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Eggs Galore Found During Greenbelt's Easter Egg Hunt

by Haley Kerby



PHOTO BY JAMES WISNIEWSKI

Egg collecting strategies include running fast to the farther away eggs and staying still to pick up near by.

As the horn blew, the ribbon was dropped and children of all ages ran onto the field in search of eggs, many of which were immediately visible.

This was the annual Easter Egg Hunt hosted by the City of Greenbelt. Held in person last

Saturday, April 16 at Schrom Hills Park, the event began promptly at 10 a.m.

The egg hunt took place on the park field near the playground. Areas were sectioned off for different age groups to ensure a fair and fun time. In each sec-

tion, one golden egg, containing a special prize for the lucky finder, was hidden among the others. Bubbles, balloon animals and bouncy toys were also provided to entertain participants.

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Greenbelt East Advisory Committee Brings Various Concerns to Council

by Matthew Arbach

The Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC) met with the Greenbelt City Council on April 14 to discuss a number of pressing issues facing their part of the city. GEAC's associated homeowner's associations (HOAs) and condo associations (CAs) share many common concerns and are striving to return to a level of normality, including regular and well-attended community meetings, even if they are still largely virtual.

Maglev

The proposed maglev project continues to be of concern.

Council reaffirmed the No Build option, employing Jill Grant & Associates to aid in reviewing and drafting comments on the current Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The last statement was released in June 2021 to the city's congressional delegation. The city is now awaiting the Final DEIS, which Mayor Emmett Jordan hoped would arrive in the next two to three months. The city is pressing the state legislature to pass bills that would prevent the

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Middle School Teacher J. Liu Heads Subtitles Team for PBS

by Matthew Arbach

In the summer of 2020, Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) Chinese teacher Dr. Joann Liu got the opportunity to lead a team to provide Chinese subtitles for an episode of the PBS documentary series Asian Americans. The five-episode series, which aired in May 2020, covers the experience of Asian Americans in the United States, presenting their struggles against discrimination and their invaluable contributions to the progress of the nation. Liu, who volunteered for this challenging and time-consuming project, emerged learning a great deal more about this country's Asian heritage, with an enhanced appreciation for the strength that comes from diversity, and a recognition of the lingering aspects of prejudice and victimization that Asian Americans still face.

Liu and her team of four others worked on the first episode,



PHOTO BY MATT ARBACH

Dr. Joann Liu

which was an introduction entitled Breaking Ground. The episode recounted the travails and achievements of the first influx of Asian immigrants – mainly around the mid-1800s, from

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Earth-friendly Efforts Happen Year Round at the Co-op

by Kim Kash

At the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket, it's hard to tell this is Earth Month, because around here every month is Earth Month. With solar panels on the roof, a growing selection of earth-friendly household and cleaning products on the shelves, and cardboard boxes and expired produce going out the back door to support the vermicomposting efforts of Greenbelt's volunteer Hot Composting Group, the Co-op is upping its environmentally friendly game.

The Co-op's new, highly insulated roof and solar panels saved \$34,000 in electricity cost in the first full year of its installation. It also saved about 428,281.84 lbs. of CO2 emissions, which is the equivalent of planting about 3,235 trees. Not too shabby.



PHOTO BY JILL STEVENSON

Produce manager Teddy Lawrence prepares buckets of waste produce for vermicomposting.

The panels were installed in 2019 thanks to \$406,287 in community loans and gifts as well as a State of Maryland grant. Six-hundred-and-four 400-watt solar panels totaling approximately 20,000 square feet almost completely cover the roof.

Meanwhile, down on the ground, the Co-op partners with the Hot Composting Group and a New Deal Café group calling itself The Wigglers to divert food waste and create vermicompost. The Co-op also provides cardboard boxes for the finished product.

Each week, an assigned composting group "bucketeer" picks up as many buckets of food as the Co-op puts out and returns the same number of clean buckets for refill.

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What Goes On

Monday, April 25
7:30 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building
Wednesday, April 27
7:30 p.m., Budget Worksession: Greenbelt Recreation, Municipal Building

See the city ad on page 5 and the meetings calendar at greenbeltnmd.gov for more information.



PHOTO BY SALLY DAVIES

Painting by Sally Davies for her film Crossroads. A benefit show of Utopia Film Festival films was held on Thursday, April 14, for Ukraine. See story, page 4.

Letters to the Editor

More on Candidates

Thank you for reporting on the gubernatorial candidates' forum. I would like to add the following comments about the candidates' remarks.

On the topic of maglev, Tom Perez said that candidate Peter Franchot (who did not attend this forum) supports the maglev. I was unable to find evidence to support or contradict this statement, but I did find that two of our council members have endorsed Franchot.

Candidates Jon Baron and Perez both expressed support for widening 270, and Baron also supported expanding the Beltway (although maybe just in Montgomery County?).

Baron's primary theme was that he would implement "proven

programs" and Ashwani Jain's primary theme was "inclusivity and accessibility." Jerome Segal said he is a "bread and roses Socialist" and I liked his ideas, but as Doug Gansler said "... we need a Democrat who can win the general election" and he referenced a Goucher poll that said that in Maryland, a moderate Republican would beat a liberal Democrat by 20 points. I believe this is the poll that Gansler was referencing: goucher.edu/hughes-center/documents/Goucher-College-Poll-Oct-2021-Part-3.pdf. (That same poll also found that a progressive Democrat would beat a Trump Republican by 30 points, and that a moderate Democrat versus a moderate Republican would be very close.)

Alex Barnes



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Look, a hat just like yours!

- M. Kusie

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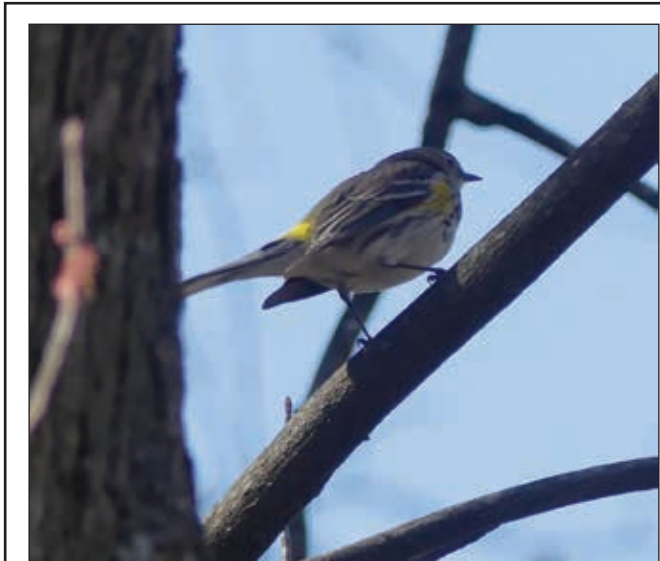


PHOTO BY KATHRYN BEARD

Yellow-rumped warbler

On Screen at Old Greenbelt Theatre

Everything Everywhere All at Once

Directed by Daniel Kwan and Daniel Scheinert, this hilarious and big-hearted sci-fi action film tells the tale of Evelyn Wang (Michelle Yeoh), an aging Chinese immigrant and the weary owner of a laundromat under IRS audit who is swept up in an insane adventure, where she alone can save the world by exploring other universes connecting with the lives she could have led. Unfortunately, this sweeps her up into an even bigger adventure when she finds herself lost in the infinite worlds of the multiverse. "The kung fu/science fiction/metaphysical action comedy that you didn't know you needed, but just might love," said Brian Lowry of CNN Entertainment.

