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## Council Looks at Legislative Agenda, Opioid Suit, Truck

by Kathleen Gallagher

The question of the evening was: Where did everybody go? At the meeting of the Greenbelt City Council two weeks earlier for the purpose of swearing in the new mayor and council, there was standing room only. But at the first regular meeting of the new council on November 25, the only audience members present were resident Bill Orleans and this reporter.

Newly elected Mayor Colin Byrd had made a bold campaign promise to reduce the length of council meetings by increasing efficiency. In his first regular meeting as mayor, he was fortunate to encounter a fairly modest agenda, which included no presentations whatsoever and no city legislation.

Under the Petitions and Requests segment of the meeting,

Orleans made two requests. He said two councilmembers had raised issues during the recent campaign about needed revisions to the City Charter. He said he hoped for follow-up on that and wanted to propose that residents be involved in the process of a Charter review, with this effort being headed by a resident. Secondly, he asked that a worksession be held with the city Board of Elections to share information on how changes are made to ballots by board members to enable the ballots to be more easily read by a scanner when the voter's intention is clear to a human reader.

Following City Manager Nicole Ard's administrative report, council's first business item was

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## Bureau of Engraving Move To BARC Draws Feedback

Grace Kathleen Todd



PHOTO BY GRACE KATHLEEN TODD

Marcia Van Horn expresses her concerns to Mike Schuster of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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An open house discussion about a proposed move of one of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing's two production facilities from Washington, D.C., to the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) drew skeptical comments from the public.

The event was hosted by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) and the Army Corps of Engineers from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at BARC. The Corps is coordinating the environmental studies and providing construction and design oversight for the proposal. Experts in cultural resources, traffic and transportation, and natural resources were present to answer questions.

In a news release, the Corps

said a move rather than an upgrade of the current BEP building, which is over 100 years old, is "the most appropriate and cost-effective option for BEP to pursue" for the facility, which is used to print U.S. paper currency.

The proposed site at BARC is about 105 acres that was once used for poultry research but has been vacant since the 1990s, located at the intersection of Poultry Road and Odell Road, and approximately two miles north of the BARC upper gate on Research Road in Greenbelt's North End. It fulfills BEP requirements that the site must be accessible to commercial airports and interstate roadways and be within a certain distance from the current site, to accommodate the existing workforce.

The open house, which is a required part of the proposal

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## Greenbelt's Gobble Wobble: A Fun Run Before the Feast

by India Afriyie

On Thanksgiving morning dozens of Greenbelt residents gathered at the Youth Center for the 14th annual Gobble Wobble. Started as a way for the community to get together and exercise before the Thanksgiving meal to come, the Gobble Wobble has grown into a tradition that some families look forward to as much as they anticipate the turkey.

Participants had the choice of walking or running the 5K race, so anyone of any athletic skill would be able to complete it. The trail followed the Buddy Attick Park lake path. The race welcomed all ages and many children ran and completed the full race. Each participant received a commemorative T-shirt.

Mayor Colin Byrd and Councilmember Emmett Jordan came out to the event to give the runners some words of encouragement and thanks before setting off to run.



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

With the turkey in front, runners set out for the 5K run, which is twice around Greenbelt lake.

The winners were announced at the reception shortly after the race ended. All children received a medal for participating. The male first place winner was John Ausema with a time of 19:39, second place was Stephen Al-

len with 20:52 and Ian Gleason came in third place with 21:06. The female first place winner was Mary Commins at 22:03, second place was Rebecca Pase at 22:22, and in third place came Lexxie Monahan at 22:36.

## Find Pioneer Seasonal Décor At Museum and Craft Fair

by Sheila Maffay-Tuthill

What did a Greenbelt holiday season look like in the town's early years? The families had just moved into their shiny new government-built homes. How did they decorate? We know from our oral histories and photographs that people used whatever they had available. A quote from early resident Cassie Mae Stone Snow: "My mama would go to the woods near our court and gather ground cedar to make into beautiful wreaths for us and some of our neighbors." Despite the lean times, many families did have Christmas trees, and they hung stockings and sent holiday cards. A visit to the museum shows examples of these festive items. The dining table is set with cream-colored Fiestaware and holiday greenery atop a vintage tablecloth depicting a snowy scene.

Another much beloved tradi-

tion, especially for Greenbelt children, took place after the Christmas holiday. As Greenbelt pioneer Marty Madden recalls, "Every year on a Friday night in January, not too long after Christmas, they used to give a free ticket to the movie to every kid who would bring the family tree down to Braden Field. We'd hand in our trees and they'd give us our tickets, and that evening there'd be a big bonfire." (From Greenbelt 50th Anniversary oral history, August 1987, available at Museum.)

Each year, museum staff decorates the Greenbelt Museum's Historic House to bring to life

the atmosphere of holidays past. In addition to Christmas decorations from the late 1930s through the 1950s, we also have a menorah on display, highlighting that early Greenbelt was integrated in terms of religion. The intent of the planners was that residents would be 70 percent Protestant, 30 percent Catholic and seven percent Jewish.

Anybody interested to discover these things and more may visit the Greenbelt Museum Historic House at 10-B Crescent Road immediately after the city tree lighting on Friday,

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### What Goes On

**Monday, December 9 8 p.m.** City Council Meeting, Public Hearing on Forest Preserve Article of the City Code, Municipal Building  
**Wednesday, December 11 8 p.m.** Council Worksession with Greenbelt Station, Springhill Lake Rec. Center

See city ad on page 5 for Festival of Lights Events.



PHOTO COURTESY GREENBELT MUSEUM

Boys haul a freshly cut tree through the snow in early Greenbelt.



## Letters to the Editor

### Don't Bag It!

My wife Jane and I were walking down Lakeside Drive the other day and passed the City of Greenbelt recycling truck. It had just picked up a big blue wheeled recycling bin and dumped its contents into the truck, and was squeezing everything into the truck's center. We noticed that the recyclables were contained in a black plastic garbage bag and a white plastic trash bag. We mentioned this to the recycling workers, who said that some people still don't know how to recycle properly. Apparently, this is a common problem. If the recyclables are bagged, the workers are instructed not to pick up that bin.

As we watched the truck's loading mechanism, we could see that the bags were being cut up and mixed in with the recyclables. As a result, it's likely that the Municipal Recycling Facility, the MRF, would reject this whole truckload of recyclables because of contamination and levy a fine on the City of Greenbelt.

Paper bags may be used to contain recyclables, but never plastic bags. Otherwise, recyclables need to be placed loosely (unbagged) in either the yellow/blue bins or covered wheeled blue bins. No plastic bags in your bin – ever. Not loose, bundled or containing recyclables. Take plastic bags to the supermarket to recycle.

Let's all strive to recycle properly!

*John Lippert  
Chair, GreenACES/Green Team*

### Hunters Leave Traces

Every weekend morning, I wake before dawn and walk down the gated Research Road to watch the sun rise. I then turn left on Beaver Dam Road and walk between 5 and 6 miles on back roads to look and listen. It is my church. I've observed countless species of birds and animals: crows, starlings, mourning doves, red-winged blackbirds, ducks, geese, wild turkeys, eagles, deer, raccoons, even a fox and her pups.

However, one or two weekends around this time of year, I

observe a different kind of animal, one that I can identify by its waste: empty Bud Light cans and bottles, empty McDonald's coffee and soda cups, Subway wrappers, etc., etc., etc. I then instinctively look at the far perimeters of pastures and see the pickup trucks and wonder which one of the animals so very carefully stopped his or her truck to set that half-empty beer can upright on the side of a back road.

These animals should be more careful about what they leave behind because they can be instantly identified. Mother Nature holds many miraculous wonders, but who knew pigs could hunt and liked beer?

For Mother Nature's sake – all of our sakes – hunters, clean up after yourselves.

*Sharon J. Anderson*

### Co-op Needs Fresh Ideas (and Produce)

The day before Thanksgiving, I learned that the Co-op is not doing too well financially. I also heard that "some people" think that some of the staff are inadequate. The day after Thanksgiving, I learned that the Co-op was, for the first time, open on Thanksgiving Day in an attempt to create more business. Is staying open on a holiday really going to solve fiscal deficits? I find this rather distressing to think so. This community prides itself on being progressive and socially enlightened. So how is it possible that we support mandating that Co-op staff work on Thanksgiving, therefore denying them the opportunity to gather with their families? This is not a supportive way to take care of each other. The Co-op is not Giant, Safeway or Home Depot, it's a community grocery store, which is supposed to be friendly, helping to take care of the quality of life of the members of this community and of the staff. For reference, My Organic Market (MOM's), a purely for-profit, but highly ethical business, was closed on Thanksgiving Day.

Why is the Co-op not doing

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- Pete Reppert, News Review, November 30, 2017



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**The Auditorium**  
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Fri. 1:30, 4:30 PM  
Sat. 2:30(OC), 5:30, 8:30 PM  
Sun. 2:30, 5:30, 8:30 PM  
Mon. 5:30, 8:30 PM  
Tues. 5:30, 8:30 PM  
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**HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS (NR)(1966)**  
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(2019)(135 mins)  
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Sat. 2:00, 5:00, 8:00 PM  
Sun. 2:00(OC), 5:00, 8:00 PM  
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## Send Your Holiday Greetings

The News Review will publish Holiday Greetings in the December 19 issue of this paper.

