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City Council Votes to Support Beltway Plaza's Phase One

by Matthew Arbach

At the regular meeting on August 9, the Greenbelt City Council voted 5 to 1 in support of the revised Detailed Site Plan (DSP) for Phase One of the redevelopment of Beltway Plaza. The support of this iteration was contingent upon a set of recommendations and conditions, laid out by city staff, that are the result of years of feedback from council, staff, advisory committees (including the Advisory Planning Board, Park and Recreation Advisory Board and GreenACES) and city residents, all of which have been agreed to by the applicant. While there still exist concerns about issues such as affordable housing and school adequacy, the majority of council and residents at the meeting felt that the positives seen in this evolved plan

outweighed the negatives, making this decision a crucial step for the survival of this property and the present and future well-being of the city.

Consistent with the previous DSP are the three residential buildings, with a total of 750 units, a 92-room hotel and a 27,000-square-foot indoor recreation facility, whose use has been offered to the city. The area covers roughly 20 acres, the majority of which is currently an impervious surface parking lot.

Some of the changes include: the masking of several of the parking garages with exposed facades, especially along Breezewood Drive; an increase in open space, now at 42 percent, or over eight acres of the site; and the return of the community garden

in place of an orchard.

Three Construction Phases

For the first time, the applicant, in response to requests from staff and council, has laid out in detail the three construction phases for Phase One.

Phase One-A consists of residential building 1A, dog park, community garden, a tiered park, a 10-foot-wide hiker/biker trail along Breezewood and "permitting, financial assurances and timetable for Greenbelt Road frontage improvements," according to Community Planner Holly Simmons.

Phase One-B includes residential building 1B, city recreation center, linear park, Street B, AMC Plaza, art walk and parking deck #4.

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P.G. County Behind the Curve In Covid Statistics, Yet Again

by Cathie Meetre

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Prince George's County has achieved "high" status in Maryland's ranking of counties for community transmission of the Covid-19 virus. This dubious distinction is defined as more than 100 new cases per 100K residents over the preceding week or a 10 percent or higher positivity rate. This is borne out in Greenbelt's 20770 zip code by a continued rise in recent local cases, though it seems to have levelled out between August 4 and 10, averaging about four new cases daily, according to opendata.maryland.gov. This level is shared with 10 other Maryland jurisdictions including adjacent Charles County. Another



11 jurisdictions, including neighboring Montgomery, Howard, Anne Arundel and Calvert counties, are listed as "substantial," defined as 50 to 100 new cases per 100K residents over the past week or 8 to 10 percent positivity rate. Only Carroll County is in the moderate range (15 to 50 cases, 5 to 8 percent positivity).

Tale of Two Counties

Prince George's is also the Maryland county with more cu-

mulative cases than any other at over 88,600, counting since Day One. Montgomery County, with its somewhat larger population of ~1 million compared to Prince George's ~906,000, has had ~15,000 fewer total cases at ~73,600 diagnosed. About 9.8 percent of all Prince George's County residents who have been tested, have tested positive for Covid-19 to date compared to about 7.4 percent of Montgomery County residents. The number of deaths in both counties is roughly the same at around 1,600 – meaning that those who do get sick in Montgomery County are somewhat less likely to die than their Prince George's County neighbors, where 2.2 percent of those diagnosed have died, compared to 1.8 percent of

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What Goes On

Monday, August 23

8 p.m. City Council Work-session: Forest Preserve Advisory Board report on trail management activities in the Greenbelt Forest Preserve

Wednesday, August 25

8 p.m. City Council Work-session: Greenbelt Station HOA (Stakeholder)

All meetings are virtual. See the meetings calendar at greenbeltdmd.gov for agendas and information on public participation in these meetings.



PHOTO BY GLENN HARRIS

A smiling mother, daughter, and their panda bear attend a Teddy Bear picnic at the Library on August 14. See story, p. 12.

Delivering News Review Helps Local Student Determine Major

by Melissa Signorini



PHOTO COURTESY THE BROWN FAMILY

Asha Brown delivers the Greenbelt News Review.

Asha Brown has one thing on her mind these days: college. The Washington, D.C.-born, Greenbelt-raised native is headed to Morgan State University in Baltimore this upcoming fall semester. Her intended field of study? Journalism. "Growing up I didn't really care for the news but I did love watching the Today Show and the Oprah Winfrey Show with my mom and sister," she said about the earlier memories she has regarding the media. "My mother always encouraged me to keep a journal," she said, which undoubtedly fueled her self-admitted love for reading and writing from a young age.

Aside from having grown up in Greenbelt, Brown also has ties to the News Review. The college freshman has been delivering her hometown paper for nearly five years, since she was in middle school. "The News Review has helped me to appreciate the news even more," she said of the paper's role in her decision to study journalism in college. "I've realized the importance of the news by talking to neighbors and people in the community who receive the paper." During high school, she enrolled in a journalism class having never

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Zach's Road to Tokyo Goes Through the Frostburg Pool

by Jack Downs

(Second in a series)

Zachary Downs Shattuck, born in Greenbelt, was diagnosed with hypochondroplasia dwarfism when he was an infant. Despite the challenges, Zach excelled at sports throughout his high school years and just before he entered college he discovered he was a rather good swimmer. This month, Zach competes in four events in the Tokyo Paralympics.

Zach entered Frostburg University in the fall of 2014. At his parents' urging, he approached the swim team coach Justin Anderson to ask if he could recommend someone in the area who could coach Zach in swimming. Anderson replied, "If you'll commit to the work-

out schedule, you are welcome to join the Frostburg swim team." At his first meet, in the 100-meter backstroke, he had to be shown how to start and his teammates gave him a crash course in how to do a flip turn. He attended all the practices and swim meets with the Frostburg swimmers, quickly becoming a crowd favorite. It wasn't just his friendly but focused determination, despite coming in dead last in almost every race through college. But Zach was accomplishing something else; beginning his sophomore year he was posting very competitive times for his classification in the

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Greenbelt Rec New Classes, New Covid-19 Protocols

by Amy Hansen



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The fall activity guide can be found at greenbeltnmd.gov/recreation under Recreation Classes.

Strumming, running, clay pot throwing

Drawing, dancing, yoga posing
These are a few of the normal classes for the Greenbelt Recreation Department as shown in the Fall Recreation Activity Guide released on August 16, available in the Virtual Recreation Center on the city website. What is new, different and still changing are the Covid-19 protocols that go with each class.

Anne Oudemans, assistant director of Recreation Programs, said the recreation department tried to design classes that will be useful and can meet throughout the changes to come. Right now, the classes fall into three categories: in-person, hybrid and virtual. The in-person classes are further divided into those that meet inside and those that are outside, with the inside, in-person classes having a limited enrollment.

Covid-19 protocol basics are currently in place, Oudemans said. These include masks (which are currently required inside all city buildings), an increased number of air filtering machines, intensive cleaning protocols and Covid-19 waivers. The waiver, published at the end of the activity guide, acknowledges that the pandemic is a risk and the city is not liable.

Oudemans said they put together the big class list and the three systems of teaching to be as prepared as possible for the unexpected. "We can't predict the future. We don't know if the state or the county will be shutting down again," said Oudemans. "So we do our best to accommodate the class instructor and the students needs."

