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Noah Perry, a dogwalker for Berwyn Buddies, and two canine clients enjoy the newly opened boardwalk bridge on February 14.

# Boardwalk Bridge Finished, Open, Now Owned by City

by Caroline Hanks

The boardwalk bridge over the pond and wetlands is the latest addition to the trail connecting Cherrywood Lane with the Greenbelt Station South Core Development. Completion of the boardwalk has opened it for public use; however, a ceremonial opening for the bridge is currently in the planning stages, with the Greenbelt City Council hoping to schedule a day when the weather turns warmer.

The trail can be accessed on Cherrywood Lane (head north off of Greenbelt Road) across from the Shell gas station. According to council meeting minutes from March 29, 2017, the addition connects Cherrywood Lane, Beltway Plaza and the Greenbelt Station development. A sign at the Cherrywood Lane trail entrance states "Future Trail Location" and claims estimated completion of the project to be July 2017.

As of December 2017, council accepted the boardwalk addition and officially took ownership of the land where the trail sits after years of planning with Woodlawn Development Group (WDG) and official processing with the developer and the state.

The removal of "Concrete Mountain" created the need for the boardwalk bridge because of the pond set in its place. Concrete Mountain was a stockpile of waste left over from a concrete manufacturer mixing plant.

Following the planning and permit approval by the Maryland State Board of Public Works in January 2017, WDG started moving wooden planks for the boardwalk onto the land in February 2017 to begin the construction process of the trail. The developer was required to set specific limits of disturbance before starting the bridge's construction to assess and constrain the physical impact of the construction on the environment.

Mayor Emmett Jordan appealed to Maryland State Senator Paul Pinsky on behalf of the city in April 2016 to obtain an easement through the Board of Public Works for the state-owned land that the trail was proposed to traverse. An easement would permit state-owned land to be used for

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The 2018 Youth Musical, Time Will Tell, opens next weekend at the Community Center. The play is set in Greenbelt, during its first year. Above, Tommy Martin (played by Aidan Larkin) listens to President Franklin Roosevelt on the radio.

# Bureau of Engraving/Printing Hopes to Relocate to BARC

by Kathleen Gallagher

It wasn't the first time the Greenbelt City Council had met over the years with representatives of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) to discuss potential changes to the campus of "the farm" that forms the city's northern boundary and is cherished by Greenbelters as a significant part of what remains of the city's "green belt." Efforts to chip away at BARC land have persisted for more than 50 years, and the most disturbing threats have involved federal legislation to enable selling the property in whole or in part.

On February 7, councilmembers met with Dr. Howard Zhang, director of BARC. Gary Mayo. legislative affairs officer for the Agricultural Research Service and Chuck Davis, supervisory facility

# Gary Childs Named **New Review Editor**

The Greenbelt News Review is delighted to announce the selection of Gary Childs as its new editor to succeed Mary Lou Williamson who was named editor emerita on her retirement. Childs, a recently retired Foreign Service Officer, and his wife Anita moved to Greenbelt over a year ago. He brings many relevant skills and perspectives to his new role and is already working with Williamson and the paper's staff to master the intricacies of the paper.

More details next week meanwhile, join us in welcoming him and in thanking all the candidates who stepped forward to participate in our search.

# 2018 Youth Musical

Saturday, March 3, 7:00 p.m. Sunday, March 4, 3:00 p.m. Saturday, March 10, 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.



# What Goes On

Monday, February 26 8 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building Wednesday, February 28 8 p.m., Council Worksession, Community Center

engineer with the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP).

Davis currently has a second title as the project manager for an intended relocation of the currency production functions of BEP. The BARC campus is not the only federal property under consideration for the move, but at this time it is BEP's first choice, due to location and other factors.

**BARC Welcomes Proposal** 

Although it wasn't the first time the city council has been involved in such discussions, what was a first, at least in this reporter's memory, was that the proposed plan not only has strong support from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and BARC administration, but also appears to have potential to gather council support as well.

BEP falls under the U.S. Department of the Treasury and is located at 14th and C Streets S.W., D.C. Its website uses the whimsical address of moneyfactory.gov. It occupies a main building built in 1914 and an annex building built in 1938. Together, with a second location in Ft. Worth, Texas, the Washington facility designs and prints all the notes (paper money) for the Federal Reserve, as well as a long list of other security products for the federal government. The main building has long been inadequate and inefficient as a modern production facility.

The project goal is to construct a smaller, more efficient facility, preferably on an existing federal property, to reduce the government's footprint. The Annex Building, which occupies an entire D.C. block, would be surplused and sold. The main building would be modernized and used for BEP administrative functions, as well as providing space for other federal agencies. About 400 of their staff of 1,200 would remain downtown. The industrial and production operations would move to the new location.

According to Davis, the discussions are all just informal now, with "lots of legislation to get through" before the project could move forward.

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# People's Home Movies Bring Old Greenbelt Back to Life

by Janice Wolf

"That's my baby!" Greenbelter Beasy Sanders exclaimed, moving in closer to the monitor showing footage of her then-6-month-old daughter splashing around in a bathtub, film she hadn't seen in years. She laughed, recalling old memories like her baby's first Christmas in their Berwyn Heights rambler, as onlookers called out the names of familiar old toys like the Fisher-Price corn popper push toy and a Busy Box that were seen in the film.

She was not the only one riding a wave of nostalgia Saturday at the Makerspace, the scene of Home Media Digitization Day(s). The weekend event, sponsored by the Old Greenbelt Theatre, reunited around two dozen people with distant memories, which in some cases included ancestors whom they had only seen in still photographs, and had never seen walking and talking.

"I heard my great-grandmother speaking for the first time," said Liz Wells, a former Greenbelt resident who now lives on the Eastern Shore.

What did she say?

"She said 'Don't film me' while shaking her head, so my father panned the camera away from her. Slowly." Her father, St. Clair "Skeeter" Reeves, was a former mayor of College Park, and the film rolls she hadn't looked at in 45 years also contain footage she thought might be of interest to that community as well as to her family.

