



Malia Murray
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Council Adds to Rental Aid: Approves CARES Program

by Diane Oberg

After a broad-ranging discussion at its March 14 meeting, the Greenbelt City Council unanimously approved allocating another \$200,000 of its American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for rental assistance and approved the concept of the plan put forward by Greenbelt CARES to help residents move past the need for such assistance. Council also made several appointments to city advisory boards and discussed the reopening of city buildings.

Rental Assistance

Acting City Manager Timothy George reported that staff has

noticed that the nature of the requests for aid had changed and that most are now from people requesting help on a monthly basis, which was not the original purpose of the program. Staff is now proposing a program to help residents move beyond the need for assistance.

CARES Director Elizabeth Park reported that, including the earlier ARPA funding, the city has spent \$1.5 million on rental/utility/food assistance. Thirty percent of those seeking assistance were unemployed and another

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World-class Swimmer Z. Shattuck Trains in Greenbelt for Next Event

by Edith J. Beauchamp

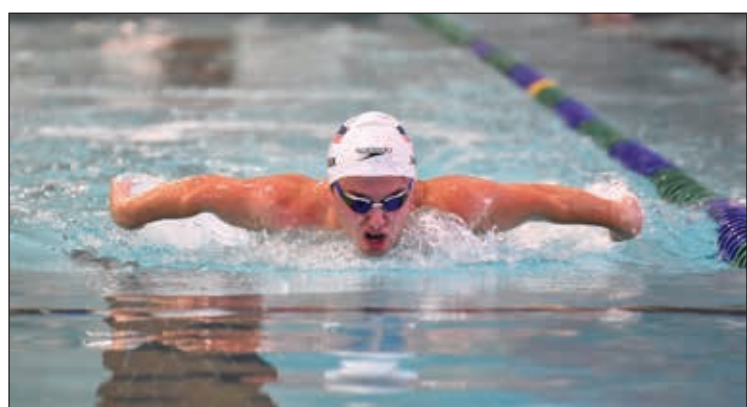


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Zach Shattuck, 26, a paralympic swimmer with the USA team in Tokyo and again for the 2022 team, is preparing in Greenbelt for a world series meet in Indianapolis next month, to qualify for the World Championships in Portugal in June.

Nearly every day, Zachary Shattuck is at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center. He does laps in the pool, over and over: crawl, breast stroke, butterfly, back stroke, all classic strokes. When watching him, it appears he has taken the name of the stroke as a command. He flies through the water.

Greenbelt's pool is not the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Training Center in Colorado where he usually trains, but it works. He is here. The pool is here. And the World Para Swim events are happening in a few weeks, so he trains.

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PHOTO BY KAREN KNEE

Karp Family School children and teachers perform the Purim play. From left, Yael Fischman, Maggie Brown, Lirael McFarland, Alia Bolden, Dmitri Barnes, Isaac Hoskey and Danielle Barandiaran

ACE Educator Awards 2022 Return to In-person Ceremony

by Melinda Brady



PHOTO BY CHONDRIA ANDREWS

Six Greenbelt teachers receive the 2022 ACE Educator Award. Top row from left, City Councilmember Rodney Roberts, City Councilmember Ric Gordon, Delegate Nicole Williams, City Councilmember Judith Davis, Mayor Emmett Jordan, City Councilmember Kristen Weaver, City Councilmember Silke Pope, City Councilmember Colin Byrd; bottom row from left, School Board member Joshua Thomas, James Smith from Greenbelt Middle School, Tamia Perry from Greenbelt Elementary School, Wanda Dixon from Springhill Lake Elementary, Rose Nkouaze from Dora Kennedy French Immersion, Sharinita Hester from Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Laura Browning from Magnolia Elementary, Delegate Alonzo Washington, County Council Member Todd Turner

Greenbelt's Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) held their 27th ACE Educator Awards on Monday, March 14. Melinda Brady, the chair of ACE, welcomed the audience and city council back to the in-person event, saying, "We would like to thank Mayor Jordan and the city council for their continued

sponsorship of the Awards. ACE, formed in 1994 with an updated charter in 2007, serves as a link between the community and the city council to promote high quality schools for Greenbelt."

The Educator Awards recognize school-based adults who have made exceptional contributions to Greenbelt schools. In the

past, recipients have been teachers, guidance counselors, other professionals, support or building staff. ACE selects the awardees based on nominations from each school's administration. "The ACE Educator Awards complement the ACE Student Awards,"

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Artists Damen, Kornett, Phillips Present the Human Condition

by Nicole DeWald

The new exhibition at the Community Center Art Gallery brings together the work of three distinguished Maryland artists: painters Jessica Damen and Pamela Phillips and sculptor and printmaker Judith Kornett. Entitled Oh, Heart, Here Is Your Healing, the show reflects on the longing for healing and our mixed successes in achieving it. The show recognizes creative work itself as a healing process and foregrounds the interest of all

three artists in the re-integration of humanity with the natural world.

Jessica Damen

Damen is represented in the exhibition by a series of tall, narrow "sliver" paintings. Around 1' wide and approaching 7' tall, several of the pieces function like core samples, revealing the intermingling of different layers of matter and realms of experience. Each work is a response to a poem or a poet's remembrance which viewers can read and hear at Damen's Visions Voices Verses website linked at greenbeltnmd.gov/arts. The exhibition title derives from one such source text: Meadow Turf by Janet Lewis. This poem inspired Damen's painting Lacing Life and Death, depicting a boy in a flowery meadow, "his legs laced into its underground growth" nourished by the remains of seasons past. Damen's Leaping into Eel's Death Colors, a meditation on the death of a dear friend and collaborator, similarly juxtaposes a vibrant surface world with a watery underworld, full of agency



PHOTO BY JOHN EICHELBERGER

Three "sliver" paintings by Jessica Damen

and adventure in its own right. The painting No Memorials for This Lot, created in 2018, bears an uncanny resonance in our present moment; sunflowers – the national flower of Ukraine – are equated with fallen soldiers. As penned by Tim Joyce in the source poem for this piece, "how recently they were golden-faced and young."

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What Goes On

Monday, March 28
7:30 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building
Wednesday, March 30
8 p.m. Budget Worksession, Municipal Building

Both meetings will be in person. See the meetings calendar at greenbeltnmd.gov for the agenda packet.

Support for Ukraine



PHOTO BY JOHN CAMPANILE

People continue to gather at 2 p.m. on Sundays in the Roosevelt Center to protest the war in Ukraine.



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

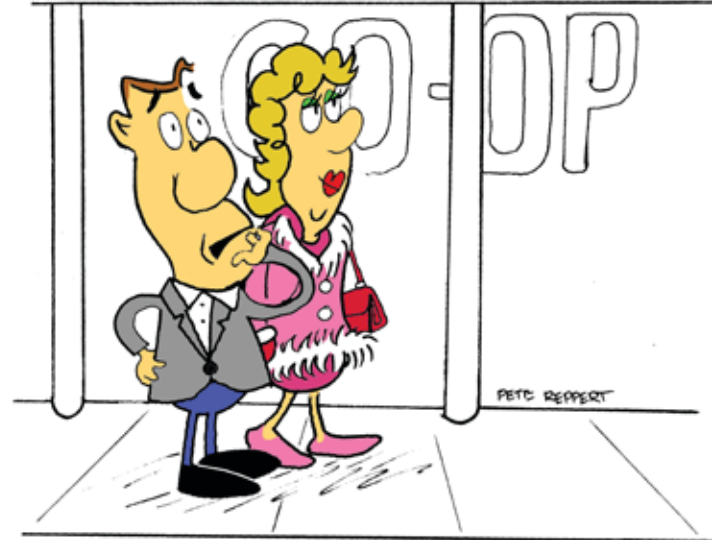
City officials decorated the Municipal Building sign with yellow and blue lights to show solidarity with Ukraine.