Rated R, running time 140 minutes

Drive My Car

(Japanese with English subtitles)

Two years after his wife's unexpected death, Yusuke Kafuku, a renowned stage actor and director, receives an offer to direct a production of Uncle Vanya at a theater festival in Hiroshima. There, he meets Misaki Watari, a taciturn young woman assigned by the festival to chauffeur him in his beloved red Saab 900. As the production's premiere approaches, tensions mount among the cast and crew, not least between Yusuke and Koji Takatsuki, a handsome TV star who shares an unwelcome connection to Yusuke's late wife. Forced to confront painful truths raised from his past, Yusuke begins - with the help of his driver - to face the haunting mysteries his wife left behind. Adapted from Haruki Murakami's short story, Drive My Car is a haunting road movie traveling a path of love, loss, acceptance and peace. The film won the 2022 Academy Award for Best International Feature.

Not Rated, running time 179 minutes

Mothering Sunday

On a warm spring day in 1924 in England, housemaid and founding Jane Fairchild (Odessa Young) finds herself alone on Mother's Day. Her employers, Mr. and Mrs. Niven (Colin Firth and Olivia Colman), are out and she has the rare chance to spend quality time with her secret lover. Paul (Josh O'Connor) is the boy from the manor house nearby, Jane's long-term love despite the fact that he's engaged to be married to another woman, a childhood friend and daughter of his parents' friends. But events that neither can foresee will change the course of Jane's life forever. "A really good, solid film for the people who love Downton Abbey," says Amy Nicholson of FilmWeek, "and who maybe want to see it with a bit of a kick."

Rated R, running time 110 minutes

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Community Events

Plant Sale Will Benefit Horticultural Education



PHOTO BY MELISSA MACKAY

Duckworth School Greenhouse

On Saturday, May 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Beltsville Garden Club's (BGC) annual spring plant sale will return to Greenbelt. In addition to various member plant vendors, BGC members will host two tables featuring plants propagated by BGC's experienced member gardeners. A purchase of these locally successful, vigorous plants will support horticultural education at two local institutions.

The club maintains a thriving greenhouse at James E. Duckworth School in Beltsville, giving area students with disabilities ages 5 through 21 an opportunity to build vocational and life skills while caring for growing plants. BGC members provide hands-on greenhouse maintenance and the club supports Duckworth financially through plant sales.

Also, BGC funds an annual scholarship for a student in the University of Maryland's School of Agriculture and Natural Resources. A plant purchase can be an investment in rigorous, local horticultural higher education, supporting a healthy, thriving environment into the future.

The sale venue is behind the New Deal Café, in the parking lot used for the Farmers Market on Sundays. Adjacent parking is plentiful.



Greenbelt Kite Fly

The SPACE Free Art for All and Greenbelt Unplugged are sponsoring a Kite Fly at Northway Fields on Sunday, April 24 at 2 p.m. Kite kits and decorating supplies are available and free for children. Lawn games will be available. Bring kites and come fly with us.

GVFD Auxiliary Holds Community Yard Sale

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will hold its Indoor Community Yard Sale on Saturday, April 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 125 Crescent Rd. Come support the fire department and ladies auxiliary. Refreshments as well as homemade baked goods will be available for purchase. Tables are still available to rent. See the classified ad on page 10 for details.

Masks are not required but may be worn if desired. The sale is handicapped accessible.

Greenbelt Job Fair Call for Employers

On Saturday, May 7 from 10 a.m. to noon, the City of Greenbelt is hosting a Spring Job Fair, in partnership with Beltway Plaza. This is an opportunity to share the latest job openings for spring, summer and beyond.

Interview on-the-spot or accept applications for open positions. The Spring Job Fair is a time for candidates to learn more about an individual company as well as open positions. Additional employment resources (i.e., resume writing, interviewing, etc.) will be provided to all job seekers in attendance.

To reserve a table, visit greenbelt-spring-2022-job-fair-employers.eventbrite.com.

This event is free to all employers and job seekers. Wi-Fi access will also be available.

Greenbelt PORCH Pickup Times

The remainder of Greenbelt PORCH's April schedule:

Saturday, April 23 – 14 and 15 Courts Laurel Hill by 11 a.m.

Sunday, April 24 – 9 and 12 Ridge Road by 4 p.m.; Lakeside Drive and connecting courts by 5 p.m.

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, email Goldberg-Strassler@spreadruak@gmail.com.

Library Poetry Contest

PGCMLS hosts its Third Annual Poetry Contest for poets of all ages. After some challenging times, join in to unfurl frustrations, stress and negativity and focus on this year's theme: joy. What brings people joy? For more information, visit pgcmls.info/poetry. Submission deadline is Saturday, April 30.

GAC Holds Auditions For Murder Unlimited

Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) will hold auditions over Zoom by appointment on Monday, April 25 for May's Old-Time Radio play. Audition slots can be arranged by signing up before Saturday, April 23 through a link on the website greenbeltartscenter.org/auditions.

May's feature is Silver Theater's Murder Unlimited. In the play, a reporter tries to track down a gang that specializes in wholesale murder. The actors will participate in virtual rehearsals. The final performance will be recorded on Tuesday, May 17 and posted shortly after.

Although the actors will appear in the video, this is a radio play, and casting will be done based on vocal sound rather than age or appearance. All roles are open and everyone is encouraged to audition; this is a great opportunity for beginners who would like to try acting. Participation is entirely virtual. More information and the recordings of previous radio plays are available on the website.

GHI Workday Planned For Native Plants

Volunteer and go home with free wildflower seedlings. The GHI Woodlands Committee is hosting a workday on Saturday, April 23 from 9 a.m. to noon. There will be transplanting of wildflower seedlings into a propagation area. Volunteers who bring small pots may take home native wildflowers to raise for a personal Greenbelt garden. Meet at the picnic table between 8 and 10 Courts Laurel Hill Road. Work will commence next to the blackberry patch at the woodland edge.

What to bring:

1. Small pots, for those who would like to take home wildflower seedlings.

2. 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.

3. Clothes that cover the skin. Wear leather gloves and thick pants to protect against scratches.

4. Bug repellent, hand sanitizer, etc.

5. Tools and equipment will be provided, but bring shovels, rakes or mattocks to facilitate other volunteers' involvement.

For more information, contact SowingStrength2@gmail.com.

CROP Hunger Walk Returns Live on May 1

The annual CROP Hunger Walk is almost here. For the last two years, the Walk has been virtual due to Covid. Now the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission says groups like CROP can walk in person around Lake Artemesia. The CROP Hunger Walk will begin around 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 1.

The goal is to earn funds to stamp out hunger. Locally, half of the funds that walkers earn from their sponsors will go to Help By Phone of Prince George's County. Help By Phone has eight food pantries in eight area churches. The other half will go to Church World Service (CWS), an ecumenical charity helping refugees and hunger situations since 1946. Part of what CWS earns will aid Ukrainian refugees.

Local groups like the Eleanor and Franklin Democratic Club, the Golden Age Club and Greenbelt Community Church have participated in the past.

Step-off is from the parking lot of the Linson Pool and Wells Ice Rink on Campus Drive. For more information, email Lyn Doyle at lynbob20770@yahoo.com. All are welcome.

Golden Agers to Meet At Schrom Hills Park

The Greenbelt Golden Agers will meet in person on Wednesday, April 27 at 11 a.m. at Schrom Hills Park. Water and a snack will be provided.

To join the Golden Agers email list, contact Becky Sutfin at rsutfin@greenbeltmd.gov.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.



PHOTO BY RED KERRETT

From left, Philip Paddin, Shane Oden, Christian Stone, Paul Downs, Kalabra Friedel and Dorian Winterfeld

Earth Day Celebration Is Saturday, April 23

The city will celebrate Earth Day at Buddy Attick Park on Saturday, April 23 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Be a part of the community effort to revitalize the Buddy Attick Park Food Forest with a native planting. Volunteers will work with Public Works staff to install native landscape plugs and provide general maintenance for the area. Sustainable giveaways will be available for registrants.

