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Council Funds ARPA \$100K For Volunteer Firefighters.

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

Much of the July 8 council meeting dealt with the departure of 24 career firefighters from the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department on June 30.

“[W]e’re doing our best to re-engage the county, change their decision on this, and we welcome citizen participation and writing letters, calling county council, calling [the] executive, calling Prince George’s County Fire Chief Tiffany D. Green. We welcome all those activities,” said City Manager Josué Salmerón.

Though the temporary restraining order was denied, “it’s not the end of the road for us,” assured Salmerón. “We’ll continue to work on our strategy – well we can’t disclose all of that – but we want the residents to know we’re committed to finding the best solutions to serving the interest and the public well-being of our residents.”

Mayor Emmett Jordan said council hadn’t wanted to file

legal action “but we felt that we did not have any other choice.”

Salmerón put forward a proposal to reallocate \$100,000 of the lost revenue category of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to go toward retention and recruitment incentives for volunteer firefighters. Previously \$800,000 of this ARPA money was allocated for the pool deck renovations that the city now believes will be covered under Program Open Space funding, explained Salmerón. “A basis of the county’s summer staffing program is on the reliance of volunteer firefighters at our station,” said Salmerón who said he’d heard from the chiefs at Greenbelt and Berwyn Heights that they do not have the volunteers to cover the gap. “Our proposal for \$100,000 cannot under any stretch of the imagination cover the gap that is being

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Animal Shelter Is Down to One Officer Following Resignations

by Anna Bedford-Dillow



PHOTO BY ANNA BEDFORD-DILLOW

Greenbelt animal shelter

Over the last couple of weeks two of Greenbelt’s three animal control officers have resigned, including Supervisor Walter Rivas-Flores, who had worked at the shelter since 2022 and became the supervisor in January this year. Earlier this year Rivas-Flores, who personally trained every volunteer, spoke enthusiastically about his big plans for the future of the shelter and described his work as “a labor of love.”

During the July 8 Greenbelt City Council meeting, resident Elizabeth Tobey called on council to support the recently beleaguered animal shelter. Tobey, who has volunteered at the shelter since 2012, thanked the city for maintaining the only municipal shelter in the county and expressed her support for the

animal control officers. She lamented that the shelter has faced a lot of challenges in recent years and stressed the great need for it, in particular due to evictions, animals left behind in apartments and those found abandoned and abused.

She expressed concern about the turnover of animal control officers and asked what could be done to support them. “They’re very hard working and dedicated but I’m wondering if they are getting enough support to be able to do their jobs properly,” said Tobey. “What can we do as a city and a community to support the animal control officers and the shelter so that they can continue to help animals. And in helping animals we also do help people,” said Tobey.

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Construction Materials Cause Fire at Greenbelt Elementary

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

At approximately 10:53 p.m. on Monday, July 15 a fire was reported at Greenbelt Elementary School. Neighbors reported hearing an explosion prior to the fire. Engines from multiple fire departments responded, including Berwyn Heights and College Park. The section of Ridge Road surrounding the school was closed. The fire was put out approximately 50 minutes later at 11:40 p.m.

Preliminary reports say the fire was limited to roofing material and equipment located on-site. No damage was reported to the school and there were no injuries.

The cause of the fire was still under investigation at press time.



PHOTO BY ANNA BEDFORD-DILLOW

Firefighters from multiple stations respond to Greenbelt Elementary School on Monday night to battle a fire that took almost 50 minutes to put out. See more photos, page 8.

Mail-in Ballots Now Available For August 6 County Primary

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

Prince George’s County special primary election for the seat vacated by At-Large Councilmember Mel Franklin is scheduled for Tuesday, August 6 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Early voting will be available from Wednesday, July 31, through Monday, August 5 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., except Sunday, which will be from noon to 6 p.m. The Prince George’s

County Board of Elections will list voting centers on its website once confirmed, expected by Friday, July 19. Ballots will be mailed to all voters (not only voters registered for state mail-in ballots) on or before July 24, which voters can return by mail. There are eight Democratic

candidates, following the withdrawal of Keisha Lewis, who said she was ending her campaign to avoid violating the Hatch Act. (The Hatch Act is a federal law passed in 1939, limiting political activities of

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Advertising Rate Change

Effective with the issue of August 1, 2024, the News Review will change its ad rates.

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What Goes On

Monday, July 22
No City Council Meeting, Summer Recess
Wednesday, July 24
7:30 p.m., Four Cities Meeting, Berwyn Heights

See the meetings calendar on page 5 or visit greenbeltmd.gov for more information.

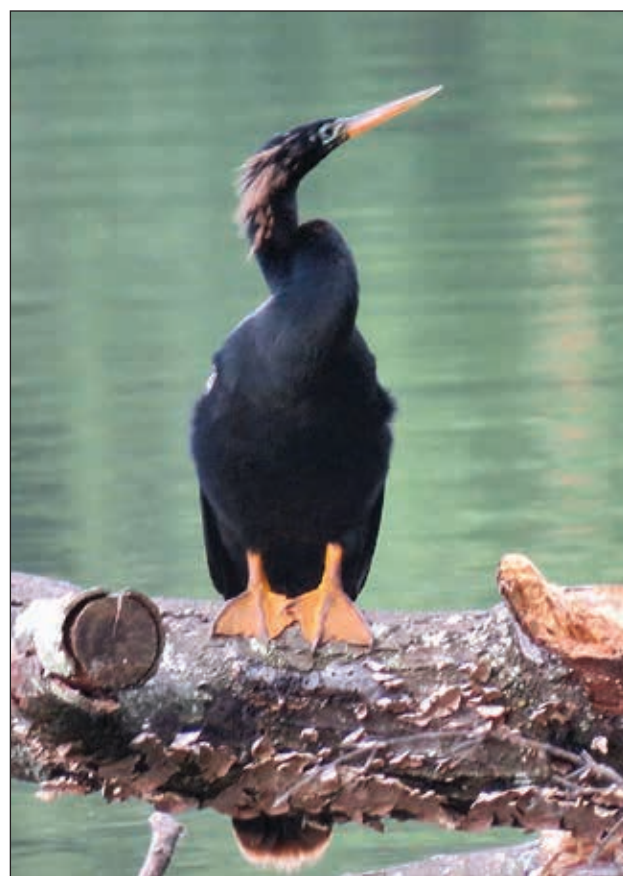


PHOTO BY KEITH JAHODA

An aninga visits Greenbelt Lake on Monday, July 15. Usually not found outside tropical swamps, and rarely north of Florida, the aninga is related to cormorants. They fish underwater, spearing fish with their bill. When they are swimming only the head and neck are above water, leading to the nickname “snake bird.” Anhinga are rare visitors to this county; this is the first one seen this year and perhaps the first ever in Greenbelt. Identification was confirmed by reviewers at the citizen science bird-tracking program ebird.com.

Letters to the Editor

Elementary Noise

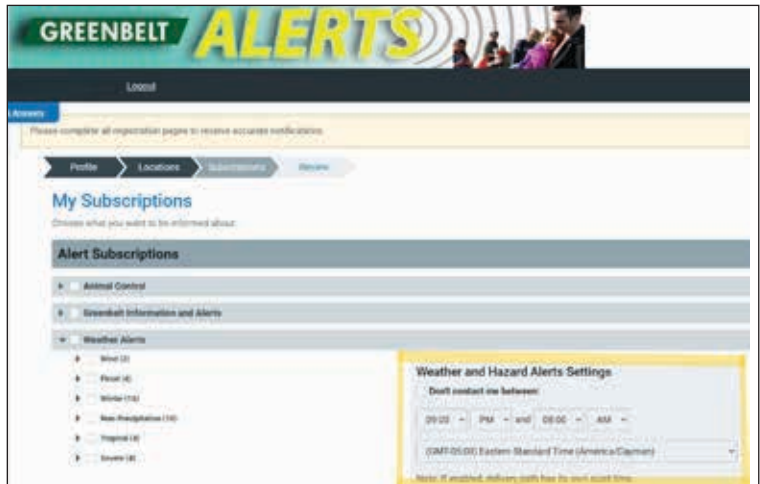
I too live near Greenbelt Elementary school and share James William Thompson's complaint. The construction noise (and asphalt stench) has been limiting my backyard leisure.

But that noise should really be calibrated against the school-year sounds. I'm talking about the daily routine when the school opens its back doors and those little mammals come running out, eyes misaligned and screeching like the field below them is an electrified grid. What are some construction sounds compared to explosive sounds of mirth?

Robert Tyler

Weather Alert Settings

Editor's Note: We received a letter complaining about weather alerts arriving via phone calls in the middle of the night. If you, too, have begun receiving alerts at unwanted hours during the recent severe heat, you can adjust your weather alert settings on the city's website. Visit greenbeltmd.gov/services/greenbelt-alerts where you can sign up or log into your existing account. Go to "My Subscriptions" and select the Weather Alerts section where you'll find a box that says "Don't contact me between." See image below.



Use these options to change your weather alert settings.

On Screen at Greenbelt Cinema

Thelma

Inspired by a real-life experience of director Josh Margolin's own grandmother, the film shines the spotlight on an elderly grandmother as an unlikely action hero. Margolin employs the familiar tropes of the action genre in hilarious, age-appropriate ways to tackle aging with agency. In the first leading film role of her 70-year career, June Squibb portrays the strong-willed Thelma with grit and determination, demonstrating that she is more than capable of taking care of business - despite what her daughter Gail (Parker Posey), son-in-law Alan (Clark Gregg) or grandson Danny (Fred Hechinger) might believe.

Kinds of Kindness

From director Yorgos Lanthimos (who directed *The Favorite* and *Poor Things*), this triptych fable follows a man without choice who tries to take control of his own life; a policeman who is alarmed that his wife who was missing at sea has returned and seems a different person; and a woman determined to find a specific someone with a special ability, who is destined to become a prodigious spiritual leader.

Janet Planet

In rural Western Massachusetts, 11-year-old Lacy (Zoe Ziegler) spends the summer of 1991 at home, enthralled by her own imagination and the attention of her mother, Janet (Julianne Nicholson). Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Annie Baker captures a child's experience of time passing, and the ineffability of a daughter falling out of love with her mother, in this singularly sublime film debut with outstanding performances by Nicholson and newcomer Ziegler.

A Hard Day's Night

The Beatles feature film debut is one of the greatest rock-and-roll comedy adventures ever. The film has a fully restored negative and digitally restored soundtrack and takes on the just-left-of-reality style of mock-documentary, following "a day in the life" of John, Paul, George and Ringo as fame takes them by storm.

Mulan

Fearful that her ailing father will be drafted into the Chinese military, Mulan (Ming-Na Wen) takes his spot. She impersonates a man and goes off to train with fellow recruits. Accompanied by her dragon, Mushu (Eddie Murphy), she helps ward off a Hun invasion, falling in love with a dashing captain along the way.

The Terminator - 40th Anniv. 4K Restoration

In 2029, the war between man and machine has desolated the Earth, leaving humanity all but wiped out. From this wasteland, two soldiers are sent to Los Angeles, 1984, to influence the outcome of a conflict that hasn't taken place yet. One is an unstoppable cyborg assassin, the other a human guerrilla fighter. Serving on opposite sides of the battle, they share the same target: Sarah Connor, an unsuspecting young woman whose unborn child will become the key to saving mankind.