How to Help Ukraine

The City of Greenbelt has posted on its website a list of charities that support the people of Ukraine as they fight against Russian invaders. The city identifies 13 groups that are doing work in Ukraine, including the well-known Doctors Without Borders as well as the lesser-known GoFundMe projects aimed at keeping journalists going. The list can be viewed under News on greenbeltnet.gov. The source of the list is the Washington Post.



OVERHEARD IN GREENBELT...



PETE REPPERT

I COULD TELL YOU MY COVID JOKE, BUT YOU MIGHT GET IT.

- Pete Reppert



Letters to the Editor

Welcoming? Inclusive?

The mental health of any of us in town is a relative thing. I believe council should be as welcoming and inclusive of residents at council meetings as it has declared the city to be of those coming to Greenbelt.

A longtime resident, known to many and perceived by many, on occasion, to be louder and ruder and generally more obnoxious, maybe, than even I am, but who nonetheless with encouragement sometimes is restrained in his tone and verbiage, attempted recognition at the March 14 council meeting. Ignored by the mayor when he raised his hand, after a few minutes, he quietly approached the podium after three other residents had spoken. He waited quietly as council talked. After a few more minutes, he interjected his desire to express his opinion, but was rejected by the mayor and others even before he could complete expressing that desire. At that point, his lesser capabilities prompted him to explode, modestly, and he left the

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FRI. 5:00 PM, 8:00 PM S1
SAT. 5:00 PM, 8:00 PM S1
SUN. 2:00 PM (OC), 5:00 PM S1
MON. 2:00 PM, 5:00 PM S1

THE OUTFIT (R) (CC) (DVS) (2022) (106 MINS)

FRI. 5:30 PM, 8:30 PM S2
SUN. 2:30 PM, 5:30 PM S2
MON. 2:30 PM, 5:30 PM S2

WHO WE ARE: A CHRONICLE OF RACISM IN AMERICA (PG-13) (CC) (DVS) (2022) (117 MINS)

SAT. 5:30 PM, 8:30 PM S2

On Screen at Old Greenbelt Theatre

Infinite Storm

One woman's journey for self-discovery turns into a harrowing tale of survival. As Pam, an experienced climber ascends Mt. Washington, she turns back before she reaches the summit as a huge blizzard approaches. But on her way down, she encounters a lone, stranded and ill-prepared man, and takes it upon herself to get them both down the mountain before nightfall arrives and they succumb to the storm. Directed by Małgorzata Szumowska, Infinite Storm is based on a true story.

Rated R, running time 104 minutes

The Outfit

Leonard, a master English tailor played by Mark Rylance, used to craft suits on London's Savile Row. But after a personal tragedy, he's ended up in Chicago, operating a small tailor shop with his assistant where he makes beautiful clothes for the only people around who can afford them: a family of vicious gangsters. One night, two killers knock on his door in need of a favor, and Leonard is thrust onto the board in a deadly game of deception and murder. Directed by Graham Moore.

Rated R, running time 106 minutes

Who We Are

Interweaving lecture, personal anecdotes, interviews and shocking revelations in Who We Are: A Chronicle of Racism in America, criminal defense/civil rights lawyer Jeffery Robinson draws a stark timeline of anti-Black racism in the United States, from slavery to the modern myth of a post-racial America, while exploring the enduring legacy of white supremacy and our collective responsibility to overcome it.

Rated PG-13, running time 117 minutes

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Community Events

Charlestowne Village Elects Officers

Charlestowne Village Condominiums held its annual meeting on March 8 and the results of the election are as follows: Daisy Brown, president; Jake East, vice president; Thyra Packett, secretary; Lois Rosado, treasurer; Doug Mangum, director; Silke Pope, director; and Bella Olguin, director.



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

A resident joins the city's No Mow initiative for the month of April.

Support Pollinators In No Mow Month

The City's Department of Public Works encourages residents to support pollinator habitat and participate in No Mow Month beginning April 1. The March 21 registration date has passed, but you still can participate unofficially. See greenbeltmd.gov/government/public-works/no-mow-month.

Springhill Lake Rec Family Fun Drop-in

Families are invited to enjoy group games and drop-in gym time on Sunday, March 27 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Complimentary recreation equipment is available on site. Facility ID is required for participation.

Human Computers, Modern Astronomy

On Thursday, March 31 at 7:30 p.m., the Astronomical Society will hold their monthly meeting. The meeting will be virtual over Zoom, with the link posted to the calendar section of the society website, greenbeltastro.org, before the meeting. Corinne Carter and Sue Bassett of the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will present The Harvard Computers and the Foundations of Modern Astronomy. (Computers was the early 20th century name given to the women who worked in astronomy at Harvard.) All are welcome.

Golden Age Club At Schrom Hills Park

The Greenbelt Golden Agers will meet in person on Wednesday, March 30 at 11 a.m. at Schrom Hills Park to celebrate National Take a Walk in the Park Day. Water and a snack will be provided. To join the Golden Agers email list or to obtain additional information, contact Becky Sutfin at rsutfin@greenbeltmd.gov.

Babe Ruth Baseball Signups

Players 13 to 18 years old can sign up for Babe Ruth Baseball by contacting Ian at 240-305-7458. For more information, visit greenbeltbaberuth.com.

At the Library

Greenbelt Library hours: 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.; Sundays 1 to 5 p.m.

Health and Safety

Face masks continue to be required at Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) buildings for everyone ages 2 and up. The library appreciates customers' assistance with maintaining a safe environment for children who are not yet eligible for Covid-19 vaccines and for customers and staff who have high risk for Covid-19. These additional library safety measures are available: plexiglass shields at the service desks, hand sanitizer dispensers and single-use keyboard and mouse covers.

Reading Challenge

The PGCMLS is teaming up with the Washington Wizards to present the Wizards Winter Reading Challenge through March 31. Participants may complete and log activities including reading, watching Wizards games, attending virtual library programs, staying active and engaging with the Library and Wizards. Readers who complete the challenge will be entered into a raffle to win a variety of prizes. All ages are welcome. Register on Beanstack (website or mobile app).

Prince George's Council Transitions to Hybrid

The Prince George's County Council transitioned from completely virtual to hybrid meetings as of March 15, offering residents the option of participating in sessions and public hearings virtually or in person at the Wayne K. Curry Administrative Building. Council meetings will be held at reduced capacity and adhere to social distancing guidelines.

Council will continue to accept written testimony or comments for public hearings and committee meetings via the eComment portal. Eligible items are posted weekly on pgccouncil.us/Speak. While electronic submittals utilizing the council's eComment portal are preferred, comments and written correspondence may also be emailed to ClerkoftheCouncil@co.pg.md.us or faxed to 301-952-5178.

Gubernatorial Forum Registration Open

The Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club reports that approximately 100 people have reserved a seat to the Gubernatorial Forum on Sunday, April 3 at 3 p.m. The event, sponsored by the Roosevelt Club, will occur at the Greenbelt American Legion, located at 6900 Greenbelt Road, with a capacity of approximately 200 people. The club highly recommends that those wishing to attend access the rooseveltclub.com link quickly to secure seating. Sign interpreters will be provided.

The forum will be moderated by Dave Zahren, who also served as moderator for the Greenbelt City Council candidates forum last October. Zahren, the long-time host of Baltimore's version of It's Academic, is also the senior television instructional specialist with the Prince George's County Public Schools' Office of Television Resources.

For any questions, contact Konrad Herling at 301-345-9369.

Native Plant Work Party on March 26

Help fight invasives and plant natives. The GHI Woodlands Committee is hosting a workday on Saturday, March 26 from 9 a.m. to noon. The group will plant bare-root shrubs, persimmon, milkweed and elderberry seeds in and around the new propagation area. Meet at the picnic table between 8 and 10 Courts Laurel Hill Road. The group will be working next to the blackberry patch at the woodland edge.

