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## County Vaccination Rollout Continues to Evolve Slowly

by Cathie Meetre

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Rollout of Covid-19 vaccinations by Safeway (including the Greenbelt store) and Rite Aid pharmacies was promised on February 1 by the Maryland state Covid-19 website. But just after midnight on January 31, one insomniac reporter found that the sign-on site showed no appointments available. And at 4 a.m. and 6 a.m. and 9 a.m. and ever onward it remained without options within 50 miles or anywhere. Tantalizingly, around 8 a.m. February 1, a sign of life appeared for a few seconds, making it seem that there was hope for an appointment on February 4, which blazed green and available. Within seconds, alas, it disappeared – perhaps a trial run and a pulled plug. But with thousands of other vaccine seekers eagerly awaiting access, it is also possible that the site was instantly swamped.

As of Tuesday afternoon, the state website still promises February 1 access to Safeway and

Rite Aid and indeed, there is now a link to take you to the Greenbelt Safeway site – but best of luck securing an appointment. It's impossible to tell if there have ever been any – or if, alternatively, there were appointments but all are booked. And no way to register and get in an orderly line.

### Still Behind

Though Prince George's County is gradually increasing doses delivered, it's nowhere near enough to catch up with neighboring jurisdictions. The

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### Fauci, Alsobrooks To Discuss Vaccines

Dr. Anthony Fauci will join Prince George's County leaders for a discussion about Covid-19 vaccines on Monday, February 8 at 2 p.m. Dr. Fauci will answer questions and concerns about the safety and efficacy of the vaccines. The webinar can be viewed at: <https://bit.ly/FauciPGC>.

## eBird App for Birders Yields Data for Bird Conservation

by Amy Hansen



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Michel Cavigelli focuses on birds in his backyard.

For at least 10 minutes a day, Greenbelter Michel Cavigelli is a birder. He walks into his backyard or goes onto the paths at Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC), pulls out his binoculars and phone, and watches.

"I'm a nerd," explains the BARC soil scientist. "I want to write down every bird." Cavigelli started birding in 2014, but he started using his phone to help him in 2017 when the free app called eBird first became available for phones. eBird, developed by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, allows Cavigelli to record his birds as he sees them. And with

that record comes a list that he can sort any which way he likes.

Fellow birder and Greenbelter Eric Raun also wants a list. "One of the ways I enjoy birdwatching is keeping track of what I see, and eBird is amazing at allowing me to keep track of sightings by location and by time period. For example, I can compare my sightings for this January with sightings in prior Januarys."

Raun also likes that the app takes some of the guesswork out of birding. "eBird allows me to see what birds have been seen recently in a location, which makes

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PHOTO BY BRIAN OTTENS

The neighborhood sledding hill behind Greenbelt Elementary School is filled with kids of all ages (including adults) enjoying the snow. See more snow photos, page 12.

## Council Talks Crime Prevention

by Matt Arbach

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On January 27 the Greenbelt City Council met to discuss how best to deal with the increase in crime, most acutely violent crime, throughout the city. Franklin Park was the main focus, where homicides, particularly from shootings and aggravated assaults that have escalated to firearms, have increased. Greenbelt Police Chief Richard Bowers reported that most other crime trends have remained at a steady level, with an "uptick" in auto thefts.

A recently drafted ordinance was the germ of the debate, which would mandate the installation and maintenance of security cameras "for all apartment complexes over 10 units to include electronic surveillance of the exterior and common-area interior of the apartment site." Mayor Colin Byrd said that this ordinance was "pushed for" by city residents, yet stipulated that he was "flexible" and "open-minded" as to whether this legislation could be amended or changed, citing that it was not the only solution. He asserted that "some areas are relatively uninhabitable" due to the lack of a sense of safety.

Councilmember Judith Davis said that security cameras, while useful and providing some level of deterrence, are not the end-all solution, are not foolproof in their ability to clearly identify assailants and provide "a false sense of security," adding that "crime still happens." She referenced the high cost to install and monitor, leading quite likely to increased rental and condo fees at a time when many are experiencing intense financial challenges. She recommended focusing cameras on proven crime hotspots instead of a mandate for all apartment complexes. She was open to the city subsidizing camera installation in Franklin Park "within reason," saying that "other things need to be done," such as more community policing, safety education and a more trusting relationship between residents and police in the prevention and solving of crimes.

Resident Ric Gordon stated that security cameras, especially in the highest crime areas, would "help offset calls" to the police. He felt that Greenbelt police

are "doing all they can" in their increased efforts to monitor the area and practice community policing, stressing that an effective solution "to bring down crime" is a more developed partnership of residents, police and the city. He felt that residents are already paying for existing private security and shouldn't be required to pay more in rent.

Councilmember Silke Pope said she is "a big supporter of cameras" and had "no problem with (management) putting up their own cameras," as it is private property. The city currently has installed cameras on the four city streets that intersect the community. Yet, she acknowledged that cameras are costly and "are not the answer for everything." She said that currently, 46 percent of Franklin Park residents cannot pay rent and that council should be "mindful of timing" in making such a request to the ownership of the complex. As Greenbelt is a "small municipality", the city budget "won't allow" for any significant subsidy.

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### What Goes On

**Monday, February 8**  
**8 p.m.** City Council Meeting  
**Wednesday, February 10**  
**8 p.m.** Council Worksession:  
 SCMaglev Task Force  
 All council meetings are virtual. See the meetings calendar at [greenbeltmd.gov](http://greenbeltmd.gov) for agendas and information on public participation in these meetings.



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Of all the trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown.



# Letters to the Editor

## Full House Vote For Anton's Law

2020 was full of tough moments, but I'd like to ask News Review readers to remember one from May – with a little help from a pair of Wikipedia quotes.

“On May 25, 2020, George Floyd, a 46-year-old black man, was killed in Minneapolis, Minnesota, while being arrested for allegedly using a counterfeit bill. During the arrest Derek Chauvin, a white police officer with the Minneapolis Police Department, knelt on Floyd's neck for about nine and a half minutes after he was handcuffed and lying face down .... Floyd had complained about being unable to breathe prior to being on the ground, but after being restrained ... expressed the fear he was about to die and called for his mother ....”

“Chauvin had 18 complaints on his official record, two of which ended in discipline, including official letters of reprimand.”

Since then, many Greenbelters have talked and argued about what to do with our families, our neighbors, and sometimes our televisions. But in late May, most of us were united in one conviction: what happened to

George should never have happened.

Between now and February 9, Greenbelt's elected Delegates Alonzo Washington, Nicole Williams and Anne Healey can help prevent any Maryland community from repeating that horrible event.

I am talking about House Bill 120, known as Anton's Law, now before the Maryland General Assembly.

Anton's Law would give police departments and communities like Greenbelt access to prior “internal affairs investigatory record, hearing records, and records relating to a disciplinary decision” before we hand a badge and a gun to a new officer.

It's a good, common-sense idea. But in Annapolis, not every good idea actually gets a vote.

Good, common-sense ideas get watered down or killed by powerful lobbies and quiet opposition in back rooms. Despite passing the Judiciary Committee in 2020, Anton's Law never got a vote by the full membership of the Maryland House of Delegates.