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Thelma (PG-13) (CC) (DVS) (2024) (97 mins)
 Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
 Sat. 7:45 PM
 Sun. 1:00 PM (OC)
 Tues. 5:00 PM
 Wed. 5:30 PM
 Screen 2 - The Screening Room
 Fri. 7:45 PM
 Mon. 2:00 PM
 Thurs. 5:15 PM

Kinds of Kindness (R) (CC) (DVS) (2024) (164 mins)
 Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
 Fri. 4:30 PM, 8:00 PM
 Mon. 1:30 PM (OC), 5:00 PM
 Tues. 7:30 PM
 Screen 2 - The Screening Room
 Sat. 4:30 PM, 8:00 PM
 Sun. 12:30 PM, 4:00 PM
 Wed. 7:00 PM
 Thurs. 7:45 PM

Janet Planet (PG-13) (CC) (DVS) (2024) (110 mins)
 Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
 Sat. 5:00 PM
 Sun. 4:15 PM (OC)
 Thurs. 5:00 PM
 Screen 2 - The Screening Room
 Fri. 5:00 PM
 Mon. 5:15 PM
 Tues. 4:30 PM
 Wed. 4:30 PM

A Hard Day's Night (G) (1964) (87 mins)
 Summer Concert Series
 Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
 Wed. 8:00 PM

Mulan (G) (1998) (88 mins)
 School's Out - Free! - Sponsored by Rad Orthodontics
 Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
 Thurs. 1:00 PM

The Terminator - 40th Anniv.
 4K Restoration (R) (1984) (107 mins)
 Celebrating Art House Theater Day - screening followed by an exclusive recorded Q&A with Dir. James Cameron and Prod. Gale Anne Hurd
 Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
 Thurs. 7:30 PM



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Correction

The caption for the photo of Bonnie Seaton on page 12 of the June 27 News Review has Keukenhof misspelled. We regret the error.

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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Community Events

Peace and Justice Coalition Meeting

PGPJC will be having its monthly meeting on Thursday, July 18 in Room 116 of the Community Center, starting at 7 p.m. The meeting will cover upcoming activities promoting peace, including Reel & Meal events for the rest of the year and planning considerations for September Peace Month. Members of the public are welcome to join.

Arts Advisory Board To Meet Aug. 6

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, August 6 at 7 p.m. on Zoom. Discussion topics will include the fall calendar. Greenbelt citizens who may be interested in joining the board are encouraged to attend. For more information and to obtain the Zoom link, contact alarsen@greenbeltmd.gov.



Start Planning Soon For Retro Town Fair

One of the Greenbelt Museum's favorite events each year is the Retro Town Fair, and it is returning on the Sunday of Labor Day Weekend, September 1. The Fair will take place on the grounds of the Museum house at 10-A and 10-B Crescent Road. The Retro Town Fair is much like events the earliest Greenbelters enjoyed starting in 1939. Ribbons will be awarded for the best entries in a number of categories: flowers, vegetables, baked goods, canned goods and needlework/sewing.

Entries will be accepted from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and must be accompanied by a completed entry form, limited to two per person per category. Entries will be on display from 1 to 4 p.m. All items must be picked up between 4 and 5 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to help with the Fair, including with setup, takedown and, depending on one's area of expertise, judging. Interested in volunteering or have questions about the Fair? Email Education and Volunteer Coordinator Sheila Maffay-Tuthill at education@greenbeltmuseum.org. More information is available on the Museum's website, greenbeltmuseum.org, and Facebook page and at the Co-op Supermarket checkout stands.

Mowatt's Giveaway Is Saturday, July 20

At Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, Favor's Table will be giving away food, new shoes, clothes, diapers, bras, underwear, socks, hygiene kits and household items on Saturday, July 20 at 4 p.m. The items are all new or gently used. Kids must be present to receive shoes. To receive diapers, bring baby's birth certificate and health insurance card. Come with bags.

Creative Kids Campers Musical on Fridays

Greenbelt Recreation's Creative Kids Camp invites community members to attend free, family-friendly performances on the last Friday of each two-week camp session. See campers ages 6 to 12 and select staffers perform *The Cookie Caper*, an original musical written and directed by Chris Cherry, Greenbelt Recreation's performing arts coordinator.

When an entire batch of cookies mysteriously disappears, the campers at Creative Kids Camp decide to do some sleuthing. A series of intriguing clues leads them on a musical tour of discovery through the historic Community Center.

Performances will take place at 10 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. in the Community Center gym on Fridays, July 26 and August 9. For free tickets, visit the Community Center business office or call 301-397-2208.

City of Greenbelt arts programs are supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council. For additional program information, visit greenbeltmd.gov/arts.

Repair Café At MakerSpace

The next free Greenbelt MakerSpace Repair Café is on Saturday, July 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Granite Building, 115 Centerway. Come learn how to repair tired or broken items or help repair others' (experienced and novice volunteers needed). Bring clothing, furniture, appliances, computers, jewelry, toys, etc. for the challenge of making them useful again. See tools. greenbeltmakers.org for more information. Borrow tools and other things at the Tool Library on Saturdays, 10 a.m. to noon and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

Unearthing Greenbelt's Gardens on Thursday



Residents work in their Greenbelt garden in 1942 in this photo by Marjory Collins.

Learn about Greenbelt's historic gardens on Thursday, July 18 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center, Room 201. The city's community gardens, part of the original design plan, are mostly tucked away at the edges of town, easy to miss. But the community gardens are as much an integral component as the iconic superblocs, underpasses and pedestrian walkways. While some garden locations have remained exactly the same since the first hoe struck dirt in 1938, others have been whittled away, moved, destroyed or lost to the misty haze of memory. Using historic research and modern mapping technology, Greenbelt's historic gardens will be unearthed to tell their part of the story of Greenbelt's development over the past 87 years.

The speaker, Stephen Oetken, has been a volunteer docent, researcher, lecturer and walking tour leader for the Greenbelt Museum since 1999. Oetken is a lifelong Greenbelter, with degrees in history and historic preservation. The talk is a free, in-person event. While advance registration is not required, those who do register will receive reminders for the event. The talk will take place in Room 201, the Multi-purpose Room of the Community Center. Free parking is available.

The event is co-sponsored by Friends of the Greenbelt Museum, the Recreation Department and the City of Greenbelt.



Health Screenings Offered at Legion

Residents living in and around Greenbelt can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. The Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 will host this community event on Wednesday, July 24.

Screenings can check for the level of plaque buildup in arteries, related to risk for cardiovascular disease, stroke and overall vascular health; HDL and LDL cholesterol levels; diabetes risk; kidney and thyroid function, and more.

Screenings are affordable and convenient, but pre-registration is required. There is a fee; consultants will work with people to create a package that is right for them based on their age and risk factors. The American Legion is at 6900 Greenbelt Rd. Parking is free.

Call 1-877-237-1287 or visit the website at lifelinescreening.com.

Writers Group Meets Friday, July 19

The monthly meeting of the Greenbelt Writers Group will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, July 19 in the Community Center. All interested writers are welcome. Open readings will be held and members will continue discussion of a potential joint writing project. For more information, email Barbara Ford at barb.ford@comcast.net.



Greenbelt Chess Club

The Greenbelt Chess Club will meet on Tuesday, July 23 in the Youth Center from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. The club welcomes people of all ages and skill levels.

At the Library

Greenbelt Library regular hours are Mondays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays noon to 8 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays 1 to 5 p.m. Face masks are recommended for all customers over the age of 2.

Storytimes

Friday, July 19, 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at pgcmls.info/event/10815011.

Wednesday, July 24, 12:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at pgcmls.info/event/10814986.

Thursday, July 25, 10:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2. Register at pgcmls.info/event/10814963.

Animal Olympics

Tuesday, July 23, 6 p.m., ages newborn to 12 (young children/elementary). Get ready to cheer on animal friends as they compete in their very own Olympics show. Discover which animal holds the record for the highest jump, fastest speed and incredible agility. Then, join in the fun and try to beat their records with exciting challenges like the high jump and broad jump. Presented by Echoes of Nature. Register at pgcmls.info/event/10578208.

Senior Nutrition Program Luncheon

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunch for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at 11:30 a.m. Meals must be reserved two weeks ahead so that enough food is ordered. Participants must complete a registration form in person at the Community Center office, Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. There is a suggested donation. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215 with questions.

Two menu options, one vegetarian, will be offered for each luncheon. All meals, which provide at least one third of recommended dietary allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk.

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 Greenbelt has been the host of the State of Maryland's Nationalization (or new citizenship) Ceremony since 2009, welcoming new citizens from around the world to the United States. This is our footage from 2024's ceremony!

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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Obituaries

Marc “Kap” Kapastin



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Marc “Kap” Kapastin

Marc “Kap” Kapastin, 78, general counsel to Quantum Companies, which owns and manages Beltway Plaza, died on June 29, 2024. He was born Marc Kapustin on November 2, 1945, in Philadelphia to Ben Kapustin, a Philadelphia Democrat, and Evelyn Weinstone Kapustin.

Kap lived in McLean, Va., with his wife Mary Jane. He attended Penn State, Temple University and the James E. Beasley School of Law.

Mayor Emmett Jordan said he was shocked and saddened to hear of Kap’s death. “He’s such an important member of the Greenbelt community in so many ways,” said Jordan at the June 8 council meeting. Beltway Plaza was Kap’s career, noted City Manager Josué Salmerón. “His work in Greenbelt has been the vast majority of his career and he will be missed,” said Salmerón.

“Kap was a community pillar, actively involved in local politics and community and government relations in Prince George’s and Montgomery counties,” said Quantum, particularly within the Greenbelt and Hyattsville communities, where he also served on various committees, boards and nonprofits, including a stint as chairman of Maryland’s International Corridor Community

Development Corporation.

Kap was with the Quantum Company for 35 years and “maintained an unwavering commitment to ensuring the growth of Beltway Plaza and the City of Greenbelt as a whole.” Quantum Companies said he was particularly proud of the Wall of Fame he established in the mall. Kap also led the recognition ceremony of Greenbelt Cinema’s Executive Director Caitlin McGrath at the Greenbelt Wall of Fame. He described McGrath as “an outstanding role model” for her contributions to revitalizing the theater.

In his position at Quantum Companies, Kap was a leading contributor in the redevelopment efforts of Beltway Plaza. He sought to bring 2,500 multifamily units, 25,000 square feet of indoor recreation space and 700,000 square feet of retail space. He continued to support innovations at the mall, including the current expansion and renovations.

Kap was also a great supporter of the Greenbelt News Review. In the February 25, 2016, issue we published his letter, Confessions of a News Reviewaholic. “Frankly, I have no idea how I managed to keep abreast of what’s happening in Greenbelt before I discovered the GNR. So enamored of it am I that I make it a point to whole-heartedly recommend it to newcomers as essential weekly reading.”

Find More Peace Through Meditation

In today’s world, many people have trouble falling asleep and feel stress or anxiety. Could meditation help them?

