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Two Teachers Win Green Awards; Three Green Schools Recognized

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

On May 10, Prince George’s County Public Schools held their environmental literacy awards ceremony and two Greenbelt teachers were honored.

Danielle Todd-Jones has coordinated environmental efforts and activities throughout Springhill Lake Elementary School for several years, helping to create a green culture. At the awards ceremony she was recognized for “taking on initiatives to empower students and teach them how they can care for the Earth on a daily basis.” Todd-Jones is the school’s Green Team coordinator and recycling coordinator and she spearheads the annual stream and campus clean-ups (see article on page 9).

Martha Leighty teaches middle school English at Dora Kennedy French Immersion School and is passionate about the environment. Over the last five years she has been at the helm of the school’s E-SWAT environmental club. The club’s recent green initiatives that she’s helped to lead include establishing and maintaining na-

tive plant gardens on the school’s campus, cleaning up a path between the school and Breezewood Park and partnering with the National Geographic Society to receive donated plants for their school gardens and sending students to work on a native plant courtyard at the Society’s campus.

The E-SWAT club also won a grant from the Maryland Association of Environmental and Outdoor Educators to create a

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PHOTO BY SUNJUNU BAH

Springhill Lake Elementary School’s Danielle Todd-Jones was recognized at the annual PGPCS Environmental Literacy Awards.

First Ukrainian Refugee Family Arrives in Greenbelt on May 5

by Frank Gervasi

Greenbelt Refugee Aid Committee’s (GRACE) first sponsored family arrived from the Netherlands on May 5. The wait at the airport immigration line took about two hours, but the process of sponsoring our Ukrainian family took four-and-one-half months. The committee, consisting of Bill Jones, Joyce Campbell, Dorrie Bates, Steve Skolnik and Frank Gervasi, spent many hours planning, filling out forms, collecting monetary and furnishings donations and so forth.



PHOTO BY ETHAN VAN WOERKOM

Ukrainian refugees Anna Syzonova and her daughters Anastasiia and Mariia

GRACE originally signed on to the WelcomeUS site in November. The site offers potential sponsors a chance to chat via translation with Ukrainians and other nationalities. The first family we contacted was still in a very unsafe circumstance in Kharkiv, Ukraine. After numerous letters and conversation, that family, the Martynenkos, decided to stay home because the husband was not allowed to leave Ukraine and their 7-year-old son did not want to leave without his father.

The family GRACE did spon-

sor, Anna Syzonova and her daughters Anastasiia and Mariia, were living temporarily in a home in a suburb of Amsterdam. Over 2,000 Ukrainians living in a city of 40,000 had created a severe housing shortage. The government, at least, made sure none of their guests would live in tents, a scandal early in the refugee flight when over 10 million Ukrainians were forced to leave their homes and spread out across

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Budget 2024

Public Works Proposes \$4.6M Budget for Council’s Attention

by Diane Oberg

The Public Works budget, with proposed Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) expenditures of \$4,573,400, is the fourth largest in the city budget. Department leadership met with the Greenbelt City Council on April 19 to discuss this budget. Two of the department’s responsibilities – parks maintenance (proposed expenditures \$1.6 million) and the Greenbelt Connection (\$136,100 expenditures, \$7,400 revenue) – are included in other budget categories and thus not part of the Public Works budget. Staffing levels will remain unchanged for now although more staff will likely be needed in the future.

Director’s Comments

Director of Public Works Willis Shafer gave an overview of the department’s budget. The

current budget year started with the July 12 storm which downed a great many trees throughout the city and crowded out many other priorities such as street projects and fall plantings as workers joined together to help address tree issues throughout the city. As a result, the department is maintaining the same goals and strategic plan as in FY23.

Another large chunk of time was spent managing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) projects led by Assistant Director Brian Kim. Staff, led by Sustainability Coordinator Luisa Robles, successfully applied for a USDA grant to pilot a curbside food waste composting program.

Priorities for the next fiscal year, which begins July 1, include

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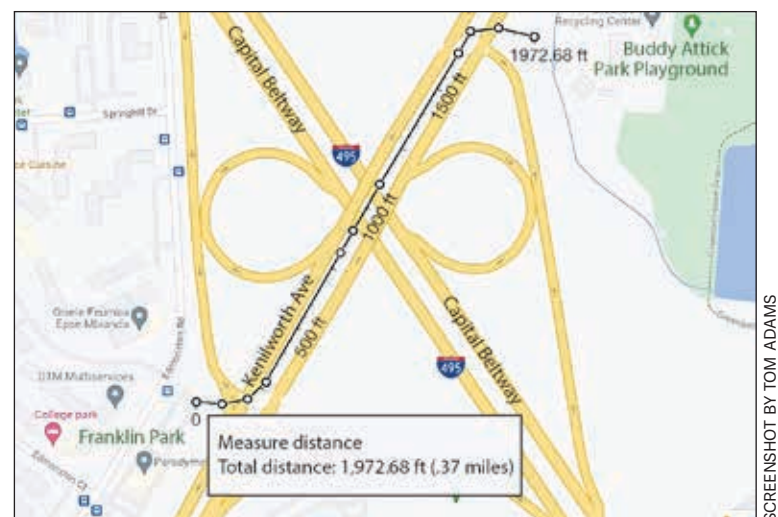
Building Bridges toward Advancing Racial Equity Goals in Greenbelt

by Tom Adams, Nirvan Sengupta and Bob Rand

The third annual Bridging Communities for Racial Equity event will take place on Sunday, May 21 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Springhill Lake Recreation Center. This year’s theme of Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges reflects the sponsors’ intent to consider historical and current challenges in advancing racial equity in Greenbelt and to develop actionable goals that connect and engage all Greenbelters.

This year’s coalition of sponsors includes Greenbelt Racial Equity Alliance, Connecting Across Greenbelt, Bahá’í of Greenbelt, CHEARS, Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association, Greenbelt Voices Rising, Prince George’s Peace and Justice Coalition, Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness and The SPACE Free Art For All.

Nirvan Sengupta, one of the event organizers and this year’s moderator, explains the broader



SCREENSHOT BY TOM ADAMS

Though the direct distance from Franklin Park to Old Greenbelt is not great, Greenbelt is physically divided by the Beltway, Kenilworth Avenue, the Parkway and Greenbelt Road.

focus: “Remembering the past and the tragic killings of so many people of color are important and we continue to do that. We are increasing our focus on why we

remember so we can pay attention to progress in racial equity and examine and work to change

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What Goes On

Monday, May 22

7:30 p.m., City Council Meeting: Second Public Budget Hearing/Constant Yield Tax Rate, Municipal Building

Wednesday, May 24

7:30 p.m., Council Budget Worksession: Final Budget Review, Municipal Building

See the city ad on page 5 or the meetings calendar at greenbeltmd.gov for more information.



PHOTO BY ANNA BEDFORD-DILLOW

The Greenbelt Honk! Situation performs at the Green Belt Festival on Saturday, May 13. See more photos, page 16.

Letters to the Editor

Bad Year for Ticks

Last night I pulled a third tick off Rocky the Dog in as many days. This brings the total now to five. One of my neighbors not only removed a tick from her dog this weekend, but herself as well. Another neighbor, possessed with eagle eyes, spotted a tick and dispatched it before it could attach itself to one of his dogs.

It looks as though this will be a bad year for ticks. It would seem reasonable that the first line of defense is information. This is what the Center for Disease Control says on this issue: [cdc.gov/ticks/life_cycle_and_hosts.html](https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/life_cycle_and_hosts.html). Your veterinarian, obviously, can be of immense help with tick medication and preventive measures.

I, for one, plan to limit dog walks along the GHI Canyon Creek Trail, at least until the 2023 first frost. Friends, especially those who live in close proximity to this trail, have reported tick issues, both now and in 2022.

As for us? Treated clothing, sprays, etc., can be helpful. In talking to a friend this morning, an avid bird watcher, he has made it a habit to wear long sleeve shirts, long pants with socks high enough to allow him to tuck the ends of his pant legs inside his hiking socks when stalking birds. However, he was quick to caution his sartorial choices were no guarantee against the possibility of attracting ticks.

More on personal protection from ticks: The Teeny, Tiny Ticks That Cause the Most Lyme Disease Are Out (<https://news.northeastern.edu/2022/07/12/lyme-disease-tick/>).

To be sure, ticks this spring and summer will be bad. So remember, as Sgt. Phil Esterhaus on Hill Street Blues used to say, "Let's be careful out there."

Lawrence Hawkins
Editor's note: Ticks may also live in the vegetation of Greenbelt yards and gardens so it's not only woods-walkers who need to watch out for them.

A Note of Thanks

I want to thank the GHI members who voted for me for the

GHI Board of Directors. Although I did not win, I appreciate your support and confidence in me to serve on the board. I encourage all members to be active in our cooperative, attend the GHI Open Board meetings and get involved. It's my treasured forever home. I hope it's yours as well.

Claudia Jones

Explains Reasoning

I have been asked by a few people why I supported the charter change regarding city manager residency, and I want to share my reasoning, speaking only for myself. The city manager is a professional role, requiring specific skills and experience. A flexible residency requirement allows us to hire the best candidate possible. We are competing with other local jurisdictions without such a requirement, not to mention other jobs that someone with this type of experience might be seeking. It's a tight job market. A person whom we'd like to hire might decline the job for very valid reasons if they have to uproot a child from their school, or because of a spouse's job, as two examples.

If the concern is the city manager making it to the city in case of emergency, council should limit how far away we allow when granting an exception. If the concern is engagement in the community and attendance at city events, council should make that an explicit expectation of the role without dictating personal living arrangements. Living within the city limits doesn't guarantee involvement with the community. Our job as elected officials on city council is to provide the perspective of residents, balancing the professional expertise of the city manager.

