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## Go-Go Music to Highlight Local Resident Rights Event

by Ed Fallon

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Thanks to contributions from more than 40 Greenbelters, Moechella 2020 @Franklin Park will bring a musical caravan, concert and lively community discussion to Greenbelt West on Saturday, September 26.

Following a festive procession through Franklin Park led by one of Washington, D.C.'s most exciting go-go bands, musicians and community members will gather to explain and discuss the event's four goals: to promote voter registration, reduce violence, build community solidarity and assist rental families in danger of eviction from their homes.

Moechella is a movement of musicians and community committed to promoting the culture and well-being of residents of the D.C. area. The term combines the Black slang "moe" (for a close friend or homeboy/homegirl) with "chella" after the West Coast music festival Coachella. Rolling Stone and Salon have described D.C.'s Moechella as using the power of go-go to bring people together in the fight for Black lives.

Greenbelt's Moechella will be open to all, especially those who have not yet registered to vote, those who rent their homes, neighborhoods affected by violent crime and all who are concerned

about heightened community tensions nationally and locally.

About 6,000 Greenbelt households, the majority of the city's See FUNDRAISER, page 6

### Election 2020

## Who, What Else Is on the Ballot?

by Kathleen Gallagher

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(This is the second in a series of articles about the ballot for the General Election.)

While it's true that the Donald Trump-Joe Biden race has been absorbing almost all of the oxygen, there are a number of other items on the 2020 Maryland General Election ballot this year that voters should weigh in on. Voters who have decided to vote on Election Day (Tuesday, November 3) or during Early Voting (Monday, October 26, through Monday, November 2) have some time to spare. On the other hand, voters who have requested, or plan to request, mail-in ballots are strongly encouraged to return their completed ballots as soon as possible to facilitate the work of both the County Board of Elections and the U.S. Post Office. Those residents may be able to cast their ballots within a few

weeks.

Following are the items on the ballot, in the order in which they appear for voting. One difference from the Primary Election is that write-in voting is permitted on appropriate items.

### U.S. Representative, District 5

Chris Palombi is the Republican candidate. A former U.S. Capitol Police Officer, Palombi has chosen as his first venture into politics a challenge to incumbent Steny Hoyer. Palombi now works with Palombo Picasso Media and is webmaster and director of ice hockey operations for St. Mary's Ryken High School in Leonardtown. He is an advocate for maintaining constitutional liberties, individual rights and freedoms, fiscal responsibility and limited government. ([chrispalombi.com](http://chrispalombi.com))

Steny Hoyer is the Democratic Candidate. First elected to the House of Representatives in 1981, Hoyer now serves as the

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### Drive-Through Census

Wednesday, September 23  
4-7 p.m.  
Beltway Plaza  
Back parking lot

In five minutes, without getting out of the car, the 31% of Greenbelt residents who have not been counted can complete the Census form, which contains no citizenship question. Every person who completes the form will receive a gift card and can enter to win a flat-screen TV.

### What Goes On

Wednesday, September 23  
4 to 7 p.m. Drive-Through Census, Beltway Plaza Back Parking Lot  
Wednesday, September 23  
8 p.m. City Council Worksession: Dog Park  
Saturday, September 26  
10 a.m., Stream Cleanup, Indian Creek Trail off Cherrywood Lane  
All meetings are virtual. See the meetings calendar at [greenbeltmd.gov](http://greenbeltmd.gov) for agendas and information on public participation in these meetings.

## Determined Council Surveys Its Maglev Protest Options

by Donna L. Hoffmeister

The Greenbelt City Council has been discussing the high speed train, known as the maglev, since at least October 2017, when they wrote to the Maryland Transportation Administration (MTA), opposing the project. The Federal Railroad Administration, Maryland Department of Transportation and the MTA are now preparing the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The DEIS, with thousands of pages of technical data, is expected to be available for agency review in December 2020. Since Greenbelt is not considered to be a participating agency, the city may not be asked to review the DEIS at that time. All councilmembers agree: the new changes to the maglev path and design will have an enormous impact on Greenbelt and they need to act quickly.

At a special council work-session on Tuesday, September 8, Councilmember Judith Davis cautioned her colleagues not to discuss legal strategies in a public session to avoid giving Northeast Maglev, the company proposing a Washington, D.C. to New York City maglev system, a legal advantage. However, the meeting led to two action items: City Solicitor Todd Pounds will see if it is legal for the current DEIS statement not to have a "no-build" option, and Assistant City Manager David Moran will see if congressional action is needed to release federal land for the 180-acre Trainset Maintenance Facility proposed for the Beltsville Agricultural Research

Center.

Pounds expressed his frustration at not finding a law firm two years ago to help the city fight the construction of the SCMaglev Project. At that time, he said, "I contacted the 10 largest firms in both D.C. and Baltimore to see if there would be anyone interested in taking on this project on behalf of the city." He has gotten no responses, perhaps out of concern for the outcome or cost. Councilmember Emmett Jordan suggested that many of those law firms may have conflicts of interest, if Baltimore Washington Rapid Rail (BWRR), which would develop the Washington to Baltimore segment, had sought to do business with them. Pounds reported that a firm he did talk to said that one city alone cannot handle opposition to this project.

A resident from Greenbelt East, attorney Greg Simmons, asked whether the city solicitor had reached out to the County Attorney's Office, which, Simmons said, would have the flexibility to coordinate efforts beyond Greenbelt with all the communities impacted by the project. Another city resident contested the Northeast Maglev claim that the train would cut the travel time between D.C. and Baltimore from 50 to 15 minutes. According to Owen Kelley, whose September 2 blog post was included in the council packet, time on maglev in rush hour amounts to about 80 minutes, not 15, once

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PHOTO BY FLORY LIETZ

"Sweet" is the first place winner in the People - Photos of Children category of the Labor Day Festival Photo Show. See story and more photos, page 12.



# Letters to the Editor

## Practice Cooperation

Each day the two of us walk our dog on the trail around Greenbelt Lake. This beautiful trail is quite narrow in parts. In spite of multiple signs informing people to mask and distance, many don't. Those that do mask often leave their nose or their entire face uncovered, and when in groups of two or more, refuse to walk single file, even in the narrow parts of the trail. One of the reasons we moved to Greenbelt was because of its cooperative spirit and practice. It is deeply distressing that some citizens seem not to care about the very lives of the persons whom they encounter in our beautiful park. We also wonder why there are no public officials present to support these requirements. Please, fellow Greenbelters, wear a mask and distance at least six feet when outside the safety of your home!

Dr. Jonathan Lebolt  
Rev. Dr. Robin H. Gorsline

## Thanks

Our sincere thanks to the Greenbelt News Review and staff for your valuable contribution to the Virginia Beauchamp Scholarship at the University of Maryland.

Your contributions [and those of your readers] brought the scholarship up to endowed status. Women will benefit from it forever. There could not be a better tribute to Virginia, the founder of the Women's History Program.

Once more on behalf of the Campus Club I thank you all.

Sarah Bourne, President  
Editor's note: The Campus Club initiated the scholarship that will now live in perpetuity.



## Auction Appreciation

Last week marked the opening of the New Deal Café's "Let's Make a New Deal" online fundraising auction. Without all of our hard-working auction volunteers and our generous donors, this auction would not be possible. We also greatly appreciate the support of "Kap" Kapastin and Quantum Companies, partnering with the Merchants Association of Beltway Plaza Mall, to sponsor our auction. Thank you to all the bidders who are participating in our auction and making it a success. The Café's auction is being coordinated by a volunteer, Arlene Kaminsky, who is a retired senior account executive at the Washington City Paper. Over 150 items were donated for the auction from artists, musicians, craftsmen, merchants and caring individuals from Greenbelt and beyond. In addition, gift coupons, books, and many other items can be found at the auction website at [www.32auctions.com/newdealcafe](http://www.32auctions.com/newdealcafe).