Katrina Boverman, a longtime meditation instructor with the Seasoned Adults Growing Educationally (SAGE) program, and the Mishkan Torah Synagogue Sisterhood have quietly offered Summer Guided Meditation classes to Greenbelters and others for the past nine years. Although the synagogue itself is a wonderful peaceful setting welcoming to all, meditation this year will be offered via Zoom to attend from the comfort of your own home.

Attendees have expressed quieting of their bodies, minds and spirits, a deepening of inner stillness and a better ability to reconnect with themselves. They have described feeling more peaceful, serene, relaxed, mindful and present, both during and in between the classes. Common experiences outside of the class for participants have been to have greater ease falling asleep and more patience during challenging times.

Classes began Monday, June 3 and are held every other Monday through August 26, from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. There is no charge; donations are welcome.

For more information email or call Katrinaboverman@yahoo.com or 301-641-1035.

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.



Condolences to the family and friends of Marc “Kap” Kapastin who will be remembered for his leadership in the development of Beltway Plaza and many contributions to the Greenbelt community.

Congratulations to the Greenbelt swim team on another win at their final meet of the season and finishing the regular season with a 4-1 record.

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City Notes

The City Manager explored legal requirements for a Municipal Fire Department and purchased grant-funded computers for the Job Resource Lab.

Code Enforcement inspected Motiva apartments, Information Technology addressed police VPN outages and Public Works resolved various HVAC issues. Environmental/Sustainability, with 10 volunteers, removed invasive vegetation from the Lake.

At the Community Center, the Dance Annex renovation neared completion and a second AED device was installed.

Recreation staff supported the Animal Shelter, where six dogs, ten cats and four kittens reside (after one kitten adoption). Springhill Lake Recreation hosted Pre-K Bilingual Storytime, and the Aquatic & Fitness Center hosted a final home swim meet.

Arts and Springhill Lake Recreation colleagues planned grants-supported arts programs. Therapeutic Recreation and Park Rangers planned intergenerational interpretive programs.

Park Rangers conveyed food donations from Trinity Church to the Youth and Community Center freezers.

The CARES director presented service information at Mishkan Torah, and the Youth Employment coordinator researched opportunities at the Postal Service Job Fair.



Greenbelt Bahá'í Community

www.greenbeltbahais.org

The Bible Says...

When I am afraid,
I will put my trust in God
Psalm 56:3



Sunday Worship Services

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July 21, 2024 at 3:00 pm

Stories of Change: Made Stronger through the Challenges and Rewards of Change

with Worship Associate Lula Beatty

Change is inevitable. Sometimes it’s unexpected, sometimes it’s planned. How we seek, embrace and cope with change determines our individual and community growth and prosperity. Paint Branch members share their transformative experiences with change. might we live our best lives even though we are afraid?

Streaming on PBUUC’s Facebook page, on Zoom, and in person. Worship service held at University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, MD

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF GREENBELT MASS
Sunday 10:00 a.m.
City Council Room
25 Crescent Rd
ALL ARE WELCOME!

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For ZOOM link:
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cathcomgreenbelt.org

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Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00pm

101 Greenhill Rd. Greenbelt, MD
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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 CALENDAR

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



Follow the City of Greenbelt on Facebook and Twitter @cityofgreenbelt! For City information and events, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov

MEETINGS FOR JULY 22 - 26

Monday, July 22, **NO MEETING - COUNCIL SUMMER RECESS**

Tuesday, July 23 at 7 pm, **REPARATIONS COMMISSION**, *On the Agenda: Approval of Agenda/Minutes, Update on Tribes Proposal, Discussion of Glossary and Possible Visits to NMAAHC and NMAI, Discussion on 'What Are Reparations' and 'Forms of Repair,' Subcommittee Report Updates*

Tuesday, July 23 at 7:30 pm, **GREEN ACES AND GREEN TEAM**, *On the Agenda: Next EV Event in Greenbelt Center, Prince George's County Green Schools Program Discussion, Curbside Compost Pickup Grant Update*

Wednesday, July 24, **NO MEETING - COUNCIL SUMMER RECESS**

Wednesday, July 24 at 7:30, **FOUR CITIES MEETING (BERWYN HEIGHTS)**

In advance, the hearing impaired are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov. This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call (301) 474-8000. For information on public participation for the meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar.

GREENBELT LITTLES PRESCHOOL Ages 3-5

Play, learn, and grow together. Registration now open. To register or for more information, call (301) 397-2200.



GREENBELT DANCE STUDIO MINI-CAMPS

Greenbelt Community Center, Room 10, 15 Crescent Rd

For FREE tickets, visit the Greenbelt Community Center or call (301) 397-2208.

There are still spaces available in the Storybook Dance Theater Mini-Camp for ages 3 to 6 from 7/16-7/25 and the Ballet Dance Theater Mini-Camp for Ages 6-9 from 7/30-8/8.

Learn more in the Summer Activity Guide: <https://bit.ly/42UVwyD>.

BUDDY ATTICK PARK PLAYGROUND CLOSURE Beginning Monday, July 22

The playground at Buddy Attick Park, located at 555 Crescent Road, will be closed for renovations beginning Monday, July 22. We anticipate reopening within 5-6 weeks; however, please note that weather constraints will determine the target completion date. We will notify the community when the playground reopens.

For more information, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/news.

PUBLIC STATEMENT REGARDING PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FIRE/EMS SUMMER STAFFING PLAN FOR GREENBELT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Greenbelt, MD - The City of Greenbelt is disappointed in the County's decision to reassign 24 career personnel from Greenbelt Station 835 on July 1, resulting in the removal of all career personnel from our Station. County Fire Chief Tiffany Green and County leadership ordered the redeployment of 55 career firefighters from Berwyn Heights, Greenbelt, Bunker Hill, and Bowie Station. We are gravely concerned with the impact in response times of emergencies in Greenbelt and our surrounding areas.

Greenbelt will continue to work in tandem with College Park and Berwyn Heights alongside County leadership in addressing our concerns and fighting for the City of Greenbelt.

WHO CAN I CONTACT?

Office of the County Executive
countyexecutive@co.pg.md.us
(301) 952-4131

Office of the County Fire Chief
tdgreen@co.pg.md.us
(301) 883-5200

At-Large County Council Member Hawkins
At-LargeMemberHawkins@co.pg.md.us
(301) 952-2195

County Council Member District 4
councildistrict4@co.pg.md.us
(301) 952-3094

Letters of Support to keep/return career staffing to Greenbelt Station 835 can be sent to:
City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 or council@greenbeltmd.gov.

BACK TO SCHOOL HEALTH FAIR Tuesday, August 20, 10 am - 1 pm

Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane

Join us for our 'Back-to-School Health Fair!' Meet organizations devoted to strengthening community connections - providing resources about health insurance, mental health services, and city educational programming.

Free dental screenings, vision screenings, fun activities and more! The first 100 families to register and attend will receive free school supplies.

Registration is required. We kindly ask that children be present at the event to receive giveaways.

To register, call (240) 424-0302 or visit <https://forms.gle/DjhpsAjjaFd5zFBv7>.

¡Que iniciamos este año escolar con buena salud!

Conozca organizaciones locales dedicadas al fortalecimiento de nuestra comunidad - proporcionando recursos acerca del seguro médico, salud mental y programas educativos en nuestra comunidad. ¡Evaluaciones dentales gratis, exámenes de la vista gratis, actividades recreativas y más! Las primeras 100 familias que se registren y asistan recibirán útiles escolares o tarjeta de regalo para alimentos.

Para registrarse, llame (240) 424-0302 o <https://forms.gle/DjhpsAjjaFd5zFBv7>.

OUR SPONSORS



ELECTRONICS & STYROFOAM RECYCLING

Saturday, July 27, 9 am - 12 pm
Public Works Facility, 555 Crescent

RECYCLE YOUR OLD COMPUTERS AND OTHER ELECTRONICS!

Electronics Recycling - Accepted: CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, laptops, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, fax machines, wires, power cords. NO - ALCALINE BATTERIES or CFLs; NO - TUBE TVs.

Expanded Polystyrene - White, block Styrofoam #6.
Clean - Cups, egg cartons, and food trays welcome.

PAINT RECYCLING!

Cost—\$5 per container. DO NOT mix paint in other containers. If you are unable to attend the event, you may hire this service directly to come to your home for an additional \$100 service fee.
Contact: Yuck Old Paint, LLC 888-509-9825 (YUCK) or www.YuckOldPaint.com.

Contact Public Works at (301) 474-8004 with any questions or concerns.

CURRENT CARES PROGRAMS

CARES is happy to provide the following programs FREE of charge:

- Pink Pantry Opn Registration.** This quarterly program assists low-income Greenbelt residents to access free menstrual products. To register call (240) 424-0302 or email bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.
- Greenbelt Nursery Project.** Our Greenbelt Nursery project is dedicated to supporting families with young children. We provide 6 Home Visits that offer personalized care and resources. To register call (240) 424-0302 or email bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.
- Emergency Diaper Distribution.** Must register <https://forms.gle/NTFEKFfAttjqsQt9>. Call (240) 424-0302.
- Produce Distribution** at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, Lower Level Parking Lot, 25 Crescent Road
Upcoming Dates: August 15, from 1 - 3 pm
- Produce Distribution** at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Ln (Greenbelt West Residents Only)
Upcoming Dates: August 15, from 3 - 4:15 pm

For descriptions and information, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/CARESprograms and see ads on this page!

COMMITTEES & BOARDS VACANCIES VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Volunteering for City of Greenbelt Committees & Boards is an excellent opportunity to engage with your community and make a difference. Choose from a number of committees & boards such as the **Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, the Youth Advisory Committee, or the Advisory Committee on Education, Arts Advisory Board, Board of Elections, Community Relations Advisory Board, Employee Relations Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, or the Park and Recreation Advisory Board** and make a difference in Greenbelt!

By dedicating your time and expertise, you will help shape the future of Greenbelt and create a community that values the voices of all its residents. Take the first step towards making a positive impact and apply for one of these committee vacancies today!

Call (301) 474-8000.

GREENBELT ARPA GRANT PROGRAMS Applications Deadlines Extended Through August 30, 2024

To view grant programs, or to see how other ARPA programs are helping your community recover from the COVID-19 pandemic visit us at www.engagegreenbelt.org.

FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

UPCOMING PRODUCE DISTRIBUTIONS
AUGUST 15 - TWO LOCATIONS

Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Lower Parking Lot: 1 - 3 pm, while supplies last. Open to all Greenbelt residents. **Must have a registration card** via Brendy Garcia at (240) 424-0302 or bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.

Springhill Lake Recreation Center: 3 - 4:15 pm, registration required. For Greenbelt West residents only. Register via email bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.

FREE CARES CLASSES

Stress Surfing, Wednesday, July 24, 11 am - 1 pm, 15 Crescent Rd
Three week program that focuses on the science of stress and stress management.

Dining with Diabetes, Wednesdays, August 7, 14, 21, & 28, 15 Crescent Rd
Four week program that focuses on diabetes management through nutrition.

Register with Brendy Garcia at (240) 424-0302 or email bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.

CREATIVE KIDS CAMP PRESENTS: THE COOKIE CAPER

Fridays: 7/26, & 8/9. 10 am & 2:15 pm
Greenbelt Community Center Gym, 15 Crescent Rd

For FREE tickets, visit the Greenbelt Community Center or call (301) 397-2208.