In fact, the idea for hosting this event, said Old Greenbelt Theatre's (OGT) Executive Director Caitlin McGrath, came from requests the theater often gets from people looking to convert home movies on 8- or 16-mm film and VHS or Betamax to a digital format. "Naturally, they would ask us – we're a theater!' McGrath added. James and Addie Hill came from Upper Marlboro on Saturday; they had been directed to the OGT by the Prince George's County Library; they called McGrath, and as luck and timing would have it were able to reserve a slot for this one-time event.

In talking to people from the area, McGrath said, it became apparent that many of these weren't just home movies, but in fact period snapshots with oral histories of Greenbelt and its residents going back decades. Mining hundreds of yards of old film tucked away in attics and not viewed for decades might also bring forth never-before-seen-or-heard moments in time that could be archived for use in future historical film projects for the city and

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# **Letters to the Editor**

## Maglev Doubts Abound

Maglev proponents not only have under-informed us, their information has been misleading. Let's start with Governor Hogan. Hogan's Secretary of the Department of Transportation wrote in an October 14, 2017, letter, "It has always been the understanding of the Hogan administration that this proposed project would only use existing rights-of-ways intended for these types of purposes." The letter proclaims, "The Hogan administration, in regards to using existing rights-of-way for this proposed project, has not and never will change." Are BARC, Greenbelt Forest Preserve and Patuxent Wildlife Refuge, "intended for these types of purposes?" The maglev maps say so.

Maglev proponents like to hint this train will be paid for by others – not taxpayers. Yet all the billions borrowed from Japan and FRA will need to be repaid back by the taxpayers. Maglev proponents like to describe this as a green project. However, being powered by electricity implies coal-powered, i.e. fossil fuels.

There is the suggestion that the train will go to New York or Boston, yet Connecticut and Rhode Island have blocked the maglev in their states. It has not been approved by New York or Pennsylvania as yet. It is worth noting that, according to an oped in the Washington Post, "the maglev has been rejected by European countries."

Is this project financially viable? According to Wikipedia, a statement from the Shanghai Maglev Transportation Company in 2007, stated that the "Company would lose 500 million to 700 million RMB every year." According to Dennis Brady of Bowie's Citizens Against The SCMaglev (CATS), the maglev financially failed in Germany so the German government stepped in to save it but after years of heavy subsidies they finally gave up. They are now dismantling the maglev and bridges and selling off the parts.

With all this in mind, I went

out to the Sunrise Forest Preserve in Greenbelt East, the forest that was saved by the intervention of Greenbelt East citizens. I pondered this: maglev's "proven technology" has never been proven underground. Moreover, this unproven technology has never rocketed under homes and businesses before. I wonder if the maglev proponents have made any attempt to inform the over 5000 residents of Windsor Green, Huntington Ridge, Greenbriar or Greenspring about what could be roaring under their properties. I wonder how residents in Greenbelt East feel about the foundations of their homes, apartments and businesses being tunneled under by a 300-mph train beneath them. Are they concerned about the future values of their properties?

In a joint letter signed by Senator Paul Pinsky and Delegates Alonzo Washington, Tawanna Gaines and Anne Healey, they write, "possible exposure to radiation concerns us." At a recent Greenbelt Advocates for Environmental and Social Justice event, County Councilmember Todd Turner said, "For lack of a better term we are the guinea pigs." At the same event, City Councilmember Colin Byrd said "This train is all pain and no gain."

Concerned? There's action you can take: attend the upcoming event hosted by Greenbelt Advocates for Environmental Justice and Social Justice: Saturday, March 3 at 10 to 3 p.m., at the Greenbriar Community Center. Be heard!

Paul Downs

## Rally in Annapolis

I oppose the SCMaglev train project and attended the rally held in Annapolis on February 12. The rally was organized by Citizens Against the SCMaglev (CATS). People from several different communities who will be impacted by the project stood together in unity. The dedicated people who attended the rally represent a part of a broad movement working together to

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# <u>On Screen</u>

# Love, War and Horror

Three new critically acclaimed movies come to the Old Greenbelt Theatre this Friday, February 23: Dunkirk, Phantom Thread and Get Out

Written and directed by Christopher Nolan and featuring an ensemble cast of stars – Tom Hardy, Mark Rylance, Kenneth Branagh, Harry Styles, Cillian Murphy – Dunkirk depicts the rescue/escape of 330,000 French, British, Belgian and Dutch soldiers from the harbor and beaches of Dunkirk, France, in late May and early June of 1940. 'This is a pile-driver of a movie, dropping one visual and aural bomb after another," one critic says.

Rating PG 13 Running time 1 hour 46 min

Written and directed by Paul Thomas Anderson, Phantom Thread stars the incomparable Daniel Day-Lewis in his farewell movie role (purportedly) as Reynolds Woodcock, confirmed bachelor and rigidly meticulous celebrity couturier in 1950's London. His sister and business partner Cyril (Lesley Manville) aids Reynolds in controlling ingenue model Alma (Vicky Krieps).

But just what is the nature of the mysterious Reynolds/Alma partnership? Pygmalion/Galatea? "Is this a collaboration or a competition? A tennis match or a tango?" one critic asks.

Rating R Running Time 2 hours 10 min

Written and directed by Jordan Peele, Get Out is part romantic comedy, but more sci fi horror and acute racial commentary. Chris (Daniel Kaluuya) is the black boyfriend of white Rose (Allison Williams) who nervously goes to meet her parents, the very accommodating Bradley Whitford and Catherine Keener. But behind the smiles, under the liberal veneer, things don't just get curiouser and curiouser; they get downright deadly.