For example, many of the yoga classes will continue online because the instructor and participants are more comfortable that way. The ceramics classes, however, will meet in person because "you can't have a pottery wheel class without the wheel," she acknowledged. So the class

will be smaller and include open studio time, which means participants will sign up to practice in the studio without others around.

Oudemans pointed out that the fall guide has several special events listed as well as the classes, but events such as the Halloween parade and the Gobble Wobble Thanksgiving run are on hold. They aren't cancelled, but they are also not planned yet. "We are just waiting to get closer to the events," she said. On the other hand, the Festival of the Lights is planned as a hybrid event. The in-person portion, regulations permitting, will take place on the weekend of December 4 and 5. The festival will also be online from November 26 through December 19. Vendors have the option of being just online, just in person, or both.

One of the other differences in this fall's listing of classes is an increase in family projects. "Families say they feel comfortable coming together," she said, which also makes sense as a Covid-19 pod group moving together to learn a new art skill.

Or, she noted, the same family may not feel comfortable anymore.

"We try to be super flexible in terms of accommodating people during the pandemic," she said, noting that they have extended periods for dropping classes and refunding money. "And we appreciate that people's decisions about what they feel comfortable doing may change as the pandemic changes."

Registration begins on Monday, August 23 for residents and Monday, August 30 for non-residents.

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UMD Reporter

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SAT. 5:00 PM
SUN. 5:30 PM
MON. 2:00 PM



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Community Events

At the Library

Greenbelt Library open hours are 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 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.

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 regularly for related programming.

HUG WALK Returns

RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness) is again organizing the annual HUG WALK (Help Unite Greenbelt With A Little Kindness) to be held on Sunday, October 10, rain or shine.

All Greenbelters are invited to participate in this event, joining the walk in any of the Greenbelt neighborhoods noted below and continuing through the city.

Walk Schedule

1 p.m., gather at the Indian Creek Trail bridge at Greenbelt Station; 1:30 p.m., walk step off; 2 p.m., walk continues from Springhill Lake Recreation Center; 2:30 p.m., join the walk at Buddy Attick Park; 3 p.m., join the walk at Roosevelt Center; 3:30 p.m., join the walk at Greenbriar Community Center; 4 p.m., join the walk at Windsor Green Community Center; 4:30 p.m., walk concludes at Schrom Hills Park.

Any group that wishes to join more than 40 civic, social and religious groups that are already co-sponsoring the event should contact RUAK at spreadruak@gmail.com or Robert Goldberg-Strassler at 301-345-8755 by September 26.



Museum to Host Town Fair Judging Outdoors

On Sunday, September 5 of Labor Day Weekend, the Greenbelt Museum invites gardeners, bakers, canners and crafters to enter their items into the Retro Town Fair. Inspired by Greenbelt's earliest town fairs, this event is a small version of a county fair where ribbons are awarded to the best entries in each category: flowers and vegetables, baked goods, canned goods, needlework and crafts. Download, print and fill out an entry form at greenbeltmuseum.org/exhibitsevents (only one entry per person per category). Then drop off the item and form on the grounds of 10-A and 10-B Crescent between 10 and 11:30 a.m. on September 5. Judging will begin at 11:30. All entries will be displayed for public viewing from 1 to 4 p.m. All entries must be picked up no later than 5 p.m.

After careful consideration, the Museum has decided to do this event in person this year – all activities related to it will take place outside. They have temporarily suspended the Legacy Exhibition of hand-crafted family heirlooms for this reason. Masks are strongly encouraged on the Museum grounds and when interacting with staff and volunteers. They are closely tracking any changes in recommended Covid-19 precautions and will make updates accordingly.

Don't have a green thumb or skills in cooking or crafts but still want to be involved? The Fair team is always seeking volunteers to help with set-up, receiving entries, recording winners and take-down. To volunteer or with any questions, contact Sheila Maffay-Tuthill at education@greenbeltmuseum.org. This event is free and is sponsored by the City of Greenbelt and the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum.

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, where they 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.

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.



Festival of Lights Call for Artists

Artists, artisans, authors, illustrators and nonprofit groups are invited to apply through September 10 to participate in the Greenbelt Recreation Department's annual Juried Art and Craft Fair. Conditions permitting, the show will be held in person at the Community Center on December 4 and 5, and also online from November 26 through December 19. Vendors may participate on-site, online or both. The show features original wares created by participating artists. Media typically span a wide range from wood, glass, ceramic and metalwork to wall art, fiber arts, toys, books and edible goods. Kit crafts and imported crafts are not permitted, and additional restrictions apply. Information and applications are linked at greenbeltmd.gov/arts.

Café Seeks Artists For Group Art Show

All artists, working in any medium including photography, are invited to submit photos of their art work for a group show entitled All That Jazz. The group show will be at the New Deal Café in Roosevelt Center. The theme of the show is music and it will be held in conjunction with music festivals held in September and October. Submit photographs of the work to the attention of Shaymar Higgs at ArtShows@FreeArtForAll.org as soon as possible for consideration.

The New Deal Café Art Show program is sponsored by Friends of New Deal Café Arts with support from the City of Greenbelt.

Monday Meet Ups With Homeschoolers

Every Monday, Greenbelt homeschoolers will meet up from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Schrom Hills Park, weather permitting, beginning Monday, September 13.

These meet-ups offer free play and social support for families. Bring a bag lunch if desired.

All are welcome.



Astronomical Society Meets August 26

On Thursday, August 26 at 7:30 p.m. the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) will hold a virtual (Zoom) meeting to present material and lead a discussion on the topic of dark matter and related issues, including dark energy, cosmological structure, relativistic and quantum mechanical considerations and the present state of physics. Dark matter has been hypothesized by astrophysicists to account for galactic motions which cannot be accounted for with normal matter alone. A basic problem is that dark matter cannot be seen.

All are welcome to join this event, whether members of ASG or not. For those interested, the Zoom session will open a half-hour early for meet-and-greet. A Zoom link will be posted before the meeting on the Astronomical Society's website, greenbeltastro.org.

Vax Scholarships

In an effort to encourage 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 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 VaxU Scholarship Promotion website. For all questions, email VaxUScholarship.mhec@maryland.gov.

County Has Rent Help

Prince George's County is offering rent relief because of Covid-19. The county's 2021 Emergency Rental Assistance Program 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 and click "Emergency Rental Assistance Program."

GCC Paper Drive For School Supplies

Greenbelt Community Church (GCC), United Church of Christ begins its Annual Paper Drive and Collection of School Supplies for local schools from August through mid-September. While nothing is certain, living in Covid-19 times has taught us to look for the needs in our local communities and then begin problem solving. Thankfully, from past drives these skills are in abundance with several teachers/GCC members and friends.

Schools will open in some format and teachers and administrators will need paper, often an expense that is paid for by school staff out of their own pockets. The church is looking for copy paper, lined paper, notebooks, composition books, index cards and construction paper.

In addition, many students will need school supplies this new school year. The church is asking for colored pencils, glue (stick and bottles), pencils, pens, paper towels, hand sanitizer, tissues, crayons, post-it notes, pocket folders, etc. Many of these items are on sale at local retailers in August and September and it is easy to add a few more items to a shopping cart or online orders.