What to bring: A face mask for when in proximity to others. All participants are required to socially distance as much as possible for their safety and that of others. Clothes that cover skin are recommended also leather gloves and thick pants to protect against scratches. Bring tick repellent and hand sanitizer. Tools and equipment will be provided. A personal shovel, rake or mattock would be welcome to facilitate other volunteers' involvement.

For more information, contact SowingStrength2@gmail.com.



Order More Free Rapid Home Covid-19 Tests

Each residential household in the U.S. is eligible to order two sets of four rapid antigen tests. The brief order form, asking for only contact and shipping information, takes just a moment to fill out. The form and more information can be found at COVIDtests.gov. Orders will ship within 7 to 12 (or more) days, with delivery by the U.S. Postal Service.

Greenbelt PORCH Next Pickups

The pickup schedule for the rest of the month follows: on Saturday, March 26 between 9 and 10 a.m. for 14 and 15 Courts Laurel Hill; on Sunday, March 27 by 4 p.m. for the 9 and 12 Courts Ridge Road.

Volunteers who would like to expand Greenbelt PORCH to additional neighborhoods in Greenbelt are welcome. Anyone with questions or who is interested in being a volunteer or starting a new neighborhood for monthly food collection with Greenbelt PORCH, contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler at spreadruak@gmail.com.



1st Annual Food Truck Festival on March 26

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee is hosting the 1st Annual Greenbelt Food Truck Festival to celebrate some of the tastiest local food cuisine on wheels. Check out the good food and family fun provided by Greenbelt Recreation at Schrom Hills Park on Saturday, March 26 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Greenbriar III Has New Board of Directors

Greenbriar Phase III had their annual meeting on March 15 and the results of the election are as follows: Angeline Butler, president; Jane Mullaney, vice president; Mary Thomas, secretary; Carol Adams, treasurer; and Iona King, director.

Little League Registration Opens

Play Ball! Greenbelt Youth Baseball Little League is excited to announce that registration is open for the Spring 2022 season for ages 5 to 14. Registration can be completed at gyblittleleague.org.

Those with questions about registration or who are interested in coaching/volunteering should contact greenbeltyouthbaseball@gmail.com.

GIVES Quarterly Meeting via Zoom

The Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Services (GIVES) office at the Community Center is now open. The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, March 26 at 10 a.m. Members will receive Zoom information via email. Anyone wishing to attend can call the GIVES office at 301-507-6580 for the Zoom link details.

Scholarship Application Deadline Coming Soon

Applications are being accepted for State Senator Paul Pinsky's 2022 Senatorial Scholarship. Those applying should be current high school seniors or full-time and part-time degree-seeking undergraduate or graduate students who live in the 22nd Legislative District.

The application is available online at senatorpinsky.org. Complete and file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid in addition to the scholarship application.

Selection is based on academic achievement, financial need and commitment to higher education. Awards range from \$500 to \$2,000.

For anyone who received an award from Senator Pinsky during a previous academic year, the award will be renewed automatically as long as the awardee maintained satisfactory academic progress. For more information call 301-858-3155 or email pinsky@senate.state.md.us. The application deadline is Sunday, April 3.



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Letters continued

meeting loudly and crossly. There might have been a different outcome had he been recognized and encouraged to speak to the issue. That council would welcome only the more acceptable among us is unacceptable.

Bill Orleans

School Bus Stops

As a Prince George's County school bus driver for over 30 years, I take exception to the letter Citizen Mehta wrote in the March 17 issue about one of our buses and the procedure they followed picking up children on March 10 at Crescent and Southway Roads. Concern was expressed that the bus driver stopped in the middle of the intersection rather than allow the painted crosswalk on the ground to be a factor in where the bus stops to allow the children to get on the bus. Children occasionally are hit and sometimes killed by drivers that are not paying attention or carelessly disregarding the flashing red lights when the students are attempting to get on their bus. Prince George's County has installed outside cameras on every bus in addition to the ones that are already in place on the inside in an effort to "catch" these careless drivers. We bus drivers are painfully aware of people that are not paying attention to our most precious commodity and we strive to place the buses in the best position possible to allow the students to get on their buses safely.

Donna Peterson

An Accident Waiting to Happen

Actually, people have already been hurt! I am referring to the inaccessibility of the sidewalks at the Roosevelt Center from the handicapped parking spaces in front

of the stores. The curb is too high to step up from the ground if a person has balance issues and uses a cane or a walker. The biggest flaw is the design of the curb cutaways from the handicapped parking spaces where they are located on the left side. Most mobility vehicles have exit ramps on the right side of the vehicle. There is no cutaway at all in front of Maria's! When a motorized wheelchair exits from a van, the van itself blocks the cutaway. Because there is one-way traffic it is not possible to back into the parking spaces.

At this time, unless there is no car parked in the space to the right of the handicapped space, one must stop in the middle of the street, blocking traffic and let the passenger out in front of one of the three cutaway curbs. My suggestions are to make the handicapped spaces wider and add a cutaway curb straight-on located on the right side of the space. I would also add a cutaway curb in front of Joe's and the Nails place to provide safe sidewalk access for those who do not need the handicapped parking spaces.

Carol Beigel

Mishkan Torah Celebrates Purim in Person with Fun

by Karen Knee

On the evening of Wednesday, March 16, Mishkan Torah Synagogue celebrated the holiday of Purim in person. About 25 people gathered to listen to the reading of the Megillah, or Purim story, and others tuned in via Zoom. Generally, the Megillah is chanted in Hebrew or translated into English; however, at Mishkan Torah the custom is to read parts of the story in as many languages as possible. This year, that included Spanish, Haitian Creole, Latin and Yiddish.

Alternating with readings by adults, children in Mishkan Torah's Karp Family Hebrew School brought the story to life by performing key scenes. Isaac Hoskey brought menacing energy to the role of Haman, the villain who tricks the inattentive, hard-drinking King Ahasuerus into signing a decree that would wipe out Jews throughout the kingdom.

Maggie Brown was sweet and sassy as Esther, the young Jewish queen who risks her life to save her people.

After the service, all the participants received goody bags full of hamantaschen (triangular Purim cookies with fruit, chocolate or poppy-seed fillings) and other treats. The school children had helped bake the hamantaschen in the synagogue kitchen the previous Sunday. This was the first time the kitchen had been used since the beginning of the pandemic, and it felt like another small step back to normal, in-person synagogue life. Assuming that Covid rates remain low in our area, Mishkan Torah is planning to continue offering in-person events for children and adults throughout the spring and summer. Email membership@mishkantorah.org to learn more.



Congratulations to Jaylin Lee-Sumlin, a Greenbelt resident and freshman at Clark Atlanta University, who is a recipient of a four-year scholarship through the HBCU Corporate Scholars program funded by Exelon, Pepco's parent company, in partnership with the United Negro College Fund.

Congratulations to Isabelle Gornay whose work was mentioned on the Five Minute Histories: The Pratt's Modernist Library at youtube.com/watch?v=Ai6TIZ40Cws.

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



Easter Sunrise Service Sunday, April 17

An ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service is planned for 7 a.m. on Sunday, April 17 at Schrom Hills Park. All are welcome. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket to sit on. Rain location is Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt.

Gaebel Memorial Set to May 22

The December 23, 2021, obituary for Julie Gaebel stated that a memorial service was planned for June 11, 2022. The memorial is now planned for May 22. Those who would like to receive more information should email Abby Crowley at acrowley@comcast.net.



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

A chalk drawing by Vijay Parmeshwaran celebrates the Hindu festival of Holi, which started March 18.