The way I look at it, the question of residency doesn't come into play until the end of the process when we have selected the candidate to whom we wish to make an offer. Then it's part of the negotiation, just like salary or any contractual term. If the chosen candidate wishes to not move to Greenbelt for some reason at that point (none of

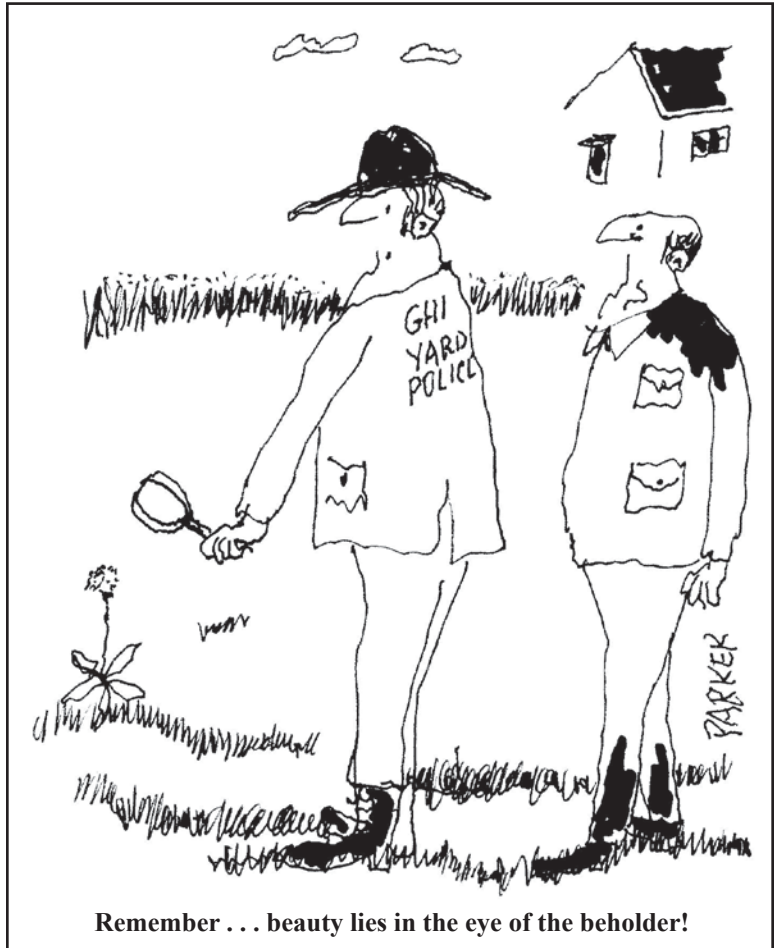
the candidates who applied are Greenbelt residents), they can make the case for why council should allow an exception to the residency requirement. We need this flexibility to ensure we can hire the best possible city manager for Greenbelt.

Kristen Weaver, Member,
Greenbelt City Council

MakerSpace Appreciates Support

Many thanks to the community and the Greenbelt Farmers Market for supporting the spring Repair Café. Working under the tents on loan from the Farmers Market, we rescued more than a dozen broken items and took parts from a few others that were too broken to repair. Despite the light rain, we had people working on jewelry, lawn mowers, trousers and a patio umbrella. We will hold another Repair Café in a few months. It is run by the Greenbelt MakerSpace Tool Lending Library: tools.greenbeltmakers.org.

Robert Candey



Remember . . . beauty lies in the eye of the beholder!

- Izzy Parker, May 20, 2004

Letters Policy

Deadline for letters is 6 p.m. Monday. Submission does not guarantee publication. Letters should be no longer than 300 words (shorter letters are more likely to be published).

Letters may be edited for clarity, grammar, civility and space constraints. The News Review may add a comment from the editor if deemed necessary.

All letters must include the letter writer's name, physical address, and telephone number. Only the name will be published; the News Review will consider requests for the name to be withheld.



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Sun. 2:30 PM, 5:00 PM
Mon. 2:30 PM, 5:00 PM
Tues. 7:00 PM
Wed. 7:00 PM
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Screen 2 - The Screening Room
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Sat. 5:15 PM, 7:45 PM
Sun. 2:45 PM (OC), 5:15 PM
Mon. 2:45 PM, 5:15 PM
Tues. 7:15 PM
Wed. 7:15 PM
Thurs. 7:15 PM

On Screen at Old Greenbelt Theatre

Master Gardener

Directed by Academy Award nominee Paul Schrader and based on his original screenplay, the film follows Narvel Roth (Joel Edgerton), the meticulous horticulturist of Gracewood Gardens. He is as much devoted to tending the grounds of this beautiful and historic estate as to pandering to his employer, the wealthy dowager Mrs. Haverhill (Sigourney Weaver). When Mrs. Haverhill demands that he take on her wayward and troubled great-niece Maya (Quintessa Swindell) as a new apprentice, chaos enters Narvel's spartan existence, unlocking dark secrets from a buried violent past that threaten them all. Says critic Richard Lawson of Vanity Fair, "This is a spare film, crisply performed and quietly staged. Weaver's crackling grande dame imperiousness may be enough to carry the viewer away."

Book Club: The Next Chapter

This sequel film follows four best friends (Diane Keaton, Jane Fonda, Candice Bergen and Mary Steenburgen) as they take their book club to Italy for the fun girls' trip they never had. When things go off the rails and secrets are revealed, their relaxing vacation turns into a once-in-a-lifetime cross-country adventure. Also starring Andy Garcia and Don Johnson. "It may be treacly and unrealistic, but Book Club: The Next Chapter has heart and soul," said critic Katie Walsh of the Tribune News Service, "and it's as sweet and quaffable as an Aperol spritz on a hot day."

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Community Events

Meet-and-Make Friday For Parent-Artists

Calling all parent-artists and artist-parents. Come to a free informal meet-and-make event on Friday, May 19, 5 to 8 p.m. in Studio 113 of the Community Center. Bring a piece to work on in the art studio and meet other parent-artists at this community connecting event. Studio 113 comes equipped with easels, tables, chairs and a sink. Art materials are not provided. While parents create, kids can enjoy a pizza dinner, games and art activities at Parent's Night Out, for potty-trained children ages 4 and up. Advance registration for Parent's Night Out is required. Fees apply for Parent's Night Out; contact Amanda Larsen at alarsen@greenbeltmd.gov for information about financial assistance.



Astronomical Society Lecture May 25

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a lecture by Dr. Louth (Lu) Chou on Thursday, May 25 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 114 of the Community Center. Chou will speak on agnostic biosignatures (requiring life detection methods that identify unknowable, unfamiliar features and chemistry which may represent processes of life as-yet unrecognized), along with future planetary missions which may search for them. An astrobiologist and organic chemist, Chou is currently a postdoctoral research associate at the Center for Space Science and Technology (University of Maryland Baltimore County) working on the Sample Analysis at Mars instrument suite onboard the Curiosity Rover in the Planetary Environments Lab at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center. She loves sharing her work with the public. This is a hybrid in-person/virtual event, free and open to the public. A Zoom link will be posted before the event at greenbeltastro.org/events.

Writers Group May Meeting

The Greenbelt Writers Group will hold its monthly meeting on Friday, May 19 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center. All Greenbelt writers are welcome to attend. Discussion will continue on organizing a critique group or devoting a meeting to critique. As always, there will be open, brief readings and anyone is invited to share any writing project in progress or published writing. For more information, email Barbara Ford at barb.ford@comcast.net.

Food Rescue Group Needs Volunteers

With so much food being wasted and dumped in landfills, has one ever wanted to make a difference and divert excess food from landfills to those organizations that need it the most? Prince George's County Food Equity Council (pgfec.org) has collaborated with Food Rescue US to try and prevent this waste and take surplus food, whether from restaurants, grocery stores or farmer's markets, and deliver it to public food banks and soup kitchens in the county. One such "rescue" is located right here in Greenbelt, our local Farmers Market, scheduled each Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. until mid-November. Two volunteers with two cars will show up around 1:45 p.m. and will check in with farmers and vendors to see if they would be willing/able at the close of the market to donate surplus food to a church-run Food Bank in Laurel. Volunteers will bring cardboard boxes to collect food, then drive for 15 minutes up to Laurel to drop off collected food to church staff, who will keep that food in cold storage until ready to distribute to those in need. If interested, one of the local Food Rescue volunteers, Joe Robbins (robbins629@gmail.com), is happy to answer any questions. Sign up at the following website: bit.ly/pgcfr_signup. The group's motto is Be the Rescue.

Compost Workday Volunteers Needed

Join The Wigglers on Saturday, May 20 at 9 a.m. for an outdoor workday at the three-bin hot-composting station behind Roosevelt Center, alongside the Aquatic & Fitness Center. Students can earn volunteer hours while learning how to prepare food waste for rapid hot-composting. Enjoy snacks and conversation while working.

The compost created serves as food for the red wiggler composting worms that live on the loading dock of the New Deal Café. The wigglers make vermicompost, a highly-prized soil amendment and nutrient load for plants.

Help turn food waste into a valuable resource used to grow plants and sequester carbon instead of producing methane at the landfill. Come by anytime between 9 and 11 a.m. on Saturday. For more information, email NewDealWigglers@gmail.com.



Unplugged Mindfulness Meets Sunday via Zoom

Greenbelt Unplugged monthly mindfulness meets Sunday, May 21 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.; this will be a virtual meeting over Zoom. Debra Cope will lead the session; for details see greenbeltunplugged.org.

The Zoom meeting ID is 943 5969 1872 with passcode 016110.

Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club invites all to join them online every first, third and fifth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The club provides a fun and friendly environment for anyone interested in improving their public speaking and leadership skills. Learn more at greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org.

Unplugged Game Night

Fourth Friday game night meets May 26 at the Community Center from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in Room 114. To be added to the list and get a convenient link to the Zoom sessions send an email to events@greenbeltunplugged.org.

Spring Concert Features Brahms' Love Song

Gabriel Fauré's Requiem – known as the "gentle" one among choral requiems – will be sung by the Central Maryland Chorale on Saturday, May 20, 7:30 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church in Kensington, Md.

Also on the program is a dual-piano and English-language rendition of Johannes Brahms' Liebeslieder Waltzes (literally Love Song Waltzes), a compilation of 18 short and sometimes humorous tunes written for 1800s entertainment, usually dances. Normally sung in the original German, the English text shows that musings on love are timeless.

The sublime Fauré Requiem, noted for lacking the intense fire-and-brimstone dynamic of others in its genre, has been called by one reviewer a "peace-out" that leaves one feeling merely wistful and somewhat comforted at the prospect of one's own mortality."

The concert will last just over an hour, with a short intermission. The Chorale includes several members from Greenbelt.

The church is located at 4001 Franklin Street in Kensington, with parking around the back on Everett Street. Tickets are available at the door, with no charge for children under 12. More details at centralmarylandchorale.org.

Chess Club Meets

The chess club will be meeting on Monday, May 22 in the New Deal Café from 6 to 8 p.m. All ages and skill levels are welcome.

State Delegation Reports to Dems

The Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club is holding its annual wrap-up meeting with its State Delegation on Sunday, May 21 at 3 p.m. in the Community Center, Room 201.

For many years, the club has held such sessions regarding the highlights, and lowlights, of what was accomplished in Annapolis over the last four months. State Delegates Anne Healey, Nicole Williams and Ashanti Martinez will provide the report.

Key legislation that will be covered includes reproductive justice, gun safety and regulations, mail-in voting ballots, minimum wage, health care, licensing cannabis, horse racing and expanding offshore winds to address climate change.

Before the meeting starts, cards will be handed out to those attending so that they can indicate the one question they wish to ask. After the delegation's report, those questions will be asked of the state representatives, assuring that a good number of concerns can be discussed.