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Deadline 4 p.m. Monday, December 16

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### On Screen

#### Ford v Ferrari (Auditorium)

This film is based on the remarkable true story of the visionary American car designer Carroll Shelby and the fearless British-born driver Ken Miles. Together they battled corporate interference, the laws of physics and their own personal demons to build a revolutionary race car for Ford Motor Company to take on the dominating race cars of Enzo Ferrari at the 24 Hours of Le Mans in France in 1966. Matt Damon and Christian Bale are in starring roles. Kenneth Turan of the Los Angeles Times stated in praise of the film: "Ford v Ferrari is made the way Hollywood used to make them, a glorious throwback that combines a smart modern sensibility with the best of traditional storytelling."

Rated PG-13. Running time: 152 minutes

#### Waves (Pop-up)

Set against the vibrant landscape of South Florida, and featuring an astonishing ensemble of award-winning actors and breakouts alike, Waves traces the epic emotional journey of a suburban African American family – led by a well-intentioned but domineering father – as they navigate love, forgiveness and coming together in the aftermath of a loss. "Waves is as exhilarating and terrifying as the roller-coaster ride of adolescence itself, plunging viewers into a world brimming with music and color and movement and hair-trigger reflexes that feels exterior and interior at the same time," says Ann Hornaday of The Washington Post.

Rated R. Running time: 135 minutes

- Sandy Rodgers



# 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 December 9 are as follows:

Monday, December 9: pork loin with gravy, mashed spiced yams, green peas, whole-wheat roll, applesauce, cranberry juice

Tuesday, December 10: turkey meatball with sweet-and-sour sauce, garden medley rice, California vegetables, whole-wheat roll, fresh fruit, cranberry juice

Wednesday, December 11: beef spaghetti sauce, whole-grain penne pasta, green beans, cherry cobbler, Italian bread, orange juice

Thursday, December 12: oven-fried chicken, black-eyed peas, hot spiced fruit, mixed green salad, cranberry juice.

Friday, December 13: All sites closed.

## County Planning Hosts New Zoning Overview

The Prince George's County Planning Department will hold an initial community meeting on Tuesday, December 17 from 7 to 9 p.m. in Room 201, Multipurpose Room, in the Community Center. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the new Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zone (NCOZ), review the schedule and background, provide a brief overview of the work to date involving collaboration with the City of Greenbelt and Greenbelt Homes, Inc., and obtain community comments and ideas from the Greenbelt neighborhood study and potential development standards. All residents, property owners and business owners within the current R-P-C Zone are invited to participate.

Information on the zoning rewrite and the ongoing County-wide Map Amendment project is available at [zoningpgc.pgplanning.com](http://zoningpgc.pgplanning.com). Electronic copies of the adopted new Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision regulations are available on the County Council's project website at [pgccouncil.us/ZOR](http://pgccouncil.us/ZOR). For additional information or any questions about the NCOZ project, email [chad.williams@ppd.mnccpc.org](mailto:chad.williams@ppd.mnccpc.org) or call 301-952-3171.

## Silent Meditation Nurtures Peace

A meditation group meets on Tuesdays at the Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. This gathering is a time to pray for oneself, others and the world in silence. It nurtures inner and outer peace. It reinforces the oneness of all people and creation.

The format for this group is: introductions, 30 minutes of silence and then some sharing. All are welcome to attend, regardless of one's belief system. For more information, contact Patience Robbins at [patience.robbins@gmail.com](mailto:patience.robbins@gmail.com).

## Santa Visits Firehouse For Breakfast/Brunch

Here comes Santa Claus, here comes Santa Claus, right down Crescent Road. Santa will be visiting the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department on Saturday morning, December 14. This is an opportunity for children of all ages to meet and talk to him. The Ladies Auxiliary will be serving breakfast/brunch from 9 a.m. to noon with the Jolly One's arrival anticipated at 9:45 a.m.

Breakfast will feature homemade casseroles, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, rolls, juice, fruit and coffee, along with three popular cold cereals added to the children's menu. There is a fee.

There will be a small gift for each child. Parents, grandparents, friends and neighbors are welcome to bring their cameras and video devices to capture the exciting moments with Santa.

The firehouse is also participating in Prince George's Toys for Tots. Consider bringing a new and unwrapped toy to the Breakfast with Santa.

## At Greenbelt Park

Saturday, December 7, Outdoor Stewardship Volunteer Event. Join the Invasive Plant Team as they monitor and repel the growing threat of invasive plants and insects in Greenbelt Park. Learn valuable information that not only helps the park but can help protect vulnerable species in the region. Meet at the Park Headquarters at 11 a.m. This event lasts until 2 p.m.

Wednesday, December 11, Military and Access pass distribution at Joint Base Andrews Food Court (near the exchange entrance). Military passes and Access passes for veterans with disabilities will be distributed from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## Astronomical Society Holds Solstice Party

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will hold its annual Holiday/Winter Solstice potluck on Thursday, December 12 at 7 p.m. in Room 103 of the Community Center. All are welcome. Bring food to share.



## Community Church Christmas Concert

All are welcome to enjoy a Christmas concert at the Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ, on Sunday, December 8 at 4 p.m., featuring traditional, classical and popular holiday music and a cookie sale.

The concert will begin with classical Christmas music performed by local violinist Rachel Alexander, followed by a selection of solos and duets by singers Carol Bellamy, Jim Tilton and Ken Littlefield. Then all present may join voices for a singalong of traditional Christmas hymns.

During intermission, a Christmas-themed bake sale in the social hall will offer a merry gathering, and many delicious options to impress holiday guests without the work of baking.

During the second half of the show, a favorite local band, The Relics, will perform popular contemporary Christmas songs to get everybody started rockin' around the Christmas Tree. The whole event should, depending on how much fun everyone is having, last under two hours.

A freewill offering will be welcomed, with proceeds to be split between two charitable organizations. Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)/Prince George's County, Inc. is a volunteer-based organization that partners with the juvenile court to improve the lives of children living in foster care who have suffered from abuse and neglect. Casa Ruby, run and led by transgender women of color, is the only LGBTQ bilingual and multicultural organization in the area providing social services and programs catering to the most vulnerable.

## Talk on Grief During the Holidays

Need help dealing with the loss of a loved one during the holidays? On Saturday, December 14 from noon to 1 p.m. the Maryland Health Alliance will offer a free lunch and seminar on managing grief during the holiday season and beyond at the New Deal Café.

RSVP to 240-473-2159 or email [info@md-health.org](mailto:info@md-health.org). Lunch will be served. RSVPs are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome.

## Mowatt Annual Christmas Concert

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church will hold its Annual Christmas Concert Saturday, December 14 at 6:30 p.m. Renew the holiday spirit with classic Christmas hymns like O Come All Ye Faithful and What Child Is This. Jie Fang Goh and Alexander Kostadinov will display their four-hand talents on the piano. Join a host of singers and delight with the season. Refreshments will follow. Mowatt MUMC is located at 40 Ridge Road in Old Greenbelt.

## Phantom Tollbooth Now Playing At GAC

Greenbelt Arts Center presents The Phantom Tollbooth. In this play, the beloved children's fantasy adventure comes to life as Milo and faithful watchdog Tock travel to the Lands Beyond to rescue Princess Sweet Rhyme and Princess Pure Reason from the Castle-in-the-Air.

The play, which features many Greenbelt residents both on- and off-stage, will appeal to all ages, with its fast action and amusing wordplay. Shows run on weekends through Sunday, December 15, with performances on Fridays at 8 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. For tickets and more information, visit [greenbeltartscenter.org](http://greenbeltartscenter.org).

## Helping One Another Through GIVES

Do you know about GIVES? The name stands for Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service. The goal is to help one another. If you would like to have a way to be helpful to others – giving a ride, helping with yard work occasionally, assisting with a sewing project – we can lead you to people who need help now and then.

Come to the GIVES quarterly meeting on Saturday, December 14 at 10 a.m. in the Community Center. Learn how to receive assistance when you need it and to give assistance to others who need it from time to time. Meet with people who have found this organization a rewarding part of living in Greenbelt.

## Arts Advisory Board To Meet in January

The Arts Advisory Board (AAB) will not be meeting on December 3. AAB meets as needed. Based on the online sign-up and agenda tool, there is no urgent business before the board at this time. The next tentative meeting date is Monday, January 7. Sign-ups and agenda items will be shared with members later this month.



## "Black Narcissus"

GATe Greenbelt Access Television  
Friday Dec. 6 through  
Thursday Dec. 12  
9 am, 3 pm, 8 pm



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BY SUSAN NANUS  
BASED ON THE BOOK BY  
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| Program Schedule  | Friday Dec 6 - Thursday Dec 12  |
| 7 am  | Greenbelt News Reel • Community News  |
| 8 am  | Democracy Now! • News & Headlines • with Amy Goodman  |
| 9 am  | GATe Classic Film: The Black Narcissus (1947) • Drama/Color • Deborah Kerr<br>Made Possible by a Grant from Maria Silvia Miller |
| 11 am   | Greenbelt Discussion • Focus on Local Topics  |
| 12 pm   | Greenbelt News Reel • Community News  |
| 1 pm  | Strata: Portraits of Humanity • Newsmagazine • The Human Experience   |
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# Obituaries



## Marjorie Markowich



PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

**Marjorie Markowich**

Marjorie Hope Markowich, born on September 25, 1919, died peacefully in her sleep on Tuesday, November 12, 2019. She was born in Sand Run, W.V., to Waltman and Katie Townsend, who lived on a farm where they raised chickens and grew vegetables and fruit trees. She was one of nine children, with three brothers and five sisters.

