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Help-By-Phone Food Pantry Gets Reprieve into September

by Lesley Kash

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Help-By-Phone food pantry has dodged the bullet for now, having received private donations sufficient to keep the organization operating through the summer. As of last November, the pantry faced the likelihood of closing its doors due to insufficient private donations and unreliable grant support from the federal government. This, after five decades of Help-By-Phone's feeding, clothing and sheltering the poor in Prince George's County. Fortunately, subsequent private donations have given the pantry breathing room to prepare for a challenging future.

"We are greatly blessed and

relieved that during the past three months we have received canned goods and \$40,000 in checks, which, when added to what we had on hand, are enough to keep our pantries open into September," said Board President Marsha Voigt.

Help-By-Phone board members reached that decision at their January meeting while also addressing the need to update technologies and strategies for communications and fundraising efforts. Board Vice-President Jim Lang is developing a website explaining Help-By-Phone's mission and inviting donations and volunteers.

Board members are also planning social media strategies for **See PANTRY, page 4**



PHOTO BY LESLEY KASH

Help-By-Phone Pantry volunteers Marsha Voigt and Ron Dobson survey food donations from Greenbelt Community Church.

WMATA May Eliminate B30 Bus, Postpone Work on Platform

by Matthew Arbach

On January 22, representatives of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) were invited to a worksession of the Greenbelt City Council to address several pressing issues, principally the proposed elimination of the B30 bus route that connects the Greenbelt Metro Station and BWI Airport and the deferral of the platform reconstruction at the Greenbelt Station. Government Relations Officer Charlie Scott and Bus Operations Specialist Officer Ginger Archibald spoke for WMATA.

In a letter sent from the city to WMATA on January 16, council called the B30 "an essential transportation link for Metrobus and Metrorail users which should be maintained." Furthermore, "the platform and other aging infrastructure at the Greenbelt Station are in need of repair and rehabilitation now." However,

these cuts, among others, are now being considered as WMATA prepares the Fiscal Year 2021 budget.

In the next couple months, WMATA will be convening public hearings in all its jurisdictions to gather public input. Other items on the table include: better weekend Metrobus service; improved MetroExtra service; better weekend Metrorail service; restored late night Metrorail service; improved customer service; weekday early morning Metrorail right-sizing; and reduced overlapping and less productive bus service, of which the B30 proposal is a part. Ultimately, the Metro board will debate the options and make a final decision.

WMATA cited low ridership as the central reason for eliminating the B30. According to Archibald, it averages 264 board- **See WMATA, page 8**

Dishing the Dirt on Greenbelt's First Mud Cloth Workshop

by Brogan Gerhart

On Sunday, February 2, over 40 people filtered in and out of the Community Center to create a work of art using nothing but sticks and fermented mud. Artist in Residence Karen Arrington led the traditional mud cloth workshop where participants used six different colors of mud to stencil in everything from bananas to caterpillars or create their own unique design. "It's not really like painting," Greenbelter Lois Rosado said, as she pressed a mud-covered stick against the fabric canvas to give her butterfly wings. "You really have to press and pull the mud to get it to stay."

But getting the mud on the fabric, being careful not to mix the mud in its jar, is not the only step in this Bogolanfini tradition of Mali. After the first coat is applied, Arrington said that drying, rinsing, reapplying and repeating are absolutely essential to the process.

Hair dryers were plugged in at stations around the room for people to dry their work after each coat, of which there were two or three. Rinsing stations were also available for attendees to first wash away any excess mud that did



PHOTO BY BROGAN GERHART

Kyndall Minor, left, 7, and Emelia Loo, 6, showcase their beautiful mud cloth designs.

not dry, and then apply washes that would alter the colors of the cloth the piece was made on. Because all of the washes were made using a variety of fruits, each rinsing station smelled like

a different kind of marmalade. "It's very fun!" Sally Gilbert, a resident of University Park, said. "The most difficult part about it **See MUD CLOTH, page 12**

Community Foundation Awards Grants to Two Local Projects

by Stephanie Calhoun

The Greenbelt Community Foundation (GCF) has announced that two local organizations have been awarded grants in its latest funding cycle. Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS) and S.I.T.Y. Stars Academy have received grants in support of projects that contribute

to the Greenbelt community.

The \$5,000 grant from GCF will allow S.I.T.Y. Stars Academy to launch the Get Greenbelt Moving program (GGM). The objective of GGM is to encourage families to get fit and have fun together as they attend free workshops throughout town. All

residents will be welcome and the monthly workshops will offer not only take-home gifts such as a free jump rope but will feature the S.I.T.Y. Stars Jump Rope team. They have performed on Nickelodeon Television for a **See GRANTS, page 7**

What Goes On

Monday, February 10 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building. Preceded by a Closed Meeting at 7 p.m. on Collective Bargaining.
Wednesday, February 12 8 p.m. Closed City Council meeting on Real Estate, Municipal Building (See city ad on page 5 for Black History Month Event.)



PHOTO BY REBEKAH SUTFIN

S.I.T.Y. Stars perform at Celebration of Spring in May, 2019.

Letters to the Editor

Thanks

We thank everyone who contributed for your donations to the Greenbelt Pantry. Everyone who was involved is quite remarkable indeed. Thank you Father Walter. Thank you Henry Haslinger for your outsize monetary donation. Thank you Bob Greig and the 299 Feed the Hungry bag donors. Wow!

The Boy Scouts always remember the pantry. Along the way the Reid Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church remembered the Pantry.

The community of Greenbelt is a source of great pride. Valentine bouquets for all of you. I hope your day is a dazzler.

Solange Hess
Chair of the Pantry

Thanks

Many thanks to all of you for all you do all year long to help our community communicate with each other – and many thanks for all the special help you've given me over the years with my ads, pictures, articles and letters to the editors! Happy belated holidays and New Year and Happy Valentine's Day.

