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## 750 Apartments and New Main Street Emerge at Beltway Plaza

by Edith J. Beauchamp

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A major transformative reconstruction of Beltway Plaza into a mixed-use residential, retail and new recreational hub may finally get underway in late Spring or early Summer 2022 pending the final “go” on a three-year planning process in which the City of Greenbelt has played a key role. The Greenbelt City Council will be asked for that final go vote at their Monday, August 9, 8 p.m. meeting.

Two well-advertised public

presentations or community outreach events took place at the mall last week (Monday, July 19 and Tuesday, July 20), conducted by Marc “Kap” Kapastin, director of Government and Community Relations for Quantum Companies (owners/managers of Beltway Plaza), and Alex Villegas of Rodgers Consulting, a civil engineer and architect for stormwater management, land management and traffic design for the project, among other contributions. These were the first of several events to introduce the coming development to the public. Each presentation had just under 20

attendees; another presentation is planned for residents of Greenbelt Station this week. Presenters will review what city planners and council have already seen in multiple design phases and literally years of worksession meetings, with serious work by the city Advisory Planning Board, the Park and Recreation Advisory Board and city staff.

Three new rental apartment buildings will be constructed along with a dedicated 27,000-square-foot recreation facility and a hotel. The recreation facility – big enough for indoor soccer, for example – will be dedicated to the city for public use, but each apartment building will also have its own recreational amenities for residents including pools, gyms and event spaces.

The mall will remain open for

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## New Deal Café – Take Four? A Cooperative Point of View

by Cathie Meetre



PHOTO BY MELISSA SIGNORINI

Dan Gillotte is hard at work in the revitalized New Deal Café.

There’s more to the New Deal’s new deal than meets the eye. One can, perhaps, take for granted that two cooperatives cooperating confers the square of the benefit from just one cooperative operating alone. In fact, however, the realities are, if that’s possible, even more intriguing. The new Café venture is not just a feel-good thing but a solid business proposition designed to cut both ways and benefit both the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy and the New Deal Café as they set out on this adventure together. Let us not to the marriage of true minds admit impediment.

The Co-op grocery store has significant buying power for ingredients and disposables that results in discounts far beyond the scale of those accessible to the New Deal’s food service alone. The additional cups, coffee, ba-

gels, sugar, milk, vegetables and meat for food service are merely an increment to what the Co-op already buys – resulting in lower costs for operations and more potential profit for all. The Co-op has deep refrigerator pockets.

### Transparency

The Café’s operation will be run as a separate cost center for the Co-op, so for the accounting-minded, just like the deli, the pharmacy and the beer and wine, tallies of how well the Café does are kept separate and visible, so Co-op members can have transparency into how well the food service venture is going in contrast to the past when the food operations were privately run.

The New Deal benefits from a food service provider that is nearby and cost effective with ready access to discounted supplies. The Co-op benefits from

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## Capital Bikeshare: A Test Ride

by Kyla Hanington



PHOTO BY DANIEL R. HAMLIN

Kyla gets on her rental bike.

Like everyone else I have noticed Capital Bikeshare rental stations popping up around town and unlike everyone else I’ve thought, “Now there is something I will never do, rent a bike from one station and ride it jauntily through the streets to another station.”

Not that I am opposed to this in any way, quite the opposite. Bikes are cool. But what I am is rather terrifically out of shape and peddling a bike that is certain to be heavy, that hasn’t been maintained, tuned up, oiled and fit to my exact frame would be completely out of my reach. Greenbelt is many things, but it isn’t flat and there was no way I could peddle a bikeshare bike from one end of it to another.

So when the News Review called and said, “Hey, want to do a story about Capital Bikeshare?” Obviously I said yes and then was immediately filled with overwhelming regret. Without having even rented the bike, I began composing the article in my head. It went something like this: “I rode along Crescent

Road, thinking about how much I hate my life.”

As Dan drove me to the Capital Bikeshare station on Crescent Road near the Municipal Building and the Community Center, I asked him if I actually needed to rent the bike.

Me: I mean, this article has pretty much written itself.

Dan: Yes, you do.

Me: Freedom of the press!

Dan: ...

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### What Goes On

**Monday, August 2**

**8 p.m.** City Council Worksession: IT Strategic and Operational Plan/Security

**Wednesday, August 4**

**8 p.m.** Council Worksession: Greenbelt Library

All meetings are virtual. See the meetings calendar at [greenbeltmd.gov](http://greenbeltmd.gov) for agendas and information on public participation in these meetings.



### National Night Out Tuesday, August 3

Beltway Plaza, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., in rear of Target parking lot.

Hunting Ridge Community 6:30 to 8 p.m., 6914 Hanover Parkway.



PHOTO BY LASHIEL BARAVECHIA

The Greenbelt Babe Ruth 18U team rebounds from a 0-3 start to the season to finish with 6 wins and 5 losses behind a core group of players. Greenbelt Babe Ruth will return to the field with a Fall season beginning in September. Back row from left, Coach Manny Ortiz, Justin Adames, Cole Edmonds, Logan Beasley, Jaden Osborne, Antoine Franklin, Jr., Chris Hanna and Manager Ian Gleason; middle row from left, Matthew Baravechia, Coach Ruth Ann White, Joseph Kline, Tommy Hill and Diego Velasquez; front row from left, Andrew Jones, Bryce Jones, AJ Rizzo, Atricee Gray and Anthony Robles. See more, p.11.

# Letters to the Editor

## Supports CBA With Police

The City of Greenbelt along with the Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge 32 negotiated the current Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) in good faith.

I fully support the current CBA as drafted. However, it appears some members of Council object. At the July 12 council meeting, Mayor Colin Byrd raised objections regarding the Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights (LEOBR) and felt its inclusion in the Agreement should be excluded.

Mayor Byrd's efforts to exclude the LEOBR language will adversely impact the current disciplinary process of the Police Department. The LEOBR has been an integral piece of past CBAs and its inclusion in the current CBA should be preserved. The LEOBR affords protection from unwarranted complaints and affords other legal protections to members of the FOP under state law. The current LEOBR remains in effect until July 2022. These protected rights may be amended in future state legislative sessions. Therefore, it is extremely important that the language outlining LEOBR protections remain within the current CBA. Removal of these protections would only serve to further demoralize those members covered under the CBA.

Historically and presently the pay and compensation benefits for Greenbelt's officers are one of the lowest in the region. The current CBA would afford the FOP a 20 percent pay increase over the four-year life span of the Agreement. I support this increase in pay and benefits.

It should be the responsibility and concern of all residents of Greenbelt to ensure a viable and well compensated police department. To this end, I would implore residents to support your Greenbelt officers of FOP Lodge 32. Contact the city council to voice your support of the negotiated CBA Agreement. This vote is scheduled to take place at the regularly scheduled Monday, August 9 meeting.

Scott Legendre

## Mixed-income Housing?

A few years ago, after a new housing policy for our county went into effect, County Council

Member, then chair, Todd Turner, told me that there can be a request from a respective municipal authority that a housing proposal include a mixed income approach, as is in effect county-wide in Montgomery and Fairfax Counties, (though no such policy exists in Prince George's County). Ten percent of a proposed housing development must be affordable for working class applicants in the mixed income approach. I believe that this policy has been in effect for a good number of years. The developers do get a tax break for making that happen but the housing is truly mixed and their proposed developments are not built where the housing is divided by the wealth of the residents. It is unfortunate that despite Greenbelt's recommendation several years ago that this be part of the overall approach to housing, it was not adopted by our county.