Between now and February 9, our neighbors Alonzo, Nicole and Anne have a chance to truly honor George Floyd. Then they

can inform Greenbelt and the Judiciary Committee alike that they insist on a full House vote and that Anton's Law has their full support.

If these neighbors intend to ask for our votes in the 2022 Maryland elections, Greenbelters should expect them to.

Larry McNeely

**Editor's Note:** Anton's Law would require more transparency in police-involved deaths and establish a statewide standard in the use of force. It is named for 19-year-old Anton Black, who died in September 2018 after a struggle with three Greensboro, Md., police officers.

Anton's Law requires the public release of materials related to any investigation and any prior complaints against the officer(s) involved. It also seeks to modernize standards for the use of deadly force by police officers.

## New Deal Café Musings

Back before Covid-19, my wife and I would have a date at least a couple of times a month at the New Deal Café. We would each order a not-so-healthy fried vegan dinner and a bottle of wine, and would dance until midnight to one of our favorite cover bands. We miss those nights, and can hardly wait until enough of the population is vaccinated so that public gatherings are safe again. Perhaps things will open up sooner for people who can show that they've completed the two-vaccine regimen.

I think that the Café's birding contest is a great idea, partly because I enjoy birding and would like to have more company out there, and partly because it can stir interest in the Café. Potential contestants should know that there are a handful of birders here in Greenbelt who typically see nearly 100 species in a year. To see who these are, and the bird species that hang out around Greenbelt Lake, go to the eBird website, ebird.org/hotspot/L489755. I don't remember seeing any of these birders at the Café.

I can't help but smile when I think about the prize for the person who reports the most species: Dinner for two at the Café. There's no occupant in the Café's kitchen right now, and it took a long and painful process with several false starts before DC Vegan settled in for its couple-of-years-or-so tenure with a reasonably tasty menu and the capability to fill the needs of the Café's patrons. The remarks of W. C. Fields come to mind, when he told of a contest where first prize was one week in Philadelphia ... and second prize was two weeks.

Marc Manheimer

## Correction

In last week's council story, it was Mayor Colin Byrd who requested two amendments to the motion to donate \$2,000 to the family of Corporal Chris Peters. The first was that the amount be raised to \$2,500 and the second that the donation be made directly, rather than through a funding site. Both amendments passed.

## Service or Garden Side?



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Icemelt helps keep Greenbelt sidewalks safe.



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Franklin Park maintenance staff clear sidewalks using a small John Deere tractor with a rotating brush on it.



# Community Events



## Celebrate Love By Making Art

Artist-in-residence Rachel Cross will lead a family art workshop, Have a Heart, on Friday, February 12, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Greenbelt Recreation Arts invites you to celebrate Valentine's Day weekend with your loved ones by making hangable, decorated hearts. Advance registration required. For more information, go to [greenbeltmd.gov/recreation](http://greenbeltmd.gov/recreation) and click on Winter Classes or email [alarsen@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:alarsen@greenbeltmd.gov).

## GCAN Zoom Meeting: Legislative Priorities

Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN) will meet via Zoom on Wednesday, February 10 from 7 to 9 p.m. The first half of the meeting will be a discussion on various ways to contact Maryland state legislators about important issues, as well as a discussion on the balance between agricultural farms and solar farms and a report on a recent successful visit with the city council.

The second half of the meeting will be updates on priority issues, including: the status of the Eastern Shore Pipeline; state legislation on the maglev project, Climate Solutions Now Act and the Beltway Expansion; the county's Climate Action Plan; the Prince George's School Board's resolution on its Climate Change Action Plan; and state and county legislation on the Brandywine Power Plants. Zoom link can be found at [chears.org/gcan](http://chears.org/gcan).

## Police Reform Zoom Meeting on Sunday

Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ (GCC) invites the community to join in a discussion on Sunday, February 7 at 7 p.m. on policing reform efforts at the national, state and local levels. GCC partners with Coming to the Table (CTTT), a national organization that works to create a just and truthful society that acknowledges and seeks to heal from the racial wounds of the past, from slavery and the many forms of racism it spawned. CTTT practices Circle Communication, an effective tool that maximizes sharing and respectfulness. During this meeting, attendees will take a closer look at some policing reform efforts, including Anton's Law, the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act and several Greenbelt Police Orders. To participate, email [kenlittfield1@aol.com](mailto:kenlittfield1@aol.com) for Zoom meeting information.

## Beltway Plaza Open For Indoor Dining

As of 5 p.m. Friday, January 29, indoor dining resumed at the restaurants in Beltway Plaza, at 25 percent capacity. Social distancing will be maintained in the dining areas. Diners and shoppers must wear a mask that covers the nose and mouth at all times within the shopping center to help prevent the spread of Covid-19. Those without a mask can get one at the Mall Security Office.

## Greenbelt Time Bank Valentine's Meeting

Join members of the Greenbelt Time Bank for an online Valentine's Day Get-Together on Sunday, February 14 starting at 3 p.m. and ending at 4:30 p.m.

During the first part of this event, participants are asked to join in a sock hop to show off a favorite pair of fun socks. They can be on hands or on your feet but should be the most fun or outrageous pair.

Attendees will be invited to share a cherished picture, video, painting, object, writing, book, poem, craft demonstration or other item and explain its special meaning or how it represents particular values.

The sharing will be followed by a short craft lesson using common household items to create a special Valentine's Day memory of this get-together.

Mark the calendars, search the sock drawer, and pull out that cherished item and be ready to join in a very different Valentine's Day treat.

Invite friends using [facebook.com/events/251926916449110](https://www.facebook.com/events/251926916449110).



## At the Library

Curbside service is available Tuesdays through Fridays, 1 to 6 p.m., and Saturdays, 1 to 5 p.m. Customers may place new hold requests via the Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) catalog ([catalog.pgcmls.info/polaris](http://catalog.pgcmls.info/polaris)) or Ask a Librarian Telephone Reference service at 240-455-5451. Call 301-699-3500 and ask for Public Services or use the link at [pgcmls.info/contact-us](http://pgcmls.info/contact-us) for assistance.

The library is not accepting book donations for the foreseeable future. Customers can place donations in the third-party book donation bin; do not place donations outside the bin if it is full.

All Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) students have access to the library's online resources with their LINK card number. Adults may register for a free virtual library card or renew an existing card at [pgcmls.info](http://pgcmls.info).

Biblio Consulta: The Library's Spanish language call center is available at 240-455-5451 (press option 2) Tuesdays through Fridays, 1 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays, 1 to 5 p.m.

### Black History Month

PGCMLS recognizes the importance of Black history as central to American history with a spectrum of virtual events for Black History Month. Learn about Black voter engagement from Pulitzer-winner and county resident Leonard Pitts Jr. (February 11 at 7 p.m.), discover Harriet Tubman through an artistic portrayal by Janice Curtis Greene (February 5 at 4 p.m., Harriet Tubman: In Her Own Words), and learn about leaders and strategies of the Civil Rights Movement with authors Anna Malaika Tubbs (February 17 at 7 p.m., The Three Women), and Jemar Tisby (February 9 at 7 p.m., How to Fight Racism). A full schedule of upcoming programs may be accessed at [pgcmls.info/events](http://pgcmls.info/events).