Katrina Boverman

The Real Deal

My husband and I found ourselves back in Old Greenbelt last week. We lived in 51 Court on Ridge Road from 1992-1996. At that time Joel (Parker) was doing his first post-doc at Goddard, and I was teaching fitness classes at the Aquatic Center. The only thing we felt was missing in the community was a "living room" where people could gather over a really good cup of coffee, so we did what all good Old Greenbelters do and organized a committee to make it happen. Thus was born the New Deal Café.

We had heard about various struggles the Café has had over the years so were preparing ourselves for some disappointment. In fact, the first morning of my visit I was brokenhearted to find the doors locked on a Tuesday morning. But then I read the notice on the door, inviting people to bring in their own beverages and to use the space as a living room during the day. And in the evening we were happy to see the back room filled to the brim with music-lovers, and to see people bringing their game boards, books and friends to the front room. I sat and chatted with various strangers as I watched people of all ages interacting face to face. Perusing the bulletin board, I saw the New Deal Café had been mentioned honorably as one of the best local live music venues. My heart swelled with gratitude and joy at the lively down-to-earth spirit still remaining after 25 years.

I would love to get in touch with the other committee members from yore and see if we could re-connect.

Kim Hansen
kim@kimhansen.org

Stroke Awareness Seminar at Doctors

On Wednesday, February 12 from 1 to 3 p.m. Doctors Community Hospital will have a free stroke awareness program at the Diyanet Center of America, 9610 Good Luck Road. This is a health education seminar for stroke survivors and caregivers led by a team of healthcare professionals on living a healthier lifestyle, stroke care and prevention. For more information, call 301-552-4284 or visit DCHrehab.org

On Screen

Encore screenings

Judy

A touching biopic about the waning days of Judy Garland's life starring Renée Zellweger, nominated for Best Actress in a Leading Role, 2020 Oscars. See the film preview in the October 17, 2019 issue of this paper.

Rated PG-13, Running time: 118 minutes

JoJo Rabbit

An anti-fascist fantasy tale that mixes irreverent humor and serious ideas from New Zealand director Taika Waititi. 2020 Oscar nominations: Best Picture and Best Actress in a Supporting Role, Scarlett Johanson. See the film preview in the November 21, 2019 issue of this paper.

Rated PG-13, Running time: 108 minutes

A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood

The story of kindness triumphing over cynicism about the friendship between Mr. Rogers and journalist Tom Junod. Starring Tom Hanks, nominated for Best Actor in a Supporting Role, 2020 Oscars. See the film preview in the December 12, 2019 issue of this paper.

Rated PG, Running time: 109 minutes

Uncut Gems

From acclaimed filmmakers Josh and Benny Safdie comes an electrifying crime thriller about Howard Ratner (Adam Sandler), a charismatic New York City jeweler always on the lookout for the next big score. When he makes a series of high-stakes bets that could lead to the windfall of a lifetime, Howard must perform a precarious high-wire act, balancing business, family and encroaching adversaries on all sides, in his relentless pursuit of the ultimate win. "Sandler is so good, so committed and so watchable," says Michael O'Sullivan of The Washington Post, "that . . . you can't take your eyes off the screen, which Sandler seldom vacates."

Rated R, Running time: 157 minutes

- *Sandy Rodgers*

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February 7th - 13th

The Auditorium

JOJO RABBIT (PG-13)
(CC)(DVS)(108 mins)

Fri. 2:00, 8:00 PM

Sat. 5:30 PM

Sun. 2:00(OC), 8:00 PM

Mon. 5:30 PM

Tues. 8:00 PM

Wed. 5:30 PM

Thurs. 2:00 PM

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Sun. 5:30 PM

Mon. 8:00 PM

Tues. 5:30 PM

Wed. 2:00, 8:00 PM

Thurs. 5:30 PM

Storytime on Screen
Mon. 10:30 AM - FREE!

Galentine's Day
WINE COUNTRY (R)(2019)
(103 mins)

Thurs. 8:00 PM

The Pop-Up:

UNCUT GEMS (R)(CC)
(DVS)(2019)(157 mins)

Fri. 7:30 PM

Sat. 1:30(OC), 7:30 PM

Sun. 7:30 PM

Mon. 7:30 PM

Tues. 7:30 PM

Wed. 1:30, 7:30 PM

Thurs. 7:30 PM

A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN
THE NEIGHBORHOOD
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(109 mins)

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Community Events

At the Library

All Prince George's County Memorial libraries will be closed on Sunday, February 16 and Monday, February 17 for the Presidents Day holiday. The Greenbelt Library will reopen on Tuesday, February 18 at 1 p.m.

Storytime

Monday, February 10 from 10:30 a.m., ages newborn to 5. Bring a baby, toddler or preschooler 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 is required. This walk-in event is presented biweekly on the 2nd and 4th Monday mornings of each month.

Teen Advisory Board

Monday, February 10 at 4 p.m., ages 13 to 18, limit 15 participants. Earn service hours while making the Library a great place for teens. Meet new people, become a leader. Registration required. For further information, contact the Library either in person or by calling 301-345-5800 option 2. TAB meets weekly on Monday afternoons.

English Conversation

Tuesday, February 11 at 6 p.m. Learning to speak English? Join this club and practice speaking English in a friendly atmosphere with people from diverse backgrounds. The club meets weekly as a walk-in event on Tuesday evenings.

Lecture Series

Tuesday, February 11 at 7 p.m. We Are Rising: The Story of African American Women and the Vote will be the next session of the audio-visual lecture series presented by historian C.R. Gibbs. Other sessions will be presented on various Tuesday evenings through April 7. No registration is required.

Weekly Storytimes

Tuesday, February 11, 7:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5, limit 30 people. Wednesday, February 12, 10:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2, limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3, limit 30 people. Thursday, February 13, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2, 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 is available.

Kids Achieve Club

Thursday, February 13 at 4 p.m., ages 5 to 12. Homework help and reading practice for students in grades 1 through 6. Ayuda con las tareas y práctica de la lectura para los estudiantes de los grados de 1 al 6. Service will be provided during half-hour sessions by appointment only; call the library to register at 301-345-5800 option 2.