While I've not been able to learn more, my housing professor at the University of Maryland supported the idea that our city at least explore this possibility. Greenbelt's foundation, which we celebrate every year, was that folks who were not wealthy would be able to live in our city. The design of our city and its affordable housing were highly regarded by the New York Times in 1939 which called Greenbelt "The City of the Future." Certainly, our history, and our sense of planning for all, regardless of income, merits an effort on our part and that of a developer to explore this approach. Breezewood Drive should not be a dividing line between economic levels of residents.

Konrad Herling

## Another Ear Reader

Among those who volunteer for the Metropolitan Washington Ear (Greenbelt News Review, July 22, p. 4) is my wife, Lynn Poirier, seen here early one recent Friday morning reading one of her many assigned articles from the Washington Post. Lynn began reading for the Ear shortly after retiring from the Prince George's school system in 2017.

Like those mentioned in the article, Lynn has had to read from home since the start of the pandemic. Which means that I, her husband, must wrap up his readings by 6:30 a.m.

Oh, the sacrifices!

John Campanile

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## UMD Reporter

Melissa Signorini, a Maryland journalism major soon to graduate, is an intern writing for the News Review.



## Mail Subscription Price Increase

Effective August 1, 2021, the cost of a mail subscription will be \$55 per year. This is the first price increase since 2017 and is needed to offset postage increases.

## City Notes

An injured cat recovering at the Animal Shelter joined three dogs, two cats, 12 kittens and a rabbit. Two cats were adopted; eight kittens are available.

Horticulture/Parks removed three dead/hazardous trees. Refuse/Recycling collected 28.66 tons of refuse and 10.38 tons of recyclables. Sustainability/Environmental recycled electronics, installed native perennials and assisted an Eagle Scout project. Building Maintenance repaired a circuit for the pottery studio's pug mill.

Recreation offered summer classes, camps, Moonlit Movies, open gym and drop-in programs. The Pool hosted County Fire/EMS for Swift Water Training.

The Museum's free summer walking tours fill quickly, so more tours are planned. Arts received a \$50,722 grant from the State Arts Council. Therapeutic Recreation facilitated frozen meal delivery to 33 seniors, including two new clients.

Park Rangers assisted a CHEARS event at Schrom Hills Three Sisters Garden and offered outdoor "survival" games for Springhill Lake campers.

CARES' monthly produce distribution served approximately 150 families.

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## Service or Garden Side?



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B. Glee

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Lynn Poirier reads an article from the Washington Post for Washington Ear.

# Community Events

## At the Library

The Greenbelt Library is now open to the public, with hours Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesdays from noon to 8 p.m.; and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sidewalk service for held books is available outside the upper-level entrance (pickup reservation required), or requested books can be picked up on the shelves inside the library, as before. Study rooms are open but meeting rooms remain closed.

Appointments for one hour of computer use can be made up to seven days in advance at [pgcmls.info/reopening](http://pgcmls.info/reopening) or 240-455-5451; some computers may be available with no appointments. Shelved books are open for browsing without restrictions, no appointments required. The library is not accepting book donations for the foreseeable future but has a third-party book donation bin outside the lower-level entrance.

### Mobile Printing, Hotspots

The library offers mobile printing to the public. The first 10 black-and-white pages are free. More information is available at [pgcmls.info/mobile-printing](http://pgcmls.info/mobile-printing).

Families can borrow mobile hotspot devices for up to nine weeks at a time. Adults aged 18 and older with library cards in good standing may request a SmartSpot through the curbside booking form. One device per household may be borrowed.

### Learning Resources

Brainfuse HelpNow offers an array of additional learning resources for Prince Georgians, including SkillSurfer, a library of lessons, videos, tests and more, available year-round. The library also helps students prepare for standardized tests and writing college admissions essays through the EBSCO LearningExpress online resource. Check [pgcmls.info/events](http://pgcmls.info/events) regularly for related programming.

### Summer Reading

The Washington Nationals and County Library System are partnering on Summer @ Your Library, a summer reading and library engagement program offered in English and Spanish for all ages. The 2021 theme is Tails and Tales. The program runs through Friday, August 20 and will be primarily offered online with select in-person events.



## School Bus Driver Job Fair Offered

Prince George's County has a shortage of more than 270 school bus drivers for this fall and is holding a virtual Job Fair to fill the positions. Those interested must pre-register for this event by filling out the information on a form linked to [pgcps.org/drivewithus](http://pgcps.org/drivewithus) (scroll down and click the blue bar: Virtual Bus Drive Job Fair & Hiring Event). There are some requirements that must be met for the positions.

Information about school bus driving also can be found at the above website.

## NASA Music & Drama Presents Pygmalion

NASA's Music and Drama club (MAD Theater) will present a staged reading of the play Pygmalion, by George Bernard Shaw, live online on Saturday, July 31, starting at 8 p.m.

In the play, Henry Higgins, professor of phonetics, teaches Eliza Doolittle, a low-class flower seller, how to speak and act like an upper-class lady. Eliza succeeds in passing into society. The play is well known as the basis for the Broadway musical My Fair Lady and subsequent film.

While unable to perform in person, NASA's Music and Drama club is presenting live online staged readings of classic plays in order to engage the audience while continuing to develop the talents of the actors. Viewing is free, although donations are accepted. The play can be viewed live via a link that will be posted at [madtheater.org](http://madtheater.org).



Trisha Randazzo plays Eliza Doolittle in MAD's production of Pygmalion.

- Screenshots courtesy MAD Theater



Randy Barth plays Henry Higgins.

## GVFD Presentation And Book Signing

Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department's Greenleigh Adams will be presenting and signing her new romantic novel Love Burns on Saturday, July 31 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Greenbelt Fire Department. Books will be available for purchase.

## County Schools Offer Free Summer Meals

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) is operating its annual Summer Food Service Program through Wednesday, August 18. Grab and Go breakfast and lunch meal packages will be available on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 62 schools, including Greenbelt and Berwyn Heights Elementary Schools. Students attending in-school summer programs will receive breakfast and lunch.

Visit the PGCPS website for a complete list of school and library meal sites or find a nearby meal distribution site by visiting [MDsummerMeals.org](http://MDsummerMeals.org).



## Vax Scholarships

In an effort to encourage all Marylanders to protect themselves from Covid-19, the Maryland Higher Education Commission and the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) have set up a \$1 million VaxU Scholarship Promotion fund for vaccinated residents ages 12 to 17. The state is offering up to 20 scholarships around Maryland during nine statewide drawings. Those who win will receive a \$50,000 scholarship through a Prepaid College Trust or a College Investment Plan from the Maryland 529 plans. The funds will go toward covering the cost of tuition and fees for a four-year college or university. Students who have a registered Maryland address at the time of their vaccination and who get vaccinated in Maryland (not at federal locations) will be automatically entered in the promotion for a chance to win.

Two winners will be selected each week on Mondays until September 6. On this, the last draw date, four winners will be selected. MDH will run the drawings, and every week a random generator will decide prize winners. Alternate winners will be selected in case original winners do not accept the prizes, are deemed ineligible or do not produce all necessary documentation and information to be validated as eligible.

For more information on eligibility and the promotion, visit the Maryland Higher Education VaxU Scholarship Promotion website. For all questions, email [VaxUScholarship.mhec@maryland.gov](mailto:VaxUScholarship.mhec@maryland.gov).