Reminders: Bring a reusable water bottle, wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes. Students should bring community-service forms. Volunteers must register to participate. To register, email Environmental Coordinator Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll at kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov.

GHI Holds Meeting On Transition Survey

GHI's Board of Directors and the Transition Task Force will be holding a virtual membership informational meeting on Sunday, April 24 at 2 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the responses from the recent membership survey that will assist the board during the process of hiring a new general manager when the current manager retires.

Members must register in advance to attend. The link to register, the agenda and the report of the Transition Task Force are available at ghi.coop/content/membership-informational-meeting. After registering, members will receive a confirmation email containing details about joining the meeting.

Greenbelt Celebrates Green Man Festival


CHEARS will celebrate Mother Earth at the Annual Green Man Festival the weekend of May 7 and 8, marking the 17th time that the Green Man came out of the woods to the Roosevelt Center to bring more attention to the natural world and our place in it. This year the festival honors Mother Earth and the search for a sustainable and peaceful world. Along with numerous purveyors of handmade natural goods, many groups that focus on environmental issues and awareness of nature will be there to provide deeper understanding and knowledge about the natural world. Take some time to talk to these neighbors and find out how to make the local environment sustainable.

Many crafters are returning from last year with pottery, jewelry, woodwork, tie dye, clothing and accessories, soaps and scents. There is something for everyone, especially mom. Kids can enjoy handicrafts, face painting, hair ribbons and temporary tattoos, or build their own stick animals or make a fairy garden. Bubbles and sidewalk chalk will add to the fun.

The event runs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 7 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 8.

Astronomical Society Meets Live, Remote

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will be meeting on Thursday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m. Note that they are returning to the Community Center this month, meeting in Room 114. They will also have a remote link to the meeting available at greenbeltastro.org.



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Special Utopia Film Festival Showing to Aid Refugees

by Frank Gervasi

To aid Ukrainian refugees, a benefit show of Utopia Film Festival films was held at the Old Greenbelt Theatre on Thursday, April 14. The evening was sponsored by the Greenbelt Refugee Aid committee in partnership with the Utopia Film Festival. It was the start of campaign events to do what we in Greenbelt can to help these people in crisis.

Mayor Emmett Jordan delivered the proclamation city council issued, resolving the "Support of the City of Greenbelt for Ukraine and its People."

Natalia Budzulukova lives on Plateau Place and has been in the U.S. since 2007. A scientist working at NASA, she told of her brother's family in Kiev. They and over four million residents there hear bombs explode daily. They say it's too dangerous to leave and join the 11 million other displaced Ukrainians fleeing Russian atrocities.

Festival Director Chris Haley noted that the aim of the festival is "seeking a better world through film." All of these Utopia films aim to do that.

A good-sized audience came out on short notice to enjoy five of the best short films from the 2021 film festival. Four of the filmmakers were there to discuss their films after the screenings.

Local artist Sally Davies appeared with her award-winning film Crossroads. It illustrates the point that, as we emerge from the darkness of the pandemic, we are at a crossroads to make a better world for all of us now.

Next was a lighthearted spoof of NASA entitled Flat Line that brought a few laughs.

The Academy Award-nominated Feeling Through is a heart-warming short drama about a transforming act of kindness.

Simone Fary, director of Sensei Fran Kicks Ass, was there to discuss her film about an amazing octogenarian martial arts master and current instructor of various martial arts as well as snowboarding. Fran was a foreign service worker and is an inspirational active 82-year-old.

Kathryn O'Sullivan and Paul Awad discussed their film Bicentennial Bonsai: Emissaries of Peace. This documentary tells the story of the gift from Japan to the U.S. on its 200th birthday in 1976 of 52 priceless bonsai trees. This cultural gift represented the enduring friendship of the countries' two peoples who only decades earlier had been the bitterest of enemies in the terrible conflict of World War II.

The most notable bonsai was a large pine tree, dating from the early 1600s, that survived the atomic bomb blast at Hiroshima. Unknown to the Americans receiving the gift, the details of how it survived the devastation was not even mentioned until two grandsons visited here more than 30 years later. This and the other bonsai trees can be seen at the National Arboretum in Washington, D.C.

Greenbelt Access Television (GATe) produces the Film Festival and supports the cause of assisting refugees. GATe is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

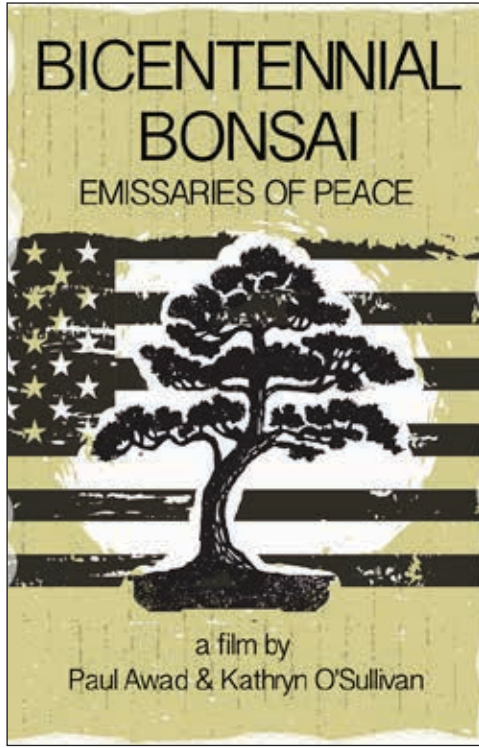


PHOTO BY PAUL AWAD AND KATHRYN O'SULLIVAN

Kathryn O'Sullivan and Paul Awad discussed their film, Bicentennial Bonsai: Emissaries of Peace, at the event.

This kick-off event was intended so that Greenbelters can help these suffering people in crisis. The audience donated \$318 Thursday night for financial assistance.

Obituaries

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

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.

Clothing Donation Drive on April 23

Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ's next clothing and small hard-goods drive will occur on Saturday, April 23 from 8 a.m. to noon and Sunday, April 24 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The church is located at 1 Hillside Road.

Place soft goods in plastic bags and hard goods in boxes that one person could carry. Oversized items cannot be accepted. Provide an estimate of the number of bags and boxes to Ken Littlefield at kenlittlefield1@aol.com. The donations will be taken to Value Village, which pays the church. The church uses the money to help fund local charities including the Greenbelt Emergency Assistance Fund.

Mowatt MUMC Yard Sale May 7

The money raised from a yard sale at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church (MMUMC) – at 40 Ridge Road on Saturday, May 7 from 9 a.m. to noon – will be used for two purposes.

First to support the church's missionary, Katherine Zevallos, in Colombia serving orphans and needy children and their families. Second, to assist MMUMC's partner, the BSA Venture Crew, with purchasing camping equipment and funding summer activities. BSA Venture Crew is an inclusive program through the Boy Scouts of America for males and females aged 14 to 20 (or 13 and completed the 8th grade). Youth and advisors meet on set schedules and plan activities and events for youth.

The yard sale will feature a bake sale, a gift wrap table and a Mother's Day-themed yard sale featuring costume jewelry, candles, beach towels, beach bags, fragrances and lotions, collectibles and books less than five years old.

Table space is limited, so call 301-474-9410 and leave a number to receive a return call to confirm a space.



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UU Ministry for Earth with Worship Associate Polly Pettit

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Psalm 27:1

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City Notes

Horticulture/Parks celebrated Arbor Day, planting 22 trees including the Eleanor Roosevelt Memorial Holly and hosting a native plant give-away.