Enjoy the original musical written and directed by Chris Cherry and performed by Creative Kids Camp.

EMERGENCY DIAPER DISTRIBUTION July Registration Open

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT YOU MUST REGISTER EACH MONTH.

Parents must present proof of Greenbelt residency displaying parent's name and residential address, state-issued photo ID, each child's birth certificate.

To register: <https://forms.gle/NTFEKFfAttjqsQt9> or call Brendy Garcia at (240) 424-0302.



FEATURED PETS NESSIE

Ready for Adoption?
Call (301) 474-6124
Meet me at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter, Saturdays, 11 am - 3 pm!

Hi! My name is Nessie.

I was rescued with all of my kittens after nesting under a temp unit at Greenbelt Middle School. I'm 3 years old and very gentle, affectionate, and sweet. I can be a little shy at first, but once I know I can trust you, I will enjoy cuddling and lounging with you. Now that most of my kittens have been adopted, I am ready to find my fur-ever home too.

If I sound like the gal for you, please ask about me today!

Call (301) 474-6124 or email us at animalcontrol@greenbeltmd.gov!



July Proclaimed Parks, Recreation Month; Department Recognized

by Anna Bedford-Dillow



PHOTO BY JAMARIE SPENCER

Greenbelt's Park Rangers were recognized at the July 8 council meeting. Pictured from left are Clare Alexander, Bella Scribner, Byron Snowden, Bryce Rusk, Patrick Mullen and Danielle Stagers. Not pictured are Liz Thomas and Graham Sommers. Mayor Emmett Jordan holds the proclamation.

At the July 8 Greenbelt City Council meeting the Recreation Department was recognized and the month of July proclaimed Parks and Recreation month in Greenbelt. Recreation Director Greg Varda called on folks to visit a park or recreation center this month and acknowledged the importance of Greenbelt's park rangers.

Recreation Coordinator Patrick Mullen recognized the department's partners, including Public Works and the Police Department. Since Mullen began working with the department in 2018 the park rangers have dramatically expanded their

work, he said. However, they remain firstly ambassadors, he said. "Our primary function is to inform and educate and help all of our patrons interface with and use our park system in a way that is fair and equitable and of course safe for our parks and for themselves," said Mullen. Mullen highlighted new interpretive programming. Upcoming programming includes another planned Birding 101 session for the fall migration, another kayak tour of Greenbelt Lake and a Ranger Day at Kindercamp.

Mayor Emmett Jordan praised the staff and their work in all conditions, including the recent heat.

City Councilmembers, Residents Review Charter Review Proposal

by Diane Oberg

On July 10, the Greenbelt City Council considered how best to approach the upcoming charter review initiative. At its June 17 regular meeting, council authorized expenditures of up to \$15,000 in legal fees for this work. (Readers may view the charter at greenbeltmd.gov by clicking on Government and then, under City Administration, clicking on City Code).

City Manager Josué Salmerón's proposed approach (developed by Assistant City Manager Timothy George) has three stages: legal review for compliance with state and county requirements; city staff review from an operational and best practices perspective; and review by a Community Commission, including review of the findings from the previous two steps. The proposal calls for the staff review team to include the city manager, assistant city manager, three councilmembers and staff from several city departments. The Community Commission would consist of three residents, representatives from three businesses, three city staffers, three councilmembers and four representatives from city advisory boards and committees. The procedures for amending a city charter are governed by state law.

There will be a final, broader opportunity for public comment once the changes to be implemented are finalized. Under state laws, charter amendments are implemented by council resolu-

tion, which requires two hearings.

By the end of the meeting, Salmerón was tasked with developing a revised proposal based upon the comments received. The major areas of concern are as follows.

Community Commission

Councilmember Rodney Roberts immediately objected to just three residents, aside from board/committee members, being involved in the review. Councilmember Jenni Pompei suggested that a representative from the Reparations Commission also be appointed to the commission. Councilmember Danielle McKinney called for inclusion of youth, a mix of businesses, ethnic and economic diversity as well as the disabled community.

Board of Elections member Beth Terry voiced concern that if the commission is presented with a proposal coming out of legal and staff review, the commission may feel limited to providing feedback on that proposal rather than suggesting new ideas.

Resident Bill Orleans objected to local businesses being included in the Community Commission, noting that the business representatives might not even be Greenbelters.

Resident Ed Fallon said that the commission should reflect the 75 percent of residents who are people of color as well as the 50 percent who rent, rather than the primarily white homeowners who typically participate in city affairs.

Outstanding Citizen 2014

Greenbelt Pioneer K. McFarland Lived All that the City Offered

Lois Rosado

Kathleen McFarland died on April 11, 2023. She was a 95-year-old Greenbelt Pioneer, having moved here in 1938 when her family was one of the first selected to live in the new Greenbelt homes built by the federal government.

Kathleen, always an upbeat person, had a ready smile for those she encountered. She learned to play the clarinet at age 12 and joined the Greenbelt Community Band when it was formed in 1940. She attended Greenbelt Elementary School (now the Community Center) and Greenbelt High School. She and her siblings were perennially engaged and took advantage of many of the amenities and activities available for youth.

Kathleen married Henry T. McFarland, a classmate and fellow clarinetist, in 1949 and had eight children who were also raised in Greenbelt. She was a member of St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church where she joined the Sodality of the Blessed Mother. According to her obituary Kathleen was an active member of the Ladies of Charity and served as president. She was a contributor to the Greenbelt News Review and a member of the Golden Age Club and the Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES). Af-



PHOTO BY ERIC ZHANG

Kathleen McFarland as Parade Marshal, at the start of the Labor Day Parade in 2014

ter her husband died, she joined the Patuxent Widowed Persons Service Group and served as secretary for 10 years.

Kathleen was very honored and happy to have been selected as the Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen in 2014 and was surprised by the award. I asked her a year later how she was enticed to attend the opening ceremony and she stated that she always attended the opening ceremonies, especially when the Concert Band played first. What shocked her, that night, was when her children and grandchildren popped up from their seats to accompany her to the podium. Her large fam-

ily had kept the secret about her selection.

She loved playing pickleball. In her words, "We are all lucky to live in a town where there are so many activities to join, and people interested in the health and well-being of all the town's citizens, both young and old."

Kathleen McFarland will always be remembered for her smile, laugh, generous spirit and volunteer work to help others live better lives in Greenbelt.

Do you know a person who deserves to be the next Outstanding Citizen of Greenbelt? Nominate them by July 29. Visit greenbeltlaborday.com.



2024 Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen Nomination Form

Submit this form (or something equivalent) by **July 29** to Bob Zugby

Outstanding Citizen Committee
94 Ridge Road, Greenbelt MD 20770

or OutstandingCitizenGB@gmail.com

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Attach a statement (preferably printed or typed) explaining why this nominee deserves recognition as Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen.

You can include a list of organizations or activities in which the nominee has participated, including length of time, specific accomplishments, their impact upon Greenbelt or people within the City, and personal qualities that make the nominee special. Note this award is for **unpaid** volunteer work only.

Any supporting printed material is useful, but not required.

Others' testimonials are also helpful.

You may be contacted for additional information. If you prefer, send this form now and complete the statement later. The form and any additional information must be received no later than the **July 29 deadline**.

Nominated by:

Name(s) _____ Signature(s) _____ Telephone _____



We need your input—thank you!

Gov. Moore Announces MOU With Goddard and MEDCO

Governor Wes Moore announced on Wednesday, May 29 that the Maryland Department of Commerce signed a new memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Goddard Space Flight Center and the Maryland Economic Development Corporation (MEDCO). The three-year agreement will support growth in Maryland's aerospace economy in the area surrounding Goddard, located in Greenbelt, and on the Eastern Shore near the rocket launch site Wallops Flight Facility.

"NASA and MEDCO are synonymous with innovation, growth, discovery and strength. Today, the State of Maryland reaffirms our commitment to these principles, and others, by investing in this partnership," said Governor Moore. "Maryland is ready to lead, and by standing united with our partners in both the public and private sector, we will make Maryland more competitive and position our state to win the decade."

Under the memorandum, Commerce and Goddard will collaborate to promote technology transfer, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education, aerospace industry development and community outreach, including raising awareness of resources such as Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer funding. The funding supports the creation and growth of new space-related businesses, leading economic development efforts around the two NASA facilities, and collaborating on a report analyzing Goddard's economic impact in Maryland.

"Maintaining and growing Maryland's strategic advantage in the aerospace industry requires collaboration with our formidable partners at facilities like the Goddard Space Flight Center," said Maryland Department of Commerce Secretary Kevin Anderson. "We're thrilled to sign this agree-

ment, which will support NASA's innovative work and help make our state more competitive."

The memorandum signing followed a joint workshop on the workforce needs of Maryland's aerospace industry, led by Lieutenant Governor Aruna Miller and attended by Maryland Historically Black Colleges and Universities representatives, other education stakeholders and industry leaders.

"This agreement will allow us to advance innovation and increase equitable access to STEM education for Marylanders, and it reflects our commitment to doing so in partnership," said Miller. "By bringing together government, industry and education, we have what it takes to prepare for the workforce needs of our time, making our state more competitive in the process. An investment in STEM is an investment in Maryland's future."

"Our cutting-edge research, and the critical benefits it provides to society, is only possible with the support of strong partnerships outside NASA," said Goddard Center Director Dr. Makenzie Lystrup, who signed the memo on NASA's behalf. "I'm grateful to clasp hands with our home state and work together to build up the coalition that will help us all make those next giant leaps."

MEDCO will work with Commerce and NASA to host business outreach events in Prince George's County and on the Eastern Shore.

"MEDCO is proud to team with our partners at Maryland Commerce and support the vital mission at Goddard Space Flight Center," said MEDCO Executive Director Tom Sadowski. "By applying our full capabilities, we will foster innovation and collaborations with education and industry that enhances the mission and helps drive Maryland's innovation-rich economy."

This article is drawn from a press release from the office of Governor Wes Moore.



County Planning Dept. to Host Historic Property Workshops

The Prince George's County Planning Department of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) will host virtual workshops on the Prince George's County Historic Property Grant Program for community members to learn about the program and the Fiscal Year 2025 application process. The Historic Property Grant Program is designed to preserve, protect and enhance historic properties; encourage others to preserve, protect and enhance historic properties; and promote interest in the study of historic properties.

The virtual workshops will take place on Wednesday, July 24 from 9:30 to 11 a.m., and on Thursday, August 1 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

M-NCPPC planning staff will guide workshop attendees through the application process and instructions for the Historic Property Grant Program, explain the requirements for the preservation easement and give examples of

successful projects. Applications for grants are due by Friday, August 30. Grants will be awarded for the rehabilitation, restoration, preservation or acquisition of historic property. The grant program is administered by the M-NCPPC Prince George's County Planning Department on behalf of the Prince George's County Planning Board.

All workshops are free and open to the public, but reservations are required. To register online, visit pgplan.org/historicgrants. Registered participants will receive instructions on how to attend the virtual workshop via email. Registration should be completed at least one business day before the start time of the workshop to ensure access.

For more information on the Prince George's County Historic Grant Program, visit pgplanning.org and choose Historic Property Grant Program Workshops, email historicpreservation@ppd.mncppc.org or call 301-952-3680.