## Shrove Tuesday At Mowatt Church

Pancake Day, or Shrove Tuesday, is the traditional feast day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Lent – the 40 days leading up to Easter – was traditionally a time of fasting and on Shrove Tuesday, Anglo-Saxon Christians went to confession and were "shriven" (absolved from their sins). The association between pancakes and Shrove Tuesday may have arisen as it permits foods which are discouraged from being eaten during the Lenten season, such as butter, eggs, and fat to be used up. The specific custom of Christians eating pancakes on Shrove Tuesday dates to the 16th century.

Sharing pancakes and sausage has been an annual event at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church for many years. All are welcome to join in on February 16, Shrove Tuesday. Preorder pancakes and sausage by Friday, February 12 and pick up the order in front of Fellowship Hall. While there is no fee, donations are always welcome. Mowatt MUMC is located at 40 Ridge Road in Old Greenbelt. Call the office to place an order 301-474-9410. Specify how many you would like, and if you would like ashes for Wednesday to be included.

## Golden Age Meeting

Karen Haseley will lead Ageless Grace at the Wednesday, February 10 Golden Age meeting. Ageless Grace is a fun physical and mental chair exercise program. The meeting starts at 11 a.m. To join the Zoom or phone list, contact Rebekah Sutfin at 240-542-2056 (leave a message) or at [rsutfin@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:rsutfin@greenbeltmd.gov).

## Radio Play Auditions

Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) will hold auditions over Zoom by appointment on Thursday and Saturday, February 4 and 6 for February's old-time radio plays. Audition slots can be arranged by emailing Director Rikki Howie Lacewell at the address listed on the GAC website, [greenbeltartscenter.org](http://greenbeltartscenter.org).

In February the series will feature two short plays – Fibber McGee and Molly: Valentine Candy, and Lights Out: The Locked Room Mystery. There will be three virtual rehearsals, and the final video will be posted on the website on February 28.

Although the actors will appear in the video, these are radio plays and casting will be done based on vocal sound and not age or appearance. All roles are open and everyone is encouraged to audition; this is a great opportunity for beginners who would like to try acting. Participation is entirely virtual. More information and the recordings of previous radio plays are available at the website.



## Connecting Across Greenbelt Meets

Those who would like to see Greenbelt better connected and forge paths to equity can join a conversation and creatively deepen their support with community connections. Connecting Across Greenbelt (CAG) is a group of residents who gather virtually to build relationships across neighborhoods and to understand current challenges for all Greenbelters. A multi-cultural, multi-racial and multi-generational group of Greenbelters, CAG is working to enhance quality of life through connections and relationships. To research ways to cope in these difficult times, the group is building a Caring and Connecting Toolkit ([bit.ly/CAGtoolkit](http://bit.ly/CAGtoolkit)) in association with leading mental health and community health leaders. Ideas are welcome.

The group's next meeting is Monday, February 22, and the topic will be yoga nidra and mindfulness. For more information, email [communityconnections@gbmail.com](mailto:communityconnections@gbmail.com).

## Local Author Seeks Young Illustrators

The Children's Rhymes Project and Greenbelt author Laura Kafka-Price have launched an international illustration contest for children in grades 2 through 8 (ages 7 to 14). They are seeking original children's artwork in two-dimensional media to illustrate Kafka-Price's book about the Polish composer Karol Szymanowski. The book features 19 poems from Rymy dziecięce (Children's Rhymes) written by the Polish poet Kazimiera Iłakowiczówna, that Szymanowski set to music. The main characters in the poems are two friends, Krzysia and Lalka, who make up delightful stories about animals, birds, Christmas, home, happy and sad days, and the wind dancing among flowering trees in springtime.

Visit [childrensrhymesproject.com](http://childrensrhymesproject.com) to learn more. Deadline for entry is March 31.

## Artful Afternoon

The Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program welcomes visitors of all ages to an online Artful Afternoon on Sunday, February 7, 2 to 4 p.m. For links and a free materials kit while supplies last, sign up in advance at: <https://bit.ly/2JRZGnY>. This event is provided as part of Greenbelt's Black History Month celebration.

At 2 p.m. join Greenbelt artist and educator Barbara Joann Combs on Zoom for a paper quilt workshop. Make a panel suitable for framing or create a more complex work of art incorporating panels from multiple household members.

At 3 p.m. enjoy a free puppetry showcase. The show will premiere on YouTube, and will be followed by a live post-show Zoom meet-up with the puppeteers. Links will be emailed to all guests who pre-register for the Artful Afternoon.

The program will include four short films, suitable for adults as well as children. Dirk Joseph and his daughter Azaria, of Maryland's String Theory Theater, will contribute their marionette piece Collab Story: two siblings stuck at home without their devices find ways to make their own fun. Fellow Marylander Schroeder Cherry will present The Children's Crusade: a grandfather shares his memories of the role played by children in Civil Rights Movement demonstrations. Anthony Michael Stokes of Texas contributes Bawba Sheep's Black: with humor and compassion, the piece conveys experiences of social injustice. North Carolina artist Jeghetto, with his son Tarin Pipkins, presents Time Machine: a mischievous young robot finds himself on an action-packed journey when he tampers with his brother's time machine.

For more information about City of Greenbelt art programs, visit [greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://greenbeltmd.gov/arts) and the Virtual Recreation Center: [greenbeltmd.gov/recreation](http://greenbeltmd.gov/recreation).



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# Obituaries

## Gerald Muller

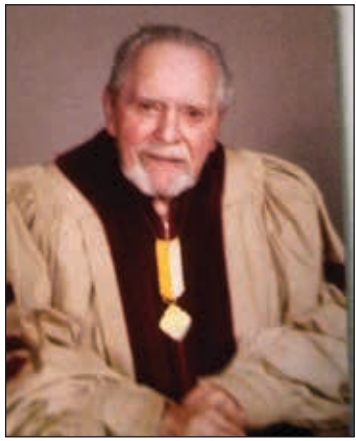


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### Gerald Muller

Gerald F. Muller, principal organist and music director emeritus for St. Hugh of Grenoble Church, died on December 7, 2020. His last Mass of service was the vigil Mass on Saturday, December 5, where he also played his last composition. This was two days before his death at the age of 88. He loved the "new" organ that the church was able to acquire for him a number of years ago, making the church ring with his organ music.

Dr. Muller was born in New Jersey in 1932 and grew up in Delaware. He attended Julliard School of Music. He was a seminarian with the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, where he received his Bachelor of Arts in English. He left the seminary and came to Washington, D.C., to study music at the Catholic University of America. At that time he also taught music at St. Anthony Catholic High School and was the director of Music at St. Anthony Catholic Church in D.C. He met his wife Nancy at the high school, where she was the home economics teacher. Nancy did the costumes and Gerry was the music director and director for the high school musicals. They married in 1961.

He was one of the first professors hired for the fledgling music department at Montgomery College in the early '60s and is considered the founder of the music department. He developed and led that department until he retired in the mid-'90s. He was active in the music and drama departments and influenced many music and theater students. He was instrumental in the construction of the Performing Arts Center on the Rockville campus.