There is something for everyone, and still time to get in on the bidding before the auction ends at midnight on Saturday, September 26.

Michael Hartman  
President, New Deal Café

## Priorities Problem

What a sad and ironic commentary on political journalism for the normally scrupulously-fair Greenbelt News Review to run a front-page article entitled Who's Running for President Besides Trump and Biden, which devotes the entire first half (all on the front page) to Trump and Biden, and doesn't even mention its purported subject (the other candidates) until the reader gets to the continuation on page 4.

Michael Neuschatz

## Correction

Our caption on last week's Blue Ribbon Pickles photo won the booby prize. The pickles were made by Abby Farris and George Farris took the picture.

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Pete Reppert

If you vote by mail you don't have to miss out on getting an 'I voted' sticker to show your friends (and bosses) that you performed your civic duty. The Greenbelt News Review cartoon department has you covered - just cut out one of the above and display with pride for a job well done!

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Danielle "Li'l Dan" Celdran reads the Greenbelt News Review in front of the Greenbelt restaurant while vacationing in Hermosa Beach, Calif.

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# Community Events

## At the Library

While Prince George's County Memorial Library System (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](http://pgcmls.info/virtual-events).

Customers with questions are invited to call Ask a Librarian at 240-455-5451 or email [askalibrarian@pgcmls.info](mailto: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. Greenbelt Library curbside pickup is also available during these hours.

### Play "I Spy..."

Although the Library building is closed to the public on the inside, the Greenbelt Library welcomes families to stop by the upper level entrance to visit an "I Spy..." discovery station. Library staff have created a display of various items to be viewed through the glass for any curious customers passing by to take a friendly, socially distanced peek.

### Educational Resources

The Library supports learning from home with a wide array of online educational resources for students in grades K to 12. The Library recently launched the new Resources for Learning from Home portal at [pgcmls.info/school](http://pgcmls.info/school). The portal complements the Library's Homework Support Suite to enhance the virtual learning experience for local students.

All Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) students have access to the Library's online resources with their LINK card number. When accessing the online library and prompted for a library card number, students should use their 9-digit LINK card number with PGCPS in front (for example, PGCPS100100100). No library card sign-up is required. Students' pin numbers are the last four digits of their LINK card number. Adults may register for a free virtual library card at [pgcmls.info](http://pgcmls.info).

Library staff curate featured online resources by age level for elementary, middle school, high school and post-secondary students. Free access is available to live tutoring, grade and subject-specific activities and more with resources like Brainfuse HelpNow, PebbleGo and EBSCO's LearningExpress Library.

Reference and research resources include ABC-CLIO; Gale in Context: Biography, Literacy Reference Center; and Science Reference Center.

### Requesting Books

Hold requests for up to 50 items can be made via catalog. [pgcmls.info/polaris](http://pgcmls.info/polaris) or 240-455-5451. Patrons are notified when the items they requested are available so they can schedule a pickup appointment. Pickup by pedestrians or by bicyclists must be indicated when scheduling a pickup time. All patrons picking up items must wear a mask.

Returned items must be placed in the returned book slot to the right of the lower entrance to the Library. Items need to be in quarantine for seven days before they are checked in and processed, so they may temporarily appear as overdue in patrons' accounts. The Library is now fine-free: all existing overdue fines have been waived.

## Reel and Meal Offers The Condor & The Eagle

On Monday, September 21, in partnership with the Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth and Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church Social Action Committee, Reel and Meal presents *The Condor & The Eagle*. The event begins at 6:45 p.m.; the film begins at 7:15 p.m.

To register go to event. [webinarjam.com/register/116/k6yx6hv8](http://webinarjam.com/register/116/k6yx6hv8). Or, contact [reelandmeal@newdealcafe.com](mailto:reelandmeal@newdealcafe.com). Those registered will receive directions and links to join the pre-show and the post-film discussion on Zoom.

The film documents Indigenous environmental leaders who, in the face of a global climate and environmental emergency, work to unite the peoples of North and South America in engaging these challenges and deepen the meaning of Climate Justice. The film's four protagonists learn from each other's long legacy of resistance to colonialism and its extractive economy.

Discussion will be led by Rabbi Nina Beth Cardin, with the Maryland Campaign for Environmental Human Rights, and Professor Nicole Fabricant of Towson University.

This is a free event with an optional suggested donation benefitting the campaign "No More Sacrificed Communities!"



## The Democratic Club Begins Voting and Registration Drive

by Konrad Herling

The Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club's next meeting will take place on Sunday, September 27 at 3 p.m. The link to the Zoom meeting is provided at [rooseveltclub.com](http://rooseveltclub.com).

The guest speaker will be Amanda LaForge, co-chair of the Voter Protection Team for the Maryland Democratic Party. The Voter Protection Team is a group of Democratic attorneys who respond to complaints about voter registration, vote-by-mail or in-person voting during early voting and on Election Day. They file emergency lawsuits if needed to keep polling places open later or challenge election activity based on complaints received.

The Club is also busy with its efforts to host voter information tables at several locations throughout the city, beginning last weekend. Weather permitting, information on voting requirements, absentee ballots, voting locations and drop boxes will be available to the public between the hours of 1 to 4 p.m. every

## Community Drum Circles for Wellness

The wellness team of Greenbelt's Heavenly Well Acupuncture and Massage, Julia Shapiro and Renée Cooper, will sponsor Drumming for Wellness Community Drum Circles with Katy Gaughan this fall to boost participants' spirit and immune system for the upcoming winter.

Join the Drum Circles to connect with community and support wellness on any or all dates: Tuesday, September 22; Saturday, October 10; Wednesday, October 14; Saturday, October 24; Wednesday, October 28. No drumming experience is necessary.

Gaughan is a professional drum circle facilitator who brings joy and wellness to the world one beat at a time. She is a Greenbelt resident and has been offering drum circles in the community for over 15 years.

The drum circles will be held in a local open-air glass pavilion. All participants will be required to wear masks and practice social distancing. Drummers are encouraged to bring their own drums and sanitized drums will be available. The location has free parking, is a 15-minute walk from Greenbelt Metro and has access to restrooms. Space is limited and registration is required. There is a fee. The address will be given upon registration. To register go to [heavenlywell.com](http://heavenlywell.com).

Saturday from September 19 to October 31.

Outdoor table set-ups will be placed at the Giant Supermarket at Beltway Plaza, Roosevelt Center and Schrom Hills Park. Anyone wishing to volunteer to hand out information and answer questions, or who would like more information, can send an email to [GreenbeltVotes2020@gmail.com](mailto:GreenbeltVotes2020@gmail.com). Important Note: This is being done on a nonpartisan basis.

If interested, include name, email address, telephone number and preferred dates and location. Date and location assignments will be made on a first-come, first-served basis. Emailed confirmations responding to requests will be sent within 48 hours of receipt.

This just in: From the initial weekend over 30 folks are now registered to vote, so the Club's efforts are already making a difference.

For further information, call Konrad Herling at 301-345-9369.

