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PHOTO BY ROBIN OLSON

On Tuesday, August 25, Greenbelters joined thousands of people taking action across America with one clear message, "Save the Post Office." The Greenbelt Post Office protesters include Bonnie Schrack, far right, organizer of Greenbelt's day of action to save the post office, and Vi Ward-Diamond-Senio, staff, American Postal Union, center, standing by the Post Office sign.

Byrd Presents Policing Act, Asks for Draft Ordinance

by Kathleen Gallagher

The regular meeting of the Greenbelt City Council on August 10 ran for nearly six hours, with many items on the agenda. The longest of these, which lasted more than an hour, was a presentation by Mayor Colin Byrd of a proposal of his own to potentially be developed into an ordinance titled Greenbelt Fair and Just Policing Act of 2020.

No draft document was presented, and the motion Byrd would eventually make was for council to direct the city solicitor to convert the content he was presenting into a draft ordinance, which could then be reviewed and considered for action. It was made clear that no vote was being taken on the proposal itself that night, since only a framework had been presented.

Residents who wish to view the presentation or the slides can find them on the city website by going to

Greenbelt Municipal Access (greenbeltmd.gov/government/city-administration/public-information-communications/greenbelt-municipal-access) and selecting the August 10 meeting.

Background

Byrd first presented the history and need for evaluating and reforming policing in Greenbelt and then made suggestions for policy. He started with an account of the origin of slave patrols, which started in South Carolina and had such duties as pursuing and returning escaped slaves and maintaining discipline among enslaved populations. After the Civil War, local sheriffs took on this work, and from that, early police departments eventually evolved. Byrd said that African Americans, other minorities and immigrants were the populations with whom the police were most

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Refinancing of Two Bonds Saves \$700,000; GSFC Environmental Plan Raises Concerns

by Diane Oberg

At its August 10 regular meeting, the Greenbelt City Council gave final approval to a proposed refinancing of two prior bond issues. In addition, it received a briefing on the environmental assessment of the Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC).

Refinancing

As reported in Matt Arbach's story in the August 13 News Review, the current extremely low interest rates provide an opportunity

to obtain lower rates on two city bonds: the 2011 bonds used to cover the shortfall in the 2001 bond fund (\$1.8 million) and the 2013 bonds (\$2.3 million) covering the city's unfunded liability to the state retirement system. The maturity date of the new bonds will be identical to the existing maturities, according to Senior Vice President Joe Mason of Davenport and Company, the city's financial advisor.

The two best offers came from Freedom Bank and JP Morgan Chase. Freedom Bank had the lowest rate for refinancing the 2011 bonds. For the 2013 bonds, Chase had a slightly lower rate (1.313 percent vs. Freedom's 1.4 percent) but did not offer a uniform savings option.

Council had two decisions to make. First, which bank(s) to award the refinancing and second, whether to take all the savings up front or to spread the savings over the period covered by the loans (uniform savings). Council accepted the staff recommendation that the city should select the uniform savings option.

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What Goes On

- Monday, August 31**
8 p.m. Council Worksession: Development Proposal at 7010 Greenbelt Road (former Nursing and Rehabilitation Center)
 - Tuesday, September 1**
7 p.m.. Arts Advisory Board Meeting
 - Wednesday, September 2**
8 p.m. Council Worksession: Royal Farms Detailed Site Plan
- All meetings are virtual. See the meetings calendar at greenbeltmd.gov for agendas and information on public participation in these meetings.

Meeting Will Address Forest Preserve Trails Stewardship

by Bryan Bruns



PHOTO BY BRYAN BRUNS

One well-trodden trail in the Forest Preserve leads through a stand of tall trees.

The Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB) is holding a public Zoom meeting on Saturday, September 12 at 10 a.m. to discuss the Master Trails Plan. To prepare for the meeting, FPAB invites Greenbelt residents to peruse excerpts from Chapter 3.1 of the Forest Preserve Stewardship Guidelines that discuss the existing informal trails.

The Master Trails Plan would create a designated trail system in the Preserve and describe the type and intensity of trail maintenance that should occur to maintain ecological health in each area. The Stewardship Guidelines stipulate that in all instances the city will maintain the trails to the minimum extent possible.

Trails will be officially designated and maintained to pro-

tect the health of the Preserve, provide a variety of experiences to hikers and allow the city to discourage unofficial trails or maintenance activities. Designating a trail to be an official trail does not mean it will be marked by physical blazes. FPAB and city staff will map the official trails in each parcel and describe the type and intensity of trail maintenance that should occur to preserve ecological health in each area. Trail maintenance activities that are approved in the Master Trails Plan may be carried out by trained city staff, trained volunteers working independently or groups of volunteers under direct expert supervision.

The Master Trails Plan will include an inventory of existing See **PRESERVE**, page 6



PHOTO BY MELINDA BRADY

A family plays together in the outdoor pool during the new family/recreational swim times at the Aquatic & Fitness Center. Slots are available from 3:35 to 4:45 p.m. Mondays to Fridays and 1:15 to 2 p.m., 3 to 3:45 p.m. and 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. on Saturdays. Registration through Greenbelt ReLink is required.

Editorial**Apologies for Baltimore Slur**

We agree with the readers who wrote to us pointing out that last week's cartoon included a slap at a fellow Maryland city. Political cartoons are intended to stir people up and to do so they need to unerringly hit a single well-defined target. In appreciating the maglev aspect of the cartoon, we saw only what we wanted to see, but then failed to take a second look.

Though centered as we are on Greenbelt, the staff of this newspaper are fans of Baltimore. We appreciate its vivid culture; its excellence in art, music, science and medicine; its aptly named sports teams; and the tenacity of its neighborhoods. We are also aware of and concerned for its struggles and the challenges of crime, poverty and inequality faced by many of its residents.

Thanks to our readers for your letters of support for Baltimore. And swift raps on the knuckles for our editorial board.

Correction

In the article *The Greenbelt Forest Preserve: How to Manage the Trails?* published in the August 20 News Review, the name of the Greenbelt subdivision Belle Point was misspelled.

Election 2020**Email Ballot Option Not Recommended**

Anyone who has not received the mail-in ballot request form by early September, or does not want to wait, may go to the Maryland State Board of Elections website (elections.maryland.gov) and download the ballot request form directly to a home computer. The request form should then be mailed to the Prince George's County Board of Elections, 1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A, Largo, MD 20774. This option requires an envelope and postage.

The State Board does not recommend requesting an electronic ballot instead of the standard mail-in ballot that will be mailed to the voter's address through the U.S. Postal Service. The electronic ballot was designed for limited use as it cannot be scanned to be counted. The emailed electronic ballot available on the State Board website is the alternative if someone with special needs is voting absentee.

As of Tuesday, August 25, the State Board reported that 64,887 Marylanders had already requested this electronic ballot option from their website, thinking it would be better than mail-in ballots.

- Edith J. Beauchamp

Letters to the Editor**Baltimore Support**

As a Greenbelter that works in Baltimore I was truly disappointed to see last week's cartoon in the Greenbelt News Review with a derogatory tone towards the city of Baltimore. Baltimore is a great city and it deserves our respect and our support. Baltimore certainly does not need poor taste jokes about its situation, particularly after being the victim of a vicious attack by the current president of the USA and after having lost funding for a new light rail line by a rather arbitrary decision of the current governor of Maryland. I am proud of Greenbelt's support for the Black Lives Matter movement, but if we really want a more just society, we have to change our mentality regarding how we depict communities of color in popular culture and use our resources for the benefit of our larger community in Maryland and beyond.

Mariana Guerrero

access. The availability of meat, fruit and vegetables at this hour is amazing. My visits allow me to feel as if things are normal again.

Patricia Novinski

Hats Off to GAFC

Kudos to Stephen Parks and the staff of the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center. Though we were all impatient waiting for them to reopen, it was worth the wait. They have done a terrific job. The lifeguards and staff are very patient and professional dealing with our complaints about scheduling and times allotted. I am so thrilled to be able to swim laps again. I have the utmost respect for all their employees for the huge and successful undertaking of reopening and keeping us safe. They have allowed us some semblance of normal, even if it is for only 45 minutes twice a week. Thank you so much.