School News

AllHere Chatbot Is All Gone From PGCPs; Issues Remain

by Daniel Thies

On June 18, AllHere informed Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) that it would no longer be able to provide its interactive messaging system services due to what it described as "unforeseen financial circumstances."

AllHere is an educational technology company that had been providing its text-based chatbot service for the school system, which the student government nicknamed JARVIS (Just A Really Very Intelligent System). JARVIS was rolled out with the intent of reducing chronic absenteeism by messaging parents and guardians to keep them up to date with their child's attendance and school performance. In January 2020, the JARVIS program was piloted at 30 PGCPS schools. In the February report to the County Board of Education's Academic Achievement Committee meeting on AllHere's program, these 30 schools were selected because they had the highest degree of chronic absences in the county. One of these

initial schools was Greenbelt's Springhill Lake Elementary.

In the time since the initial roll out, AllHere and PGCPS' relationship has grown. In 2022, the scope of JARVIS was expanded to 33 schools in the county, and the school system's chief executive officer budget accounted for over 3,000 staff hours saved through use of the program. Later that year, AllHere also nominated Dr. Elizabeth Fiason, PGCPS associate superintendent of Student Services, for the eSchool News Hero Awards; the nomination was in part for Fiason's promotion of AllHere's services.

In spring of this year, there were indicators that the relationship would continue to grow. In March, AllHere secured a multi-million dollar contract to produce a machine learning messaging system, nicknamed Ed. By April, the Prince George's County Board of Education released a policy on artificial intelligence (AI) stating that "the board recognizes that the use of artificial

intelligence can, when used appropriately, enhance student learning." In turn, the school system announced a multiyear Artificial Intelligence Implementation Framework, which would seek ways to apply AI tools for staff and students.

Despite AllHere's expanding role in PGCPS as well as other school systems across the country, the company hit dire straits soon after the March announcement of Ed. Two months after the announcement, AllHere co-founder Joanna Smith-Griffin left her role as the CEO and most of its staff was furloughed. Chris Whiteley, a former AllHere employee and whistleblower, told the news group The74 that AllHere was also failing to protect the personally identifiable information of students. Allegedly, AllHere's Los Angeles Chatbot was using servers in other countries to store and process requests for information on students, making the data vulnerable to hackers. So far, there has been no indication that data of PGCPS students and staff were similarly compromised, and under the Maryland Personal Information Protection Act PGCPS is responsible for informing anyone who was affected of a data breach.

PGCPS was contacted regarding how it plans to manage the loss of AllHere's services, and when the public should expect to know more. As of this reporting, they will be looking for an alternative interactive messaging system this summer to replace AllHere if it will no longer be available.

Prince George's County Schools Now Hiring for Many Positions

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) will host a series of districtwide recruitment events in July and August, including a dedicated event for bus drivers.

PGCPS has immediate openings for classroom teachers, bus drivers, dedicated aides, special education assistants, registered school nurses, paraprofessionals, food service staff, custodians, school secretaries, substitute teachers, substitute paraprofessionals and other positions.

A districtwide hiring event for all positions will be held at Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr., High School, 12650 Brooke Lane, Upper Marlboro, on Tuesday, August 6 from 4 to 6 p.m.

An event for bus drivers will be held Wednesday, July 24, at Bonnie F. Johns Educational Media Center, 8437 Landover Road, Landover, at 10 a.m.

For more information, including a complete list of in-person or virtual hiring events, visit pgcps.org/careers.

Crisis Hotline's Number is 988

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline dialing code is 988. Calls and text messages are confidential and free.

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July 22-26
10 am-12 noon

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101 Greenhill Road
Greenbelt, MD

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left by the county but it goes a long way to helping support the volunteer firefighters, that in addition to their full-time obligations and other obligations have given up their free time to support our communities and our neighbors in Berwyn Heights and College Park,” explained Salmerón. He wanted to leave the incentives open-ended to work out with Greenbelt Fire Chief Thomas Ray, but they might include gift cards for transportation, for example, as well as performance-based rewards for staff. The city suggested stipends for volunteers but the county was in opposition to that, said Salmerón, thus the city is leaving the language open to figure out with the chief “so that we don’t further antagonize the county on this matter.”

Ray could not attend the meeting, but later suggested that council look into a city tax break program like that in neighboring Laurel.

Jordan stressed the lack of time the city was given to plan for this situation and advocated for discretionary funding, especially since council would not meet again until the second week of August. Salmerón added that he would keep council informed.

Slow Onboarding

Councilmember Kristen Weaver called the measure a stopgap, expressed hope that the summer staffing would be temporary and some firefighters would be returned in October, and also suggested some of the funding could be used for the required training and certification for volunteers. Salmerón concurred that the county’s training involved bureaucracy and an excessive amount of time for onboarding. Councilmember Silke Pope noted the police department had been able to give signing bonuses to new officers. She also suggested asking the county to hold a training in Greenbelt. Jordan recommended an intensive training course. After the meeting, Ray clarified that firefighter training is available for free through the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute at seven locations in Maryland, but paramedic programs are only available through colleges for a fee.

Pope cautioned that they must be prepared in case it is not temporary and that career staff may not return. Councilmember Jenni Pompei noted the county was clear that what they would do in October was reassess, not necessarily return the firefighters.

Pompi made the motion that the city allocate up to \$100,000 from ARPA funds to provide stipends and incentives to fire protection staff.

Resident and former mayor Judith Davis noted that the city owns the fire department building, and if the city cannot fill it with volunteer firefighters, neither will it be possible to get county support for building a new fire department at the armory as hoped.

Calls for Public Pressure

Resident Theresa Hornung argued that there needed to be resident involvement. “You’re not involving the community, so no noise is being made, so why should Green do anything?” asked Hornung. Jordan noted that the city had filed legal measures and advertised a list of people to contact in the July 11 News Review. Yet there was no online

push, argued Hornung.

“I certainly would love our residents to write to everybody,” said Salmerón, who suggested the call could go in the city newsletter. “We’ve been trying to manage the relationship. I think with the lawsuit ... it would be fair to say we can ask our residents to just jump onboard,” Salmerón said. Hornung said it seemed the city was accepting the situation and waiting until October. “I think you’re not seeing a lot of what is happening,” argued Weaver. “That doesn’t mean it’s not happening and sometimes it’s more effective to have some of the conversations behind the scenes,” Weaver told Hornung. “I know you guys can’t say the real reason it’s going on. I get it. I understand that,” replied Hornung.

Political Impetus

“The person who is mostly responsible for this, I believe, is running for the United States Senate ... so this is the perfect time to say, hey, why are you doing this to us? This should be a part of the debate about who we want to represent us in the United States Senate,” said Councilmember Rodney Roberts. “That’s the only way we’re going to resolve it, really, is through public pressure. Public pressure is number one,” Roberts said, as Hornung concurred.

Resident Bill Orleans wanted to invite the county executive and fire chief to a public meeting in Greenbelt, rather than working behind the scenes or privately, so they could be asked questions directly. Orleans also called for professional firefighters through-

out the county rather than a reliance on volunteers.

Legal action is still on the table, noted Salmerón, though discussion of that strategy needs to happen in closed session, he said. Councilmember Amy Knesel said they were relying on the voices of community members as they figure out legal options. “I would also like to point out that if the person does not get elected to the Senate, she is our county executive for another two years so these are all things that we need to keep in mind as we figure out the best way to support our fire station.” Resident Bob Rudd asked council to look at calling back funds from every department and service in order to implement whatever is needed to make Greenbelt safe. He also called for council to show “political courage ... Whatever you’re doing behind the scenes ... it is now time to do it in front of the scenes, in front of the cameras,” said Rudd, who called on council to censure County Executive Angela Alsobrooks.

Knesel offered an amendment to reduce the proposed amount of discretionary funds from \$100,000 to \$54,200 (the amount cited by Ray as the cost to fully staff an ambulance with basic life support for overnight shifts through October). Knesel’s motion was rejected as a friendly amendment by Pope, who had seconded the original motion. Pope argued they wouldn’t be meeting for over a month so the city manager should have authority to use the funds because “time is of the essence ... I’ll pull

my amendment but I just want it noted that the expense makes me uncomfortable given that we don’t even know how much more we’re up against,” said Knesel.

The motion to allocate \$100,000 then passed unanimously.

According to the proposal, “stipends and incentives” will go into effect as soon as possible, likely from mid-July until October, to be adjusted if some or all career firefighters are returned.

A closed executive session followed the council meeting.

Greenbelt Elementary Fire



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A Berwyn Heights Fire Department vehicle at the front of the Greenbelt Elementary building provides a long hose across the roof to put out the fire at the rear of the school.



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Emergency vehicles closed Ridge Road around the elementary school for over an hour on Monday night.



PHOTO BY CATHIE MEETRE

A burned tank is towed from the grounds of Greenbelt Elementary on Tuesday, following the fire overnight.



PHOTO BY LESLIE KASH

Cleanup at Greenbelt Elementary on Tuesday, July 16. A temporary structure helps direct water from the school's roof.

County Cedes Over \$1.5M In New Public Safety Funds

by Daniel Thies

In the weeks following Prince George’s County’s withdrawal of 24 career firefighters from the City of Greenbelt, the city council and county council have given different responses to funding public safety.

On July 8, the Greenbelt City Council unanimously authorized the use of up to \$100,000 in funding to go to Greenbelt’s fire department. Approximately an hour was spent deliberating on the importance of the funding as a means to keep the firehouse viable (see article page 1).

Council was aware that this sum would not fill the gap left by the loss of career firefighters, but because the city was only given 30 days’ notice and only after the city’s budget was set, there were limited short-term options for addressing the situation. Council was above all concerned about their ability to meet their obligation to protect the well-being of city residents.

On July 2, Prince George’s County Council passed three resolutions waiving revenue earmarked for public safety for three development projects: The Highlands, The Cassidy and Park Place at Addison Road Metro. The Highlands is a proposed 137-unit residential development for Landover, whereas The Cassidy project is for 175 apartments in Capitol Heights and Park Place at Addison Road Metro is for

193 apartments, also in Capitol Heights.

Construction of new residential units in Maryland comes with a public safety surcharge to cover the expansion of firefighting, emergency medical services and other public safety needs that come with new residential developments. However, these three developers each sought a Public Safety surcharge waiver from county council based on their locations within areas categorized as Transportation Service Area 1, a designation for areas where the roads and railways are well suited to transportation needs. The waivers were justified further as increasing property value in the long term and making housing more affordable, though no consideration was made for how the loss of revenue would impact public safety. The resolutions waiving these surcharges were passed with no dissenting votes, amounting to a loss of approximately \$1,577,115 in revenue meant for public safety.

The county’s summer staffing plan has seen career firefighters pulled from four stations, including Greenbelt. It is based on staffing shortages rather than the associated costs, the county has maintained, saying “excessive” mandatory overtime for firefighters cost over \$30 million last year.