When she married Walter Markowich in 1940, they moved to Greenbelt, at which time she converted to Catholicism. She was a devout Catholic and active member of the St. Hugh's Sodality for many years.

Mrs. Markowich raised her seven children at 10-N Southway and felt that Greenbelt was the best place to live. After retirement in 1983, she moved to Green Ridge House. She enjoyed working in the greenhouse, trips to Toby's Dinner Theater, line dancing, yoga and tai chi.

She will be missed and carried in the hearts of her six surviving children, 19 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and seven nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Mass will be held at St. Hugh's Catholic Church on Wednesday, December 11 at 10 a.m.



## Janet Jacobs Parker Dies at 99



PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

**Janet Parker**

Janet Jacobs Parker, a long-time resident of 6 Court Ridge Road, died on October 21, 2019. Born in Pueblo, Colo., in 1920, she graduated from community college and then moved to Washington, D.C., to work for the federal government during the war-time efforts. After she married Isadore Parker, they settled in Greenbelt. As the family grew, they purchased a home in Berwyn Heights. While living there, Janet was instrumental in encouraging Democratic residents of nearby Lakeland, which is now part of College Park, to run for office. After she returned to Greenbelt in the 1980s, she became an active member of the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club.

In 1992, the Greenbelt City Council appointed Janet to the Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB), on which she served until 2016. Upon her retirement from the board, the city council awarded her a Mother and Child statue in recognition of her long service.

While a member of CRAB, Janet was appointed as the board's representative to the Greenbelt Community Center Task Force, which was established to make recommendations on the planned uses for the newly renovated school building. In this role, she is remembered for strongly advocating that the new center be intergenerational in both its tenants and its programming. She was also one of the founders

of the Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES), which will celebrate its 25th anniversary in June.

Janet dedicated her life to her community and to Maryland Democratic values, and she was proud to be a friend of many politicians, including U.S. House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer. In 1997, she received a Peacemaker Award from American University, celebrating her efforts to bring peace and cultural understanding in Russia while taking a Gray Panthers cruise on the Dnieper River.

Janet was pre-deceased by her brother, Jerome Jacobs, and is survived by her sister, Doro-

thy Rosenblatt, and her children Sharon O'Keefe, Naomi Hatch, Mitchell Parker and Shelley Parker. Her daughter Marsha died in 2014. She also leaves four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The family expects to hold a memorial gathering in the spring. Donations may be made in Janet's honor to the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes (JFGH) in Rockville or to a charity of the donor's choice.

- Naomi Parker Hatch

## Phyllis Douglas

Phyllis Douglas, 73, of Easley, S.C., and former Greenbelt resident, died at home on December 2, 2019. Phyllis had moved to Easley to be closer to her daughter and grandsons. She had worked part-time at the Greenbelt Library. She loved her time at the library. Prior to living in Greenbelt, she resided in Baltimore.

She was a longtime fan of the Baltimore Orioles and the old Baltimore Colts. Phyllis is survived by her daughter, Kalani Foster, her grandsons and her son-in-law.



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

Janet Parker receives a Mother and Child statue from Mayor Emmett Jordan in 2016.

### Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

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Find us on [facebook.com/mowattumc](https://www.facebook.com/mowattumc)

301-474-9410

Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

Worship Service 10 a.m.

Save the date: Christmas Cantata December 14, 6:30.

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3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi

Phone: 301-937-3666

[www.pbuuc.org](http://www.pbuuc.org)

Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

Sunday, December 8 10 a.m.

"Through a New Lens: Expanding Cultural Awareness"

Dr. Abby Crowley with Workshop Associate Clark Ritz

PBUUC member and former DRE Dr. Abby Crowley recently returned from the Philippines where she served in the Peace Corps. She will share her insights and experiences and suggest ways that we, as UUs, can embody the spirit of cross-cultural understanding and connection.

### Christian Science Church

8300 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, MD

"They that wait on the Lord shall renew their Strength." Is.

Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Church Service 10:30 a.m.

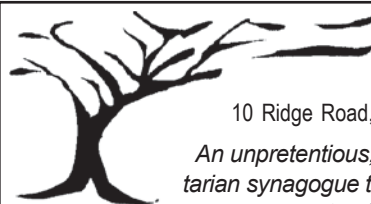
Wednesday meeting 7:30 p.m.



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MCFcc.org

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United Church of Christ

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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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# City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched.  
We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

## GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING Municipal Building, Monday, December 9 2019, 8:00 p.m.

### ORGANIZATION

Call to Order  
Roll Call  
Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag  
Consent Agenda – Approval of Staff Recommendations  
(Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by \*] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)  
Approval of Agenda and Additions

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### Presentations

#### Public Hearing - Ordinance to Revise Forest Preserve Article

#### Petitions and Requests

(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

#### Minutes of Council Meeting

#### Administrative Reports

#### \* Committee Reports

\* Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Report (Open Forum of September 21, 2019)

\* Advisory Planning Board Report #2019-11 (Detailed Site Plan – NRP Multifamily Development Proposal)

\* Forest Preserve Advisory Board Report # 2019-07 (Updates to the Forest Preserve Stewardship Guidelines)

\* Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability - (Detailed Site Plan - NRP Multifamily Development Proposal) Suggested Action: Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate Council's acceptance of this report.

### LEGISLATION

#### OTHER BUSINESS

- NRP Multifamily Development Proposal-Capital Office Park (Detailed Site Plan)
- Axon Contract Renewal - Police Body Cameras, Tasers & Related Training
- Submission of Comments on Proposed Bureau of Engraving and Printing Facility at BARC
- Memorandum of Understanding - Ring Doorbell
- City Participation in an Opioid Lawsuit
- Council Activities
- Council Reports
- \* Resignation from Advisory Group
- \* Appointments to Advisory Boards
- \* Letter - Thank You to the Prince George's County School Board of Education
- \* Letter - Maryland - National Capital Park and Planning Commission/ Maglev

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail [banderson@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:banderson@greenbeltmd.gov) to reach the City Clerk.

**BAKE AND WREATH Sale**  
To Benefit the Animal Shelter!  
**Sunday, December 8 10am-2pm**  
**Greenbelt Co-Op Ramp**  
Sponsored by Greenbelt WAGS



**Congratulations to our Gobble Wobble winners!**  
L-R: Lexie Monahan (3<sup>rd</sup> Place 22:36), Rebekah Pase (2<sup>nd</sup> Place 22:22), Mary Commins (1<sup>st</sup> Place 22:03), John Ausema (1<sup>st</sup> Place 19:39), Stephen Allen 2<sup>nd</sup> Place 20:52), and Ian Gleason (3<sup>rd</sup> Place 21:06)

It was a wonderful start to Thanksgiving Day with over 200 participants! See our pictures at [www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt](http://www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt).

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### MEETINGS FOR DECEMBER 9-13

Monday, December 9 at 6:30pm **YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road *On the Agenda: Election Results, Meet & Greet dates, Awareness Campaign, Crime Prevention, and NLC March 8-11, 2020*

Monday, December 9 at 8:00pm **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING ON FOREST PRESERVE ARTICLE OF THE CITY CODE** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road *Live on Comcast 71 and 996, Verizon 21 and Streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv)*

Tuesday, December 10 at 7:00pm **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES at Public Works, 555 Crescent Road.** *On the Agenda: Eleanor Roosevelt Memorial Tree*

Tuesday, December 10 at 8:00pm **SPECIAL MEETING/CLOSED SESSION** See notice below.

Wednesday, December 11 at 8:00pm **COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/ Greenbelt Station** at Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane

Thursday, December 12 at 7:00pm **HANOVER PARKWAY BAIKE-WAY ALTERNATIVE COMMUNITY MEETING** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Thursday, December 12 at 7:30pm **COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD** at Schrom Hills Park Community Building, 6915 Hanover Parkway. *On the Agenda: Community Feedback, Discussion of Youth Forum and Council Work Session, and Referral from Council – Greenbelt Residents who Celebrate their 100th Birthday*

**This schedule is subject to change.**  
**For meeting confirmation please call 301-474-8000.**

### OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(9) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, a Closed Session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019, immediately following the Special Meeting which begins at 8:00 p.m. in the Library of the Municipal Building.

The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss upcoming collective bargaining negotiations.

\*The public may attend the Special Meeting of the City Council immediately prior to the closed session and observe the vote of Council to move into closed session on Tuesday, December 10, 2019, at 8:00 pm

### VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Ethics Commission, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Public Safety Advisory Committee, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and Youth Advisory Committee

For more info: 301-474-8000

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Greenbelt City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 9, 2019, at 8:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. This meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of this meeting will be to hear from the public on proposed changes to the Forest Preserve Article of the City Code. Copies of these proposed changes are available on the City website or by contacting the City Manager's Office.