Robin Olson

Thanks to Co-op

A big thank you to the staff at Co-op for continuing to provide the \$5 food donation bags for purchase to benefit the St. Hugh Food Pantry. A special thanks to Annie, who coordinates the food orders to change the bag contents every few weeks. Annie works closely with St. Hugh pantry volunteers to select new food items as they are available. The pantry is grateful to the community for continuing to generously support this program.

Mary Ann Tretler, President
St. Hugh Ladies of Charity

Maglev: Worst Idea

The maglev train through Greenbelt is one of the worst ideas we have heard in our lifetimes. It is simultaneously an unnecessary means of transportation and completely destructive to our beautiful Greenbelt community.

We have contacted both Representative Hoyer and Governor Hogan to express our alarm. We voted for them. We pay their salaries. We reminded them it was their turn to represent us. They can respectively be reached at hoyer.house.gov and governor.maryland.gov.

For our fellow Greenbelters who share our convictions, we ask that you too express your concerns to our elected officials. We don't want to look back and say, "It was a wonderful day in the neighborhood, until the maglev train destroyed it."

Speak out as if your way of life in Greenbelt depended on it. It does.

Sarah and Peter Cooper

Cartoon Not Funny

I am writing to express my disgust with the cartoon you printed in the August 20, 2020, issue of the Greenbelt News Review.

The cartoon by Pete Reppert takes a disparaging and cheap shot at Baltimore City. I was born and raised in Baltimore and have family there. Yes, Baltimore has its share of problems but there are a lot of good people there and good things that happen in the city.

I would hope in the future the editors will take more care to review what goes into the newspaper. This cartoon is not funny and has no place in the paper.

Tina Williams

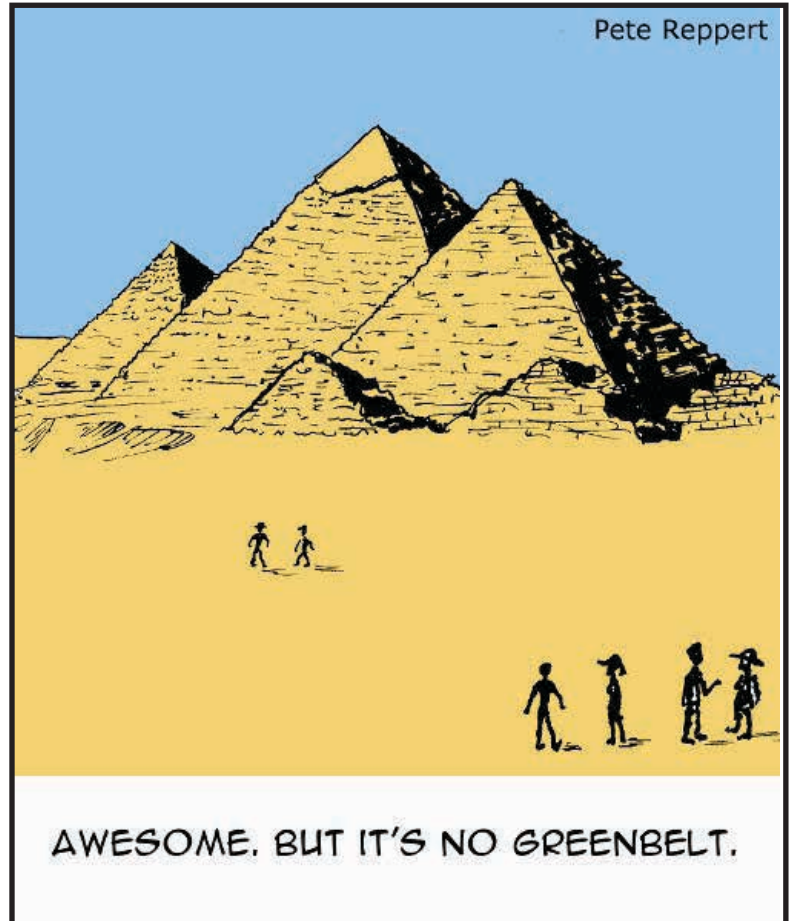
Don't Bash Baltimore

I was taken aback by the cartoon in last week's issue of the News Review. Sorry the cartoonist had to bash another Maryland city to support anti-maglev. Baltimore may have its problems but it also has many assets: great symphony orchestra, art collections, science center, aquarium, plus others. Oh, I forgot, great sports teams with Maryland names we can be proud of.

Judith Ott

Feels Normal Again

Kudos to GNR for having Zachary Hoard on the front page. His hard work and kindness at the Co-op exemplify the effort of its entire staff. Starting at 7 a.m., shelves are full and employees are available to provide assistance as stock is rearranged to increase



AWESOME. BUT IT'S NO GREENBELT.

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The News Review reserves the right not to publish any letter submitted. Letters are considered accepted when published.

All letters must include the letter writer's name, physical address and telephone number. Only the name will be published; the News Review will consider withholding the name upon request.

All letters are subject to editing for reasons of space, libel, privacy, taste, copyright and clarity.

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New Submission Deadlines

The Greenbelt News Review has revised its deadlines in view of the impact of COVID-19 on our operations. The new deadlines are:

Display ads: Copy that is not camera-ready - 2 p.m. Monday

Display ads: Camera-ready copy - 6 p.m. Tuesday

Classified ads: 6 p.m. Tuesday

Letters to the editor (which should be fewer than 300 words): 2 p.m. Tuesday

Stories under 700 words: 2 p.m. Tuesday

Stories over 700 words: 2 p.m. Monday

Photos: 2 p.m. Tuesday

Community events: 2 p.m. Tuesday



No Market Labor Day

The Farmers Market normally does not run on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend. Although consideration was given to filling the void left by the cancellation of the Labor Day Festival, a poll of vendors and board members plus some lingering possibilities of other activities using the parking lot that weekend meant it was impractical to add another market to the schedule.

As a consequence, there will be no Farmers Market on Sunday, September 6. The normal market will resume on Sunday, September 13 during its regular hours of 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot in front of the Aquatic & Fitness Center.

The market season continues until the weekend before Thanksgiving, so the last regular market of the season is November 22. At the moment, a Holiday Market is still planned; further information will be available in due course.

As has been the policy from the start of the season, masks and hand sanitizer continue to be required at the entrance to the market and masks are available (donation requested) at the entry if needed. Entry and exit are separated and the market flow is clockwise with no reverse travel permitted.

Entry to the market is throttled so that the market is not overcrowded and it's possible to maintain 6 feet distancing. Shoppers should note that the most crowded portion of the market is usually on the far side of the loop and that the cause of any restriction on entry may not be visible from the entrance.

The market is a loop and stalls already passed may be reached by continuing forward around the loop. Shoppers may not touch the produce or place reusable bags on any market surface.

Respect the rules of the market – they are there for the protection of all concerned. Those who feel they cannot observe the requirements should not attend. The market managers do not enjoy enforcing the restrictions and are grateful for the thanks of all the customers who are pleased and relieved that they do.

Those who need specific assistance to obtain service at the market should contact the board at info@greenbeltfarmersmarket.org so suitable arrangements can be made.

Retro Town Fair Goes Virtual

To enter the 2020 Retro Town Fair, take a photo of your item and send the jpeg as an attachment by email to education@greenbeltmuseum.org by Friday, August 28. Put Retro Town Fair Entry in the subject line. The email must state into which category the item should be entered. The Museum's website, greenbeltmuseum.org, will announce the winners on Sunday, September 6. Anybody with questions should contact Sheila Maffay-Tuthill at education@greenbeltmuseum.org.



Labor Day Book Sale Supports GES PTA

The Greenbelt Elementary School Parent Teacher Association's beloved Labor Day Book Sale is ON! It will be held in a new and creative format this year - instead of one location, there will be many. On Saturday, September 5, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., books will be displayed in yards throughout Greenbelt.

Book seekers can drive, bike or walk to participating homes to select books from volunteer book "sellers." No payment will be exchanged – shoppers are free to take any books they'd like. Normally, paperbacks cost \$1 and hardbacks are each \$2. Donations to the PTA may be made at paypal.me/greenbeltespta.

On Sunday, donors are welcome to deliver any books they wish to donate directly to the PTA's leftover-book buyer, which also supports the PTA. Book donation drop-off is Sunday, September 6 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the lower parking lot behind the Co-op grocery store. CDs and DVDs will be accepted. No encyclopedias, textbooks or games. The PTA is unable to pick up books from homes this year.

