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## ARPA Worksession Descends Into Disagreements and Discord

by Matthew Arbach

On June 8, what began as a Greenbelt City Council worksession to deliberate on potential uses of ARPA funds transitioned into more of a public hearing where residents aired their views on the matter as well as sharing some deeply felt concerns about the issue of equity in the city, specifically concerning Greenbelt West. While all present agreed that a disparity exists, most centrally with recreation space in an area that contains 50 percent of the city's population, the reasons why and how to alleviate it differed. Staff was represented by Interim City Manager Timothy George and Interim Assistant City Manager Debi Sandlin.

### Spent or Set Aside

So far, \$2.2 million ARPA funds have been spent on rental, utility, mortgage assistance and food support, with \$4.35 million encumbered in the Fiscal Year 2023 budget. The city has as yet only received half of its ARPA funds, at \$11.44 million, with staff currently not worried that

the equal, second amount will arrive in late July or early August. This ultimately leaves \$16.33 million left to further disburse over a four-year period.

Staff and council advised that the \$10 million set aside for unrestricted funds (the maximum any municipality can claim) is important only for the reporting process and that residents should instead focus on the uses of \$16.33 million remaining. Councilmember Judith Davis explained that it was necessary to "look at the big picture," and added that "tough decisions" will need to be made, and that there will not be a complete consensus.

### Suggestions

Staff prepared a revised list of ARPA suggestions from staff, council and residents, compiled over several months of discussions. In it, priorities were set from high to medium to low (with the most expensive listed first), alongside community

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## Beltway Plaza Adds Turner To Its Heroes Wall of Fame

by Emily Hahn

County Councilmember Todd Turner was inducted into the Beltway Plaza Local Heroes Wall of Fame on Friday, June 17, in recognition of his service to Greenbelt residents.

Turner has lived in Maryland for over 20 years and has represented District 4 of Prince George's County since 2014. He was chair of the county council in 2019 and 2020. Turner has supported Greenbelt over the years with grant funding for Greenbelt CARES, Friends of New Deal Café Arts, Greenbelt Community Foundation, Friends of Greenbelt Theatre, Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts and the News Review's digital archive project, according to his biographical plaque.

"As our representative for District 4, we respect you, we thank



PHOTO BY EMILY HAHN

County Councilmember Todd Turner laughs as his photo is unveiled on the Wall of Fame.

you and appreciate all you've done for us," said Mayor Emmett Jordan.

Over 30 people attended the ceremony and the reception that followed. John Henry Jones,

Greenbelt's "Ambassador" and Outstanding Citizen of 2012, handed Turner a white fedora during his speech and said he was giving him the "hat of the Ambassador." Jones commended Turner for his work with Greenbelt and said that Turner "leads from the heart."

Ingrid Turner, former county councilmember for District 4, said that Turner is caring, puts the community first and is collaborative with his colleagues. Turner being inducted into the Wall of Fame is well deserved, she said.

During Turner's acceptance speech, his wife Anita Turner and two daughters, Maya and Rachel Turner, were seated front and center of the crowd. He began by talking about his political

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## Four Eagle Scouts Honored

by Steven Glaros



PHOTO BY STEVEN GLAROS

Four new Eagle Scouts celebrate their accomplishment. From left, Andrew Jones, Devon Kaelber, Troop 214 Scoutmaster Shawn Scoles, Lee Smith and Sean Leonard

On Sunday, June 5, Boy Scout Troop 214 honored four scouts – Andrew Jones (Greenbelt), Devon Kaelber (Greenbelt), Sean Leonard (Hyattsville) and Lee Smith (Greenbelt) – who achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in scouting. The ceremony took place at Elks Lodge #1778 in Riverdale Park with family members and fellow scouts in attendance.

Achieving the rank of Eagle is no easy task and requires the

dedication of the scout to fulfill its requirements. Each aspiring Eagle Scout must plan, develop and lead a service project to help an organization, school or community. True to Troop 214's focus on the outdoors, the scouts' service projects focused on improving local parks, from trail re-mulching to invasive species removal and the protection of trees. At least two of the service projects took place in Buddy At-tick Park.

### What Goes On

**Monday, June 27**  
7:30 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building  
**Wednesday, June 29**  
7:30 p.m. Worksession: Religious/Spiritual Organizations, Municipal Building

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

## Local Nature Photographers Reveal Experience, Approach

by Emily Hahn

Local photographers Kathryn Beard, Melvin Black, Steve Bucca and Charles Jackman have been contributing nature photos to the News Review for years. When Beard visits Greenbelt Lake, she searches for wildlife like orioles lingering in the trees, herons stalking for a meal or frogs floating on lily pads. She captured an image of a hawk with its broad wings and sharp beak, squatting on a tree stump. Taking pictures of wildlife that others have never seen before is part of the reason she does it, Beard said.

Black and Bucca have had

experience in photography since they were young men. Black has been using cameras since his youth and during his time in the Navy. Bucca began his photography journey when he worked in a Ritz Camera & Image store in the 1980s.

Beard and Jackman are newer to the world of photography. Beard said her interest in taking photographs began after losing her job in 2016, and added that photography got her through injuries to her hands. Jackman is a retiree who said that photogra-

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PHOTO BY EMILY HAHN

Melvin Black stands with a photo he took of a baby owl.



# Letters to the Editor

## Smoothing the Waters

The Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team has been operating a strong swim team since 1957 and has done so with the help of tremendous support and resources from the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center. The Swim Team has always valued the multiple uses of the swimming facilities at GAFC, including general recreation as well as reserved lap lanes for exercise. We encourage all kids to join the swim team and we encourage our swimmers to continue swimming into adulthood, bringing the pride of being a Greenbelt Barracuda with them. The team acknowledges that balancing the needs of the community with respect to pool access cannot be easy, particularly with the significant changes sparked by the pandemic.

This year, returning to pre-pandemic levels of participation on the team has involved some friction, as swimmers experienced limited pool space and an inability to have full team practices. Frustration across the community, both on and off the team, became evident and was amplified by

insufficient communication pathways. In the best of circumstances, and out of difficult situations, communities come together. In this case, effective communication pathways have now been established and these issues are actively being addressed for both the short term and the long term. Additional swimming lanes have been provided for practices and there is agreement to have ongoing discussions between the aquatic center and the team to ensure a balance for all pool-related activities. This includes the ability for the public to swim before, during and after swim team practices.

The Swim Team is very appreciative of the City of Greenbelt for its support and of the aquatic center for providing a positive path forward for the entire community. The team is so proud of our kids and of our community and we are all looking forward to a productive and enjoyable summer! Go, Barracudas!