## A Bit More Peace

In a world where many of us often attempt to do more, do it better and do it more quickly, the Mishkan Torah Sisterhood has quietly offered summer guided meditation classes to Greenbelters for the past six years. Although the synagogue itself is a wonderful peaceful setting that is welcoming to all, meditation this year will be offered via Zoom and anyone can attend from the comfort of their own home.

Class sizes have ranged from eight to 19 people, from teenagers to senior citizens. All attendees have expressed a desire to quiet their bodies, minds and spirits and to deepen inner stillness while improving their ability to reconnect with themselves. Class participants have described feeling more peaceful, serene, relaxed and mindful, both during and between classes. Many individuals have experienced a greater ease falling asleep and more patience during challenging times.

A difference has been made in many people's lives when utilizing meditation practices that teach one to slow down, become quiet, go within and experience a bit more peace. Summer classes started on June 21 and will continue from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. every other Monday through September 13. For more information email Katrina Boverman at [Katrinaboverman@yahoo.com](mailto:Katrinaboverman@yahoo.com) or call her at 301-641-1035.

## Golden Age Club

On Wednesday, August 11, Greenbelt Golden Agers will meet in person with Dan Gillotte, general manager of the Greenbelt Co-op. The meeting will be held at 11 a.m. at the New Deal Café and Gillotte will describe the new food options as the Co-op begins providing the food for the Café. Some free samples will be available and food and drinks will also be sold. Doors will open at 10:30. Masks will be required for those who are not vaccinated.

The other August meetings will continue to be held via Zoom. Anyone who is not already on the Golden Age email list should contact Becky Sutfin at [Rsutfin@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:Rsutfin@greenbeltmd.gov) or via phone at 240-542-2056 (leave a message).



## Museum Offers Free Walking Tours

The Museum is celebrating its gradual reopening with a series of free, small, in-person walking tours. The next tour is Saturday, August 7.

Pre-registration is required via Eventbrite, space is limited to allow social distancing and masks are recommended. Regular fees will resume in the fall.

## County Has Rent Help

Prince George's County is offering rent relief because of Covid-19. The county's 2021 Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) will help eligible applicants with payment assistance for rent and utilities. Landlords may also apply on behalf of their tenants. Applications will be accepted until funds are out. To apply and for more information visit [hcd.mypgc.us](http://hcd.mypgc.us) and click "Emergency Rental Assistance Program."

## Arts Advisory Board

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, August 3 at 7 p.m. Weather permitting, the meeting will take place outdoors at the Three Sisters Garden in Schrom Hills Park, 6915 Hanover Parkway. In case of inclement weather or for additional information, contact Nicole DeWald at [ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov) or call 301-474-8000, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Donate Sneakers For People in Need

The Board of Congregational Life at Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ (GCC) is collecting athletic shoes by partnering with GotSneakers. This sneaker recycling program helps to keep sneakers out of landfills, which have harmful effects on the environment, and will send the sneakers to countries where the poor often go barefoot out of necessity. For more information about GotSneakers, go to their website at [GotSneakers.com](http://GotSneakers.com).

A donation box for sneakers is located outside the Fellowship Center, the small building behind the church, for people to drop off sneakers at any time. GotSneakers will pay GCC a varying amount for name-brand and off-brand laced-up sneakers with no tears inside or outside. The company even pays for cleaning and shipping – all GCC does is collect sneakers.



## Cicada Mania Crowns Labor Day Photo Show

After 17 years, the Cicada Mania category is returning to the 2021 Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Photo Show. The Photo Show will definitely be happening, even if it ends up being only online again. Look for updates about the 2021 Festival with details on how to enter.



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# Obituaries

## Maureen Irving



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### Maureen Irving

Maureen "Moe" Woodward Irving of Greenbelt died surrounded by family at her home on Saturday, July 24, 2021, at the age of 71 after a short battle with pancreatic cancer.

Moe was born in Lawrence, Mass., on January 8, 1950. She graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1967 and went on to attend Marjorie Webster College in Washington, D.C., and the University of Maryland, College Park, where she met her husband Hank. She proudly worked for Ledo Pizza Corporation for over 30 years in various capacities, including quality assurance manager.

Moe was a member of the Greenbelt American Legion Auxiliary Post 136 and was a former member of both the Maryland and National Recreation and Parks Associations. In her younger years she taught trampoline and gymnastics for the Greenbelt Recreation Department. She loved the outdoors and activities like trail walking, hiking, bike riding around Greenbelt Lake, camping and swimming in the ocean off Cape Cod. She was a great athlete and an avid golfer and even achieved her dream of getting a hole-in-one in 2010. She was a talented softball player in both women's and co-ed leagues and participated in regional and national tournaments. She was also a skilled dart thrower and was always quick to master any new sport or hobby she tried.

Moe enjoyed flower gardening, birding and wildlife observation at the Patuxent Research Refuge. Her favorite place to be was with family on Cape Cod, where she had a lifetime of memories from summer beach trips and Christmas visits. She loved spending time socializing with her twin daughters and going on road trips with her husband. She loved to be around people and attending social gatherings and

special events. Moe loved watching her favorite football teams, the Washington Football Team and New England Patriots, eating crabs in the summertime and handing out cold Miller Lites to anyone who walked in the door. She always enjoyed signature Greenbelt events like the Labor Day Festival and the Fourth of July fireworks.

Moe is predeceased by her mother Anne Woodward and her father Ivan Woodward of Cape Cod. She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Hank Irving. They were married at St. Mary's Church in Lawrence, Mass., on February 26, 1976. Maureen is lovingly remembered by her daughter Christy Irving and Christy's fiancé Jason Hess of Bowie, her daughter Kelly Irving of Greenbelt, her brother Thomas Woodward and his wife Judith Woodward of Leominster, Mass., her brother Gerald Woodward and his wife Theresa Woodward of Flagler Beach, Fla., and her sister Kathleen Woodward and Kathleen's husband Francis Gesel also of Leominster. She had a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

A memorial service will be coordinated with Holy Trinity Church in Cape Cod, and a local Celebration of Life will be held for Moe in the future.

## Our Neighbors

Condolences to the family and friends of Maureen "Moe" Irving, who died on July 24 after an active and athletic life.

Happy 90th birthday to Robert Lewis and happy 91st birthday to former city manager Jim Giese, both of whom were feted at parties this past Sunday.

Congratulations to three Greenbelt artists in residence featured at National Harbor. Ceramic artist Karen Arrington, assemblage artist Rachel Ann Cross and fiber artist Celestine

Ranney-Howes have work showing through the end of July at Arts'tination, open Thursdays to Sundays, noon to 8 p.m. and located at 162 Waterfront Street, Oxon Hill.

Congratulations to Anja Hanington, who became a U.S. citizen on July 28.

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



PHOTO BY KYLA HANINGTON

Anja Hanington becomes a U.S. citizen on Wednesday, July 28.



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

Robert Lewis celebrated his 90th birthday on Sunday, July 25, at a party in the New Deal Café. Shown are Yvonne Barash, Bob Barash, Sylvia Lewis, Robert Lewis, Mark Barash, Kesley Strouse, Drew Lewis, Wayn Strouse and Janet Lewis. Robert (shown seated to the right) and his wife Sylvia moved to Greenbelt in 1968.



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Philippians 4:13



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Dragonfly at the Hanover Parkway pond

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## Prince George's County Schools Will Require Masks for Fall

by Melissa Signorini

Students will be required to wear masks when classes begin September 8, according to school officials. Dr. Monica Goldson, chief executive of Prince George's County Public Schools, announced the new requirement at a meeting on Monday.