"All the prophets have striven to make love manifest in the hearts of men." – 'Abdu'l-Bahá



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March 27 10 a.m.
Showing Up for Each Other in Beloved Community

Pastoral Care Associates, Rev. Ann Kadlecsek with Worship Associate Jacqui Walpole

Listening with attention and caring may be one of the most significant gifts we offer to one another. But it may be especially difficult during this time of isolation to listen and remain present to others when we ourselves might feel the need to be heard. Many of us are missing the familiar presence of friends and loved ones we would normally lean on for support. Let's discuss ways to seek and to offer a loving connection to others in our Beloved Church Community.

City Notes

After welcoming a stray rabbit and six newborn kittens, the Animal Shelter hosts seven cats, eight kittens, two dogs and a rabbit. Two cats and a kitten were adopted.

Street Maintenance/Special Details removed an exterior brick wall prior to the heating, ventilation, air conditioning and air handling unit renovation at the Youth Center. Horticulture/Parks built a stone wall for the Arbor Day tree and Building Maintenance installed lights around the city in support of Ukraine. Refuse/Recycling collected 24.62 tons of refuse and 10.85 tons of recyclables.

The Community Center provided logistics for the American Rescue Plan Act Visioning Session. Arts hosted an Art Share and reassembled the ceramics studios after intersession maintenance.

Therapeutic Recreation helped the Golden Age Club celebrate March birthdays. Two families received financial assistance. Twenty-three seniors received Food and Friendship meal delivery for a total of 5,369 meals delivered since March 2020.

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living program's workshop at Green Ridge House helped 12 residents apply for a renter's tax credit.



Alonzo Washington Offers Scholarship

State Delegate Alonzo T. Washington is now accepting applications for his 2022-2023 Scholarship Award Program. Applications, open to current high school seniors or those seeking an undergraduate or graduate degree, are available online at tinyurl.com/WashingtonScholarship2022.

To be eligible, applicants must attend a college or university in Maryland and complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Undocumented residents are eligible for funds and are welcome to apply. Those who have received Delegate Washington's scholarship in the past must re-apply this year.

For more information, email Alonzo.Washington@house.state.md.us or call 301-858-3652. The application deadline is Friday, May 20.

Donate Sneakers For People in Need

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

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



City Information & Events

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

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
Monday, March 28, 2022 at 7:30pm

ORGANIZATION

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations
- Neighborhood Design Center
Arbor Day Proclamation
Budget Presentation
* **Minutes of Council Meetings**
Statement of Record - Closed Session, March 7, 2022
Administrative Reports
* **Committee Reports**

LEGISLATION

- A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Professional Consulting Services for Configuring and Deploying Data Dashboards for Crime and Traffic Stops; *1st Reading*

OTHER BUSINESS

- Reparations Committee
- Council Activities
- Council Reports
* Appointment to Advisory Board

MEETINGS

Meetings
Stakeholder

In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov

MEETINGS FOR MARCH 28-APRIL 1

Wednesday, March 30 at 7:30 pm (Virtual Meeting), **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD**, *On the Agenda: Call to Order, Approval of Agenda, Approval of Minutes of March 14, Budget Recommendations Discussion, New Business, Adjourn*

Wednesday, March 30 at 8 pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION**, *Overview, Revenue and General Gov't/Other Funds/Non-Departmental and Fund Transfers*

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Friday, May 20 | 6:30am-8:30am
Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center parking lot
Celebrate the 10th year of the Greenbelt Pit
Stop! Free registration at biketoworkmetrodc.org



GUIDED WALKING TOUR
Sunday, April 10 | 1 pm

Greenbriar Park
Hanover Pkwy and Mandan Rd
Greenbelt, MD 20770

Join members of the Forest Preserve Advisory Board for a walking tour of the newly acquired, Greenbriar tract. Board members will be available to answer questions, address concerns, and to give insight into this unique parcel.

For more information, contact Environmental Coordinator, Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll: kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov

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

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Community Input Meetings

Come and share your thoughts on how the City of Greenbelt should invest its American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

March 29 - 7 pm |
Springhill Lake Recreation Center
6101 Cherrywood Ln
Greenbelt, MD 20770

CITY WELCOME PACKETS

The City Welcome Packet is back!!! If your business, club, or organization would like to be included in the City of Greenbelt's Welcome Packet, please bring 300 copies of your promotional materials to the Greenbelt Municipal Building, located at 25 Crescent Road, by 3 pm on Friday, April 15, 2022. Packets will be distributed to all new residents of Greenbelt and are a great resource to help promote your business!

For more information, contact Chondria Andrews at candrews@greenbeltmd.gov or 240-542-2026.

WEED WARRIORS: INVASIVE PLANT PULL
March 26 | 10 am - 1 pm

Be a part of the community effort to remove invasive plant species from the environment around Greenbelt Lake in Buddy Attick Park. Volunteers will work with Public Works staff to remove invasive vines from native trees and to pull other invasive plant species.

Reminders:
Bring a reusable water bottle
Wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes
Students: bring community-service forms
Must register to participate; limited to 25 volunteers

To Register, email: kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov

FREE TUTORING PROGRAMS

Registration open for K-12
Thursdays 3-5:30pm
6101 Cherrywood Lane

Mathematics, English, Science, Social Studies

For more information or special accomodation, contact:
(202) 710-6473
dayoku@greenbeltmd.gov

Greenbelt ARPA Funds Assistance Programs Update (as of 3/14/22)

Rent and Utility Assistance
· 253 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$998,817.96

Mortgage and HOA Assistance
· 6 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$8,464.77

ARTISTS' 24-HR STUDIO SPACE

Greenbelt Community Center
Schedule a tour by March 25.
New residencies begin in July!

Information at:
www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts



ATTENTION:

Buddy Attick Park Parking Lot Reconstruction project will be getting underway in the next two weeks. The project is anticipated to be completed in two months. Parking will be limited/closed at times. Additional parking is available at the Greenbelt Youth Center located at 99 Centerway. For questions, please contact Terri Hruby, Director of Planning and Community Development at thruby@greenbeltmd.gov or via phone at 301-345-5417.



CAMP GUIDE
COMING SOON

Full and Half Day Camps Available
June 27- August 19

Greenbelt Recreation will provide full and half-day Summer Camps June 27 - August 19. Available for youth ages 3.5 - 17.

Look for our Camp Guide online in early April!

Summer camp jobs are now open!

For more information call 301-397-2200 or visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation

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Shattuck, 26, competed in the Tokyo Paralympics (a world-class competition held for athletes with physical and mental disabilities) last fall. He medaled a few times at prior world championships and Para Pan American championships, including bronze in 2017 in Mexico City and silver in Peru in 2019. Shattuck competed in several events in Tokyo in 2021, making his first final in the 200 IM (individual medley) and setting two new American records at the Games.

Last fall, the Downs clan – including Zach’s uncle, Paul Downs, who was Greenbelt’s Outstanding Citizen for 2017, and Zach’s mother, Theresa Downs Shattuck, as well as his grandmother, Dee Downs, and grandfather, Jack Downs – watched the Tokyo games on a big screen they set up in Greenbelt. Later that fall, Jack Downs died suddenly of acute leukemia. Now Shattuck is doing his workouts in Greenbelt to be near his grandmother.

In early April, he will travel to Indianapolis to compete in one of four World Para swim series events. From these meets, 25 swimmers will qualify for the Paralympic Swimming World Championships and travel to Portugal this summer.

Travel

And Shattuck is eager to travel. For the Tokyo Paralympics he was part of a team of 10 men and 24 women sent from the U.S. But because of Covid, he did not get to see or experience much of Japan except for looking out the windows of the bus at the city of Tokyo as they rode from the Paralympic Village to the Aquatics Center.