Donations can be dropped off at the church, 1 Hillside Road, on Mondays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (look for the office sign), or during Sunday services from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. To donate by check, make a check out to GCC and note "paper drive" on the envelope or check. Gift cards are also accepted.

GCC is grateful to the many people who have supported this drive in the past and will continue to give generously in the future.

Back to School Drive Saturday, August 21

Beltway Plaza will have a Community Back to School Supplies Drive and Pick-up on Saturday, August 21 from noon to 2 p.m. Come and bring the kids, bring donations, have fun and get free supplies. Located in the rear parking lot behind Beltway Plaza.



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Obituaries

Linda Long Wampler

Linda Frances (Long/Palmer-ton) Wampler, 71, formerly of Greenbelt, died on October 4, 2020, at her home in Laurel, Md.



PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

Linda Long Wampler

Linda devoted her life to her large, extended family. Although she had no children herself, she was a dedicated Aunt Linda to all her nieces and nephews. She was also stepmother to husband Jim's son, Todd Wampler, and grandmother to Todd's four children and two stepchildren.

Linda was a most loving, caring and generous friend and sister. She gave her all not only in her business ventures but, to her family, she has earned her wings.

Linda was preceded in death by husband James Wampler, father Veola Long, mother Tula Long and niece Kelly Nickolson. She is survived by sister Gwendolyn Nickolson, brothers Charles Long, Sr., William Long and Larry Long.

She is also survived by nephews Kenneth Nickolson and Charles Long, Jr. along with nieces Amanda Lowery and Brandi Johnson and six great-nieces and -nephews.

A celebration of life is to be held on Sunday August 29 at 2 p.m. at Donaldson's Funeral Home, 313 Talbott Avenue, Laurel.

also blessed with grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. Mrs. Barton loved animals, crafting, ceramics, sewing, puzzles, and the beach, especially Chincoteague, Va., where she spent summers with many friends and family. Mrs. Barton was also an enthusiastic bingo player at the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department Bingo Nights.



PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

Cecilia Barton

Mrs. Barton will be laid to rest with her husband in the Maryland Veterans Cemetery, Cheltenham. Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Chincoteague Island Community Cats organization: ccommunitycats.org/donate or CI Community Cats, c/o Monique Roske, 4409 Eastwinds, Chincoteague, VA 23336.

Greenbelt Community Church Suspends In-person Worship

by Jo-Anne Fournier

Greenbelt Community Church (GCC), United Church of Christ has suspended in-person worship due to the increase of Covid-19 cases in Prince George's County. "While this was not a decision that we wanted to make, we believe that it is necessary to keep everyone safe and healthy," wrote Stephen Isler, GCC moderator in a churchwide email. In the meantime, GCC will be streaming Sunday Worship at 10:15 a.m. on Zoom at

greenbeltcommunitychurch.org and on its Facebook page. Videos are also available on GCC's YouTube channel.

It is important to remember that, while the church building is closed, GCC has much work to do as Covid-19 continues to cause disruption for many people in Greenbelt. The August Special Mission's Fund focuses on the Paper Drive. Copy paper, notebooks, composition books, index cards and other basic school supplies are needed and can be dropped at the church (1 Hillside Road) in collection boxes in the parking lot just behind the church or by the church office (Mondays and Thursdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.). Monetary donations are being accepted: use the "Give" button on the church website or write "Paper Drive" in the check's comment section.

GCC continues the GotSneakers collection fundraiser that helps in three ways: keeps sneakers out of the landfill, gives sterilized sneakers to people who need them in countries where people often go barefoot and brings a little money into the church.

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Condolences to the family and friends of Linda Long Wampler whose celebration of life will be held on Sunday, August 29. Linda grew up in Greenbelt, where the Long family lived for many years.

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Cecilia Barton, formerly of Greenbelt, who died on August 13.

Welcome to Marcellus Clement who is the new principal at Greenbelt Middle School.



PHOTO COURTESY PGCPs

Marcellus Clement, new principal at Greenbelt Middle School

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

Memorial Service For Bill Duncan

A celebration of the life of Bill Duncan will be held on Saturday, August 28 at 2 p.m. at Cedar Ridge Community Church, 2410 Spencerville Road, Spencerville, Md.

The service will begin at 2 p.m. and will be live-streamed via Zoom for those who are unable to attend. There will also be a time of visitation from noon until the service begins at 2 p.m. All are welcome to attend the visitation, memorial service or both.

Sign up to attend in person or to receive the Zoom link at m.signupgenius.com/#/!howSignUp/10c0c4ba9a82da02-celebrate.

"Regard man as a mine rich in gems of inestimable value. Education can, alone, cause it to reveal its treasures, and enable mankind to benefit therefrom."

— Bahá'u'lláh



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Colossians 3:23



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VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR AUGUST 23-27

Monday, August 23 at 8:00 p.m., **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Forest Preserve Advisory Board Report (Interim Pilot of Trail Management Activities in the Greenbelt City Forest Preserve)**, Virtual meeting will be shown on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

Tuesday, August 24 at 7:00 p.m., **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**. On the Agenda: Review School Liaison Assignments/Committee Assignments, Grants Program Update, Labor Day Parade, Discussion of Survey for Administrators

Tuesday, August 24 at 7:00 p.m., **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES** at Public Works Building, 555 Crescent Road. On the Agenda: Review Past Minutes, New and Old Business.

Tuesday, August 24 at 7:00 p.m., **GREEN ACES/GREEN TEAM**. On the Agenda: Solar Circle, Sustainable Land Care Circle, Zero Waste Circle, Time Bank Circle.

Tuesday, August 24 at 8:00 p.m. **Special Meeting Closed Session - City Manager Evaluation**, see Official Notice below.

Wednesday, August 25 at 7:00 p.m., **MAGLEV TASK FORCE**, On the Agenda: Open Discussion, Updates, Brainstorming Ways to Build Support for the "No Build" Option

Wednesday, August 25 at 8:00 p.m., **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Greenbelt Station HOA (Stakeholder)**, Virtual meeting will be shown on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

Thursday, August 26 at 6:00 p.m., **BOARD OF ELECTIONS**, On the Agenda: Approval of Agenda/Minutes, Voting Machine Training.

Thursday, August 26 at 7:00 p.m., **FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD**, On the Agenda: Pumpkin Walk, Publicity for the Science Fund, Letter to Council, Trail Management Overview.

In advance, the hearing impaired are advised to use Video Relay Services (VRS) at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, a closed session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Tuesday, August 24, 2021, at 8:00 p.m. virtually by Zoom, to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

The purpose of this meeting will be the performance evaluation of the City Manager.

*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 on Tuesday, August 24th, 2021

Bonita Anderson, City Clerk

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION DATES & DEADLINES

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR CITY ELECTION OCTOBER 4, 2021

Greenbelt residents are reminded that to participate in the 2021 City Council election—whether as a voter, a candidate for City Council, or a signer of a petition for a candidate—you must be qualified to vote in Prince George's County.