For further information, please call 301-474-8000.  
Shaniya Lashley-Mullen  
Administrative Assistant

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We have the answer for you at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center.

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## GREENBELT FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

### COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING WITH SANTA Roosevelt Center, Friday, December 6, 7pm, FREE

Roosevelt Center will sparkle with lights as Greenbelters gather to welcome Santa, who arrives on a fire truck to light the community tree. A musical performance by the Greenbelt Concert Band Brass Choir will herald Santa's grand entrance. Complimentary cookies and hot chocolate will be provided by Greenbelt Recreation. Immediately following the tree lighting, please come inside the Old Greenbelt Theatre and enjoy "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (1966).

### DECO THE HALLS AT THE GREENBELT MUSEUM HOUSE

Friday, December 6, 7pm-9pm, FREE

Visit the Museum house at 10-B Crescent immediately after the City's tree lighting, to see Deco the Halls, an exhibit of art deco and vintage holiday decorations. Take a quick free tour of this fully furnished original Greenbelt home, which sparkles and glows at night. Then peruse the gift shop, freshly stocked with new holiday merchandise. House and gift shop open 7:00pm-9:00pm. For more information, call 301-507-6582 or visit [greenbeltmuseum.org](http://greenbeltmuseum.org).



### FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS JURIED ART AND CRAFT FAIR

Greenbelt Community Center  
Saturday, December 7, 10am-5pm  
Sunday, December 8, 10am-4pm

- FREE all-ages craft workshop: 1:00pm-3:00pm
- Artists' studio open house and sale: 1:00pm-4:00pm

#### Greenbelt Arts Center café open during all fair hours.

Shop for original, hand-made wares, direct from local artisans. Also, Greenbelt Museum and Friends of Greenbelt Theatre gifts! Something special for all ages, styles, and occasions.

### GREENBELT FARMERS MARKET – OUTDOOR HOLIDAY MARKET

Sunday, December 8, 10am-2pm  
Behind the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road

Information at [www.greenbeltfarmersmarket.org](http://www.greenbeltfarmersmarket.org)

### SANTA'S VISIT

Ages Pre-K+  
Saturday, December 7 10am-12pm  
Greenbelt Youth Center, 99 Centerway

Santa has fit time into his busy holiday schedule! All children will receive a FREE picture with Santa!

### ELVES' WORKSHOP 39502-1 Ages 6-12

Greenbelt Youth Center, 99 Centerway Pre-Register 301-397-2200  
Saturday, December 7, 1:30pm-3:30pm; \$10 per person

Pre-registration is required. Spend the afternoon with Santa's Elves creating holiday crafts and treats.

### NORTH POLE CALLING

Tuesday, December 10 - Thursday, December 12, 6pm-7:30pm Ages pre-school through second grade – FREE

Complete the informational flyer available online and throughout City facilities for your child's opportunity to chat.

### GREENBELT CONCERT BAND HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONCERT

Monday, December 9, 7pm at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Gym  
FREE Hear all your holiday favorites!

Greenbelt Dance Studio: **THE NEW DEAL NUT: A Greenbelt Nutcracker**  
Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, 301-397-2208

Saturday, December 14, 3pm

Sunday, December 15, 11am and 3pm  
An original production inspired by holiday favorite, The Nutcracker. Set in Greenbelt past and present, The New Deal Nut: A Greenbelt Nutcracker features a range of dance styles performed by a talented cast of dancers from elementary through high school.

Tickets on sale now: \$5 To order tickets, call or visit the Community Center business office(301-397-2208) Monday-Friday, 9am to 4:30pm.



# Community Interfaith Service: A Moment for Giving Thanks

by Mary Moien



Jean Cook leads the Combined Choir at the Community Thanksgiving Celebration at Mishkan Torah Synagogue on Wednesday, November 27.

On Thanksgiving Eve, Rabbi Saul Oresky welcomed the community to Mishkan Torah Synagogue to celebrate Greenbelt's Community Thanksgiving Celebration. Organized by the Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association (GILA), the celebration rotates annually among congregations throughout the city. The Greenbelt Combined Choir, under the direction of Jean Cook, sang songs of the Thanksgiving season. Susan Breon accompanied on the piano. The congregation joined in on several pieces including America the Beautiful as the closing song.

Messages of unity, peace and community were presented by Teslim Alghali of Sierra Leone Islamic Center, Fay Lundin of Mowatt United Methodist Church, Anna Langerak of Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and Alice Metrick from the Greenbelt Catholic Community.

A freewill offering for the city's Emergency Relief Fund was collected at the service. Susan Walker, of St. Hugh's Catholic Church, spoke about donating to the fund. She gave a recent example of a family whose eviction was prevented through the joint financial efforts of the Emergency Relief Fund, two churches and Prince George's County Social Services. Almost two thousand dollars was collected at the service. To donate to the fund, send a check made out to City of Greenbelt and in



Alhaji Teslim Alghali of the Sierra Leone Islamic Center addresses attendees at the Community Thanksgiving Celebration.

- Photos Courtesy Mishkan Torah Synagogue

the memo line write Emergency Relief Fund and mail to 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

The celebration concluded with a blessing of the gifts by

Karen Yoho of Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ and a closing prayer by Farinaz Firouzi of Greenbelt Bahá'i Community.



Rabbi Saul Oresky welcomes all to the Community Thanksgiving Celebration.

## Thanksgiving at St. Hugh's



The annual Thanksgiving Day dinner at St. Hugh's is hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Typically about 150 people attend the dinner, which is provided free of charge. Attendees include parishioners who do not have family in the area and live alone, and community members in need, e.g. food pantry recipients, and some homeless individuals.



- Photos by David A. Mann

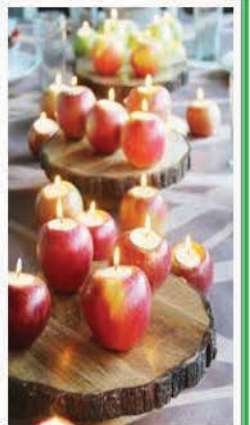


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### Holiday Farmers Market and Craft Show

Fresh bread, apples, vegan specials, aromatic coffee, veggies, mushrooms, local wines, music and more.



Sunday Dec. 8 10 to 2

Parking lot, steps from the Community Center Arts and Crafts show. Check out both.

[GreenbeltFarmersMarket.org](http://GreenbeltFarmersMarket.org)



# Lions Pancake Breakfast Features Santa and More

by Konrad Herling

Mark this Saturday, December 7 from 8 to 11 a.m. on your holiday calendar to enjoy the Greenbelt Lions Club Pancake Breakfast at the American Legion, 6900 Greenbelt Road. For over 30 years, the breakfast has been a part of the community's holiday festivities and a tasty way to get Saturday's activities started. In addition to the pancakes, eggs, bagels with cream cheese, juice and coffee will be served. Children age 10 and under can enter for free. Additionally, veterans, along with one guest, can come to the event for free provided they confirm that tickets are still available by calling 301-474-8964.

The breakfast always features a jolly Santa to hear from the youngsters. This year, in addition to Santa's wise advice and listening skills, there will be face painting and balloon twisting provided by Shaymar Higgs, noted for his fine work teaching the arts to young people of Greenbelt. (See more about Higgs's work in the April 18, 2019 and May 16, 2019 issues of the Greenbelt News Review.) Also making for an entertaining morning will be The Hometown USA Barbershop

Chorus whom Greenbelters have heard perform for many years at the Memorial Day and Veterans Day programs at the Roosevelt Center.

Additionally, there will be at least two raffle prizes. One will be a one-year family membership to the Old Greenbelt Theatre, another will be food and gifts from Mission Barbeque. Additionally, two tickets to a play at the Greenbelt Arts Center will be offered. The Lions are still working to secure additional raffle prizes from the local business community. The Lions Club acknowledges the guidance received from the city's Economic Development Coordinator, Charise Liggins. Beltway Plaza has helped with some of the costs of food. The Rotary Club has made a significant contribution to cover the cost of the toasted bagels and cream cheese.

The Lions have been involved with helping folks with vision and hearing challenges, caring for the environment, feeding the hungry and helping folks recover from storms. From White Cane Drives to Pancake Breakfasts, the Greenbelt Lions Club message is "We Serve."

# The Effects of Climate Change From a Greenbelt Perspective

by Kaitlyn Cupelli

Meteorologist Greg Porter says Greenbelt residents can continue to expect humid summers and above- or below-normal temperatures throughout the year due to climate change.

While summers are likely to remain very wet and humid, heat and humidity could carry into months where they might not be expected. This means an 80-degree day in February might not be out of the question.

"Don't expect the months that corresponded to certain seasonal weather 25 years ago to hold up in this day and age," said Porter, a Greenbelt resident who is a member of the Washington Post's Capital Weather Gang.

In the summer of 2018, the most notable record set was the amount of precipitation that the East Coast received. In fact, D.C. and Baltimore received the most precipitation on record.

Porter maintained a weather station at his house, just southwest of Greenbelt Lake. He would report all precipitation numbers to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Weather Service.

"I ended up with 70.92 inches of precipitation for 2018, including all snowfall," Porter said. "That's a whole lot of precipitation."