Dr. Muller taught composi-

tion at the School of Music at the Catholic University of America and was, for 17 years, the director of music at the Theological College of the Catholic University of America. He also served as artistic director and general manager for the Maryland Opera Society.

Dr. Muller had a Masters of Music and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees in composition from the Catholic University of America. He was a prolific composer, mainly of sacred music and the theater arts genre.

From his time at St. Anthony, ending with his time at St. Hugh of Grenoble, Dr. Muller served the Archdiocese of Washington, including as music director at Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Potomac, Ascension Parish in Bowie, St. Bernard Parish in Riverdale and the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington, D.C. At St. Hugh, he was choir and music director, as well as organist, for many years.

He loved the Eastern Shore. He loved to garden and raise free-range chickens (and their eggs) at the family farm in Old Bowie. In his later years he loved to bake cakes and pies.

Dr. Muller's wife, Nancy, died in 2009. He is survived by four children: Jennifer Goltz, the current director of music at St. Hugh and director of the Contemporary Choir, Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle, Washington, D.C.; Nick, of Bowie; Molly, of Bowie; and Peter, of Alma, Colo.



## Our Neighbors

Condolences to the family and friends of Gerald Muller and to all the parishioners at St. Hugh of Grenoble Church who enjoyed and were inspired by his organ music for many years.

Ann McCord, a Greenbelt resident for over 70 years, celebrated her 95th birthday on January 30 via Zoom with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren all in attendance, pandemic safe and lots of love in the Zoom!

Congratulations to Kyla Hanington, who travelled to Baltimore to take her citizenship test and oath. On February 2, she became a new citizen of the United States.

At the end of January, the City of Greenbelt celebrated the work of Tim Houchens, who retired after 35 years with the Public Works Department. Houchens served as building maintenance supervisor, working on many projects throughout his career. Congratulations and many thanks for a myriad of services to the city.

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



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

Tim Houchens in 2006



PHOTO BY JUDY MCCORD

On Zoom, Ann McCord celebrates her 95th birthday.



PHOTO BY DANIEL HAMLIN

At left, Greenbelter Kyla Hanington celebrates as a new citizen of the United States on February 2, 2021. She travelled to Baltimore for the citizenship test and the oath.



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February 16 10 a.m.

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Rev. Dr. Qiyamah A. Rahman with Worship Associate Polly Pettit

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The Bible Says...

For I satisfy the weary ones and refresh everyone who languishes.  
Jeremiah 31:25



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# City Information & Events

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

## GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING Monday, February 8, 2021 8:00 p.m.

### ORGANIZATION

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

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### Presentations

-Random Acts of Kindness Day Proclamation

#### Petitions and Requests

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

#### Minutes of Council Meetings

#### Administrative Reports

#### Committee Reports

#### LEGISLATION

#### OTHER BUSINESS

- State Legislation
- Lawsuit against State of Maryland regarding unemployment insurance benefits issue
- Council Activities
- Council Reports
- \*- Letter - SCMaglev DEIS
- \*- Resignation from Advisory Group

#### MEETINGS-Scheduling of Future Meetings

**COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE VIRTUAL** Cablecast on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996 and [www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv)

**Resident participation: Information will be posted on Meetings Calendar at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)**

In advance the hearing impaired are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email [banderson@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:banderson@greenbeltmd.gov)

## VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY 8-12

Monday, February 8 at 5:30pm, **YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE** On the Agenda: Crime Prevention – project updates, Middle School Mentors, Maryland Youth Forum, NLC Attendance, Advisory Committee Liaison Reports, Committee Initiated Discussion

Monday, February 8 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING (Virtual)**, Virtual meeting will be shown on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and Streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv)

Wednesday, February 10 at 6:00pm **EMPLOYEE RELATIONS BOARD** On the Agenda: Approval of Minutes: January 6, 2021 Referral of draft Racial Equity Resolution and Ordinance

Wednesday, February 10 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: SCMaglev Task Force, (tentative)**, Virtual meeting will be shown on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and Streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv)

Thursday, February 11 at 7:30pm, **COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (CRAB)** On the Agenda: Approval of Minutes, Community Feedback, Planning for Future Forums, and Reports from CRAB

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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).



## Emergency Diaper Pick-Up

Need help with diapers? In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, The Greenbelt Nursery Project is supporting needy Prince George's county families by distributing diapers on Thursday, February 18th, 2021.

Parents are required to bring state-issued photo ID, each child's birth certificate, proof of Prince George's residency (mail from a federal, state, or local government agency which display their name and Prince George's county residential address). No walk-ups accepted. Please register online at <https://forms.gle/W4To7AzBn8SEXEG8> Registration required. Time and location given upon submitted registration.



THE MONTHLY PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION IS BACK WITH A NEW LOCATION!

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FEBRUARY 18, 2021  
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## VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

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

- Advisory Committee on Education
- Arts Advisory Board
- Board of Elections
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- SCMaglev Opposition Task Force
- Youth Advisory Committee

For more information call 301- 474-8000

## SEEKING LIFEGUARDS AND POOL MANAGERS!

The Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center is now hiring lifeguards! Apply now at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/jobs](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/jobs)



## PRESIDENTS' DAY OF SERVICE

February 15, 2021  
Buddy Attick Park  
555 Crescent Road  
10 AM – 1 PM

Be a part of the community effort to protect trees from beaver herbivory at Buddy Attick Park. Volunteers will work with Public Works staff to place wire caging around the trunks of native trees to protect them from beaver herbivory and remove invasive vines.

### Reminders:

- Bring a reusable water bottle
- Wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes
- Students: bring community-service forms
- Limit to 25 volunteers

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

## CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION TO ONE OF THE CITY'S CHARITABLE FUNDS

Agency Funds are managed but not financed by the City. All donations to the funds are used for the listed charitable purposes. The City of Greenbelt receives no portion of these funds nor does it charge an administrative fee for processing the donations

Funds include: Good Samaritan Fund, Emergency Assistance Fund, Greenbelt Recreation, and Advisory Committee on Education.

Find out more at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/donations](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/donations).

You can also mail a money order or check to: City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt Road 20770. Please notate which fund in the notes section of the check. You may also use the drop box on the flag side of the building. Receipts will be provided and mailed out to you.

## GREENBELT CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

### Regina's Black Artifacts Popup Museum

Saturday, February 6; 12:00pm-4:00pm

Greenbelt Community Center,  
15 Crescent Road

Register for this event at <https://bit.ly/38SfgJX>

Enjoy this journey through time with Historically Black Figures, Black Inventions, Black Artifacts, Now/Then Collectibles and much more.

### An Artful Afternoon

Sunday, February 7; 3:00pm; Virtual

Register for this event at <https://bit.ly/2JRZGnY>

3:00 pm: Puppetry Showcase: Enjoy a selection of filmed performances premiering on YouTube.

Plus...enjoy a craft-at-home workshop inspired by the rich history of African American quilting traditions.