While the state recently issued guidelines strongly suggesting unvaccinated students wear face masks when they return to school, the county is taking stronger measures, at least for the time being. Goldson said that until

closer to 70 percent of students (the percentage estimated to offer herd immunity) are vaccinated, the county will not reconsider the new rule. So far, 50 percent of those eligible for vaccination have complied so far. Children under 12 are not yet eligible for the shots.



### M-NCPPC Announces New ParkFinder Tool

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), Department of Parks and Recreation in Prince George's County, offers ParkFinder, a new resource tool to assist residents in locating parks and other recreational amenities.

ParkFinder is an interactive map tool developed to help users find local parks, community centers, museums, art centers, pools and more. Users can search facilities based on name, amenity types and ADA-compliant features. This tool will be continuously evaluated and enhanced with new search features. User feedback is welcome at [pgwebmaster@pgparks.com](mailto:pgwebmaster@pgparks.com).

For more on the Department of Parks and Recreation, visit [pgparks.com](http://pgparks.com) and stay connected on Facebook, Twitter, PhotoShelter and Instagram. The Department of Parks and Recreation encourages and supports the participation of individuals with disabilities in all programs and services. Register a minimum of two weeks in advance of the program start date to request and receive a disability accommodation.

### Greenbelt Wildlife



PHOTO BY DITTE MCINNIS

This raccoon fell off the roof of a local carport into the tree. Bloodied, he managed to get down but it took quite awhile.



PHOTO BY STEVE BUCCA

A rabbit is on the move at Schrom Hills Park.



# City Information & Events

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### VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR JULY 29-AUGUST 6

Thursday, July 29 at 8:00pm **Special Meeting Closed Session**, see Official Notice below.

Monday, August 2 at 8:00pm **WORK SESSION re: IT Strategic and Operational Plan/Security** Virtual meeting will be shown on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and Streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv)

Tuesday, August 3 at 7:00pm, **ARTS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**, Three Sisters Garden in Schrom Hills Park, 6915 Hanover Parkway. On the agenda: Recap of Outdoor Poetry Event, Approval of Minutes

Wednesday, August 4 at 8:00pm **WORK SESSION re: Greenbelt Branch Library** Virtual meeting will be shown on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and Streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv)

In advance, the hearing impaired is 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). 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) and (7) 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 Thursday, July 29th, 2021, at 8:00 p.m. 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; 2) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.

The purpose of this meeting is 1) to address personnel matters over which this public body has jurisdiction; 2) to consult with legal counsel regarding outstanding legal matters

\*The public may attend the Work Session of the City Council immediately prior to the closed session and observe the vote of Council to move into closed session.

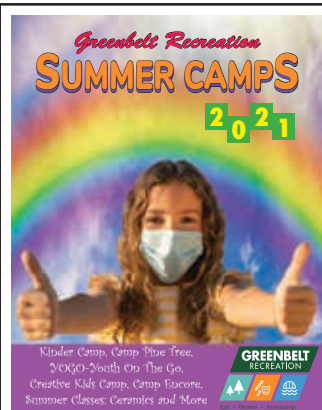
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### Greenbelt Recreation Summer Camps Have Openings!

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### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, August 3rd  
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**Beltway Plaza**, in the rear Target parking lot, from 6pm – 8pm. The event will include free food and beverages, a DJ, a K9 demonstration, a visit from McGruff the Crime Dog, a Helicopter demonstration and sporting activities.

**Hunting Ridge Community**, 6914 Hanover Pkwy, from 6:30-8pm. The event will include an Ice Cream Truck and the Greenbelt Police Department Bike Unit and McGruff the Crime Dog!

### Need Help With Rent? Facing Eviction?

The City of Greenbelt CARES Department is hosting a Zoom Town Hall on Rental Assistance on July 29th at 7:00pm.

Guest speakers from Community Legal Services of Prince George's County, Inc. and the Prince George's County's Department of Housing and Community Development will be present and available to answer questions.

Join the zoom meeting at: <https://bit.ly/3xXOlqo>  
Meeting ID: 922 5512 7119  
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For additional help with rental assistance, please email [cares@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:cares@greenbeltmd.gov)

### GREENBELT PRESCHOOL PROGRAM MOM'S MORNING OUT

Ages 3-5



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reading, math and science curriculum, fine and gross motor skills, all while encouraging lots of fun with peers. Student registration packet due before the first day of class.

Instructors: Gaye Houchens and Shelley Cooper  
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**Ages 4-5**  
Registration # 427503-2  
M/W/F 9:00am-1:00pm  
Youth Center  
Classes: Sept. 13-Dec. 17  
(No class: 11/22, 11/24, 11/26)  
Residents of Greenbelt: \$897;  
Non-Residents: \$1053

**Ages 3-4**  
Registration # 427503-1  
Tu/Th 9:00am-12:00pm  
Youth Center  
Classes: Sept. 14-Dec. 16  
(No class: 11/11, 11/23, 11/25)  
Residents of Greenbelt: \$432;  
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Please call 301-397-2200 to receive an email or phone call from our Preschool Director for more details. Registration is ongoing, so sign up soon to reserve your spot.

# See a Film and Take Home A Piece of Greenbelt History

by Deanna Dawson

Movie fans who attend a Monday matinee at the Old Greenbelt Theatre (OGT) in August will have an opportunity to take home a piece of Greenbelt's history. Original copies of the Greenbelt News Review and its predecessor, the Greenbelt Cooperator (the paper's name changed in 1954), are being offered to anyone interested. News Review staffers will be on hand after each matinee film screening to display and answer questions about the papers and to show off the News Review's new and improved online digital archive. They will be at a table just outside the OGT entrance so people not going to the movie can stop by too.

With the News Review's digital archive project now nearly finished – only a few uploads and final checks remain to be done – it

was time to pare down the number of print copies in the file cabinets in the newsroom. The first priority was to fill gaps in the holdings of the Greenbelt Library's Tugwell Room, which has most of the early Cooperators as well as News Reviews from 1960 forward but only a few issues from the mid-1940s through 1950s. The News Review is making the remaining excess copies available to the public before depositing them in a recycling bin. The plan is to offer a different range of years at the OGT table on each of the five Mondays in August.

On Monday, August 2, Greenbelt Cooperators from 1937 through 1950 will be available (though not every issue). Included in this set are some of the earliest issues of the Cooperator, which was first published on November 24, 1937, less than two months after the first residents moved into the new community. The Cooperator documented how Greenbelt got organized and grew, with the first town councils elected, clubs and committees formed and new residents welcomed. Many



Greenbelt News Reviews are available for individuals to take home. Snag your birthday - surprise your friends.

residents had scarcely settled when the men had to register for selective service (in 1940), and some were drafted. In 1941, the Farm Security Administration expanded Greenbelt by building housing to accommodate defense workers. Once war was declared, life changed for everyone in Greenbelt (and elsewhere), with the sacrifices, hardships and local contributions of Greenbelters documented in Cooperators published during 1942 into 1945. After the war, life gradually resumed and residents became increasingly active in their community. The year 1946 saw the town council and residents voicing opposition to the first transportation project to threaten Greenbelt: the Washington-Baltimore Parkway, as it was then known. There's lots of interesting reading in Greenbelt Cooperators from this period.

From the first issue through August of 1938, the Cooperator

consisted of 12 or more pages mimeographed onto 8.5" x 11" paper. A newsprint issue was trialed on September 7, 1938 – the staff felt the Cooperator must look like a professional newspaper for the voice of Greenbelt citizens to be heard, according to a front-page editorial. By the next issue, however, the staff had switched to a less-expensive offset process, printing the paper first in a magazine-style format and later in sheets. Starting with the August 22, 1941, issue, the Prince George's Post began printing the Cooperator, and since then, the paper has been printed on tabloid-size newsprint, with five columns on a page.