Porter also spoke about the drought during the latter part of this summer, which came as a surprise considering how much precipitation there was in 2018.

"In short, the quick onset of drought conditions is directly related to how hot and dry September was," Porter said.

While there's usually a fair number of thunderstorms during September and at least one coastal storm that provides several days of rain, that wasn't the case this year. Instead, "we

immediately got hot," but lacked any real moisture to kick up any thunderstorms, says Porter.

Still, don't expect this to become the norm.

"I'd be willing to say it was an anomaly of sorts. Expect our summer seasons to continue to get wetter," Porter said.

Looking forward, the Delmarva area can expect thunderstorms to yield heavier rain in the near future. There is also the increasing temperature of the Chesapeake Bay and waters near the Delmarva coast.

"Increased contrast between warmer surface water temperatures and land temperatures will only serve to fuel the water output of coastal storms and thunderstorms," Porter said.

The best thing for Greenbelt residents to do is to be aware of what's happening, according to Porter. While real change in the area of climate change happens at a global level, being aware of rising temperatures and increased precipitation is important for staying safe in the future.

## NAMI Offers Family Support Group

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) will offer a group session for family and friends supporting adult loved ones with mental health conditions on Tuesday, December 10 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. This free meeting will be held at Interdynamics, Inc., 8181 Professional Place, Suite 200 in Landover.



## City Notes

The Aquatic & Fitness Center delivered Greenbelt's generous food donations to the Berwyn Presbyterian Church Food Pantry.

Due to limited resources and excessive hamsters, Animal Control called Small Angels Rescue for help: they took four hamsters. Chloe the dog met with potential adopters and she will be in a home before the holidays. A stray dog was captured and reunited with owner. The shelter now accommodates two hamsters, eight kittens, three cats and a dog.

The Youth Center hosted the Annual Gobble Wobble walk/run on Thanksgiving day.

The Municipal Building is displaying art celebrating the 60th anniversary of NASA Goddard missions.

Public Works administrative staff worked on solar farm options.

Horticulture/Parks crew planted five crab apple trees along American Legion Drive.

Refuse/Recycling crew collected 20.59 tons of refuse and 10.14 tons of recyclable material.

Building Maintenance crew removed graffiti and repainted garage doors at the Aquatic & Fitness Center.

## Gift Wrapping Fundraiser

The Association for Animal Rights, Inc., Adopt a Pet Center, is having a gift wrapping fundraiser event. All proceeds will go to saving the lives of animals in need by supplying them with food, shelter and medical attention. The event starts on Thursday, December 5 and will end Sunday, December 22. This will take place every Thursday and Friday 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. and every Saturday and Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Stop in at the shelter, located at 67 Main Street, Reisterstown, Md., or call 410-526-5224. Nominal present wrapping prices depend on the size. This includes a choice of gift wrap, gift tag and bow.



## Short Plays Created By UMD Students

The Muses: Original Works Project, Fall 2019 will be presented on Sunday, December 8 at 3 p.m. in the Cafritz Foundation Theatre at The Clarice. The Muses proudly present this free and memorable night of short plays created and produced by students.

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# Travels with News Review



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**Fred Shadding brings his News Review along on a trip to Durban, South Africa, for a conference in mid-November.**



PHOTO COURTESY OF ANA BATUN

**Ana Batun and her husband, Juan Haro visit family in Málaga, Spain. They display their copy of the News Review at the Teatro Romano and Alcazaba in Málaga, pictured with Ana's mother and brother.**



PHOTO BY KATHRYN BEARD

**This turkey near the lake did not wind up on someone's Thanksgiving table.**

**Christmas Concert**

Sunday, December 8, 4 - 6:00 PM

Greenbelt Community Church, 1 Hillside Road

Traditional Christmas tunes and a carol sing-along along with a performance by The Relics plus a Bake Sale

The proceeds from the event go to: CASA of PG County and Casa Ruby



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2191 Defense Highway, Suite 201  
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District Heights, Maryland 20747  
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13900 Baltimore Avenue  
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A Review

# The Phantom Tollbooth at GAC: A Family-Friendly Smash Hit

by Sandy Rodgers

A delightful production of *The Phantom Tollbooth*, a fantasy fairy tale for the whole family, is currently playing at the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC). The Sunday, December 1 matinee played to a full house. To judge by the applause and laughter, everyone, from children to adults young and old, thoroughly enjoyed it. Director Jon Gardner led the talented cast in delivering a wonderful performance and the actors are without exception terrific. The production continues at GAC Friday evenings at 8 p.m. on December 6 and 13 and Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. on December 7, 8, 14 and 15.

The play tells the story of a bored young boy named Milo, played with spunk and humor by Harper Chadwick. As Milo lounges around his bedroom one afternoon, he unexpectedly receives the delivery of a magic tollbooth and having nothing better to do, drives through it in his toy car. He is magically led on an expedition to reach the Kingdom of Wisdom, once prosperous but now troubled. Along his journey, Milo acquires two faithful companions, a watchdog (with a clock face on his chest) named Tock (Findley Holland) and the Humbug (Aref Dajani).

It seems the two halves of the kingdom are split. King Azaz, the Unabridged (Dave Buckingham) ruler of Dictionopolis, where all the words come from and the Mathemagician (Wes Dennis) ruler of Digitopolis, where all the numbers come from, are locked in a bitter dispute over which is more important, words or numbers.

The princesses of Sweet Rhyme (Stella Raymond) and Pure Reason (Ruby Raymond), who are responsible for settling disputes, have told them that both are equally important, but the stubborn rulers refuse to cede their positions and banish the princesses to the Castle in the Air. Without Rhyme and Reason, chaos reigns in the Kingdom of Wisdom. The play is full of puns and wordplay that will tickle everyone's funny bone.

Milo, Tock and the Humbug are enlisted to go on a quest to persuade the rulers of both kingdoms to reconcile. Their expedition first takes them to Dictionopolis to meet with the king and his advisors. Word play, nonsense and laughter ensue. There are the Letterman (Julia May), the Spelling Bee (Sophie Cooper) and the Everpresent Wordsnatcher (Julia Frank). The Page is played by Calista Ausema. The king tells Milo and friends they must talk to the Mathemagician, so they move on.

When the threesome arrives at Digitopolis they find the Dodecahedron (Daniel Dausman). He leads them to the Mathemagician who expounds on the importance of numbers and holds forth with his ministers. The trio also visits the numbers miners at work (Linden Dirksen, Kirsten Hines, Jason Kalshoven, Penny Martin and Kaitlyn Whiting). Milo and friends have no luck resolving the dispute. In the end, it becomes clear they must rescue the exiled princesses Rhyme and Reason

Milo (Harper Chadwick) meets the Mathemagician (Wes Dennis).



- Photos by Jon Gardner



From left, Greenbelters Penny Martin (minister), Aref Dajani (Humbug) and Linden Dirksen (minister) react during the show.



Princesses Sweet Rhyme (Stella Raymond, right) and Pure Reason (Ruby Raymond) give their verdict on the dispute.

and restore balance to the Kingdom, and they set off to do just that.

Milo, Tock and the Humbug are stymied on their journey by many obstacles, as expressed in the characters' names. There are Kakafonous A. Dischord (Michael Abendshein), the Whether Man (Lydia Kalshoven) and the Awful Dynne (Faith Ball). And then there are the Demon of Insincerity (Grace Krage), the Senses Taker (Julia May) and the Lethargarians (Daniel Dausman, Julia May, Sophie Cooper, Julia Frank, Grace Krage and Emily Kranking).

When the play reaches its rousing finale, all is well with the world and Milo returns to his bedroom. Over the course of his adventures, Milo learns valuable lessons and finds a love of learning.

Kudos are in order for the imaginative and well-crafted set design. The locations are established by a backdrop of one to three rotating large paintings changed by the props team in each scene: Milo's bedroom, the Woods, Dictionopolis, Digitopolis,

the Land of Ignorance and the Castle in the Air. Digitopolis's numbers mine is an especially cool feature. It consists of a large black board, the size of the other paintings, with giant black numbers. As the miners hammer numbers, one by one each number begins to light up with LED lights, until they are all lit at the end. Costumes are also creative, quirky and fun.

For tickets, and to find out about other productions coming soon, visit [greenbeltartscenter.org](http://greenbeltartscenter.org).

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The Greenbelt Library is temporarily closed while new shelving and carpeting are being installed to improve the customer experience. The Library will reopen on Tuesday, January 21, 2020.

During this closure, the Library hopes customers will visit nearby branches, such as those in New Carrollton and Beltsville, for their various library needs. The Passport Acceptance Service is also suspended during the closure, so applicants should consider visiting the New Carrollton Library for this service. Online catalog access and all eLibrary resources remain available to library patrons outside the branch via the internet without interruption. The book drop is accessible for returning items as regular due dates still apply to all items

borrowed by patrons. Items may also be returned to any operating library in the county.

Storytime on Screen at Old Greenbelt Theatre: Monday, December 9, 10:30 a.m., ages newborn to 5. Bring a baby, toddler or pre-schooler to the Old Greenbelt Theatre 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.