Rating R Running time 104 min

- Jim Link

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DUNKIRK (PG-13) (CC) (106 mins) Fri. & Sat. 5:15 PM Sun. 12:00, 2:30 (OC) PM Mon. & Tues 5:15 PM Wed. 2:30 PM Thurs. 5:15 PM

PHANTOM THREAD (R) (CC) (130 mins) Fri. & Sat. 7:45 PM Sun. 5:15 PM Mon. 2:30 PM Tues. - Thurs. 7:45 PM

GET OUT (R) (CC) (104 mins) Fri. & Sat. 2:30 PM Sun. 8:00 PM Wed. 5:15 PM

SEATTLE 2017 KID'S FEST (99 mins) Sat. 11:00 AM

STORYTIME ON SCREEN Mon. 10:30 AM

How to Resist Series: FREE! LO AND BEHOLD, REVERIES OF THE CONNECTED WORLD (Documentary) Mon. 8:00 PM





Crocuses are blooming in Greenbelt yards.

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# **Community Events**

# Golden Age Club

Despite bad weather that canceled two meetings, the Golden Age Club has had some enjoyable get-togethers this winter. Attendance at the birthday luncheons has been higher than ever, and the January and February speakers' sessions (always the second Wednesday of each month) were especially interesting.

In January, City Manager Nicole Ard introduced herself to the group and told about her work and future plans for the city.

In February, three members of FREED (Female RE-Enactors of Distinction), including our own corresponding secretary Joyce Bailey, dressed in costume to portray three different characters, each one an African-American woman who lived during the Civil War years. The roles were based on research the women had done on the lives of the real women they portrayed. A story and photos will be published in a future issue of the News Review.

The next big event coming up for the club is the annual banquet, to be held Wednesday, April 18 at the College Park Holiday Inn. Reservations are already being taken by Joan Baker, head of the banquet committee. Dues for 2018 must be paid in order to get the discounted club price. Members should pay their dues by March 7 to be sure of having their name in the 2018 directory, which will be distributed at the banquet. For further information, call Joan Baker at 301-345-2917 or membership chairman Kathleen McFarland at 301-474-6892.

New members are always welcome. Drop in at any meeting, Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. to noon, in the Multipurpose Room of the Community Center.



# **Greenbelt Arts Center Presents Angel Street**

The Greenbelt Arts Center will present Angel Street, written by Patrick Hamilton, throughout March. Better known in the U.S. as Gaslight, the play takes place in 1880 in an old Victorian house in London. Mr. Manningham is slowly trying to drive his wife insane (her mother died of insanity) by playing demonic tricks on her. One evening when Mr. Manningham is out, Inspector Rough calls and during the course of the evening convinces Mrs. Manningham that her husband murdered a woman in this house 15 years ago for her jewels, and that these jewels have never been found.

The title Gaslight derives from the telltale flickering of the gas lamps in the house. But the term 'gaslighting' has come to represent a form of emotional abuse by undermining victims' confidence by calling their credibility and sanity into question.

The production will run on Friday and Saturday evenings March 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23 and 24 at 8 p.m. with Sunday matinees on March 11 and 18 at 2 p.m.

Buy tickets online at greenbel-tartscenter.org.

### Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, Ext. 4215.

All meals include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menu for the week of February 26 is as follows:

Monday, February 26: Honey baked chicken, mashed spiced yams, broccoli, wheat bread, diced peaches, apple juice

Tuesday, February 27: BBQ beef riblet, baked beans, collard greens, wheat hamburger bun, fresh fruit, cranberry juice

Wednesday, February 28: Southwest chicken thigh, Spanish rice, Mexicali vegetables, wheat bread, mandarin oranges, grape iuice.

At press time, only menus through the end of February were available.

#### **GHI Notes**

Thursday, February 22, 6:30 p.m., Investment Committee Meeting, Board Room; 7:30 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting, Board Room.

Friday, February 23, office closed. Emergency maintenance service available at 301-474-6011.

Sunday, February 25, 1 p.m., Homes Improvement Program (Help Session), Board Room.

Monday, February 26, 7 p.m., Communications Committee Meeting, Board Room.

Tuesday, February 27, 7 p.m., Nominations and Elections Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby; 7:30 p.m., Audit Committee Meeting, Board Room.

Wednesday, February 28, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee Meeting, GHI Kitchen; 7:30 p.m., Legislative Government and Affairs Committee Meeting, Board

Thursday, March 1, 10 a.m., Storm Water Management Task Force, Board Room; 7:45 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room.

# Art Drop-In, Musical Sunday, March 4

The Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program invites guests of all ages to attend a free Community Art Drop-In workshop with Artist-inresidence Gina Denn on Sunday, March 4 from 1 to 3 p.m. in Room 113 of the Community Center. Participants will make attractive and useful no-sew, fabriccovered zipper pouches, using duct tape and other materials. Materials will be provided, but participants are welcome to bring any flat woven cotton fabric they may wish to use. No reservations are needed. The program is open to both residents and nonresidents of Greenbelt.

Following the Art Drop-In, a matinee performance of the 2018 Greenbelt Youth Musical will take place at 3 p.m. Time Will Tell: Teens and Tunes in Tugwell Town celebrates Greenbelt's 80th anniversary with a trip back to Greenbelt High School in 1937. This show is ticketed and advance purchase is recommended. Tickets are available for purchase at the Community Center business office, open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For phone orders or other assistance, call 301-397-2208 during business hours.

# At the Library

Books at Bedtime, Monday, February 26, 6:30 p.m., for ages birth to 3.

English Conversation Club and Kids Achieve Club, Tuesday, February 27, 6 p.m.

Storytimes. Tuesday, February 27. Ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m. Wednesday, February 28. Ages 3 to 5, 10:15 a.m.; ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m. Thursday, March 1. Ages birth to 2, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m.; ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m.

African History & Culture Lecture, Tuesday, February 27, 7 p.m. Undaunted Courage: African Americans & World War I, presented by historian C.R. Gibbs.

STEM-tastic, Wednesday, February 28, 4 p.m., ages 5 to 12.

For more information, visit the Greenbelt branch, call 301-345-5800 or go to pgcmls.info.

# **Greenbelt Park Events**

Saturday, February 24. Prince George's County Running Club meets every Saturday in the Sweetgum Picnic Area at 8 a.m.