### African Drummers Master Class

Saturday, February 13; 3:00pm-4:00pm

Virtual Instructor: Michael Kweku

Register for this event at

<https://bit.ly/35H2uw5>

Michael Kweku is an artist and craftsman from Accra, Ghana who has spent the last 10 years of his life studying traditional West African drumming, building traditional drums, and working with impoverished children in the Arts Center.

### Poetry Slam - Prince George's County Public School Students

Sunday, February 14; 2:00-3:00pm; Virtual

Register for this event at

<https://bit.ly/38JSzYv>

Tune-in to local Prince Georges County artists ages 13 through 19 as practitioners of the spoken word arts.

### Enslaved Life and Labor on Maryland Plantations

Saturday, February 20; 2:00pm-3:00pm

Virtual Presenter: Dr. Leigh Ryan

Register for this event at

<https://bit.ly/3oMHTO6>

What was life like for those enslaved on a Maryland plantation? Where did they live? What kinds of work did they do? How did they resist? This overview will offer some answers to these and other questions.

Visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreationfor](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreationfor) complete descriptions, schedule of events and to register.



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county (on Tuesday morning, February 2) showed on the state's by-county listing at 3.6 percent of its population (~30,000) having received first doses – better than the previous week by several thousand, but still the lowest percentage of any county in the state. Its nearest rival for that dubious distinction is Charles County a little further south, which, with about 8,500 first vaccinations, is at about 5.2 percent of population.

Other urban jurisdictions vary from 6.6 percent for third-lowest overall Montgomery County (~70K first doses) which, even so, is doing more than twice as well as Prince George's and much like the other urban areas – for example 6.8 percent in Baltimore City, which leads the urban rankings.

Rural counties continue to vaccinate much larger population fractions, with the lead going to Talbot County with over 12 percent vaccinated – or about 4,800 shots given to its 37 thousand residents. Were Prince George's to be vaccinating at the same rate as Talbot, Prince Georgians would have received about 120,000 first shots.

**Why Such Disparities?**

Vaccination materials are presumably available to counties in proportion to population – though if a county isn't distributing all its allotted share, then perhaps it is use it or lose it. Every county website warns that vaccine is in short supply as though this was the primary limiting factor, but if supply is in proportion to population and if effectively distributed, all counties would have vaccinated similar percentages. Instead, a factor of over three difference in percentage vaccinated

indicates that the logistics of rolling out the vaccine are also likely problematic.

**What's the problem?**

The differences in vaccination levels may be caused by multiple factors and present not only in Maryland but nationally. Certainly, rehearsals and data-gathering that might have eliminated choke points weren't done prior to rollout, despite months of opportunity. It is also a classic engineering scenario that solutions that work on a smaller scale – like delivering normal vaccinations over time – will fail when simply scaled up in size because system complexity can increase many times faster than size. What works for a rural community of 10K in normal times, when scaled up to serve 100K in a pandemic, may actually become 100 times more complicated.

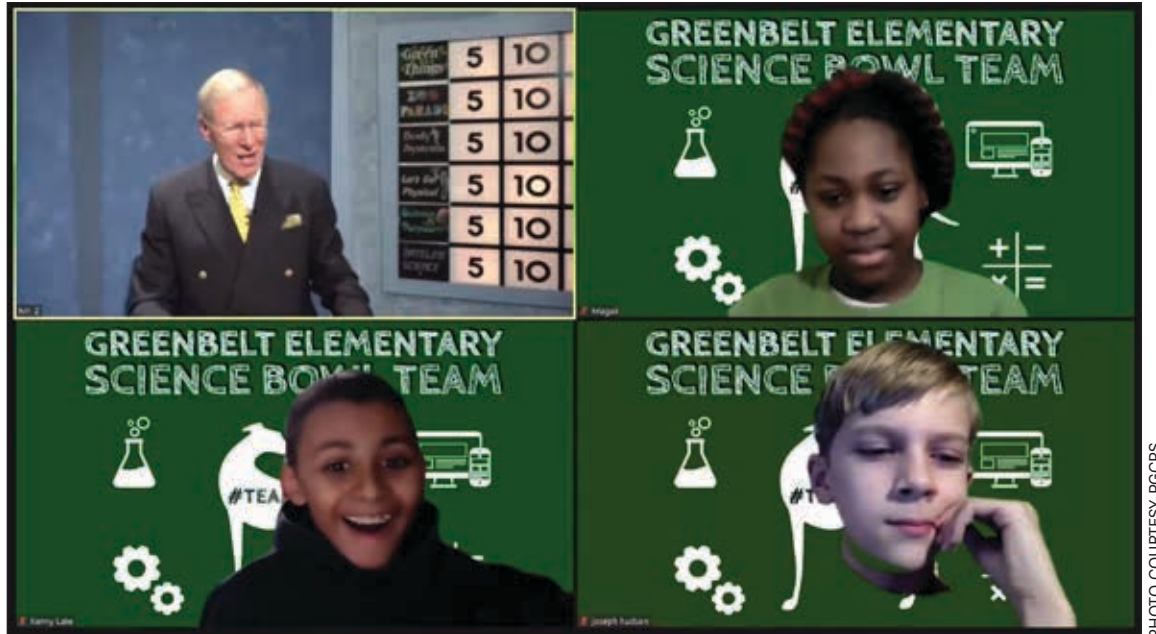
**Seeking Vaccine**

To get vaccinated, seekers must sign up to every show in town. Call all the Walmarts on the Eastern Shore individually, sign up on store and hospital websites everywhere. This makes huge numbers of duplications and much extra work to actually schedule recipients. For example, Walmart accepts phone registrations. They then call the registrant back, likely many days later, to schedule an appointment. But by then, maybe half have already been scheduled elsewhere – even maybe at another Walmart store – so half or more of all the callbacks are fruitless.

As it is, some lucky ducks already have their first and even second shots – while others in the same category have no idea if they'll ever get one despite being signed up everywhere from Gaithersburg to Gambrills and Easton to Emmitsburg.

# GES Students Are Headed To Science Bowl Semifinals

by Frank Gervasi



Clockwise from upper right, Migali, Joseph and Kenneth compete in the Science Bowl on the Greenbelt Elementary team while Dave Zahren (upper left) hosts the event.

PHOTO COURTESY PGCPFS

Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) students are traveling (virtually) to the Science Bowl semifinals, after winning their qualifying rounds in the countywide competition. They will be competing on April 7 against University Park Elementary School in the semifinal elimination match.

Magali Ngumesone (captain), Kenneth Lake, Joseph Hudson, with alternates Owen Hebert, and Eric Konchou, have advanced and will be the team competing in the upcoming games. They have excelled thus far and look promising to go further. The winners of the next stage go on to play in the county Science Bowl championship.

These capable young scientists have lots of future opportunities

awaiting them as Greenbelt is home to NASA Goddard Space Flight Center and next to the USDA Beltsville Agricultural Research Center among other STEM employers.

Science Bowl runs on Greenbelt Access Television (GATE) stations at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. every day of the week. Programs appear on Channel 77 Comcast, Channel 21 Verizon, or on the internet at greenbeltaccess.org.