All are invited to participate in both buying and offering books by putting them out on a table or blanket in the yard. Follow COVID-19 distancing guidelines. For more information, including a map of book locations, visit bit.ly/3h0o1U9.

Online Photo Show This Labor Day

Photographers are invited to share up to two of their favorite pictures with the community this Labor Day by entering the online Labor Day Photo Show.

Go to greenbeltlaborday.com to download the registration form with rules and instructions on where to email submissions, due no later than Friday, August 28.



GATE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Sunday Sept 13 at 3pm on ZOOM

GREENBELT ACCESS TELEVISION, INC. CONNECT WITH GATE ON

This year we will be hosting our Annual Membership Meeting online.

To receive a link or phone number to join us on ZOOM please email:
greenbeltaccess@gmail.com

We will be voting on three Board Member positions by anonymous online vote. Members will receive a link to vote for candidates the day before the meeting. Nominations will be open until

August 30th at 11:59pm

Members will also be voting on Proposed Amendments to the Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. By-Laws which can be accessed via our website:
<https://www.greenbeltaccesstv.org/bylaws>

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FIND OUR PROGRAM SCHEDULE at www.greenbeltaccesstv.org by clicking on Channel

At the Library

While PGCMLS branches remain closed, the Library continues to offer virtual events for the public. A full schedule of upcoming programs may be accessed at pgcmls.info/virtual-events.

The virtual program on Tuesday, September 1 at 7 p.m. features the Library of Congress National Ambassador for Young People's Literature, Jason Reynolds, and Prince George's County Library CEO Roberta Phillips in conversation. Reynolds is a No. 1 New York Times bestselling author and native Prince Georgian. His many books include All American Boys (co-written with Brendan Kiely), the Track series (Ghost, Patina, Sunny and Lu), Look Both Ways, Long Way Down, and Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You, co-written with Ibram X. Kendi.

Greenbelt Library curbside service hours: Tuesdays 1 to 8 p.m., Wednesdays through Fridays 1 to 6 p.m., Saturdays 1 to 5 p.m.

Hold requests for up to 50 items can be made via catalog. pgcmls.info/polaris or 240-455-5451. Patrons are notified when the items they requested are available so they can schedule a pickup appointment.

Returned items must be placed in the returned book slot, not handed to library staff. Items need to be in quarantine for five days before they are checked-in and processed. Customers should allow five to seven days for items to clear, so they may temporarily appear as overdue in patrons' accounts. The Library is now fine-free: all existing overdue fines have been waived.

Customers can schedule pickup of Summer at Your Library prizes at pgcmls.info/curbside. Prizes for multiple household members may be retrieved during one appointment.

Customers with questions are invited to call Ask a Librarian at 240-455-5451 or askalibrarian@pgcmls.info with questions. Library staff are available by phone Tuesdays 1 to 8 p.m., Wednesdays through Fridays 1 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays 1 to 5 p.m.

Improv by Zoom

On Friday, August 28 from 7:30 to 9 p.m., Greenbelt Unplugged in collaboration with College Park Arts Exchange will bring improv games to the tiny screen. Zoom-ers can be a star in this production, in their very own tiny box. Ian Blackwell Rogers will host a series of fun and participatory games designed to get participants to think creatively, make stuff up and most of all have fun. See greenbeltunplugged.org to read more about it, or watch a video from the last Zoom improv session. To get the Zoom link send an email to events@greenbeltunplugged.org. The event is free (though donations are allowed). To maximize participation and fun, this event is limited to 12 people.

Maryland Wildlife Art Class

Greenbelt Artist-in-residence Rachel Cross has taught widely popular Art Around the World for many years, but this fall session her class will be staying local and studying Maryland wildlife. Art Explorers Club: Maryland Wildlife will focus on native animals such as deer, foxes and turtles and their habitats. Students will make art based on these local animals. Learn more about this class and other classes offered by Greenbelt Recreation by going to www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation and clicking on Fall Classes.

Astronomical Society Meets August 27

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will hold their monthly meeting online via Zoom this Thursday, August 27, at 7:30 p.m. The speaker will be Anwar Al-Mallah, ASG vice president, who will present on the topic of astronomy simulation software. He will demonstrate three programs: Universe Sandbox, Space Engine and Stellarium. All are welcome.

The link for the Zoom meeting is available from the ASG website, greenbeltastro.org.

Racial Equity Alliance Meets Next Tuesday

The Greenbelt Racial Equity Alliance (GREA) monthly meeting is on Tuesday, September 1 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. through Zoom. The meeting will cover a new proposal for GREA's organizational structure and decision-making process and subcommittee reports. For a link to the meeting, go to the GREA website: greenbelttracialequity.org/event/grea-september-meeting.

Virtual Recreation

Greenbelt Recreation's summer programs are online via the Virtual Recreation Center. Go to greenbeltmd.gov/recreation to access a wide range of online activities, including classes, video tutorials, sing-alongs and more. Art activities can be accessed in the Visual Arts section of the Virtual Recreation Center.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Time Critical Removal Action

BARC 32 Area of Concern
Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Beltsville, MD 20705

The Beltsville (MD) Agricultural Research Center (BARC), a part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service, has successfully implemented a Time Critical Removal Action (TCRA) at the BARC 32 Area of Concern (AOC). This location is about a 14-acre area of concern that is part of BARC's National Priorities Listing (NPL/Superfund) by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The BARC 32 AOC was identified in 1991 based on its historical use for maintenance and storage of transformers and other equipment. In 2004, the AOC underwent a TCRA for polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in soils. Following the confirmed removal of the PCBs in soils, a solvent groundwater plume consisting of tetrachloroethylene (PCE) and trichloroethylene (TCE) was identified in the underlying surficial aquifer. PCE and TCE were detected at concentration above their respective Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Maximum Contaminant Limits (MCLs). A groundwater investigation was completed to determine the nature and extent of the groundwater contamination and the site underwent a Remedial Investigation (RI) in 2018 to determine the risk posed by the contamination in groundwater. Based on the findings of the RI, it was determined that contaminated groundwater was migrating offsite and had potential to put offsite human health at risk. ARS, with EPA support, determined that a TCRA should be completed to control offsite migration of PCE and TCE and selected to use nanometer scale activated carbon to create a sorptive barrier. On July 28, 2020, the nano-carbon was injected to create a groundwater barrier along the BARC facility property boundary. This underground carbon barrier passively absorbs PCE and TCE, thus preventing its migration offsite and reducing the potential risk to human health. The nano-carbon was injected along the BARC facility boundary preventing additional PCE and TCE from moving offsite. ARS will conduct routine performance monitoring of the barrier and groundwater to assess the effectiveness of the TCRA. In coordination with EPA, ARS is currently reviewing technologies for the final remediation of the BARC 32 AOC to protect human health and the environment. This finalized TCRA Memorandum has been included with all current final reports and documents related to BARC 32 and all other BARC NPL/Superfund AOCs that are available for public review on the BARC Information Repository/Administrative Record. <https://cercla.ba.ars.usda.gov/> These documents are also stored and generally available for review in the physical IR/AR located on BARC. However, due to Covid19 restrictions the physical IR/AR is currently closed to the public. In addition, the TCRA Memorandum will also be available for a 30-day public viewing on the ARS's website at: [https://www.ars.usda.gov/northeast-area/CERCLAdocs/Time Critical Removal Action Memorandum/](https://www.ars.usda.gov/northeast-area/CERCLAdocs/Time%20Critical%20Removal%20Action%20Memorandum/) from September 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020. Hard copies may also be obtained by contacting Mr. Sarath Seneviratne, Safety, Occupational Health & Environmental Staff, USDA-ARS, 10300 Baltimore Avenue, Bldg. 003 BARCWest, Room 115, Beltsville, MD 20705, or via email to Sarath.Seneviratne@usda.gov.

Obituaries

Arnold Glick

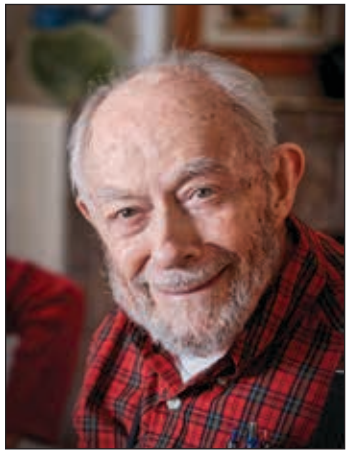


PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

Arnold (Avi) Glick

Forty-five-year Greenbelt resident and University of Maryland professor emeritus of physics Arnold "Avi" Glick died on August 16, 2020. He was known in Greenbelt and beyond for his six decades of international folk dancing, welcoming every new participant and never stopping until the last dance.