Refuse/Recycling collected 29.62 tons of refuse and 11.75 tons of recyclables. Sustainability/Environmental offered a presentation on recycling at the Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church.

The Animal Shelter residents are 10 cats, 12 kittens and three dogs, including one dog recently surrendered.

Street Maintenance installed a pedestrian sign at the new crosswalk on Springhill Drive. Building Maintenance de-winterized the outdoor pool and installed hardware for hanging artwork at the Youth Center.

Recreation staff and park rangers hosted the Annual Egg Hunt, held at Schrom Hills Park.

The Community Center welcomed back the Labor Day Festival Committee, Scottish Country Folk Dancing and Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership.

At the Aquatic & Fitness Center, six students completed lifeguard training; three have applied for employment.

Therapeutic Recreation facilitated a Golden Age Club meeting and delivery of frozen meals for 25 homebound seniors.

Boxwood Village Scholarship Open

The Boxwood Village Civic Association offers an annual \$500 scholarship to a current Boxwood Village resident. It is available to graduating high school seniors and full-time (at least 12 credit hours per semester) undergraduate students. The scholarship is partially funded through the proceeds from the Boxwood booth at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival, Annual Boxwood Yard Sale and other activities.

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

Call for Artists

The New Deal Café is looking for artists to participate in the Green Man group art show. The theme for Green Man this year is Celebrating Nature. The exhibit will be on view during May and June in the New Deal Café. Send submissions to artatnewdealcafe@gmail.com by Wednesday, April 27 for consideration. There is no limit on the number of submissions.



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See Story on page 3



City Information & Events

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GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
Monday, April 25, 2022 at 7:30 pm

ORGANIZATION

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

COMMUNICATIONS

- Presentations**
- * Minutes of Council Meetings
- Statement for the Record - Closed Session, April 11, 2022
- Administrative Reports
- * Committee Reports
- Advisor Planning Board Report - Doctors Community Medical Center Preliminary Plan of Subdivision (#4-21018)

LEGISLATION

- A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of a New Financial Management System from Edmunds GovTech at a Cost Not to Exceed \$96,180; 2nd Reading; Adoption

OTHER BUSINESS

- Doctors Community Medical Center Preliminary Plan of Subdivision (#4-21018)
- Council Activities
- Council Reports
- * Reappointment to Advisory Board/Committees

MEETINGS

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 APRIL 25-29

Tuesday, April 26 at 7 pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**, On the Agenda: Minutes of March 22, Planning for Student Awards (5/18), Grants Update, Updates, AOB

Wednesday, April 27 at 7:30 pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION - RECREATION**, In-Person

Thursday, April 28 at 7 pm, **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Thursday, April 28 at 7:30 pm, **FOUR CITIES MEETING (GREENBELT)**, In-Person

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GREENBELT STATION COMMUNITY WALK
Saturday, April 23 | Thursday, April 28

Neighborhood Design Center will host a community walk to inform a community led greenspace plan for the future of public green space in the Greenbelt Station neighborhood. The goal is to create welcoming and safe spaces that foster community connections and supports a healthy, inclusive thriving neighborhood.

Come share your ideas! Sign up to attend one of the meetings on Saturday, April 23 at 10 am or Thursday, April 28 at 6 pm.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084babab2ba4ff2-greenbelt1>

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION
Saturday, April 23 | 10 am - 1 pm

Buddy Attick Food Forest

Be a part of the community effort to revitalize the Buddy Attick Park Food Forest with a native planting. Volunteers will work with Public Works staff to install native landscape plugs and provide general maintenance for the area. Sustainable giveaways will be available for registrants!

Reminders: Bring a reusable water bottle; Wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes; Students: bring community-service forms. Volunteers must register in order to participate

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

GREENBELT RECREATION
2022 SUMMER CAMP GUIDE

Greenbelt Recreation's 2022 Summer Camp Guide has been posted! Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation for more information



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



ART STUDIO OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, May 1 | 1 - 4 pm



Mark your calendars for our upcoming Art Studio Open House and visit the studios of the Greenbelt Community Center's Artists in Residence on Sunday, May 1, 1 - 4 pm, Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD. ow.ly/2v9G50IHRsh

Public Preparedness Survey

The Prince George's County Office of Homeland Security/Office of Emergency Management's Public Preparedness Survey is now LIVE and OEM wants to hear from you! Residents are encouraged to complete this brief survey, which will help the County better prepare for, respond to, mitigate, and recover from natural and disasters

Complete the survey today at: <https://bit.ly/PGPublicPrep>

GREENBELT EMERGENCY DIAPER DISTRIBUTION

The Greenbelt Nursery Project is supporting Greenbelt families in need of diapers on Wednesday, May 18

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Contact Katherine Farzin
Office: (240) 542-2019
kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov

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SE REQUIERE REGISTRACIÓN

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Questions? Call 301-474-8004

Greenbelt ARPA Funds Assistance Programs Update (as of 4/11/22)

Rent and Utility Assistance
· 264 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$1,046,217.98

Mortgage and HOA Assistance
· 9 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$18,122.75

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Maryland Lawmakers Pass Sweeping Climate Legislation, Environmental Bills

by Timothy B. Wheeler

(The following article was previously published in the Bay Journal and is reprinted with permission.)

After two years of frustration, Maryland environmental advocates have much to celebrate after the conclusion earlier this week of what one called a “landmark” General Assembly session in Annapolis.

Over the course of 90 days, lawmakers enacted sweeping climate change legislation that committed Maryland to the most ambitious greenhouse gas reductions of any state in the nation. They also passed a flurry of other “green” bills, including measures to reduce environmental inequities, beef up water pollution enforcement and boost efforts to restore the Chesapeake Bay’s diminished oyster population.

“When you look at the many topics and the many places where we saw improvements in this legislature,” said Josh Kurtz, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation’s Maryland executive director, “it was a very strong session.”

The outpouring of legislation this year was a relief for activists, who saw many of the bills they backed founder in 2020, when the Covid-19 pandemic cut the Assembly session short, and again in 2021, when pandemic precautions kept the Assembly operating in virtual mode, limiting opportunities to meet with legislators.

This year brought a growing and more diverse coalition of supporters to Annapolis to press for environmental causes and voice mounting frustration with inaction over chronic and critical issues like pollution enforcement and climate change.

Climate Solutions

The most significant environmental bill to pass this year was the Climate Solutions Now Act, an omnibus measure that advocates say has restored Maryland to the top rank of states addressing global climate change and its impacts. The law calls for a 60 percent reduction in climate-warming carbon emissions by 2031, a near-term target unmatched by any other state, and net-zero emissions by 2045.

“We have just put a stake in the ground that says we are going to lead on climate [and] greenhouse gas reduction goals in the country,” said Kim Coble, executive director of the Maryland League of Conservation Voters.

The measure’s 100-plus pages spell out a variety of initiatives to work toward those goals, notably

a requirement that large existing buildings reduce carbon emissions by improving their energy efficiency. By 2030, all state facilities would have to get at least 75 percent of their electricity from low- or zero-carbon sources. The state also must electrify its fleet of cars by 2031 and light-duty trucks by 2036.

The law pushes local school boards to electrify their bus fleets, offering a pilot financing scheme through partnerships with utilities while prohibiting the purchase of diesel- or gas-fueled buses after 2024.

Charging a School Bus

Climate legislation passed by the Maryland General Assembly creates a pilot program to help localities pay for electric school buses and bars them from buying any more diesel- or gas-powered buses after fiscal 2024. (Courtesy of Navistar Inc.)