The Greenbelt Elementary School episodes will start on GATE TV beginning Friday, February 5 at 1 p.m. and are running daily for the next two weeks.

Greenbelt resident Dave Zahren has been writing, host-

ing and producing science-based shows for over 34 years, including It's Academic, Under the Microscope and The Science Bowl.

It is pure joy to watch the students answer difficult questions that many adults would find challenging, all while expressing enthusiasm and knowledge.

Let's cheer on the young contestants: Go Greenbelt Elementary!



**Maglev Comments**

The Maglev Draft Environmental Impact statement is available for comments, which are due by April 22. Information can be found at [bwmaglev.info/index.php/project-documents/deis](http://bwmaglev.info/index.php/project-documents/deis).

Comments may be made online or by email following the instructions on the website and also in writing by mailing them to the attention of SCMAGLEV Project/Lauren Molesworth, Maryland Transit Administration, 6 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, MD 21202.



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 Ads and payments may also be placed through the News Review door slot (the building is closed due to the pandemic. The door is up a few stairs about 30' to the left of the Community Center entrance that faces the Aquatic Center)  
 Submissions MUST be received by 4 p.m. Monday, February 8.

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# Biodegradable Produce Bags Bested by Determined Patron

by Agatha Elderberry

The Co-op Supermarket's biodegradable plastic sacks designed to hold vegetables – the peppers, the squash, the broccoli and the beans – are, it must be admitted, a perfect dog to open. No offense to dogs.

After minutes fumbling to open up the soft and silky bag, but failing, the sweet little old lady who is the subject of this article felt eco-behavior might have to go down the drain. To stand for some minutes fumbling frantically to tempt the sides of the bag to stop clinging passionately to each other so that the opening could be stretched apart was, she felt, deeply embarrassing. Lifting her mask and licking her fingers also didn't seem too smart. The headline Little Old Lady Struggles to Open Produce Bag sprang to her mind or, possibly worse, Ancient Incompetent Foiled by Plastic Sack. Indeed, the temptation to revert to the eco-noxious bag and save face was strong.

But not so fast. While pretend-

ing to assess the eggplants, the little old dear put on her thinking cap (as her mother had advised so very long ago).

Around the one-way produce aisle she went and back to the Co-op entrance where the wipes are kept for sanitizing hands and carts. Availing herself of a fresh wipe, she tottered purposefully back to the green and yellow squash and plucked a silky eco-bag from the roll. Having used the wipe on hands and cart handle, there was still plenty of moisture left to dampen her fingers multiple times, and a grip and a slip twist dampened thumb and pointer gained purchase on the recalcitrant eco-bag which yielded its orifice immediately.

This strategy constitutes a win-win for both the environment and civilization. The ecosystem is spared from wicked and unfriendly plastic bags, germs are foiled and the little old lady in question is spared the humiliation of receiving kindly offers of bag-oriented assistance.

# Co-op Supermarket Spreads The Valentine's Day Love

by Dan Gillotte

Valentine's Day often gets called a "Hallmark holiday," but the staff at the Greenbelt Cooperative Supermarket and Pharmacy will get behind anything that promotes love and kindness, hearts and flowers. They have some nice plans for Valentine's Day to help shoppers make their loved ones' day. Check out the Valentines Station at the front of the store. Write a Valentine to a spouse, boyfriend or girlfriend, secret crush, family members, friends, neighbors, or even the favorite product in the store and hang it up in the window! This is just one of the ways the Co-op can help spread some love this Valentine's Day.

Valentine's Day is on Sunday this year; with Covid-19 restaurant closures it's going to be quite different than normal. How about celebrating with a Valentine's Day brunch at home? Or cooking a nice dinner together? The Co-op has come up with ways to help with either of these plans. For brunch or dinner consider a "Sweetheart Steak" from the Co-op's meat department. A Delmonico steak filleted into a heart shape will make a fancy



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The Valentine-making station at the Co-op gives a little love to shoppers.

centerpiece on any plate. Add some roasted asparagus, and a glass of wine and it's like a top shelf brunch or dinner at a snazzy bistro.

Or let the Co-op's deli team do the cooking. They have a special seafood meal planned for Valentine's Day. This "Sweetheart

Dinner" features sea scallops baked with Himalayan sea salt and garlic butter with roasted asparagus and jasmine rice. This meal is available as a pre-order only, so place the order by 1 p.m. on Sunday, February 14, at 301-474-0522 and plan to pick up the dinner between 3 and 6:30 p.m.



PHOTO BY CAROL DRIES

Kaleb Lambert takes snow from his mom's hand. This snowfall was the first time Kaleb, age 20 months, had touched snow.



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## Caring Hands Medical Clinic

Dr. Ndika Elizabeth has a 30 years of experience in Health Care Industry. She is a board certified Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) as well as a certified Family Nurse practitioner (FNP).

Elizabeth practices at Caring Hands Medical Clinic where she utilizes her past acute care experience as a hospitalist and as a sole provider from other inpatient /outpatients' care settings.

At Caring Hands Medical clinic, Dr. Ndika assesses clients by using a holistic approach. She understands that mental health can be gradually restored with proper management of medications and therapy. Each client's needs are unique to her.

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# Business

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

## A Review

### Chinese Take-out, Anyone? A Review of Local Options

by Jon Gardner

How many Chinese restaurants are there in Greenbelt? The answer might surprise you. As a pandemic project, my family and I have ordered take-out from all of them, and I will share our experiences with you.

Beijing of Greenbelt has been a cornerstone of Roosevelt Center in Old Greenbelt for many years. In the times before the pandemic their Sunday buffet and lunch specials were very popular, and Beijing featured the only bar offering mixed drinks in Old Greenbelt. One specialty of Beijing is their dishes made with plant-based meat substitutes, so vegetarians and vegans can get familiar dishes like General Tso's chicken made without meat. Beijing also has Suntori beer for take-out, although the cocktail bar is not otherwise open. Beijing is open for take-out by calling 301-345-3996; pick up your order at 131 Centerway.

Hunan China in Franklin Park specializes in food from Western China. I enjoyed the Hunan Delight special, with a variety of meats and vegetables in a spicy sauce. Hunan China had the best vegetarian spring rolls of all of the places we tried. For those on a diet, they feature lower-calorie steamed dishes. Hunan China offers take-out or delivery by calling 301-474-9190 and is located at 9234 Springhill Lane (in the back of the building.)

East Pearl Asian Bistro is the most up-market of all of the restaurants we tried. They have a very extensive menu, not just Chinese, but also pad Thai and curries, tempura and teriyaki plates and a very long sushi menu. Although the restaurant is a little more expensive than the other places, their online menu and ordering system allows multiple options and special instructions so that you can get exactly what you want. Order online at eastpearlgreenbelt.com or call 301-982-4888 and pick up your order at 7701 Greenbelt Road #101, on the south side of Greenbelt Road at the intersection with Hanover Parkway.

My favorite Chinese take-out place is Good Jerry in Cipriano Square across from NASA Goddard. Even when I order a different entrée, I also always get the combination fried rice to have for leftovers the next day. Their specials include Cantonese, Szechuan and Hunan dishes, and their portions are generous. Order by calling 301-552-0107 for take-out or delivery and pick up your order at 8845 Greenbelt Road.