## Art and Craft Fair Call for Artists

Applications are being accepted through Wednesday, September 30 for Greenbelt Recreation's 2020 Festival of Lights Juried Art and Craft Fair. The show will take place online this year from November 27 through December 20. Participation is open to fine artists and craftspersons in all media, as well as writers, musicians, filmmakers, youth and nonprofit groups. Information is available at [greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://greenbeltmd.gov/arts).



PHOTO BY ANNE GARDNER

A visitor to Lucie Pentz's booth at the Festival of Lights Art and Craft Fair in 2019

## Free Meals for Students At Greenbelt Schools

Meal pickup and delivery will be free for all Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) students through Thursday, December 31. All schools in Greenbelt serve as meal distribution sites. Students picking up meals do not need identification. Parents and guardians should bring a student ID or most recent report card. It is possible to collect for others by bringing the appropriate student numbers.

Recent visitors to the distribution site at Greenbelt Elementary School note that they have plentiful supplies and are eager to not let it go to waste. It's quite a time-saver because they supply two ready-made breakfasts and lunches per student.

Multi-day meals are available for pickup Mondays and Wednesdays between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Visit the PGCPS website, [pgcps.org](http://pgcps.org), for more information and a list of delivery locations.





## Meals on Wheels Launches GoFundMe

Meals on Wheels of College Park provides those in need in Prince George's County, including Greenbelt, with a food delivery service. Since the pandemic began, they have nearly doubled their client base, straining their resources. The organization is now seeking community support by launching a GoFundMe campaign to raise \$500,000. This will support the purchase of new kitchen appliances and supplies to feed those affected by COVID-19. Learn more or contribute at [charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/fund-us-to-feed-them](http://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/fund-us-to-feed-them).

## Overeaters Meet

Overeaters Anonymous is continuing to hold its newcomer introductory meeting by Zoom at 6:45 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month and their regular Greenbelt meeting by Zoom or phone at 7:30 p.m. every Monday. Overeaters Anonymous is a 12-step program modeled after Alcoholics Anonymous that provides help and recovery for those troubled by overeating, undereating or other food-related behaviors. For more information, call 240-305-3433 or visit their D.C. region website at [oa-dcmetro.org](http://oa-dcmetro.org).

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11 am	Greenbelt Newsreel	• or Selections From the GATE Archive	
SAT/SUN	Member Spotlight	• GATE Community Producers	
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# Obituaries

## Anne Meglis



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Anne Llewellyn Meglis

Anne Llewellyn Meglis died September 2, 2020, after a brief illness. She was born April 25, 1940, in New Orleans, La., to Arthur E. and Dorothy M. Gropp.

Anne spent her early childhood, from 1942 until 1950, with her parents in Montevideo, Uruguay, where her father established the first American library, the Biblioteca Artigas-Washington. Those early experiences of Latin American culture and language – mixed with Anne’s love of books, reading and history – would shape her career and life.

The family returned to the U.S. in 1950, settling in Washington, D.C. Anne graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1958. She began her college studies in history at Douglass College (Rutgers University) and completed a bachelor’s degree in urban studies at the University of Maryland (Class of 1973). She earned a master’s in library science from The Catholic University of America in 1976. Anne held several librarian positions within the D.C. government and wrote a book, A Bibliographic Tour of Washington, D.C. She spent the latter part of her career, from 1993 until her retirement in 2008, as law librarian for the Corporation Counsel of Washington, D.C.

Marriage and motherhood diverted Anne from her studies in the 1960s. She was a creative parent and helped establish a local Montessori school for the community. Following her divorce in 1970, Anne relocated her family to Greenbelt, where she remained until her death.

In Greenbelt, Anne shared her passion for the city’s history while she served as a docent at the Greenbelt Museum. She loved Art Deco design and architecture and traveled with friends and family to New York City regularly. She also loved opera and

organized group trips to follow her favorite tenor’s performances. She was conversational in four languages and was still completely fluent in Spanish. Her passion during her retirement was recapping and translating Spanish telenovelas into English for Caray, Caray! her beloved online blog community.

Anne was a devoted daughter, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, friend and adopted mother to many who considered her family. Anne made new friends everywhere and a trio of friends who met in library school remained lifelong friends. Although she was small in stature, she had a huge heart and gave her time generously. The nurturing of these relationships, especially long-distance, frequently led to visits across the globe. She was the driving force behind family adventures, including return trips to her birthplace, New Orleans and Montevideo. Her bright smile, effervescent personality, love of languages and culture, generosity and fearless pursuit of a joyful life set a living example for those whose lives she touched.

She is survived by her son Andrew Jeffrey Meglis (Barbara) of Acton, Mass.; daughter Irene Llewellyn Meglis (Geoff Halferdahl) of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada; grandchildren Grant Withington Meglis (Sahyli) of Minneapolis, Minn., and Peter Withington Meglis of San Francisco, Calif.; cousin Otis Molz of Deerfield, Kans.; former husband Andrew John Meglis, and extended family in the U.S. and Europe.

Interment will be private. Donations may be made in her name to the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum ([greenbeltmuseum.org](http://greenbeltmuseum.org)) and the Metropolitan Opera Guild ([metguild.org](http://metguild.org)).

## Gail Gardes

Longtime Greenbelt resident, Gail Caffrey Gardes, died on September 1, 2020. She was the wife of the late John Patrick Gardes; mother of Kevin, Greg, Brian, Tim and Brendan Gardes and Susan Marcos; grandmother to 11 and great-grandmother to five.

Born in Plattsburgh, N.Y., and raised in Arlington, Va., Gail attended St. Mary’s Academy in Alexandria and graduated from the University of Maryland. Gail and Pat raised their family in Boxwood Village from 1965 to 1994. Gail was active at St. Hugh Catholic Church as a parishioner as well as the administrative assistant in the 1970s. Following that, she worked at the University of Maryland as well as Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Bethesda. Gail was very active with her children’s school and extracurricular activities, including Cub Scouts and Greenbelt Swim Team. She was a friend to many through her more than 40 years of attending Greenbelt Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Her interests included rooting for the Orioles, trying new restaurants and enjoying old favorites, as well as traveling and visiting family around the U.S. Gail was a kind, generous person who had time for any and all.

A funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. at St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church on Tuesday, October 6. Those wishing to honor Gail may give to Catholic Charities.



The Bible Says...

Wait for the Lord;  
Be strong and let your heart take courage;  
Yes, wait for the Lord.  
Psalm 27:14



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## In-person Exchange Likely to Be Scam

The police blotter in the last several weeks indicates that there are scams in increasing numbers that also involve violence. The scenario is that someone makes contact with the victim using social media – the social media could be of any sort – and offers to buy or sell an item on a computer or a cell phone.

The scammer arranges to meet the victim in person for the exchange. The victim is guaranteed to be carrying something of value with them – money, a cell phone or some other portable item. The participants meet, say in a parking lot or other out of the way place that seems public but is, in fact, relatively deserted and the victim is beaten up and the money or the item forcibly snatched from them.

The moral of the story is to not buy via social media from someone who suggests completing the transaction in person and suggests an out-of-the-way place to meet. The risk is high.

The Greenbelt Police Station is available as a safe location for these transactions. If the potential buyer or seller won’t agree to meet there, the odds are high this is not planned to be a legitimate sale.



Deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Anne Meglis who died on September 2.

Condolences also to the family and friends of Gail Gardes who died on September 1.