French Conversation

Thursday, February 13 at 5 p.m. Learning to speak French? Join the club and practice speaking French in a friendly atmosphere with people from diverse backgrounds. No registration is required.

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 February 10 are as follows:

Monday, February 10: chicken breast with pumpkin-seed mole, confetti rice, garden vegetables, Mandarin oranges, apple juice

Tuesday, February 11: beef hot dog, baked beans, mixed fruit cobbler, coleslaw, fruit punch

Wednesday, February 12: baked chicken thigh with cacciatore sauce, buttered bow-tie pasta, green peas, fresh fruit, cranberry juice

Thursday, February 13: veggie burger with Cuban sauce, roasted sweet potatoes, green beans, pineapple tidbits, cranberry juice

Friday, February 14: meatloaf with gravy, whipped potatoes, mixed vegetables, fresh fruit, cookie, cranberry juice.



Parents' Night Out: Snowy Day

Greenbelt Recreation Arts hosts a childcare art activity on the second Friday of every month. The February Parents' Night Out just happens to fall on Valentine's Day. Drop off the kids at the Community Center and enjoy a relaxing night out. The children will enjoy art activities, a pizza dinner and a movie. Children can be dropped off for all or part of the time. Dinner will be served at 6:15 p.m.

The Friday, February 14, event runs 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. for ages 4 (must be potty trained) to 12. Advance registration and fees required. Sibling discount: additional members of the same household receive a discount. Visit greenbeltmd.gov/arts for more information.

MakerSpace to Hold Repair Café February 8

The Greenbelt MakerSpace is hosting its quarterly Repair Café on Saturday, February 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Community Center in Room 114. Come learn how to repair tired or broken stuff or help repair others' items, and rescue them from the recycling or garbage bins. Bring clothing, furniture, kitchen appliances, computers, jewelry, toys, etc. for the challenge of making them useful again.

Volunteers are welcome to join in making this a great community event; no experience necessary. The MakerSpace Repair Café program, the first in the Mid-Atlantic region, started in 2014 and was made possible by a Jim Cassels Award from the Greenbelt Consumer Cop and by an eager supporting group of volunteers. Read more at make125.org/things_to_do/repair-cafe.

Sign up as a volunteer at signupgenius.com/go/10c0944aaaf29a2fe3-repair3.

February Art Share

Local artists are invited to meet up on Sunday, February 16 from 2 to 3 p.m. in Room 113 of the Community Center. This free event is for teens and adults. Bring one to three pieces in any medium and join in a constructive and informal discussion of everyone's work. All experience levels welcome.

Greenbelt Unplugged Monthly Activities

This year, Greenbelt Unplugged will sponsor two recurring monthly activities. On the first Friday of every month from 6 to 9:30 p.m., they will continue the First Friday Family Game Night series. All ages are welcome and there is no cost. Bring a game to share if desired.

In addition, they are adding a new series, Regaining Consciousness, that explores different mindfulness practices. This series meets on the second Sunday of each month from 1:30 to 3 p.m. To find out more information, or to be added to the mailing list, see the website at greenbeltunplugged.org.

Time Bank Hosts Mardi Gras Social

The Greenbelt Time Bank will host a Mardi Gras Social Event on Tuesday, February 25 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Springhill Lake Community Center. Attendees are encouraged to bring a snack and their own utensils, plates, cups and napkins, as this is a zero-waste event.

The general public is invited to come and learn about the time bank, how to get involved, what the time bank does and who is a member.

For questions, concerns or additional information, contact Linda Warren Seely at lwseely@gmail.com or Greenbelt.Timebank@gmail.com. Also, visit them on Facebook at [facebook.com/greenbelttimebank/](https://www.facebook.com/greenbelttimebank/).

Dems Will Screen Black History Film

The Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will be screening a film in honor of Black History Month. The film celebrates the history of the battalion of 817 African American women, known as Six Triple Eight, who delivered mail to U.S. Troops in WWII. The film will be shown Friday, February 21, at 7 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Building, Room 101, 7600 Hanover Parkway.

Garden Club Annual Assignment Meeting

The Greenbelt Community Garden Club's Annual Plot Assignment Meeting will take place Tuesday, February 25. The meeting will be held in Room 202 of the Community Center starting at 7 p.m. Those who have had a plot in previous years and wish to retain it and are not able to attend, should contact Martha Tomecek at 301-614-0691.

GCAN Hosts Talk On Renewable Energy

The Greenbelt Climate Action Network will host a talk on The Science Behind Drawdown Solutions on Renewable Energy by Dr. Vijay Parameshwaran on Wednesday, February 12 at the Community Center, Room 114.

Renewable energy has been a focus for implementing many of the drawdown solutions to reduce carbon emissions and minimize the effects of global warming and climate change. This presentation will introduce some of the scientific concepts behind renewable energy processes that apply to several of the drawdown solutions. They include photovoltaics, chemical energy storage and delivery, the electrical grid, nuclear, wind, geothermal and hydroelectric.

The presentation will not feature advanced equations and diagrams but rather offer a platform to discuss basic principles and how they tie into current trends, as well as a Q&A session. The goal of the evening is to instill a sense of scientific literacy and confidence when approaching the drawdown solutions related to renewable energy.

Parameshwaran is a scientist and Greenbelt resident who has worked on research in renewable energy for a decade. He received his Ph.D. in electrical engineering from Stanford University in 2015.

There will also be reports on three drawdown projects: an update on 100 percent Clean Energy in Prince George's County Schools, news about the County Climate Action Plan and climate legislation in Annapolis. For information, contact Lore Rosenthal at lore@simplicity-matters.org, 301-345-2234.