Under another provision, lawmakers established a “climate corps” for youths and young adults to work on climate mitigation projects. They also established a \$5 million fund for climate projects and directed 40 percent of it be spent in low- to moderate-income neighborhoods – an attempt to tackle inequities in how climate change is both felt and addressed.

Compromises

Similar but less comprehensive climate change legislation had fallen short in each of the last two years. This measure passed the Democrat-dominated House and Senate by wide margins, but only after some of its most controversial features were cut or watered down so that it would get to Republican Gov. Larry Hogan in time to override his expected veto.

Hogan had blasted the bill before it passed either chamber as a “reckless and controversial energy tax.” But once the amended bill landed on his desk, he decided to let it become law without his signature, adding that despite his disappointment with what he saw as politically motivated

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“From March 2021 through our last workday that year on November 21, we diverted 4,251 pounds (of food waste),” organizer Hally Ahearn said. “Add to this an estimated gleaning of 275 pounds, when Wiggler members took food that was still usable and made lots of apple-sauce and apple cake, among other things.... That’s about 500 pounds a month.”

“The Co-op board and management are really happy to have found a use for produce past its prime that would otherwise be wasted,” board member Johanna Goderre said. “It feels great to play a part in this community-driven project.”

Over the course of the Greenbelt Farmers Market season, consumers made donations to the Hot Composting Group to receive about 150 one-pound bags of vermicompost. They learned about how it was made and how the waste food was diverted from the Co-op. The Hot Composting group also gave away roughly 100 pounds of vermicompost to the volunteer Wiggles, who were “working for black gold,” Ahearn said.

This March, the Hot Composters sifted and boxed over 300 pounds of vermicompost, harvested from “worm condos” on the New Deal Café’s back deck. They used hefty cardboard boxes from the Co-op to package 10- and 20-pound boxes of this magical garden material for their spring donation drive, where smart gardeners snapped it up at a price break from the normal farmers market pricing.

Inside the Co-op, an increasing number of earth-friendly household and cleaning products are being stocked on the shelves. Dr.



PHOTO BY SUSTAINABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS

Solar panels on the roof of the Co-op



PHOTO BY BETH LEAMOND

“Worm condos” on the loading dock of the New Deal Café

Bronner, Desert Essence, Caster & Bollox and Mrs. Meyers are just a few of the brands now found in the store. From household cleaners to skincare, from dog and cat food to toothpaste,

more effort is being made to add organic and earth-friendly brands to the mix. Flyers listing earth-friendly household items appear in the store near the Roosevelt Center entrance.

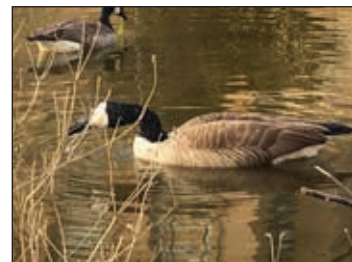


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A male Canada goose shakes water off its head.



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A tufted titmouse tweets in a tree.

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Council Approves Purchase Of Police Data Dashboards

by Diane Oberg

At its April 11 regular meeting, the Greenbelt City Council approved acquisition of software to create a police data dashboard and introduced a resolution to purchase a new financial management system. In addition, several traffic issues were discussed, council made appointments to several advisory boards/committees and Mayor Emmett Jordan issued several proclamations.

Police Dashboard

By mid-summer, residents may be able to see near real-time crime statistics and information on traffic stops using a police department dashboard. Council unanimously adopted a resolution authorizing the police department to purchase \$26,816 in consulting services and licenses from Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (ESRI) to help the city develop and deploy a data dashboard regarding traffic stops and crime statistics. Police Chief Richard Bowers said that the work would also include training city personnel on how to construct further dashboards on their own.

After the initial work, there would be an ongoing cost of less than \$1,000 per year for licenses.

Funds previously allocated for a records management system will be used to fund this work. The police now use the county records management system instead of a city system. Bowers said the dashboard would be similar to that used by the Maryland State Police; see goccp.maryland.gov/reports-publications/data-dashboards/traffic-stop-data-dashboard. The dashboards would generally be available with about a one-month delay.

Financial System

Councilmember Silke Pope introduced for first reading a resolution authorizing the negotiated purchase of a financial management system from Edmunds Gov Tech at an initial cost of \$96,180

and a maintenance cost of \$56,619 per year afterwards. The current budget includes \$400,000 for this purchase. The city received three bids in response to its Request for Proposals ranging from \$89,508 to \$494,606.

The proposed system includes functionality such as general ledger, accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll, budget, human resources, utility and property tax billing and more. City Treasurer Bertha Gaymon wrote that the system will “help streamline many of the city’s current processes, provide electronic access to vendors” and integrate with other city tracking systems.

The resolution will be on the agenda of the April 25 meeting for second reading and adoption.

Traffic

Acting City Manager Timothy George informed council that the city can use Community Development Block Grant funds to install two raised sidewalks at Springhill Lake Elementary School to address concerns with children having to cross Edmonston Road when crossing guards are not consistently present. He said that the departments of planning and public works are working to move this project forward.

Jordan said he will propose adding to the budget a couple of temporary speed humps for elsewhere in the city. George said staff was working on an application process with clearly defined criteria. One wrinkle is that studies are showing that speed humps can increase speed as drivers accelerate after passing over the hump. George said they are also looking into crosswalk signs with LED indicators at crosswalks. Jordan raised a concern about increased drag racing on Greenbelt Road near Eleanor Roosevelt High School with cars going up the hill. Speed cameras are

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countries like China, Japan, India and the Philippines – as they sought new opportunities and ways to reimagine their lives for themselves and their families. Asian immigrants were an integral part of the workforce that forged the nation, instrumental in projects like the dangerous and arduous construction of the first transcontinental railroad. The episode focuses closely on the daunting efforts of these Asian people to assimilate to the American way of life and economy, paving the way for their descendants here to become legal citizens.

Liu herself was born in China and became a U.S. citizen, having spent the last 30 years of her life in the United States.

Her background as a college English student and teacher, experience in publishing translations, and doctoral work in race, gender and ethnicity studies led to her being selected for this project.

Liu said that a special app and technical support from Kelvin Zhang, a photographer, were used to insert the Chinese subtitles after the English subtitles were removed from the original version.

Liu is in her second year of teaching sixth- through eighth-grade Chinese at GMS. The school offers a three-tiered program consisting of an introduction and Chinese One and Two. Liu has spent 11 years as a teacher in Prince George’s County, with previous jobs at Laurel and Crossland high schools.

Liu stated that there is a misconception among many that Chinese is a prohibitively difficult language to learn, countering that Chinese is in fact very logical. She praised the ability of her students to succeed in this subject and “take the challenge.”

Liu shared dismay that Greenbelt public school students do not

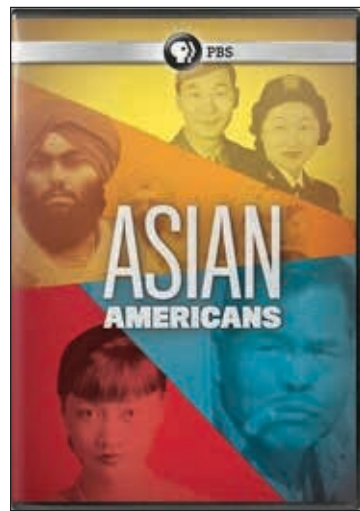


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DVD cover for the PBS series Asian Americans

have the opportunity to continue their Chinese language studies at either Eleanor Roosevelt or DuVal high schools. Said Liu, “This has been a troubling situation for me as a teacher.”

A number of her former students and their parents have put forward their willingness to advocate for a Chinese language program at ERHS. According to Liu, “I heard that some Greenbelt high school staff and faculty also advocated to add a Chinese program for some time, but it seems to be a complicated issue.”