Congratulations to Aaron Marcavitch who is shortly leaving his position as executive director of Maryland Milestones (Anacostia Trails) Heritage Area, Inc. to take a similar role with Connecticut Landmarks. Marcavitch was on the board of Greenbelt Homes Inc. and served as their first chair of the legislative and government affairs committee. He also led the historic preservation task force for GHI, was PTA president for the elementary school and is cub master for Pack 202 and a Girl Scout leader for Troop 27. Marcavitch anticipates a gradual transition during the complex period of the pandemic. We wish him and his family a bright future and will miss his spirit in the city.

Share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to [editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com).



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**City Notes**

Fleet Maintenance began preparing vehicles for leaf season and winter weather. Horticulture/Parks mowed the Food Forest at Buddy Attick Park. Refuse/Recycling collected 35.84 tons of refuse and 15.06 tons of recyclables.

Two kittens were adopted, leaving the Animal Shelter with one rabbit, three kittens and eight cats.

Recreation, Planning and Beltway Plaza redevelopment representatives toured potential indoor recreation spaces. Recreation staff and Greenbelt Police collaborated on planning live fall special events. A larger movie screen is expected to increase attendance at Moonlit Movies. Park Rangers report increased park attendance in the cooler, drier weather.

The Community Center did a soft reopen, welcoming ceramics and dance students. Online and hybrid arts programming offers limited studio opportunities. Jurying began for a virtual Festival of Lights Art and Craft Fair and a call for artists has been issued. Free after-school arts programming serves Springhill Lake Elementary School students. Mom's Morning Out preschoolers received health screenings and lessons on masks and distancing.

CARES's Judge Hering began virtual GED class with eight students.

**Toastmasters Meet Online Wednesdays**

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club has gone virtual. Those interested in improving communication or leadership skills are invited to join online or by phone every first, third and fifth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Find details for joining remotely at [greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org](http://greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org).

**Virtual Recreation**

Greenbelt Recreation's fall classes and special events are online via the Virtual Recreation Center. Go to [greenbeltmd.gov/recreation](http://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.

**Studies In Pastel Rec Arts Workshop**

Join Artist-in-Residence Racquel Keller in this online workshop and learn how to explore the range of expression that can be achieved through soft pastel. This class meets on two Fridays, September 25 and October 2, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information and to register, go to [greenbeltmd.gov/recreation](http://greenbeltmd.gov/recreation) and click on Fall Classes.

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# City Information & Events

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**VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 21-25**

- Monday, September 21 at 8:00pm **CLOSED SESSION re: City Manager Evaluation** See notice below.
  - Tuesday, September 22 at 7:00pm **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES** (See Meetings Calendar for details)
  - Tuesday, September 22 at 7:00pm **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION** On the Agenda: Council worksession with Joshua Thomas (9/9/20), Student Awards Status, Planning for PTA Presidents Meeting and Updates – Clubs, Grants
  - Tuesday, September 22 at 7:30pm **GREEN ACES** On the Agenda: Royal Farms Site Plan, Circle Discussions, and MAGLEV discussion
  - Wednesday, September 23 at 8:00pm **SPECIAL MEETING re: Dog Park (reopening, policies and procedures)**. Virtual meeting will be shown on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 & 996 and streaming on [www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv)
  - Thursday, September 24 at 7:00pm **FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD** On the Agenda: Community Garden Boundaries, Trails Master Plan, Review of public scoping meeting, Draft outline of Trails Plan and Stream naming
- 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](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov).**

**OFFICIAL NOTICE**

In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) 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 Monday, September 21, 2020, at 8:00 p.m. virtual by Zoom to: 1) discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

The purpose of this meeting will be: 1) City Manager performance evaluation.  
\*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 Monday, September 21st, 2020 at 8:00 pm.

Bonita Anderson, City Clerk



**NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY**  
Saturday, September 26 from 10am-1pm  
Indian Creek Trail off Cherrywood Lane

Join the City of Greenbelt Department of Public Works for a stream cleanup event in recognition of National Public Lands Day. Volunteers are needed to clean up litter along Indian Creek. Volunteers will meet up in the parking lot behind Beltway Plaza 6000 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, MD near the Shell gas station.

- Reminders:
- Bring a reusable water bottle
  - Wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes
  - Students: bring community-service forms
  - Face masks must be worn and social distancing protocols must be followed at all times
  - Volunteers must register in order to participate

To Register: Contact Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll at [kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov)

**SPRINGHILL LAKE RECREATION CENTER**

Beginning on Thursday, September 17, 2020 the Springhill Lake Recreation Center will open for visitors to use the restrooms only. The hours for operation will be Monday thru Friday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. On Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays the Springhill Lake Recreation will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Only one visitor will be allowed in the facility at a time. All visitors must practice physical distancing and wear a face covering over their mouth and nose. Visitors will have their temperature taken and be required to answer a few basic health questions upon entry. We appreciate your patience! If you have any questions or concerns please call 301-397-2200.

**VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

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

- Arts Advisory Board
- Board of Elections
- Forest Preserve Advisory Board
- Public Safety Advisory Committee
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee

**For more information call 301- 474-8000**

**FREE ONLINE ANGER MANAGEMENT CLASSES**  
Monday evenings: 9 sessions from 7 – 8:15pm  
September 21– November 16  
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**UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY GREENBELT SCMAGLEV TASK FORCE**


It is anticipated that on September 28, the Greenbelt City Council will be approving the creation of the Greenbelt SCMAGLEV Task Force. The SCMAGLEV is a proposal for a Super Conducting Magnetic Levitation Rail System which would impact the City of Greenbelt.

The City will be seeking citizens to participate on this task force with knowledge in the following areas: Environmental Engineering, Major Transportation Projects, Environmental Law, Social Justice and Community Advocacy.

The purpose of the task force will be to lead opposition efforts including, identifying short and long term action strategies, review of environmental documents, community education, bridging partnerships with other advocacy groups and coordinating public relations materials.

More information will be available once City Council approves the creation of the task force. If interested, please respond to the City Clerk, Bonita Anderson at [banderson@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:banderson@greenbeltmd.gov).

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**City of Greenbelt BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AND RECOVERY FUND**

The Greenbelt Business Improvement and Recovery Fund was established to offer immediate financial assistance to local small businesses whose operations have been impacted by the Covid19 pandemic. This program will provide businesses with a grant for up to \$10,000. This is a working capital grant which means that funds can be used to support operating expenses related to business interruption, improvements and continuity. Applicants must meet eligibility guidelines and provide evidence of financial impact due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



**GRANT AMOUNT \$10,000**

**Application Process:**  
The application process has been streamlined to expedite the review, selection and disbursement of grant funds. The process is as follows:

Businesses would be required to provide the following documentation:

- Completed application
- 2019 Income Statement or Business Tax Return (Form 4506-T)
- 2020 Interim Income Statement (January – June)
- 2019 Personal Tax Return (if filing a Schedule C)
- Business is in good standing with Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT)
- Proof of Employment

Apply at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/recovery-fund](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/recovery-fund)



# Golden Age Club Goes Virtual

by Susan Harris



PHOTO BY REBEKAH SUTFIN

Golden Age Club meets online using Zoom to reach members.

Sadly, the last in-person event of Greenbelt's Golden Age Club was in early March. But it's September now and the club is back with its regular Wednesday meeting schedule – on Zoom this time, with plans through the end of the year.

The club's maiden event on Zoom was September 9, when Greenbelt's Therapeutic Recreation Supervisor Rebekah Sutfin and club President Judy Parker convened a group of 22 attendees. At least two members had their kids on hand to help them tackle Zoom for the first time.