To register, you must:

- Be a citizen of the United States of America
- Be at least 16 years of age
- Be domiciled within the corporate limits of the City of Greenbelt as of the date of registration
- Not have been convicted of a felony, or if you have, you have completed serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment, including any term of parole or probation for the conviction
- Not be under guardianship for mental disability

VOTER REGISTRATION

For information about registering to vote in Prince George's County, contact the County Board of Elections at 301-430-8020 or visit www.elections.state.md.us. Forms for voter registration and address and name change are available on the city website, www.greenbeltmd.gov.

All forms must be received by the County Board of Elections in Upper Marlboro no later than 4:30 p.m., Monday, October 4.

For additional information, contact Bonita Anderson, City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or banderson@greenbeltmd.gov.

If you are already registered to vote in Prince George's County but have moved or changed your name since the last election, you must complete an application to have this information changed. **This can also be done online at www.elections.state.md.us.

For additional information, contact Bonita Anderson, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000 or e-mail banderson@greenbeltmd.gov.

For city information, meetings, events, services and more visit www.greenbeltmd.gov
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Registration begins on Monday, August 23 for Greenbelt Residents. Classes begin the week of September 6, 2021

Explore our Activity Guide for lots of options for all ages and interests. We offer seasonal special events and varied recreation facilities and classes to provide opportunities for community celebrations, a chance to learn something new or improve your skills in an activity you enjoy, all while socializing and staying active!

For more information, please visit our Virtual Recreation Center online at greenbeltmd.gov/recreation or give us a call at 301-397-2200.

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Up to \$2,000 is available in 2021.

Request an application from forestpreserve@greenbeltmd.gov. Visit <https://bit.ly/3xwhbpg> for more information.



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This free program is available to families living in the city limits of Greenbelt with children ages newborn to 3 years old.

- Receive up to 10 home visits (one visit every other week from nursing students)
- Home visits start on September 15th and are scheduled between 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (Wednesdays)
- Home visits end on December 7th
- Student nurses are fully vaccinated and will wear personal protective equipment (PPE) while in the home

Free Services Offered:

- Diapers, Formula, Baby Accessories monthly
- Baby Wellness Nursing Assessment
- Baby Milestone Progress Review
- Information/Resource Linkage
- Healthy Eating Education



Need more information? Want to register? Please call Katherine Farzin (240) 542-2019 or email kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov

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The City of Greenbelt's Assistance in Living Program (GAIL) in partnership with Bowie State & Washington Adventist University Schools of Nursing are proud to resume offering this program to families in our incorporated Greenbelt community.

This FREE program is open to Greenbelt seniors age 60+ or disabled adults 50+ residing within incorporated City limits.

Home visits begin Tuesday, September 14th

- Participants will receive up to 10 home visits
- Visits take place weekly or biweekly, on Tuesdays, between 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- All visiting student nurses are fully vaccinated and will wear personal protective equipment (PPE) while in the home

Available services include:

- Bathing Assistance
- Medical Resource Info & Advocacy
- Medication Management
- Nursing Assessment
- Vital Signs Monitoring
- Health Education
- Blood sugar monitoring
- Assist with finger prick
- Mental Health & Cognitive Screening



Register: Call Sharon Johnson, GAIL Community Case Manager at 240-542-2029 or email at sjohnson@greenbeltmd.gov



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VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

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- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
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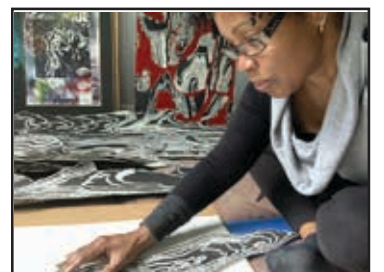
RUN FOR CITY COUNCIL City Election is Tuesday, November 2, 2021



NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM MONDAY, AUGUST 16 THROUGH MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Any qualified voter of the City may be nominated for the office of Member of Council upon filing a nomination petition with the City Clerk (signed by not fewer than 50 Greenbelt resident voters), a written acceptance of the nomination, and other statements that are required by the City Charter or by law. Required forms and information are available at 25 Crescent Road, beginning Monday, August 16, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. PLEASE RING THE DOORBELL AT THE CRESCENT ROAD ENTRANCE.

For additional information, contact Bonita Anderson, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000 or e-mail banderson@greenbeltmd.gov.



Calls for Artists

Apply through September 10 for Greenbelt Recreation's annual Juried Art and Craft Fair on December 4th - 5th.

Apply through September 17 for the fall Open Studio Tour on Sunday, October 3rd.

Both events: hybrid format! Participate in person, online or both.

Information and links at www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts.

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- Virtual GED Classes
- Tutoring Services
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The Best Strategy for Covid Blends Offense and Defense

by Cathie Meetre

Ultimately, this story will reassure the News Review's gentle readers that they are perfectly safe in getting their hair cut – even though many thousands of people have unquestionably died within two weeks of a trim. But in the interim, here is some up-to-date information on vaccinations.

Breakthrough Infections

Are vaccinated people getting sick with Covid-19? The answer is yes, a small percentage and there have been some deaths and the Delta variant seems to be worse. By far the greatest percentage of infections, hospitalizations and deaths (including for Delta), however, are among those who are not vaccinated (96 percent of hospitalizations and deaths are those who are unvaccinated). This corresponds closely to the original claim that vaccination would be around 95 percent effective at preventing serious disease or death.

Detailed data are not yet available on the age, gender and race of those with breakthrough infections, which vaccines they received and how the Delta variant differs, but the latest overview information from the Maryland Department of Health is that, "about 3,297,262 Maryland residents have been fully vaccinated as of July 25, 2021. There have been 5,139 Covid-19 cases among fully vaccinated Maryland residents (Author's Note: 0.156 percent or about 15 cases per 10,000 people vaccinated). Of those cases (5,139), there were: 519 cases hospitalized, representing 4.3 percent of all Covid-19 cases hospitalized and 61 deaths, representing 4.0 percent of lab-confirmed Covid-19 deaths in Maryland."

It is reasonable to conclude that a vaccinated individual has a very small chance of perishing from Covid-19 – especially as compared to an unvaccinated person.

Playing spirited offense and defense doesn't, alas, prevent the opposition from scoring the occasional goal – especially among those already fragile from age, cancer or other conditions.

Spreading the Virus

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) concludes that vaccinated people can spread the virus – although they are much less likely to do so. They say, "A growing body of evidence indicates that people fully vaccinated with an mRNA vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) are less likely than unvaccinated persons to acquire SARS-CoV-2 or to transmit it to others."

Though it rarely makes the vaccinated person ill, the virus can be inhaled by them and flourish in their nasal passages and throat for a while, to be projected later in a cough or sneeze. So vaccinated people, in a time of high transmission like now, can reduce the risk of infecting others by playing defense with a mask – to avoid acquiring juicy little viral packages for later delivery to the unvaccinated.

Vaccine Side Effects

The CDC website Vaccine Adverse Effects Reporting System (VAERS) summarizes reports of side effects from vaccinations –

not just from Covid-19 shots but all vaccines used in the U.S. The data go back to 1990 and it is instructive to see that no vaccine – no matter what the immense benefit has been – is without its reports of death or side effects. VAERS now accepts reports from individuals as well as health care sources.