Laura Hebert,  
Greenbelt Municipal Swim  
Team Board of Directors

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SAT. 4:30 PM, 8:00 PM  
SCREEN 1

SUN. 12:00 PM (OC), 3:30  
PM SCREEN 1

MON. 1:30 PM, 5:00 PM  
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## Letters Policy

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## On Screen at Old Greenbelt Theatre

### Elvis

This biopic explores the life and music of Elvis Presley (Austin Butler), seen through the prism of his complicated relationship with his enigmatic manager, Colonel Tom Parker (Tom Hanks). The story delves into the complex dynamic between Presley and Parker spanning over 20 years, from Presley's rise to fame to his unprecedented stardom, against the backdrop of the evolving cultural landscape and loss of innocence in America. Central to that journey is one of the most significant and influential people in Elvis's life, Priscilla Presley (Olivia DeJonge).

Rated PG-13, running time 159 minutes

### Brian and Charles

Brian, a lonely inventor in rural Wales, spends his days building quirky, unconventional contraptions that seldom work. Undeterred by his lack of success, Brian attempts his biggest project yet. Three days, a washing machine and various spare parts later, he's invented Charles, an artificially intelligent robot who learns English from a dictionary and has an obsession with cabbages. What follows is a humorous and entirely heartwarming story about friendship, family, finding love, and letting go.

Rated PG, running time 90 minutes

### Boy Meets Girl

Ricky, a 21-year-old transgender young woman living in Virginia, dreams of becoming a designer in New York. The 2014 film is a funny, tender, sex-positive romantic comedy that explores what it means to be a real man or woman, and how important it is to live a courageous life not letting fear stand in the way of going after your dreams.

Rated R, running time 99 minutes

### Peter Rabbit 2: The Runaway

Bea, Thomas and the rabbits have created a makeshift family, but despite his best efforts, Peter can't seem to shake his mischievous reputation. Venturing out of the garden, Peter finds himself in a world where his mischief is appreciated. However, when his family risks everything to come looking for him, Peter must figure out what kind of bunny he wants to be.

Rated PG, running time 93 minutes

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# Community Events

## 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.

## Environmental Issues Under Gov. Hogan

Environmental activist Pat Elder will give a presentation on environmental pollution under Governor Larry Hogan's administration on Saturday, June 25 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in Room 202 of the Community Center. Elder will analyze how the policies of previous Maryland Secretary of the Environment Ben Grumbles "mucked up our environment" and what it means now Grumbles is director of the influential Environmental Council of the States. The event is free and open to the public.

## Fifth Annual Croquet, Games on the Lawn

Join friends and neighbors on Sunday, June 26 from 1 to 3 p.m. for outdoor lawn games – croquet, bocce and cornhole. Bring a donation of a can or box of food for the RUAK Porch food drive for St. Hugh's Food Pantry. This free event is co-sponsored by Greenbelt Unplugged, Connecting Across Greenbelt and RUAK.



## I-495 and I-270 Toll Lanes Proposal

An update on the status of the I-495 and I-270 toll lanes proposal will be given by Sierra Club and Citizens Against Beltway Expansion activist Lindsey Mendelson on Wednesday, June 29 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The talk, to be held in Room 114 of the Community Center, will include what is at stake and how people can take action to stop the project from advancing.

## Candidate Will Discuss Gov. & Global Affairs

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Jerome Segal, a research scholar at the University of Maryland and president of the Jewish Peace Lobby, will give a talk on the role of the next governor in global affairs on Sunday, June 26 from 3 to 5 p.m. He will also discuss his own book, *The Olive Branch from Palestine*. The talk, which is free and open to the public, will be held in Room 202 of the Community Center.



## Independence Day Fireworks? Yes!

Greenbelt's Fourth of July fireworks show will sparkle over Greenbelt Lake as in past years, with access limited only by parking lot construction.

## Talk on Economic Policies and Inequality

Christopher Meyer, a research analyst at the Maryland Center on Economic Policy (MDCEP), will give a talk on the way the state's budget and tax system affects racial and economic equity on Thursday, June 30 from 7 to 9 p.m. in Room 114 of the Community Center. Meyer is the MDCEP lead on state tax policy and the author of their Budgeting for Opportunity report series on the way state fiscal policy choices affect Marylanders of color.

## Mosaic Workshop Scheduled in July



PHOTO BY AMANDA LARSEN

### Detail of Greenbelt Elementary School mosaic.

Greenbelt Recreation will host a two-day workshop with Shahin Talishkan, one of the lead artists behind the mosaic adorning Greenbelt Elementary School. The workshop meets July 8 and 15 (Friday evenings), from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Community Center. This activity is open to ages 16 and up. Participants will create a glass tile mosaic in the base of a serving tray, creating a useful art piece. Alternatively, participants may opt to create a hangable 10"x10" mosaic instead. No prior experience is required. The class fee includes all materials. See the Greenbelt Recreation Summer Activity Guide linked at [greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://greenbeltmd.gov/arts) for class information (page 21) and registration instructions (page 37). City of Greenbelt arts programs are supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.



## PORCH Pickups Benefit Food Pantry

Greenbelt PORCH collections for the rest of June are:

Saturday, June 25: by 11 a.m. for 14 and 15 Courts Laurel Hill  
 Sunday, June 26: by 4 p.m. for P.A.L. (PORCH at large) members; by 4 p.m. for the 9 and 12 Courts Ridge Road; by 5 p.m. for Lakeside Drive.

Donated items must not exceed the expiration date for use.

Contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler at [spreadruak@gmail.com](mailto:spreadruak@gmail.com) for more information.

## Greenbelt Jazz Festival Saturday

Saturday, June 25, the annual Greenbelt Jazz Festival will be held in Roosevelt Center from noon to 7 p.m. This free event will feature multiple jazz performers:

Noon to 1 p.m. – Tom Reyes Jazz Organ Trio  
 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. – Susan Jones Quartet  
 3 to 4 p.m. – M-Class w/Terry Parham  
 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. – Not 2 Cool Trio with Mike Grasso and Aimee Breslow  
 6 to 7 p.m. – Greg Meyer Project.

In the evening, jazz music continues inside New Deal Café with Peter Reppert on piano from 7 to 8 p.m., followed by Brother Bill Quintet from 8 to 11 p.m. Sponsored by New Deal Café and Friends of New Deal Café Arts with help from the City of Greenbelt.

## Golden Age Club

Meetings are now being held in person on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in the Community Center, Room 201. The next meeting is on June 29 for bingo.



## Celebrate Pride Month At Film Screening Sat.

Join Greenbelt Pride for a gathering at the Old Greenbelt Theatre on Saturday, June 25 at 1 p.m. Enjoy a free screening of *Boy Meets Girl* (2014, R) and get to know your LGBTQIA+ neighbors. Following the film will be a Q & A discussion panel.

## The SPACE Hosting Pride 365 Event

The SPACE is hosting Pride 365 in Beltway Plaza on Sunday, June 26 from 1 to 4 p.m. Events include drag queen story time, free STI testing, vendors, paint party, selfie corner and karaoke.