Local Arts Mixer On May 21

Artists, arts organizations and art enthusiasts are invited to attend an Arts Mixer on Sunday, May 21 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the New Deal Café, hosted by the Greenbelt Arts Advisory Boards and Friends of the New Deal Café Arts. Participants will be invited to socialize, share and discuss arts programs in Greenbelt, as well as connect with other artists in the community. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP at sugeni.us/4WGQ or email alarsen@greenbeltmd.gov.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

The Children's Hour
Written by Lillian Hellman
GREENBELT ARTS CENTER
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Coming soon: The Patchwork Girl of Oz

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Produced by Malca Giblin

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THIS WEEK on GATe • Your Community Access Station
Featured Film (9am, 3pm, and 8pm)
Detour (1945)
Starring Tom Neal and Ann Savage, this film noir classic takes you on a suspenseful journey from coast-to-coast, leaving you on the edge of your seat the whole time!
Music from the New Deal Cafe (2pm, 10pm)
Campfire Sessions: Karen Collins and Shannon Leigh
The purpose of Campfire Sessions, hosted by Joey Campfire, is to keep the venue quiet enough to illuminate the artist's songwriting craft. In turn, this lends the serene ambience evocative of sitting around a small campfire with the artist. This week, we listen to Shannon Leigh and Karen Collins with Fred Feinstein.

All this and more on the GATe channel this week! Check greenbeltaccessstv.org for the full broadcast schedule, and visit Greenbelt Access Television on YouTube for new video productions.

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The Brothers Bill Quintet 7-9pm Soulful, cool, sophisticated and funky	Piano Stylings of Peter Reppert , 6-7:30p Born Cross Eyed 8-11pm Jam music of the Grateful Dead	Poetry Open Mic* 1-3pm Billy Coulter Band 8-11p Blurring the lines of Roots Rock & Power Pop	The Greenbelt Arts Advisory HAPPY HOUR* 1-4pm Fez Tones Hafla 6-8pm Middle Eastern music	
MON 5/22	TUES 5/23	WED 5/24	TH 5/25	MON - FRI
Chess Club 6-8pm NDC BOARD MEETING* 6:30-8pm	NDC Early Birds Open Mic w/ Michael McTouser 6:30-9:30pm Sign-ins at 6:15pm	Poor Ellen Smith 7-9pm Americana band of vintage bluegrass and country	Misbehavin' Maidens 7-9pm Lewd, lyrical lasses PARENTAL DISCRETION	Happy Hour 4-7pm \$1.00 off beer and wine

It's time to renew your membership, or join NDC. Go to www.newdealcafe.com, click on "ABOUT", then "BECOME A MEMBER OR RENEW."
*For more information on these events, visit the NDC CALENDAR page on our website.



Obituaries

Barry Moien



PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

Barry Moien

Barry Paul Moien, 79, died at home in Greenbelt on May 14, 2023. A Washington, D.C., native, Barry was the son of Abe and Lena Moien. In 1965, Barry married the girl around the corner, Mary Berezoski, and they were together ever since.

Barry was always interested in photography and for many years owned and operated Custom Touch Color Lab, a lab for professional photographers in Brentwood, Md. He also was a member and officer of several local professional photography and lab organizations.

He loved to travel in the U.S. and most enjoyed visiting Disney World. Barry and his family also enjoyed camping locally and he and Mary made several trips cross country to see the sights, especially National Parks and Monuments.

Most of his married life was spent in Greenbelt and in retirement he started organizing bus trips for seniors. The seniors in Greenbelt loved Barry and his trips and his hats and his jokes and his surprise snacks. Many commented that they would not have traveled anywhere if it weren't for the trips that "Mary and Barry" organized. Barry truly loved his life in Greenbelt.

Barry is survived by his wife, Mary, and his two wonderful daughters, Kathleen Brown (Michael) of New Bern, N.C., and Suzanne Johnson (Noel) of Washington, D.C. He is also survived by his granddaughter Sloane Kira Brown and by his brothers Joel (Wilma – deceased) of College Park, and Allen (Judi) of Greenbelt.

A graveside service will take place at Greenbelt Cemetery at 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 18. There will be shiva/visiting at home, 6 Woodland Way, from after the

service to 8 p.m. that evening.

Barry was truly a Superman (see his photo).

Barbara Crammer



PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

Barbara Crammer

Former Greenbelter Barbara Crammer died suddenly but peacefully at her home in New Jersey on April 26, 2023, at the age of 75. Barbara lived in the 38 Court of Ridge Road for more than a decade beginning in the late 1990s. She was known for her cheerful smile and positive spirit and was a friend to all as she walked around the Center with her long hand-crafted walking stick. After she moved away to be nearer to family, Barbara travelled back to Greenbelt yearly to visit her Greenbelt area friends and spend time in Virginia with her son, Jeff Gordon.

Barbara's faith was an integral part of her life, and she spiritually influenced many people with her kindness, empathy, encouragement and guidance. She wor-

shipped and sang in the choir at Good Samaritan Lutheran Church in Glenn Dale. Before coming to Greenbelt, she studied Christian theology at the graduate level, earning several degrees, and served in several pastoral positions. Barbara was open to all religious thought, and maintained a lifelong personal study of many other faiths including Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Islam and the Bahá'í Faith.

After her husband, Jon Del Russo, died in 2007, Barbara worked as a substitute teacher at DuVal and Eleanor Roosevelt High Schools, and then spent several years in China, where she taught English at universities and interacted with Christian communities.

A local memorial gathering will be held by her friends and her son on Saturday, May 20, from noon to 3 p.m. at the home of her longtime Good Samaritan co-parishioners, Melissa and Mark Steiner, at 7036 Wood Thrush Drive in Lanham. For more information, call Melissa at 301-365-1857 or Joy at 301-801-2071.

Our sympathy to the family and friends of Barry Moien, who died on Sunday, May 14. He lived in Greenbelt for 50 years and will be missed by many, especially those who enjoyed the Mary and Barry bus trips he organized. His wife, Mary Moien, is a News Review reporter.

Congratulations to Sydney Siegel and Connor Corcoran on their engagement. Sydney and Connor's families lived on the same court in Greenbelt and the couple recently moved into their first home together in GHI.

Congratulations to Kyla Hannington on receiving a Making Prince George's Proud Award from the County Executive during Public Service Recognition Week. Kyla is a News Review

writer and works in the county's Office of Human Rights.

Congratulations to Danielle Todd-Jones, Springhill Lake Elementary, and Martha Leighty, Dora Kennedy French Immersion, who won Environmental Literacy Awards presented by Prince George's County Schools. Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Greenbelt Middle School and Springhill Lake Elementary were also recognized for special environmental programs at each school.

Well done all!

Send details of your news to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.



Obituaries

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

You write it or we will if you prefer. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY of GREENBELT

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Sundays 10:00 a.m.
City Council Room
25 Crescent Road

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Choices

Rev. Ann Kadlecek with Leo Jones, Liturgist

Sometimes, in life and in church, the choices we're faced with are not the ones we expect, or want. With such choices, we often try hard to find an easier, gentler option, or to avoid thinking about them at all. But sometimes, the time to choose is now. How will we respond?

Note: this service will be a little shorter than usual, and will provide some background information and a framework for the church town hall that follows. If you plan to attend the town hall, please join us for the service.

Streaming to our Facebook page, on Zoom and in person at 3:00 at: University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, MD

St. John's Episcopal/Anglican Church

11040 Baltimore Avenue Beltsville, MD 20704
301-937-4292 www.saintjohnsbeltsville.org

The Reverend Joseph M. Constant, Rector
Join us for In-Person Worship every Sunday at 10 AM
Youth Sunday School 11:15 AM

To view services online:

Go to https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsZionParish/Live/
Other services online via Zoom: Wednesday Noonday;
Thursday Bible Study and Compline 7 PM via Zoom

Please contact the church office if you are interested in any of these resources.

Our Mission: To share God's love with everyone to bring hope and change lives.

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40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt



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Find us on [Facebook.com/mowattumc](https://www.facebook.com/mowattumc)

301-474-9410

Pastor Evelyn Romero

In-Person Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

Come as you are



The Bible Says...

"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" - Jesus
Matthew 5:44



IN PERSON Sunday Worship Services
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 - Sat vigil 5pm*
 - Sun 8am, 9:30am, 11am
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City Information & Events

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

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING Monday, May 22, 2023 at 7:30 pm

ORGANIZATION

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

COMMUNICATIONS

- Presentations**
- Public Works Week Proclamation
- Jewish Heritage Month Proclamation
- Update on ARPA Grant Programs
- Public Hearing - FY 2024 Proposed Budget / Constant Yield Tax Rate
- * Minutes of Council Meetings
- Administrative Reports
- * Committee Reports

LEGISLATION

- An Ordinance of The Council of The City Of Greenbelt Amending Chapter 10, "Licenses, Permits and Miscellaneous Business Regulations" Of The Greenbelt City Code, To Add Article VII "Disposable Plastic Bags" To Prohibit A Retail Establishment From Providing A Plastic Carryout Bag To Customers, To Require A Retail Establishment To Charge At Least Ten Cents For Each Paper And Reusable Carryout Bag Provided To Customers And To Provide A Penalty For Violation, - 2nd Reading, Adoption

OTHER BUSINESS

- Forest Preserve Advisory Board Report #2023-01 – Northway Trailhead Erosion
- Award of Contract Recommendation – Buddy Attick Park Master Plan
- Award of Contract Recommendation - Municipal Building Youth Center HVAC Upgrades
- Purchase of Mobile Data Computers
- Preemption of Local Pesticide Policies in the 2023 Farm Bill: H.R. 2766
- Meeting Hiatus in Second Half of July
- Council Activities
- Council Reports
- * Meetings
- * Stakeholders

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.

GREENBELT MICRO GRANTS

The City of Greenbelt Micro Grant is a one-time, matching, reimbursable grant intended to be a resident-led initiative to build community and engage new people across neighborhoods. This is a one-time, reimbursable grant funded through the American Rescue Plan Act to help communities move beyond the COVID pandemic and to broaden Greenbelt's connections to all its neighborhoods and residents. HOA'S, Condominium Associations, Apartment Complexes, GHI Co-op, and Community Coalitions registered as 501 (c) 3 are eligible to apply for one of three types of grants, 1) Community Event Grant, 2) Neighborhood Communication Grant, and 3) Neighborhood Improvement Grant.

To learn more about and apply for the grant opportunities, please visit <https://forms.monday.com/forms/7575c04647a68ad4ff464c00401f684d?r=use1>

FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS GRANT PROGRAM

Find out more about the City of Greenbelt First-Time Homebuyers grant program today! The grant funds can be used for closing costs and/or down payment for FHA, VA, USDA, FNMA, or Freddie Mac loans. <http://ow.ly/xlKZ50My327>.

BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT RECOVERY FUND, ROUND 3

This ARPA program offers financial assistance to local businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Restrictions apply. To learn more, visit <http://ow.ly/9OJ350NMfA8>.