He described it as “eerily quiet and hard to find that excitement level” without the normal crowds. He missed being able to eat in restaurants in the host country. He hopes to go back someday to really visit. The 2022 team going to Europe will be a smaller contingent. In addition, he is still hoping to make the 2023 team to compete in the Para Pan Am games in Chile next year and then hopefully on to Paris for the Olympics/Paralympics in 2024.

Shattuck has also competed in Lima, Peru; London; Mexico City; Singapore; Tokyo; and throughout the United States. He loved his experiences, especially in Peru, where there was a brief trip to visit Machu Picchu, and in Singapore where they stayed in “a super fancy hotel with three towers and what looked like a spaceship on top.” The views of the harbor in Singapore were “spectacular,” especially from the rooftop infinity pool (they competed at a separate aquatic facility), and he loved the Asian food.

Start of Swimming

Shattuck grew up swimming with his family at a summer cabin on the Cacapon River and was always athletic. In high school, Shattuck was captain of the soccer team, on the wrestling team and played junior-varsity basketball. But in the summer of 2013, he and his family attended a conference for people with dwarfism hosted by Little People of America which connected them to the Dwarf Athletic Association of America, where doctors and sports promoters work with children and families to encourage physical development and healing through physical activity. While

there, Shattuck signed up for a couple of swim races, and he heard about the Paralympics from another family. He was hooked; it was another opportunity to excel in sports which he loved.

Shattuck began swimming competitively the summer of 2014 when, as an entering freshman at Frostburg State University, he met with the swim coach about the possibility of getting some help. The coach encouraged him to join the swim team, and looking back, he said, “It was the best decision I’ve ever made.” He credits his Coach Justin Anderson, and all of his teammates, friends and family with getting him to the elite level.

He earned a degree in parks and recreation and he taught kayaking and canoeing for two summers at a lake in Carroll County through the parks system there. In addition, he was the assistant swimming coach for Mary Washington University in Virginia before going off to train in Colorado after he was chosen for the U.S. Paralympic team.

Swimming in general is a lonely sport, in one’s own lane, rather than collaborating with a whole group. Shattuck describes it as “a sport all by yourself where you have to pull from your own energy.” Swimming at the elite level requires extreme dedication, commitment and perseverance, and mental tenacity whether an Olympian or Paralympian. Paralympians though, have additional challenges that make competing more difficult.

Paralympians

Paralympians who have dwarfism, such as Shattuck, have shorter-than-average arm and leg length and need to move twice as fast to pull the same amount of water and cover the same distance. Paralympians with missing limbs or with some paralysis are not allowed prosthetics in the race. These swimmers begin the race in the water instead of diving from a block. Paralympians

with blindness may require a “tapper” to alert them when they are nearing the wall. Deaf swimmers need a light-strobe to start the race.

The meets are designed with categories of swimmers’ racing needs. They compete according to those specializations, and their scores are compared against other elite times and world records on a point system that resembles advanced physics or calculus. But calculus or not, top winners in world meets, such as Shattuck, are all faster than the average person.

Upcoming Competition

Shattuck’s roommate in Colorado, Evan Austin (who took gold in Tokyo), is quoted on the main webpage for U.S. Paralympic Swimming: “Even though I was born with a disability and some of my teammates had an accident or inherited their disability in the middle of their lives, we just adapt and conquer.”

That attitude is one of the reasons Shattuck is looking forward to seeing his friends at the upcoming Indianapolis meet. He is also excited that the sport is growing and there are a lot of younger swimmers coming up.

When pushed to recall his successes, Shattuck thinks he has set 26 American records over his seven years of competition. “I want to watch my records get broken,” he said, “because it pushes you to compete versus being in the lane by yourself. It’s more exciting when the races are close.”

To learn more about the upcoming Paralympics competitions, follow the news coverage or to contribute to support the program, visit teamusa.org/USParaSwimming.



PHOTO BY PHILIPPA ROBERTS

Zach Shattuck trains at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center.



PHOTO BY MARY LOU WILLIAMSON

Hepaticas in bloom

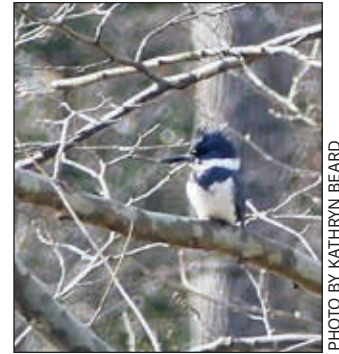


PHOTO BY KATHRYN BEARD

Male belted kingfisher



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Brady said, “which we will present to deserving students in early May.”

This year’s awards went to the following educators:

Springhill Lake Elementary School: Wanda Dixon, fourth grade teacher. According to the school’s administration, Dixon is a veteran teacher who comes to work each day with a smile and a positive attitude, even though she has so many things on her plate. Her projects include studying for her doctorate, leading school theatrical productions and mentoring new teachers.

“Her rapport with her students is calm, caring and consistent. She creates a classroom environment of safety and warmth,” the school administration wrote. “We are so proud to call Mrs. Dixon a Springhill Lake Eagle and hope she continues to guide us for the next 30 years.”

Magnolia Elementary School: Laura Browning, fifth grade teacher. Browning is an educator known for her strong presence, Magnolia administration wrote. She started work as a paraprofessional and studied to become a fully certified elementary school teacher. She has produced students who have won recognition in essay writing, mathematical computation and science fair competitions. Browning headed several committees at Magnolia. She has been the chair of the Staff Recognition Committee and the School-Based Management Team. Browning is also an advocate for the preservation of the environment in her role as the sponsor of the Environmental Club at Magnolia.

“Ms. Browning’s generosity of her time, talent and treasure is profoundly ingrained in her ways,” the school administration wrote. “At the height of the pandemic, she drove to her students’ communities and distributed treats to let them know how much she missed and valued them. There is no doubt that Ms. Browning embodies strength and character through her grit and resilience. It is for these reasons, Laura Browning has been selected as an ACE outstanding educator for 2022.”

Greenbelt Elementary School: Tamia Perry, fourth grade teacher. School administration wrote, “From her first year of teaching, it was clear that Ms. Perry was going to be a ROCKSTAR!” Perry commands a classroom with a gentle demeanor and has a down-to-earth personality, as well as strong pedagogy and superb ability to connect with

students and staff. She sets and expects high levels of effort and determination from her students, and the students respond well. In addition, she is the fourth-grade chairperson where she mentors her teammates in their second year of teaching. Perry is also currently serving as a mentor teacher to a senior education major student at the University of Maryland, College Park and she is the sponsor for the Student Government Association, where she teaches students to become leaders in their community.

“Through superb planning and skilled execution, Ms. Perry creates an environment where learning happens for all,” the administration wrote. “She certainly deserves to receive the 2022 ACE Educator Award.”

Dora Kennedy French Immersion: Rose Nkouaze, second grade teacher. The school administration wrote, “Madame Rose Nkouaze is an awesome educator of 27 years.” She started her career in French immersion teaching when Dora Kennedy was known as Rogers Heights Elementary School. Nkouaze is passionate about teaching and is truly committed to the full immersion experience. She holds the school community accountable in the practice of speaking only in the targeted language of French (Principal Spence can attest to this).

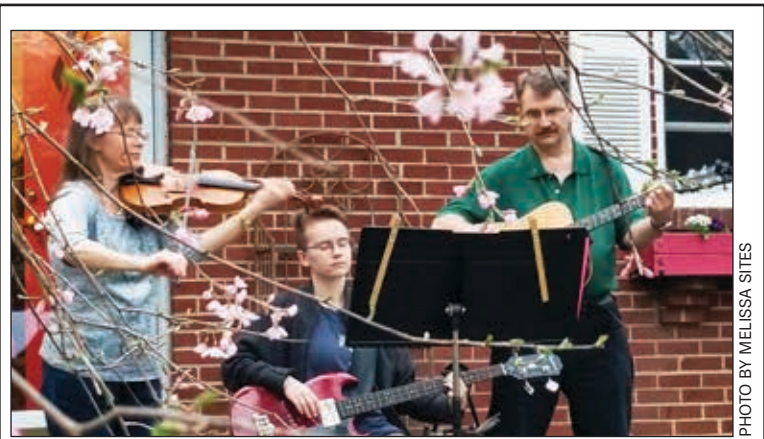
She serves as a teacher leader in the building and spends much of her time collaborating and assisting her colleagues. School administrators wrote, “Although small in stature, her impact on the Dora Kennedy French Immersion community is grand!”