Topics of this first event were: What's new since we last saw you? And how are you coping? Their responses included:

### Keeping Busy

"It's so nice to see people without a mask on!"

One member reported having had COVID-19 but is doing fine now. She urged everyone to "keep your masks and distancing, even with family!" Two others reported children and/or children-in-law having COVID-19 and doing fine now.

Highlights of their pandemic activities: swimming, walking, online stretching, online mahjong (up to 6 hours/week), crabcakes at the Greenbelt American Legion, McDonald's drive-through, writing postcards to help get out the vote, finishing a wedding quilt, weekly lunches with a friend in the elementary school parking lot, a "wonderful" class on documentary films given by SAGE, a craft group, online yoga three times a week, maglev meetings online, getting a cat, weekly carryout from Greenbelt restaurants with friends, a birthday party with pizza and ice cream cake and seeing a five-person wedding live-streamed on Facebook.

### Random Comments

Several expressed gratitude for the Zoom get-together.

"We don't have much to complain about."

"I've lost 15 pounds, with no late-evening runs to Co-op for cookies."

"I'm busy all the time."

"I'm playing too much Solitaire on the computer."

"I didn't think I could deal with this, but it's no problem."

"I miss my water aerobics."

"Webex is very difficult compared to Zoom."

John Henry Jones invited members to stop and chat with him on their walks down Ridge Road. He's often sitting in his garden.

Before closing, Sutfin said

what a relief it was to see people attending this first virtual meeting. "Yay, people are here!"

### Next Event

The scheduled Zoom events follow the regular club calendar of meetings, all at 11 a.m. on Wednesdays. Events are open to all members, who receive the Zoom link via email. Anyone interested in joining and participating should contact rsutfin@greenbeltmd.gov.

Coming up on Wednesday, September 23 at 11 a.m. is a speaker meeting, when Donna Peterson will present Snippets of Lincoln – Interesting Facts About My Favorite President.

### New Club Website

For the first time, the Golden Age Club has a website or page of its own, on GreenbeltOnline.org. It can be reached directly using one of the domain names the club has purchased, like GreenbeltGoldenAgeClub.org. Pages like this are free for Greenbelt-based nonprofit groups.

### Facebook, Too

News, announcements and features of interest are also now posted to the new Greenbelt Golden Age Club official page on Facebook. If there is interest, a Facebook group will be started, as well, so that members can communicate with each other.

### Traditional Methods

These new web presences are in addition to the club's weekly email newsletters from Robin Olson. During the first Zoom meeting many members thanked her for those important sources of information.

President Judy Parker has also been busy during the pandemic telephoning a few members every Wednesday, when they would normally be attending a club event, to catch up. She reports that many long conversations have resulted, and she is enjoying the chance to connect.

*Susan Harris is editor of GreenbeltOnline.org, where this article was originally published.*

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population, rent their homes – about half of these are tenants in Franklin Park. Based on national estimates that 20 to 30 percent of renting families are having difficulty keeping up with rent payments due to the pandemic, 1,500 or more Greenbelt families may be in danger of losing their homes through eviction in coming months.

Information on voting and eviction relief will be available at the event, including what individuals can do besides voting to assist a preferred candidate for the White House and to identify local judges who will determine the kind of justice available in our area.

Next week's News Review will provide the schedule and route of the caravan and concert, as well as speakers and endorsers.

Organizer LaWann Stribling, a Greenbelt businesswoman and social activist, is calling for more financial contributors and for volunteers to spread the word in the coming days and to assist at the event. Getting the word out is especially important because many rental buildings do not permit distribution of the News Review in their buildings. To volunteer and/or contribute, email Stribling at StribbleTreats@gmail.com or leave a message at 301-526-1473.

# Moonlit Movies Defy Rain To Be on the Silver Screen

by Matthew Arbach

Since kickoff on Friday, August 7, this year's season of Moonlit Movies, delivered by a partnership with the Old Greenbelt Theatre (OGT), Greenbelt Recreation and the Greenbelt Police Department, has been a sold-out success. Recreation Coordinator Alison Longworth said, "The city saw a need for it, while not sure how people would respond initially. The program has proved very popular and people are enjoying it."

Outdoor Movie Night began in 2014 when the OGT was closed for renovations. This year, the program allows a movie-going experience that wouldn't otherwise be possible with the theater closed as a health precaution during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Movies were shown at Braden Field every Friday in August. Due to its success, movies will continue throughout September (all September dates are sold out) and possibly into October and November. There is a 50-person limit, grouped into 10 widely-spaced circles each with five masked patrons, to comply with the county's social distancing requirements. OGT Executive Director Caitlin McGrath said, "We hope to be able to increase the numbers before this season of outdoor movies ends." If the limit on persons attending is increased or additional films are scheduled, tickets will be available for purchase on the OGT website, greenbelttheatre.org.

The first film shown was Jurassic Park, with the succeeding

films chosen according to their place in "80's throwback nostalgia," said Longworth. August titles included Beetlejuice, The Princess Bride and Labyrinth, with the Karate Kid, War Games and Galaxy Quest on tap for September.

Weather has been the major challenge each week. In each case, a rain date of the following Saturday was designated, yet despite inclement episodes, including a deluge during Jurassic Park the first week, so far there have been no cancellations. "That's the risk you take being outdoors," noted McGrath.

The program has been sponsored by Beltway Plaza and Town Center Realty. The OGT manages all ticket sales and has created concession kits that patrons can order prior to the event for pickup. The Recreation Department is in charge of equipment and the location. "Dedicated recreation staff have done an excellent job each week with set-up and preparation," Longworth said, adding that, "if it weren't for their dedication, we couldn't have movie nights!" Movie selection is done by McGrath and the recreation department. Said McGrath, "It's very much a collaboration, and we are proud to be part of it."

McGrath continued, "So far, we've had very positive feedback. I think the Moonlit Movies have been a great success as a first step in giving folks a chance to see something on the big screen again."



PHOTO BY ALISON LONGWORTH

Recreation staff steady the screen during the first week's downpour.

## Drumming for Wellness with Katy Gaughan



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# GATe Launches Rose Award For Best Community Video

by Claude Aubert

Greenbelt Access Television (GATe) is a singular resource for the community. Not only does GATe offer (mostly) local programming on cable (Verizon FIOS channel 19 and Comcast channel 77) and online on its website (greenbeltaccess.tv.org), but it also offers members the opportunity to take classes, rent high-end video equipment and use editing stations and professional software to produce their own videos. All this is funded through fees collected by the City of Greenbelt from cable providers, based on a law enacted by Congress in the early 1970s. Although that's a great deal, it seems that not enough people are taking advantage of it. To get more people involved, GATe is trying something new and is launching the annual Rose Award Contest for best video created by a Greenbelt community video producer.



PHOTO BY CLAUDE AUBERT

Students learn the basic elements of editing during a Final Cut Pro X bootcamp prior to the pandemic. GATe's offices are currently closed due to the pandemic, but they look forward to offering classes again in the future.

Videos are to be submitted to GATe before the end of the year. Be the first winner to receive the \$200 cash prize. GATe seeks

Greenbelt-centric, self-produced videos that can be aired on the cable channel and spread through social media channels (Facebook and YouTube). It is not necessary to be a GATe member to participate and the contest is open to those living in Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights, College Park or New Carrollton.

This is a chance to express a viewpoint through a video, shine a spotlight on an aspect of Greenbelt, interview someone (via Zoom if necessary), tell a story, preserve memories or something completely new. It is not necessary to use GATe's equipment (although it will be available once the GATe studio reopens); just use an available camcorder or smartphone. Read the full rules on the website (look for the Rose Award Contest tab). GATe is looking forward to seeing the entries.