BUSINESS CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM

This ARPA program offers financial assistance to local businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic for facade, infrastructure, and technology upgrades. Restrictions apply. To learn more, visit <http://ow.ly/9OJ350NMfA8>.

OFFICIAL NOTICE The Greenbelt City Council PUBLIC HEARING Monday, May 22, 2023, 7:30 pm

CONCERNING THE PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND EACH OF THE OTHER FUNDS OF THE CITY.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET FY 2023-2024

REVENUES	
Taxes	\$28,927,600
Licenses & Permits	1,297,600
Intergovernmental	1,175,300
Service Charges	2,004,200
Fines & Forfeitures	544,000
Interest	100,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	247,900
Interfund Transfers	1,600,000
TOTAL REVENUES	\$35,896,600

EXPENDITURES	
General Government	\$4,881,400
Planning and Community Development	1,405,500
Public Safety	11,414,900
Public Works	4,573,400
Greenbelt CARES	1,712,500
Recreation and Parks	7,659,600
Miscellaneous	281,500
Non-Departmental	1,259,400
Fund Transfers	2,630,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$35,818,200

PROPOSED EXPENDITURE BUDGETS FOR OTHER FUNDS

Building Capital Reserve Fund	\$50,000
Cemetery Fund	0
Debt Service Fund	1,053,100
Replacement Fund	335,000
Special Projects Fund	494,900
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	\$1,933,000

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS	
Capital Projects Fund	\$1,500,000
Community Development Block Grant Fund	120,500
Greenbelt West Infrastructure Fund	2,700,000
TOTAL CAPITAL FUNDS	\$4,320,500

ENTERPRISE FUNDS	
Green Ridge House	\$1,652,500

The Public Hearing will be held in person at the Municipal Building and virtual via Zoom. Public attendance and participation are encouraged. All residents of Greenbelt will have a reasonable opportunity to provide written and oral comments and to ask questions concerning the entire proposed budget. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call (301) 474-8000 or e-mail the City Clerk at banderson@greenbeltmd.gov no later than 10 am on the meeting day. Copies of the proposed budget may be examined at the City Offices, 25 Crescent Rd., during normal operating hours. The proposed budget is also posted on the City Web site at <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov>. For more information, please call (301) 474-8000. Bonita Anderson, City Clerk

The Public Hearing will be cablecast live on Comcast Channel 71 and Verizon Channel 21.

GREENBELT CITY CALENDAR

Be sure to check out the City calendar for all up to date events at greenbeltmd.gov/calendar



SENIOR PROPERTY TAX CREDIT

Effective fiscal year* beginning July 1, 2023, Prince George's County will provide up to a 20% credit of the County portion of the property tax bill, inclusive of any Homeowners and Homestead Credit (total max of 20%), for up to 5 years.



Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/news

CURRENT FREE CARES PROGRAMS

ALCOHOL & AGING: FACTS & MYTHS FRIDAY MAY 25, 7 - 8 PM
This program will address the impact of alcohol and medication and the benefits and risks of alcohol consumption as we age.

EMERGENCY DIAPER PROGRAM
Supporting Greenbelt families in need of diapers. Greenbelt residents only, you must sign-up each month. Call (240) 542-2019.

POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS
Thursdays June 5 - July 6 6 - 7:30 pm
Register: <https://forms.gle/K37FSeca9sK28gLLW7>

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT FRIDAY, MAY 19, 5 - 8:30 PM (MONTHLY)

Enjoy a night to yourself while your children make art, eat pizza, and play games at the Community Center. Ages 4-12. Friday, May, 19, 5 - 8:30 pm. R: \$20, NR \$25. Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd. Activity # 233222-2. Registration info: <http://bit.ly/3JEL47C>.

COMMITTEES & BOARDS VACANCIES:

- Advisory Committee on Education
- Advisory Planning Board
- Arts Advisory Board
- Board of Elections
- Community Relations Advisory Board
- Employee Relations Board
- Forest Preserve Advisory Board
- Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability
- Park and Recreation Advisory Board
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL (301) 474-8000.

CELEBRATION OF SPRING MAY 20, 2 - 6 PM

Springhill Lake Recreation Center
Come enjoy arts & crafts, activities, performances, food, and music with Greenbelt Recreation and your neighbors and friends. Call (240) 542-2123 for more information.

GREENBELT RECREATION'S SUMMER ACTIVITY GUIDE AT www.greenbeltmd.gov/activityguide

Registration begins at 10 am May 22 for Greenbelt residents, May 30 for non-residents.

MEETINGS FOR MAY 22-26

Monday, May 22 at 7:30 pm, REGULAR MEETING / 2ND PUBLIC HEARING ON CONSTANT YIELD TAX RATE

Tuesday, May 23 at 3 pm, ETHICS COMMISSION

Tuesday, May 23 at 7 pm, ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES, On the Agenda: Review Past Meeting Minutes, Update on the Tree Canopy Grant, Update on PEPCO Pruning in Greenbelt, Possible Significant Tree Walk for the Fall Fest, Adjourn

Tuesday, May 23 at 7 pm, ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, On the Agenda: April Meeting Minutes, Feedback on Student Awards, City Scholarship Reviews & Recommendations, Discussion of Calendar & Activities for 2023-2024 School Year, Discussion of 2023-2024 Budget, Discussion of Committee Positions

Wednesday, May 24 at 7:10 pm, ADVISORY BOARD INTERVIEW

Wednesday, May 24 at 7:30 pm, BUDGET WORK SESSION - FINAL BUDGET REVIEW

Thursday, May 25 at 5:30 pm, BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Thursday, May 25 at 7 pm, FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD, On the Agenda: Dynamic Governance Review, Report on Goddard Branch Trail Collapse, Master Trail Plan Chapter 7 Rewrite, Master Trail Plan Chapters 4 & 5 Review, Master Trail Plan Final Remarks, Adjourn

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GREENBELT EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP GRANT

The purpose of the Greenbelt Education Scholarship grant is to provide assistance for residents interested in furthering their education beyond high school. Scholarships can be used to assist with the cost of college, trade school, or other educational opportunities. Qualified residents are eligible to receive up to \$10,000 over two years. Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/scholarship.

CARES/GAIL Serve Many; Seek Greater Funding, Space

by Susan Taylor

At the April 3 Greenbelt City Council worksession Greenbelt CARES Director Elizabeth Park and Christal Batey, resource advocate of Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL), described the reach and accomplishments of their respective programs and detailed requests for the Fiscal Year 2024 budget. (A second article will follow reporting on the proposed budget and contribution groups.)

Mayor Emmett Jordan affirmed Greenbelt government's commitment to social services. He stated that the city's budget contributes "quite a bit to GAIL and CARES and rightly so. We actually have a social services department. It's larger than our sister municipalities; because that's what Greenbelt's all about."

Values of CARES

CARES serves three general areas: youth and family counseling and crisis intervention. GAIL programing focuses on caregiver, senior and family supports.

Park affirmed that CARES provides responsive attention to residents with needs. "If we get a call and it's not really our department, we get them connected ... whatever their need may be," she said.

CARES operates from a strength-based lens. Serving the whole community means empowering individuals and families by providing information, education and prevention services. For individuals to make informed choices and reach their full potential CARES also will provide referrals, individual treatment and intervention and case management services. With a focus on racial equity, CARES provides services respectfully and with accountability to all, regardless of financial resources, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, ethnic, religious or cultural background. CARES supports the community

Don't Get Scammed Presentation, June 3

The Senior Citizen Advisory Committee is presenting Don't Get Scammed on Saturday, June 3 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Community Center. This is a Not for Seniors Only seminar, as scams affect all ages, causing an estimated \$3 billion loss each year. The presentation features Karen Morgan, J.D., from the AARP national speakers bureau and Officer Rakibur Rahman, from the Greenbelt Police Department.

Morgan will provide an inside look at how scammers think, how to safeguard against identity theft and fraud, first-hand accounts from victims and what victims or someone who knows a victim should do. Rahman will speak to the most recent scams affecting local citizens and how officers handle scammers and reports.

Seating in the Multipurpose Room (Room 201) is limited to 50 people. All ages are invited. To reserve a seat, email ahall@greenbeltmd.gov or call 240-542-2056.



through vocational/workforce development, tutoring, GED and English as a Second Language courses.

Capacity to Serve

The need for more physical space to provide services is the main objective for CARES in the 2024 budget. Currently operating with 17 paid staff members and 39 interns, CARES offers an outsized amount of service. The agency cannot hire new staff within the current limitation of office space.

A need for bilingual community health counselors has combined with higher levels of anxiety and depression in the community since the pandemic. The pressing need for services is demonstrated by the constant waitlist for potential clients over the past few years.

CARES professional staff provides training of new professional leaders through internships, a win-win situation in that interns increase program capacity.

Rental, Utility Assistance

Park shared that American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars had supplemented CARES budgeted funding in the last fiscal year to help 480 rental families "to stay housed" and another 60 for mortgage assistance with many referrals to state programs with a "deeper pocket for supporting mortgage needs." There is no longer any wait time to apply.

Jordan suggested using additional ARPA funds to build up the previous housing assistance funding source, Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association (GILA).

Crisis Intervention

Prince George's County has a 24/7 crisis response team. (Those in need can dial 211 if they have thoughts of suicide or other mental health crisis. If there is no immediate threat of danger, they should call 301-429-2185). Greenbelt's Police Department has hired crisis counselors who work closely to make "warm referrals" to CARES for follow-up care and support. This coordination and interdisciplinary team coordination has been a "huge success" according to Park.

Park highlighted CARES juvenile delinquency prevention efforts, by "taking a strength-based approach" to getting adolescents with "risky behavior back on track," she said, and by working with counselors who engage families and provide a wide array of services. Youth can be referred by families themselves, school, probation officers and the Department

of Juvenile Services as well as crisis counselors.

GAIL Programs

Praising GAIL's Batey, Councilmember Judith Davis exclaimed, "Every year Ms. Batey comes up with new programs and manages to hold onto the old ones. I don't know how she does it!"

By applying for grant funding, providing community nursing across the lifespan (from prenatal to geriatric), partnering with DC Diaper Banks, coordinating Chromebook and food donations, Batey has developed programs that are essentially "free services" or budget neutral programs without the city having to pay directly. GAIL has also expanded services at Green Ridge House.

GAIL has found success in connecting residents with renters', homeowners' and homesteaders' tax credits and Maryland energy assistance. Batey eagerly announced the new property tax credit for seniors offered by Prince George's County (princegeorgescountymd.gov/419/Residential).

Fighting Isolation, Hunger

The isolation of the pandemic, the impacts of trauma and household hoarding complicate the ability for folks to live safely in their homes. "Each case is unique. Safety is our primary focus," stated Batey. GAIL links clients to county support services, out-of-town family support, adult protective services and Meals on Wheels for neglect issues. Referrals can come from neighbors, friends and police.