More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

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February 21-March 1 - *Leaves of America*

GATE Program Schedule Friday Feb 7 - Thursday Feb 13		
7 am	Greenbelt Newsreel	• Community Events • Weekly Updates
8 am	Democracy Now!	• Independent Global News
9 am	GATe Classic Film ★ Romance/Musical • 1951	• Royal Wedding • Fred Astaire • Jane Powell Made Possible by a Grant from ★ Maria's Beauty Shop ★
11 am	Greenbelt Discussions	• Local Topics & Guests
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Kids Stuff Swap At Youth Center

The Greenbelt Mamas and Papas will sponsor a Kids Stuff Swap on Saturday, February 22 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Greenbelt Youth Center. Contribute extra gently used baby/toddler gear for newborn to 5-year-olds. This is the chance to give a little and get a little for free. Items will be accepted on the previous Friday before the swap from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Youth Center. No stained or overly worn items. All unclaimed pieces will be donated to local families in need.

Those interested in helping sort items on Friday, February 21 and set up and clean up on Saturday, February 22 may sign up at bit.ly/kidstuffswap.

Golden Age Club February Schedule

The Greenbelt Golden Age Club meets every Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Community Center Multipurpose Room. All Greenbelt seniors are invited to participate in the meetings and join the group. Note that the meeting will not be held when schools are closed or open late.

Programs for February:

February 12, Greenbelter Doug Igelsrud will give a presentation on his visits to Cuba.

February 19, Monthly Potluck and Birthday luncheon: bring a special dish to share.

February 26, No meeting: room is not available.



City Notes

Street Maintenance/Special Details installed pedestrian signs at crosswalks on Lakecrest Circle and on Ridge Road.

Horticulture/Parks created plant lists for annual and perennial beds.

Refuse/Recycling collected 24.25 tons of refuse and 10.69 tons of recyclable materials.

Building Maintenance worked on stage lighting at the Old Greenbelt Theatre.

The following groups met at the Community Center: Golden Age Club, Greenbelt Concert Band, Swim Team, Girl Scout Troop #27, CCRIC, GreenACES, Greenbelt MakerSpace, Greenbelt Station Master Association and Greenbelt Astronomical Society.

Arts sponsored a free mud cloth workshop for 100 guests. Also, a reception in the Council Chamber celebrated the ERHS art show, which will be on view there through March.

Therapeutic Recreation served 86 hot meals at the daily Senior Nutrition lunch gatherings. Also, senior Globetrotters went to Toby's Dinner Theater to see Kinky Boots.

Animal Control transported an injured bird to City Wildlife for rehabilitation, investigated a cruelty case and returned a stray dog to its owners. The shelter is host to one lonely cat, since the recuperating gecko went into foster care.

CARES/GAIL has resumed the Community Geriatric Nursing and Pediatric programs, with meetings on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the Community Center ground floor east. Also, the Drama Club, a dispute resolution and anger management program, were conducted by Group Coordinator Glenda Willis.



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, February 10, 2020, 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

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

- * Advisory Planning Board Report #2020-01 (Beltway Plaza - Preliminary Plan of Subdivision)
- * Park and Recreation Advisory Board Report #20-1 (Beltway Plaza Redevelopment Plan Presentation)
- * Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability/ Greenbelt Green Team Recommendation #01-2020 (Establishment of a Firefly Sanctuary)
- * Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB) - Report # 2020-01

LEGISLATION

A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiate Purchase of Access Control Systems for the Police Department From Life Safety Systems of Arbutus, Maryland at an Estimated Cost of \$33,726.
- 2nd Reading, Adoption

A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Packing, Shipping and Storage Services for the Museum Collection from Ely, Inc. of Forestville at an Estimated Cost of \$15,000.
- 2nd Reading, Adoption

OTHER BUSINESS

- Beltway Plaza Preliminary Plan of Subdivision
- State Legislation
- * Protecting Community Television Act (S. 3218/H.R.5659)
- * National Science Foundation Collaboration with Advisory Committee on Education
- Council Reports
- Council Activities

SCHEDULING OF FUTURE MEETINGS

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MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY 10-14

Monday, February 10 at 7:00pm, **SPECIAL MEETING/ CLOSED SESSION re: Collective Bargaining (see notice)**

Monday, February 10 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. *Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov*

Wednesday, February 12 at 8:00pm, **SPECIAL MEETING/ CLOSED SESSION re: Real Estate (see notice)**

Thursday, February 13 at 6:00pm, **EMPLOYEE RELATIONS BOARD** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Final approval of Bylaws, Election of Board Officers, Employee Handout Wrap-up, Open Meetings Training, Upcoming CBA Negotiations*

Thursday, February 13 at 7:30pm, **COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Community Feedback, Referral from Council – Greenbelt Residents who Celebrate their 100th Birthday, CRAB Appointee to Grant Review Panel*

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held, 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, an Closed Session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Monday, February 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the Library of the Municipal Building.

The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss collective bargaining negotiations between the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 32 and the City.

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In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(3) 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 Wednesday, February 12, 2020, at 8:00 p.m. in the Library of the Municipal Building.

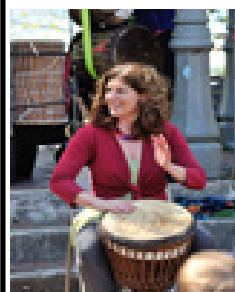
The purpose of this meeting is to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto.

*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 Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 8:00 pm.

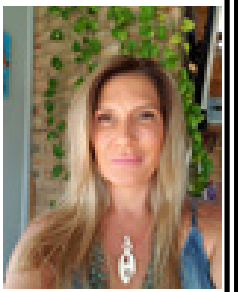
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Katy Gaughan is a drummer and drum circle facilitator who loves bringing people together through the positive vibrations of the drum. Through her organization Drumming for Wellness, Katy facilitates group drumming experiences for wellness, community building and celebration.



Padma Wine, Director of the Shamanic Trance Dance Empowerment Center in Beltway Plaza Mall.

DESEGREGATING GREENBELT Saturday, February 22nd 2pm – 4pm

Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road
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Sunday, February 9th, 2pm to 4pm.

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Chris Haley is: Director, Study of the Legacy of Slavery in Maryland at the Maryland State Archives. (Former Greenbelt resident).