## Museum Re-opens And Restarts Tours



PHOTO BY MEGAN SEARING YOUNG

### Flowers bloom in front of the Greenbelt Museum.

The Greenbelt Museum has restarted both its house and walking tours but, using caution during the post-pandemic period, requires timed tickets via Eventbrite. Look for the link on [greenbeltmuseum.org](http://greenbeltmuseum.org).

Three 10-person house tours will be held the last Sunday of each month, at 1, 2:30 and 4 p.m. The house is small and not well ventilated, hence the cautious approach to reopening. Walking tours are held the second Sunday of the month. Docent Stephen Oetken will lead the popular North End walking tours on July 2 and September 3, with reserved tickets also required as above.

The museum at 10-B Crescent reopened on Greenbelt Day, June 5, with free, short tours of the historic house. The adjacent home, 10-A, was open to view the orientation film and served as a pop-up museum shop with a curated selection of books and gifts. A good number of visitors came out, including an international scholar in the area to attend a museum conference in College Park.

During the pandemic, the museum remained largely closed, with some scheduled group tours, academic visits, quarterly lectures, the Retro Town Fair and an online presence.



### THIS WEEK AT THE NEW DEAL CAFE

The ONLY venue in Greenbelt where you can enjoy BOTH dinner AND a show!

Thursday, 6/23: Dana Cooper, 7 to 9p.m.

Friday, 6/24: Candyman & the Baltimore Show, 8 to 11p.m.

**Saturday, 6/25: JazzFest in the Roosevelt Center! 12 to 8:30p.m.**

In the Cafe: The Brothers Bill Quintet, 8 to 11p.m.

Sunday, 6/26: Deaf Brunch. Newcomers are welcome!

Strangers That Clique, 6 to 8p.m.

**Monday, 6/27: New Deal Cafe monthly board meeting, 6:30 to 9p.m. Members & Visitors Welcome!**

Tuesday, 6/28: New Deal Early Bird Tunes Open Mic, 6:30 to 9:30p.m.

Wednesday, 6/29: Tom Gleason, 7 to 9:00p.m.

Thursday, 6/30: The Vibe Collective, 7 to 9p.m.

For more information on these and other upcoming events:

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**COMING SOON: Saturday, 7/2, 4 to 5:30p.m.: Community Drum Circle with Katy Gaughan! Drums provided or BYO! All ages, NO experience necessary.**

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7am	Greenbelt Newsreel	Community Programming
8am	Democracy Now!	Yesterday's Syndicated Program
9am	GATe Classic Film • Drama • 1955	The Man with the Golden Arm • Frank Sinatra
11am	Greenbelt Newsreel	Community Programming
Noon	Democracy Now!	Today's Syndicated Program
1pm	PGCPS Science Bowl	Longfields v University Park Elementary
2pm	Music at the New Deal SEASON FIVE	Susan Jones Jazz Quartet • Modern & Classic
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*Our Neighbors*

Condolences to Julie Rapp, a News Review member, on the death of her husband Murray Zitver. Attendees at the services who knew Murray's thoughtful, compassionate and lawyerly attributes were surprised to learn of his family reputation for mischievousness.

Congratulations to City Councilmember Ric Gordon for his award for LGBTQ Excellence in Government presented by Prince George's County Pride.

Congratulations also to Congressman Steny Hoyer for his Ally Award presented by Prince George's County Pride. The ceremony was held at Showtunes with Steny at National Harbor on June 21.

Congratulations to Gita Subramaniam and Vijay Parameshwaran who were married on May 11. Here they are at a court party welcoming Gita to Greenbelt. Best wishes to the newlyweds!



Vijay Parameshwaran and Gita Subramaniam enjoy a court party welcoming Gita to Greenbelt.

Former Greenbelters, siblings Gerry and Paul McDonald and Mary Anne McDonald Papale, visited their hometown on Friday, June 10. They stopped by McDonald Field on Southway, which is dedicated to their father, Charles McDonald, who was Greenbelt's city manager from 1948 to 1961. After lunch at Cedars of Lebanon with their childhood friends Kathy Labukas and Karen McFarland, they toured Roosevelt Center. They were impressed with all the changes in the Center, especially noting that their father's former office above the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union is now a yoga studio. They also enjoyed visiting the Community Center, formerly Center School, and took a walk through the Greenbelt Museum exhibit. They have many good memories of growing up in Greenbelt.

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Siblings Gerry and Paul McDonald and Mary Anne McDonald Papale enjoy visiting their hometown of Greenbelt.

**Murray Zitver**



**Murray Zitver**

Murray Zitver, of Greenbelt, died on Wednesday, June 15, 2022, at the age of 68.

A loving father and husband, Murray always thought of others before himself. He touched everyone's lives in such profound ways, always kind and compassionate, always thoughtful and respectful. He gave so much to his family and friends, giving his love, friendship and support to all, especially to those in need. Murray will be dearly missed by all those that loved him and knew him.

Murray is survived by his wife, Julieann Rapp; daughter, Hannah Zitver Brown (Nathan Hetzler); and siblings, Annette (David) Green and Gene Zitver. He was predeceased by his son, Daniel Joseph Zitver Brown; brother, Tom Zitver; and parents, Leon and Saretta Zitver.

Services were held on Monday, June 20. Contributions in his memory may be sent to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), nami.org, or to Head Injury Rehabilitation and Referral Services, headinjuryrehab.org.

PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

**Obituaries**

**Irene Hensel**



**Irene Hensel**

Former Greenbelt resident Irene Hensel died peacefully on May 24, 2022. She was 89.

The oldest daughter of James

PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

Alfred and Bridget Josephine Beffa, Irene was born June 1, 1932 in Manhattan, New York City. She had a younger sister, Gloria. A brother, James, died in infancy.

Irene graduated from high school in 1950 and joined the U.S. Navy in 1955. She met her future husband, Greenbelter Richard Hensel, in the Navy when they both were stationed in San Diego. They married in 1958 in Illinois and settled in Greenbelt to start their family. Richard had always wanted to return to his hometown, but he was worried Irene, coming from a big city, would find Greenbelt boring. She was anything but bored. She was fond of saying she "must have

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**CROP Walk Again a Success Thanks to Many Volunteers**

Greenbelt Community Church (GCC) held their annual CROP Walk on May 1 in College Park at Lake Artemesia. There were 33 walkers and four family fur babies in attendance.

Greenbelt Community Church participates each year in the CROP Hunger Walk for Church World Services, a faith-based organization that serves communities around the globe through sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster. The church joins with other

local churches in the Hyattsville area CROP Walk. Walkers get pledge donations, as well as on-line donations that go to Church World Services.