Saturday, February 24. Animals of Greenbelt. Join a park ranger in a presentation focusing on the native wildlife of Greenbelt and learn about their characteristics, diet, habit and behavior in the woods they know as home. Appropriate for ages 5 to 12. Meet at the Ranger Station at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, February 25. Greenbelt Park Walking Club. Join the Greenbelt Park Walking Club for a 1.4-mile trail walk around the park loop road. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area at 9:30 a m.

Sunday, February 25. White-tailed Deer. What is the difference between a horn and an ant-ler? What do deer eat? How do deer survive the winter? Meet at the Ranger Station at 1 p.m.

#### Music Makers At the New Deal

Music Makers jam sessions at the New Deal Café will be held at a new time, Fridays from 2:30 to 4 p.m., beginning on March 2. Bring instruments, voice and passion for making music together in a casual/informal and supportive atmosphere. All ages and experience levels are welcome to participate.

# GIVES Quarterly Meeting Saturday

The first GIVES (Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service) quarterly meeting for 2018 will be held on Saturday, February 24 at 10 a.m. at the Community Center. Note that this is different from the usual meeting at the beginning of March.

An important discussion will concern the exciting news that GIVES has been selected to be part of the Change the World project with the University of Maryland for the spring semester. A team from the university will help GIVES develop an effective plan for the future.

GIVES invites all Greenbelt residents to come to the meeting, learn about what we do to help one another and enter fully into the spirit of Greenbelt. For further information, contact Jean Cook at 301-345-2597.

# Arts Advisory Board Meeting on Grants

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, March 6 at 7 p.m. at the Community Center. The board will discuss recognition group grant applications from community arts groups and select a representative to serve on this year's grant review panel. For additional information, contact Nicole DeWald, staff liaison, at ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov or 301-397-2208.



# **Utopia Film Festival**

**Presents** 

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GATe's Annual Membership meeting Join us on Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, from 3 – 5PM Members are strongly urged to attend.

Next Orientation class is Thursday, March 8, at 7PM.

#### **For Members Only**

Canon Camera Class - \$\$ Saturday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 – 4PM Monday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> from 7-10PM

Apple Final Cut Pro Class - \$\$\$ Saturdays, March 3<sup>rd</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>, from 10AM-1PM

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# ANGEL STREET

Written by Patrick Hamilton Produced by arrangement with Samuel French

Directed by Pauline Griller-Mitchell Co-Produced by Malca Giblin and Pauline Griller-Mitchell

March 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, & 24 at 8

March 11 and 18 at 2 p.m.

Ticket prices: \$22 General Admission, \$20 Students/Seniors/Military, \$12 Youth (12 and under with adult)

#### COMING SOON:

Baskerville: a Sherlock Holmes Mystery - April 13-May 5, 2018
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(UNDER THE CO-OP GROCERY STORE)

# **Obituaries**

Letters continued

Dorothy Gaffney

Dorothy Marie Gaffney of Riverdale, age 93, died on Saturday, February 17, 2018. Born in Guttenberg, N.J., on April 17, 1924, to Jennie and Thomas Mc-Mahon, she grew up in a happy, loving family with her older sisters Kay and Gen, and younger brother Tom.

She married Joseph Gaffney on June 8, 1947. They resettled in Greenbelt with their two children in 1950, where they continued to raise their growing family and came to cherish and love their new hometown. She also enjoyed her sales receptionist job at Greenbelt Homes Inc. from 1971 to 1981. A devout Catholic, she attended Mass at St. Hugh's, and sent her children to the St. Hugh's Parish school.

In 1980, the Gaffneys bought

demonstrate opposition to the two

remaining B-W Parkway routes

being considered for the project.

People traveled many miles to get

to the rally and one of the activ-

ists from Beacon Heights even

chartered a bus so several, who

otherwise may not have been able

to attend, could get to the rally.

Recently, many people who op-

pose the train, but were unable

to attend the rally, wrote letters

to elected officials. We (Green-

belt Advocates for Environmen-

tal and Social Justice) collected

these letters at our recent January

20 SCMaglev opposition event.

At the Annapolis rally, several people came prepared to speak. Our voices were heard and made

a powerful presence. For those

unable to attend the rally I would

like to share my speech, which is directed to our elected officials:

decision makers to support the

NO BUILD option. If the SC-

Maglev project moves forward

it will hurt a lot of people. It

will change the character of our

neighborhoods. Many of these

neighborhoods are already im-

pacted by noise, development and the loss of green space. Some

of these neighborhoods are historic landmarks. I say, leave

> **Community** of Greenbelt

> > **MASS**

Sundays 10 A.M. Municipal Building ALL ARE WELCOME.

"I am here tonight to ask the

their last home on a five-acre lot in Riverdale, creating "The Gaffney Compound." Mrs. Gaffney enjoyed hosting family and friends there for over 35 years.

Mrs. Gaffney is survived by her brother Tom and her seven children, Patricia (Paul) Mylander, Maureen (Theodore White) Gaffney, Janet (James) Berard, Michael (Melissa) Gaffney, Nancy (Harold) Domchick, Maryanne (John) Hossick and Eileen Gaffnev, and by grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

On Wednesday February 21, she was buried at Greenbelt Cemetery on Ivy Lane after a final Mass at St. Hugh's Catholic Church. For those wishing to make a charitable donation in her name, the family suggests Catholic Charities or St. Hugh's Catholic Church.

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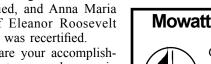
# Our Neighbors

Condolences to the family and friends of Dorothy Gaffney, who died on February 17. She and her family lived in Greenbelt from 1950 to 1980, when they moved

Congratulations to the boys and undefeated girls Eleanor Roosevelt High School swim teams, who won the Regional Championships on Saturday, February 17. The previous weekend both teams won the Prince George's County Championship swim meet. This is the girls' 19th year in a row winning the county championship.