Both Hunan China and Good Jerry also offer subs, sandwiches, wings and other American options for any members of your family who are not fans of Chinese food.

To keep their customers safe, none of these restaurants have in-person dining during the pandemic. They each have plexiglass barriers or plastic sheets to keep you safe when picking up your order.

Each of these restaurants has something unique to offer. A year ago there were two more Chinese restaurants in Greenbelt, but since then both Hunan Treasure in Greenway Center and Ruan's Chinese Gourmet in Beltway Plaza have closed. Whether due to the pandemic or just the difficulty of running a small business, Greenbelt has already lost those two options.

So how many Chinese restaurants are there in Greenbelt? There are four. Help keep them open by ordering take-out today!

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it easier to find them."

Even for a beginning birder, the program works. You go for a walk and see a bright red cardinal. You record your sighting and your phone gathers your location. If you don't know the bird, you can use an app called Merlin to walk through a series of questions so you can identify the sparrow, goose, hawk, or whatever it is.

Cavigelli says there are many more features that make birding easier than ever. "[eBird] gives you something and in return they get something. It's a good system."

What eBird gets, according to John Fitzpatrick, former director of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, is about 1.5 million bird sightings a year. And with those sightings, the project is making strides in conservation, not just of birds, but the planet.

eBird started in 1999 with a grant from the National Science Foundation and now, Fitzpatrick said at the December 2020 virtual meeting of the American Geophysical Union, the project has a huge data mine of bird sightings, "which allows for an understanding of how birds are doing in our world."

Using the data means asking questions, he said. "We ask if the population of a bird is declining, increasing, or changing habitat. And we can now direct local conservation groups to go in and measure what is different in the places where the population is declining and increasing. And how we can modify [human] behavior effectively."

However, eBird and individual sightings only go so far. People don't usually count birds at night. And often they don't count birds high in the air. So how could scientists look at migrating birds?

The answer was in the weather. In 1995, the Cornell Lab and others realized that the nationwide Doppler radar system, which was set up to measure and

predict weather, could have other uses.

"We asked the radar to count all things that are not precipitation." And that includes birds.

Now, Fitzpatrick says, the Lab of Ornithology works with wind turbine operators. The wind power generated by the huge turbines is good for the environment, but can be bad for migrating birds. However, because of eBird and Doppler data, Fitzpatrick and his colleagues can warn turbine operators when bird migrations are arriving. The operators can then turn off the turbines for a night

or two. "We can save 90 percent of the birds that way," he said.

The data from eBird and the Doppler radar system makes Fitzpatrick feel positive about the way humans and the natural world get along.

"[Co-existing] is not going to happen by accident," he said. "We need real-time measurements of environmental health. And birds are a great indicator of that health." Given the data, he said he is hopeful that humans "will be able to figure out how we can fit in with all the grandeur of the natural world."



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A robin discovers the berries on a holly bush on Gardenway.

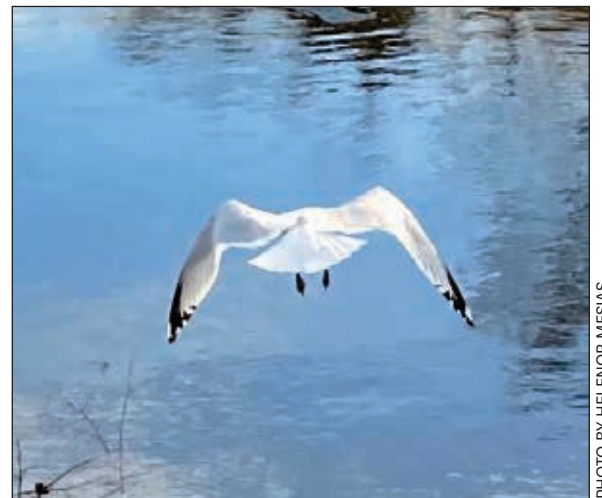
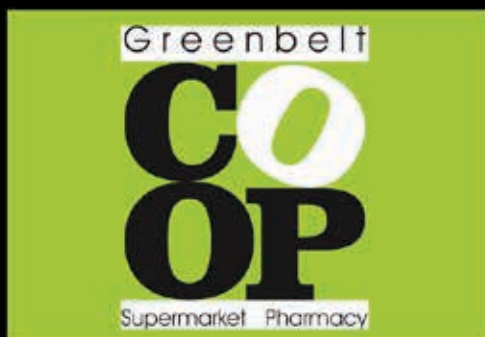


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A seagull flies over the Lake.



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Councilmember Rodney Roberts felt that making a percentage of the property privately owned homes would have a positive effect, citing the high level of transience as a spur to crime and the lower rates of crime in mixed housing neighborhoods. He also was skeptical of the financial insolvency of the owners in regards to enhancing security, saying that “they have been making millions on that place for years.” Management would need to be “front and center” in this effort. He also felt that “cameras everywhere is not the solution” and would vote against any city subsidizing of such.

Councilmember Emmett Jordan felt that improving lighting would “make a world of difference,” citing the effectiveness of

such an approach in Greenbriar and its lower cost than cameras. He also recommended a “more thoughtful” approach with management, in order to create a more constructive relationship, saying “we are all in this together.”

Councilmember Edward Putens hoped for a fruitful compromise in this effort as the goal was to save lives, saying that he supported whatever was necessary to accomplish this.

Bowers pushed for a “multi-pronged” and “holistic” approach to the problem, saying that “not one single thing is a panacea.” Another idea he offered was altering the environmental design of the complex and asserted that a close relationship between management and the police was criti-

cal. He felt that passing the ordinance would be “very costly,” yet supported some use of cameras. A solution would require an in-depth evaluation and some “creative funding.”

Byrd was appreciative of the conversation and “thoughtful and critical feedback,” feeling that a “starting point” had been reached on the issue. He said, after growing up here, he has seen “no strong improvement,” and while he felt the current efforts, like community policing, were commendable, the city would “need to do more.”

A discussion on Improved Medicare for All was tabled until legislation, such as a resolution from the county council, was available to evaluate.

# 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.

### Theft

January 25, 7:17 p.m., 7475 Greenbelt Road. A wallet was removed from an employee locker at PetSmart. A credit card inside it was later used to make unauthorized purchases.

January 27, 1:37 p.m., 5911 Cherrywood Court. A package was taken from the front stoop of a residence.

### Indecent Exposure

January 26, 11:24 a.m., 5801 Cherrywood Lane. A man approached a woman outside an apartment building and exposed himself before running away.

### Vehicle Crime

Rear Maryland tag 1DL4087

was taken from 127 Lakeside Drive on January 22.

Driver’s windows were broken out of five vehicles at 6002 Springhill Drive on January 22, and five driver’s side air bags were taken.

A locked vehicle at 5506 Cherrywood Lane was entered and a wallet and pack of cigarettes were taken on January 23.

A man was involved in a verbal altercation at 5910 Cherrywood Terrace on January 26 with two other men, who then used a brick and a stick to break the front and rear windshields of his vehicle.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter.  
 Call 1-866-411-TIPS. Drug Tip Line 240-542-2145.