Greenbelt Middle School: James Smith, building supervisor.

“Mr. Smith has been a constant support to the entire school community in making sure everyone has the needs to be successful,” wrote school administration. Smith provided the protocols to maintain a clean environment for the building.

“During the entire pandemic and inclement weather days, Mr. Smith has been at school to ensure the safety of our students and staff,” they wrote. In addition, with more than 20 years of service, he has developed many other leaders who have become building supervisors at other schools. “Without hesitation and ensuring the building looks immaculate every day, Mr. Smith is truly deserving of the ACE Educator Award.”

Eleanor Roosevelt High School: Sharinita Hester, special education teacher. “Ms. Hester truly embodies the Eleanor Roosevelt Way, as she walks with integrity, accepts responsibility and shows the utmost respect to students and staff,” school administration wrote. “Ms. Hester always goes above and beyond her assigned duties. As a special education teacher she assists not only her students, but also all students at Roosevelt.” Hester is the sponsor for the Education Reform Club and also joined a team of teachers and administration to assist with the formation of the Rising Raider Academy. When not teaching, the administration wrote, “You will find her checking in with students as Ms. Hester is concerned with the whole child, recognizing that social and emotional health is also vital for student success. Ms. Hester is truly deserving of the title Outstanding Educator!”



Transatlantic Crossing celebrates St. Patrick's Day with an outdoor concert on Northway.

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Artist Jessica Damen in the studio

Damen’s works are lavishly painted, from the cheek of a human figure to the flesh of a strawberry dropped on the kitchen floor. Her canvases are full of light, life and color, notwithstanding their darker allusions. Damen’s work seems to be fueled by the sort of cognitive and emotional dissonance that has become so pervasive in recent times, as we witness blossoms unfolding cheerfully in the midst of a pandemic, birds singing in a world at war. In the artist’s words, the paintings “strive to mend universal wounds through beauty,” healing both by suturing and by soothing.

Judith Kornett

The exhibition includes a selection of ceramic sculptures and monoprints by Kornett, a former Greenbelt resident and

Greenbelt Recreation arts instructor. Kornett’s sculptures share with Damen’s paintings an earthy sensibility. Sometimes that earthiness is more than metaphorical; some works that might otherwise have been included in the show were placed by the artist in her garden, to be unmade by the elements and returned to the soil. The pieces which we are lucky enough to see include Equi (meaning “equal”), which juxtaposes a wide-eyed human figure with a horse’s skull; Kornett is an experienced equestrian specializing in dressage. We also see a self-portrait head and the heavily encrusted bust entitled Barnacle Baby. Her piece Open Heart combines a seated figure with an open chest merging both with her

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Pink Glasses by Judith Kornett

Join hosts Jeff and Laurie Lemieux for a Meet and Greet with

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Sunday **March 27** 92 Ridge Road
1:00 - 3:00pm Greenbelt, MD 20770

TO RSVP, VISIT
<https://bit.ly/MeetandGreetGbt>

This will be an outdoor event. Please dress accordingly and wear flat shoes.

This is an opportunity to meet Nicole and learn more about her campaign, not a fundraising event.

Learn more about Nicole’s campaign at www.NicoleAWilliams.com

By Authority: Friends of Nicole A. Williams, Robert L. Williams, Treasurer.

Join Us for Our Annual Meeting

March 29th at 7 p.m.

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Virtual Door Prizes will be held

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10 percent had family members who were unemployed. The main reason that aid requests were denied was that those seeking help had income over the program limits. In some of these cases, the Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Alliance (GILA) was able to provide assistance. The money allocated for rental assistance has now been exhausted.

The city has not received as many requests for mortgage or homeowner's association/condo fee assistance as expected. Park proposed shifting most of the \$200,000 remaining in that account to rental assistance, for which Park says they now have applications for \$100,000.

Several councilmembers had concerns about this proposal. Mayor Emmett Jordan and Councilmember Silke Pope suspected that court delays and residents' lack of awareness about the program have delayed the requests, while Councilmember Rodney Roberts felt more money was needed. (He proposed allocating \$1 million for this purpose but his motion was not seconded.)

The rental assistance program is but one piece of the ARPA spending pie. George reported that between staff and the online survey, he has received roughly \$60 million in requests for the city's \$22.88 million ARPA grant. The city is currently gathering residents' ideas on needs and priorities. In addition, he said that Treasurer Bertha Gaymon, using a federal formula, has calculated that the city lost \$3.4 million in revenue due to the pandemic, which ARPA funds can be used to replace. While city real estate values have held steady or even increased, the hotel/motel taxes dropped \$800,000 per year. There was also significant revenue lost from recreation program fees. George expected to get back to council in mid-May with the results of the community engagement.

In the end, council agreed to leave the mortgage assistance funding in place and allocated another \$200,000 in ARPA funds for rental assistance.

Councilmembers Rodney Roberts and Colin Byrd both indicated a desire to allocate more money to rental assistance and the issue may be revisited at the next council meeting.

CARES Plan

Park and her staff have developed a multi-phase plan for workforce development and helping residents find jobs. She reported that the city recently received its previously approved Community Development Block Grant for financial literacy training. In addition, they are already offering training on résumé

preparation and job search skills for residents 18 to 24 years old. They plan to look at how best to expand this training for those over age 24.

In the first phase of their plan, CARES would work to connect residents with local employment opportunities including posting local and city job openings on the city's website and hosting a job fair. Case managers will meet with individual residents to assess needs and identify available resources to assist with those needs. CARES will also offer career readiness classes.

In the intermediate term, the plan expands to work with local businesses to identify workforce needs, coordinate workshops and training and discuss specific workforce challenges and possible solutions/resources. In addition, CARES would pilot a youth work readiness program for residents, also 18 to 24 years old.

In the longer term, CARES would offer programming to help connect residents with county and state workforce development organizations. The goal is to promote job training programs and establish a grant-funded program for businesses to customize training programs to attract new employees and increase the skills of their existing workforce, and to encourage businesses to hire locally.

Council approved the concept of the CARES plan, but directed Park to flesh out the plan with projected needs and costs for council review.

Re-opening

On March 21, city facilities were unlocked. However, after a security review, access to those buildings will change. Community Center users will no longer have to do temperature self-check and answer screening questions.

At the Municipal Building, residents entering the building will use a touchscreen to indicate which department they want to visit, then have a video conference to confirm whom they need to see. A staffer will then escort the visitor to their office. Elevator use will require a passcard, which the escort will swipe. Michael Hartman asked how the visually impaired would access city staff. George said he would check with staff regarding access for both visually-impaired and hearing-impaired individuals, who would likely have issues with the video call.

City Boards

Under the consent agenda, council appointed Barbara Stevens to the Arts Advisory Board and reappointed Matthew Inzeo and Tom LeaMond to the Advisory Planning Board and the Arts Advisory Board, respectively.

ERHS Robotics Team Heads For World Championships

by Haley Kerby

Mark Campbell, head coach for the Eleanor Roosevelt High School robotics team, and students from the high school have worked hard creating robots all year long and it is paying off.

The Greenbelt VeX Robotics Team has five groups, or squads, each with four to five students. One of these squads, 53A, has made it to the World Championship. This tournament is a 10-day event taking place in early May at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center in Dallas, Texas.