Congratulations to three Greenbelt teachers who were honored this week as National Board Certified Teachers at a ceremony at Charles Herbert Flowers High School. Jasmine Giddings of Springhill Lake Elementary School and Audrey Ruoff of Eleanor Roosevelt High School were newly certified, and Anna Maria Cherubin of Eleanor Roosevelt High School was recertified.

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



## Hootenanny at **Mowatt February 24**

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church will offer a free singalong Saturday, February 24, starting at 7:30 p.m. Join in for an evening of vocal fun.





The Eleanor Roosevelt High School swim teams celebrate after winning their respective county championships.

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#### Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church 40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt



Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410 Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor



Worship Service 10 a.m. Hootenanny Saturday 2/24 7:30 p.m.



"It is not for him to pride himself who loveth his own country, but rather for him who loveth the whole world. The earth is but one country, and mankind its citizens." - Baha'i Writings

# Greenbelt Baha'i' Community

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301-345-2918 www.greenbeltbahais.org

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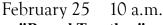
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

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1 Hillside (at Crescent Road) Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org

> Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.

Rev. Glennyce Grindstaff, Pastor

Sunday, March 4th At 4:00 PM

The Parish Choir will sing pieces they are preparing for their

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# City Information

**GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING** Municipal Building, February 26, 2018 – 8:00 p.m.

#### **ORGANIZATION**

Call to Order

Roll Call

Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag 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

Approval of Agenda and Additions

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Agenda by Council.)

- Presentations

GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

Oath of Office - Police Officer

Public Hearing

**Proposed Annexation Resolution** 

Petitions and Requests

(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

- Minutes of Council Meeting
- Administrative Reports\* Committee Reports
- Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) Report #18-01 - ACE Student Awards

#### **LEGISLATION**

- A Resolution Of The City Of Greenbelt, Maryland, To Amend Section 2 Of The Charter Of The City Of Greenbelt, For The Purpose Of Enlarging The Corporate Boundaries Of The City Of Greenbelt, Maryland Under The Provisions Of Article 23a, Section 19, Of The Annotated Code Of The State Of Maryland (1957 Edition And Amendments), Replaced By The Local Government Article Of The Annotated Code Of The State Of Maryland (2013 Edition And Amendments), By Annex¬ing Thereto Certain Lands And Property Contiguous To And Adjoin ing The Existing Corporate Boundary Of The City Of Greenbelt, Prince George's County, Being The Lands Of The Greenbelt Station South Core Development, Owned By The Developer Nvr Ms Cavalier Greenbelt Llc, Located Within Berwyn District 21, Prince George's County, Maryland, And Being Part Of The Land Conveyed By Alfred H. Smith To Alfred H. Smith And Harry R. Smith By Deed Dated June 10, 1987 As Recorded Among The Land Records Of Prince George's County, Maryland, In Liber 6694 Folio 858 And Containing 0.131 Acres More Or Less, As More Fully Described In The Metes And Bounds Description Prepared By W. Joseph Hines Of Dewberry Consultants Llc; Establishing Certain Terms, Conditions, And Circumstances Applicable To Such Land And The Owners Thereof; And All Matters Relating To The Annexation Of Such 0.131 Acres Of Land, More Or Less, Into The City Of Greenbelt - 2nd Reading, Adoption

A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of a Design/ Build Grid-Tied Photovoltaic System at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center at a Cost of \$80,200 -2nd Reading, Adoption

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Advisory Committee on Education Report #18-02 (ACE Student Awards)
- Standing Rules for City Council
- Participation in 2018 Co-Op Festival
- State Legislation
- Letter of Support Capital Funding for Maryland Community Legacy and Neighborhood BusinessWorks programs.
- Letter to Governor Hogan Opposition to Concealed Carry Reciprocitv Act
- Letter to Maryland's U.S. Senate delegation requesting support for the Fix NICS Act
- \*- Resignation from Advisory Group
- \*- Reappointments to Advisory Groups
- Council Activities
- Council Reports

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail banderson@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

THE 2018 GREENBELT YOUTH MUSICAL

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TEENS AND TUNES IN TUGWELL TOWN

**Greenbelt Community Center** 

Saturday, March 3, 7:00 pm Sunday, March 4, 3:00 pm Saturday March 10, 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm



A present-day teenager travels back to 1937, the year that Greenbelt was founded. When she joins the cast of the first high school musical, she learns that progress is an idea that advances with the times, while love is never out of date.

This funny, heart-warming show serves up a delectable slice of history, accompanied by the hit songs of the day.

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Advance sales at 301-397-2208

#### **MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY 26-30**

Monday, February 26 at 6:30pm, GREENBELT COMMUNITY ANIMAL RESPONSE TEAM (G-CART) at Greenbelt Police Station, 550 Crescent Road. On the Agenda: G-CART Shirts, Purchases, AKC trailer, meetings, programming.

Monday, February 26 at 7:30pm, GREENBELT CERT at Greenbelt Police Station, 550 Crescent Road. On the Agenda: Meeting training, Table Top Exercise

Monday, February 26 at 8:00pm, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming live at www.greenbeltmd.gov

Tuesday, February 27 at 3:30pm, SENIOR CITIZENS AD-VISORY COMMITTEE at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Tuesday, February 27 at 7:00pm, ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Re: Club Facilitators' Meeting

Tuesday, February 27 at 7:00pm, ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES at Public Works Facility, 555 Crescent Road. On the Agenda: Arbor Day, Urban Forest Master Plan, WSSC upgrade water pipe project for Greenbelt and its impact on trees

Tuesday, February 27 at 7:30pm, GREEN ACES AND GREEN TEAM at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. On the Agenda: Adult Mosquito Control, Levying a Sustainability Fee on builders, Updates from Sustainability Framework / Green Team

Wednesday, February 28 at 7:30pm, ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD at Greenbelt Police Station, 550 Crescent Road. On the agenda: Capital Office Park Apartments Proposal Concept, City Council Referral – Establishment of a Greenbelt Bicvcle Task Force. Briefing on upcoming work session on new development proposal for

Wednesday, February 28 at 8:00pm, COUNCIL WORK SES-SION w/Rental Apartments, Council Room Upgrade Briefing at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

The schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

# **Spring & Summer Camp Programs** Registration now open!

Spring Camps-April 2-6, 2018:

Fast Break Basketball Clinic at Springhill Lake **Recreation Center** Spring Camp at the Youth Center

### **Summer Camps:**

Kinder Camp, Camp Pine Tree, Creative Kids Camp, Camp YOGO, Performance Camp, & Camp Encore

Offer a variety of active and artistic choices for children ages 3 1/2 years to 17 years. Camps available June 18 through August 24

Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation to see our complete Camp Guide. Call 301-397-2200 for more information.