Born in Brooklyn in 1931, Avi became interested in science and math at a young age. With his insatiable curiosity and love of learning, he was accepted into and attended New York's prestigious Stuyvesant High School, a specialized public high school for math and science. It was here that he developed a keen interest in physics.

Also during this time, he became involved in the Zionist youth movement. After high school and soon after the new state of Israel was founded, he went to central Israel to work on Kibbutz Gal On to help build the new country from the ground up. However, with the lack of food in the country, he subsisted primarily on grapefruit and soon became emaciated. With simple wounds that would not heal and a U.S. draft notice in hand, he decided that he could not stay and he returned to the United States.

Avi was inducted into the U.S. Army and assigned to serve in the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C. The Korean War was underway, and his assignment was to work on radio transmission and hardware. Near the end of his service, he was caught up in the McCarthy era frenzy and charged in a military court with being a Communist for reasons unknown to him. Later he learned he had been accused because his father had attended a

lecture by American novelist and television writer Howard Fast, who was imprisoned for refusal to provide Congress with a list of possible Communist associates.

Once charges against Avi were cleared, he was honorably discharged from the Army, and he turned back to his interest in science. Avi received his undergraduate degree from Brooklyn College and attended the University of Maryland, College Park, for graduate studies in physics. Working under prominent University of Maryland Professor Richard A. Ferrell, Avi studied the theory of how electrons in metals respond when heated or subjected to electric fields. He received his doctorate in 1961 and then went on to a postdoctoral position in nuclear physics at The Weizmann Institute in Israel. There he did his most recognized work on many-particle phenomena, including a paper with well over 1,000 citations.

Subsequently he was invited to join the physics faculty at the University of Maryland by Professor and future University President John Toll. Toll was growing the size and quality of the Department of Physics and Astronomy and exciting research was underway. Avi devoted his career to solid state physics research and teaching. His work in theoretical physics took him to Israel, France and summers at the Aspen Center for Physics in Colorado. In addition to his academic contributions, he was especially concerned about the well-being of graduate students and devoted much effort to counseling and supporting them. He retired in 1999.

With his many varied interests Avi took advantage of the

opportunities available at the University of Maryland and studied modern dance, ballet, scuba diving, squash, running, movies, sculpture and more. He created an extensive collection of sculptures made of metal, wood and scraps of most anything he could find. He hiked with his physics friends, Greenbelt friends, family and others on most of the trails at Great Falls Park, the Virginia Shenandoah Mountains and the Rocky Mountains around Aspen, Colo.

A member of Mishkan Torah Synagogue in recent years, Avi was known for his kindness, warmth, sincerity and humor.

Avi is survived by his wife of 41 years, Rachel Glick; as well as his first wife, Nevet Montgomery; three children Jody Glick, Jeri Glick (Charles Anderson) and Ora DeMorrow (Shannon Lynch); and four grandchildren. Donations in Avi's memory may be made to Mishkan Torah, the Southern Poverty Law Center, the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous (JFR.org), or to a charity of the donor's choice. Funeral services have been held.



Obituaries

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

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

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A Monarch butterfly in the meadow at the pond on Hanover Parkway



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Condolences to the family and friends – neighbors, students, dancers, hikers, researchers and others too numerous to mention – of Avi Glick, who died on August 16.

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

City Notes

Street Maintenance/Special Details installed a new Maryland flag at the Municipal Building. At the Police Station and Animal Shelter, Horticulture/Parks removed vines and overgrown brush.

Refuse/recycling collected 30.46 tons of refuse and 13.59 tons of recyclables. Food Scraps Program staff weighed scraps and assembled equipment for new participants. Sustainability/Environmental attended a Stop the Maglev meeting.

Youth Recreation Programs staff began working on-site intermittently. Facilities and outdoor spaces are almost ready for modified on-site programming with IT staff supporting the remote portions. Old Greenbelt Theatre's outdoor movies at Braden Field have sold out for August and most of September.

The Aquatic & Fitness Center now offers family/recreational swimming. At the Community Center, fall registration is open. Arts staff presented their week-long Crankie Camp.

Therapeutic Recreation staff learned to use an electrostatic sprayer and UV light to sanitize surfaces. Two families received financial assistance and 39 seniors received meals.

In various parks, park rangers encountered unleashed dogs.

Utopia Film Festival Cancels 2020 Program

Greenbelt's Utopia Film Festival planners have cancelled this year's fall event due to coronavirus concerns.

"We considered an online festival, but lots of bigger festivals have had problems with that," said Utopia Program Manager Deborah Hartwick. "I'm very sad it's not happening, but I think it's for the better."

Hartwick said the event will resume next year.

The Utopia Festival, launched in 2005, is Prince George's County's first international film festival. It annually screens independent documentaries, shorts and features from local filmmakers and directors around the world, many of whom come to Greenbelt in person to talk about their films.

- Susan Gervasi



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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.

VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR AUGUST 24-28

Monday, August 31 at 8:00pm **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: 7010 Greenbelt Road Development Proposal** Virtual meeting will be shown on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 & 996 and streaming on www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

Tuesday, September 1 at 7:00pm **ARTS ADVISORY BOARD** On the Agenda: Discussion about the Eleanor Roosevelt Memorial Tree dedication in October

Wednesday, September 2 at 8:00pm **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Royal Farms-Detail Site Plan** Virtual meeting will be shown on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 & 996 and streaming on www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000. For information on public participation for the virtual meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at www.greenbeltmd.gov.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on:

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Please contact Eliana Gagliolo, GAIL Program Intern at 240-542-2033 to register on Monday, August 31, 2020 from 10-2 pm. Space is limited

This program was made possible by funding from the CARES Act awarded by the Federal Government.



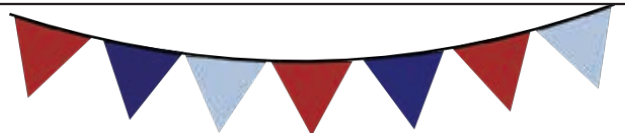
Mom's Morning Out

Greenbelt Recreation has provided a licensed preschool program for over thirty years. The fall program will offer a combination of virtual learning and outdoor classroom experiences. Children will have the option to meet for outdoor learning opportunities (COVID-19 waiver required). Outdoor classroom meeting dates/times will be set in advance and shared on a weekly basis. Parent input is welcome! Weekly learning packets will be provided and virtual group lessons will be scheduled daily. The hybrid model will offer a traditional preschool program that provides activities that encourage social development, offer beginning reading, math and science curriculum, develop fine and gross motor skills, and encourage lots of fun with peers.

Please call 301-397-2200 to receive an email or phone call from our Preschool Director for more details. Registration is ongoing, so sign up soon to reserve your spot.

Student registration packet due before the first day of class.

Monday-Friday, 15 wks: 9/8 -12/18*
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Instructors: Gaye Houchens and Shelley Cooper



GREENBELT MUSEUM

VIRTUAL RETRO TOWN FAIR

New this year a Mask/Face Covering category!
Share your best COVID-fighting creation!

TO PARTICIPATE

1. Take a photo of your item.
2. Send us an email with **Retro Town Fair Entry** as the subject line. In the email let us know what category you're entering (see below for list).
3. Attach your photo to the email. Please use a jpeg format. Please submit via email between Friday, August 21 – Friday, August 28. Send to education@greenbeltmuseum.org.

CATEGORIES

Flowers and Vegetables
(examples: cut flowers, garden flowers you've grown, fruit or vegetables you've grown)

Canned Goods
(examples: preserves and jams, vegetables, pickles)

Needlework
(examples: crochet, knitting, embroidery, sewing)

Crafts, Open Category
(examples: jewelry, woodworking, dollmaking)

Mask/Face Covering
Legacy Handcraft Exhibition
Share an item that's an heirloom handcraft made by an entrant, or by a family member, more than 10 years ago. Please include relevant information about the item. These items will not be judged, they are for viewing only.