Over the years, though, the original newsprint papers have become far more yellowed and fragile than the issues produced by mimeograph and offset press. Visitors to the OGT table will be able to see these changes in the paper's appearance firsthand, and to select any available issues they wish to take home. As a bonus, visitors can learn how and where to read the papers online, and how to search for things of particular interest.

Anyone interested in acquiring a Greenbelt Cooperator from 1950 or earlier, but unable to come on August 2, can contact [newsreview.archive@gmail.com](mailto:newsreview.archive@gmail.com). The next batch of papers to be available, on August 9, will be from 1951 through 1965. On each Monday through August 30, look for the News Review table outside the OGT starting about 1.5 hours after the start time for the matinee film screening. Film times vary from week to week but are posted on the OGT website, [greenbelttheatre.org](http://greenbelttheatre.org).

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# Council Moves on Evictions, Juneteenth and Reparations

by Cathie Meetre

During the Greenbelt City Council meeting of July 12, at the request of the Greenbelt Racial Equity Alliance (GREA), council voted to direct staff to draft a letter to the governor to request funding from the American Rescue Plan to extend the eviction moratorium. GREA wanted to expedite determination of cases as well as extend coverage to the county of a state database of landlord-tenant legal actions. Councilmember Judith Davis was keen to ensure that this does not merely re-route funding already going to Greenbelt but is in addition to it. Davis requested the letter for review before it was sent.

### Reparations

Commenting on the first reading of a resolution for a referendum question on whether to establish a Greenbelt committee on reparations, resident Lore Rosenthal noted that the chat feature in the Zoom meeting was off – discouraging individuals from commenting. She hoped the chat function could be restored during the discussion on the referendum at the next meeting to allow comments by participants.

### Juneteenth

Council voted to support the inclusion of Juneteenth as a city holiday, having received an assurance to Davis from City Treasurer Bertha Gaymon that the \$25,000 cost of the holiday could by next summer be absorbed within the current budget.

### Marijuana Policy

During the discussion, resident LaWann Stribling educated council that marijuana was, in fact, a racist plant name based on prejudice against immigrant Mexicans and said that council should be using the term cannabis – which would include CBD and other derivatives.

Mayor Colin Byrd wanted to be sure that having ever smoked the plant would not automatically disqualify a person from city employment. Davis felt the motion was too broad and needed to be referred to city human resources for definition and

to remain mindful of the law. Councilmember Rodney Roberts thought the constraint was only currently applicable to the police department and agreed that there should be more detail. Chief of Police Richard Bowers noted that the State of Maryland now has a three-year window during which marijuana/cannabis use would disqualify an applicant from any law enforcement position – a city resolution would not affect this constraint. Ultimately, council referred the item to the city manager in consultation with HR to develop a clear policy that is compliant with current law.

### Maryland Municipal League

Discussion on the three recommendations to the Maryland Municipal League for the League to present to the January 2022 state legislative session resulted in the decision to include the following priorities: adequate funding of state maintenance and repair of sidewalks adjacent to state highways, municipal sharing of revenues from taxes on online sales and the banning of single use plastics.

### Beltway and 270 Lanes

Councilmember Emmett Jordan noted that he continues to state the city's opposition to the widening of the Beltway and Interstate 270, commenting, with Davis and Councilmember Leta Mach concurring, that extra lanes were no solution to road congestion and that the project seemed to involve a maneuver by the governor, who had threatened to withhold funding for other activities unless the project went forward.



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# Gallathea Brings Elizabethan Zoom by Rude Mechanicals

by Melissa Sites

Zoom technology is a blessing for the Rude Mechanicals, the theater group in residence at the Greenbelt Arts Center, as they present another important and rarely produced classic of the Elizabethan stage, John Lyly's Gallathea (1588). Amazingly, this entire show from the script to the performance was produced in two weeks in celebration of the company's 22nd anniversary.

Creative use of filters is a big highlight of the production, which featured the transformation of two young women (Claudia Bach as Gallathea and Erin Nealer as Phillida) into sweetly bearded young men. Instead of having to glue on fake beards, the filter technology did it for them. Both Bach and Nealer gave delicate and sweet performances in their maiden and young man guises. Prominent characters included filter-blushing nymphs who are followers of Diana, as well as Cupid, Venus and the play's villain, Neptune (Wes Dennis), who sometimes appeared wearing a scary water-monster filter.

The play's 90-minute cut is fast-moving, with no confusing plot twists. The two young women disguised themselves as men in order to avoid being sacrificed to Neptune, who required the sacrifice every five years because long ago his temple in the area was destroyed. A side plot in-



Wes Dennis wears a scary mask as the villain, Neptune.

involved three foolish millers' sons, who roamed the forest trying to decide which careers they should follow: mariner, astronomer, alchemist or possibly, a fortune-teller. Another plot line involved disputes between the mischievous and disrespectful love-god Cupid (Lou Zammichieli), Diana (Katie Wanschura) and her nymphs (Allison McAlister, Jaki Demarest and Sarah Pfanz), who were sworn to chastity.

The fast-moving cut, inclusion of pop songs and helpful title cards between scenes, made the play accessible to audiences who may be skeptical of "thee and thou" language. An entertaining scene was the courtroom trial of Cupid by Diana's nymphs, which was in rhyming couplets.

A great "practical effect" (not digital) was the terrifying monster Agar, sent by Neptune to devour

the selected beautiful young maiden. Gallathea's father, Tityrus (William Bodie), was very fun in his scene with Agar as was Liana Olear in her role as the Augur (another fortune-teller).

The longest monologue of the play was presented by Hebe (Joshua Engel), a maiden who is supposedly not very beautiful but who represents the only chance for the village to placate Neptune with a sacrifice. The speech was delivered with melodramatic flair against overly dramatic music.

As befits a comedy, the play ends with a wedding. The two young women fall in love while disguised as men and remain in love even though they acknowledge to the crowd of humans and gods that they are both maidens. They happily embrace and enjoy one another. Venus offered to transform one of them into a man but this does not occur during the action of the play. Since women were played by boys on the Elizabethan stage, this type of gender swapping and confusion was common, but having two women fall in love and marry is an unusual and happy ending.

Presented live over Zoom, and then recorded, Gallathea is available for viewing on YouTube on the Rude Mechanicals "noholdsbar" channel. Donations are encouraged at greenbeltartscenter.org.

PHOTO COURTESY RUDE MECHANICALS

# Artist Studio Applications For Community Center Space

by Nicole DeWald

Greenbelt Recreation invites local visual artists and artisans to apply now for studio space at the historic Community Center. Studios are available through the department's Artist in Residence Program, providing 24-hour access in an atmosphere of mutual support and inspiration. This opportunity is open to individuals aged 18 and up, including both residents and nonresidents of Greenbelt. Applications will be accepted through Sunday, August 8.

Eight artists in residence are currently participating, sharing three sub-divided, light-filled former classrooms. These artists represent a diverse array of media including ceramic art tile, functional pottery, sculpture, assemblage, painting and instrument building.

A typical studio measures roughly 10 ft. by 17 ft., plus common areas and a shared sink. Fees include a security deposit and a monthly payment. Artists must also carry liability insurance. There are no vacant studios at present, but three current artists are required to reapply for their spaces and competing applications from other artists will be considered. There is no fee to apply. New applicants must arrange a virtual or live studio visit before submitting an application;

contact staff by Monday, August 2 to schedule a tour.