Development in Greenbelt

From a Federally-owned Town To a Member-owned Cooperative

by Jim Giese

Part 1 of a series

I arrived in Greenbelt in December 1962 to become the city's fourth city manager, having recently turned 32. During my 28 years in the role, I spent much time acting on behalf of the city council as it waged battle after battle with land development proposals. When I arrived, the majority of land within the city was undeveloped. When I retired, little land remained to be privately developed. While my work primarily involved working with developer representatives such as attorneys, planners, architects, engineers and project managers, I also got to meet with and know slightly the men (no women) who developed the vacant land in Greenbelt.

What impressed me about the developers was that they were involved in major construction projects while still, for the most part, fairly young, some just a few years older or younger than I was. I considered myself to be somewhat successful, being paid a salary of \$10,000 to manage a city with a budget just over \$300,000. Yet these developers were earning who knows what kind of money while undertaking projects costing in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

I often wondered what brought these men together to acquire Greenbelt land, but I never had a clue as to the answer. I wondered if there were family ties, but became aware of only a few. Were they or their parents members of the same churches or synagogues? Or social or golf clubs? Where did they get their start-up money? From parents? Through marriage?

So now, at an advanced age, with time on my hands and a computer in my lap, I decided to do online research about these men of my past who are now nearly all dead. My study does not include every developer of Greenbelt but focuses on those who achieved the most prominence during my early years in Greenbelt, the 1960s. While I have come to learn a lot about these developers, there is much I still don't know. However, whatever their backgrounds or connections, there is no doubt that the success these men had was largely due to their own abilities and accomplishments.

In researching the developers, it became apparent that I would also need to understand the history of development in Greenbelt. From the start Greenbelt was planned to become a larger community but that was intended to be under the concepts of English garden cities and the design principles of the original community. Developers initially subscribed to these principles but the desire for maximum profit led them to seek building options contrary to the original plan.

What was built in the initial phase of development over a period of some 15 years may not have met the planning goals of the original planners or city council and many Greenbelt residents, but it has held up well and remains viable with little change some 60 to 80 years later.

Greenbelt Development, Part 1

How did the federally-owned property in Greenbelt get into private ownership and the control of these developers? In preparing this history, I have drawn heavily upon articles published in the Greenbelt News Review and the Greenbelt Cooperator (the paper's name from November 1937 to July 1954) as well as information provided in Greenbelt: History of a New Town, 1937-1987, Mary Lou Williamson, editor.

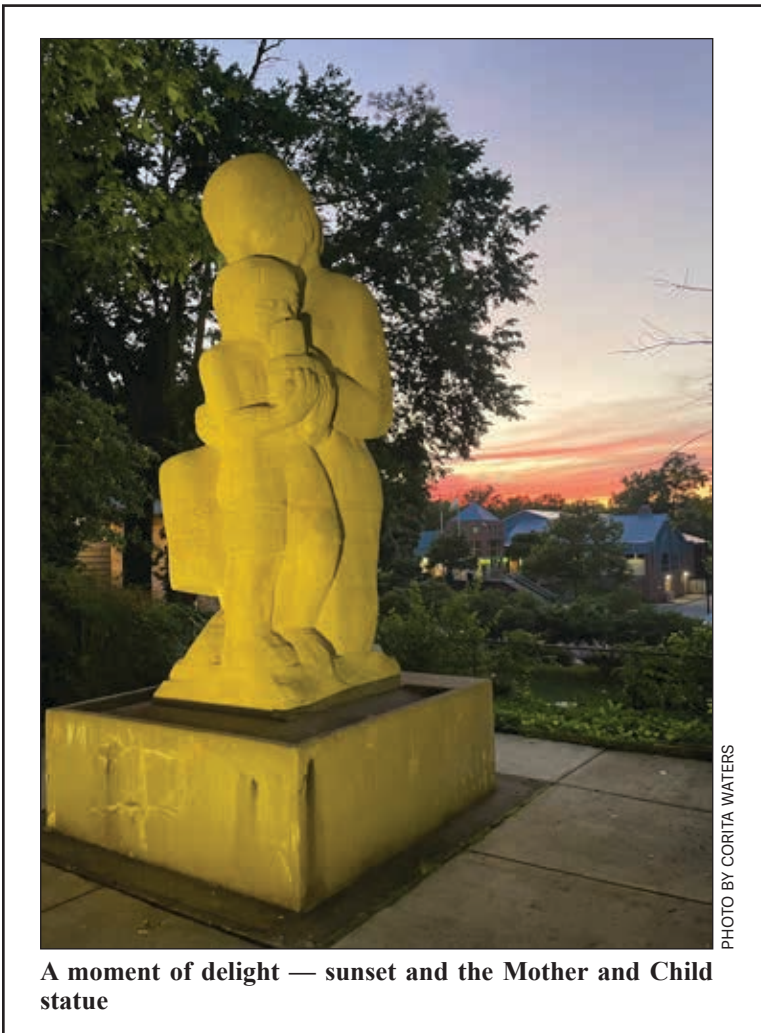
From 1935 to about 1937 the U.S. Department of Agriculture bought the marginal farmland and woodland that would become the Town of Greenbelt. Much land was purchased even before Congressional authorization to build the four model "green towns" developed by the Resettlement Administration under the leadership of Rexford Tugwell. Authorizations to purchase land for the adjacent Beltsville Agricultural Research Center were used to buy land for the proposed planned community. But even before Greenbelt was completed, I have been told, bad press had convinced Congress to let land development be done by private investors, and Congress ordered the sale of Greenbelt. That did not quickly happen. Government wartime expansion even before Pearl Harbor led the government to build housing in Greenbelt for defense workers (viewed then

as temporary housing, now the frame homes in the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. housing cooperative). Further delay resulted from the decision to construct the Baltimore-Washington Parkway using government-owned land within Greenbelt for some of its right-of-way, and by the Korean War – the Greenbelt property was considered a site for dispersal or relocation of federal agencies, should the war escalate.

Finally, in 1953, the Public Housing Administration (PHA) sold the Greenbelt property. Most of the original town, except for the apartment buildings and the commercial center, was sold, effective January 1, 1953, to the Greenbelt Veterans Housing Corporation (GVHC), a housing cooperative formed by the residents. PHA transferred to the City of Greenbelt the water and sewer systems, underpasses, landfill, community building, lake, parks, playgrounds and other recreational facilities.

GVHC also took possession of the more than 800 acres of fields and forest surrounding the community – the green belt. Land west of Edmonston Road and east of the new Baltimore-Washington Parkway would be sold to private interests. Thus, the stage was set for private development to begin in Greenbelt.

Deanna Dawson contributed to this article.



A moment of delight — sunset and the Mother and Child statue

PHOTO BY CORITA WATERS

SUN Bucks to Help Families Buy Groceries During Summer

Governor Wes Moore today announced the launch of Maryland SUN Bucks, a new program to help families buy groceries for eligible school-aged children during the summer months. Building on the state's existing Summer Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) program, Maryland SUN Bucks will serve a record 543,000 children across the state through more than \$60 million in new funding from the federal government.

"During the summer, many children lose the free and reduced-price meals they receive at school, and households may need help putting food on the table. Our administration is here to help fill that gap," said Moore. "Tackling childhood poverty requires consistent, targeted action so all Marylanders can stay healthy as they play, grow and learn. The launch of Maryland SUN Bucks marks one such action – and it won't be the last."

Maryland SUN Bucks builds upon Maryland's existing Summer SNAP program and expands the reach six-fold. Families in all of Maryland's 24 jurisdictions are now able to receive benefits and local government matching funds are no longer required.

"There isn't a single jurisdiction in Maryland that isn't interested in helping fight childhood poverty. Maryland SUN Bucks extends food security provided by school meals to summertime; and it represents the single largest investment Maryland has seen to help feed our children," said Maryland Department of Human Services Secretary Rafael López. "We are grateful for our partners in the state legislature and the Biden Administration for working with us to make sure Maryland's

children do not experience hunger."

Households that qualify for the Maryland SUN Bucks program will receive \$40 each month in June, July and August – totaling \$120 – to buy food for each eligible student. Benefits may be used at authorized retailers, including grocery stores and farmers markets.

Up to 90 percent of eligible Maryland families will receive the benefits automatically, though some parents will need to apply. For families receiving SNAP benefits, Maryland SUN Bucks will be automatically applied to the head-of-household's Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card. If a child does not receive SNAP, a white Maryland SUN Bucks card will be issued in the child's name.

Maryland SUN Bucks is in addition to free meals that kids of all ages can get at summer meal sites in their communities, such as at Springhill Lake Elementary School.

"For many children, schools are lifelines to regular and nutritious meals. Maryland SUN Bucks will improve access to healthy food options during the summer months," said State Superintendent of Schools Dr. Carey M. Wright. This innovative partnership connects families to a basic resource at a critical time.

More information on the program is available at dhs.maryland.gov/sunbucks or 1-800-332-6347.



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Council Allocates \$72K for HR System; Quoted \$120K Annually

by Maurice Crawford

Greenbelt's Human Resources department is seeking \$72K of American Rescue Plan Act funds to purchase software developed by Paycor to help with human resources and workforce management. Currently, the department uses Excel spreadsheets, which is reportedly inefficient.

At council's June 17 meeting, Director of Human Resources Dawane Martinez gave an overview of the vendor selection process. First, the city asked for companies to submit bids for a Human Resource Information System (HRIS). This request went to over 40 vendors and the city received four bids in October 2023. Second, the bids were evaluated using several criteria, for example, ease of integrating with the payroll system or its ability to help with compliance in the city. Finally, three potential vendors were invited to give a presentation on their product and in the end Paycor was identified as the top choice.

Mayor Emmett Jordan asked the Paycor representative (attending online) if this was a subscription service or if the city would own the software. The representative said the system is software as a service and the cost is per employee/per month.

There was some confusion over the exact cost of Paycor's HRIS as raised by Councilmember Kristen Weaver, who pointed out that the contract says \$72K but then there is an annualized amount of \$120,765. Councilmember Amy Knesel also felt

that future costs were unclear and wondered how much the cost would be for next year. The Paycor representative said that they don't charge the city until the system goes live. From July 2024 through next June (Fiscal Year 2025) the only fees that will be applicable will be the implementation fee (\$31K) plus the first six months of the per employee/per month cost which amounts to approximately \$72K. Also, because the cost is on a per employee/per month basis the fee fluctuates; therefore in the summer when employee numbers increase so does the cost. According to the Paycor representative, for Fiscal Year 2026 the cost

is expected to be about \$102K (which includes a promotional discount); however, in the quote provided by Paycor, future annual costs are estimated at \$120K.

Councilmember Danielle McKinney wanted to know if there is a plan for training employees and what the date is for the new system to be activated. Martinez responded that there would be training but it is a self-service system with an app that would allow one to check benefits, pay stubs, etc. The plan is for the system to go live on January 1, 2025. Paycor does provide 24-hour software support.

The motion for allocation of the \$72,000 passed.



PHOTO BY NESHAMA SOLOMON

Around the long table, clockwise from left, Marsha Salzberg, Dori Paster, Alice Mitchell, Katrina Boverman and Ellen Weiss, and at the back table, from left, June Beittel and Marti Galvin, join Neshama Solomon (not pictured) to write get-out-the-vote letters at the New Deal Café on June 27.

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federal employees and some other government employees who work with federal funds.) There are four Republican candidates. The News Review will publish a voting guide for readers in next week's issue.

The unexpected primary is a result of Franklin's abrupt resignation last month just days before he was charged in a felony theft scheme.