This year, GCC raised \$8,595 with part of these funds going to the people of Ukraine. The church would like to thank everyone who generously donated, volunteered and walked in CROP Walk 2022 with a very special thanks to Martha Folk who has been GCC's CROP Walk coordinator for many years.

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**City Notes**

The Sustainability/Environmental team distributed milkweed plugs at the Farmers Market on Sunday, June 19 and held a Greenbriar cleanup on Saturday, June 11, with eight volunteers removing over 40 pounds of trash.

Public Works delivered eight tables to Schrom Hills Park for the city employees' picnic.

Refuse/Recycling collected 30.92 tons of refuse and 11.13 tons of recyclables. Building Maintenance installed conduits, wiring and lights in the mechanics' workshop pit at Public Works, and new cabinets and a countertop at the Youth Center.

The Aquatic & Fitness Center hosted the first swim team meet of the season and welcomed two new lifeguards.

Therapeutic Recreation hosted a weekly Golden Age Club meeting and delivered meals to 27 homebound seniors.

In Schrom Hills Park, rangers assisted meetings of two Girl Scout troops, the Greenspring Homeowners Association and CHEARS poetry readers.

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living program and volunteers held a diaper distribution at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center Clubhouse and a produce/diaper distribution at the Community Center.

**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 county libraries 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 are at high risk.

In-person programs at Greenbelt Library have moved inside into the Auditorium on the lower level.

**Events**

Register online to attend the following events:

Ready 2 Read Storytimes. Wednesdays, ages 3 to 5, 12:15 p.m.; Thursdays, ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m. Come for stories, songs, finger-plays and more.

Teen Action Group. Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m., ages 13 to 18. Need to earn community service hours? Come make a difference in the community, gain friends from around the area and make your voice heard.

**VolunTEEN Program**

Prince George's County teens in grades 6 to 12 can earn student service learning (SSL) hours through participation in the Library's VolunTEEN program. Teens may submit the appropriate information needed for each VolunTEEN prompt in Beanstack via the link on the Teens webpage at [pgcmls.info/teens](http://pgcmls.info/teens). All of the necessary information must be provided for a teen to earn their SSL hours through the VolunTEEN program, up to a maximum of 12 SSL hours.



# 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, June 27, 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**  
Recognition of Reginald McNeil  
\* Minutes of Council Meetings  
Administrative Reports  
\* Committee Reports

**LEGISLATION**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- Maryland Municipal League (MML) Legislative Action Requests (LARs)  
- 4th of July Update  
- FY 2023 Open Space Annual Program  
- Closure of the West Entrance of the Community Center  
- Reparations Commission  
- Pilot Projects for Invasive Plant Management in the Greenbelt Forest Preserve - Forest Preserve Advisory Board Report #2022-02  
- Council Activities  
- Council Reports  
\* Recognition Group - Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club  
\* Reappointment to Advisory Boards/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](mailto:banderson@greenbeltmd.gov)*

**Greenbelt ARPA Funds Assistance Programs Update (as of 6/6/22)**

Rent and Utility Assistance  
· 278 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$1,138,402.09  
Mortgage and HOA fee Assistance  
· 9 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$23,359.44

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LIFE GUARDS, POOL MANAGERS, AQUATIC INSTRUCTORS, CUSTOMER SERVICE POSITIONS, PERSONAL TRAINERS, ART INSTRUCTORS & ASSISTANTS

**FREE COMMUNITY NURSING PROGRAM**

The City of Greenbelt's Assistance in Living Program (GAIL) in partnership with Bowie State & Washington Adventist University Schools of Nursing are proud to resume offering this program to Greenbelt seniors age 60+ or disabled adults 50+ residing within incorporated City limits. For more information visit: <https://bit.ly/3OBoe19>

**GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER IS SEEKING NEW TEAM MEMBERS!**

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**MEETINGS FOR JUNE 27 - JULY 1**

Tuesday, June 28 at 7 pm, **Advisory Committee on Education, On the Agenda: Minutes from May Meeting, 2021-2022 Grants Report, Labor Day Parade Sept 5, AOB, No Meeting in July**

Wednesday, June 29 at 7:30 pm - **WORK SESSION - RELIGIOUS/ SPIRITUAL ORGANIZATIONS**

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**NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET for the**

- GENERAL FUND
- BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE FUND
- CEMETERY FUND
- DEBT SERVICE FUND
- REPLACEMENT FUND
- SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND
- GREEN RIDGE HOUSE FUND
- CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
- COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND
- GREENBELT WEST INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

At its regular meeting of June 6, 2022, the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, adopted the City's budget for Fiscal Year 2023, thereby approving expenditures as follows:

General Fund	\$33,372,600
Building Capital Reserve Fund	1,661,000
Cemetery Fund	0
Debt Service Fund	1,052,200
Replacement Fund	441,500
Special Projects Fund	4,639,200
Green Ridge House	1,550,300
Capital Projects Fund	1,390,000
Community Development Block Grant Fund	0
Greenbelt West Infrastructure Fund	2,700,000

Copies of the adopted budget document will be available for examination no later than September 2022 at the City Offices at 25 Crescent Road and on the Greenbelt Website ([www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)).



**4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS CELEBRATION**

Monday, July 4 at 9 pm  
Buddy Attick Park, 555 Crescent Rd  
Parking lot is reserved for handicapped and elderly individuals.  
For more information please visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov/July4](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/July4)

**COMMITTEES & BOARDS VACANCIES:**

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

**VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAMS STARTING NEXT WEEK**

Youth: Creative Kids Camp - Morning Mix; Afternoon Art Adventures classes in circus, dance and painting for campers and non-campers. Ages 16 and up: acrylic and watercolor painting (Zoom and in-person options). See the Summer Activity Guide linked at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts)



**COMMUNITY DISCUSSION ON POLICING**

The Public Safety Advisory Committee will be holding four community forums where we will have an open discussion on community policing in our city.



**SOME OF THE QUESTIONS WE WILL BE ASKING:**

- How safe do you feel in your home?
- What public safety concerns in your neighborhood need to be addressed?
- How would you rate your level of trust in the Greenbelt Police?

**LAST FORUM WILL BE HELD ON:**

JUNE 23 RESCHEDULED  
JUNE 30 Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department @ 7 pm In-Person Meeting Hall (Around Back of Station) 125 Crescent Road

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Supporting groups include the Community Relations Advisory Board, Greenbelt Racial Equity Alliance and Connecting Across Greenbelt.





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phy is a newer hobby of his. “We’re lucky to, as I say, live in Greenbelt. We have a lot of areas that are more or less protected and preserved, so we can enjoy wildlife and also the plants and flowers around,” said Jackman.

Taking pictures of flowers and animals at Greenbelt Lake is something these photographers have in common. Beard explained that when it comes to getting a good photo at the lake, “it’s about knowing where things are,” although it can be challenging for her to be quick enough to get the shot, she said.