The tournament will be co-hosted by the REC Foundation and Northrop Grumman Foundation where "our robotics community will unite in person and remotely to celebrate STEM excellence and compete in heart-pounding competition matches,"

according to its website. The teams are student-led and range from elementary to university level. The high school teams will compete from May 5 to 7.

Earlier this month, all five squads advanced to the Maryland State Championship, and three of these teams have qualified for the U.S. Open National Championship. This tournament takes place, in person, in Council Bluffs, Iowa, on Monday, March 28.

The News Review will be following this story and speaking with the team in the coming weeks to hear about these competitions and what it's like creating such advanced technology, while also being able to showcase their game strategy, design and teamwork skills.



Yoshino cherry tree in GHI

PHOTO BY LINDLEY DARDEN

**GIVE BLOOD
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New Greenbelt Listings



**45 Lakeside Dr
\$525,000**

Lakeside single-family home for sale! Roomy wintertime lake-view house backs to the woods and possesses many sustainable, energy-saving and water-conserving features.



**5J Eastway
\$275,000**

Lovely 2-bedroom GHI home filled with thoughtful upgrades and additions. The kitchen and dining room have been combined and renovated with exposed brick and marble countertops, while the spacious sunroom provides tranquil additional living space.



**69K Ridge Rd
\$118,500**

Newly-renovated lower-level GHI one-bedroom with fenced backyard. Complete renovation includes new kitchen cabinets and countertops and newly-finished hardwood floors.



**UNDER CONTRACT
60H Crescent Rd
\$159,500**

Brick GHI one-bedroom Honeymoon Cottage with screened porch and wraparound yard. Top-to-bottom renovation with fresh paint throughout, new kitchen cabinets and countertops. Includes original Art Deco built-in wooden shelving and drawers.

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Police Blotter

Incidents reported here are from March 14 to March 20. 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. Note that the times provided are when the incidents were reported.

Robbery

On March 20 at 12:42 a.m. near 6200 Springhill Court, a person was robbed at gunpoint.

Fights

On March 20 at 5:35 p.m. near 6200 Springhill Court, two people got into a fight. Both sustained minor lacerations, and both are being charged with first degree assault.

On March 17 at 1:03 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a dispute between customers turned physical.

Arrests

On March 14 at 9:25 a.m. near 7500 Greenbelt Road, a vehicle was pulled over because of a stolen license plate, and the driver was arrested on an outstanding warrant from Virginia. A DUI arrest was made on March 19 at 4:17 a.m. at Kenilworth Avenue and the Beltway.

On March 20 at 2:53 a.m. near 7700 Hanover Parkway, officers witnessed a man testing car door handles and rummaging through multiple cars. The man was arrested.

Missing Person

On March 17 at 7:05 a.m. near 6200 Breezewood Drive, an adult male was reported missing who had not taken his mental health medication recently. He was later found safe.

Theft

On March 16 at 1:08 p.m. near 6000 Breezewood Drive, the back bedroom window was broken, the residence was rummaged through and personal property taken.

On March 15 at 5:54 p.m. near 100 Westway, the front and rear license plates were stolen from an auto.

On March 17 at 8:51 a.m. near 100 Westway, an unlocked vehicle was rummaged through, but nothing was taken.

On March 18 at 6:53 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, the right rear passenger window was

smashed and personal property was taken.

On March 14 at 6:24 p.m. near 8000 Greenbelt Station Parkway, personal property was taken from an unattended wallet and used fraudulently.

On March 14 at 7:56 p.m. near Southway, an unknown person reached into someone's pocket and stole money.

On March 19 at 9:06 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a gray Schwinn bike was stolen. Commercial theft was committed on March 15 at 12:28 p.m. near 7600 Greenbelt Road, and on March 16 at 12:40 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road.

Fraud

On March 15 at 6:24 p.m. near 7800 Jacobs Drive, identity theft was reported.

On March 20 at 5:19 p.m. near 6900 Hanover Parkway, check fraud was reported.

Vandalism

On March 14 at 6:19 p.m. near 9100 Edmonston Road, a car window was broken and the ignition was damaged.

On March 15 at 3:10 p.m. near 6000 Breezewood Drive, a residential door was damaged when someone unsuccessfully tried to pry it open.

On March 19 at 3:02 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a vehicle had the right front passenger window broken, nothing taken; and a second vehicle had the rear driver-side window broken and personal property was taken.

On March 20 at 9:09 p.m. near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace, multiple windows of a residence were shattered by bricks.

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chair and with an accretion of aquatic forms. Kornett's figures often incorporate ambiguous organic elements that can be read either as growths or as poultices. In her work as in life, it can be difficult to distinguish ailment from remedy.



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Artist Judith Kornett creates a monoprint.

As an undergraduate and graduate student, Kornett had focused on printmaking. Recently, she has returned to the modality through an exploration of new techniques and safer materials. Kornett builds up dream-like imagery with grated pigments before pulling her monoprints and adding linear elements with permanent markers. The resulting surfaces are quite painterly, much like the surfaces of her sculptures. The texture evokes stone, while the visionary images and discontinuous marks resolve in the viewer's eye like galaxies. Kornett's prints incorporate human faces and "archetypes" such as skulls and ravens that are recurring symbols in her work.

Pamela Phillips

Phillips strives to maintain some distance between her therapeutic and creative practices, the subject of healing more generally is sometimes referenced in her imagery and materials. She

writes: "Shaman #2, The Depth of Blue, and Calling the Spirits recall my experiences of meeting shamans and healers in my travels in Peru, Venezuela and New Mexico where the indigenous people often include aspects of nature and spirituality into their ceremonies and healing practices." The Depth of Blue incorporates milagros – charms used both in supplication and in thanks for divine healing. Two figures extend their hands toward one another amidst a field of star-

like mirrors, one figure emerging only partially from the void. The piece is one of several works by Phillips with a cosmic aspect, conveyed both through celestial imagery and in the form of feathers and winged creatures.

A Place Beyond Dawn, Phillips shares, "depicts the aftermath of being a caregiver and putting aside my art for a loved one for nearly a year. Sanctuary City evokes a way of healing in a

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Artist Pamela Phillips in the studio

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broader sense through the caring and protection of our immigrant communities.” Phillips draws additional inspiration from poetry and other literature, citing Rumi and Mary Oliver among her influences. Sometimes, distorted handwriting is incorporated into Phillips’s paintings as a visual element, as in the piece Reckoning. Here, a human figure with small moth-like wings appears to ponder the secrets of the universe, her hands resting on a large, mysterious text.



PHOTO BY JOSEPH HYDE

Shaman #2 by Pamela Phillips

Together, the three artists offer a depiction of the human condition that is both unvarnished and lofty, inviting us to enjoy their work with our feet on the ground and our heads among the stars. Oh, Heart, Here is Your Healing: Jessica Damen, Judith Kornett, and Pamela Phillips will be on view daily from April 3 through May 20. Gallery hours are: Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sundays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. All ages are welcome. Meet the artists at a reception on Sunday, May 1, 1 to 3 p.m., in conjunction with a studio Open House. Visit greenbeltmd.gov/arts for links to online information about these artists and about additional Greenbelt Recreation ARTS programs, which are sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.

Hyattsville Library Opens March 30

The Prince George’s County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) announces the new 40,258-square-foot Hyattsville Branch Library at 6530 Adelphi Road will open on Wednesday, March 30.

The public is welcome to join in opening day festivities, including a ribbon-cutting ceremony (10 a.m.) featuring County Executive Angela Alsobrooks; Prince George’s County Councilmember Deni Taveras; PGCMLS CEO Roberta Phillips; PGCMLS Board President Toni A. Smith; Rico Newman, a member of the Elders Council of the Choptico Band of Piscataway Indians; and other distinguished guests.