The Belly Dancers of Color Collective was formed in 2015. They blend the traditional belly dance form with African and Caribbean dance styles. It is a moving meditation and a healing salve for the soul.

J. Joy "Sistah Joy" Matthews Alford was appointed as the inaugural Poet Laureate of Prince George's County, Maryland in September, 2018 to serve a 3-year term supporting and promoting poetry as well as cultural and literary arts in Prince George's County.



Founded in 1991, the Greenbelt S.I.T.Y. Stars Jump Rope Team consists of champion jumpers from 5 to 50 years of age, and it committed to the promotion of jump rope as a fitness tool for the development of healthy lifestyles.

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Local Recycling Still Viable In Contrast with U.S. Trend

by Daniel M. Thies

For recycling programs in the U.S., the last years have not been bright. In 2009, Ocean City ceased its recycling program, citing money as the deciding factor, and in March, Prince George's County reported the combined recycling program – a program that is usually profitable – cost \$2.7 million in 2018. This drastic change is because recycled materials, like paper and plastics, are not selling for as much as they used to. Sound Resource Management Group, an organization focused on reducing waste and pollution, cites the average value of curbside recycled materials in some areas dropping from about \$140 per ton in 2017 to \$26 per ton today. Hardest hit recycling programs in the U.S. were those that depended on exporting recyclables to China before its National Sword policy in January 2018 banned them.

In spite of this, Greenbelt's recycling program is a silver lining to the city's Public Works budget. While the value of recyclables has gone down, it is still much cheaper for the city to recycle goods than put them in a landfill, and over the last five years, Public Works has seen more recycling than refuse. In 2018, over 60 percent of all waste collection was from recycling, and it is expected that 2019 will continue that trend. This, as well as waste reduction initiatives, has helped bring down the yearly cost of

refuse per resident to \$280 per year, as compared with \$356 in other parts of Prince George's County.

Dr. Luisa Robles, the sustainability coordinator for Public Works, attributes the success in the recycling program to high public awareness and engagement. Over the past year, the city has been showing what can and can't be recycled by tabling at special events, giving lectures for schools and sending informational flyers to new residents. Local organizations have also helped to make alternatives to trash more accessible. Businesses like the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union run special document-shredding events twice a year. Others, like the New Deal Café, use composting to reduce the amount of food waste going into landfills. Greenbelt's Zero Waste Circle, a group made of Green Team volunteers and Public Works staff, has also been working on ways to further improve outreach and waste reduction, with the ultimate goal of bringing landfill use down to zero.

However, if the value of recycled paper and plastics lowers enough, could Greenbelt's recycling program one day be trashed too? It is very unlikely, according to Robles: it simply costs less to hand off recyclable materials than to pay to dump them into a landfill. Places in the U.S. that have ceased recycling, like Ocean City,

are in a different position from Greenbelt; they have local incinerators that use the city's waste as an energy resource – something that is cost efficient at the scale of their city, but not so at Greenbelt's size. However, even if recycling isn't going to be scrapped, the Zero Waste Circle does have some cost-saving policy recommendations. From 2017 to this year, they have researched ways in which organic material, like food scraps, are reclaimed in the region. Overall, they found that by making composting and organic waste collection more accessible for people, the amount of waste (and money) going to landfills would fall. The PG Zero Waste Initiatives Report finds that if 35 percent of Prince George's County waste was diverted, an estimated \$4.3 million in landfill tipping fees would have been avoided. The full findings were delivered to the city for their consideration.

The City of Greenbelt has some recommendations for residents to make the most out of the recycling program during the holidays. Any leftover cardboard boxes from gift exchanges should be flattened before being put into recycling. Also, Public Works picks up discarded Christmas trees. Finally, it is better to put items in the trash if you are not certain that they are curbside recyclable. Check out Greenbelt's Recycling Program flyer greenbeltnmd.gov/home/showdocument?id=1000 to find out what can and cannot be recycled.

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Public Service Announcement with First Lady Michelle Obama, in the Disney movie Jump In!, at the Cherry Blossom Parade and Festival, and many other locations and events.

The second grant recipient is CHEARS, a no-office nonprofit organization that focuses on intergenerational environmental education, arts, research, and facilitating community stewardship practices to restore the health of the Chesapeake bioregion. They were founded in 2006 and run projects implemented by volunteers and sustained through community partnerships.

This \$3,621 grant will allow for the launching of a brand new project focusing on developing a series of workshops and crowd-sourcing citizen science seed trials designed to increase the community's understanding of seeds and engagement in intergenerational seed saving activities. A long term goal is to establish a local plant research exchange library cooperative that fosters links between urban and

rural areas and older and younger residents of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Chesapeake Open Seed Quest/Greenbelt Intergenerational is designed to involve senior citizens with accessible community gardens, to work against the isolation that older citizens often experience and to locate seed banks within senior communities.

Grant applications are carefully considered based on viability, effect on the community and on the funding available during the given grant cycle. To help support these and future projects, GCF encourages donations and promotion of the funded events.

GCF's mission is to support worthwhile initiatives by local organizations benefiting the Greenbelt community. GCF has two grant cycles a year; grant awards range from \$500 to \$5,000 and are given to Greenbelt community groups, cooperatives and nonprofit organizations. Interested groups may next apply for a grant on April 15 for new or existing projects.



A deer pays attention to a passing photographer while feeding during the afternoon in the woods near the former St. Hugh's School.

PHOTO BY GLENN HARRIS

A Review

Love's Labour's Lost Is Now On at Greenbelt Arts Center

by Julie Rapp

Love's Labour's Lost, one of Shakespeare's early comedies, is now being staged at the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) by The Rude Mechanicals, a local, diverse and eclectic nonprofit theater company. The Rude Mechanicals are known for their love of Shakespeare and other classical works, as well as for being rebels in the theater world.