Black likes to capture candid moments of people and animals when he is outdoors in Greenbelt and elsewhere. Perched on a pine tree branch, a fuzzy, gray baby owl surveys the area. The owl can be spotted easily in front of a background of green pine needles. Black photographed the bird and has the picture displayed in his house. It was originally a part of his exhibit at the National Wildlife Visitor Center on the Patuxent Research Refuge.

Black has also had his work displayed in the New Deal Café. He keeps books of his photographs from various trips he’s taken as well. Beard has had two of her photos featured in Maryland Milestones 2018 and 2019 calendars. The two share the idea of scouting for certain shots. Black says he goes out to “take photos with a purpose.”

Bucca and Jackman are more opportunistic and spontaneous when taking photographs. Bucca said he primarily enjoys taking photos of landscapes and sunsets but likes to photograph animals with his small Panasonic Lumix camera. Jackman also carries a small camera on walks with his wife to capture wildlife “sort of spur of the moment,” he said.

“A lot of good photography is luck,” said Beard.



PHOTO BY EMILY HAHN

Kathryn Beard focuses on animals at, and in, Greenbelt Lake. See two of her photos on page 12.



PHOTO COURTESY CHARLES JACKMAN

Charles Jackman takes a photo.



PHOTO BY STEVE BUCCA

Steve Bucca uses his camera on himself.

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start in New York and moving to Maryland.

“I want to say to my wife, thank you for convincing me to come down here. I know I was a little hesitant in the beginning,

but ... it’s been a wonderful time to be Prince Georgian by choice,” said Turner.

He and his wife unveiled his photo on the Wall of Fame together after the speakers’ remarks ended.



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Rachel, Anita, Todd and Maya Turner pose under the photo on the Wall.



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Juneteenth

# Students Receive Awards For Essays, Spoken Word, Art

by Lois Rosado

On Saturday, June 18, as part of its Juneteenth programs, the Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee hosted the Equal Justice Initiative Essay contest winners and the Prince George's County Lynching Memorial Project Art contest winners in an awards ceremony held at the Community Center. Mayor Emmett Jordan welcomed the youth, families, friends and other Greenbelt residents who attended the event. He was joined by Councilmember Ric Gordon. The top essay contest winner, Stephanie Osuji, is a student from Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Jordan was asked to participate in the distribution of the awards at the end of the ceremony.



PHOTO BY LOIS ROSADO

Juneteenth Award winners are Chelsea Nelson, Chase Matthews, Kai Lampley, Anise Lampley, Miso Abitria, Aleila Rankin, Diana Osuji (representing Stephanie Osuji) and Greenbelt Mayor Emmett Jordan in the back.

Students received plaques, certificates and checks from the Equal Justice Initiative and the Prince George's County Lynching Memorial Project for their essays

on social justice, spoken word calls for a more humane society and artistic contributions. It was very inspiring to see that county

youth are so hopeful about the future. It was also a wonderful way to commemorate Juneteenth!



## Whom Should You Nominate For 2022 Outstanding Citizen?

by Bob Zugby

With Greenbelt's 2022 Labor Day Festival only 11 weeks away, the Labor Day Festival Committee is hard at work. Since 1973, each Festival includes recognizing that year's Outstanding Citizen: someone whose unpaid volunteer efforts have made Greenbelt a better place.

Nominate someone you know by completing the nomination form on page 12. Describe your nominee's contributions to our community, their acts of kindness and their actions that make a neighborhood, group or the whole of Greenbelt better. Nominations are due Monday, August 1. This year's honoree will be the 48th since the award began in 1973. The honoree also serves as the Greenbelt Labor Day Parade Grand Marshal.

Volunteerism is the very soul of the Greenbelt community. The committee that selects the Outstanding Citizen doesn't know everyone in town. Finding that special person in a city full of volunteers requires diverse community input. Whom do you know who contributes to our community?

Every Greenbelt resident knows someone who distinguishes themselves with outstanding volunteer service, often without the recognition they deserve. History indicates many of Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizens were nominated several times before their selection. The committee counts on nominations from the public to identify this person each year, and ensure the civic traditions of Greenbelt grow and flourish into the future.

Behind every successful non-profit is a team of volunteers. Without volunteers, our cooperatives could not function. Without concerned citizens freely giving their time, the City of Greenbelt would lack engagement from advisory boards and committees. Volunteers run youth programs, making sports and scouting programs possible. Volunteers shuttle senior citizens to medical appointments.

Bob Zugby is the chair of the Outstanding Citizen Selection Committee.

## Democratic Club Will Host Candidate Forum on Sunday

by Konrad Herling

District 4 congressional candidates Donna Edwards and Glenn Ivey will speak and answer questions on Sunday, June 26 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Building, 7600 Hanover Parkway. Hosted by the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club, the forum will also feature county council candidates Michael Estève, Ingrid Harrison and Patrice Murray.

to inflation, a lack of affordable housing and the maglev. They will speak to topics that are important in Greenbelt and discuss how they would address our key concerns.

This is the first of two upcoming opportunities to hear candidates for local government address issues from gun violence, women's rights and voting rights

The second forum, which will be run by the County Council District 4 Candidate Forum Planning Committee, will feature candidates running for the councilmanic district that includes Greenbelt.

Seating at Sunday's event is limited to 75. For reservations visit the Democratic Club's webpage at Rooseveltclub.com.



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**History's Footsteps Rm 100**  
**Deanna Dawson: How to search**  
**A Newspaper and its City: Rm 114**  
**11:15 Defending Utopia (Movie)**  
**12:00 10 Cities Movie: Greenbelt**  
**12:15 Megan Searing Young: Talk: GNR and Citizen Activism**  
**1:00 Ten Cities: Greenbelt (Movie)**  
**1:15 Defending Utopia: (Movie)**

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been a small town girl at heart” because she loved her adopted community from the start.

Richard and Irene would have six children: Gloria, Jeanne, David, Mary, Terese and Monica. The Hensel kids came one after another, six in just nine years. That was not unusual in the late 1950s and 1960s in Greenbelt, which was home to many large families. Although Irene would go on to become a well-known civic and political activist and work full time, first for the state and later the federal government, she maintained that her greatest joy in life was raising her children. She never learned to drive, so she was often seen walking around town, her kids running to keep up – as a native New Yorker she walked fast – trekking to Co-op, church, pool, library, friends’ homes and other destinations.

Shortly after moving to Greenbelt, Irene joined St. Hugh Catholic Church. She was a member of Women’s Sodality from 1959 to 1985 and served on Sodality’s Social Action Committee, which promoted peace and justice. She also taught catechism from 1963 to 1968.

Her commitment to racial and social justice would be put to the test when Irene joined the Greenbelt Fair Housing Committee in 1966 to welcome Black families to Greenbelt. The committee hosted receptions to help the families feel at home in Greenbelt and move into the community without incident. When Bowie’s Bel Air neighborhood was being built and Black applicants were being turned away, Irene and members of the Greenbelt Fair Housing Committee joined other Prince George’s County activists in protesting on weekends outside the sales office.