The primary election occurs during peak travel season for some, but Prince George's County Board of Elections can help citizens cast their vote via absentee ballot if they cannot get to a voting center and do not want to mail their ballot.

This writer placed a call to the Board of Elections and was able to collect an absentee ballot just hours later from their office at 1200 Mercantile Lane, near

Route 202 and Lottsford Road, approximately a 15-minute drive from Greenbelt without traffic. There was also the option to vote

at the Board of Elections Office rather than take the ballot home.



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"We understand the concerns. I am saddened that Walter resigned. He was doing such a great job," said City Manager Josué Salmerón of the former shelter supervisor. "It's a tough job.... It's hard to do that work." He said that the second animal control officer had resigned that day.

"We're actively recruiting for those two positions, but we [will] keep things in place to ensure that we have some basic operation at the animal shelter," Salm-

erón said during his report.

He said the city also wished the conditions at the shelter were better, in particular to have a larger, newer space. There are plans to rehab the shelter with a new structure and the city hopes to have contracts for the project in place by the end of the calendar year. With only one remaining member of staff they are working to have other staff fill in shifts at the shelter and are grateful to volunteers.



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Guapo the kitten is available for adoption from the Greenbelt Animal Shelter through the Petfinder website.



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Police Blotter

Incidents reported here occurred July 8-14, 2024. Readers are encouraged to contact the police if they have information that may aid in an enquiry. Call the non-emergency number 301-474-7200 or email pd@greenbeltmd.gov. Times provided are when the incidents were reported.

Greenbelt Police Department reported one mental health diversion; seven domestic incidents, three with arrests; one case of elder abuse; and one death. On July 10 near 165 Westway, children were taken by their mother without custody paperwork while their father was away. On July 14 near 9118 Edmonston Court, a daughter was missing but returned the next day.

Shooting

On July 9 at 12:17 a.m. near 7730 Hanover Parkway, officers responded to a reported shooting and canvassed the area, then learned that a nearby hospital was treating a shooting victim who was released with a non-life-threatening injury.

Robberies

On July 8 at 2:51 p.m. near 7599 Greenbelt Road, a man was at an ATM when two men with a gun and wearing masks exited a white Mercedes with tinted windows. They demanded his money and he escaped into the bank. The suspects ran back to the car and fled.

On July 10 at 8:54 p.m. near 6156 Springhill Terrace, a man tried to buy a laptop from someone he messaged online. When he got out of his vehicle, people with a gun took his money.

On July 10 at 2:02 a.m. near 5807 Cherrywood Terrace, three or four young men assaulted a man and stole his backpack.

On July 10 at 2:56 a.m. near 7816 Hanover Parkway, three people sitting on a bench were robbed of their belongings by two suspects with a handgun. As the suspects walked off, one turned around and fired a gunshot at them but no one was hit.

On July 12 at 10:44 a.m. near 6100 block Springhill Terrace, a man went to buy an iPhone he saw advertised online, and when he arrived to meet the seller he was met by two men, one with a gun. They yelled, "Don't move!" but he ran. They chased him and a witness saw the suspects enter a building. Officers found three men who tried to run, and all three were detained. Two of the three were identified as the robbers and arrested. Detectives found evidence that may link these suspects to several other recent robberies.

Assault

On July 11 at 1:03 p.m. near 7601 Hanover Parkway, a boy was attacked by three boys as he was leaving school.

On July 14 at 7:52 p.m. near 6104 Breezewood Drive, a man was stabbed in the arm and leg and was taken to the hospital.

DUI Arrests

On July 9 at 12:00 a.m. near Greenbelt Road and Walker Drive, officers responded to a two-vehicle accident. One driver said he had been drinking. After sobriety testing, he was arrested for DUI.

On July 13 at 12:14 a.m. near Greenbelt Road and Walker Drive, a vehicle was stopped in the middle of the road with the driver asleep at the wheel and the vehicle still in drive. Beer bottles, several empty, were found in the car, and the driver admitted he'd had a few drinks. After sobriety testing, he was arrested for DUI.

Fraud

On July 12 near 9324 Edmonston Road, there was an unauthorized withdrawal from a bank account.

Theft

On July 8 at 3:35 p.m. near 7500 Greenway Center Drive, a man approached a woman asking for directions. When she stepped away her wallet was missing.

On July 12 near 9324 Edmonston Road, a package was delivered and then taken from the door.

Commercial Theft

On July 8 at 10:53 a.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a boy was caught concealing stolen merchandise; he was released to his guardian and charges will be filed for theft.

On July 9 at 10:37 p.m. near 7607 Greenbelt Road, a man stole items.

On July 10 at 12:29 a.m. near 7583 Greenbelt Road, three people left with merchandise without paying.

On July 10 at 2:25 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a woman concealed items in her bag; she was arrested, issued a criminal citation for theft and banned from the property.

On July 10 at 5:40 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a boy hid items in a bag and passed all points of sale; he was caught

and released to his guardian with charges pending.

On July 10 at 6:36 p.m. near 6110 Greenbelt Road, while an employee was serving a customer, a man stole items and fled on foot.

On July 11 at 7:28 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a loss prevention officer detained a shoplifter; police took custody and charged the person with theft.

On July 11 at 1:47 p.m. near 7607 Greenbelt Road, a man loaded a bag with multiple items and left without paying.

On July 12 at 6:12 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a woman concealed items in her cart and left without paying. She was caught and the items were recovered.

Trespassing with a Warrant Arrest

On July 8 at 5:02 p.m. near 9008 Breezewood Terrace, a witness saw two people crawling through a ground-floor window into a vacant apartment. Officers found five individuals who were all homeless. One who had a warrant was arrested, and the others were banned from the property.

Vehicle Crimes Stolen Vehicles

Four vehicles were stolen on July 8: near 6140 Springhill Terrace, a gray Kia Soul (Md. 2GA9759); near 6010 Springhill Drive, a blue Hyundai Sonata (Md. TME4612); near 7917 Mandan Road, a red 2012 Hyundai Elantra (Md. 8AN4949); and near Lakeside Drive and Westway, a white 2019 Volkswagen Tiguan (Md. 3EV9264).

Theft from Auto

Tags were stolen from four cars: on July 9 near 8020 Greenbelt Station Parkway; on July 10 near 7599 Greenbelt Road; on July 14 near 6003 Springhill Drive; and on July 11 near 9256 Edmonston Road, a woman's vehicle was towed because her tags had been stolen.

Windows were broken and items stolen on July 11 near 219 Lakeside Drive; and on July 12

near 9006 Breezewood Terrace, tools were stolen.

Vandalism to Auto

On July 8 at 1:21 a.m. near 9316 Edmonston Road, a witness saw a man breaking a window of his brother's work vehicle and

fleeing in a black BMW sedan.

On July 10 near 9000 Breezewood Terrace, a tire was flattened on a Nissan Armada.

On July 12 near 8418 Canning Terrace, a 2008 Acura TL had a window shattered.



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Best Management Practices For Hosting Pollinator Lawns

by Xochitl Zamora-Thompson

Turfgrass – the plants typically used to create a lawn – covers about the same area of land as the eight largest irrigated food crops combined, making it the single largest irrigated “crop” in the United States. Unfortunately, a manicured lawn is a food desert for pollinators and typical lawn maintenance practices pollute the soil, water and air. How can Greenbelters maintain healthy turfgrass in a way that protects pollinators and other wildlife, while providing the comfort and pleasure of turfed areas for recreation?

The following guidelines from the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation, the U.S. Forest Service, the Ecological Landscape Alliance and the Federal Highway Administration are based on studies published in scientific and trade journals. Reduce mowing frequency to about every two weeks, mow from the center of an area outwards, mow mid to late morning or middle of the day and always set the mower height to remove no more than one-third of the grass height.

Flowers provide the nectar and pollen necessary for bees and other pollinators to live. The number and diversity of pollinators in an area is highly dependent on the abundance and diversity of flowering plants. Native plants have been shown to support both a greater abundance and a greater diversity of pollinators than non-native plants. In areas without many native plants, such as urban and suburban areas, the flowers of

small plants that many consider weeds provide forage for pollinators early in the season when there may be fewer sources nearby. Any grassy areas with these “weeds” in bloom serve as food waystations



A honeybee takes a drink in a birdbath. The water is changed daily so mosquitos can't successfully breed.



Bumblebee on a button bush

on grasses and low vegetation, as well as destroy bumblebee colonies. A handful of small changes in the mechanics of mowing can reduce the number of pollinators and other creatures killed by lawnmowers. Mowing from the center outwards allows pollinators to move away from the blade and wheels of the mower and then back into the mown area or further away. Bees, butterflies and other pollinators are less active early in the morning, at dusk and at night, so they are less able to escape the mower at these times. Mowing during a warmer part of the day will allow more pollinators to survive.

Many years of turfgrass research have shown that removing more than one-third of the blade length impairs root growth and negatively affects the plant's long-term health. For the best turfgrass health, it's best to cut the grass on the higher end of the optimum height range because it promotes healthier roots, minimizes weed growth, maximizes the photosynthetic area of each plant and prevents the lawn from thinning out. Longer grass also helps to keep the soil cooler, reducing the need to water. Mowing lower than the recommended height range, especially during warmer weather, significantly weakens the turf over time and your lawn will require more time, water, resources and energy to stay healthy and attractive.

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between areas with more native plants. Research suggests that a schedule of mowing every two weeks maximizes bee abundance in suburban lawns.

Unfortunately, mowing can directly kill butterfly caterpillars and other pollinators that spend their egg or larval stages



County Schools Offer Free Summer Meals

Prince George's County Public Schools offers free meal service for children under age 18 through Friday, August 9. Breakfast is served from 9 to 9:30 a.m. and lunch from noon to 1 p.m. on weekdays. Meals must be eaten on site and dates and times are subject to change.

Springhill Lake Elementary and Magnolia Elementary are among the 25 participating school sites.



Peace Month Now Scheduled To Be Observed in September

by Daniel Thies

The Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition (PGPJC) will have its annual Peace Month activities in Greenbelt in September and is looking for other groups who would like to contribute to the celebration.

In past years, Peace Month has taken place in June, but this is not the first time that Peace Month has rescheduled in Greenbelt. When the event started, the city designated October as Peace Month, responding to the call by Nobel Laureates for Peace to create “a decade of peace for the children of the world.” In 2009, Peace Month moved from October to June out of consideration for other annual activities that affiliated Greenbelt organizations were engaged with.

Out of that same consideration, the PGPJC requested that

September be the new Peace Month for the City of Greenbelt. In recent years, June has been celebrated by the city as Pride Month, and the city has joined with the rest of the country in recognizing Juneteenth. The PGPJC believes that moving Peace Month to September will help to align the City of Greenbelt with the United Nation's International Day of Peace on September 21.

The PGPJC looks forward to collaborating with other Greenbelt organizations to plan September activities relating to peace. Groups interested in being a part of the Greenbelt Peace Month can reach out by email to justpeacepg@gmail.com.

Daniel Thies is a member of the PGPJC.