#### COMPOST 101

Learn the basics of backyard composting FREE WORKSHOP Saturday, February 24 from 10:30am-12:30pm ublic works Facility-555 Grescent Road

- Bring a reusable water bottle Light refreshments will be served Discounted composting bins available:
- Greenbelt Residents: \$30, Non Residents: \$40

Questions? Comments? Contact Irobles @greenbeltmd.gov



#### Greenbelt Police present **IDENTITY THEFT** PREVENTION LECTURE

Wednesday, February 28 1:00pm-3:00pm Police Station, 550 Crescent Rd. Learn about the current trends in

identity theft taking place in and around our community and what steps can be taken to avoid being victimized. For more information: George Mathews 240-542-2116

#### **VACANCIES ON BOARDS &** COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Committee on Education, Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and Youth Advisory Committee.

For information on how to apply call 301-474-8000.

#### **HOT COMPOSTING PROJECT**

City of Greenbelt neighbors are invited to join a new community "hot" composting project in Greenbelt! We're joining a national movement of organized community-powered food scraps recycling programs with the installment of a three-bin hot-compost station at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Please contact Beth LeaMond (bleamond@gmail. com) if you would like to find out more about this national movement.

Participating households will bring their household food scraps to the Springhill Lake Recreation Center compost station once a week, learn simple and effective methods for "hot" composting, help to run the hot compost system, and take home valuable finished compost.

Apply to participate by filling out an application online at https://tinyurl.com/GBCapp1. Contact Beth LeaMond (bleamond@gmail.com) if you have any questions about the project, or if you would prefer a paper copy of the application.

Cheers.

From the Zero Waste Circle of Greenbelt's Green ACES Committee

# Spring Recreation **Programs Starting** Soon!

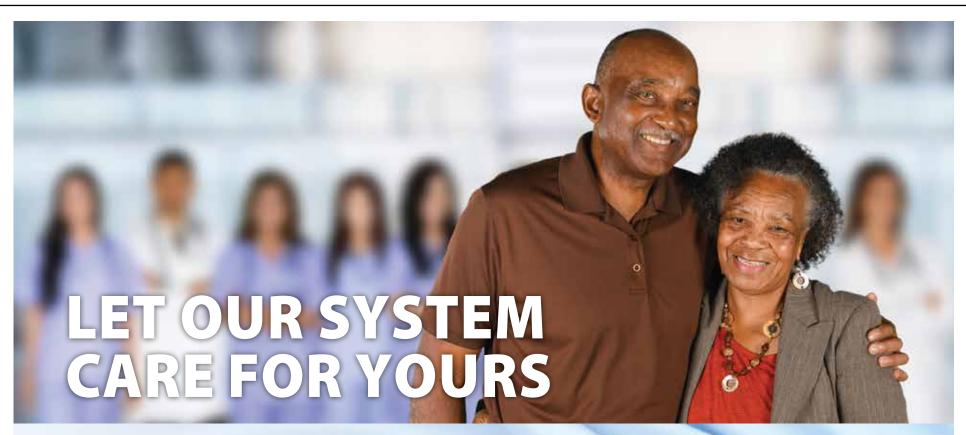
Registration begins on Monday, March 26 for **Greenbelt Residents** 

Check out our Spring 2018 Activity Guide for more details!

Explore our Activity Guide for lots of options for all ages and interests. We offer seasonal special events and varied recreation facilities and classes to provide opportunities for community celebrations, a chance to learn something new or improve your skills in an activity you enjoy, all while socializing and staying active!

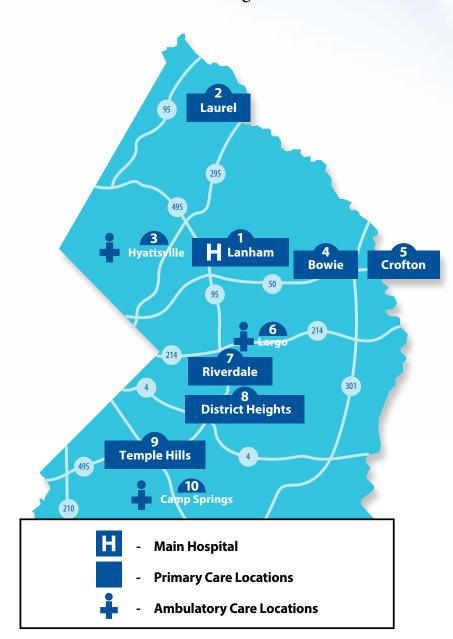
Please visit our website, atgreenbeltmd.gov/recreation, stop by a recreation center. or give us a call at 301-397-2200 for more information.

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- **♣** Infusion Care **▲**
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# CDCG Works with Greenbriar To Promote Greenbelt One

by Matthew Arbach



Wunmi Okupe of the GEMZ speaks at the Center for Dynamic Community Government.

The Center for Dynamic Community Governance (CDCG) is going strong in their "year-long project focused on bringing awareness of free and low-cost Greenbelt services and programs to the residents of Greenbriar condos and Oak Ridge apartments and to promote the concept of Greenbelt One," among several other endeavors, said CDCG board member Aileen Kroll. According to CDCG cofounder John Buck, the concept of Greenbelt One is to "help mend the divide that exists between Greenbelt East and Old Greenbelt."