GAIL facilitates food distribution in various neighborhoods in Greenbelt. On the third Thursday of each month residents are invited to Central Greenbelt from 1 to 3 p.m. with no preregistration. "Lots of residents still coming out," said Jordan. GAIL continues to look for volunteers to help.

Greenbelt is the only local municipality with two congregate meal sites for seniors, at the Community Center and Green Ridge House, that provide weekly in-person dining with a hot meal.

Funding

Park pointed to decreases in state funding streams during the last administration and is "hopeful for more funding for mental health and youth service bureaus" under Governor Wes Moore. The current Prince George's County administration has been supportive in increasing funding to offset some of the needs of residents of Greenbelt.

GHI Elections Held Despite Difficult Annual Meeting

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

On Thursday, May 11, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) held its annual membership meeting, which included its elections. The meeting was in hybrid format with the vast majority of people participating via Zoom and a small cohort meeting in person at the Youth Center.

Despite the use of Zoom for GHI meetings over the last few years, the meeting was plagued with participants experiencing technological difficulties. This, coupled with objections and discussions of due notice related to the packet mailings, meant that it took almost an hour to approve the agenda.

The much-anticipated discussion and vote on a controversial bylaw change (see recent letters to the editor) was moved up on the agenda as it became clear there would not be sufficient time for all items. However, after its introduction an amendment was proposed and before a vote on that could get underway the in-person meeting at the Youth Center was shut down as city staff attempted to usher the attendees out at 10:30 p.m. in order to close the building. The Zoom meeting then was also ended abruptly.

Although the change in bylaws could not be voted on, new or returning members of the board

of directors, audit committee and nominations and elections committee were elected.

Board of Directors

There were seven candidates for the five vacancies on the Board of Directors. The following were elected: Philip Larkin, Sabrina Baron, Chuck Hess (re-elected), Nancy Boyd and Paul Kapfer. Zachary Conron and Claudia Jones received fewer votes and were not elected.

Audit Committee

There were three vacancies for one-year terms on the audit committee but only two candidates. David Benack and Bill Jones were both re-elected to the committee for another year.

Nominations and Elections Committee

Dan Gillotte, Theresa Henderson, Tom Jones, Joe Ralbovsky and Luisa Robles were all returning members of the committee and all were re-elected by acclamation to serve further one-year terms.

A total of 305 ballots were cast (none were disqualified): 11 paper ballots were cast in person at the Youth Center on Thursday, 248 electronic votes were cast online and 42 paper ballots were cast in person at GHI on Friday. There were also two absentee ballots and two proxy ballots.



PHOTO BY AMY WENZEL

A family of five Barred Owls have made the path behind Northway their home this year.

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SATURDAY MAY 20, 2023

7:30 P.M. (DOORS OPEN AT 7)

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Friday, May 19, 3:00pm – 7:00 pm

Sat, May 20, 11:00am - 7:00pm

Sun, May 21, 11:00 am – 7:00 pm

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Budget 2024

Greenbelt Treasurer B. Gaymon Explains Annual Budget Process

by Susan Taylor

On April 3, the Greenbelt City Council met with City Treasurer Bertha Gaymon and Interim City Manager Tim George to discuss the city's financial health and how budgetary projections, or the sausage of city finances, are made.

Department Requests

Council receives a draft budget from city departments and agencies detailing the work of the past few years along with specific requests for funding. They meet with spokespersons familiar with performance details and weigh expenditures for the following fiscal year. Mayor Emmett Jordan acknowledged that authorizing the budget is "one of the most important tasks council has."

Revenue Sources

Gaymon walked the council through the process of balancing any adopted budget with both actual and estimated revenue. As any responsible householder may, Gaymon looked at "every revenue line, how it is trending now, and back five years ... using 2019 as a pre-pandemic test year" to estimate revenue numbers for the proposed Fiscal Year 2024 budget.

A city's estimates are based on a variety of revenue sources. Revenues come into the City of Greenbelt from real estate taxes; personal property taxes; other taxes (including state highway taxes, hotel/motel tax, admissions and amusement taxes); licenses and permits; federal, state and county grants; charges for city services;

finances and forfeitures; interest; interfund transfers (proposal to fund some capital projects out of capital reserve fund – saving for capital purchases); and, occasionally, miscellaneous sources.

Each of these sources of revenue changes year to year. Recent years, for example, have shown an increase in Recreation Department revenues.

Property Tax Increases

When property values increase, revenues to the city from real estate assessments rise. When property assessments rise, council must find ways to balance housing affordability with the need for sufficient income to run the city. Councilmember Rodney Roberts's concern for the ability of working folks to pay rising property taxes, on the one hand, and Jordan's focus on adequate city revenues on the other, reflect this tension.

Estimated tax revenues are modified by reductions through abatements (reductions or exemptions of taxes, such as Homestead and Senior Tax Credit programs). Gaymon lamented that "it's really hard to get information" from the state on these numbers.

Fiscal Security

After each annual audit, the city's [long-term] reserve funds are replenished. Gaymon keeps a close eye on longer term investments of city monies. "The debt is fully funded," stated Gaymon. "The city is able to pay debts on time."

City Notes

For the Green Man Festival, Public Works set up risers, stairs and picnic tables in Roosevelt Center and Sustainability/Environmental presented at the Green Team table. Signs and barrels were provided for the Farmers Market opening.

Horticulture/Parks planted four trees on Hanover Parkway and Refuse/Recycling collected 25.41 tons of refuse and 10.35 tons of recyclables. Building Maintenance repaired the Old Greenbelt Theatre's popcorn machine and, at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center (GAFC), upgraded exit signs and repaired the pool pump. GAFC staff finished draining and cleaning the outdoor pool.

The Youth Center gym reopened, with refurbished floors painted for basketball and pickleball, and Springhill Lake Recreation Center hosted Pre-K Story Hour. The Community Center hosted a blood drive, Girl Scouts, Concert Band, Golden Age Club, Labor Day Festival Committee, Interfaith Leadership Association and eight rental events.

Therapeutic Recreation hired two more inclusion counselors for summer camps and park rangers facilitated the CHEARS poetry reading at Schrom Hills Park.

Greenbelt's Kyla Hanington Receives County Award



PHOTO BY OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Kyla Hanington, center, receives the award from Executive Director of the Office of Human Rights Renée Battle-Brooks, left, and Deputy Chief of Staff (County Executive) John Erzen.

During Public Service Recognition Week, Greenbelt's Kyla Hanington was given a certificate of recognition and a Making Prince George's Proud Award from County Executive Angela Alsobrooks. Hanington is the division manager for public outreach and engagement in the Prince George's County Office of Human Rights.

"For three-and-a-half years, she served in dual roles, performing her duties within the division while also serving as clerk to the Human Rights Commission," announced Alsobrooks. "During the

Covid-19 pandemic, she played a critical role in the county's Joint Information Center, helping develop messaging, information and resources to keep Prince Georgians safe.

She has also secured nationally recognized speakers and authors for events to further the agency's mission and exemplify excellence in government."



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the barriers to people connecting and having equal access in Greenbelt. By building bridges, we build community."

This year's George Floyd Remembrance program will include speakers and break-out sessions to discuss three key questions:

1) Why do we choose to remember George Floyd and the history of racial injustice in our country, state and city?

2) What progress have you seen in racial equity and connecting the people and neighborhoods of Greenbelt?

3) What actions are still needed to better connect Greenbelt and expand racial equity?

Franklin Park leader and CHEARS Coordinator Carolyn Lambright-Davis observed: "We are making progress in getting more programs and services in all the neighborhoods. The SPACE, RUA, CHEARS and many other organizations are developing more programs in Franklin Park and other parts of Greenbelt. More groups and the city are embracing a practice the CHEARS board follows of intentional planning of activities for all three parts of Greenbelt – East, West and Central. This leads to more access for everybody."

Connecting Across Greenbelt was organized over three years ago by Lois Rosado and Tom Adams to work to engage all the people and neighborhoods of Greenbelt. Adams explains: "We recognized that the Beltway, Kenilworth Avenue, the Parkway

and Greenbelt Road physically divide Greenbelt into many places. History and practices divide us racially. To connect Greenbelt, we have to address both physical barriers and attitudes and beliefs that limit racial equity."

The May 21 event will examine progress and barriers to connections at the concrete level of roads, bridges and walkways as well as social, education and economic barriers to equity.

Sengupta has researched some of the physical barriers to connecting Greenbelt and shared this reflection: "A mere 2,000 feet separate Franklin Park and Buddy Attick Park but for some people in Greenbelt West, Lake Artemesia in Berwyn Heights is more accessible than Greenbelt Lake. Imagine how many more people would enjoy Old Greenbelt if they could walk across the highway infrastructure."

Shaymar Higgs, founder of The SPACE, summed up why we all need to participate this way: "To achieve real change in Greenbelt, we need everybody to participate. Without participation and action, we are just telling stories and wishing for a better community. We are making progress and more is possible. Join us in celebrating the progress and defining the priority actions to make Greenbelt a more connected and equitable place to live."

For more information and a flyer with details, visit greenbeltraciaequity.org.

BUSINESS CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM

APPLICATION LAUNCHES: MAY 3
APPLICATION DEADLINE: JULY 3

ABOUT

The Greenbelt Business Capital Infrastructure (GBCI) Grant program offers financial assistance to local small businesses and property owners impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This grant supports business recovery efforts related to business interruption, improvements and continuity. Applicants must meet eligibility guidelines and provide evidence of financial impact due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

ELIGIBLE USES

Examples of eligible expenses include

- Exterior / Interior Components and Fixtures
- Façade Improvements
- Facility / Technological Upgrades
- Equipment
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School News

School Board Objects to New County Accountability Office

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

Prince George's County Public Schools' (PGCPS) Board of Education has a history of varied independence and county interventions into its operations. Now as it once more becomes a fully elected body by 2024, the county seeks to maintain some oversight of a board that County Executive Angela Alsobrooks has called "dysfunctional."

Origins of a Hybrid Board

In 2013 then-County Executive Rushern Baker sought greater accountability and control over the board, replacing the all-elected body with a hybrid structure of elected and appointed members. Baker was spurred on in part by the rapid turnover of administrators and superintendents (five in 10 years) and by the continued relegation of PGCPS toward the bottom of the state's rankings. The hybrid board saw four of the 13 members appointed by the county executive, who also selected the chair and vice chair. The superintendent was renamed the CEO of PGCPS.

All-Elected Body

Almost a decade later, in February 2022, Alsobrooks asked the Maryland General Assembly to return the Board of Education to an all-elected body. That transition is currently underway. The board elected their own chair and vice chair for this school year and an all-elected body is expected by next year.