SCHEDULE

Fri., August 21 - Fri., August 28
Submit all entries
Send to: education@greenbeltmuseum.org

Sunday, September 6
Winners will be announced on the Museum's website: greenbeltmuseum.org

Questions? Contact Sheila Maffay-Tuthill at education@greenbeltmuseum.org.
For more information visit the Museum's website, greenbeltmuseum.org.
Thank you for participating!



Greenbelt Recreation FALL CLASSES

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trails, sensitive areas, areas of misuse or environmental decline and stream crossings. It will denote those areas where public access may be restricted or existing trails closed. For instance, the plan could designate a trail on the west side of Goddard Creek and leave the east side without a designated trail to protect the wetlands. The Plan will also indicate which trails are easy to use and barrier-free.

When issues arise, FPAB will consider and address the need for trail maintenance at specific locations. Such issues might include a newly fallen tree blocking a trail in an ecologically sensitive area, eroding trails or newly created trails. Maintenance activities on designated trails will minimize disturbance to the Preserve to the maximum extent practicable, while at the same time allowing the public to experience a large, forested area and participate in activities consistent with that type of experience.

To register for the September 12 scoping meeting, send an email to forestpreserve@greenbeltmd.gov. Written comments can also be sent to this address. To view the Stewardship Guidelines and additional information about the Greenbelt Forest Preserve see greenbeltmd.gov/government/boards-committees/forest-preserve-advisory-board.



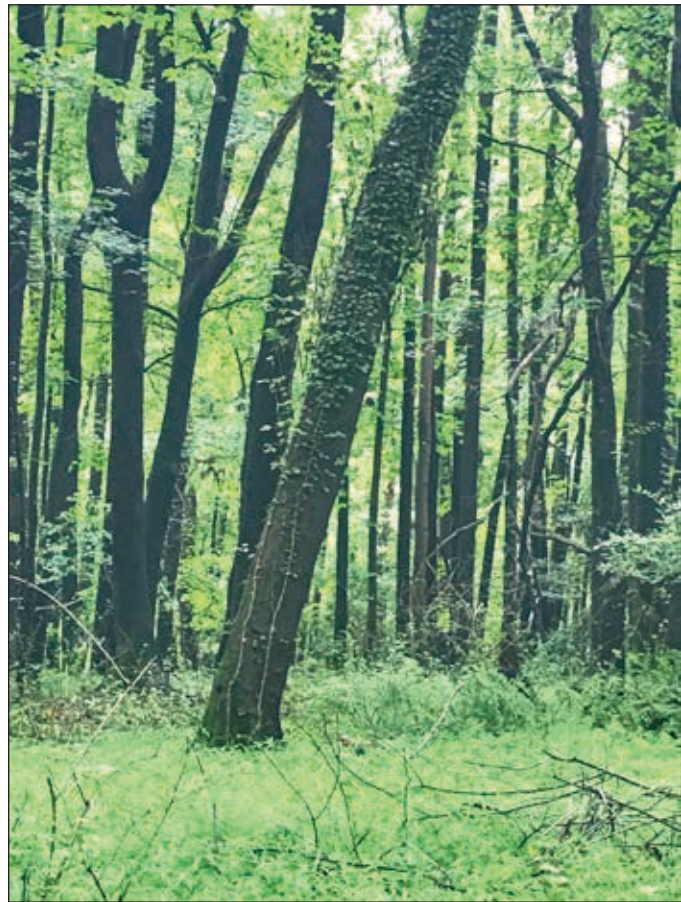
The Greenbelt Forest Preserve in October 2019

PHOTO BY AMANDA LARSEN



The Greenbelt Forest Preserve in August 2019.

PHOTO BY AMANDA LARSEN



Trees in the Forest Preserve after a heavy rain

PHOTO BY MARA HEMMINGER

Voter Information Offered Saturdays

The Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will be hosting voter information tables at several locations throughout the city. Weather permitting, information on voting requirements, absentee ballots, voting locations and drop boxes will be available to the public from 1 to 4 p.m. every Saturday, beginning September 12 and concluding on October 31.

Outdoor table set-ups will be placed at the Giant Supermarket at Beltway Plaza, Roosevelt Center and Schrom Hills Park.

To volunteer to pass out information and answer questions, or for more information, send an email to GreenbeltVotes2020@gmail.com. Include name, email address, telephone number and preferred dates and location. Date and location selections will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis. Emailed confirmations responding to requests will be sent within 48 hours of receipt.

Federal Colony Next Door: A Critique of Greenbelt

by James Giese

This is the first of two stories about articles written in Nation's Business magazine at the time Greenbelt was being constructed. Thanks to Aaron Marcavitch for referring these articles to us.

In 1936, Nation's Business published A Yardstick for Housing, a critical article about Greenbelt and the Green Towns by Warren Bishop. First attacking Rexford Guy Tugwell, the head of the Resettlement Administration (RA), the agency responsible for developing the new towns and other programs to provide decent housing for farmers and other low-income people, Bishop credited him with a desire to "make over America." He said that Tugwell received a "tremendous grant of power for a man who has shown little knowledge or confidence in business."

Referring to the Green Belt Towns such as "Letchwood" (Letchworth), England, and Radburn, N.J., Bishop reported that "on paper, the idea is charming." However, unlike those earlier developments for modest income families, the RA projects were for low-income families.

The article reported on the five communities Tugwell wanted to build near the cities of Milwaukee, Washington, St. Louis, Cincinnati and in Jefferson County, N.J. It noted, however, that the RA quit the St. Louis project that was in dispute with local planners. The RA wanted 4,000 acres in northern St. Louis County which was "pleasant country but not near industry." The planners, on the other hand, wanted the town located where there were "a great number of poorly paid, poorly housed workers." The RA rejected that site as a swamp and subject to smoke pollution, Bishop wrote.

Budgets

Bishop stated the budgets for the other towns: Berwyn (the Greenbelt project was originally referred to as Berwyn), \$6,950,000 for 1,000 families; Bound Brook, N.J., \$7,150,000

for 750 families; Cincinnati (Green Hills), \$8,750,000 for 1,500 families; and Milwaukee (Greendale), \$7,050,000 for 750 families.

At that time, the Bound Brook project was in court. With nearby residents concerned about having low income neighbors, Franklin Township and Jefferson County sued in court claiming loss of tax revenue and lack of authority by the government. While Bishop reported the case as pending at that time, the delay caused by the litigation apparently prevented the project from being realized.

The Milwaukee and Cincinnati projects were delayed by winter weather, according to the article. While the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce opposed that project, the local area business groups supported it. There were options for 3,200 acres of land. In Milwaukee, engineering surveys were being done. Also, opinion surveys of labor union members and residents along an interurban line were being sought, according to the article.

"Meanwhile, the Washington overhead goes on," Bishop reported. "Draftsmen sit at their drawing boards and put on paper their dreams of an ideal community, where the more abundant life is so abundant that it almost overflows." He also wrote that RA employees occupied 19 buildings in Washington.

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Progress was greater for Berwyn with 217 acres of land having been acquired and houses "really being built." Determination of who were to be occupants, rents and costs were still undecided, the article stated. Also, there were unresolved political problems such as payment of taxes and costs for police, fire, schools, sewerage and water. Negotiations were also in process to incorporate the community.