“Since the Chinese economy has been considered as the second biggest in the world,” stated Liu, “the U.S. government has been spending a lot of money to support the initiation of Chinese programs in the country to educate students to acquire Chinese language skills to help maintain American competitiveness.” Liu expressed that, in her opinion, “politics, lack of vision for the future (the country’s and students’) and disconnect between middle schools and high schools in course offerings seem to play a role in the lack of good articulation of the Chinese program.”



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New Greenbelt Listings

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project from receiving any public funds; unfortunately, all such bills have failed to pass. Jordan summed up council's strategy, as well as many of the area's related entities, as "taking every action in our power to fight" this very controversial proposal.

Zoning

GEAC sought an update on the county's new zoning regulations, which went into effect on April 1, especially its ramifications on the Hanover Parkway office corridor and Greenway Center. Regarding the new commercial office zone, there is added flexibility and mixed development is possible. Council reported that no large projects are being proposed and that the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite greatly simplifies approval processes. Some of the projects still on the table are the Beltway Plaza redevelopment, the Royal Farms station and the city's acquisition of the Armory.

Redistricting

There are several changes brought on by the new redistricting map for voting districts, moving Greenbelt from District 5 to District 4, which will bring an end to the city's long and close relationship with U.S. Representative Steny Hoyer. The city awaits a new congressperson to be sworn in next January, with current District 4 Delegate Anthony Brown not seeking reelection. Jordan hoped that whoever replaces Brown will continue to look after the city's many needs.

Bikes and Pedestrians

Regarding bike lanes for Hanover Parkway, city staff is striving for funding to complete 90 percent of the design drawings, with a cost estimate of \$800,000. The city does not have an implementation time frame. The intersection of Hanover Parkway and Greenbelt Road continues to be a hazardous area for bikes and pedestrians.

FBI Headquarters

Jordan expressed his view that Greenbelt is still the best location for the relocation of FBI headquarters, which is still a viable proposal. Jordan cited Greenbelt's available space and ability to handle commuting traffic through Metro station access, which Landover, the other main contender at present, is lacking. No definite timelines are in place.

Greenbrook Bridge

Efforts on the Greenbrook Bridge are on hold for the moment due to limited staff resources, but placeholder funds for Fiscal Year 2023 have been proposed to help initiate the project. Permitting and design work is pending. The high amounts of trash and illegal dumping on the adjoining trail were discussed, with suggestions of a volunteer cleanup made. The trails are privately owned but council expressed a willingness to help if needed on any maintenance issues.

A phased two-year project is still planned to replace the aging Bradford pear trees along Hanover Parkway and Greenbriar with a diversity of species.

Crime

Greenbelt Police Chief Richard Bowers stated that crime in the city is at a low point but that it "can spike instantaneously." There are three main beats in the city with six officers assigned along with three floater officers. Staff numbers 51 now, short of the full complement of 53. Bowers reassured the attendees that there was a police presence in every part of the city at all times. The community policing team of Corporal Carlos Torres and Officer Rakibur Rahman is always available. The Department's crime reports are now accessible on the city's website along with a new email alert system. Hannah Glasgow is the new public information officer and can be reached at hglasgow@greenbeltmd.gov.

Covid

Council continues to take Covid as a serious concern, with 96.1 percent of staff vaccinated and 51 percent boosted. Even though mask mandates have been relaxed recently, council follows the county's lead and supports every citizen's personal choice to wear one or not, advocating for each resident to evaluate the risk for each situation.

Light Poles, Cable Boxes

The fallen light pole at the intersection of Morrison Drive and Ora Glen Drive has been acknowledged by the Department of Public Works which is working with Pepco's construction repair department to resolve the issue. While the city owns the pole and its light, it is maintained

and operated by Pepco. The lack of adequate lighting at Hanover Parkway and Greenbelt Road remains a safety problem at night.

The city's website now has a link to Comcast and Verizon for residents to report open, derelict cable boxes, with an option to contact the city manager's office directly.

Rental Unit Permits

The proper permitting of the city's rental and short-time rental units was discussed, with council asking residents to report any suspicious instances.

Neighborhood Updates

The HOAs and CAs represented were: Belle Point, Greenspring, Hunting Ridge, Greenwood Village, Greenbriar and Greenbelt Lake Village.

In general, they all reported an acceptable state of affairs. A pressing concern for all was water issues, such as leaks and standing water, expressing frustration with WSSC, which has been alerted, for letting the problems persist.

Hunting Ridge has hired a security firm to patrol the neighborhood from dark to 3 a.m., the high-crime period, and has reported general satisfaction with the results.

Councilmember Judith Davis addressed complaints from Greenspring that their children are not slotted for Greenbelt Elementary School, and instead are placed at Magnolia Elementary. She pointed out that Magnolia is a city school, with high ratings in student achievement and teacher excellence.

Acting City Manager Timothy George explained that placing new dog stations at Schrom Hills Park requires having a proper maintenance system before they can be installed.

GEAC encouraged council to again make a regular appearance at their meetings. Council expressed that they would be happy to and would be there to listen and not dominate the conversation.

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legislation, he was encouraged by some of the changes in it.

One of the largest of those changes was dropping a requirement that all new buildings of a certain size built in the state be all-electric. The state's Climate Change Commission had recommended such a transition, noting the large contribution of greenhouse gas emissions from heating and cooling buildings. But that provision drew intense opposition from real estate interests, the natural gas industry, utilities and some labor groups. Yielding to the pushback, lawmakers opted instead for a 15-month study of the feasibility of transitioning to an all-electric building code.

Other changes that bothered climate activists included recognizing nuclear power as a carbon-free energy source and the removal of language giving permission to localities to go beyond state law in requiring emission reductions from buildings. Montgomery County is currently considering such a law.

Victoria Venable, Maryland director of the Chesapeake Climate Action Network, said her group's members were "incredibly disappointed" by the removal of the provisions dealing with electrifying buildings. But even with that and other weakening changes, she called the overall bill a "vital step forward."

"Does it get us 100 percent there?" asked the conservation league's Coble. "No, of course not, there is much work ahead ... but we believe this bill really builds a foundation from which the state can move forward."

Reducing Inequities

One of the bills to pass this year takes a step toward addressing longstanding complaints that polluting facilities tend to be concentrated in low-income communities of color. It requires applicants for air and water pollution permits to disclose existing pollution sources in the vicinity and to provide that information

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Mertensia virginica (virginia bluebells) in the garden

PHOTO BY CAMILA LUCHSINGER



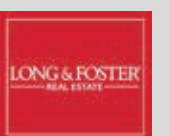
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Police Blotter

Incidents reported here occurred from April 10 through April 17. 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.

Assault

On April 11 at 1:40 p.m. near 6200 Breezewood Court, a juvenile reported being struck with a stick by an unknown individual.

Robbery

On April 11 at 4:00 p.m. near 8000 Greenbelt Station Parkway, a U.S. Postal worker was robbed and government property was taken. On April 15 at 3:47 p.m. near 7200 Hanover Drive, a man reported that unknown individuals entered his hotel room, pointed a gray handgun at him and demanded his personal property.

Missing Persons

Three sisters were last seen on April 16 at approximately 11:30 p.m. in the 9200 block of Springhill Drive. Hannah Sanchez (DOB 9/06/2008) has blonde hair, is approximately 5'3" tall, and was last seen wearing black ripped jeans and a blue crop top shirt. Alejandra Sagastume (DOB 4/30/2010) has brown and red hair and is about 5' tall. Alejandra Argueta (DOB 9/02/2008) has red hair and is about 5' tall.