Ready to Read Storytimes at the Community Center: Wednesday, December 11, 10:15 a.m., ages 3 to 5, limit 30 people; 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3, limit 30 people. Thursday, December 12, 11:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2, limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s). Bring children to the library's storytimes at the Community Center, Room 202.



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Work on Greenbelt Library's renovation is underway. On December 4, workers moved shelving out in preparation for new carpets.



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process, gave the public an opportunity to learn about the proposed move and the planning process that will go into it per the National Environmental Policy Act that requires an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

"We want them to understand what the process is," said Harvey Johnson, the Corps program manager for this project. "People, with the information presented tonight, will understand how the process will unfold."

It also gave opportunity for the public to comment on the proposal.

Greenbelt community members cited concerns about traffic, other potential for the site and especially environmental concerns.

"I think it would really ruin the green space that we have," said Jane Young. "It'd be an environmental nightmare. It wouldn't have the dark night skies there anymore, forget all the animals that need that habitat; it would just be industrial. And there would be a lot of waste."

Marcia Van Horn agreed, saying "this site is what America is missing. The forest edge with open space and spotted trees." She cited it as an important habitat for wildlife, specifically birds.

City Councilmember Rodney Roberts referred to the proposal as "a nightmare."

"With climate change, and trying to address that issue, there's no way we can do this to our land and address climate change," Roberts said. "We have to protect property like this from this kind

of development. That's what our community was about originally."

He said that the rest of council also opposes the proposal.

The aforementioned news release said public comments "will be considered before any decision is made" to carry out the proposal.

Some members of the public, though, were skeptical.

"They don't want comments, negative comments, obviously," Van Horn said, saying that she hopes, but was doubtful, that those comments will be taken into account.

Johnson disagreed with that sentiment.

"Absolutely they will be taken into account," Johnson said. "If there's one thing we take away from this process today it's that we're encouraging people to formally submit their comments."

However, they said public concern would influence the planning process but not likely shut down the planning entirely.

The next public comment period will begin with the release of the EIS draft, which is expected in summer 2021. The current public comment period ends December 15, and people can submit comments about the proposal through email to [BEP-EIS@usace.army.mil](mailto:BEP-EIS@usace.army.mil) or through mail, to Harvey Johnson, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District Programs and Project Management Division, 2 Hopkins Plaza, 10th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21201.



PHOTO BY GRACE KATHLEEN TODD

Citizens meet for an open house discussion of the proposed move of one of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing's two production facilities.

## Parks Supervisor Retires



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

Joe Doss, left, Greenbelt Parks Supervisor, celebrates with his colleagues, including Richard Sorzano at his retirement party on November 22. Doss worked for the city for 31 years.

# Video Series Promotes City Government Departments

by Margaret Attridge

The City of Greenbelt has found a new way to promote the different segments of local government and highlight the usually overlooked work that those departments accomplish.

The first four videos of a series for Municipal Government Works month have been posted to the City of Greenbelt's Facebook page, each one focusing on a different section of local government and how it uniquely benefits the community.

The divisions highlighted include the Department of Recreation and the Department of Public Works. "We are Maryland Sustainable Certified," said Jim Sterling, director of Public Works. "As part of that certification, there are events that we do throughout the year that include composting, stream restoration, energy efficiency or renewable energy."

The two other departments highlighted are the Greenbelt Police Department and Greenbelt CARES. The Greenbelt Police Department is a full municipal police department open 24/7 for service calls ranging from alarms and motor vehicle crashes to serious criminal events, according to Chief Richard Bowers. Greenbelt police also work with other local government departments, including Greenbelt CARES.

"We work with the Greenbelt Police Department. If somebody has been a victim of a crime or somehow has had contact with the police, we can offer them support services," said Greenbelt CARES Director Liz Park.

Greenbelt CARES also offers a range of counseling and support services including immediate crisis counseling, vocational and educational counseling and community programs.

"Greenbelt CARES is here to help you with any questions or services you may need some connection with. We welcome any calls from the community because we really want to help people whether we can help them directly, or help them connect to a service that may be helpful to them," said Park.

Residents who want more information on any local government department can visit the City of Greenbelt website

Film stills from Municipal Moments videos feature Economic Development Coordinator Charise Liggins (right), Acting Director of Recreation Greg Varda (below) and Director of IT Dale Worley (bottom).



- Photos by Beverly Palau



([greenbeltmd.gov](http://greenbeltmd.gov)) or Facebook page ([facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt](https://facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt)) to watch the video series produced by the public information office. New videos are expected to go up each day of the week.

"The Public Information Office is trying to highlight the

various city departments and the things people do in the City of Greenbelt. It was just a way to highlight all the hard work everyone does around here and draw attention to each department and what their main functions are," said Public Information Specialist Jennifer Sterling.

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# Officers Receive Recognition For Courage Under Threat

by Matthew Arbach



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Four Greenbelt police officers recently received the Bronze Star. From left are Master Police Officer Jason Cressman, Corporal Michael Apgar, Sergeant Jermaine Gulledge and Officer Dylan Davis.

On November 21, four Greenbelt police officers were awarded the Bronze Star: Master Police Officer Jason Cressman, Corporal Michael Apgar, Sergeant Jermaine Gulledge and Officer Dylan Davis. This is the third highest award given to officers. According to Greenbelt Police Public Information Liaison George Mathews, the award is bestowed "to those officers who have shown courage, intelligence and devotion to duty during the apprehension and arrest of an armed or dangerous subject."

The incident occurred on Sep-

tember 27 in Greenbelt. The officers were responding to a call made on a suspect who was under an open warrant for stealing a handgun from a local gun range. After obtaining an arrest warrant, the officers were eventually able to make contact with the individual at her Greenbelt residence. After peaceful custody was attempted, the suspect moved away from the officers and brandished a gun at them. According to Mathews, "the officers were able to disarm the suspect and place her in custody without further incident."

The gun in the incident was loaded. It was indicated from an additional call concerning the suspect that mental health issues were likely involved.

Said Police Chief Richard Bowers, "these officers displayed courage, knowing that they were dealing with a person in a mental health crisis who was armed. If not for their actions the outcome could have been tragic. I am extremely proud of them and how they represent the City of Greenbelt Police Department."



# Police Corporal Matthew Inzeo Honored for Outstanding Work

by Stan Zirkin

Corporal Matthew Inzeo, a Greenbelt resident and police officer with the Prince George's County Police Department, has received two separate commendations from the department for outstanding police work, one for helping to save an infant's life and the second for helping to secure the arrest of multiple alleged felons and the confiscation of illegal handguns and drugs. Each incident was described in certificates presented to him, the first on August 9 and the second on November 21.

According to the certificate, on May 2 Inzeo responded to a call reporting a drowning accident in Lanham involving a 16-month-old child. As described by Major Mistinette Mints, Commander, District II, Inzeo's "quick actions and professional judgment were directly responsible for securing and de-escalating a traumatic



PHOTO COURTESY PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY POLICE

Corporal Matthew Inzeo

scene, calming frantic family members and facilitating first response efforts needed to save the life of the infant."

Another incident occurred on January 1, also in Lanham. Inzeo and fellow officers received a

call reporting a breaking and entering incident. According to Chief of Police Henry Stawinski, as a direct result of Inzeo's "rapid response and sound police tactics 12 dangerous felons were apprehended" and "over 48 grams of narcotics and three loaded handguns were recovered." Stawinski concluded that "your coordinated efforts demonstrate your commitment to the safety of the residents of Prince George's County and reflect well on the Department."

Inzeo is a highly decorated veteran of the police force. He was named Officer of the Month in August 2017, an award described in the September 14, 2017, issue of the News Review. In November 2018 he received a Lifesaving Award from the police department, reported in the December 20, 2018, issue of the News Review.

# 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.

### Vandalism

November 25, 8:38 a.m., 100 block Centerway. Graffiti was spray-painted on the walls of the Aquatic & Fitness Center.

November 25, 11:25 a.m., Crescent Road near Hillside Road. Graffiti was spray-painted on the walls of the underpass.

### Vehicle Crime

A blue 2004 Mitsubishi Outlander SUV with Maryland tags 30821CF was stolen on November 21 on Springhill Drive near Breezewood Drive.

A 1994 Honda Accord reported stolen October 25 from the 6100 block Breezewood Drive was recovered by Hyattsville police on Jamestown Road and Lancer Place. The tags on the car at the time of theft, Maryland 5DK2061, were not recovered and are still listed as stolen.

Catalytic converters were taken from two vehicles on November 26, one in the 7800 block Hanover Parkway and the other in the 7900 block Mandan Road. Four tires and rims were taken in the 7600 block Mandan Road.

Home surveillance footage in the 6700 block Springshire Way on November 26 showed that at approximately 4:19 a.m. three men walked up to an unlocked work van and removed power tools before they fled.

Windows were broken out in six vehicles in the 6100 block

Breezewood Drive, 9000 block Breezewood Terrace, 9100 block Springhill Court and 6600 block Lake Park Drive.

Windows were also broken and a purse taken in the 7600 block Ora Glen Drive.

Two tires were flattened and wires to fog lights of the same vehicle were cut in the 6000 block Springhill Drive.

### Pre-Thanksgiving Traffic Checkpoint

Throughout Wednesday evening, November 27, Greenbelt police joined forces with Maryland State police providing a checkpoint and saturation patrols in Greenbelt to discourage driving under the influence (DUI).