The Community Center, located at 15 Crescent Road, houses a contemporary art gallery, dance studio, television production studio, arts education classrooms and many other amenities. Additional resources abound within walking distance, including the weekly Greenbelt Farmers Market, the Greenbelt Library, a lake-side trail, playgrounds, the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, the Youth Center and skate park, and the grocery store, cinema, restaurants and other services of the Roosevelt Center shopping area.

Online application materials are available at greenbeltmd.gov/arts. To schedule a tour or for additional assistance, contact Nicole DeWald at ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov.



Summer Meadow by Artist-in-Residence Mary Lou Gawlik

PHOTO COURTESY THE ARTIST



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**We therefore urge the full Council to reconsider their objections and swiftly adopt the current provisions of the CBA as drafted. It is our hope that swift passage occurs at the next Council meeting on August 9, 2021.**

**We strongly support the adoption of the current Collective Bargaining Agreement by the City Council.**

**We encourage all members of our community to support these fine officers.**

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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.

# Co-op Manager Dan Gillotte Reviews His Odd First Year

by Cathie Meetre

Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket General Manager Dan Gillotte arrived in Greenbelt [from Austin, Texas] on April 15, 2020, to find a changed world. Instead of the exciting challenge of taking over management of a small and slightly pedestrian grocery store and bringing it to profitability and 21st century ways, he was faced with shelves empty of toilet paper and frightened customers and employees trying to figure out how to survive a pandemic.

When he was interviewed in February 2020, Gillotte was taken out to dinner at the New Deal Café to experience the benefits of another local cooperative – ironically now coming full circle as the Co-op takes over the New Deal's food service. In February, the old normal was still in effect. But his arrival to start his new job coincided with the mask mandate and a year like no other.

### A Greenbelt Welcome

Gillotte hailed from Austin, Texas. Though he misses friends there, he says that Greenbelt has turned out to be a great choice. With two big cities within reach, he and his family have sampled the possibilities available during lockdown and gradual re-opening, including the Phillips Collection in D.C., the American Visionary Art Museum in Baltimore and walks throughout both cities. Of Greenbelt, he said he had been welcomed with kindness and, despite distancing and lockdowns, feels very positive about the city and its people. The family has taken advantage of the city's offerings during the year – for example, attending the Moonlight Movies and the Farmers Market and making reservations at the pool. He says he can't wait to participate in more as the city reopens – noting that one of the initial attractions to the area was the historic nature of the town, and particularly the Old Greenbelt Theatre.

### Keeping Safe

On his arrival, he felt his first responsibility was to keep his staff and customers safe and to increase their feeling of being part of a team. Of about 55 full- or part-time staff, only four have contracted Covid-19 – and in all four cases, the contagion was clearly from outside the store. In a retail setting, this is an irreproachable record of care and discipline and much to the credit of Gillotte and his staff.

### Keeping It Together

Gillotte instituted fortnightly department meetings to keep Co-op's departments aware of each other's concerns and to share ideas and possibilities. Though he was unable to implement some of his more ambitious strategies due to the pandemic, he has implemented many small changes that have increased the variety of goods available and put them more under the customer's eye. He has also increased the number of local producers featured in the store – partly by working with



Dan Gillotte

PHOTO COURTESY GREENBELT CO-OP

vendors who participate in the Farmers Market (at which he and his family have been regular visitors). Pleitez and Three Springs farms both supply vegetables and fruits to the Co-op. Gillotte notes that peaches are expected shortly.

### Visions of the Future

Gillotte's vision for the store is in full awareness of the stiff competition in the industry. With the box stores, like Aldi and Lidl, at one end of the spectrum and specialty or high-end stores, like Whole Foods or MOM's, at the other, he must spell out a vision for the Co-op that takes into account the people it serves and industry trends. He noted, with fascination and perhaps a touch of glee, that the Amazon takeover of Whole Foods is taking it from being an "experiential" store (meaning that just being in the store feels good and that the shopper is deliberately beguiled by the smell of baking bread and exotic and fanciful foods and displays) as he believes Amazon will gradually homogenize Whole Foods and make the stores more mass market/delivery oriented

and less of a gastronomic experience. Gillotte points out that in a visit nowadays to Whole Foods, a significant fraction of the shoppers are in fact either InstaCart or Amazon employees filling delivery orders.

### Tomorrow's Co-op

Gillotte is aiming for the Co-op to be a local store that people enjoy going to – emphasizing local produce and building on relationships (more easily established post-Covid) to provide a wider variety of local goods of all sorts. Perhaps a little Whole Foods magic on a co-op-sized scale.

Gillotte wants to adjust the Co-op to better match the buying patterns of today's consumers as they diverge from the traditional Co-op customer of the past – fewer ingredients, more pre-made items. Hence his delight in partnering with the New Deal – giving the Co-op access to the New Deal's commercial kitchen in which meals can be prepared for the Café and for purchase in the store simultaneously. This initiative creates an opportunity for mutual profit from increased sales of prepared foods. Today's Monday, Wednesday and Friday platters available at the Co-op are only the precursors.

### Profitability

Tackled on the financial prospect for the store, Gillotte explained that the PPP loan received last year has been forgiven, but that there's still some doubt as to whether this sum would be taxable by the IRS or

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additional revenue opportunities. But there's more to the story than that.

### Prepared Synergy

The grocery store industry has moved in the past few years, and even more so during the pandemic, to prepared foods. Patrons of the Co-op may have noticed its evolving meal deals: meatless Monday, chicken Wednesdays and Friday salmon. General Manager Dan Gillotte, who is clearly enthusiastic about the opportunities for the Café and store together, said that they are now serving about 50 to 60 meals on each meal deal day, up from about five per week on the weekly chicken special before his arrival in early 2020.

But the Co-op's own ability to create a wider variety of take-out prepared food options is limited by its kitchen capability. Co-op itself can only bake, but with access to the more sophisticated New Deal kitchen, they will presumably be able to broil, boil and braise; simmer, smoke, stew, sauté and sous-vide; desiccate and deep-fry to create a wide variety of options to serve in the Café or sell from the store. Take that, Whole Foods.

Gillotte has a vision for the Café's food service and how it links to the grocery store. With a daytime menu that serves great coffee, espresso, drip and cold brew and fresh bagels with toppings, he envisages a lunch of-

fering that includes protein bowls with a mix and match potpourri of grains, vegetables and a protein. In its first few weeks of operation, dinner options will be a few classic favorites, American comfort foods but with healthy options: ribs, chicken, salmon, mac'n'cheese and lasagna, for example, but will broaden further as the kitchen picks up to warp speed. And did you know that the Co-op already bakes its own croissants?

Gillotte characterizes the food as "tastes good and good value" and uses a designation current with the food industry called Fast Casual. This means nothing fancified or over-blown and shows up PDQ. Michelin stars not sought.

### Back Off, Bezos & Branson

A quick nose round in the Café revealed a place almost ready to launch. The computerized till is up and running, a space-age espresso machine with its very own grinder and a whopper of a drip machine are poised for action – blue LEDs signifying readiness. A modern and sleek paint job on the walls juxtaposes a very light cream with a restfully, soft seal gray to provide a serene ambience and the tables, chairs and sofas look inviting.

The coffee beans have arrived and there's frozen fruit ready for smoothies.

Beam Greenbelt Up, Scotty.