In the early 1970s, a plan was proposed for a three-school complex backed by the city and county for the “green belt” or natural buffer that sheltered the community from the busy Baltimore-Washington Parkway. Citizens packed city council meetings to object to the plan and Irene and others went door to door with a petition, collecting hundreds of signatures in opposition. After a two-year fight, the plan was defeated. The Prince George’s County Board of Education instead purchased land on Hanover Parkway where Eleanor Roosevelt High School was built.

Because she didn’t drive, Irene was a staunch supporter and user



Irene Hensel loved her visits to Generous Joe’s.

of public transportation. Greenbelt was designed as a walkable community, but when she needed to buy her kids’ clothing or school shoes at Prince George’s Plaza or enjoy an occasional lunch at Hot Shoppes in Langley Park, she relied on Metro’s bus system to get around. In 1993, when Irene learned about Metro’s proposal to eliminate four of the six routes that served Greenbelt, she sprang into action. She formed Save Our Buses and generated wide publicity in the newspaper and on local television stations about the cuts, organized meetings attended by Metro representatives and lobbied elected officials to speak out against the plan. In the face of growing public and political pressure, Metro reduced some bus service but dropped its plan to cancel the routes.

Irene worked part time from 1970 to 1978, including for the Greenbelt Recreation Department, providing child care services to kids whose mothers were taking exercise classes. She later took a full-time job as an assistant to the director of the Center for Minorities in Science and Engineering at the University of Maryland and eventually retired from the federal government in 1994 as a secretary for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Irene also attended Prince George’s Community College on the G.I. Bill, and she later took classes at the University of Maryland.

Irene often spent time at her favorite local gathering spot, Generous Joe’s pizza and sub shop. She would say, “I’m going to chew the fat.” Joe’s was the community grapevine, and there was no better place to find out what was going on around town.

Irene was a people person. A self-described “shy” child, she said she emerged from her shell because a shop owner in her

Manhattan neighborhood would stop her and insist she say “hello” before she could continue on her way. It must have worked because as an adult, Irene never met a stranger. She befriended all kinds of people.

She demonstrated her faith throughout her life by both her words and actions. She was never afraid to speak out or to tackle injustice.

When she was chosen to be profiled in a 1993 book entitled Women of Achievement in Prince George’s County History, the selection committee commended Irene’s work to advance the greater good. It said her civic activism created the kind of “ripple effect” that occurs when a stone is tossed into a pond and is a reminder that we are all connected.

Irene Hensel was preceded in death by her husband, Richard T. Hensel; son, David A. Hensel; grandson, Christopher O. Fink; and sister, Gloria Marsh. She is survived by daughters Gloria A. Hensel of Laurel, Jeanne M. (Frank) Taylor of Silver Spring, Mary A. (Dale) Lehman of Laurel, Terese A. (Neil) Sehgal of Davidsonville and Monica E. Heinlein of Columbia, and by 12 grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to Montgomery/Prince George’s Hospice, Casey House, 1355 Piccard Drive, Suite 100, Rockville, MD 20850, montgomeryhospice.org.

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scoring numbers, and in the five categories of infrastructure, household needs, small/local business assistance, mental health resources and other (including public safety and essential workers). Some items had the cost missing, with staff awaiting guidance from council as to whether further study is wanted. Both staff and council stressed that the list was far from complete, urging continued feedback. Mayor Emmett Jordan emphasized that this process will likely unfold incrementally, with priorities shifting over time.

Council requested that staff include several petitions received from entities like the library system and Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (for stormwater management) in order to make a more informed decision.

Residents such as Douglas Payne and Lore Rosenthal urged council to make another infusion of rental and utility assistance, in line with a more human-centric approach to the funds, with Payne requesting the ability to

receive funds on a monthly basis instead of a fixed amount. Payne, a resident of Franklin Park, characterized the situation many residents are dealing with as critical, with many living month to month. Council expressed its willingness to address this issue.

Several residents, including Bob Rand, Lois Rosado and Rosenthal, commented on the preponderance of infrastructure items on the list, feeling that the major emphasis should be on household needs and aid to those most economically impacted. Greenbelt Station resident Angelina Jao stressed that more resources need to be secured for the city’s youth, to ensure their mental, social and emotional health.

Scrapyard

The issue of how to deal with Prince George’s Scrap, Inc. scrapyard came under intense debate. Councilmember Rodney Roberts urged a robust effort to purchase the property and convert it into amenities for

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**FOR SALE- Riverdale, MD**  
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**Join Greenbelt Pride for a gathering at the Old Greenbelt Theatre**  
 Saturday, June 25th at 1:00 P.M.  
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**Assault**

On June 15 at 7:48 a.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road. Business employee assaulted by unknown individual.

**Auto Theft**

On June 15 at 5:16 a.m. near 6213 Springhill Court. Vehicle broken into, spare key to other vehicle taken, other vehicle stolen. The victim later located the stolen vehicle and was able to get it back.

On June 16 at 5:08 p.m. near 8015 Mandan Road. 2008 Toyota Yaris stolen by known individual.

**Auto Vandalism**

On June 15 at 8:14 a.m. near 7814 Greenbrook Drive. Rear window broken, nothing taken.

**Break-In**

On June 16 at 7:51 a.m. near 5811 Cherrywood Lane. Rear window broken, personal property taken.

**Carjacking**

On June 13 at 9:02 a.m. near 12 Court Ridge Road. Suspect demanded victim's car but ran off when the victim stated they would call the police.

**DUI**

On June 13 at 6:28 a.m. near Greenbelt Road/Cherrywood Lane. DUI arrest.

**Fraud**

On June 13 at 2:31 p.m. near 7925 Mandan Road. Credit card fraud.

On June 17 at 9:39 a.m. near 22 Court Ridge Road. Credit card fraud. At 12:13 p.m. near 550 Crescent Road. Cash app fraud.

**Highway Accident**

On June 15 at 10:49 p.m. near Capital Beltway/Baltimore-Washington Parkway. Greenbelt officer witnessed car crash. Charges filed on driver for failing to stop after causing the crash.

**Illegal Firearm**

On June 14 at 1:45 a.m. near Greenbelt Road/Southway. Officers located illegal firearm during a traffic stop. The driver was arrested.

**Missing Person**

On June 13 at 6:50 p.m. near 9116 Springhill Lane. Missing

critical adult, later located.

On June 16 at 1:10 a.m. near 414 Ridge Road. Missing juvenile from Hyattsville located.

On June 17 at 12:07 p.m. near 7915 Mandan Road. Two juvenile brothers reported missing, later located.