The fourth official Greenbriar community meeting took place on Saturday, January 27 at the Greenbriar Community Center, "under the auspices of CDCG and supported by a city project grant," said Kroll. There were presentations by community group leaders, Cathy Jones, president of the Friends of the Old Greenbelt Theatre and volunteer coordinator; Carolyn Lambright-Davis and Maggie Cahalan of CHEARS; Wunmi Okupe of GEMZ; and Liz Park, executive director of CARES/GAIL. Each representative elaborated on the developments and mission of their organizations. For more information, consult the websites of each organization: greenbelttheatre.org, chears.org, makemeagem.org, and greenbeltmd.gov for CARES and GAIL. CDCG has been working with all of these groups, using their approach to maximize their effectiveness and enhance communication within and with other Greenbelt groups.

Said Kroll, the Greenbrian Residents Outreach Group oftered presentations on several subjects including free and lowcost transportation, free food and clothing venues, legal/financial options, language and cultural issues and AARP/pending legislation. Also discussed were low-cost and free UMD bus, tuition-free state university classes for those 60+, and the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program at the New Deal Café. For more information about the Greenbriar Community Outreach Group, contact Angeline Butler at mollytops1@gmail.com.

Kroll said "new groups were formed to explore the possibility of having a part-time CARES/GAIL satellite office on-site, to create resident tours of Greenbelt and to create a document" with information on all available services.

Angeline Butler, president of Greenbriar Phase Three, has

worked closely with CDCG on this project. She was "very impressed" by the fact that CDCG "gets results." She felt that the approach "involves and respects people," that the process works and participants are enthusiastic. She saw an encouraging pattern of consistent goal-setting and completion. Butler echoed the observation that many Greenbriar residents have "no clue what's available" and sees CDCG as a vehicle to change that.

Other Greenbelt groups that CDCG is currently assisting are the Old Greenbelt Theatre, Beloved Community Interfaith Network, Peace Action Group and the Greenbelt Time Bank.

Said Kroll, "We have offered basic and advanced training workshops, follow-up and consultation services" to all of these groups. CDCG works to empower Greenbelt community members and groups by teaching and sharing an enlightened governance approach called Dynamic Community Governance (DCG). DCG focuses on transparent and consent-based interactions, resulting in energized meetings, the valuing of different perspectives and a streamlined decision-making process. Because people feel heard and valued and because matters get addressed and resolved, participation and productivity increases."

DCG was first introduced to Greenbelt in 2013. For more information, contact Aileen Kroll at aileen@dynamic-governance.org.

# Book Festival March 3 In College Park Library

The College Park Community Library and the College Park Lions Club will hold their 6th Annual Book Festival on Saturday, March 3 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the College Park Community Center, 5051 Pierce Ave, which has ample free parking.

Meet and talk with authors and illustrators, including Greenbelt's own Amy Hansen. Buy books and get autographs.

Celebrate Dr. Seuss's Happy Birthday with Seuss-themed crafts and readings. Prizes will be given for children dressed as their favorite Dr. Seuss character.

In addition, there will be face painting, balloon creations, story time for children and free vision and eye pressure screenings.

Attendees can also donate used eyeglasses and hearings aids to the Lions and used children's books to the Community

Library.

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surrounding communities.

And, of course, digitizing the footage also gives folks their memories in a format they could pull up on a laptop and share with families and friends, a winwin all around, McGrath agreed.

With a grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation, Mc-Grath plumbed some good friends in the film and archive industry including Skip Elsheimer and his wife Katrina, who run The A/V Geeks, a film digitization and stock footage (and related) business based in Raleigh, N.C. Although digital conversion is their business, they often spend weekends in other cities helping to host other home movie digitization events like the one here last weekend. McGrath also tapped Siobhan Hagan of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Moving Image Archive (MARMIA), based in Baltimore, and Chuck Howell, a librarian and former archivist at the University of Maryland, who still has the equipment and skills for cleaning, inspecting and repairing old 8- and 16-mm film.

McGrath brought this team together in space provided by the MakerSpace to set up shop for two days with various film projectors, movie recorders, splicing equipment and laptops.

People who had signed up in half-hour time slots – the event was advertised via the Friends of the Greenbelt Theatre email list – brought 8- and 16-mm tape reels, Super8 cassettes, VHS and Betamax tapes. They sat down at one or more of the appropriate workstations, depending on film format, and instantly - because they were able to re-watch the footage as it was converted were transported back in time as they reminisced about vacations in Italy or Maine, Christmas with mom or just kids and backyard shenanigans. And it was clearly contagious.

"This is why we do this," Katrina said. "We love the stories that come out as people view their old movies." More about MARMIA can be found on their website, marmia.org. More about film transfer and digitization services by the A/V Geeks LLC can be found at avgeeks.com.

# New Highway Marker Dedicated March 3

On Saturday, March 3 at 10 a.m., the Commission on the Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, and the city of Hyattsville, will unveil a new historical highway marker. Couriers to Congress honors those who persisted until they achieved passage of the amendment that recognized women's right to vote.

The marker will be placed at 4666 Rhode Island Avenue, Hyattsville. Shuttles will provide transportation from 4990 Rhode Island Avenue.

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Caitlin McGrath looks on as Chuck Howell, a University of Maryland librarian and former archivist, splices leader tape to a World War II-era reel of 8 mm film. He worked on both 8 and 16 mm film, cleaning and splicing where necessary to ensure there were no glitches later when they would be digitized.

- Photos by Janice Wolf



"My baby! I gave birth to that head!" Beasy Sanders laughs as she views footage of her six-month-old daughter splashing around in the bathtub while Katrina of A/V Geeks is converting VHS tape to a digital file at a free digitization event held by the Old Greenbelt Theatre.