Fire

On April 16 at 11:57 a.m. near 7900 Mandan Road, Greenbelt Police Department assisted Greenbelt Fire with a small bush fire.

Found

On April 12 at 1:48 a.m. near 7400 Greenbelt Road, a stolen vehicle was located. On April 15 at 2:22 p.m. near 100 Lakeside Drive, a license plate was found.

Fraud

On April 11 near 8200 Greenbelt Station Parkway, email fraud was reported. Identity theft was reported on April 11 at Greenway Plaza, and on April 14 near 100 Hedgewood Drive. On April 14 at 2:01 p.m. near 7200 Hanover Drive, counterfeit currency was recovered. Bank fraud was reported on April 15 near 7700 Lakecrest Drive, and on April 16 near 6100 Springhill Terrace.



Montpelier Mansion Hosts Tea Time

Montpelier Mansion is hosting its Festival of Herbs, Tea and the Arts on Saturday, April 30 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy the Mansion's extensive grounds and arts displays.

Deluxe tea boxes, with finger sandwiches, desserts and tea are available for preorder by April 24 to enjoy at the festival or take home. Order at tinyurl.com/DeluxeTeaBox.

The Montpelier House Museum is located at 9650 Muirkirk Road, Laurel.

Theft

On April 16 at 5:25 a.m. near 100 Centerway, two businesses had the front door windows broken: one business had property taken, the other did not. On April 13 at 6:58 p.m. near 5900 Greenbelt Road, and on April 15 at 6:50 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, businesses reported commercial theft. On April 15 at 11:45 a.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, police were called for an attempted commercial theft. On April 15 at 3:14 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, and on April 16 at 6:04 p.m. near 100 Centerway, personal property was stolen from lockers.

Theft from Auto

On April 11 at 7:02 p.m. near 6100 Springhill Terrace, a front license plate was stolen. On April 12 at 8:17 a.m. near 9100 Edmonston Road, the driver-side window was broken, and the handicap placard was stolen. On April 16 at 8:07 a.m. near 7200 Hanover Drive, two vehicles had the front passenger window broken and personal property stolen. On April 16 at 10:33 a.m. near Breezewood Drive, the front right window was broken and personal property stolen. Theft from auto also occurred on April 16 near 7800 Walker Drive. On April 12 near 100 Westway, personal property was taken from an unlocked vehicle, and the stolen credit cards were used fraudulently.

Vandalism to Autos

On April 14 at 7:46 a.m. near 7200 Hanover Drive, the front driver-side window was broken, but nothing was taken; and on April 17 at 1:22 a.m. near 6100 Springhill Terrace, the driver-side window was broken, but nothing taken.

Vandalism to Residences

On April 13 at 2:03 p.m. near 9200 Edmonston Road, a rock was thrown through a window. On April 13 at 4:56 p.m. near 9300 Edmonston Road, a window was broken. On April 14 at 5:20 a.m. near 7800 Hanover Parkway, a glass door was shattered. On April 15 at 9:22 p.m. near 7700 Hanover Parkway, a bottle was thrown through a window.

Greenbelt Police Midnight Shift Enjoys Thanks, Easter Dinner

by Claudia Jones

The Greenbelt Easter bunnies did not forget the Greenbelt Police. An Easter feast from the kitchens of Kathy Legendre, Kathy Reynolds, Claudia Jones and Mona Atari was served to the midnight shift on Saturday, April 16. The menu featured baked ham, chicken croquettes, potato salad, mac & cheese, chicken and rice casserole, Irish potatoes and green beans. An Easter basket pound cake with jelly beans baked by Kathy Reynolds and two Easter baskets with chocolate bunnies and kisses made by Mary Howerton brought Easter wishes and blessings to our town's police officers who worked this holiday to keep our town safe. We are so grateful and blessed to have a dedicated police force that serves and protects us. From our kitchens to your table, we thank you for your dedicated service.



PHOTO BY KATHY LEGENDRE

From left, Officer Abbey Kipke, Claudia Jones, Officer Rob Defibaugh, Officer Aaron Leathery, Evelyn Scali, Kathy Reynolds, (back row) Officer Josh Forney and Officer Ryan Aud enjoy Easter dinner.



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currently focused on downhill traffic and Jordan suggested they be moved. Bowers said that moving them may require approval from the State Highway Administration. In addition, the cameras, by law, turn off at 7 p.m., so the midnight drag races would not be captured.

Proclamations

Jordan issued a proclamation in honor of the 52nd anniversary of Earth Day, which will be celebrated in Greenbelt on Saturday, April 23.

Another proclamation proclaimed Greenbelt's support for Ukraine and its people and encouraged residents to support nonprofit organizations that are giving direct aid and support to Ukraine and its refugees. Residents were also cautioned to rely on reputable sources to identify such organizations and not donate based on unsolicited calls, emails and texts.

April 10 through 16 was National Public Safety Telecommunications Week. Jordan issued a proclamation in honor of the police department's communication specialists and to express the appreciation of the officers of the

Greenbelt Police Department, the city council and citizens to Communications Supervisor Alicia Williams and Communications Specialists Jessica Houle, Maria Auchter, Sarah Gignac, Lindsey Loving and Amanda Galyon for "their dependable and exceptional service during the past year."

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to affected communities early in the permitting process.

Advocates have tried without success for years to get lawmakers to require regulators to base permitting decisions on the cumulative impact of a proposed pollution source on top of existing ones. This bill gives communities a heads-up in time to speak out, but “does not dictate any outcomes,” said Betsy Nicholas, executive director of Waterkeepers Chesapeake. “It is just providing greater public notice and awareness early in the [permitting] process.”

Tightening Enforcement

Spurred by some glaring enforcement miscues in the past year, lawmakers passed legislation requiring the Maryland Department of the Environment to increase inspections of facilities that discharge wastewater to the state’s rivers and streams. The legislation, which like the climate bill became law without Hogan’s signature, also requires penalties for noncompliance and directs regulators to update dozens of so-called “zombie” permits that have allowed facilities to continue operating for years with outdated treatment requirements.

The bill was put in after news broke of deteriorating conditions at the state’s two largest wastewater treatment plants in Baltimore, plus illegal discharges at the Valley Proteins poultry-rendering plant on the Eastern Shore, which has been operating on a permit that hasn’t been updated since 2006.

Other Measures

Rebuilding oyster populations: Lawmakers acted to boost Maryland’s oyster restoration efforts by increasing hatchery capacity, reforming oyster shell recycling programs, surveying the Bay bottom for additional sources of shells and researching the use of materials other than shell for building oyster reefs. The legislation also called for focusing on reviving oyster populations in Eastern Bay, with \$2 million a year to be divided equally between rebuilding habitat for the wild fishery and new reefs in sanctuaries. In past years, Hogan has pushed back against what he saw as unwarranted legislative meddling in fisheries management. He allowed this measure, which drew on recommendations from the state’s Oyster Advisory Commission, to become law without his signature.

Boosting renewable energy: Lawmakers passed legislation to expand the development of “community solar” projects that sell subscriptions for moderate-size solar installations to households or businesses, which then receive credit on their power bills for their share of the electricity generated. Another bill sets up a grant program to fund “resiliency hubs” where solar panels and batteries would help low- and moderate-income households weather power outages. Another bill reinstated tax credits for buying electric vehicles.

Toxic contaminants: Legislators banned the sale of rugs and

paper-based food packaging that contain PFAS, a group of highly persistent chemicals widely used for their stain- and water-resistant traits. The bill also bars the use of firefighting foams containing PFAS, which has led to the contamination of groundwater, streams and drinking water wells near military bases, airports and fire training facilities. Similar legislation had failed last year, but this year it passed unanimously, a turnaround that Emily Scarr of Maryland’s Public Interest Research Group attributed in part to strong support from firefighters concerned about their own health dealing with PFAS-laden foam. Another bill prohibits the sale of driveway sealants made from coal tar, which has been linked to stream and fish contamination.