"There are dozens of
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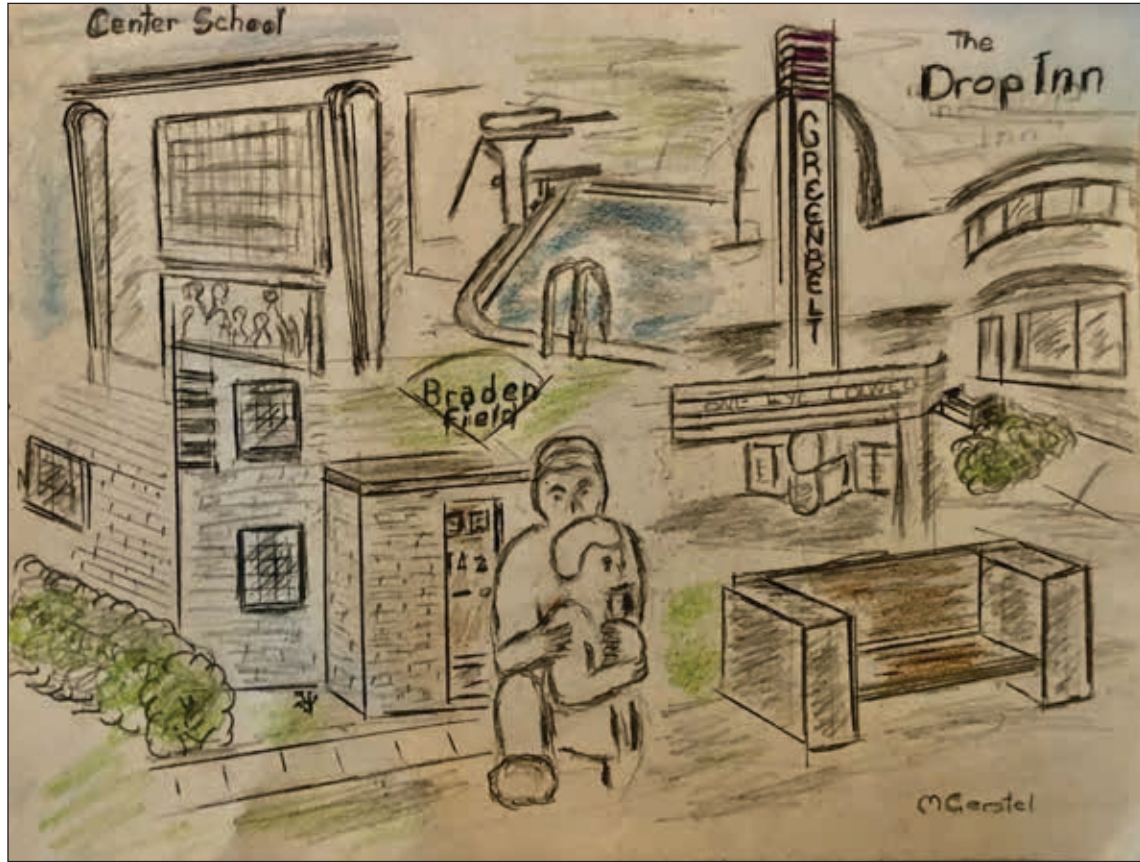
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MARYLAND EXCELS
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Pioneer Memories of Greenbelt From a Member of the Gang

by Marshall Gerstel



This sketch by Marshall Gerstel depicts his memories of life in Greenbelt.

As I reminisce about my years in Greenbelt from 1938 to 1965, I must say they were wonderful times spent in a utopian sphere. They were highlighted by my lasting friendships garnered from so many wonderful and well-organized activities, administered by the many citizen-volunteers of Greenbelt.

I remember Sam Fox and Ben Goldfaden, our recreation directors; Cliff Cockill and Richie Stevenson, my basketball and football coaches; Mr. White and Mr. Townsend, my scout leaders. I recall fondly Rabbi Morris Sandhaus and Father Duvgallo for their spiritual leadership, and Mrs. Fugitt, our principal at Center School, and Mrs. Grimm and Ms. Battey, our teachers. As a teenager, I spent many hours at the social club, The Drop-In, with the club hosts, Mrs. Frady and Mrs. Birdseye. Ora Donahue, Eileen Mudd and Donnie Wolf were stand-out leaders for boys and girls recreation. And, who could forget our mayor, Allen Morrison, who also doubled as Santa Claus for all the children of Greenbelt?

But most important, I think of my lifelong friends with whom I reconnected at the Greenbelt celebration in 1987 and again in 2017. As teenagers, we named ourselves the One-Eyed Connelly Gang.

Over the last 33 years our gang has gathered every two years for a reunion. As many as 15 pioneers and their spouses participated: John Schaffer, Donald Walker, Harvey Goldstein and I are still actively engaged in social discourse through email, phone or Zoom. Unfortunately, several of the original gang have passed – Mike Cockill, Bruce MacEwan, Larry Holien, Joe Carstens, Charlie Howey, Teddy Havens and John Bonner.

Yes, we lived in a government project with subsidized housing for low middle-class families, some living off food stamps and others without full-time employment. During WWII some families received rationing coupons and many grew Victory Gardens to supplement the scarcely avail-

able fresh produce.

We did not know that we were without yet we managed to make do with what we had.

We were all of the same economic level, enjoying life as we knew it without regret.

As you know, we all came through it and prospered, all getting a sound education, successful in our careers. And to this day, I look back and say, "What a wonderful time we had!" Thank you, Greenbelt!

(Residences: 16-A Ridge, 14-Z Ridge, Springhill Lake)



Marshall Gerstel

PHOTO BY MARSHALL GERSTEL

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Don't Get Caught in Scam

One of the Greenbelt News Review's members writes to warn readers about a recent scam to which she almost fell victim:

"It is embarrassing to admit but I was the victim of an Apple scam. It starts with an email requesting you to contact them about a service problem. It is followed by numerous authentic looking emails and phone contact with a company representative. It produces a document indicating my account was pilfered by 92 hackers. Finally, you are instructed to buy a gift card to get money to stop the hacking. Luckily it did not get this far for me.

It frightens me that they seemed so authentic. I hope this doesn't happen to anybody else." The near-victim in this scheme also adds that the email address from which the purported Apple emails came ended in USA.com.

The News Review notes that legitimate businesses do not require their customers to buy gift cards in order to pay for services. Scammers go to considerable lengths to seem like the real thing and are particularly likely to take advantage of individuals who are not fully conversant with technology.

Raider Roast Cancellation

by Douglas A. Mangum

The David Craig Memorial Scholarship Fund (DCMSF) has canceled this year's fundraiser, the Raider Roast, which is held annually at the Greenbelt American Legion during the Labor Day Festival. Saturday, September 5 was the scheduled date this year but with Prince George's County still a hot spot for the COVID-19 virus along with state restrictions on restaurants and the safeguards and recommendations on event/crowd sizes, the committee felt it was not wise to attempt to hold the celebration.

The Raider Roast is the DCMSF's main source of revenue along with their solicitation letter drive. As a privately funded 501(c)(3) state nonprofit it relies on its donors and contributors and the attendees of the annual gathering.

Besides raising funds, the Raider Roast serves as a homecoming for Eleanor Roosevelt High School alumni and past recipients of the scholarship and their family members. It also brings Greenbelt residents together, like last year when it partnered with an all-class re-

union for St. Hugh's School. The DCMSF is saddened to announce this without having a future re-schedule date. It, along with the Legion, look forward to being a source for social interaction with the community. Thanks to all the supporters for the gifts and contributions given.

The event will return when it is safe to do so and will continue helping Greenbelt be great. Those who may wish to donate to the fund despite the cancellation can do so by check to DCMSF, P.O. Box 761, Greenbelt, MD 20768 or through Venmo at DouglasMangum@DCMSF.



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From the Archives

Bradley to Stock Smokes Every Hour, On the Hour

The January 26, 1945 Greenbelt Cooperator, precursor to the Greenbelt News Review, included the following article:

At last, Greenbelt smokers will know where their next pack is coming from and when. George Bradley, tobacco store manager, started a new system this week of offering cigarettes for sale every hour on the hour. Housewives especially welcomed this change as they found it particularly discouraging to push baby down to the Center several times a day and return home empty-handed.

So, the next time you run out, plan your trek to the store by the clock. Last week Mr. Bradley was able to secure a larger supply of cigarettes than in many weeks – enough to put out three cartons every hour. He could give no assurance of being able to continue in this quantity but even so, the system, he feels, will be an improvement. So far there are no plans for rationing cigarettes here, Mr. Bradley said, but if this should prove necessary advance announcement will be made in the Cooperator.



PHOTO BY JOHN WOOD

A snapper at Greenbelt Lake



PHOTO BY MARTI GALVIN

A peaceful summer day on the Lake

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votes, council awarded both bond refinancing agreements to Freedom Bank.

Refinancing the bonds will save the city roughly \$700,000. The refunding bonds will be retained by the bank and not offered to the public. Jennifer Diercksen, Davenport first vice president, described the legal requirements for refinancing through a public bond issue, which are numerous and time consuming.

Goddard Assessment

Council unanimously directed the Department of Planning and Community Development to send a letter to GSFC requesting that the issues identified by staff be considered in the upcoming environmental and historic assessment of its 20-year master plan.

Implementation of the plan is subject to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and the National Historic Preservation Act. In concordance with these requirements, GSFC is now soliciting comments on the scope of the environmental assessment.