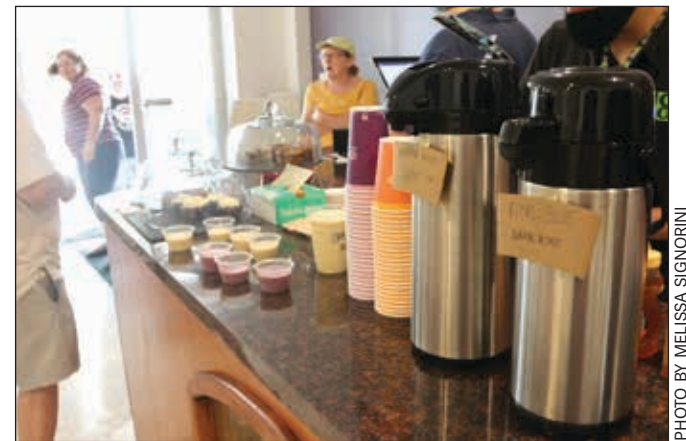


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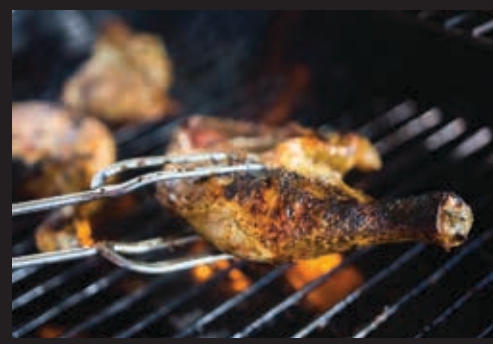
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Packing in the pizza for first responders, from left, are Claudia Jones, Kathy Reynolds, Scott Legendre, Mrs. Snyder (who will turn 100 years old in August), Robert Snyder and Councilmember Silke Pope.

# 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

July 15, 2:30 p.m., 8013 Mandan Road. A man was robbed at gunpoint by two men after he parked his vehicle.

July 17, 10:40 a.m., 5908 Cherrywood Terrace. A man snatched a cell phone from a person holding it in their hand and then fled on foot.

July 18, 2:52 p.m., 6100 Greenbelt Road. A man approached a woman, demanded her property and then physically assaulted her. An arrest was made.

July 21, 2:30 a.m., 9111 Edmonston Road. A woman was robbed at gunpoint by three men after she left her parked vehicle.

### Sexual Assault

July 15, 10:35 a.m., 5510 Cherrywood Lane. A woman was assaulted by an employee. One arrest was made.

### Drugs

July 20, 12:15 a.m., 5707 Cherrywood Lane. One arrest was made for possession of phenylcyclidine.

### Shoplifting

July 16, 11:57 a.m., 121 Centerway. Items were shoplifted from the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket.

### Theft

July 15, 4:49 p.m., 5995 Springhill Drive. A package delivered by U.S. Mail was taken.

July 17, 10:03 p.m. 6204

Breezewood Drive. A cell phone was stolen from a woman's unattended backpack.

### Vandalism

July 20, 1:01 p.m., 5904 Cherrywood Terrace. A front door knob was damaged.

### Vehicle Crime

Two vehicles were stolen. A 2006 red Toyota Solara with Maryland tags 5DX6027 was taken from 6207 Springhill Court and a 2014 Jeep Wrangler with Virginia tags UJM2398 was taken from 5908 Cherrywood Terrace.

Front D.C. tag GL7919 was taken from 9330 Edmonston Road. Catalytic converters were taken from 7480 Greenway Center Drive and 7728 Hanover Parkway.

Handicap placards were taken from three vehicles after windows were broken to gain access. These thefts occurred at 5997 Springhill Drive, 5800 Cherrywood Terrace and 9166 Edmonston Road.

Other items also taken after windows were broken include personal items, a wallet and electronic devices.

Acts of vandalism include five tires being slashed, one on a car at 6000 Greenbelt Road and four on another at 9158 Springhill Court. Windows were broken at 9148 Edmonston Road and at 5829 Cherrywood Terrace.

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.  
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## County Library System to Get \$2.52 Million Gift from Sam Brin

by Melissa Signorini

The Prince George's County Memorial Library System will receive a \$2.52 million gift over the next three years, thanks to Prince Georgian native and Pull Up Fund founder Sam Brin. Of the total amount, \$500,000 will go toward a new program called Online 2Go. The program

will introduce to the county 900 portable laptops with built-in internet access, which will be available for check-out for three weeks at a time and renewable once. A pilot launched this month at three county libraries will reach all open libraries, including Greenbelt, by fall 2021. The pro-

gram will help 7,800 households countywide per year with internet access. For more information on the Online 2Go program, visit [pgcmpls.info/borrow-technology](http://pgcmpls.info/borrow-technology).

A large portion of the total, \$2.2 million, will help support The Commons, which will be comprised of five technology labs and a work-study/fellowship program at multiple library branches throughout Prince George's County. One of the goals of The Commons is to support Black, indigenous or other people of color, low-income and immigrant community members in the pursuit of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) subjects, higher education and careers. Of the remarkable gift, Brin said, "I was excited to find ways to give back to the library system and to bolster their important work throughout the county." The labs are expected to be ready by 2022.

## What Goes Around, Comes Around . . . Bar None

by Ima Tippler

A look at the ads on page 6 will reveal a sleeping giant.

Peter May is advertising a bar (free to a good home, BYOB) and describes its provenance as follows: "I got this bar from an ad in the News Review 25 years ago that is similar to the one I'm posting. It was Emory Harman's, Greenbelt's old postmaster, who was downsizing after his wife died. 'She hated that bar!'"

May continues, "I've had some great times with it, and credit it with luring many new, now long-standing Greenbelters to the town with our cocktail happy hours and holiday parties. People who now live in Greenbelt after attending our events around this bar and who never set foot in town prior: Luisa Robles, Dorian Winterfeld, Amethyst Dwyer, Lori Thiele, Joe Harris ... the list goes on."

While May's bar may not win



PHOTO COURTESY PETER MAY

Peter May shows off his give-away bar – a handsome piece of renown.

the big money reveal on Antiques Roadshow, nor – given the black vinyl and snow-leopard-skin décor – the good taste of the year award, it has clearly made its contribution to Greenbelt culture and, surely, that must carry some weight.

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# Sports



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The Greenbelt Babe Ruth 15U team finished their season with an 8-6-1 record, winning 6 of their last 8 games. Back row from left, Ross Adams, Xavier Jones, Roman Zentek, Malik Myles, Toney Smith, Kaleb Moore and Manager Patrick Gleason; middle row from left, Coach Eric Weaver, Roman Hurwitz, Kamari Lee, Ayden Bishop, Cyril Bowens, Lincoln Beasley and Luis Arias; front row from left, Keegan Robertson, AJ Bender, Sandro Granados, Alberto Weaver, James Klopp and Coach Eli Klopp

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not. The loan amount did not count as income for the tax year in which it was received because it was at that time a loan (which shows up on the balance sheet). Now the loan is forgiven, the PPP becomes income – so this year will show a profit in proportion (taxed or otherwise) – after which the store’s operating profit or loss will go back to being based mostly on grocery store sales and will include New Deal Café transactions as they come online.

Gillotte explained that much of last year’s profit was a significant rebate from their supplier that had been negotiated years earlier. But some was from shoppers buying more groceries because they couldn’t eat out and perhaps choosing Co-op as their store because it was less scary to

go into than bigger stores. He expects that sales will go down as restaurants reopen and people spend time away from home. But he also hopes that shoppers will remember shopping at Co-op as being an experience they want to keep repeating. And he’s focused on reinforcing that customer-oriented stance as more opportunities arise for change.