Take a Peek

The CDC provides tools to the public for searching the data at wonder.cdc.gov/vaers. It takes a little practice and it is important to understand the limitations of the data – these are reports and raw numbers and not definitive answers and they most definitely do not establish cause and effect. They are the ingredients – but not a cake.

Symptoms reported include everything from lethargy, to a doctor visit, to hospitalization and to death. Users can select a wide variety of characteristics and display the data by age, state, gender and other attributes.

How CDC Uses VAERS

These data are used by the CDC to identify possible patterns so, for example, when a rare type of blood clot showed up in the VAERS data more times than was likely by chance, it was then investigated. VAERS was thus a first step in identifying the risk of a rare type of thrombosis to certain population types from the J&J vaccine. It was not the clincher – more like a clue that then had to be followed up.

Known Vaccine Problems

To date, that particular thrombosis (TTS) is the only documented cause-and-effect relationship for any vaccine, and some possibilities, like myocarditis and pericarditis in young men, remain unsubstantiated, i.e., they don't occur often enough to be outside the number expected by chance and clinical investigation has not revealed a connection.

There are also instances of an immediate and serious allergic reaction to the shot, anaphylaxis, in which severe swelling in the throat affects breathing. The 15-minute waiting period after vaccination effectively eliminates this as a fatal factor, because all sites are equipped with EpiPens and staff are trained in their use. This is the same treatment used with those who have bee or nut allergies and is not specific to Covid-19 vaccines.

Limitations of Data

It is important to understand that a report of, for example, a death that followed a vaccination, does not mean that the vaccination caused the death – merely that they happened within two weeks of one another.

Cause and effect are not established by two things happening around the same time – for

example, a person might get a haircut and drop dead two days later (ahh... as promised, here's the crucial bit) but probably not because their hair is shorter.

A person with undiagnosed coronary heart disease might get a vaccination and die 10 days later of a heart attack – not because they got vaccinated but because an artery was already critically blocked. But VAERS will still get a report because of the short period between the two occurrences – even though the heart attack was unrelated (but there are no reports for haircuts – so we don't really know one way or the other).

According to VAERS, since vaccination started, around 5,800 people in the U.S. have died within two weeks of receiving the vaccine – but, as just discussed, not automatically because of the vaccine. (To give a sense of scale of deaths in the U.S., in 2019, pre-Covid, an average of ~7800 people died per day in the U.S. of all causes – that's 2.85 million per year out of its 330 million population).

The vaccine was initially prioritized to the very elderly and at risk, many of whom were already frail. When deaths following (but not necessarily caused by) vaccinations are analyzed by age using VAERS, over 75 percent of those who died within two weeks of vaccination were 65 or older and more than half of that group were over 80, indicating that age was a significant factor. It is reasonable to assume that at least some of that group would have died relatively quickly anyway from their pre-existing conditions.

Moral of the Story

Get vaccinated, for all our sakes. It's way less likely to kill you than Covid-19.

Wear a mask, keep a safe distance, wash hands frequently.

Do this especially stringently if you are ancient.

And don't worry about getting a haircut – even though many people have died within two weeks of having one – coincidence isn't the same as correlation.

(Lest the author of this story be accused of heartlessness toward the elderly, note that she is looking 73 square in the eye.)

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Montgomery County residents.

Of the more populous Maryland counties, Montgomery County has over 65 percent of its total population fully vaccinated whereas Prince George's trails at only 49 percent. Because it was almost a year before vaccines were available, the infection and death data still include a longer period during which there was no vaccine. As the time during which vaccines have been available lengthens, the protective effect of higher vaccination rates will only emphasize the difference among counties, with lower-vaccination-rate counties having

increased infections and deaths compared to counties with higher rates of vaccinations.

CDC Recommendations

Advice from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is to get vaccinated, wear a mask in public, wash hands after being in public and avoid large gatherings even if vaccinated to lower the risk of catching, transmitting, being hospitalized or dying from the far more virulent Delta variant. Those at special risk should be alert for announcements of a booster shot for which they may be eligible.

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Sneakers can be left in the drop-off box by the smaller building in the back of the church. All are encouraged to participate with GCC on this winner for the planet.

Since January, GCC has participated in Crop Walk and the Souper Bowl under the leadership of Marty Folk. GCC's 33 walkers and many others donated generously to raise \$7,680 for world and local hunger projects. Many organizations got creative during Covid-19 and walkers were asked to walk virtually this year,

proving that when one or more is gathered, every small and not-so-small action can help make a dent in seemingly large problems.

One need not walk alone during Covid-19; GCC and many other faith communities are providing opportunities for sharing, prayer, meditation and Bible study. GCC has Sharing and Bible studies events available on Zoom. For more information check the Church Calendar and Events at the bottom of each page.



Lilies bloom on Plateau Place.

PHOTO BY HELENOR MESIAS

School Supply Drive

The credit union is collecting supplies and monetary donations at the branch for Kids in Need at Springhill Lake ES. Supplies may also be dropped off at the CO-OP Supermarket.

Find the supply list on the school's webpage.

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Greenbelt Seniors Meet Dan Gillotte, Sample Smoothies

by Mary Moien

The Greenbelt Golden Age Club met with Dan Gillotte, general manager of the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket, in person at the New Deal Café on August 11. This was only the second in-person meeting in more than a year – the first being an ice cream social earlier this summer. All regular meetings continue to be virtual. Gillotte had invited the group to learn more about the Co-op food activities at the New Deal and to sample a few menu items. About 40 people were present including some staff members from the Co-op who received applause for their work.

Gillotte gave us a little history of his coming to Greenbelt. He has worked in co-ops his whole adult life, first in Portland, Maine, and then for many years in Austin, Texas. Much of his family, though, lives on the East Coast. Gillotte says his first day of work in Greenbelt was in March 2020, the day masks were first mandated in the county.

One of Gillotte's first changes at the Co-op was to add the ability to place orders for curbside pickup. When he became aware that the board of the New Deal Café was searching for a new food provider, Gillotte felt that this could be a win-win situation for both the Co-op and the New Deal. He wanted the Co-op to provide more prepared foods (like many upscale grocers), but the Co-op has a very limited kitchen. The New Deal has a commercial kitchen. He hopes eventually to prepare food not only for sale at the New Deal, but also available for purchase at the Co-op. Gillotte mentioned the popularity of the Co-op's ready-made offerings in the deli section of the store for both hot and cold meals.

The New Deal is now open under what Gillotte calls Phase 1 – open in the morning and early afternoon as a coffee shop. The hours are 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Mondays through Saturdays and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sundays. There are various coffee drinks (including iced lattes and mochas), smoothies, bagels, breakfast sandwiches and pastries available now for purchase. He indicated that the ingredients for all smoothies are listed and there are no additives. The group had a chance to sample the smoothies and they were very popular. This reporter noticed a number of attendees ordering smoothies to go after the meeting. We also tried piping hot potato wedges that were very tasty.

Phase 2 will include dinner options and entertainment. Gillotte and Ashley Mullane, the Co-op Deli manager, are working on menus to be tested for the New Deal. However, the New Deal Café itself is a separate cooperative and that board is in the process of updating the liquor and entertainment licenses – approvals have been significantly slowed by the pandemic.