The solicitation letter notes that the master plan calls for the demolition, construction and renovation of numerous buildings, along with general infrastructure maintenance and improvement activities. Further, NASA would explore options for some excess buildings and land areas, including “divesting land, divesting buildings and potential future partnerships with non-NASA entities.” Full implementation of the master plan is expected to result in the demolition of excess or energy-inefficient buildings, reducing the site’s building footprint by approximately 645,000 square feet. Divestment of excess buildings would further reduce the footprint by 100,000 square feet. New construction of energy-

efficient buildings would increase the footprint by 363,000 square feet. The draft environmental assessment is expected to be released in January 2021.

In a memorandum, Terri Hruby, director of the city’s Department of Planning and Community Development, stated that the scoping agreement should address impacts on the natural environment, water quality, transportation (impacts on local roads, transit, bicycle and pedestrian movements), electric vehicle charging stations, light, noise, air quality and socioeconomics. It must also, she wrote, address environmental mitigation efforts and sustainability.

The impact of the plan on the GSFC Historic District must also be studied, including historic

resources and historically significant archeological sites, and identifying buildings that may be eligible for National Register designation.

Staff and council were concerned about the references to divesting of land and buildings. Councilmember Judith Davis pointed out that the wooded sections of the GSFC campus are part of a green belt that she feared would become a cash cow for the federal government. That also concerned Councilmember Rodney Roberts, who was also concerned about the divested property being given to other federal agencies.

Hruby and her staff will relay these concerns to GSFC and ask that the city be kept continuously updated.

School Textbook Pickup



PHOTO BY MELINDA BRADY

Staying in their cars to preserve social distance, Eleanor Roosevelt High School students wait their turn to pick up textbooks and Chromebooks for the new school year which begins on Monday, August 31.

Arts Advisory Board Meets Tuesday, Sept. 1

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 1, via Zoom. Discussion topics will include possible lighting and signage needs in Roosevelt Center. Members of the public who wish to attend are asked to email ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov to request meeting access information, or call 301-474-8000 Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



PRELIMINARY AGENDA GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS Thursday, September 3, 2020

- A. **GHI Special Open Session – starts at 7:00 p.m. (open to members and visitors)**
 - Approve Motion to Hold an Executive Session Meeting on September 3, 2020
- B. **GHI Executive Session – starts after the GHI Special Open Session Meeting adjourns (closed to members and visitors)**
 - Approve Minutes of Executive Session Meeting Held August 6, 2020
 - Request by a Prospective Member for an Exception to GHI’s Membership Selection Criteria
 - Consider Approval of the Following Contracts:
 - o Contract for Fall 2020 Concrete Repairs – 1st reading
 - o Contract for Repairs to a GHI Unit due to a Water Leak -1st reading
 - o Selection of Audit Firm for the 2020 External Audit
 - Member Financial Matters
 - Complaint Matters
- C. **GHI Open Session (open to members and visitors) – starts at 7:45 p.m.**
 - Announcement of Executive Session Meeting Held on August 20, 2020
 - Announcement of Executive Session Meeting Held on September 3, 2020
 - Approve Minutes of Special Open Session Meeting Held on August 6, 2020
 - Approve Minutes of Regular Open Session Meeting Held on August 6, 2020
 - Nomination & Elections Committee Proposal for the 2020 Annual Membership Meeting
 - Permit Request to Install a Patio and Sitting Wall in the Yard of a GHI Unit
 - Permit Request to Install an Electric Vehicle Charging Station adjacent to Storage Rooms at 9-N Southway
 - Permit Request to Install a Section of Fence to Enclose the End and Gardenside Yards of a GHI Unit
 - Proposed Revisions to GHI Rules re: Minimum Use and Maintenance Standards – Homes and Yards
 - Establishment of a Taskforce to Recommend Actions to Protect GHI from the Effects of the Proposed SCMAGLEV Project
 - Investment Committee’s Recommendation re: Revisions to GHI’s Investment Policy
 - Policy re: Disclosure of Opinions Received from GHI’s Legal Counsel

Contact information for attending the GHI Special Session, and Regular Open Session Meetings which will be held via a Zoom electronic platform due to the COVID-19 pandemic, is as follows:

Time: Sep 3, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
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Sexual Assault

August 18, 6:45 p.m., 6000 Greenbelt Road. A man approached a woman who was standing outside the Giant supermarket and asked her for a hug. He hugged and groped her before he fled the area in a vehicle described as a black Dodge bearing Arizona tags. He is described as Hispanic, with greasy shoulder length curly hair, wearing a white shirt, khaki pants and a baseball cap.

Robbery

August 13, 10:50 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. Two men approached a man from behind as he walked down the street, assaulted him and took his credit card. He declined treatment for a cut to his lip.

Assault

August 13, 5:55 p.m., Cherrywood Lane near Breezewood Drive. A man allegedly drove through a stop sign and almost struck another vehicle. He then exited his vehicle and pointed a handgun at the driver of the car he had almost hit. He then reentered his vehicle, described as a black 4-door Cadillac, and fled. He is described as being White, 5 feet 6 inches tall, with blue eyes and a brown beard, wearing a red jersey and a black beanie-type hat.

August 17, 4:52 p.m., 7300 block Hanover Parkway. A man approached another man who was walking to his vehicle, began shouting at him and punched him in the face. The man who was punched attempted to call the police as the man attempted to assault him a second time. He fled the scene in a vehicle described as a blue 4-door Volkswagen bearing D.C. tags. The injured man declined treatment for minor injuries.

Theft

August 14, 7:19 p.m., 9109 Springhill Lane. A woman's cash app was accessed and money was removed from her bank account.

August 15, 11:55 p.m., 6320 Golden Triangle Drive. A room at the Residence Inn was entered and money was taken.

August 15, 12:55 p.m., 6460 Capitol Drive. A man left his wallet at TGI Friday's Restaurant and found out it had been turned in to management. The money that had been in it was missing.

August 16, 9:27 a.m., 100 block Lynbrook Court. A package containing a large screen television was taken from the front stoop of a residence.

August 17, 12:06 p.m., 5506 Cherrywood Lane. An unattended wallet was taken from a table at Mission Barbeque.

August 18, 6:53 p.m., 8000 block Greenbelt Station Parkway. A Cannondale road bike was taken from a building hallway.

August 19, 9:50 a.m., 7600 Ora Glen Drive. Two money orders a man placed in the mail at the Greenbelt Post Office were later altered and cashed by an unknown person(s).

Trespassing

August 16, 10:32 p.m. 5400 block Stream Bank Lane. A woman was in her home when a man entered it by using the coded door lock. He said to her, "I can't install it," and left the residence.

Burglary

August 13, 8:22 p.m., 6116 Breezewood Drive. A 25-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with 4th degree burglary after he was located in an apartment that was supposed to be vacant. A computer check revealed that he also had open arrest warrants with the U.S. Marshal's Service. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Vandalism

August 14, 7:30 a.m., 8950 Edmonston Road. A mirror on a construction excavator was broken.

Vehicle Crime

A 17-year-old nonresident was arrested for motor vehicle theft and assault on August 15 at 6122 Breezewood Drive after an officer stopped the vehicle he was driving because of an equipment violation. He walked away from the vehicle and a computer check revealed that it, a 2014 GMC, had been reported stolen to the Montgomery County Police Department. The youth then assaulted an officer as police attempted to place him into custody. The youth was released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Rear tag Georgia RVV4027 was taken from 135 Westway and rear temporary tag Pennsylvania 3552577 was taken from Springhill Drive near Edmonston Road. Four tires and rims were taken from a vehicle at 6610 Lake Park Drive.

On August 13 at 7619 Greenbelt Road a woman went inside the Greenbelt Road Exxon service station to pay for gas. When she did so, a man reached inside the back seat of her vehicle, took her book bag, then fled.

Credit cards were removed from an unsecured vehicle at 5900 block Sable Court and were later used to make unauthorized purchases. In the 6000 block Greenbelt Metro Drive a rock was used to break out a window. The vehicle was rummaged through but nothing appeared to have been taken.

A passenger window was cracked at 6301 Golden Triangle Drive. A front windshield was damaged in the 100 block Hedgewood Drive.

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likely to establish certain patterns of interaction.

