenbelt) pinch ran for him to put runners on first and second.

With only one out left to work with, RJ Thornburg came to the plate. Stepping into the spotlight Thornburg crushed a fastball into the left centerfield gap and toward the tree-lined edges of the outfield. Both runners came around to score and the noise level at Braden Field was at an all-time high as the game entered the bottom of the seventh tied. Frederick loaded the bases and with a groundball up the middle escaped with a win in game one.

A midday start time on Saturday brought Joseph Klein (Greenbelt) to the hill for the All Stars. Klein pitched masterfully, but PG managed only one run in a

6 to 1 defeat that crowned Frederick County state champions. Despite falling short of their goal, the Greenbelt players who participated and the entire Prince George's County 15U All Star team brought passion, excitement and a lot of fun to Braden Field as it hosted its first state tournament.

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# Costumes for the Creative Kids Camp – Who Knew?

by Carol Griffith

Have you ever wondered about the creative forces behind the ingenious costumes used in the Creative Kids Camp productions? Of course there are many, including production designer Nicole DeWald, but Tara Wilcox's sewing talents help to bring the costumes to life.

The Creative Kids Camps are for youth between the ages of 6 and 12. Each session lasts for two weeks and in that time campers learn, set the stage for, rehearse and perform a show. The most recent show, Hercules and Hippolyta, had its final performances on August 9 and, like most others for the camps, was written by Chris Cherry, the city's performing arts program coordinator.

Costumes for the productions come from many sources. Some are reused from other shows and some are made from donated fabric or scraps. In order that they may be used over and over, the costumes are simple tunics that can be decorated to suit the time period of the show and character being played. This is where Wilcox's creativity and talent in hand sewing comes in.

In a very active room in the Community Center full of costume racks, sets, masks, puppets and other props in various stages of preparation, there is a long table of fabric, buttons, a few sewing machines, and other sewing materials where Wilcox and camper assistants work on the tunics. Once the show is cast, usually in the first week of the camp session, there is only one week to get the costumes ready for the show.

First, staff and campers find an appropriate tunic to fit the campers, that require only minor adjustments in fit, and Wilcox sews in a name tag bearing the name of the camper who will wear the tunic. Wilcox explained that the name tags aid in quick costume changes, add to the experience for the camper and even elevate the camper's performance. Next, Wilcox and assistants, in cooperation with Arts Supervisor Nicole DeWald, design patterns, sometimes silk-screened, for the tunics, then embroider designs using colors and patterns appropriate to the character the camper is playing. They add extra detail with colorful, variously-sized-and-shaped buttons to complete the costume.

Wilcox credits her grandfather, who taught himself to do needlepoint, for her love of sewing. She knew how to do several different stitches with needle and thread before she went to kindergarten.



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

Tara Wilcox prepares costumes for the Creative Kids Camp production of Hercules and Hippolyta.

While in first grade she could do cross-stitch and embroidery, difficult work even for adults due to the tiny, close stitches those crafts require. Wilcox then learned how to make doll clothes and ultimately, her own clothes. She has won the top sewing prize twice in the Greenbelt Museum's Retro Town Fair competition. Both early-Greenbelt vintage entries were entirely sewn and decorated with embroidery by hand, using Wilcox's own designs. Her most recent sewing project is making clothes for people with physical disabilities so they can get dressed with less effort and be more comfortable.

Sewing is not Wilcox's only interest. Before she began experiencing health challenges, she was active in living history competitions – recreations of a specific period of time and place in which the participants research and then create an environment such as a military encampment or village, complete with all details such as clothing, food and shelter. Wilcox recalls fondly mak-

ing her own socks and inventing ways to make the socks stay in place without elastic.

She uses one of the Community Center's pottery studios, which she calls "therapeutic," for pottery projects, such as making her own buttons to use in her sewing creations.

Although she has lived in several other places, including Taiwan, Wilcox considers Greenbelt her home. She feels her work with the Creative Kids Camp gives back to a wonderful community.



PHOTO BY CAROL GRIFFITH

Costumes in various stages of preparation await their use in another production.

# GAC Seeks to Draw Young Audiences with Lower Prices

by Jon Gardner

Starting in the next season, student tickets at Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) will be substantially cheaper. The Board of Directors voted recently to reduce the student ticket price to \$12 for plays and \$14 for musicals, down from \$20 and \$22, respectively, and matching the price for children age 12 and under.

The board also voted to eliminate the \$2 online ticketing fee on all tickets, while raising the adult prices by \$2, so that the total price paid remains the same. Senior and military discount ticket prices were also raised by \$2. By eliminating the online ticketing fees, the pricing structure is simplified, and there will be no difference in the prices people pay online or at the door. People attending the shows can now reserve seats by buying tickets online, knowing that there is no penalty for purchasing in advance.

The new ticket prices for plays will be \$24 for adults, \$22 for seniors and military and \$12 for students and youth tickets. For musicals, the new prices will be \$27 for adults, \$24 for seniors and military and \$14 for students and youth tickets.

The GAC Board made this decision to lower the student price in order to attract more young

people to attend the shows. High school and college students, age 22 and under with a student ID, will now be able to attend live theater at GAC at a price that fits within a student's limited entertainment budget. GAC President Win Britt said, "Making live community theater more accessible for young people is essential for GAC's strategy of reaching all segments of Greenbelt. We are thrilled to make the cost of seeing a show comparable to seeing a movie!"

The new prices will take effect for GAC's 40th anniversary season, which opens at the end of August with Andrew Lipka's musical, The Wild Party. The season includes The Phantom Tollbooth, which is sure to appeal to students and children. It ends in June 2020 with The Rude Mechanicals doing Romeo and Juliet, a Shakespeare play that all high-school students read in their 9th grade English classes. Other highlights will include Motherhood Out Loud, Arcadia by Tom Stoppard, and Greenbelt's new circus teacher, Mike Funt, putting on a play called Shipwrecked.

The new prices start August 31.

Jon Gardner is the treasurer of the Greenbelt Arts Center.



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A local squirrel enjoys his dinner at Buddy Attick Park.



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