The Hyattsville Branch Library’s regular hours, starting on Thursday, March 31, will be: Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays, closed (Sunday hours will begin on October 2).

Artists Honored At Black Showcase

M-NCPPC, Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince George’s County presents The Black Art Showcase, a black-tie event celebrating talented Prince George’s County artists at Oxon Hill Manor, Friday, March 25, 7 to 10:30 p.m. The elegant night will feature a silent auction, music, live performance and refreshments to support local African American artists. Artwork from seven local artists will be on display and available for purchase. Proceeds from this showcase will go toward free art workshops to enrich young African American artists throughout Prince George’s County. For more information and registration go to web1.myvscloud.com/wbws/mdpgparkswt.wsc and click on Event Calendar.

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Murray's Photo Perspective Up on GAC's Online Gallery

by Letty Wilson Bonnell

Just about ready to break out of Covid isolation and begin exploring new terrain? If so, you might want to scroll through Malia Murray's photography exhibit Perspective for inspiration, currently on view at the Greenbelt Arts Center's online gallery (GAC, greenbeltartscenter.org/gac-digital-gallery-malia-murray). Twenty-eight of her lyrical images are on display, capturing familiar local scenes and the American West, as well as the farther shores of western Africa, Peru and Cambodia. Her subjects range from landscapes, seascapes and nightscapes to close-up views of sculpture and architecture.

Murray's interest in photography began with a point-and-shoot camera in high school. "We all have to start somewhere," she says. After experimenting with a lightweight digital camera, she embraced the sturdier Nikon DSLR cameras in 2005 and "never looked back even despite the size of dragging around a DSLR; if this is suffering for my art - it's worth it."

On the GAC website, Murray defines perspective in two ways: "The angle or direction in which a person looks at an object" and "point of view." Two Annapolis scenes elegantly demonstrate these distinctions. Annapolis Storm shows a sweeping waterscape as seen from a bridge crossing College Creek. From that vantage point, we see a distant, but quickly approaching, storm front. The horizontal orientation of the image emphasizes the angled perspective of the boat-filled docks lining both sides of the creek. These lead to the point where storm clouds, filled with rain, meet the horizon line. Looming blue, gray and white storm clouds are punctuated by the slender white masts of the sailboats quietly moored on the water, embodying the nervous tension of the impending storm. In What She's Seen, Murray focuses her camera on a detail of a carved stone grave marker in St. Anne's Cemetery. This close-up point of view zooms in on the eyes, nose and mouth of a figure whose surface is covered with green, orange and yellow blooms of lichen. The slightly angled tilt of the head, its downward gaze and age-eroded stone surface suggest a quiet intimacy quite different from nature's impending disturbance at College Creek.

Two landscape views - one from west Africa, one from Arizona - illustrate Murray's discerning eye for color and light. African Cruise gives us a glimpse of a trip up the Niger River in west Africa where she was a volunteer photographer with the International Environmental Data Rescue Organization (iedro.org). One sees an interior view of a small boat whose sharply-angled prow is pointed toward the horizon. No passengers are visible, but three pairs of flip-flops neatly arranged on the damp bottom of the boat and a pushpole resting at an angle above them suggest its occupants. The narrowness of the boat is reinforced by the photo's vertical format. At the same time, the calm surface of the wide river bisected by the acute triangle



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Annapolis Storm

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of the prow and the hazy gray rectangle of sky implies a sultry calm. Bright bits of sky-blue and aqua paint on the otherwise bare wood of the boat contrast with the ochre and gray of the water and sky, adding a bit of unexpected sparkle to an otherwise monochromatic palette.

Speaking of her technique, Murray says, "Photography and video both are based on using light. No light, no picture. I honed my understanding of color correction for video through photography editing. Composition is roughly the same but you break the rules for different reasons. In the end they're both about storytelling."

Greenbelt native Murray has become familiar locally as a videographer for the more than 20 years she spent as executive director of Greenbelt Access Television (GATe). There she worked with a variety of community organizations to produce videos, helped to launch the Utopia Film Festival and trained local high school students in television production. She is also the owner of Murray Communications, where she produces independent videos.



PHOTO BY SHARON NATOLI
Malia Murray

So, how did her early interest in photography expand to include video? "I was looking to get into journalism, and I took an internship with Beverly Palau and the city cable channel. I probably wouldn't be doing video if it weren't for her," she says. Murray advises those starting their careers to find a good mentor in the field they want to be in. And my best advice to our readers: visit Murray's GAC exhibit and be transported to new vistas. Bon voyage.

Send Us Your High Resolution Photos!

The News Review encourages readers to send in photos of Greenbelt landmarks, activities and the changing seasons. Photos should be at least 300 dpi, and must include the name of the photographer and a caption. The caption must name any identifiable people in the photo, as well as explain the picture.

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A rainbow appears over Greenbelt on March 17. No pot of gold was reported.

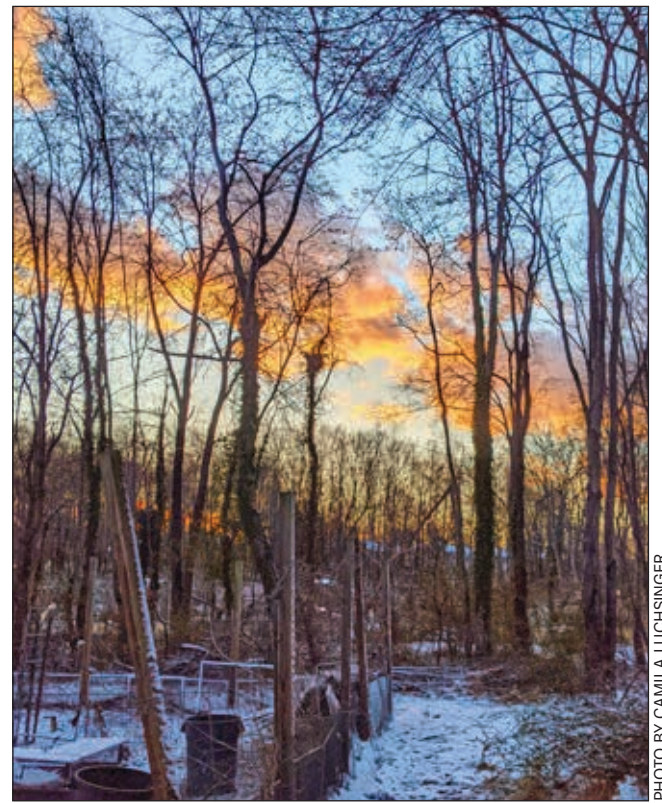


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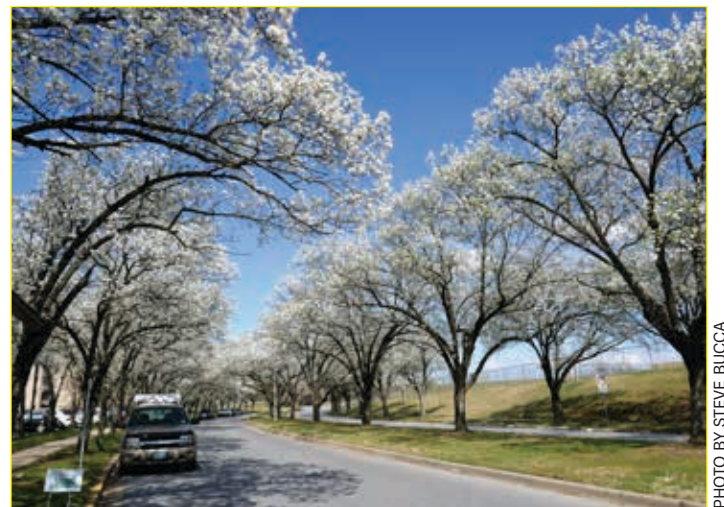


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