Byrd next talked about a series of victims of police brutality where the incident put a spotlight on improper practices, which also served to inspire change or raise consciousness at the time. George Floyd is the most prominent recent example, though, unfortunately, others have already followed. Byrd named Michael Brown as another example, in which the need for body cameras became evident and was acted upon.

Controversial Practices

Specific areas and practices among police forces that have been targeted by the mayor for attention following feedback he has received from residents include the following: de-escalation, use of force, duty to intervene, civil liberties, transparency, militarization, hiring, immigration, racial profiling, civilian oversight, stop and frisk, and accountability. He discussed a considerable number of topics that fall under these areas.

Byrd said that where police reform has been tried before there has been pushback along racial lines on whether reform is in fact necessary. He suggested that accountability and transparency are two of the most difficult areas in which to make changes, along with the Law Enforcement Officer's Bill of Rights (LEOBR) and the Public Information Act. He also made a point of saying that reform can be born of the positive and should not be thought of as necessarily being reactive to bad events that have already occurred.

Following this background, Byrd moved that the content from his presentation be drafted as legislation by the city solicitor. Councilmember Rodney Roberts seconded the motion.

Police General Orders

It had been mentioned several times that there was a good deal of overlap between materials in Byrd's list and materials already covered in the Police General Orders, which are posted on the home page of the Greenbelt Police Department (greenbeltmd.gov/government/departments-

con-t/police). Councilmember Leta Mach asked for additional information on how much is already covered by the General Orders, so as to determine whether a separate document is really warranted. City Solicitor Todd Pounds said he couldn't ascertain that until after he had drafted the additions but would report back.

Roberts suggested revisions might run into conflict with the LEOBR in areas such as personnel files. Pounds said he could likely draft the new material so that it does not conflict with the LEOBR. Roberts hastened to reply that if there were to be a conflict, he would want the LEOBR to be changed, not the city's draft.

Process Concerns

Councilmember Edward Putens expressed some dissatisfaction with having only just received this material when at least he and Mach had asked to have it long ago. He added that this process was in itself making things inaccessible since council was bypassing the public, the police chief and the Fraternal Order of Police, as well as city boards and committees – such as the Community Relations Advisory Board and the Public Safety Advisory Committee – that should be part of the review and discussion prior to any decision making. He suggested sending the entire presentation to all of them.

Councilmember Judith Davis said she would support Byrd's request to have the draft written because there was no way to circulate and discuss it until it was a written document. She added that definitions need to be provided in the written version, as well, because much of the language is quite general.

In addition, Davis said her support would require several conditions, if Byrd would accept them: 1) Before legislation could be placed on a council agenda, a public worksession – or possibly more than one worksession – would be held; and 2) before a second reading of the draft occurred, a public hearing would be held that was not part of a city council meeting. Byrd readily accepted her conditions with one

word: "Done."

Councilmember Emmett Jordan thanked Byrd for his presentation and for the work and thoughtfulness that went into it. Nonetheless, he said he would have preferred for council to have been provided a copy of the presentation ahead of time and that he "still had not seen a fully fleshed-out concept." He suggested that it would have been preferable to follow more usual procedures by holding a worksession to get early input from other councilmembers and stakeholders.

Byrd immediately took umbrage at Jordan's criticism and accused Jordan of putting up a smoke screen while his real motivation was to disapprove of Byrd's proposal, a charge that Jordan promptly denied. Byrd maintained that there would be plenty of time for all the parties that had been named to review and comment on his proposal, and he noted his acceptance of Davis's conditions. When he called for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

At the end of this part of the agenda, Davis made an additional request of the city solicitor. Noting that it had previously been pointed out that some of the items put forth for inclusion in the legislation were already part of the Police Department's General Orders, she asked if Pounds would provide an opinion on what the legal ramifications would be if items were converted from General Order to legislation. Pounds replied that he would definitely address this matter when he reviews the documents.



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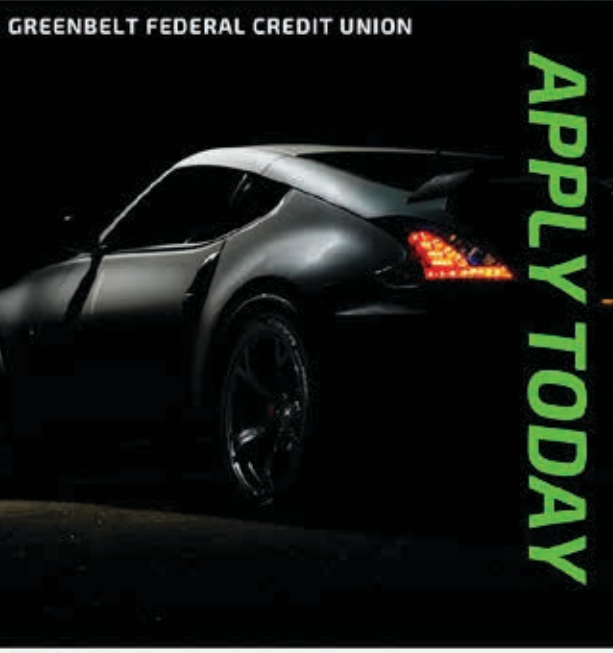
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difficulties in the way of settling a federal colony within an independent state," Bishop wrote. He said a plan (that was never put in effect) called for a holding company of government officials, county and town residents. The county would take title from the federal government. There would be a 40- to 60-year mortgage. Business wouldn't do such an undertaking, Bishop contended.

Noting that the housing was for low income families, he reported that a five-room home projected to rent for \$30 a month should have a building cost of \$3,600 based upon annual rents amounting to 10 percent of value. Although the government was projecting a cost of \$4,000 for a home, Bishop noted that it didn't account for amenities such as parks, athletic fields, a lake and open space. Nor did it include overhead costs, of which he felt there were excessive amounts. He also reported that an experienced project engineer for the RA told a reporter that \$8,000 would not be too high a cost estimate for building a Berwyn house. (A 1938 article to be reviewed later claimed the per unit cost to be \$16,000.) Thus, Bishop concluded that this project had little value as a business demonstration project, but rather demonstrated "what is delightful to do."

Tugwell did concede that there "may be some element of subsidy." Bishop reported and then



Draftsmen at work on the Berwyn (Greenbelt) project

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quoted Tugwell: "Our venture . . . will be of more interest on the community side, in its completeness, its gracious planning, its pleasant properties, its access to the countryside, its marriage of industry to agriculture."

1937 Update

A short, non-bylined article in the October 1937 issue of Nation's Business reported that Tugwell's Greenbelt project "seemed

to be a headache." The project cost was then something like \$13,000,000 or \$14,500 per home for families with average incomes of \$1,700. "People with that kind of income don't live in that kind of house," the magazine commented.

Also, those hoping to undertake operating little stores in the commercial center had been blocked by turning what should

be private business over to cooperative organization. According to the article, "Neither Greenbelters or outside businesses which planned to compete seem to be pleased."



Retro Town Fair



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Stella (left) and Snow White by Camille and Maren O'Roark

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Greenbelt Nature



An Old Greenbelt urban farm dog, McKenna, guards the flocks of caladium and coleus.

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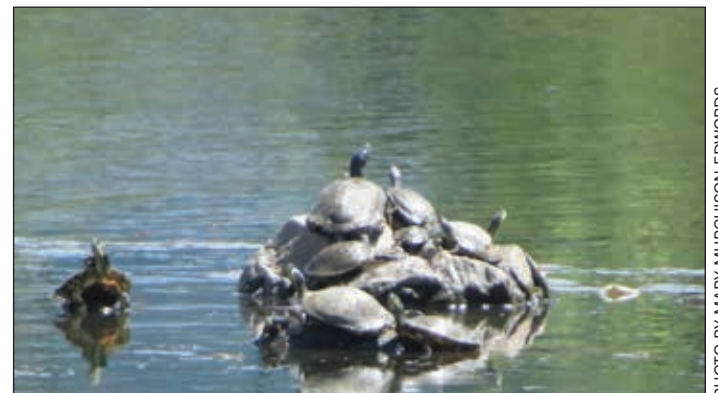
Ducks not social distancing

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A great blue heron, a great snowy egret and a mallard duck happily coexist at Ora Glen Pond in Greenbelt East.

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Turtles are sunning themselves on rocks in the pond on Hanover Parkway.

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