The play follows the King of Navarre, played by Justin Bigelow, and three lords, Longaville, Dumaine and Berowne, as well as a Spanish knight visiting the court, Armado, played by Richard S. Huffman. These noblemen resolve, after a rowdy turn of courtly pleasure, to swear off women for three years and focus entirely on scholarship and fasting. The endeavor was not entirely genuine, but done more for notoriety. The play, directed by Liana Olear, offers a modern twist when man signs his allegiance to the oath and then drops his cell phone into a hat.

Peter Eichman as Berowne gives a convincing performance as he passionately attempts to resist signing the oath, fearing it will be too hard to keep. Laurel Miller Simms (Longaville) and Joshua Engel (Dumaine) playfully go along with the king's plan.

The play continues with the arrival of the Princess of France, played by Megan Parlett, along with her three ladies-in-waiting, Maria, Katharine and Rosaline. The women cannot be received at court due to the king's oath, so the king and the three lords proceed to visit the feminine entourage outside the castle at

their encampment. They all immediately fall in love, the king with the princess and the three lords with one each of the ladies.

Costard, the king's fool, played with comedic flare by Linda "Spencer" Dye, is charged with delivering love letters but cleverly mixes them up, creating confusion whereby the men's love for the women is revealed.

The king and lords decide to court the women by disguising themselves so as not to appear to break their oath. The courting does not go well, due to the men's deceptive practices. The Princess and ladies devise a clever prank to exact revenge upon the men. Claudia Bach as Rosaline gives a layered, imaginative performance along with Holly Trout as Maria and Malia Murray as Katharine.

Jaquenetta, a country wench cleverly played by Erin Nealer, displays charms that enchant Costard and Armado. Sean Eustis, as Holofernes, passionately performs the learned schoolmaster and Nathan Rose, as Sir Nathaniel, gives a convincing performance as a celibate and prudish curate, uncomfortable with all the sweet talk. These two actors skillfully read with flourish and comedic commentary on the love letters written by the characters.

Bigelow (the king) gives an emotive, tender performance at the end when he declares his true love for the Princess. Parlett (the princess) responds with a heartfelt and sincere performance, telling the king that she must return to France upon the death of her father.

Although lines are spoken in traditional Shakespeare's Elizabethan English, the clothing and set are all very modern. Innovative but sparse, the set consists of only a picnic table outside the castle, where most of the action takes place, and a large video screen as a stage backdrop displaying cell phone text messages that relate to the action. Uneven and confusing are the modern day, eclectic clothing worn by the various characters.

Come see this original, funny portrayal of romance where grand gestures and instant gratification are met with some resistance, leading to a more nuanced, mature view of love. Now playing at GAC through February 8, Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. To purchase tickets, visit greenbeltartscenter.org or call 301-441-8770.



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Bun Cafe Serving Hungry Customers for 20 Years

by Rene Sewell-Rayson

(This series will explore local and small businesses in Greenbelt West.)

Starting a business has many challenges. Many fail to make it past the critical first five years, but Bun Cafe in Beltway Plaza is celebrating its 20th year. It has defied the odds. We sat down with the owner Rajesh "Raja" Kumar to learn his secret to success.

"I have always been in the food and beverage industry. I was living in Las Vegas, working at Caesar's Palace, but [without my] family. So, I moved here to be closer to them," said Kumar. He then started vending ice cream from a kiosk in the center of the mall. When an empty storefront became available, Raja saw an opportunity to expand his operations and opened the Bun Cafe.

"There is a challenge to being your own boss," he mused. "It looks easy from the outside until all of the decisions fall to you."

Bun Cafe serves freshly baked cinnamon buns, breakfast sandwiches, healthy wraps and fresh fruit smoothies. They also offer protein shakes and non-dairy options.

"We are constantly on the lookout for new products. While my wife was traveling in Asia, she returned with a new innovation: boba smoothies." Full disclosure: Raja made this reporter one.

Boba are small flavor pellets – tapioca pearls – with the texture of peeled grapes. They give an added burst of flavor to the smoothie. Bobas come in an array of flavors from more familiar mango, pomegranate and green apple, to less familiar flavors of passion fruit and lychee.

"We are a community mall," Raja reflected from a table outside the cafe. "Eighty percent of my customers are repeat business – people I have gotten to know."

Whenever there is a public event in the mall, Bun Cafe offers smoothies or wraps. Why? "Because we are a community of vendors who have put our hearts into our businesses," he said.

The Bun Cafe is located inside the mall across from TJ Maxx. Business hours are: Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sunday from noon to 6 p.m.



Bun Cafe in Beltway Plaza



Rajesh "Raja" Kumar and Kalpana Kanwar of the Bun Cafe
-Photos by Rene Sewell-Rayson

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ings per day. This is a "very, very low" count, compared to the C4 Route which averages 8,832. Amtrak and MARC have become the preferred choice, said Ian Janetta, media relations manager, as they offer the same price for a quicker trip.

The cut would also affect transit between BWI and Arundel Mills Mall. Ridership decreased even after weekend service was eliminated and weekday frequency was lessened in June 2017.

Council expressed dissatisfaction with this proposal as it would end Metrobus service between Greenbelt, and Prince George's County as a whole, and BWI.

Councilmember Leta Mach called the choice unfair and inequitable, citing Metro's continuing connections to Dulles and National airports. Councilmember Emmett Jordan raised the fact that MARC runs less predictably and frequently, and not at all on weekends. A councilmember also noted that the B30 lacks effective notice on its schedule, making it less reliable and desirable.

Regarding the platform renovation,

Scott assured council that it was still on the schedule post-2021 and acknowledged their eagerness for it to be done. It is part of a larger initiative conceived two years ago to rehabilitate 20 platforms across the rail system, which proved to be "extremely complex and complicated," said Scott. On March 1 or later in the spring, existing lighting at the Greenbelt Station parking lot and bus bays will be replaced with energy efficient and cleaner LED lighting.

The related issue of station cleanliness was discussed. Scott informed council that WMATA has terminated the former service contract, adding 35 custodial positions to improve cleaning because it wasn't being done right.

Jordan brought up the unsafe condition of the concrete sidewalks at the station, apart from the newly-repaved parking lot. Scott agreed, citing minimum customer impact that the repair would entail as the primary hurdle.