The presentation ended with a lively question-and-answer session on both Co-op and New Deal Café issues. Most comments and questions were positive ones about how well the grocery had served the city during the pandemic. There were questions about food choices at the New



From left, Randi Andersen, city Therapeutic Recreation Supervisor Rebekah Sutfin and Golden Age Club President Judy Parker meet with Dan Gillotte.

- Photos by Robin Olson



Golden Age Club members enjoy smoothies and other beverages at the New Deal Café.



Deal and Gillotte indicated that menu items will be available for meat eaters as well as vegetarians and vegans. In response to a question, Gillotte indicated that Greenbelters can still feel comfortable visiting the New Deal with or without a purchase.

There was a question about patronage dividends from the Co-op. Gillotte indicated that he

is not certain about dividends for the near future but mentioned that all staff had received salary increases since the beginning of the pandemic and there was a positive response from the audience on hearing this. The Co-op publishes an email newsletter each week. Anyone who wishes to receive it can email Info@greenbelt.coop.

Council Sets Vaccine Policy, Discusses Rescue Funding

by Diane Oberg

Issues related to the coronavirus were a major topic of discussion at the August 9 meeting of the Greenbelt City Council. Council unanimously agreed to require all city employees to be fully vaccinated by Wednesday, September 22, but issues remain regarding what to do about employees who do not comply. In addition, council discussed but did not take action on Mayor Colin Byrd's proposal to spend some of the funds the city will receive under the American Rescue Plan.

Vaccinations

Previously, council had decided not to impose a vaccine mandate on city employees. However, the recent surge of cases caused by the Delta variant led Councilmembers Judith Davis and Rodney Roberts to put forward a proposed policy that requires all city employees to be fully vaccinated by September 22. Employees who do not get the shot will be required to submit to weekly Covid-19 testing.

According to City Manager Nicole Ard, 40 of the city's 350 employees have not yet been vaccinated. After some discussion, council decided that there was no need for exceptions to this policy, as employees who cannot get the vaccine will be tested.

Councilmembers identified several issues that need to be considered in the future. Roberts proposed requiring all new hires to be vaccinated. Councilmember Emmett Jordan was concerned that employees who cannot get the vaccine for medical or other reasons could infect their coworkers and suggested that they be placed in a setting where they are not physically interacting with other employees. Otherwise, he feared, whole departments might need to be quarantined for two weeks.

Councilmember Silke Pope was concerned about possible legal action against the city and suggested following the federal policy, which was the basis for the proposed policy. She said that since people have the freedom to decide not to get the vaccine, there needs to be some accommodation for them. City Solicitor Todd Pounds said that the weekly testing part of the policy was the accommodation.

The major unresolved issue is what to do with employees who refuse to be vaccinated or tested. Pounds said that noncompliance with this policy could be grounds for suspension or termination.

Rescue Plan

The city will receive \$11.44 million from the federal government this year and next (total \$22.88 million) under the American Rescue Plan. Byrd presented a proposal to spend an initial

\$440,000. This proposal includes \$300,000 in rental and mortgage assistance, including homeowners association and cooperative fees, \$130,000 in assistance for small businesses and nonprofits and up to \$10,000 in vaccination incentives for city employees. The proposal included criteria on priorities, length of assistance, income requirements and a requirement that the recipients must present proof of financial harm from the pandemic. Near the end of the discussion, Byrd said that these were just his ideas, and he was open to compromise. However, at that point it was past 1 a.m. and there appeared to be little appetite for getting into the weeds.

Jordan noted that city staff has been working on how to spend the funds and stated that he would like to see what their thoughts are before council and the public start making suggestions. He also noted that struggling residents owe not just their rent or mortgage payments but, in many cases, there are other fees that apply, such as court costs.

Although Roberts stated his willingness to approve Byrd's proposal that night, he wanted to limit the assistance to those not eligible for other assistance. Davis said it was not fair to allow residents who have already received aid from the state or county to apply. Davis was also concerned that the city does not have the staff necessary to process the applications.

Another issue is that the federal funds come with a number of requirements and restrictions that the city must take into consideration.

Resident Carla Johns urged council to allow folks who have previously gotten aid but are still struggling to be eligible for further assistance.

Bob Rudd noted that most homeowners in Greenbelt had gotten their highest property tax bills ever and that the city portion of that tax is greater than the county portion. He called on council to give relief to long-standing residents ahead of people who have already gotten assistance.

At 1:09 a.m. Byrd noted there was no motion on the floor and moved on to the next agenda item. Council is scheduled to discuss use of the American Rescue Plan funds at an August 30 worksession.

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New Co-ed Boy Scout Program Venturing Crew in Greenbelt

by Isabelle Murray



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Members of the new co-ed boy scout program, back row from left: Lee Smith, Kellen Murray, Jonathan Hille, Brendan Hille and Elizabeth Locke-Graham; front row from left: Mason Bourne, Alexi Clarke, Tyler Clarke, Sam Stewart-Ricketts and Isabelle Murray

On Thursday, August 12, Venturing Crew 746 kicked off their first meeting with 10 new scouts, establishing a new Boy Scouts of America program in Greenbelt. Venturing is an inclusive, co-ed program for young adults ages 14 through 20. Their programs aim to enable young adults to acquire new outdoor skills, build positive leadership qualities through

leadership positions and also to have fun. Crew 746 will explore a variety of outdoor activities including, but not limited to, hiking, backpacking, rock climbing, mountain biking and kayaking. At meetings, they plan to prepare for trips and build the necessary skills to go on them, as well as enjoy a variety of

games and other activities. Their first hiking trip is scheduled for Sunday, August 29. Meetings are held every other Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Road. For more information contact Liz Murray, crew advisor, at 301-351-2182, or email venturecrew746@gmail.com.

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Paralympic community. In 2015, when the announcer noted that the swimmer who'd just finished last had also set a new American record in his Paralympic class, it brought down the house with the fans and his teammates.

Anderson soon added a Paralympic Coaching Certification to his résumé. In 2016, he coached Zach at the U.S. Paralympic Trials in Charlotte, N.C., before a large contingent of Zach's extended family. Zach finished the trials as the second alternate for the U.S. Men's Team competing in Rio de Janeiro.

Zach finished up at Frostburg in 2018 and when Anderson received an offer to coach for the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Va., he asked Zach to come along as assistant coach. Zach was ecstatic for a chance to continue his training for Tokyo 2020.

Since Charlotte, Zach has had the chance to travel to Toronto, Miami, Mexico City, Lima, England and Singapore, competing in a wide range of international para-swim competitions. At this year's U.S. Men's Paralympic Trials in Minneapolis, Zach broke three American records in his classification, two of which were his own.

Now Zach is wrapping up final training at the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Training Center in Colorado Springs in advance of flying to Tokyo on August 14. In addition to Zach, one of the athletes he coached at Mary



PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

Zachary Shattuck proudly displays his Paralympic medal.

Washington, Joey Peppersack, also made the U.S. men's swim team. And the coach who took a chance on Zach back in 2014, Anderson, will be in Tokyo as part of the U.S. coaching staff.