PHOTO BY COLETTE ZANIN

The summer gardens at Greenbelt Elementary School are bountiful this year.



PHOTO COURTESY SPRINGHILL LAKE ELEMENTARY

Springhill Lake Elementary School thanks Tyrome C. Miller at Rainbow Promotions for the customized masks for staff for the new school year.

# Community Center Has Quiet, Careful, Limited Reopening

by Deanna Dawson

The Greenbelt Community Center reopened on September 8 for a limited number of activities and people. Five youth dance classes will start in-person sessions in the gym this week, and two-hour in-person Open Studio slots in the ceramics rooms are available for those who have previously completed an in-person ceramics class at the Center. Enrolled individuals may enter the building for their scheduled class or studio time.

Those with business appointments with staff or tenants are also permitted access, but no one else is currently allowed in the building. All other fall classes will be conducted via Zoom, although some have outdoor in-person sessions (see the Fall Activity Guide at greenbeltmd.gov/government/departments-con-t/recreation-parks/virtual-recreation-center/fall-classes). According to Community Center Supervisor Di Quynn-Reno, a date has not yet been set for when the building will more fully open to the public or when rooms can be reserved for meetings or activities.

### Check-in Procedures

Those authorized to enter the building must ring a doorbell at the historic, main entrance to be let in. A welcome desk staffer guides each person through a COVID-19 screening process, which includes a temperature check and a few health questions. Anyone showing COVID-19 symptoms, or who recently has been exposed to someone

with COVID-19, will not be allowed to enter. Cleared individuals are signed in and must leave the building through the same entrance so their departure time can be recorded to aid in contact tracing, if necessary. Face masks must be worn in the building.

### A Quiet Six Months

Since the Center closed to the public in mid-March, at the start of the health emergency, the only persons allowed in have been a few city employees and tenants who lease rooms or workspace in the building, including artists-in-residence and staff at the News Review and its digital archive project. American Red Cross blood drives were held in the center in July and August – one each month with the next one, which is fully booked, scheduled for Friday, September 18, but in the ground floor east, which has a separate entrance.

### No Public Events

According to Quynn-Reno, no public events are scheduled for the Center at least through the end of 2020. The gym will not be used as a polling place for the November 3 presidential election, with voting instead done by mail-in ballots or at in-person early voting or election-day vote centers (see princegeorgescountymd.gov/1694/Early-Voting-Election-Day-Vote-Centers). The juried Art and Craft Festival, held annually in December during the Festival of Lights, will be virtual this year. More information on the festival will be available soon.



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## Dena Kohn Scholarship Fund Drive-by Sale Draws Big Crowd

by Gary Kohn

The sky was clear, the temperature cool and the humidity low. On a picture-perfect day, approximately 100 family and friends attended a drive-by sale of baked goods, pottery and photographs in support of the Dena Kohn Memorial Scholarship Fund. Held annually for 10 years, the event was historically a mini-golf outing in Laurel, but was moved this year to Greenbelt, where Kohn was born and raised, in response to the fight against COVID-19.

The fund was established by

her fellow actors and her parents to honor Kohn's life and memory. She was known as a giving soul and often provided comfort, solace and guidance to others, all while ignoring her own health.

Many students needing financial help over the years have received the scholarship to participate in The Theatre Lab's Summer Musical Theatre Institute for Teens, including David Aparicio.

The Scholarship Fund is administered by the Lab.



PHOTO COURTESY THE APARICIO FAMILY

**Gary Kohn, David Aparicio and Niki Kohn receive supporters in a drive-by pottery and bake sale contributing to the Dena Kohn Memorial Scholarship Fund.**

## Annual Cassels Award Seeks Organizations with a Vision

by Leta Mach

At its annual meeting this November, the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative will give an organization or group \$1,200 to carry out a project that will positively impact the people of Greenbelt. The grant comes from the Jim Cassels Community Service Award, which honors the legacy of Jim Cassels, Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen of 1978 and organizer of the Co-op in 1984.

Organizations, cooperatives and local groups are encouraged to come up with a project to implement during 2021 that will benefit Greenbelt and then apply for the \$1,200 award by the deadline of Thursday, October 15.

Since its creation in 2006, the Jim Cassels Community Service Award has funded a variety of projects that are fitting tributes to the memory of Cassels and his legacy of community involvement. Past awardees have undertaken a wide range of activities.

The most recent award in 2018 was given to the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts to introduce folktales to fourth-graders at Greenbelt Elementary School by making shadow puppets and performing the Ukrainian folktale The Giant Turnip. 2019 did not generate an award.

In 2017, Eleanor Roosevelt High School used its award for



PHOTO BY OLE HASS

**Cassels award winner Beech Tree Puppets brings shadow puppets to the New Deal Café.**

the ERHS Music and Art Festival. The free festival was held in the Roosevelt Center on April 21, 2018, and featured music and theater students, along with a student art show at the New Deal Café. The festival highlighted the way ERHS music, art and drama departments work together with the wider community to make the arts a part of everyday life to enhance and enrich the educational experience.

In 2016, the Greenbelt Zero Waste Circle, a collaborative effort between Green Team volunteers and Public Works staff members, received the award to create a permanent collection site near the recycling containers at Buddy Attick Park for items that can be upcycled and used to make other items.

Applicants are encouraged to use the link on the Co-op website to fill out the application online at [greenbelt.coop/cms/community/jim-cassels-award](http://greenbelt.coop/cms/community/jim-cassels-award). Applicants may also turn in a hard copy of the application, which they can get at the Co-op's public service desk at the front of the store.

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For further information, contact Donna Hoffmeister at 301-441-9377 or email [donna.hoffmeister@verizon.net](mailto:donna.hoffmeister@verizon.net).

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Congressional Majority Whip. Prior to his election to Congress, he served both as a senator and as the president of the Maryland State Senate. Among his priorities are addressing the climate crisis, improving Maryland schools, improving the criminal justice system and ensuring affordable health care.

### Circuit Court Judges

Voters may vote for up to five of the six candidates in Circuit 7: April Ademiluyi, Wytonja Curry, ShaRon M. Grayson Kelsey, Jared Michael McCarthy, Cathy Serrette, and Gladys Weatherpoon. Curry, Kelsey, McCarthy and Serrette are currently sitting judges.

### Special Appeals Judge

Judge E. Gregory Wells's first term is coming to a close. The vote is "yes" or "no" to determine if he should continue in office. Martin O'Malley originally appointed him to the Circuit Court, and Governor Larry Hogan appointed him to his current position.

### Ballot Questions

Question 1, Constitutional Amendment

This proposed amendment would take effect in Fiscal Year 2024. It would allow the General Assembly to alter the budget submitted by the governor by increasing, diminishing or adding items to it, provided the General Assembly does not exceed the total amount of the proposed budget as submitted by the governor. The vote is for or against the Constitutional Amendment. (Note: this amendment would increase the Assembly's options.)

Question 2, Commercial Gaming Expansion Referendum

Do you approve the expansion of commercial gaming in the

State of Maryland to authorize sports and events betting for the primary purpose of raising revenue for education?

In 2018 the U.S. Supreme Court effectively declared that it was up to the states to determine whether to allow sports and events betting. It is still illegal in Maryland by state law, though 22 states now allow it. If the voters pass this referendum, the General Assembly will be authorized to pass a law allowing the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to issue licenses to offer betting in Maryland on sports and other competitive events. The legislation would also require that generated revenues be used primarily for funding public education.