The evening before Thanksgiving is commonly called Drinksgiving, due to impaired drivers making the roads hazardous. During the evening's activities, officers educated over 400 citizens about the dangers of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Manning the checkpoint from 6 to 9 p.m., followed by saturation patrols from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m., police issued 106 citations and 43 warnings, made 10 DUI arrests and even recovered a stolen vehicle.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter.

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to approve purchase of a 2020 Ford F-550 dump truck via a State of Maryland blanket purchase order from Apple Ford in Columbia at a cost of \$84,134. This truck will replace an existing truck that is also equipped with a snow plow and spreader. The city's budgeted replacement fund for next year includes \$84,500 to cover this purchase. Councilmember Rodney Roberts did not support the purchase because he considered it to be a waste of money to have 4-wheel drive on a truck that large.

In a follow-up to information and a request received from resident Molly Lester regarding plans for the Prince George's County Memorial Library System to hire an archivist to manage its special collections, including the Tugwell Room in the Greenbelt Library, council unanimously voted to send a letter to the CEO of the library system in support of this plan.

### Legislative Priorities

In December, prior to the opening of the General Assembly session, the city council hosts a dinner with the city's state and county representatives to present the city's top legislative priorities for the year. Proposed priorities were presented in a document prepared by Assistant City Manager David Moran. The top five priorities were listed as opposing state takeover and privatization of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, opposing widening of the Beltway, blocking maglev routes through Greenbelt and the county, funding Greenbelt Road Streetscape improvements and opposition to moving the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. Other priorities were listed as: increasing M-NCPPC funding for city recreation programs, replacing sidewalks on state roads, banning plastic straws statewide and improvement to the Greenbelt Metro Station. While council was supportive of these items, a long discussion ensued regarding reordering and possibly adding to them.

### Opioid Lawsuit

An item was placed on the agenda by Byrd proposing to engage legal counsel to represent the city in joining litigation related to the impacts of the opioid crisis on city services. He named

other local municipalities that are participating. While information received from the Police Department some time ago had suggested that opioid addiction was not having a big impact in Greenbelt, councilmembers agreed that more recent information from the police gives much greater cause for alarm. Following considerable discussion about the merits of joining the lawsuit, City Solicitor Todd Pounds offered to look into the matter further. Council accepted that offer and agreed to postpone the discussion until the December 9 regular meeting.

### Surprise Billing

Another item placed on the agenda by the mayor was to send a letter to Greenbelt's representatives in Congress requesting support for Federal legislation to include independent dispute resolution to help address surprise medical billing. Surprise medical billing results when patients unknowingly receive services from an out-of-network provider while in an in-network facility. This item passed without discussion.

### Consent Agenda

A number of actions were taken on the consent agenda, which means the staff recommendation is accepted without discussion or a formal vote. Councilmembers may request that items be removed from the consent agenda for discussion at the beginning of the meeting if they wish.

By accepting the consent agenda at this meeting council accomplished the following: granted a floating holiday for employees to take when they wish during the year rather than extending the Christmas holiday; agreed to send a letter of support for U.S. Senate bill and a House resolution to address the maintenance backlog of the National Park Service; directed that a letter be sent to the State Highway Administration regarding a missing traffic light at Hanover Parkway and Greenbelt Road; directed staff to prepare a Request for Qualifications for legal services related to the proposed maglev and highway widening projects; and approved an MOU permitting use by the Greenbelt Library of space for certain children's programs in the Community and Youth Centers while the library is closed during December and January.

## Community Compost Recycles Food Scraps

Learn how to recycle food scraps at the hot compost station near Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Join with neighbors to participate in a system that turns food scraps and wood chips into compost. Keep food scraps from creating methane at the landfill. Instead, return them to the earth to nurture new plants and flowers.

A free 90-minute training session will be held on Saturday, December 7 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Additional trainings will occur in 2020, exact dates to be determined.

To participate and sign up for training, apply online at this address: <http://tinyurl.com/GBCapp1>.

Email questions to: Greenbelt-NeighborhoodCompost@gmail.com.

## Mudd Museum Offers Victorian Christmas

The Dr. Samuel Mudd Museum will have its annual Victorian Christmas this weekend. It will take place on Friday, December 6 from 4 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, December 7 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Sunday, December 8 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. There will be Civil War reenactors, Civil War artifacts on display and costumed docents throughout the museum. There is an admission fee. The museum is located at 3725 Dr. Samuel Mudd Road, Waldorf. For more information, call 301-645-6870. Greenbelters Kathy Labukas and Donna Peterson are longtime docents at the museum.



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financially so well? What is going to make a difference to its bottom line? The Co-op is not doing well for mainly one reason: poor management. Management is guilty of apathy and lack of imagination and initiative. Management has failed to find high quality products to be able to compete with local stores, in particular MOM's. If you can't find products, particularly organic produce that compete in quality with local stores, you have no reason to stay in business. Organic produce and organic food are slowly, but surely, becoming mainstream. In our town, many people know that the numerous pesticides still allowed in this country are dangerous for our health and have chosen to shop organically to limit exposure to these chemicals. The organic produce offered by the Co-op doesn't compare in quality and freshness with what MOM's offers. It's not the fault of the staff working there. These people work with what they have. The problem lies with the management of the Co-op that seems not to be able to find decent produce. How tough is it to make contact with Lady Moon Farm, MOM's main suppliers, in Pennsylvania, and with all the local organic growers in Virginia and Maryland to bring decent produce to our Co-op?

I hear people complaining that the Co-op doesn't have the bargaining power of MOM's. Sure, it doesn't, it's a fact, but the solution is not just to keep offering lower quality produce in hopes for better financial returns. This is where originality comes into play and I must say that the current managerial team is not up to it. They haven't returned most of my emails and never followed up on an idea I had, years ago, to make the Co-op more interesting. It literally took me minutes to find many regional organic growers just by conducting a preliminary search on the internet. Instead of finding new ways to bring decent products to our Co-op, management is making the lives of the people who work there harder by denying them the right to have a family life and to spend time with their loved ones during the holidays. This policy harkens back to the 19th century! A Charles Dickens' scenario that has no place in a progressive community. Is our "progressive community" going to cave in to the pressure of expecting that every store be open every day all year round no matter how hard it is for employees? Does quality of life really come down to being able to buy ice cream 24/7?

The Co-op is indeed in trouble financially, but imposing a tougher schedule on the staff is not what's going to solve the fiscal problems. It seems to me that the people who should be working harder are avoiding doing just

that! As far as I'm concerned I believe the current management team should go and a new more dynamic team should replace it. We need to be thinking out of the box, moving forward, in a caring and sustainable way.

*Philippe Orlando*

*Editor's Note: Co-op management asked its employees for volunteers to work on Thanksgiving Day. Also, those who worked last Thursday received holiday pay. Finally, Thanksgiving holiday hours were fewer than usual with the store open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.*

### Thanks for the Info

I would like to thank the Greenbelt News Review staff for keeping us informed about local events as well as concerns. They are well presented. In particular, page 6 of the November 21 issue was a convenient guide for

accessing two regional libraries by public transportation while our local branch is being renovated for the next two months. Also, providing exact web address ([princegeorgescountymd.gov/122/maps-schedules](http://princegeorgescountymd.gov/122/maps-schedules)), was especially helpful to many News Review readers. I was glad the listed address worked perfectly on the first try. The timetable for the bus routes 11 and 16 was printed out exactly as advertised. I will be making good use of the schedules during December and January.

A pleasant bonus in the November 21 issue was including the several colored pictures of artistry in theater stage outfits, the hand-knit mittens and the "fiber art." The albino pigeon looks exactly like the classic Dove of Peace, so appropriate as we head into the Holiday Season. Happy Thanksgiving!

*Chris Scherer*



### PRELIMINARY AGENDA

### GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, December 5, 2019

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

- A. **GHI Special Open Session Meeting – begins at 7.00 p.m.**
  - Approve Motion to Conduct an Executive Session Meeting on December 5, 2019
- B. **GHI Executive Session – begins after the GHI Special Open Session Meeting adjourns**
  - Approve Minutes of Executive Session Meeting Held on November 7, 2019
  - Approve Minutes of Informal Complaint Hearing Held on November 14, 2019
  - Consider Approval of the Following Contracts:
    - 2020 Property and Casualty Insurance Proposal - 2nd reading
    - Contract with CareFirst for 2020 Employee Medical Insurance Coverage – 1st and only reading
  - Member Financial Matters
  - Consider Request to Allow a Non-Member to Temporarily Reside in a GHI unit.
- C. **GDC Open Session – begins at 7.45 p.m.**
  - Review 2019 Third Quarter Financial Statements
- D. **GHI Open Session – begins after the GDC Open Session Meeting adjourns**
  - Announcement of an Informal Complaint Hearing held in Closed Session on December 3, 2019
  - Announcement of an Executive Session Meeting held on December 5, 2019
  - Proposed Purchase of a Vehicle for the Maintenance Department - 2nd reading (consent agenda)
  - Approve Minutes of Special Open Session Meeting Held on November 7,
  - Approve Minutes of Regular Open Session Meeting Held on November 7, 2019
  - Review 2019 Third Quarter Financial Statements
  - Review Homes Improvement Program Summary Report re: Years 1 through 3
  - Proposed charter for the Succession Planning Task Force
  - Request for Permit to Install a Rain Barrel on End Side at 6-N Plateau Place, that Requires an Exception to GHI Rule §XXIII.B.3
  - Request for Permit to Erect a Serviceside Addition at 46-G Ridge Rd that Requires an Exception to GHI Rule §X.G.5
  - Addition Maintenance Program Task Force Recommendations regarding Incentives and Catch-up Charges
  - Review of Rain Barrel Rule in Section XXIII of the Member Handbook
  - Proposed Name Change for the Admin Building Security Task Force; Review Task Force Recommendations re: Exterior Lighting



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## Dem Club Hosts Speaker On Gun Safety Legislation

by Konrad Herling

Mark Friday, December 13 at 7:30 p.m. on your calendar if you're interested in learning the latest regarding gun regulation proposals in Maryland. The featured speaker at the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will be Kathie Flamm, representing the Prince George's County Chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America.