Many of the athletes see the Olympics undoubtedly as "it all comes down to this." For Zach, this is just another chapter in an amazing journey of rising above it all.

So, Zach missed the family reunion this year in West Virginia. But he was felt everywhere, in the calm and confident way the older cousins guided and cared



for their younger cousins, on and off the ambling Potomac River. So much of what they know they've learned from Zach, who's led anything but a normal, ordinary life.

Montpelier Museum Offers Quilt Exhibit

The latest creations of the Uhuru Quilters Guild are on display at the Montpelier House Museum (9650 Muirkirk Road, Laurel) Thursdays through Mondays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through August 29. The Uhuru Quilters Guild seeks to promote the work and accomplishments of African American quilters and to preserve the tradition, culture and history of quilting. For more information about the guild and exhibit, go to uhuruquiltersguild.org.

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written an article. Right after her first article landed on the front page of the school's paper, however, it gave her "the confidence that I was a good writer." As a writer for Eleanor Roosevelt High School's newspaper, The Raider Review, Brown held the position of co-editor. Her time there helped solidify that journalism was a passion that she wanted to continue to learn about. "I want to discover more about the multifaceted world of journalism," she said.

Of her decision to pursue a degree at Morgan State University, she said that the university's standing as an HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and Univer-

sities) was significant. "I'm proud and excited to attend a school that recognizes, encourages and celebrates Black people's excellence," Brown said. On top of that, the school's journalism program stood out to her. "It wasn't easy finding a school that fits you during Covid, but watching students sharing their experiences on YouTube really helped."

Brown hopes to learn more about writing and storytelling in college. As a future journalist, she believes it is the responsibility of her and her peers to help re-build some of the public's lack of trust in the media. "I choose not to let it scare me, but rather encourage me."



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This butterfly garden lives up to its name.

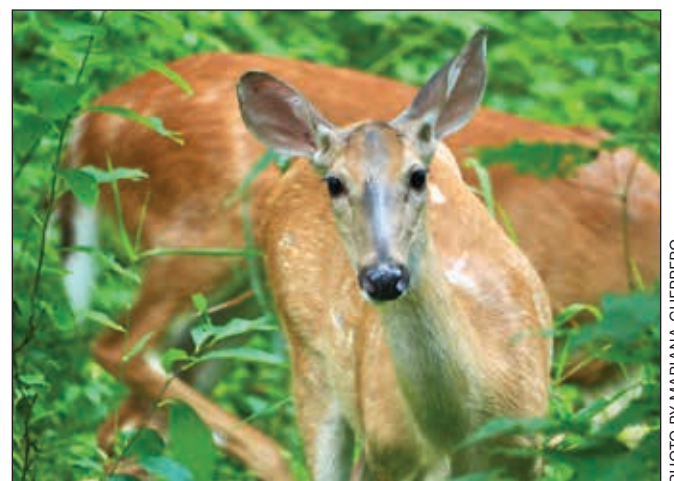


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"What? Do I have something on my face?"



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A handsome duck at the Lake

Fallen Fire Fighters Video Honors Line of Duty Deaths

by Julie Rapp



John Leyh class photo from the 1945 Greenbelt High School yearbook

For over a year, the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department (BHVFD) struggled to obtain a photograph of one of its former firefighters, John Leyh, who died at the age of 27 on July 12, 1956, after responding to a car crash in his own car, a common practice at that time. While driving home from the accident site, Leyh lost control of his car and struck a tree in Beltsville. As a result of his death, the BHVFD prohibited the use of personal vehicles for responding to emergency calls.

The Video Project, sponsored by the Prince George's Fire Department (PGFD), aims to memorialize line of duty deaths of firefighters dating back to the 1930s. A picture of Leyh eluded the project developers' search until the Video Project decided to post its search on social media. Soon, a series of tweets was received by the PGFD from @greenbeltgirl that included Leyh's draft card and his Greenbelt High School class yearbook picture. He was a student at Greenbelt High School in 1946. NBC News ran a piece on the story of Leyh's sacrifice and on the search for his photo.

This effort by @greenbeltgirl helped bring the BHVFD search to an end and to finally allow honor to be given to this fallen firefighter so many years later. On the department website, Chief Danny McCoy of the BHVFD stated, "Having a picture, a face to put with the actual person helps us to remember the sacrifice he made."

The video memorializing Leyh can be viewed by going to the BHVFD Facebook page or their website at bhvfd14.org.

Editor's Note: A search of the Greenbelt News Review archives turned up two more interesting bits of information about John Leyh. He was one of 26 high school students who took a 25-week firefighting course taught by Greenbelt Fire Chief John Belton in 1945. Back then, according to the March 23, 1945, Greenbelt Cooperator, high school boys made up half of the local firefighting force. Leyh was one of 94 graduates of Greenbelt High School in 1947.



- Photos provided to Prince George's County Fire Department by @greenbeltgirl on Twitter.



John Leyh



John Leyh Draft Card

Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltmd.gov/police.

Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Shooting

August 5, 1:40 p.m., 5707 Cherrywood Lane. Four people were involved in an altercation at the Shell Food Mart, which resulted in several gunshots being exchanged. The shooting was non-contact. No persons were injured.

Cutting

August 8, 8:56 p.m., 6000 Greenbelt Road. Officers responded to a report of a physical altercation at LaundroLand Laundromat at Beltway Plaza. One person was located and found to have a laceration.

Shoplifting

August 10, 4:21 p.m., 6062 Greenbelt Road. A person was charged with theft after shoplifting at Super Beauty.

Disorderly Person

August 7, 9:42 p.m., 7200 Hanover Parkway. Officers responded to a report of a physical altercation between intoxicated persons outside of the Holiday Inn. One arrest was made.

Theft

August 5, 7:48 p.m., 9117 Springhill Lane. A postal package was taken.

August 8, 4:21 p.m., 7800 Lakecrest Drive. A postal package was taken.

August 10, 5:13 p.m., 7714 Hanover Parkway. A package that had been delivered was stolen.

August 11, 9:27 a.m., 7595 Greenbelt Road. Property was stolen from the pharmacy at Safeway and one person was arrested.

Vehicle Crime

A 2014 Nissan Pathfinder with Maryland tags 9CC8528 was taken from 7901 Mandan Road.

Four catalytic converters were stolen. Three were from 6301 Ivy Lane: a 2012 Isuzu NPR, a 2014 Isuzu NPR and a 2004 Chevrolet C4. The fourth was from a 2009 Ford E-350 from 7505 Greenway Center Drive.

An airbag was stolen from a 2020 Honda CRV at Greenway Center Drive.

Exhaust components were taken from a Toyota Avalon at 7619 Greenbelt Road.

Windows were broken and personal items taken from 7500 Hanover Parkway, and 7810 and 7480 Greenway Center Drive. The latter vehicle had been left unsecured.

A driver's side window was broken at 9154 Springhill Court, front tires were punctured at 7500 Greenway Center Drive, paint was scratched at 8001 Mandan Road and a blue marker was used to deface a 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.

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Phase One-C includes residential building 1C, triangle parking along Breezewood Drive, parking deck #3, hotel and Cherrywood Lane frontage improvements.