### Three Bond Issues

Questions A through C relate

to bond issues.

Question A would enable the county to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$178,150,000 to finance the repair, reconstruction, relocation, etc. of County Public Works and Transportation facilities.

Question B supports library facility bonds. The county could borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$28,829,000 for the improvement, rehabilitation, reconstruction, relocation, etc., of library facilities.

Question C would enable the county to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$44,477,000 to repair, rehabilitate, etc., public safety facilities, including Fire Department facilities.

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# Catalytic Converter Crimes Create Car Care Catastrophes

by Melissa Sites

Since the beginning of September, thieves have stolen the catalytic converters from underneath several cars parked along the peaceful, treelined streets of Old Greenbelt.

Thieves are tempted by the recycle value of metals inside the converter, and have also stolen the tires and rims off some cars, leaving the car resting on plastic supports.

Hopi Auerbach reported that her Toyota Prius was struck by the thieves sometime before Saturday, September 5. She knew something was wrong, because as she stated, "When I first started the car and heard the loud noise, it sounded like a helicopter was hovering right overhead. It took me a second before I realized the noise was coming from my car." Around that same date, several other catalytic converters were stolen from Old Greenbelt locations, including one car that was not a Prius.

Steve Skolnik reported that when his 2004 Prius was hit, "the car had to be jacked up, bolts at the front of the converter removed (these were left on the pavement), and the exhaust pipe at the rear of the converter cut with a power hacksaw." Skolnik went on to add, "We notified the Greenbelt police, who promptly dispatched an officer and a trainee to our home to take a report. They were sympathetic, [but] indicated that the likelihood of catching the perpetrators was very low."

### Prius Repairs

Joe Aulisio of Greenbelt Auto & Truck Repair stated that his business has been assigned three Prius repairs by the customers' insurance companies. According to Aulisio, thieves can strike a car very quickly using battery-powered cutting tools, possibly doing the job in just a minute or two. They probably work in teams, with one as a lookout and one under the car. Aulisio estimated the scrap metal value of a Prius converter to be higher due to higher platinum content; however, the value of the part is much less than the cost of doing the repair, which is often over \$1,000, due to damage done to other nearby parts, such as the oxygen sensor.

The catalytic converter is part of a car's exhaust system that helps reduce emissions of pollution from the internal combustion engine of the car, by using valuable metals including platinum, palladium and rhodium as reduction or oxidation catalysts. Since 1981, catalytic converters are required in the U.S. for oxidation of carbon monoxide to carbon dioxide, oxidation of unburnt hydrocarbons to carbon dioxide and water, and reduction of nitrogen oxides to nitrogen (see the Wikipedia article on catalytic converters).

### Prevention Possibilities

Skolnik offered this advice: "There are metal plates on the market that can be installed beneath the car to make access to the catalytic converter much more difficult; these come with a window sticker; the hope is that thieves will see the sticker and pass up attempting to vandalize that particular vehicle." Another



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A car in Old Greenbelt is targeted by thieves.

possibility would be to have the car's license plate number engraved onto the converter to make it more traceable.

### See It, Say It.

Greenbelt Police Public Information Liaison George Mathews reported, "This sort of crime [including] tire and rim theft has been a recurring problem in the entire metropolitan region. We encourage people to report suspicious person(s) appearing to tamper with vehicles, especially those attempting to access the undercar-

riage of vehicles. We are working with other jurisdictions to address this issue. It is believed that [these incidents] are related and that it is the work of organized groups. This also includes wheel and rim thefts, as well as airbag thefts. It is important for citizens to report any suspicious behavior, such as individuals appearing to tamper with vehicles, to police as soon as such activity is observed. Also, please lock your vehicles and use wheel locks when possible."

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## Police Blotter

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

### Robbery

September 7, 12:22 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace. Two men wearing all-black clothing attempted to rob a man at gunpoint. He ran toward the Shell Food Mart, at which time he was shot in the leg. He was uncooperative and declined medical treatment for non-life-threatening injuries.

September 8, 8:49 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road. Four men, two armed with handguns, approached two other people walking down the street. After the men demanded property from the two walkers, a nearby person yelled out and the group of four men fled.

### Theft

September 3, 8:21 a.m., 100 block Greenhill Road. A flag was removed from in front of a residence.

September 7, 1 p.m., 5905 Cherrywood Lane. A gray Mongoose BMX-type bicycle was taken from the ground floor balcony of a residence.

### Fraud

September 4, 8:24 p.m., 7900 block Kara Court. A woman received a phone call from someone who claimed to be with Pepco and told her that if she didn't pay money her electricity would be cut off. After she purchased a gift-type card and gave the caller the card information

she discovered that she had been defrauded.

### Vehicle Crime

Two vehicles were stolen. A black 2-door 2017 Infinity Q60 with Maryland tags 6DC0016 was taken from the 6980 block Hanover Parkway. A red 4-door 2014 Ford Fusion with Maryland tags 7EC3365 was taken from Ora Glen Drive near Ora Court.

Four tires and rims were taken from individual cars at 7802 and 7826 Hanover Parkway and 9314 Edmonston Road. Catalytic converters were taken from 6100 block Cherrywood Terrace, Lakeside Drive and 14 Court Ridge Road.

Two Maryland tags, 9DN9107, were taken from 5823 Cherrywood Lane.

Windows were broken and handicapped placards removed in the 9008 block Breezewood Terrace, 6124 block Breezewood Drive and 9111 block Springhill Lane.

Two book bags, two laptop computers, a video game player and clothing were among the items taken from three cars in the 6460 block Capitol Drive.

Windows were broken in the 7710 block Hanover Parkway, 7511 block Greenbelt Road, 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace and 9127 block Edmonston Terrace.

A door was scratched in the 6027 block Springhill Drive.

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

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## Nature in Greenbelt



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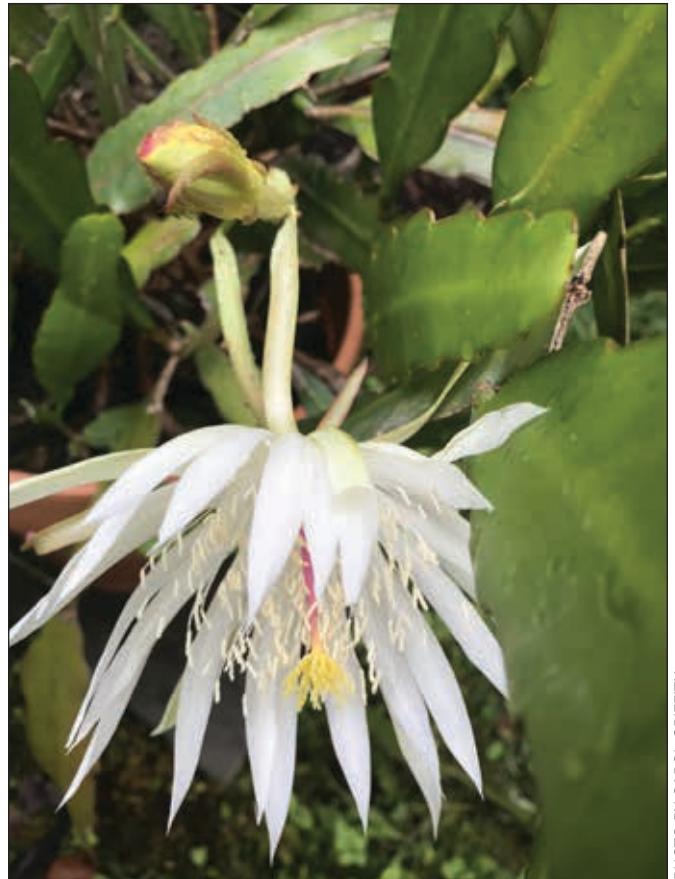


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A Night-blooming Cereus blooms in a Greenbelt garden.