On June 19 at 10:13 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road. Young child found unattended quite a distance from home; mother charged with criminal citation after she was unable to remember the last time she saw her child.

**Shoplifting**

On June 15 at 10:23 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road. Commercial theft.

**Theft**

On June 15 at 2:46 p.m. near 6204 Springhill Drive. Personal property taken from residence through unlocked door.

On June 17 at 10:32 a.m. near 7607 Greenbelt Road. Commercial theft.

On June 18 at 2:47 p.m. near 161 Centerway. Commercial theft.

**Theft from Auto**

On June 14 at 9:28 p.m. near 7704 Hanover Parkway, personal property taken from unlocked vehicle.

On June 16 at 4:10 a.m. near 18 Lakeside Drive, suspect attempted to break into vehicle, fled when car alarm started going off. At 7:22 a.m. near 7810 Walker Drive, tires and rims stolen from two 2021 Honda Accords. At 5:06 p.m. near 50 Crescent Road, personal property taken from vehicle. At 7:42 p.m. near 19 Parkway, attempted catalytic converter theft.

On June 17 at 7:49 a.m. near Mandan Road/Hanover Parkway, rear passenger-side window broken, personal property taken. At 7:56 a.m. near 7200 Hanover Drive, all four rims and tires stolen from 2019 Honda Accord.

On June 18 at 9:52 a.m. near 9012 Breezewood Terrace, personal property taken from vehicle.

On June 19 at 6:44 a.m. near 7200 Hanover Drive, four vehicles had windows smashed, personal property taken. At 7:09 a.m. near 7200 Hanover Drive, all four rims and tires stolen from vehicle. At 8:53 a.m. near 7810 Walker Drive, all four rims and tires stolen from 2021 Honda Civic. At 9:14 a.m. near 7810 Walker Drive, three vehicles had windows smashed, personal property taken. At 10:35 a.m. near 7803 Mandan Road, catalytic converter theft.

**Vandalism**

On June 13 at 5:43 a.m. near 9140 Edmonston Court, two vehicles damaged, nothing taken. At 11:47 a.m. near 11 Crescent Road, library doors spray-painted with offensive language; Prince George's County Police Department arrested suspect.

On June 14 at 10:35 p.m. near 6103 Breezewood Court, residence window shattered by football.

On June 16 at 8:20 p.m. near 5907 Cherrywood Lane, residence window damaged.

On June 17 at 9:36 a.m. near 5904 Cherrywood Terrace, sliding glass door to residence shattered, nothing taken. At 12:30 p.m. near 6827 Damsel Court, black clips found on residence window. At 8:06 p.m. near 5911 Cherrywood Lane, residence interior door damaged.

**Library Vandalism Suspect Arrested**

After the Greenbelt and New Carrollton Libraries were vandalized with hateful graffiti, Prince George's County Police arrested 30-year old Charles Sutherland of Takoma Park, who has confessed to the crime. Sutherland has been charged with two counts of malicious destruction of property and multiple hate crimes. The word "groomer" was spray-painted on both buildings on June 4 and June 9, respectively. Anyone with information about Sutherland is encouraged to call 301-699-2601.

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Greenbelt West, like a playground, before another developer does so, possibly leading to more housing. Davis said that the price may be prohibitive and that it is a revenue source for Berwyn Heights since it is within Berwyn Heights limits. Greenbelt Station resident Darlene Jean-Pierre, a member of the Coalition for a Greener Greenbelt, felt that making this area into something more amenable for children and the community would "have a huge impact," finding the "paucity of playgrounds" in Greenbelt West both "disturbing and upsetting." Resident Jennifer Nearhood said that on the EPA's Environmental Justice Screen, Greenbelt West scored at a very high threshold in exposure to environmental pollutants, citing especially the scrapyards.

George stated that as the scrapyards is private property, options are limited on how to affect the conditions there, and that any kind of on-site study would require their permission and a fee to an organization to do so. Davis said that at the very least, a request to the state on its environmental standing and proper permitting could be done.

**Council Demeanor**

There was much attention given to the combative environment displayed by council during the meeting, an atmosphere, resident Johanna Goderre said, was inconducive to "proactive discussion" and she was frustrated by the "endless" back and forth "without an outcome." Jordan was dismayed about the failure of council to act as a unit at times, there being too much casting blame against other members. Resident Michael Hartman said that the "bickering" resulted in many feeling that thoughts do "not make a difference," commenting that even before the meeting had ended, many had already left.

**Disparities**

Resident Tom Adams, of Connecting Across Greenbelt, stated that the root of the sense of feeling underserved and underappreciated in sections of the city lay in a failure for there to be real outreach and listening to all sections of the city about real

needs, with past efforts, though welcome, being merely being the tip of the iceberg. He said that an investment of \$200,000 along these lines would go much farther than one in the millions spent on other approaches and that what is really needed is "social infrastructure." Rosado echoed these sentiments, especially when it comes to Greenbelt West, expressing that council needs "to just listen to what is being said." Councilmember Colin Byrd felt that Greenbelt West residents often receive less responsiveness from council than the city's other residents, frequently being told the reasons why something "can't be done" instead of "taking seriously" their concerns and requests.

Davis explained that a central reason for the inequities in amenities between the old and the newer sections of Greenbelt lies in the fact that the old section was created by the federal government with the amenities included. Both Greenbelt East and West came later and much is private property, outside the city's purview and ability to augment.

Jordan echoed council by saying that more focused worksessions are required on the further disbursement of ARPA funds. Davis explained the delay comes from a desire to come up with the best strategy to not only help the most residents, but to ensure the city's resiliency against any future struggles.



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Please send submissions to [julieawinters@verizon.net](mailto:julieawinters@verizon.net) by Tuesday, July 5. Poems should be sent as Word documents. For visual art, please send a good-quality photograph of the piece, along with title, dimensions, and description (mixed media, watercolor, pencil, etc.). Participants will receive confirmation of selection and assignment of pieces for creation of new art/poetry by July 12; the deadline for the new pieces is August 28.



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# Sports

## Babe Ruth Baseball Teams In Full Swing Mid-season

by Ian Gleason

Both Greenbelt Babe Ruth teams (15U and 18U) have entered the heart of their seasons. The 18U team began their season with four straight losses before rebounding with a three-game win streak with wins over the Laurel Bolts, DC Knights and Marlboro Mustangs. Strong pitching performances from AJ Bender, Cole Edmonds and Joseph Kline guided the team in all three wins. Timely base hits from Jaden Osborne and Diego Velasquez played a key role, as did the bunting of Christopher "Young Groundskeeper" Czado and consistent catching from Michael Ceja and Antoine Franklin Jr. The 15U team closes out their regular season in the coming weeks with a three-game home stand as they look to end the season on a high note.

Upcoming Games at Braden Field (6:15 p.m. unless otherwise noted):

15U vs. DC Knights, June 27; vs. Laurel Bolts, July 1.