City Planner Terri Hruby said that the planned walking trail connecting Greenbelt Station development to the Metro station is on schedule, with major strides made in permitting and construction plans.

Scott explained that there is a 3 percent subsidy growth cap on yearly government funding to WMATA, which acts as an obstacle to any budget decision. The cost of doing business goes up each year with inflation, eating up that percentage in no time. Maryland Delegate Mark Korman and Senator Brian Feldman have introduced legislation to remove that cap in the current legislative session.

Byrd suggested council formally support the bill, with the council in agreement. Mach noted that the added funds could prevent the B30 elimination.

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Burglary

January 26, 8:28 a.m. 9200 block Springhill Lane. The victim advised that a subject known to her entered her unlocked residence possibly intoxicated. He sat down and started drinking a beer. The victim told the suspect to leave, which he did. The investigation is ongoing.

Robbery

January 27, 3 p.m. 6000 block Greenbelt Road. The victim was inside Planet Fitness working out when one of the suspects approached him and asked to fight him. The victim said no and continued to work out. Later he observed another suspect wearing his backpack. The victim pushed the suspect to the ground, retrieved his backpack and left the gym. As the victim was walking home a vehicle pulled up and an occupant got out and challenged the victim to a fight. The suspect then took the victim's backpack and fled in the vehicle. Two of the suspects are known to the victim. The third suspect is described as a Hispanic male, wearing an all-gray sweatsuit. The vehicle is described as dark in color.

January 27, 11:20 p.m. 6200 block Springhill Court. The victim met someone through a dating app and agreed to meet her in an apartment building in the 6200 block of Springhill Court. While waiting in the hallway four suspects entered the building, all dressed in black and wearing masks. One of the suspects displayed a handgun and announced a robbery. One of the suspects then punched the victim, took his cell phone and car keys and fled the area. The suspects are described as between 5' and 5'2".

January 28, 10:45 p.m. 6200 block Springhill Court. The victim was playing soccer in Land-

over when one of the players asked for a ride to the 6200 block Springhill Court. The suspect then invited the victim up to his apartment. Once they were in the hallway four suspects entered the building, all dressed in all black and wearing masks. The suspects began punching the victim. One of the suspects displayed a handgun and took the victim's wallet, cell phone and the keys to his vehicle. The victim then ran from the building. The suspects are described as four Hispanic males.

Assault

January 24, 8:50 p.m. 7600 block Hanover Parkway. A 15-year-old Lanham youth was arrested for Disruption of School Activities and Second Degree Assault after she was involved in a physical altercation during a basketball game at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The youth was released to a parent pending action by the school board and the Juvenile Justice System.

Vehicle Crime

January 27, 9100 block Edmonston Road. Recovered stolen vehicle. A 2019 Nissan Rogue SUV, reported stolen to the Anne Arundel County Police Department. No arrests.

January 28, 7700 block Greenbrook Drive. Attempted theft from auto. Unknown person(s) rifled through an unlocked vehicle. Nothing appears to have been taken.

Multiple thefts from vehicles occurred on three city streets. Windows were broken out or left unlocked in four vehicles. Items taken include a jacket, radio, money and power tools.

Vandalism, including broken windows, windshields, scratched paint, four flattened tires and a damaged hood occurred to vehicles on nine city streets.

If Winter Ever Comes, Can The Budget Be Far Behind?

by Kathleen Gallagher

On January 29, the Greenbelt City Council met with City Manager Nicole Ard for the first City Manager Update worksession of the new year. In addition to other topics, this meeting traditionally provides both a mid-year review of the current budget, which is adopted in June for the fiscal year starting in July, and a sneak peek into the thinking on the development of the upcoming budget. This year the timing was just right to allow for the debut of Greenbelt's newly appointed city treasurer, Laura Allen.

Allen opened her review saying that so far Fiscal Year 2020 revenues and expenditures are in line with this year's adopted budget. Revenues, as a percentage of the budget, are comparable to those of last year and prior years. At this time, net real estate revenue is nearly \$500,000 higher than anticipated in the budget, with real estate abatements - requests for temporary or indefinite reductions in tax rate - coming in lower than expected over the first half of the year. An early estimate on income tax revenue indicates Greenbelt will receive about \$300,000 more than budgeted. On the other hand, primarily because of the ongoing renovations at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, hotel/motel tax revenue has been lower than expected.

Total operating expenditures are also in line with the adopted budget, as are building and vehicle maintenance expenses. The largest part of the city's operating

budget comprises salaries and benefits.

Looking to the future, Allen reported the good news that real estate assessment data from the county suggests that commercial property tax revenue will increase over the next fiscal year for the first time in a decade.

The city manager's Fiscal Year 2021 budget, which will be presented in late March, is already in the works, with review of expenditures in several departments being substantially complete.

Allen noted five significant issues that create uncertainty with regard to upcoming budget decisions. (1) Applications for large abatements for commercial property have been an issue for some time. Since abatements are not predictable, a conservative approach to revenue estimates needs to be taken. (2) Health care cost increases for next year are not yet known, so 10 percent is being used for planning. (3) The December jobs report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics cites few people looking for jobs. This tight labor market may put

upward pressure on wages. (4) Increased services have an impact on the city's revenue base. And (5) concern has been expressed that the city may not be setting enough aside for infrastructure.

Once Ard presents her proposed budget for FY 2021, a series of budget worksessions will begin, which residents are strongly encouraged to attend or to watch via cable or streaming.

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Time Bank Is Opportunity To Share Skills and Time

John Campanile



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John Campanile and his coat of many colors

A certain member of the Greenbelt community owns a prized coat, one he has received numerous compliments for because of its array of colors, and it needed a new zipper, a time-consuming and expensive task. Local tailors priced the operation at \$40. He was about to bite the bullet and pay for the replacement, but thought of another available option: Greenbelt Time Bank (GTB).