While the Maryland State Legislature continues to be ahead of other states in passing legislation such as the Red Flag law, prohibiting weapons used in war and banning cop killer bullets, Marylanders are still at risk given weaker laws passed in neighboring states. As a result, Moms Demand Action points out that there is a need for national legislation. There has been legislation passed to this effect by the U.S. House of Representatives but it has been stalled in the U.S. Senate.

This should be an interesting and enlightening meeting. Of additional note, the new board of directors that was elected at the previous membership meeting will be sworn in by County

Councilmember Calvin Hawkins. Konrad Herling will serve as president. The four vice presidents will be Pat Wickersty, Joyce Fitzgerald, Matt Inzeo and Katy Pape. Treasurer Austin Henry and Membership Chair Bob Doyle will continue in the roles they have served for most of the last decade. Ric Gordon will serve as recording secretary and Ryan Bradley will continue to serve as corresponding secretary. The new sergeant-at-arms will be Colin Byrd.

Nicole Williams is the club's immediate past president. Judith Davis will continue to serve in the role of historian. Former club president Emmett Jordan will continue to lend his voice at board meetings.

The evening will also include refreshments by the club's Hospitality Committee; attendees are encouraged to bring an item or two to be sure there will be enough for everyone.

For more information about the Roosevelt Club, contact Nicole Williams at 202-321-4207 or see rooseveltclub.com.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MOMS DEMAND ACTION

The next speaker at the Democratic Club, Kathie Flamm, representing the Prince George's County Chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, demonstrates at the Maryland State House along with hundreds of others.

### Botanic Garden Holds Seasonal Jazz Concert

Tony Craddock, Jr. and the Cold Front will provide weather-inspired jazz on Thursday, December 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the U.S. Botanic Garden's Conservatory Garden Court. Evenings at the Garden are magical, with a series of concerts of seasonal music to accompany explorations of the exhibit Season's Greenings: America's Gardens. Limited seating is available first-come first-served.



### Doctors Hospital Has Free Stroke Program

On Wednesday, December 11 from 1 to 3 p.m. Doctors Community Hospital will have a free stroke awareness program for stroke survivors and caregivers at the Diyanet Center of America, 610 Good Luck Road in Lanham. For more information, call 301-552-4284 or visit DCHrehab.org.

## Clean Water Partnership Offers Landscaping Professionals Program

The Clean Water Partnership (CWP) will be offering an Emerging Landscaping Professional (ELP) course monthly during 2020. CWP has extended the application deadline for the ELP to Tuesday, December 10. CWP hopes that offering the course will expand the pool of qualified landscaping firms by developing the firms' skill levels in BMP (Best Management Practices or stormwater control measure) installation and maintenance so they can compete for significant work and increase their participation by leading and filling significant roles for the CWP. The three

program components that provide the framework of the Emerging Landscaping Professional include: supportive services, classroom training, and field training. Class will be held monthly from January through December 2020. The course is limited to landscaping firms able to show three completed project references, five or more years' experience in the industry (or a narrative explaining the firm's experience if in business less than one year), and have had a minimum of \$60,000 in revenues in the prior year. Participants must also be certified in Prince George's County as a

CBE or MBE firm. For more information, contact Nicole M. Copeland, Contractor Development Manager for the Clean Water Partnership, at Nicole.copeland@thecleanwaterpartnership.com.

### Big Band Showcase Free at The Clarice

The Winter Big Band Showcase will feature the UMD Jazz Ensemble, UMD Jazz Lab Band and the University Jazz Band on Thursday, December 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Kay Theatre of The Clarice. The School of Music's jazz ensembles are comprised of more than 100 students.

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# Sports

## Greenbelt SA Fusion Boys Soccer Team Triumphs in End-of-Season Tournaments

by LaShel Baravechia

The Greenbelt SA Fusion soccer team won the 2019 Arundel Cup and 2019 Fallston Cup. The team rose above the competitive challenges in two tournaments and severe weather challenges. The team endured monsoon-like rains for the tournament in October and severe cold, wind, rain, sleet, snow flurries and hail (all of that on Sunday, November 24), to come out victorious in last weekend's tournament in Fallston, Md. This past weekend's championship win came down to a goal scored by Abdoul Camara in the final 30 seconds of a five-minute Brave Heart game. (First to score wins).



Greenbelt SA Fusion at the 2019 Fallston Cup



Greenbelt SA Fusion at the 2019 Arundel Cup

- Photos by LaShel Baravechia

The players and coaches of Greenbelt SA Fusion (High School Boys, Division A): Coaches: Chris Dwyer, Rich Kraske, Assistant: LaShel Baravechia; Team: Andrew Kraske, Karl Kraske, Victor Rodriguez, Jesse Ekong, Matthew Baravechia, Elijah Stoltzfus, Sean Dwyer, Noah Cohen-Mitchell, Abdoul Camara, Bryan Flores, Lenyn Serpas, Ciaran Dwyer, Luis Cruz, Andy Ferrufino, Brayan Marcia, Junior Flores, Emmanuel George, Semir Kemal Habib, Ogonnaya Obasi, Krish Suri, Jesse Ekong, Jeremiah Odubade, Brandon Kruah, Giris Robinson and Michael Cruz.

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# Living Between Two Cultures: Mixed Media Art Exhibit Opens

by Nicole DeWald

Refractions and Re/collections: Works in Mixed Media by artist Khanh Le, currently on display at the Gallery in the Community Center, encompasses the idea of identity, especially living between the American and Vietnamese cultures. Le has stated that even though he identifies himself as a Vietnamese-born American, he still does not know the depth of what that label means. "Contradictions and fragmentations are key issues in examining the notion of identity within the structure of my works," Le says.

Le's process uses collections of images from family photo albums, digital photographs and magazine photos to create collages that are layered together to create a new narrative that reflects the tension within his own identity. The subjects of his art vary from how gentrification displaced immigrant residents in Clarendon, Va., to his family's exodus from Vietnam and their decades-long search for safety. The audio portion of this work includes interviews with residents from a neighborhood where Le and his family lived. Topics of discussion include reflections on a gentrification process that displaced many immigrant residents.

The art on exhibit includes mixed media pieces, with a mix of work on archival paper, art on wood panel, art on canvas with acrylic jewels and a small town with a sound system that viewers can listen to via provided headphones.

Khanh Le earned a bachelor of Fine Arts from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, and a masters of Fine Arts from Syracuse University. His art has been displayed in many venues throughout the Washington, D.C., region. The D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities awarded Le an Artist Fellowship for the Visual Arts in 2016. Le continues to live and work in Washington, D.C., where he actively explores and questions the notion of identities through the lenses of culture and memories.

The exhibit continues through January 3. For more information visit [greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://greenbeltmd.gov/arts) or the artist's website [khanhartist.com](http://khanhartist.com).



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A Brave New World, mixed media art by Khanh Le, depicts the artist's mother.



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Christmas Luncheon



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Julie Rapp listens to the underlying dialogue incorporated into one of the pieces at the Community Center exhibit, Clarendon Boulevard in Arlington, Va.



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December 6, from 7 to 9 p.m. All are invited to see Deco the Halls, an exhibit of art deco and vintage holiday decorations. Visitors to Deco the Halls may take a quick, free tour of the house, get a sense of how the holidays were celebrated not only in the 1930s but also in the 1940s, and take in how the house sparkles and glows at night. The Historic House gift shop will be open for guests to peruse freshly stocked, new holiday merchandise. The Greenbelt Museum will also participate in Greenbelt's Festival of Lights juried art and craft fair at which guests may find the per-

fect gift for that special someone. The fair provides an opportunity to shop small and shop local. The museum will stock tables full of vintage inspired toys, books, cards and an anxiously awaited new Cat's Meow wooden building depicting an original brick house. There also will be an updated version of 10-B Crescent, the museum house.

The fair takes place Saturday, December 7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, December 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Community Center gym and other showcase rooms.



Museum patrons visiting the Greenbelt Museum this time of year will learn how early Greenbelters celebrated the holidays.

- Photos courtesy of the Greenbelt Museum



The Greenbelt Museum is decorated for the holidays in the style of early 1938, including some Hanukkah memorabilia such as this example of a vintage children's book.

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