Oversight

After fighting among members, legal battles, allegations of a voting bloc, the influence of PAC money in its elections (the CEO of that PAC is married to a current school board member) and ethics complaints against the majority of the board members, some want assurance of accountability and oversight as the board becomes once again all-elected and selects its own leadership. One of those calling for oversight is Senator Alonzo Washington.

Washington says every time he knocks on a door he hears questions like, "Where's the money going? I haven't seen any improvement." This legislative session Washington advocated for House Bill 0437

House Bill 0437

House Bill 0437 would establish an Office of Integrity and Compliance to oversee PGCPS, with a county council-appointed officer of Integrity and Compliance. This bill would also change the title of CEO back to superintendent. Speaking at Greenbelt Middle School about the legislative session, Washington lauded the bill, which passed both chambers and has been sent to the governor. There's need for an "adult in the room," said Washington, "so we can stop the mess."

School Board Objections

At the April school board meeting board member Walter Fields (appointed) objected to the proposed new office, calling it "part of a pattern we're seeing across the country of the intrusion on the local autonomy of school districts." "It's something we need to be cognizant of that

all across the country we're seeing efforts to diminish the authority of local school districts, whether it's by a state legislature or a county board," he said.

Fields cited multiple layers of oversight and a measure he said would mean those that were elected by the public would no longer be managing the school district. "For the public's understanding, this bill was specifically targeting this school district. We now have multiple layers of audit oversight on this school district," he said, pointing to existing oversight from the State Inspector General and the board's own office of internal audit. In addition, he stated, "This is a real back door way into controlling the finances of this school district so we need to be clear about that."

Board member and former chair Juanita Miller (appointed) echoed concerns that the district was "being targeted," for financial reasons. "The Prince George's County School Board or system receives two-thirds of the county budget and it appears we are being targeted as Mr. Fields indicated ... for control, and we as taxpayers need to address that with the general public, with the council leadership and also all funds that we have that the board does not expend goes back into the general fund, which goes back to the county. So we should use up every dime that has been appropriated to this school district," Miller said.

Vice Chair Lolita Walker said the board must demand accountability from the legislators who were making bills that impact the school board without their input. "We will demand that accountability so that our power is not diminished for what it is that we are here for," Walker said.

Belinda Queen, former board member for District 6, spoke during the public comment period of the April meeting and expressed concerns that the board's decisions could be overturned. "It saddens me to see that decisions that board members make can be easily changed with a legislation bill. This truly shows how powerless your positions are in representing the voice of our community members."

Phyllis Wright, of William Hall Academy's Parent Teacher Organization, also voiced concerns that decisions might be

overturned, in particular the decision not to pay former chair Juanita Miller's legal fees, and she asked if the school board would become a mere prop. "To know that you all can vote 'no' and the senate can overturn it. When we have an all-elected school board next year would they have any say-so? Is this school board just a prop just to be here? Because whatever you make a decision on would not be your decision," Wright argued. "It'd be the decisions of the governor or whoever comes next. I think it's unfair to the taxpayer."

Though Miller spoke against the bill at the board meeting, Wright alleged it was a bill to benefit Miller and ensure her fees would be paid. "I call it the Dr. Miller law," she said, "because it was just for her to pay her legal fees." Wright argued vehemently against paying the legal fees from taxpayer money and against any possible overturning of the board's vote on the matter. "I think it's wrong for anyone to overturn the state[ment] of Prince George's County [school] board members when they said 'no.' No should mean no – not your friends to go down there and slide a bill in at the last second and everything is supposed to be OK. [...] I think she should be liable to pay her own legal fees and not me, not the taxpayer or anyone else, but if you have friends in high places I guess you can get things done because, as you can see, you board members, whatever you say does not matter," she accused. She also warned that the bill might make people less likely to serve on the board, saying, "The next school board that they put in place is going to have a very hard time to even want to serve on the school board because your voice doesn't matter when it can be overturned."

Speaking to the News Review, District 2's School Board Member Jonathan Briggs says he believes the bill "may miss the mark in addressing its intended goal of granting auditing authorities at the county level while taking away those authorities at the school board level."

Though the legislation communicates that the Office of Integrity and Compliance (OIC) must work

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"French-style" garden, including edible plants. To reduce school-wide waste they held a repurposed or "upcycled" ornament contest, a repurposed material costume contest, an incentivized recycling drive for their candy grams and supported the annual waste-free lunch day. They also hosted a service-learning day during which students planted approximately 1,000 daffodil bulbs on the school grounds and hosted Earth Day and Arbor Day events, including partnering with the City of Greenbelt to plant trees on campus (see the April 27 issue of the News Review).

Green Schools

Three Greenbelt Green Schools – Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Greenbelt Middle School and Springhill Lake Elementary School – were also recognized for their accomplishments this year. Eleanor Roosevelt High has implemented a cafeteria composting program this year to reduce food waste at the school, the Green Team at Greenbelt Middle has been promoting environmental literacy and sustainability throughout the school community and Springhill Lake Elementary this year implemented recycling throughout their building while continuing to promote cleaning up their environment.



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Teacher Martha Leighty talks to students at Dora Kennedy French Immersion School.



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This baby turtle emerged on Maplewood Court on Mother's Day and hitched a ride to the Lake with a six-year-old.

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School News

Springhill Lake Cleans Up Schoolyard and Watershed

by Sununu Bah

Springhill Lake Elementary (SLE) conducted their annual spring clean-up beginning with a schoolyard pick-up on April 27, followed by a stream clean-up on May 3.

SLE introduced the schoolyard pick-up to students for the first time this year but the stream clean-up has been taking place for more than 20 years. This year was also the first time that students below third grade were able to participate in the event.

The Indian Creek stream clean-up was initially a program for fifth-grade students, but 15 years ago teachers Danielle Todd-Jones and Shana Sterkin expanded the environmental initiative to include third- and fourth-graders as well.

“We really want to foster that they are stewards of their environment, but also really tapping into the fact that this is their community that they all live right here in what is now Franklin Park,” said Todd-Jones. “It’s their responsibility to take care of their community and their environment.”

Todd-Jones noted that pre-pandemic, students were picking up fewer large pieces of refuse and removing fewer shopping carts from the creek. The school didn’t hold the clean-up for two years because of the pandemic but since the program returned last year students have found an increased amount of large, bulky pieces of trash and more shopping carts.

SLE paraprofessional and Greenbelt City Councilmember Silke Pope said students were surprised by how many little pieces of oil packets and bottle caps they were picking up. Pope says participating in the clean-up makes the students realize how many times people just open stuff and drop it on the ground without really thinking about it. She said it’s important for kids to understand their duty in keeping the Earth clean.

“I think the younger students are, the easier it is to teach them responsibility for their own actions,” Pope said. “To educate them on right and wrong ... is kind of our goal.”

Gavin Adams, a fourth-grader at SLE, was appalled by some of the trash he saw thrown in the stream, such as bricks, scooters, shopping carts and a living room chair.

“I feel disgusted by how people are throwing stuff that’s not supposed to be in the water and hurting our environment,” Adams said.



Paraprofessional Silke Pope and Springhill Lake students pose for a picture.



Fourth-graders hold out trash and recycling bags during the schoolyard clean-up for second- and third-graders.



- Photos by Sununu Bah

Support from the Alice Ferguson Foundation and Greenbelt Public Works enables the school to implement the program every year. The Alice Ferguson Foundation is a public charity with the mission of inspiring environmental stewardship through its partnerships with schools. The organization provided supplies including gloves, trash bags and recycling bags. Public Works collected all the garbage and the recycling bags the students had filled.

Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll, the environmental coordinator with Greenbelt Public Works, said,

“Having students at such an early age introduced to these kinds of concepts of conservation and stewardship for the environment, it’s incredibly important.”



Springhill Lake Elementary students flood the schoolyard for the clean-up on April 27.



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with the school board and consider the public’s views, the independent bodies’ resources are not available to the board to advance an audit request of its own volition,” said Briggs. “This is a significant issue,” he argues. Briggs says the OIC’s powers should be available to the board not just the county. “For example,” he says, “if the board wanted to analyze the impact community schools are having on the county or a specific tutoring intervention, this would all get lost in bureaucracy and slow the process – thus slowing impact – since we’d have to advance these priorities through the county council, at their discretion.” The new office removes

the school board’s “independence in leading their audits,” surmises Briggs. “It will be easier for us as school board members to foster accountability with all the tools needed at our disposal.”

By the time of press, Senator Alonzo Washington had not responded to questions from the News Review about the bill or whether it might impact decisions already made by the school board.

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rebuilding the front of the stage in the Old Greenbelt Theatre and modifying it to allow for wheelchair accessibility.

The department's goals include hauling 2,000 yards of mulch during FY24 from Northway Fields to the county composting facility and seeking a better way of managing the Northway site, which is subject to a lot of illegal dumping. Other goals include continuing to attract and maintain a diverse workforce and strengthening the department's succession plan. He praised the assistant directors for their work in filling departmental vacancies.

The Northway Fields comments resonated with Councilmember Rodney Roberts. He called for eliminating all non-recreational use of the Northway site, noting that materials (such as asphalt millings) deposited there encouraged further dumping. He also called for more natural alternatives when the concrete swales are replaced. Shafer thought that is possible.

Administration

The largest account in the department's budget is Administration with proposed expenditures of \$1.7 million, a 7.7 percent increase from the current fiscal year's adopted budget. This account covers a wide range of activities including overall department management, sustainability efforts, building maintenance and utility services. Goals for the coming fiscal year include managing ARPA projects, reducing greenhouse gas generation and electricity usage and promoting recycling and development of the citywide food waste collection program.

Street Maintenance

Street maintenance is the second biggest line item with proposed expenditures of \$1.2 million, an increase of 10.3 percent over FY23. Because many street projects are funded through other mechanisms, total street maintenance expenditures are \$2.4 million with the additional expenditures funded by highway tax revenues (\$715,700), a federal Community Development Block Grant (\$120,500) and general city revenues.

Objectives in this budget ac-

count include replacing street signage to comply with federal standards, assessing street and sidewalk conditions to develop the paving schedule, shortening the annual leaf collection schedule by condensing routes and completing two collections in each section by December 31 and resurfacing Springhill Lane from Breezewood Drive to Market Street.

Shafer alerted council that, at current funding levels, the department will not be able to meet council's goal of paving one mile of city streets per year. He felt strongly that the city needs to start investing more in its concrete infrastructure although this is not funded in the proposed budget. His goal is to look at all city roadways and develop a better 26-year plan. Shafer said the department will also implement preventive measures as preventive street maintenance costs one-thirtieth of the cost of street reconstruction.

Waste Collection

The third largest budget component is waste collection with proposed expenditures of \$930,600, a 20 percent increase over the current budget. This is partially offset by an estimated \$748,900 in revenues (refuse collection fees, recycling fees, sale of recyclable materials and landfill disposal rebate) leaving a deficit of revenues over expenditures of \$181,700, up from the current year's estimated deficit of \$22,800 (\$29,300 vs. the adopted budget). Councilmember Judith Davis suggested council consider raising fees.