Soon after posting his request on the GTB website, he received an email from another Time Banker whom he refers to as The Sewing Savior of Ridge Road. She expressed a willingness to replace the zipper; all the member had to do was purchase one. A trip to JoAnn's Fabrics and \$10 later, the coat and new zipper were delivered to the Sewing

Savior. Three days and six Time Bank hours later, our member was back to receiving compliments on his technicolor pride and joy! No cost for the labor. Only an exchange of hours.

Founded in 2013, the Time Bank has come to many a member's rescue, from yard work requests to pet sitting to light home repairs. And members, in turn, have been able to return the favors with their own service tasks.

Out of some 224 current members, the zipper repair cannot be the only success story to tell. The GTB would like to compile these experiences and invites people who have benefited from the Time Bank to send their stories to jbelltower@yahoo.com to be included in future Greenbelt News Review articles and on social media to promote this valuable and accommodating service. No names need be used, although they are welcome.

Those with an interest in sharing skills and time should visit greenbelttimebank.org and sign up, or visit the GTB Facebook page and search for the video that shows how this unique organization works.

Those who have experienced GTB say it is easy, convenient, and provides a wonderful opportunity for members to provide services to, and receive services from, other members.

Sports

The Vanilla Gorilla Fights On Feb. 28 at Live! Casino

On Friday, February 28, Greenbelt native Sam "The Vanilla Gorilla" Crossed (9-0, 5KOs) will face the toughest test of his boxing career when he squares off with Baltimore's "Slick" Nick Kisner (21-5-1, 6KOs). The 10-round matchup will take place at the Live! Casino and Hotel in Hanover, Md. The bout will serve as the chief support for the main event between super middleweights Demond Nicholson (22-3-1, 20KOs) and Mike Guy (12-4-1, 6KOs).

"It is a huge fight for me that could really change my career," Crossed said. "A win over Nick puts me in position to fight on the world stage and I am not taking this opportunity for granted." While this will be their first sanctioned bout, it will not be

the first time Maryland pugilists have faced each other as they have sparred hundreds of rounds preparing each other for different opponents throughout their respective careers.

The Jeter Promotions card will be the first for the wildly popular Crossed's bout at Live! Casino and Hotel, which is just minutes from where the former Roosevelt High School football and baseball standout grew up.

"When I started this journey I figured I would have few pro bouts and then move on with my life," the undefeated boxer stated. "To be in a position to fight for the Maryland Cruiserweight Championship in just my 10th fight in front of my hometown crowd at a venue like Live! Casino and Hotel is kind of surreal."

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Your Greenbelt Specialists In Roosevelt Center

Applications Due April 1 For Senatorial Scholarship

Maryland State Senator Paul Pinsky, representing District 22, offers scholarships for new and returning college students. The District 22 application for the Maryland Senatorial Scholarship Program is available online at senatorpinsky.org. The application must be completed and submitted online no later than April 1.

The selection of recipients is made on a number of criteria, including academic achievement, financial need and commitment to higher education. A scholarship committee made up of citizens across District 22 determines the final selection of recipients in the spring.

Other scholarship opportunities are also available through the Maryland Higher Education Commission. The Promise Scholarship is available for students attending

a two-year college. After applying other scholarship funds, the program pays any remaining tuition an eligible student acquires. Eligibility is determined by household income.

Additionally, the Maryland Teaching Fellows initiative provides Maryland students interested in the teaching profession with tuition, room, board and books. Applicants must meet the GPA, SAT or ACT requirement. Additional information regarding these and other scholarship opportunities can be found on the Maryland Higher Education Commission website at mhcc.state.md.us by following the State Scholarships & Grants link under Quick Links.

Those with questions regarding the awards process can call Pinsky's office at 301-858-3155.



PHOTO BY KEN LOO

This stump shows how old and big this Greenbelt tree was.

MUD CLOTH continued from page 1



Greenbelter Lois Rosado applies a second coat of mud to her butterfly to make the pigments in the dirt as vibrant as possible.

is not knowing how it's going to turn out."

After the rinsing process, some designs lost their precision or bled into different parts of the fabric. Arrington said it's an art form that takes a lot of practice. "It's very labor-intensive and time-consuming," Arrington said. "The dirt itself takes about three to six months to ferment."

While Karen Arrington has been doing mud cloth artwork for years, she said that her sister, Kathye Arrington, who has over 20 years of experience working with mud cloth, is the real expert. "Whenever [Kathye] travels, she always brings back dirt from

other places," Karen said, laughing. "You have to declare it in customs, of course, but you also have to microwave the dirt to kill any foreign bacteria before using it." Although dirt from every corner of the world could be used in mud cloth, according to Karen, the dirt that was used on Sunday came from Owego, N.Y., Laurel, Md., and a baseball field in Howard County, Md.

Just one of the many activities hosted by the City of Greenbelt to celebrate Black History Month, the free mud cloth workshop attracted many first-time participants. Six-year-old Emelia Loo was all smiles at the event

with her friends and family, saying that she'd never painted with mud before. "I liked it," she said, carefully examining her mud-stained hands as if to explain the cost of her efforts. "But my hands got a little dirty." Maurice Holden, who's a junior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, said that it was also his first time working with mud cloth. "It gives you the chance to make a very creative and clever image," Holden said, as he reflected on the ways the art form could "inspire the minds of many."

And inspire the mud cloth workshop did, as attendees left with colorful proof of the practice they'd learned. And, as the event came to a close, Mary Ann Hartnett, a coordinator at the John Hollingsworth Art Gallery, could be heard saying that she had gained a new perspective, too. "Now, when I get a little bit of mud on my clothes in the garden," Hartnett said, "I'll think, 'You know, maybe it's not such a bad thing.'"

(Brogan Gerhart is a University of Maryland journalism student interning with the News Review.)



Fermented mud can create many different colors depending on the type of dirt used in the process, according to Artist in Residence Karen Arrington. Above, from left, the colors here are red, black, brown and yellow.

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Sally Gilbert adds some final touches to her mud cloth gecko's new home.





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