City Conditions

The staff conditions, numbering 31, covered wide-ranging issues, such as construction oversight, amenities, traffic safety features (crosswalks, sidewalks) and exterior aesthetics. Some of the most important of these conditions are city approval of plans for the recreation center prior to construction, adherence to the three-phased construction process detailed above and a conceptual plan submitted to the city on frontage improvement to Cherrywood Lane consistent with the city's 2019 Green Streets program.

A county school facility surcharge of \$10,180 per building permit for Fiscal Year 2022 is required of the applicant as the county does not require a finding of school adequacy.

Staff had several sustainability conditions as well: plentiful installation and infrastructure for electric vehicle chargers, exploration of use of solar panels, consultation with Pepco on possible incentives to provide for all-electric buildings, and recycling and composting capability. Resident and climate advocate Emily Freas pressed for stronger language on these conditions to make them come to pass.

Studies Requirement

Market studies for the hotel and housing types were a major part of the discussion. Concerning the hotel, the conditions require such a study done prior to construction to indicate its need in the community, with alternative uses for the site to be explored by both parties if found unneeded.

Council and staff are focused on housing diversity, most especially affordable and senior housing. Staff recommended a study be required at the submittal time of the DSP for residential building 1C, or prior to the application for its building permit.

Regarding this study, residents Bill Orleans, Michael Hartman and Lore Rosenthal all felt that this schedule was potentially too late to be effective, or needed at all, as affordable housing is an obvious necessity.

Feedback on the DSP

Councilmember Rodney Roberts, who voted against the DSP, expressed his "extreme disappointment" at the plan's insufficient recreation space, advising that all the city's indoor recreation facilities are augmented by outdoor facilities as well, which he sees absent from the DSP. He noted that Greenbelt West has been "ignored" and "cheated" for too long in this regard.

Resident feedback was mostly much in favor of approval of the DSP. Ric Gordon was keen to "start the ball rolling" on a plan that he extolled as "a smart development for the future." Kristen Weaver reminded that current use of the property is an under-used parking lot and of the trend toward mall closings, expressing excitement over this "forward thinking" approach.

Matthew Tedesco, from McNamee Hosea, spoke for the applicant. He cited the owner's decades-long commitment to this property and to the city and of its dedication to work with and heed the concerns of all parties involved. He felt that every issue raised at the meeting was met in the applicant's agreement to the entirety of staff's conditions.

Prior to the vote, Mayor Colin Byrd praised staff for its "thorough and diligent" work on this matter and the applicant's collaborative approach with the city. He cited the lingering concerns about housing affordability and school adequacy, but said in conclusion, while "you can't get everything you want, if you get a good amount of what you want, you sometimes need to say thank you."

The DSP will next be presented on Thursday, September 9 at a hearing of the Prince George's County Planning Board.



A flower looking pretty at Schrom Hills Park

PHOTO BY STEVE BUCCA

City Notes

Sustainability/Environmental's new video features native species at Buddy Attick Park. Street Maintenance/Special Details cleared storm debris and prepared a funeral site. Refuse/Recycling collected 31.11 tons of refuse and 11.92 tons of recyclables. Public Works administration viewed workspace possibilities for CARES at the Granite Building.

Animal Control rescued a rabbit from the Hunting Ridge pool. Four dogs, five cats, 10 kittens and a rabbit are sheltered.

Kinder Camp, Summer Fun program, Creative Kids Camp and Camp Encore ended and park rangers facilitated 2021's first softball tournament. At Sunday's Art Share, local artists discussed artwork with peers.

Therapeutic Recreation provided public address system training for Labor Day, facilitated frozen meal delivery for 33 seniors and facilitated a Golden Age Club meeting at the New Deal Café.

CARES' Judge Hering met with Terps4Change to arrange University of Maryland tutors for CARES vocational/education program. Liz Park hosted landlords and county housing representatives to discuss rental assistance options.



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Brick townhome on corner lot Surrounded by protected woodlands. Main level addition with 1/2 bath and laundry. Opened floorplan - fresh paint & more.

Brick Townhome with Addition Full bath on main level. Remodeled kitchen & bath. Central A/C, refinished hardwood flrs., shaded & fenced backyard.

Large floorplan w/addition Half bath on main level. Masonry townhome w/ fenced backyard & brick patio. Zoned HVAC system, 11' x 17' master br.

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Addition - Backs to Woodlands Completely remodeled throughout; half bath on main level. Zoned HVAC system. Fenced yard, shed & raised deck.

Brick Townhome 2 Bedroom GHI townhome w/ patio & more. Remodeled throughout. Modern kitchen, full bath, washer. Hardwood flooring on both levels. **SOLD**

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

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

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Teddy Bears and their Families Came Out for Picnic at Library

by Amy Hansen

Fifty people and numerous stuffed animals showed up for the Greenbelt Library's Teddy Bear picnic on Saturday, August 14.

Families gathered in front of the Library for the event that is annual but was cancelled last year. They picnicked, and then sat or stood and listened to stories including Can't You Sleep Little Bear by Martin Waddell and Where's My Teddy? by Jez Alborough.

The event also included songs, a craft where children decorated a paper cupcake for their stuffed animals, a parade, small packages of Teddy Grahams (graham crackers) and pre-packaged drinks for the children. The event was paid for by the Friends of the Greenbelt Library.



A father and his three children are accompanied by two teddy bears and a rabbit at the Teddy Bear picnic at the Library on August 14.



A father holds his daughter at the Teddy Bear picnic.



A mother and daughter attend the event. The daughter isn't entirely convinced about it.

- Photos by Glenn Harris



At the end of the songs and storytelling and to the accompaniment of recorded march music, parents and children march in a parade.

Heavy Rains Flood Building In Parke Crescent Apartments

by Amy Hansen



PHOTO COURTESY WALTER JOHNSON

Flooding at 51 Crescent reached Walter Johnson's waist after the heavy rains on August 9.

During the deluge of rain on Monday, August 9, the parking lot at 51 Crescent Road turned into a lake and endangered the residents of the three-story apartment building. Nearly four inches of rain fell in an hour, triggering flash floods around the county and overwhelming the drains near the retaining wall next to the Parke Crescent Apartments parking lot.

Resident Walter Johnson's ground-floor apartment backs up to that wall. He said the flood was stunning.

He and his wife arrived at their apartment simultaneously in two cars and communicated through cell phones for a moment.

"It was decided that I would make a mad dash for the apartment, with no concern about getting wet. When I got to the door, water was at the lip of the bottom of the door," he said. "We

began to try and bail water with small plastic trash cans. A couple minutes into this endeavor out of the corner of my eye I saw what seemed almost like a tidal wave coming over that [retaining] wall. At that point any effort to bail water was fruitless."

The flood outside reached up to his waist at one point and they had to call the emergency services to help get his wife out of the apartment unharmed. The emergency crew worked for three hours, noting the water up waist high inside and outside the apartment, according to Greenbelt Police Captain Tim White. White added that five people were displaced from two apartments.

Johnson said the area has flooded other times during his four years in the apartment. No one from Parke Crescent Apartments management was available for comment.



A father and daughter actively participate in the singing at the Library event.