Other Accounts

The remaining accounts in this budget include Equipment maintenance (\$392,200), Roosevelt Center (\$166,500), Street Cleaning (\$145,400) and the city cemetery (\$5,800).

ARPA

While ARPA projects are not accounted for in the city budget, Public Works staff will continue

to be involved in planning and managing many of these projects.

Solar Power

Robles said that the Solar Farm is expected to come online in the first quarter of calendar 2024. The farm should provide 60 to 80 percent of the electricity used by the city.

It is unlikely that the city will be installing solar panels on more city buildings, Robles said. When last examined, few buildings had the orientation and tree canopy (or lack thereof) needed for solar generation.

Electric Vehicles

Interim City Manager Timothy George said a team is looking at 5- and 10-year goals for transitioning the city vehicle fleet to electric or hybrid vehicles. For the police department, he said, the command staff now has hybrid vehicles but there is a large backlog on police vehicles. The proposed budget includes funding to expand Electric Vehicle (EV) infrastructure for city vehicles. Staff is working on a separate plan for public EV infrastructure.

Trees and Ballfields

Council allocated \$2.3 million for ballfields. George said that it may be necessary to take some ballfields offline for a year so that newly planted grass can take hold. Roberts challenged this, asking why the city would not sod the fields to reduce downtime. Shafer promised to consult with experts on this issue and to present a plan to council.

Recycle Used Plant Pots

Donate used plastic plant pots and flats to GHI's volunteer-run native plant nursery and support the GHI Woodlands Committee in growing thousands of wildflowers for local common spaces. Bring small and large plastic pots and rectangular flats to a drop-off box on the Co-op Supermarket ramp or the drop-off box at 8 Court Laurel Hill Road.

At the Library

Regular hours are Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m. In case of inclement weather or an emergency, real-time updates to the Greenbelt Library's schedule are posted at pgcmls.info/alerts.

Storytime on Screen

On Monday, May 22, at 10 a.m., newborns to 5-year-olds can listen to stories read from the big screen, view a short film and enjoy an art activity. This program is in collaboration with the Old Greenbelt Theatre.

Storytimes

Friday, May 19, 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at pgcmls.info/event/8239809.

Monday, May 22, 10:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2. Register at pgcmls.info/event/8239792.

Tuesday, May 23, 6:30 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at pgcmls.info/event/8239798.

Teen Action Group

Wednesday, May 24, 4:30 p.m. Register at pgcmls.info/event/8244710.

Boxwood Village Scholarship Open

The Boxwood Village Civic Association offers an annual \$500 scholarship to a current Boxwood Village resident. It is available to graduating high school seniors and full-time (at least 12 credit hours per semester) undergraduate students.

The application form should be completed and returned by June 30. A scholarship committee comprised of three Boxwood Village residents will choose this year's recipient. For further information or to pick up an application form, email Pat McAndrew at pmcandrew@mzmlaw.net.

Musicians Needed For Community Orchestra

A community orchestra is starting in Greenbelt in July. Violins, violas and double basses are still especially needed.

For more information, contact Anne Gardner at annegreenbelt@gmail.com or visit sites.google.com/view/Greenbeltcommunityorchestra

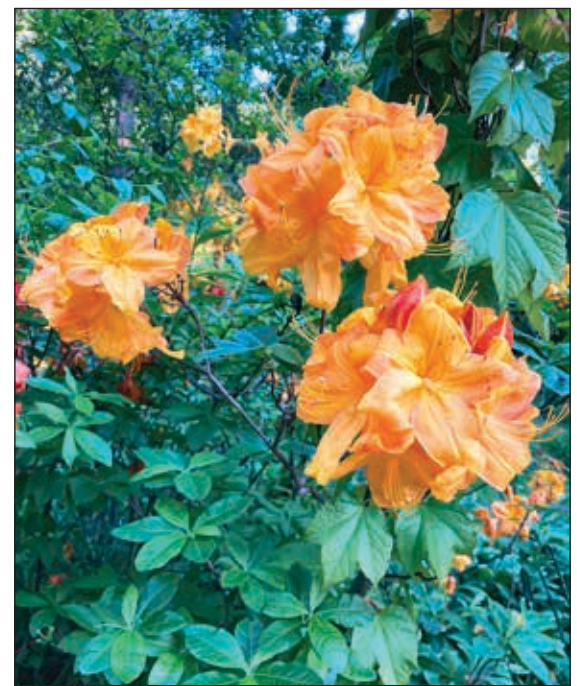


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Critical Missing Juvenile

On May 10 at 1:58 p.m. near 100 Westway, 15-year-old Ricardo Fox, a Black male at 5'10" height and approximate weight of 165 pounds, was reported missing. He was last seen on May 9 at approximately 3:30 p.m. in the 100 block of Westway. At that time, he was wearing a black hooded shirt with white writing that reads "No days off," dark blue jeans and black shoes. Fox may be in the Hyattsville/Largo area. Anyone with information, should contact police at 301-474-7200.

Robbery

On May 9 at 12:36 a.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a man was exiting the rear of the mall near Planet Fitness when he was approached by two people. He was struck in the back of his head and his wallet stolen.

Animal Complaint

On May 12 at 3:14 p.m. near 6600 Lake Park Drive, a delivery person was bitten by a dog.

Assaults

On May 8 at 6:22 p.m. near 5800 Cherrywood Lane, the victim reported a juvenile fight. Information on the incident was forwarded to the victim's school resource officer. On May 8 at 7:34 a.m. near 6100 Breezewood Court, the victim reported he was assaulted on May 5 by known individuals but did not want further police action.

On May 9 at 8:06 p.m. near 8000 Mandan Road, a man was struck by another man. No suspect description was available. On May 12 at 10:19 a.m. near 6300 Breezewood Drive, a juvenile fight was reported.

Fraud

On May 10 at 11:44 a.m. near Unit Plateau Place, check fraud was reported.

Theft

On May 8 at 10:55 a.m. near 7800 Walker Drive, a purse was stolen from the lobby after the purse was left unattended. Two package thefts were reported: on May 8 at 4:02 p.m. near 6400 Cherrywood Lane; on May 9 at 2:58 p.m. near Unit Crescent Road. Commercial thefts were reported on May 10 at 2:46 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road and on May 13 at 7:43 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road.

Trespassing Complaint

On May 12 at 4:32 a.m. near 7800 Hanover Parkway, an adult female was arrested for trespassing after repeatedly returning to a residence where she was banned.

Stolen Vehicles

On May 9 near 8000 Greenbelt Station Parkway, a gray 2018 Infiniti Q50 (Md. plate 1ER1800) was stolen. Near 5900 Springhill Drive, a 2007 tan Mercedes-Benz ML-450 (Md. plate 8DN2203) was stolen after it was left unlocked with keys inside the vehicle. On May 10 near 6000 Springhill Drive, a 2020 Kia Rio was stolen. On May 10 near 7200 Hanover Drive, a tilt trailer (Va. plate CT803077) was stolen. On May 14 near 6200 Breezewood Court, a 2018 Kia Optima (Md. plate 9ER3514) was stolen.

Attempted Stolen Vehicles

On May 8 near Unit Crescent Road, a 2022 Hyundai Kona had damage to the driver door lock and ignition consistent with an

attempt to steal the car. On May 9 near Unit Laurel Hill Road, a 2015 Hyundai Accent had a broken door handle, a broken rear driver-side window and damage to the ignition consistent with an attempt to steal the vehicle. On May 10 near 8200 Mandan Court, a 2021 Polaris Slingshot had engine tampering consistent with an attempt to steal the car.

Suspicious Occupants

On May 13 near 7500 Greenway Center Drive, a caller observed two teenage boys break the rear passenger-side window of a 2021 black Ford F250 and flee in a Hyundai Elantra which had a broken window. While searching the area, officers found a 2022 GMC Sierra Limited with a broken window also.

Theft from Autos

On May 9 near 6100 Breezewood Court, a rear license plate and hummer emblem was stolen. Near 5900 Cherrywood Lane, a 2019 Kia Optima had a rear passenger-side window broken. On May 10 near 7400 Greenbelt Road, a catalytic converter was stolen from a Nissan NV200. Near 8100 Lakecrest Drive, personal property was stolen from three cars. One of the cars, a Toyota Prius, also had the catalytic converter stolen. On May 10 near 6100 Breezewood Drive, a passenger-side window was broken and personal property was stolen.

On May 11 near 9100 Edmonston Road, tools were stolen from a work van. Near 9100 Edmonston Court, personal property was stolen from an unlocked vehicle. On May 12 near 6100 Springhill Terrace, three cars had windows broken and personal property stolen. On May 13 near 6200 Springhill Court, the front passenger window was broken and personal property was stolen. On May 14 near 9300 Edmonston Road, a car was sold with license plates attached. One plate was later returned, the rear tag was not returned and former owner reported it stolen. On May 14 near 7500 Mandan Road, a rear tag was stolen.

Tampering

On May 9 near 5900 Cherrywood Lane, a 2014 Hyundai Elantra had the rear passenger-side window broken and the ignition damaged.

Found

On May 8 near Parkway/Crescent Road, a stolen 2013 Hyundai Accent was found with a broken rear passenger-side window and a damaged ignition. On May 8 near Unit Crescent Court, a car was found with the rear driver-side window broken, both driver- and passenger-side front door handles broken off and the steering column damaged.

Vehicle Vandalism

On May 9 near 9300 Edmonston Road, a 2020 Hyundai Elantra had the rear passenger-side window broken. The car had a red steering wheel lock placed on the steering wheel. On May 9 near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace, a Hyundai Elantra had the rear passenger-side window damaged. Suspects fled when they were interrupted by the reporting party. Near Unit Parkway, a Hyundai Elantra had the left rear window broken. Near Unit Crescent Road, a 2016 Hyundai Sonata had a

keyhole damaged. Near 9100 Edmonston Terrace, a 2020 Hyundai Elantra had a rear passenger-side window broken and the ignition damaged.

On May 11 near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace, a work trunk back panel was damaged. On May 12 near 6000 Springhill Drive, a 2014 Kia Forte had a broken window and ignition damaged. Near 5800 Cherrywood Terrace, a car window was broken. On May 14 near 7800 Walker Drive, a driver-side car window was broken, nothing stolen.

Greenbelt PORCH Pickup Schedule

Saturday, May 20. By 10 a.m., 14 and 15 Courts Laurel Hill

Sunday, May 21. By 4 p.m., Boxwood Village and P.A.L. (PORCH at Large) members (including former Woodland Hills donors); by 5 p.m., Lakeside Drive

Sunday, May 28. By 4 p.m., 9 and 11-13 Courts Ridge Road.