This gaggle of geese is tucked in for the night on the Lake.

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City staff and Greenbelt community volunteers prepare and distribute produce and diapers on Thursday, January 21. Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) runs a monthly free produce distribution with free produce supplied by the Capital Area Food Bank and a free diaper distribution with diapers provided by the DC Diaper Bank. Pre-registration is only required for the free diapers. Call 240-542-2019 to register.



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This little snowman finds a chilly seat by the Lake.



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January primroses bloom in a garden on Ridge Road before the snow arrives.



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# Federal Colony Next Door: A Critique of Greenbelt, Part 2

by James Giese

*This is the second part of a story on articles published in old Nation's Business magazines about the government's construction of Greenbelt. Thanks to Aaron Marcavitch for calling them to our attention.*

"With 100 percent financing, Greenbelt is 100 percent successful," declared George Morris in an article appearing in the January 1938 issue of Nation's Business. The article goes on to say that if the Federal Housing Act, a part of President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal Program, was "only slightly amended" to provide 100 percent of all housing costs, "... then everyone who suppresses initiative and keeps his income down will be by way of having a comfortable life without lifting a finger or batting an eye." The only obstacle Morris thought in that idea was individual initiative, "... but the government intends to put that out of the way."

The construction of Greenbelt and the other two Garden Cities (Greendale, Wis., and Greenhills, Ohio) drew considerable opposition and criticism from the more conservative, business-oriented community and many newspapers and magazines. Nation's Business magazine was no exception.

Morris claimed the government was preaching that half the people of that time lived in homes below "the standards prescribed for abundant life." In doing so, the magazine contends that government fails to consider that "some are satisfied with their condition and are willing to do without, others lack the means to live as well as they would like, but initiative spurs them to better conditions, while others are simply engaged in willful waiting." The government blamed the sub-marginal housing on private industry, "no matter that private industry has 156 years of experience," the article stated.

When completed, Morris said, Greenbelt will house 885 families or a population of 2,000 out of the 43,000,000 the government had declared ill-housed.

### No Obstacle

In building Greenbelt, there was "no obstacle which money could not overcome," and the government had, or knew how to get, money, said Morris. The result was "the prettiest little town east of the Mississippi River" circled by a belt of native trees.

The government spent \$14,227,000 to provide families with incomes of \$1,500 to \$2,000 homes costing \$16,000, accord-



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### Interior with Mrs. Hoover

**Note: The directory of Pioneer Families of Greenbelt prepared by Dorothy Lauber does not list a Hoover. Perhaps she was a government employee. The room is filled with furniture specially made for the Greenbelt houses and sold to new residents on an installment plan.**

ing to Morris. Rents were to be \$18 to \$41 a month, resulting in it taking 123 years to amortize construction costs, a period of time too long for private industry to take, the article reported. Private industry would charge rent of \$80 a month.

Morris noted skeptically that the government contended that not all the project's cost should be regarded as housing construction. "Inefficient labor" expenses accounted for \$4,902,000 of project costs. (The Green Town projects had as one purpose providing work for those needing work and often required work to be done with manual labor instead of more efficient machinery. Hours of work were limited to less than a normal workday to provide more jobs and encourage those working to seek better employment elsewhere.) Another cost not related to the cost of building homes was \$284,000 in leftover materials.

The government also felt that the cost for building the commercial center, schools, streets, a lake, playgrounds and recreational facilities should not be included as housing costs. With these reductions, it contended that the cost to build each housing unit averaged only \$5,423, Morris reported.

However, that still required an amortization period of 60 years,

omitting interest and taxes, he contended. "The government is teaching industry that where the costs are too high, don't reduce expenditures, increase deductions."

Another issue raised by the article was that the government limited occupancy to families with no more than four children. "What happens when families exceed four children? Will they be required to move?" (Actually, some did and some stayed. I've been told that the record occupancy for a government-built home is nine children plus parents.)

Morris also mentioned the possible problem caused by income restrictions placed upon families living in Greenbelt. (This did become a problem when income rose as the country geared up for war, forcing some families to move. However, the restriction was then lifted.)



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Planning met with Public Works about maglev environmental impact issues. Sustainability/Environment's stream cleanup at Indian Creek attracted more than 20 volunteers.

Street Maintenance/Special Details and Fleet Maintenance prepared tractors and trucks for snow. Horticulture/Parks removed hazardous tree limbs and repaired Dog Park gates. Refuse/Recycling collected 22.59 tons of refuse and 10.52 tons of recyclables.

Building Maintenance repaired the heating system in the Aquatic & Fitness Center fitness wing, installed emergency lights at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center Clubhouse and refurbished curtains in the Community Center gym.

Recreation's Covid-19 committee met to evaluate screening procedures. Mom's Morning Out preschoolers investigated snow science and polar animals.

Therapeutic Recreation hosted a Golden Age Club discussion of Covid-19 vaccinations and delivered frozen meals and activity bags to 41 seniors.

Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) held a distribution event that provided diapers for more than 50 resident families and produce for 111 households. CARES started an Anger Management class series.

Park Rangers observed running practice at Northway and encouraged mask use.

### GHI Bike Committee Seeks New Members

This is a new year with new opportunities to use your time, talents and energy to help the GHI community. Consider volunteering with the GHI Bicycle Committee. The GHI community is home to a number of cyclists of all ages and abilities which, in turn, makes advocacy important. The committee seeks fresh new faces and ideas to make the community more bicycle friendly for everyone.

The committee meets the third Wednesday of the month, teleconferencing, of course, in the age of Covid-19. To learn more about how to volunteer, contact John Campanile, jbelltower@yahoo.com; Diana McFadden, bowregard2003@gmail.com; Jackson Tan, Jackson.tan.bs@gmail.com; or contact the GHI Board Liaison, Bruce Mangum, bmangum@ghi.coop.

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# Snow Scenes Around Greenbelt



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A heron surveys the snowy landscape.

Snow bunnies and their sled-pullers popped out gleefully from all parts of Greenbelt to enjoy the snow, even though Monday there wasn't a whole lot. Meanwhile, amid the shrieks and hullabaloo of the sledders, Greenbelt's avid photographers sought out color and life against a background of starkly outlined bushes and trees. With a snow that formed fancifully fluffy piles and cascaded from fences and leaves to outline each twig, they didn't have to look further for inspiration than the Lake or their own back yards. Others sought more abstract snowy subjects – like hieroglyphs on a car.



PHOTO BY CARLA JOHNS

A snowman takes up residence in Franklin Park.



PHOTO BY JON GARDNER

Children enjoy sledding on the hill by the Library on Sunday, January 31.



PHOTO BY JUDY MCCORD

The stream, swollen by melt, gurgles between snowy banks.



PHOTO BY JON GARDNER

A cardinal perches on a snowy branch.



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The partially melted snow makes an interesting pattern on a city vehicle parked by the Library.



PHOTO BY MARY LOU WILLIAMSON

Winter berries are topped with snow.



PHOTO BY JEFFREY ALLEN JONES

A fallen tree in the Lake after the January 31 snowfall.