18U vs. Camp Springs, June 24; vs. Post 259, June 27, 8:30 p.m.; vs. Marlboro Mustangs, June 29; vs. Laurel Bolts, July 7, 8:30 p.m.



AJ Bender delivers a pitch as first baseman Christopher Czado readies for the play.



Tommy Hill takes a swing for the Greenbelt Babe Ruth 18U team.

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The sunset glows pink on a Sunday evening on the peninsula at the Lake.



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# Meetres E-Cycle Portugal 2: Tops on Navigation, Lodging

by Cathie Meetre

*This is the second installment in the account of the Meetres' Portugal bike trip. The first episode is in the issue of May 26. In it, the Meetres have planned a bike trip and have rented the bikes only to find that their fears of difficult dirt roads have been more than realized.*

The Meetres made a discovery: once the nature of the pitted, pocked and perilous road surfaces had been digested, navigation was a breeze. They had equipped themselves with a useful app, MapOut, purchased for the princely sum of \$4 on the internet. It would be very good for downloading existing routes but the Google Maps bike option on their cell phones was super at designing a route on the fly in off-road terrain and, once the route was established, guiding the riders along it almost flawlessly with voice commands. The Apple Maps version native to the iPhone doesn't have a bike option in some areas, including Portugal.

The Google app (as do all the others) uses the GPS technology embedded in cell phones as a matter of course. This works from satellite signals without needing a cell phone signal (in airplane mode, one can follow the track of one's plane on a cell phone just using GPS). Once the route is mapped into the phone, the GPS signal (normally assisted by cell tower coordinates but not requiring them) and the phone's GPS-oriented map in memory were sufficient for voice guidance everywhere, cell signal or no signal. In the middle of the wilderness, a voice would politely announce, "In 200 yards make a sharp left," or more ominously, "Make a U-turn."

Routes, however, could only be initiated where there was a cell phone signal, limiting en route re-planning since a convincing signal was rare in rural areas. But riding with a power pack to keep the phones charged, the couple was never more than a few hundred yards lost. Without it, they'd have had to stick to the asphalted roads because the secondary "municipal" roads were rarely signposted or numbered and one weather-beaten track looks much like another. Of course, the Google app didn't know what the road surfaces would be like but it worked like a charm, if occasionally a hair-raising one.

### Where to Stay?

Lodgings were varied and had been researched and booked beforehand in a day-by-day itinerary by the Meetres. All lived up to expectations or more. Some were B&Bs, others apartments and some hotels. Because of the early season, rates were very affordable. The average cost per night for lodging was less than \$65 – including the five nights in Lisbon – and no night was over \$80. A few nights were under \$40 – in some cases including a good breakfast. All were clean and some were downright luxurious. Summer prices are several times as much.

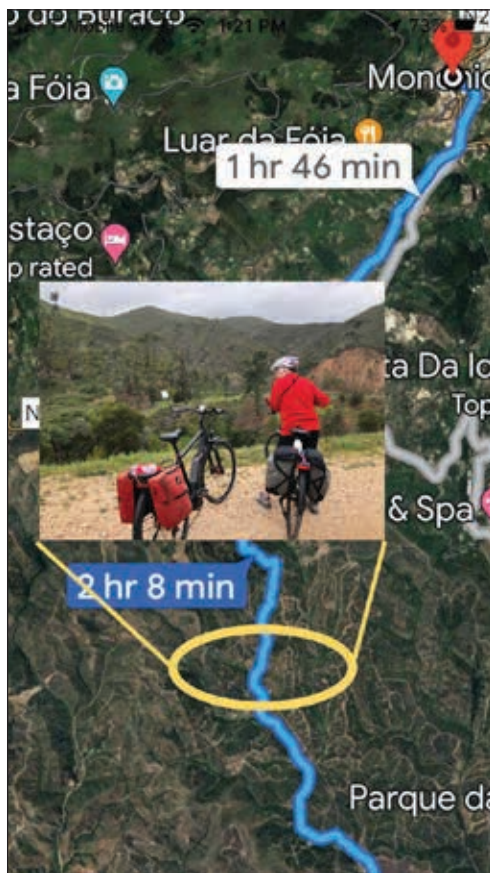
One highlight was a visit to an Agriturismo near Bensafrim. The host was the fourth generation of the family to make it her home, and was lured back to the



A shady terrace, one of five levels on the slope, sports lemons.

The route obligingly provided by Google on the iPhone directs the Meetres flawlessly down a municipal road of sorts. They were scared but not lost.

- Photos by Cathie Meetre



Algarve from a career in Lisbon. She ran the hosting side of the operation and her parents, who had their own separate quarters, ran the farm. Producing a wide variety of fruits and vegetables and fully organic in its farming practices, the farm nonetheless was feeling the pinch of drought with the water table way down and a resulting recent need for a new well. The rooms were converted barns and stables, with some of the original stonework and archways – all opened in 2019 just in time for Covid to ruin the trade. They were hoping the Meetres were the heralds of better times ahead.

Making ingenious use of solar power – both voltaic and direct hot water – the farm was in the forefront of a new wave of re-populating some of the abandoned farmsteads that abound in the area. Roughly two out of every three listings in realtor windows advertised (in English) small farms with one (and sometimes two) ruins. Apparently nothing beats a good ruin.

### Family Heritage

The Agriturismo wasn't the only multi-generational stay. The Meetres' host in the town of São Bartholomeu de Messines was also running a property inherited from his grandparents and skillfully renovated by him and his

parents, who also had their own apartment in the building. With four several-foot-high terraced gardens rising from the rear terrace (itself already two stories up from the roads), there was first a patio that led up to a shared summer kitchen. One further level up was a pick-your-own orange tree ultimately topped by the chicken stratum.

### The Historic House

By far the most original dwelling, and a favorite, was the Silves Historic House. With a footprint approximately 10' x 18' on three floors, a significant portion of each floor was occupied by the staircase. Cleaving to no OSHA regulations, the open treads with no banister led up from a kitchen/dining area that also accommodated the toilet, through the bedroom and up to the shower room, which sat boldly in a little building within the rooftop terrace. The terrace, high up on the hill on which the city stands, had fabulous rooftop views on every side, with the medieval church starring on one side and the roofs, mountains and a reservoir on the others.

*Bracketing the visit to the hills were the beaches. Read about them in the next installment of the Meetres E-Cycle Portugal possibly coming your way in the next issue or whenever there's room.*

## Middleton Tree Dedication



PHOTO BY DONNA HOFFMEISTER

Around 20 people attend the dedication of a tree in the peace-makers' garden to honor the late Shirley Middleton.



Muskrat at Greenbelt Lake in the peninsula forebay

- Photos by Kathryn Beard



A dragonfly has markings that look like sunglasses.

## 2022 Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen Nomination Form

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