Patuxent River Commission: Patuxent Riverkeeper Fred Tutman has regained his longtime seat on the Patuxent River Commission, which oversees the health of the only major Bay tributary totally within Maryland. Lawmakers acted to reinstate him and expand the commission after a Hogan administration shake-up that replaced Tutman and another veteran member. They had sparred with state planning staff as they pushed the panel to speak out against development projects that they believed would harm water quality in the 110-mile river.

Addressing park needs: Lawmakers voted to significantly increase funding for the development, maintenance and staffing of state parks, which have suffered for years from overcrowding and failing infrastructure. The bill, dubbed the Great Maryland Outdoors Act, also boosts funding for farm and rural land preservation.

Growing urban agriculture: New legislation will offer grants and technical assistance to urban farmers, who often face challenges accessing affordable water and energy for raising and marketing their food.

Old-growth forests: Lawmakers passed a bill that prohibits logging patches of public woodlands that are 100 years old or more, but only after limiting its protection to state parks and wildlife management areas.

Bills That Didn’t Make It

Not every environmental cause

succeeded. A proposed state constitutional amendment that would guarantee Marylanders the right to a “healthful and sustainable environment” failed for the fourth year in a row to get out of committee.

Another repeat proposal to strip clean-energy subsidies for waste incineration died as well. A bill that would have committed Maryland to preserving 30 percent of its land from development by decade’s end and 40 percent by 2040 likewise stalled in committee. Other bills that foundered were aimed at curbing the use of single-use plastic, boosting recycling and getting manufacturers to take responsibility for the waste their products generate.

Josh Tulkin, Maryland Sierra Club’s director, said environmental advocates were especially frustrated by the failure of the environmental rights amendment. Despite a growing and diverse group of supporters backing the measure, industry groups scored points with legislators by warning the amendment’s language was so broad it could unleash a flood of litigation.

“There’s some concern about leaving too much of this up to the courts,” Tulkin said, “but I think there’s also a clarity that we need to find some way to codify these rights.”

Even so, Tulkin and other advocates said they were heartened by the number of green bills that did pass this year. To protect those gains and push for more, he said, environmental activists need to impress on voters the benefits of new legislation like the climate bill to see that sympathetic lawmakers are re-elected in this year’s elections.

Timothy Wheeler is the Bay Journal’s associate editor and senior writer.



PHOTO BY JON DUECK

From left, Anna, Ben, Celia and Jon Dueck, former Greenbelters, hold up a recent News Review in front of their home in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. They returned to this area recently to visit friends and family. The photo also shows their tradition of celebrating the last spring blizzard with Blizzards (red straws).

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Greenbelt Recreation ARTS Hosts Art Studio Open House, Reception

by Nicole DeWald

Creativity is in bloom this spring at the Community Center. On Sunday, May 1, Greenbelt Recreation ARTS will host a studio open house from 1 to 4 p.m. Visitors can visit the studios of the Center's seven artists in residence and also mingle with more than 10 additional community artists who will be demonstrating and displaying their work in the pottery studios and classrooms. Beautiful fine arts, wearable pieces and unique housewares will be available for purchase from many artists; some artists accept commissions. The Open House is also a great opportunity to learn about Greenbelt Recreation arts classes from instructors and participants. To preview the artists' work, visit greenbeltmd.gov/arts and follow [greenbeltrecreationarts](https://www.facebook.com/greenbeltrecreationarts) on Facebook.

From 1 to 3 p.m., Studio Open House visitors are invited to attend a reception in the art gallery. The current exhibition – Oh, Heart, Here Is Your Healing – features paintings by Pamela Phillips and Jessica Damen, and sculptures and monoprints by former Greenbelt resident and Greenbelt Recreation sculpture instructor Judith Kornett. (See the page 1 story in the March 24 issue of the Greenbelt News Review for coverage of the show; visit greenbeltnewsreview.com and select "archives.") Links to the artists' work are available at greenbeltmd.gov/arts.

New Greenbelt residents Amanda Spaid and Shanai Mushala will be participating in the Studio Open House. Spaid is an illustrator working in colored pencil on wood and also in digital painting. She creates detailed portraits of humans and animals, often juxtaposed with crisply rendered abstract patterns. Mushala works in painting and mixed media, creating both portraits and abstract works. "Coming from a Caribbean heritage," she notes, "I love to incorporate forms and figures with natural landscapes that are often tropical flora and fauna. I am inspired by viewers connecting to the figures and feelings of freedom showcased in my art."

Also participating in the Open House are several Greenbelt residents who contribute extensively to community arts behind the scenes. Painter John Drago is a member of the Arts Advisory Board who has also organized art shows at Cedars of Lebanon and other venues. Fellow Arts Advisory Board member Effie Levner, a painter and fiber artist, manages the CHEARS demonstration garden at Schrom Hills Park, where she hosts poetry events. Amanda Larsen is an arts education specialist with Greenbelt Recreation, and the coordinator of the city's visual arts classes for all ages. Her artwork includes portraits and allegorical paintings that infuse scenes of family life with a sense of mystery.

Ceramics Art

The Community Center is home to a robust ceramic arts program. Open House visitors can enjoy a glimpse of many wide-ranging creative possibilities available in the medium of clay. Among the Center's artists in residence, Mary Gawlik will showcase her art tiles. Karen Ar-



Karen Arrington measures a pot.

PHOTO BY KAITLYN MERRILL



Wood-fired wares by Michael Cummins

PHOTO BY MICHAEL CUMMINS



Amanda Demos Larsen in her studio

PHOTO BY JOHN LARSEN

rington and Gina Mai Denn create both sculptural and functional pieces. Sculptor Chris Corson will share some of his latest figurative work, including pieces in color that address interpersonal dynamics in the domestic realm. Ceramics Open Studio participants Michael Cummins and Michelle La Chance will greet visitors in the wheel studio, demonstrating their techniques and aesthetics. Across the hall, fellow Ceramics Open Studio participants Tom Baker, Cynthia Swan and Jan Morrow will introduce guests to the functional and sculptural possibilities of hand-building. Baker will display examples of his recent sculpture, including powerful work responding to the strength and determination of Haitian refugees.

Contributing to the diversity of artistic media on display, Greenbelt resident Tina Van Pelt will showcase her work in fused glass. Van Pelt teaches work-

shops at the Community Center, and has also been a frequent participant in Greenbelt Recreation's annual Art and Craft Fair in December. Her work includes resplendent jewelry and housewares. Artist-in-Residence Rachel Ann Cross creates mixed media paintings, shaped mosaics and wearable pieces, incorporating repurposed beads and other upcycled materials. Cross shares a studio with painter and poet Kathy Karlson, who creates both tranquil and energetic abstract works, many of which are evocative of landscapes. Their fellow artist in residence, Laurence Anderson, is a violin maker; stringed instrument players and aficionados won't want to miss this opportunity to learn about the craftsmanship behind the music.

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The Easter bunny made a special appearance in the park, posing for pictures with the children and other attendees. Councilmembers Silke Pope, Judith Davis and

Ric Gordon, along with Mayor Emmett Jordan, also came out to join in the egg-citing festivities while the community joined together in the Easter celebration.



Mayor Emmett Jordan poses with a young egg collector.



The Easter celebration at Schrom Hills Park on Saturday, April 16 includes games.



The Easter Bunny poses with Councilmember Judith Davis, while Mayor Emmett Jordan looks on.

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Spring flowers in Schrom Hills Park

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