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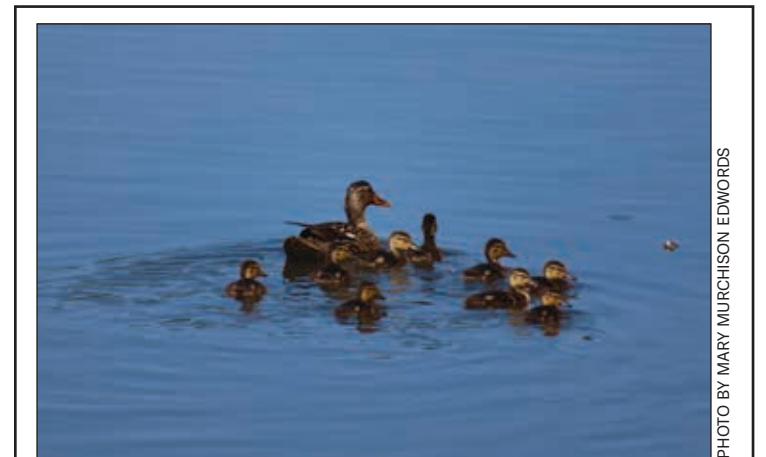


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Mama Duck and her brood take a dip at the pond on Hanover Parkway.



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April 17 - June 16.

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Europe because of the Russian invasion.

GRACE's family had immediately fled their hometown of Sumy, which was close to the Russian border and one of the first places to be occupied.

They had had their bags loaded, just in case, (most people didn't believe Russia would actually attack) with clothing, food and medicines. This turned out to be a prudent decision.

Those staying behind have endured 15 months of terror and disruption. Yaroslav, a Ukrainian student Gervasi tutors in English, reported last week via WhatsApp that the past 10 days in Kiev

have been especially difficult. Sirens and explosions happen at 3 and 4 a.m. and at other times designed to make life for civilians fearful and miserable.

After many days on the road, Anna and her children found the first of three lodgings that would house them until they finally came to Greenbelt. Their third hosts, Floris and Olwen, were very kind, generous and caring people Anna and her girls reported. The couple made sure GRACE and Greenbelt were suitable places for this family they had come to know and care about.



PHOTO BY FRANK GERVASI

Signs show Greenbelt's support for Ukraine.



Greenbelt Museum Lecture Honors AAPI Heritage Month

The Greenbelt Museum is sponsoring an online lecture on Tuesday, May 23 at 7 p.m. to celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month. Hear about the inspiring and harrowing history of the Japanese American Tsuchiya family, who were incarcerated at Manzanar camp in California, one of the sites where 120,000 people of Japanese ancestry were taken and held by the federal government during WWII following the Pearl Harbor attack.

Learn how Kiyotsugu Tsuchiya, grandfather of speaker Lourdes Nicholls, went from being the curator of a famous collection of arms and armor in Chicago in the 1920s and 1930s to curating a collection of insects and small objects in the 1940s in a Japanese incarceration camp surrounded by barbed wire. Nicholls' mother, Fumi Knox, was born at Manzanar and this talk will illustrate the conditions at the incarceration camp through photographs and oral histories that she has collected for several decades.

Nicholls grew up in the San



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Residents stand in line to enter the dining room at Manzanar, a War Relocation Authority center for evacuees of Japanese ancestry, May 30, 1942.

Francisco Bay Area but has lived in Oak Park, Ill., since 1991. While in high school (1982) she was assigned to work on her family history report which started as questions for family members but has now become her life passion. She has worked with the Manzanar National Historic Site visitor center staff to keep the legacy of her grandfather alive.

Currently Nicholls is working on a documentary about her family which should come out in 2024.

This is a free virtual event, but space is limited. Register in advance at greenbeltmuseum.org. An email with a Zoom link will be sent closer to the date of the talk. Sponsored by the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum and the City of Greenbelt.

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School News

Greenbelt Elementary Spring Fair



Shaymar Higgs and The SPACE were among the supporters of the event. Volunteers worked with children on art projects of various levels and themes.



A line of children enjoy their Happy Hippo ices. The company donated 15 percent of their revenue to the PTA.

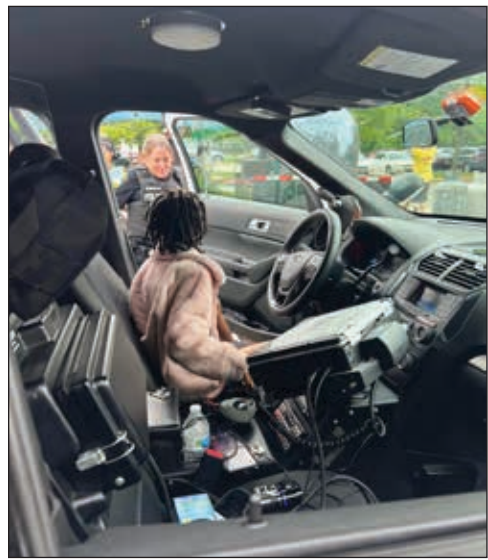


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Greenbelt police officers offer tours of their cruisers to children at the fair.



GES Principal Joel Nelson makes pizza at the Spring Fair. Marra Forni donated the use of a mobile pizza oven, ingredients, labor and transportation. More than one hundred Neapolitan-style pizzas were made and sold at the event to benefit the PTA.



The heart of the Spring Fair was the children who set up shop at the Entrepreneurship Fair. Here, Jayla sells bracelets she made. Her booth delighted visitors, who could see all the hard work she put into decorating the space.



A child fills up his icy.

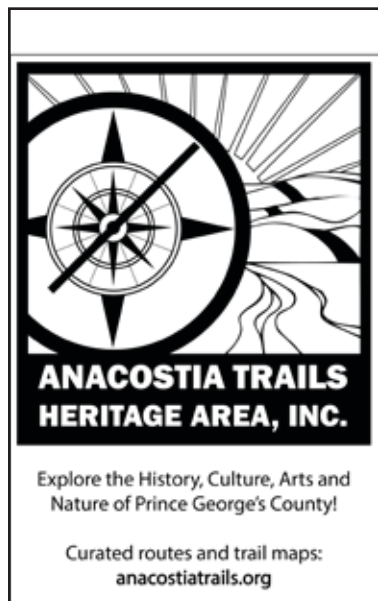
The Greenbelt Elementary School Spring Fair took place on Saturday, May 13.

- Photos by Jill Connor

Golden Age Club Hosts May Activities

The Greenbelt Golden Age Club holds weekly meetings on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to noon in Room 201 of the Community Center. Scheduled activities are as follows:


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For Greenbelt Homes E-News and Greenbelt News Review

Dear GHI members and all Greenbelters,

I am pleased to share with you that James Claggett Jr. has been unanimously selected by the Board of Directors as the next General Manager of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. His first day of employment will be July 10.

James will bring more than 15 years of General Manager experience – most recently as the General Manager of Belle View, an 80 year old garden style condominium with 980 units on 56 acres in Alexandria, Virginia. James will also bring hands on maintenance experience from his five years serving as Chief Engineer at Leisure World, a 610-acre 55+ community with more than 5,660 homes in Montgomery County.

James has lived all of his adult life in Prince George's County. He is excited about the opportunity to serve as General Manager of such a historic property with a strong commitment to member participation.

As you may know, James will be succeeding Eldon Ralph, who is retiring after 26 years of service to Greenbelt Homes. While James will become General Manager on July 10, Eldon has agreed to stay at Greenbelt Homes until the end of July. Opportunities to thank and acknowledge Eldon for all he has done for GHI will be announced in coming weeks.

Please join me and the entire Board of Directors in extending a warm welcome to James Claggett Jr. as the new General Manager of Greenbelt Homes.

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At the end of the hour, We all know one thing for sure. He hadn't learned anything, On why we showed him the door.

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More Community Events

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The event takes place at the GHI Building, 1 Hamilton Place, adjacent to the bicycle repair station. Light refreshments will be available. And there will be swag.

The GHI Bicycle Committee wants to hear from everyone. Plan on attending, engaging and meeting with other local cyclists. Any of our committee members can take questions regarding the committee and/or on how to join it. For more information, email John Campanile at jbelltower@yahoo.com.

Social Justice At the Library

Saturday, May 20, 2 p.m., ages 13+. This multilingual program, presented by the National Museum of Language in collaboration with Howard University, offers a unique opportunity to hear live readings of poetry on social justice themes by historical and contemporary African and Afro American writers. The works featured in the program will be presented in their original languages and English or Spanish translations. Some program highlights include original poetry written and performed by Howard University students and rarely heard early poetry of Langston Hughes, which will be presented in Spanish translation as well.

There will be a live performance of traditional African drumming and recorded performances of songs based on social justice themes. The audience will be encouraged to participate in an interactive discussion of the themes of the presentation. Register at pgcmls.info/event/8015082.



Community Shred Day Is Saturday, May 20

Greenbelt Federal Credit Union will hold a Community Shred Day on Saturday, May 20 from 9 a.m. to noon or until the trucks are full. The Credit Union will be shredding personal documents, up to five banker-box-size per person. This is a drive-through event. Anyone walking to the event should call the credit union for guidance.

The shredding truck can accept no trash, batteries, plastic or unattended or contaminated paper.

The event will take place in the parking lot behind the Credit Union at 112 Centerway. Arrive at 9 a.m. or later so the trucks can get set up. Follow the traffic pattern. Call 301-474-5900 with questions. This event is co-sponsored by the City of Greenbelt.



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Green Man Festival



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The annual Green Man Festival took place in Roosevelt Center on May 13 and 14.



The Greenbelt Honk! Situation performs.

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The parade passes information booths and vendors.

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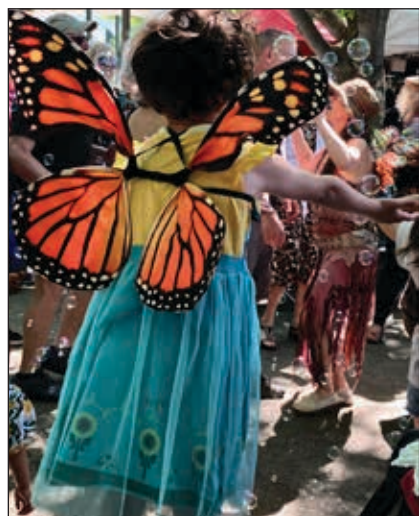
The drum circle's beat fills Roosevelt Center.

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The dragon relaxes after the parade and listens to the music.

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A young girl with monarch butterfly wings spreads her arms to catch bubbles.

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Kindred Crow plays at the festival.

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Festivalgoers dance to the Allman Others Band.

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At the Repair Café on May 13, Bill Walmsley fixes a tear in Donna Bucca's purse. The Repair Café was run by Greenbelt MakerSpace's Tool Lending Library.

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