### No Regrets

On being asked if he would do it again, Gillotte remained firmly committed to his decision. Though, as he pointed out somewhat ruefully, he could really have done without the pandemic. He’s looking forward to discovering non-pandemic Greenbelt as it comes gradually back to life. And Greenbelt waits, agog, to see what happens next at the Co-op.

## Report Sick Birds

After receiving reports of sick and dying birds with similar symptoms since late May, wildlife officials advise caution around wild birds until a cause is identified. Disease symptoms include swollen eyes and crusty discharge in most birds affected.

Official precautions emphasize avoiding direct contact. Bird feeders and birdbaths can transmit avian diseases, so they should be washed with 10-percent bleach and decommissioned until the mortality event is over. Touching a wild bird is never safe, but if necessary, disposable gloves are imperative. Wild birds are also a danger to pets, especially sick or dead birds.

If you encounter sick or dead birds, contact the MD DNR/ USDA Wildlife hotline at 877-463-6497. For more information, see [news.maryland.gov/dnr/2021/07/02/bird-illness-investigation-continues-in-several-states/](https://news.maryland.gov/dnr/2021/07/02/bird-illness-investigation-continues-in-several-states/).



PHOTO BY RAHUL MEHTA

An invisible woman visited Greenbelt on July 22, briefly posed where Southway meets Crescent and then vanished .... What else could she do? For all we know, she might still be lingering somewhere. Be on the lookout for her. She is friendly though. May pose for you too.

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**2 BR Townhome** Remodeled GHI home w/ new carpet fresh paint & ceramic bath. Don't miss this one!

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# BIKESHARE continued from page 1

I regret to report that Capital Bikeshare is actually ridiculously easy to use. You can download an app, if you're into that kind of thing, or just insert your credit card (my choice). The screen was easy to use, allowing me to select my choice of rental; a 24-hour pass for \$8; an annual membership at \$7 a month; or a trip of 30 minutes or less for \$2. I had already decided I would ride from the Community Center to the Capital Bikeshare station on Ridge Road near the Greenbelt Police Station and I figured I could make it there in under 30 minutes. I can walk from the Community Center to the Police Station in 30 minutes, so even if I ended up pushing the bike, as I assumed I would, I'd still make it in less than half an hour.

There was a 119-screen liability agreement which I accepted without reading. The screen gave me a code, I unlocked the bike of my choice (selected by pressing the tires of all the bikes and choosing the one that had the most air) and I was ready to go. I got on the bike, I teetered a few times then managed to get going and headed off toward the Police Station.

"I'm going to die," I yelled at Dan over my shoulder. "It's going to be great!"

I was a little disappointed to discover it was actually quite easy to ride my Bikeshare rental. For one thing, that meant I had to completely re-write this article. The bikes have adjustable seats, although, as it turned out, the one with the firmest tires also had its seat at a good height for me and had three gears. The bike was already set for gear two, which I rode in until I hit the hill on Crescent Road between Greenhill and Lastner Lane, when I shifted to gear one. Shifting gears was also easy; simply rotate the right hand grip near the gears. The bike shifted seamlessly between gears with a lot less complaining and uncertain-

ty than the bike I own and I am not sure how I feel about that.

I can report that it took me exactly eight minutes to ride between the Community Center and the Police Station with absolutely no complaining, cursing or otherwise thinking that I hated my life. The seat was not terribly uncomfortable – those who bike regularly will understand that that is high praise indeed – and I had deliberately ridden in leggings rather than bike shorts to give the seat a true test.

If you've been wondering about renting a bike, my experience suggests you just go for it. But now I want to talk to my out-of-shape brothers and sisters. Biking is awesome and if you're not sure you want the commitment of buying your own bike, Capital Bikeshare provides a fairly comfortable way to take a short trip around town and get used to being on a bike again. If someone my size and fitness level didn't curse riding along Crescent Road you probably won't either. Go for a ride. Give me a call. I'll come too.

There are Capital Bikeshare stations at Greenbelt Station, on Crescent Road near Southway and on Ridge at Crescent, as well as all over the area from College Park, Riverdale Park and throughout D.C. New Greenbelt stations are expected shortly near Springhill Lake Recreation Center and near Eleanor Roosevelt High School. To learn more about Capital Bikeshare visit [capitalbikeshare.com](http://capitalbikeshare.com).



PHOTO BY DANIEL R. HAMLIN

Kyla is really good at going downhill.

# BELTWAY PLAZA continued from page 1



PHOTO COURTESY BELTWAY PLAZA MANAGEMENT

The current site plan for Beltway Plaza

business with most construction of the new mixed-use centers focused on the rear of the property, replacing the old underutilized surface parking lot behind the mall, along Breezewood Drive. That area currently has no easy access for residents of Franklin Park, according to both Villegas and Kapastin. This goes back decades as a design flaw when the mall was first constructed in the 1960s. "Before there were standards for stormwater management, landscaping and pedestrian needs," Villegas said. Access to the area for pedestrians, bicyclists and anyone on any type of wheels is a major focus of Phase One of this project and may be seen on the video, prepared by Rodgers Consulting, shown at the recent meetings.

A six-page list of "must have's" from the city signed in 2019 by then-mayor Emmett Jordan, became a completed checklist in the final plans. This was accomplished by conducting extensive, ongoing meetings over the last three years with many stakeholders, including: the cities of Berwyn Heights and College Park, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), the public schools, the utilities (WSSC) for stormwater management and new water/sewer pipes, traffic planners and architects from the Urban Land Institute and many others. Hundreds of recommendations have now been incorporated into the final designs for the 53.88-acre property. The Urban Land Institute planners call this remaking a new "Main Street."

### Community Outreach

The two public presentations last week included a highly watchable 3-D architectural video and a slide show presentation by Villegas of the final results of all these planning meetings, both of which (the video and slide show) are accessible to anyone who missed the in-person question-and-answer sessions. Greenbelt Access Television also filmed both question-and-answer meetings, now available on the GATE-TV online channel.

Nia Lockwood, a senior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, and Li'l Dan Celdran, at two different meetings, each asked questions about the schools and capacity and funding related to the new development and additional residents. Villegas affirmed that a special funding fee is a compo-

nent of the project per unit which will go in part to the county and in part to the city for additional school capacity and public safety as a new public/private partnership which he said is a new requirement by the county that is also a first in the country. "The county has just broken ground on six new schools and I believe is about to build six more, enabled by the new public/private partnerships," said Villegas.

The six-minute video is a dramatic visualization where one "walks through" the architectural models as if walking (or driving) through the new neighborhood. The video shows not only Phase One, at the back of the property, but then walks through possible additional future build-out of the front of the property as well. Fu-

ture phases could continue over 20 years depending on changes in the city and residential/retail market needs. The detailed site plan (DSP) of Phase One shows how this will allow for future adaptability and redevelopment across the next two decades as depicted in the video. Water management was approved for up to 2,500 residential units, although this plan currently only projects 750 units.

On Tuesday, August 3, National Night Out will be celebrated in the back corner of Beltway Plaza closest to Greenbelt Middle School on Breezewood Drive, and there will be an opportunity to meet with Beltway Plaza staff about the new project along with celebrating first responders.



PHOTO BY MARY LOU WILLIAMSON

Mr. Froggy is well hidden in this picture, showing the use of camouflage. Can you find him?



PHOTO BY KATHRYN BEARD

Frogs sit on the Lake bank.

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