Outstanding Citizen Linda Ivy Retires as Festival President

by Lois Rosado

Linda Ivy did not need to be enticed to attend the opening ceremony of the 2023 Labor Day Festival. She had been attending the opening day event for 32 years and served as president for 11 years. Some of her family members were present, including her son and grandchildren, along with one of her sons-in-law with his twins. As usual, Ivy was in the Labor Day Booth, checking on the stage performances that would begin after the opening ceremony. She was half-listening to Bob Zugby as he began sharing details about the next Outstanding Citizen.

As Zugby continued describing the volunteer work of the citizen to be selected, Ivy started to really pay attention because it sounded like her. She looked over at committee members, who gave no hint of knowing anything. Suddenly, her name was called out. Ivy was shocked. She had heard people's names called for all those years before and never expected that she would be chosen. She was honored to be listed with the pantheon of Greenbelt greats and grateful to be able to serve her city. The first person that Ivy greeted on her way to the stage was John Henry Jones, the informal mayor of Greenbelt. She calls him a Greenbelt



Linda Ivy, Outstanding Citizen 2023

Treasure. Jones was selected as Outstanding Greenbelt Citizen in 2012.

Ivy continues to work with the Labor Day Festival Committee and still does the stage and coordinates the various performance activities. She stepped down from the presidency to address family medical matters, but she is very much engaged in her tasks. She recently had health challenges of her own but remains active to ensure that the Labor Day Festival is a wonderful event and fun for everyone in attendance.

Ivy stressed that members of the city council should thank volunteers and appreciate the talent that is given so freely by Greenbelt residents to help maintain the quality of life in the city. She also suggested that the Outstanding Citizen committee place an ad in the Greenbelt News Review listing and celebrating annually all the former Outstanding Citizens – something to consider since there have been 50 Greenbelt residents selected for this honor since 1973.

For more on Linda Ivy's selection as Outstanding Citizen, see the September 14, 2023, issue.

There are many outstanding volunteers working to serve the Greenbelt community and helping to improve all of our lives – use the nomination form found on page 6 to nominate someone.



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Sports

Greenbelt Swim Team Beats Accokeek 320-257 While Hosting Its Final Meet of the Summer

by Matthew Neus

The Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team (GMST) won its final meet of the season on Saturday, July 13, over Accokeek Swim Team, 320-257. GMST ended its season with just one loss this summer. The team will head to divisionals this Saturday at Smallwood Village Aquatic Club.

Boys 18 & Under 200 SC Meter Medley Relay First Place: Joseph Stokes, Noah Brittain, Christopher Goode and Karthik Dwivedi (2:03.66); Third Place: Kellen Murray, Mark Coppock, Kevin Hsu and Louis Roberts (2:35.70)

Girls 18 & Under 200 SC Meter Medley Relay First Place: Lucy Murray, Tea Rippon, Mia Moore and Kira Moore (2:22.85); Third Place: Mia Downs, Iris Gaycken, Maya Francis and Hannah Baker (2:36.63)

Boys 10 & Under 25 SC Meter Butterfly First Place: Silas West (21.65); Second Place: Levi Baker (25.25)

Boys 11-12 50 SC Meter Butterfly First Place: Scott Lizzetti (55.10)

Girls 11-12 50 SC Meter Butterfly Second Place: Anabelle Downs (40.94); Third Place: Mabel West (44.94)

Boys 13-14 50 SC Meter Butterfly First Place: Oscar Gaycken (36.81); Third Place: Adrian Velasco (48.52)

Girls 13-14 50 SC Meter Butterfly First Place: Mia Downs (36.06); Second Place: Lucy Murray (37.75); Third Place: Maya Francis (39.69)

Boys 15-18 50 SC Meter Butterfly First Place: Joseph Stokes (30.13); Third Place: Christopher Goode (30.77)

Girls 15-18 50 SC Meter Butterfly First Place: Mia Johnson (33.54) **Boys 8 & Under 25 SC Meter Freestyle** Second Place: Joshua Downs (33.16); Third Place: Jet Allen (35.02)

Girls 8 & Under 25 SC Meter Freestyle Second Place: Elizabeth Moore (21.93); Third Place: McKenna Lynch (22.28)

Boys 9-10 50 SC Meter Freestyle First Place: Silas West (43.44); Second Place: Shivam Dwivedi (43.66)

Girls 9-10 50 SC Meter Freestyle Second Place: Riley Wayne (49.66)

Boys 11-12 50 SC Meter Freestyle Second Place: Judah Lookhong (39.80)

Girls 11-12 50 SC Meter Freestyle First Place: Eliana Hebert (32.57); Third Place: Adyson Kerdock (38.00)

Boys 13-14 50 SC Meter Freestyle First Place: Oscar Gaycken (31.80)

Girls 13-14 50 SC Meter Freestyle First Place: Mia Moore (29.57); Second Place: Tea Rippon (30.93)

Boys 15-18 100 SC Meter Freestyle First Place: Karthik Dwivedi (1:00.06); Second Place: Joseph Stokes (1:02.77)

Girls 15-18 100 SC Meter Freestyle First Place: Mia Johnson (1:08.57)

Boys 8 & Under 25 SC Meter Breaststroke Second Place: Joshua Downs (46.44); Third Place: Tafari Ford (1:01.84)

Girls 8 & Under 25 SC Meter Breaststroke Second Place: Adelaide Baker (35.52); Third Place: Emmeline Bedford-Dillow (36.90)

Boys 9-10 25 SC Meter Breaststroke First Place: Levi Baker (30.03); Second Place: Guy Lincecum (33.26); Third Place: Jax Jamison (33.32)

Girls 9-10 25 SC Meter Breaststroke Second Place: Maggie Brown (27.56); Third Place: Christine Kamdem (29.22)

Boys 11-12 50 SC Meter Breaststroke First Place: Judah Lookhong (48.38); Second Place: Ronan Jackson (50.03)

Girls 11-12 50 SC Meter Breaststroke First Place: Eliana Hebert (42.25); Third Place: Mabel West (52.19)

Girls 13-14 50 SC Meter Breaststroke First Place: Tea Rippon (38.95); Second Place: Valeria Herrera (55.46); Third Place: Morgan White (1:05.38)

Boys 15-18 50 SC Meter Breaststroke First Place: Noah Brittain (32.84); Third Place: Kevin Hsu (39.51)

Girls 15-18 50 SC Meter Breaststroke: First Place: Kira Moore (42.28); Second Place: Iris Gaycken (44.34); Third Place: Maia Swisdak (47.45)

Boys 9-10 25 SC Meter Backstroke Second Place: Shivam Dwivedi (27.81)

Girls 9-10 25 SC Meter Backstroke First Place: Maggie Brown (24.70)

Boys 11-12 50 SC Meter Backstroke Second Place: Judah Lookhong (57.22); Third Place: Scott Lizzetti (58.44)

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Girls 15-18 50 SC Meter Backstroke First Place: Mia Johnson (36.01); Third Place: Kira Moore (37.03)

Boys 8 & Under 25 SC Meter Backstroke Second Place: Joshua Downs (45.27); Third Place: Jet Allen (45.56)

Girls 8 & Under 25 SC Meter Backstroke Second Place: Emilia Tallack (28.96); Third Place: Elizabeth Moore (31.09)

Girls 12 & Under 100 SC Meter IM First Place: Eliana Hebert (1:22.07); Second Place: Anabelle Downs (1:44.33); Third Place: Adyson Kerdock (1:51.20)

Girls 13-14 100 SC Meter IM First Place: Lucy Murray (1:26.27); Third Place: Hannah Baker (1:35.56)

Boys 15-18 100 SC Meter IM First Place: Noah Brittain (1:09.65); Second Place: Karthik Dwivedi (1:13.14)

Girls 15-18 100 SC Meter IM Second Place: Iris Gaycken (1:33.69)

Mixed 8 & Under 100 SC Meter Freestyle Relay Second Place: Emilia Tallack, Jet Allen, McKenna Lynch and Joshua Downs (2:07.59); Third Place: Rose Platt, Yaalon Ibrahim, Adelaide Baker and Yoseph Ibrahim-Ford (2:21.43)

Boys 9-18 200 SC Meter Freestyle Relay Second Place: Silas West, Judah Lookhong, Oscar Gaycken and Christopher Goode (2:21.97); Third Place: Shivam Dwivedi, Scott Lizzetti, Chase Goddard and Kevin Hsu (2:36.75)

Girls 9-18 200 SC Meter Freestyle Relay Second Place: Maggie Brown, Eliana Hebert, Mia Moore and Mia Johnson (2:19.51); Third Place: Riley Wayne, Mabel West, Tea Rippon and Iris Gaycken (2:33.12)



Greenbelt's Kira Moore

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Greenbelt's McKenna Lynch takes a diving start.



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The Visitor Center, located on the Refuge's South Tract, is open Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and is closed on federal holidays. The Kids Discovery Center is open daily, Tuesday through Saturday. Sessions, each 35 minutes in length, start at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon. Registration is strongly recommended. Call the Kids Discovery Center Registration line at 301-497-5760 to reserve a time slot.



Emery Forrest (6), Aine Forrest (4) and Elijah Forrest (7) read about newts with their dad, Eric.



Elijah Forrest creates a fun mask and completes a salamander craft at the Kids Discovery Center.



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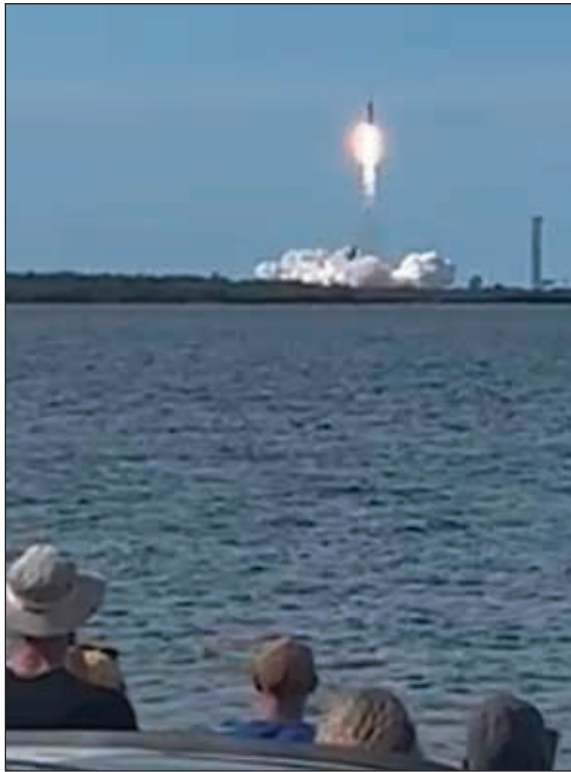
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Launch successful! It was also very exciting to see (and feel) the sonic boom.



The two re-usable booster rockets by SpaceX return to earth after launching the weather satellite.

- Photos by Sally Davies



Mary Murchison-Edwards reads the News Review in front of Ozane Pest Control's Insect Museum in Tom's River, New Jersey.

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Isabel and Carmina Salvatierra read the News Review while visiting Arantzazu, Spain.

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Michael Zelif and sister Kathy above the Spokane River

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Linda Orrin took the Greenbelt News Review to Blackwater Falls in West Virginia.

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Tom and Johanna Jones hold a News Review while at Astrid Lindgren's World in Vimmerby, Sweden.

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