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transportation to the station is included. The ticket price would also limit ridership, Kelley wrote, with preliminary estimates that commuters would pay an extra \$12,900 annually for a round-trip ticket between D.C. and Baltimore. Davis cited the final sentence in Kelley's blog as good advice for council going forward: "It is in the public's interest to determine if BWRR's financial numbers are plausible and to avoid the trap of focusing exclusively on potential hazards and nuisances from building and operating the maglev." (See Kelley's post at [greenbeltonline.org/economic-impact-and-financial-viability-of-the-proposed-baltimore-washington-maglev/](http://greenbeltonline.org/economic-impact-and-financial-viability-of-the-proposed-baltimore-washington-maglev/).)

Strategies discussed at the meeting ranged from reaching out to advocacy groups, elected officials and other municipalities impacted by the train, to building regional coalitions and creating a social media strategy. City resident Michael Hartman suggested having information about maglev on the city website while Davis said that yard signs seen by few had little value. Bladensburg resident Susan McCutchen, community liaison for Citizens Against the SCMaglev, spoke about local efforts to form a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) group to pursue actions necessary to stop construction of the SCMaglev.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts inquired about the possibility of hiring an outside environmental engineering firm

with experience in reviewing environmental impact statements for major infrastructure projects.

In addition to continuing their networking with other mayors and organizations, council discussed further outreach to elected officials such as County Councilmembers Dannielle Glaros (D-District 3) and Tom Dernoga (D-District 1), who strongly advocate for the environment. Roberts and Mayor Colin Byrd questioned why they had not succeeded in arranging a meeting with U.S. Representative Steny Hoyer. According to Byrd, Hoyer had opposed the maglev "not one time." Jordan asked whether they could meet in executive session with State Delegate Geraldine Valentino-Smith (D-District 23A) and Mary Lehman (D-District 21) to get their opinion off the record. Byrd opposed conducting "secret conversations" with public officials. Councilmember Edward Putens said that council's efforts in opposing the maglev project were "fragmented" and he advocated, along with Roberts and Davis, for creating a city task force as the next most effective action.



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**Townhome with addition** 2 br townhome w/ front laundry/office addition. Opened kitchen, full bath, pantry. Fenced backyard with large deck.

**Charlestowne Village** Single-level 1-br condo in Greenbelt - no stairs! Parquet flooring throughout. Remodeled kit. With SS appliances. \$149,900

**Addition - Backs to Woodlands** Completely remodeled throughout; half bath on main level. Central A/C system. Fenced yard, shed & raised deck.

**Brick Townhome** 2 Bedroom GHI townhome remodeled throughout. Modern kitchen with s/s dishwasher. Hardwood both levels. \$169,900

**Upper Level One Bedroom** GHI home with full-sized washer and dryer in separate laundry room. Refinished hardwood flooring throughout. Nice!

**2 BR Townhome** Remodeled GHI home w/ new carpet fresh paint & ceramic bath. Priced to sell at \$124,900

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# Virtual Labor Day Photo Op Engages the Zevallos Family

by the Zevallos Family

At the Labor Day Festival Committee meeting where the decision was made to cancel this year's festivities due to COVID-19 uncertainties, the members vowed to creatively use any opportunities to continue the traditions of the Festival. Committee member Keith Zevallos and his wife Janet figured that although "we had had no idea what we were doing," at least an online photo gallery ought to be possible.

### A Family Tradition

Keith Zevallos picked up the photo show from his father, who ran it from 1995 until his death in late 1999. This year will be the 20th year he and Janet have organized the photo show together, both a tradition and a milestone. Zevallos's daughter, Katherine Ann Zevallos, was also eager to help, despite currently teaching English and living in Colombia, South America. Indeed, as the resident techie, her help turned out to be invaluable.

One priority was the Community Favorite. Keith described how much kids like to have a vote, recounting how one little boy, perhaps 5 years old, picked a particular photo but was being pressured by his big sister to pick another. On hearing the exchange, the children's mother said he should use his own judgment – a viewpoint that obviously resonates with Keith.

### Worried but Determined

With only two weeks to go before the Festival, the Zevallos family hit the ground running. Keith emailed all the previous participants to suggest they participate, Katherine Ann revved up the computers and created a community voting mechanism via a Google App. They all worried they wouldn't be ready in time.

As the date neared, the contributions began to mount, with eventually some 73 submissions. Though this was about half the normal number and several long-time contributors were, alas, missing, each photograph was a cause for rejoicing. At one particularly tense moment, Katherine Ann called from Colombia in the midst of operations to say that the power was out – a common occurrence – and for a while success seemed in the balance. But, just in time, power was restored, the pictures were readied for combat and the judging began.

Judges Sharon Natoli and Rahul Mehta were summoned from the ranks of the submitters to aid in judging – generously sacrificing their own potential place on the podium for the greater good. Photos were judged anonymously, each having an assigned number attached. Categories were populated, judgments made and winners announced.

### Results and Reflections

The results are available on the photo competition website (go to [greenbeltnewsreview.com](http://greenbeltnewsreview.com) and click on the link) and category winners will be featured in this and subsequent issues of the News Review. Keith reflected that his favorite categories were Pets and Coronavirus. He found the latter especially poignant – specifically mentioning the coronavirus cookies and the little girl playing in front of yellow caution tape.

Janet noted that she felt the competition and perhaps the restrictions placed on people by COVID-19 might have made people look at their subjects from different angles or very close up – as though perhaps they'd had time to study them more minutely.

Neither Keith nor Janet had any regrets about doing this year's show – though they wish they'd started the process earlier and worried less about the possible complications. They treasured email from one participant who thanked them for their efforts and said how much it meant to have the opportunity to participate.

Looking forward to next year, Keith said he was cautiously optimistic that the Festival would be its old self – but that, if necessary, the Zevallos family would do it virtually again. He's really hoping, though, that he'll again be charmed by watching the little kids meticulously carrying their ballot paper from picture to picture in voting for the community favorite.

- Cathie Meetre also contributed to this article.



Last Rays by Flory Lietz

### First place winners

- Judy McCord (Buildings and Architecture)
- Michael Cohen (Flowers)
- Anne Corcoran (Flowers, My Greenbelt)
- Becky Kahn (COVID World)
- Flory Lietz (Pets)
- Flory Lietz (Children)
- Stanley Turk (Proud America)
- David Shapiro (Still Life/Pictorial/Abstract)
- Michael Miller (Travel)
- Jeffrey Jones (Wild Animals and Nature)
- L. Parsons (Landscapes - All Other)
- Cathy Barth (Landscapes - Sunrise/Sunset)
- Kenny Savercool (Adults and Families)
- Katherine Anne Rytting (Children/Youth Category)



Gondola Rides by Michael Miller takes the laurels in Travel.



Mushrooms in Hamilton Tract Woods by Jeffrey Allen Jones



Untitled by Katherine Anne Rytting captures honors in the Youth Flowers category.



Flaming Sunset by Cathy Barth is tops in the Sunrise/Sunset Landscapes group.