PRELIMINARY AGENDA

# GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS Thursday, March 1, 2018 GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

- 1. GHI Open Session Begins @ 7:45 p.m.
- Approve Minutes of the Special Open Session Meeting Held on January 18, 2018
- Approve Minutes of the Regular Open Session Meeting Held on January 18, 2018
- Approve Minutes of the Special Open Session Meeting Held on February 1, 2018
- Approve Minutes of the Regular Open Session Meeting Held on February 1, 2018
- Proposal from the Bicycle Committee re: Installation of Bicycle Racks
- Yard Solutions Task Force's Recommendations re: Community Beautification Program

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- Proposed Solar PVES for the Administration Building
- Consideration of Additional Maintenance Options for Split-System Heat Pump Units
- Vote to Hold Executive Session Meeting on March 1, 2018

# 2. <u>GHI Executive Session – begins after the GHI Open Session meeting is adjourned.</u>

- Approve minutes of the Executive Session Meeting held on February 1, 2018
- Member financial matters
- Consider the terms and conditions of the following contract in the negotiation stage:
  - Contract for Spring and Fall Gutter Cleaning 1st reading
     Contract for Replacement of Roofs for Frame Units and
  - Larger Townhouses 1st reading
    O Contract for Improvements to Crawlspaces for Masonry
  - Units 1st reading
- A Member complaint matter



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"We're not even in the actual planning stage yet," he said.

They hope to make a decision on the site in 2019, following an environmental assessment. Ideally, construction would begin in 2021. In 2023 they would start a multi-year process of transitioning production lines to the new site.

Right now the federal officials are reaching out informally to communities and have met with the Prince George's County Council.

"We want to be good neighbors," Davis said. "We don't want to go where we're not wanted."

#### BEP@BARC?

The Department of Agriculture is supportive of BEP's developing a 100-acre site at BARC. The 100 acres would include a substantial security buffer, which is a critical item lacking at the downtown location. The facilities themselves would occupy about 900,000 square feet, to be constructed on the former poultry research site between Powder Mill and Odell Roads, an area that comprises less than two percent of BARC's 6,500 acres.

BEP would remove approximately 23 abandoned buildings on the site, ranging from chicken coops to two-story buildings and research laboratories that have not been in use since the 1990s. BEP will also deal with the known and unknown environmental hazards on the site, including, at a minimum, asbestos and lead paint. These are structures that BARC has needed to tear down and which are a considerable drain on BARC's budget and facilities.

# BEP Seeks Brown Site

Davis stressed that an important component of the project, wherever it ends up happening, is that they would build in an area informally known as a brown site. That means it is not forest, woodlands or farmland but rather is a site that has previously been developed. He noted that all the sites they are currently considering are on federal property where they can repurpose existing land and facilities rather than building or starting anew.

Storm water would be controlled onsite, and air and waste water would be treated onsite prior to discharge. They anticipate sharing utility resources with BARC, including electricity, water and waste disposal services.

Building height is expected to be low (25 to 35 feet) and structures would not be visible from Edmonston Road. Access would likely be from Powder Mill Road. BEP would pay for any road improvements or necessary upgrades to the intersection at Powder Mill and Edmonston.

#### Discussion

Councilmember Judith Davis asked Zhang how many buildings are on the campus. He said there are 512 buildings, with only 260 in active use.

"Our operating costs have increased. Our budget has not," Zhang said. "We once had 1,400 employees. We now have about 800."

The facility would require an 800-space parking lot, which could possibly be an above ground garage. Chuck Davis noted they have staggered shifts for employees coming and going to work, which reduces the impact on traffic. Councilmember Davis encouraged them to

consider using shuttles from the Metro Station. Mayo said they would definitely do that, adding that this is another area where they will enhance and share existing services at BARC.

#### **Protecting BARC**

Chuck Davis said they strongly believe that something needs to be done about the BARC property and that the presence of another federal agency on the site, which increases use and decreases costs, is the best bet for protecting BARC.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts said he would still rather have a farm on the property and limit it to agricultural research. He was also concerned about having an industrial use on the site and asked Chuck Davis what they will do with waste water. Davis replied that they recycle almost all of their water and were already required to meet these standards in their existing location. BARC also has its own water treatment facility.

In addition to having many staff who are science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) professionals, BEP also has training programs for the highly skilled workers it needs. Chuck Davis pointed out that engravers, for example, are artists who go through a long training period, and the training for their printers and trade workers is very specialized. He stressed that one of the reasons they need to be selective about their site is that they need to have access to the right workforce. He added that another attraction of the BARC location is that more than half of BEP's employees live in Maryland and, of those, 44 percent reside in Prince George's County. Councilmember Davis said she hoped they would work with the local community colleges and high schools to develop training programs. Chuck Davis said they were interested in doing so and had previous contact with some of the county schools.

Mayor Emmett Jordan remarked that there would continue to be concerns regarding the impact on the environment, traffic and roads. Acting Director of Planning Terri Hruby and Advisory Planning Board (APB) Chair Brian Gibbons were present at the meeting, and Jordan asked them if they had any comments. Hruby said she recognized the potential benefit of having a federal agency undertake redevelopment within the BARC campus. She agreed with Jordan that there are serious concerns remaining to be addressed, but she said there appear to be many opportunities in this plan as well.

Gibbons said the APB has not yet discussed the proposal and that they, too, would want to look carefully at environmental, traffic and parking issues. He added that this is a completely different approach than he has seen previously to looking at how to use this land and as such it is intriguing if also potentially controversial. Gibbons also raised the issue of Bitcoin and other digital and cryptocurrencies, asking Chuck Davis if BEP is convinced it will need such a large footprint in the future. Davis replied that the U.S. dollar is the official bank note worldwide and underlies the world's economy, not just that of the U.S. He said they are confident it will not disappear anytime

Resident Bill Orleans expressed indignation that the city council seemed to be weakening on its long-held public position that there should be no use other than by BARC on that property. He said even if the land is not all

in use now, it should be reserved for agricultural research in the event that greater need would return in the future.

Councilmember Davis said, "When I first heard about this, I nearly went ballistic." She said BARC is part of the city's green belt and she wants it to stay agricultural, but she is not quite as opposed as she was before. She is open to considering the plan because she is now thinking that the most important thing is not to let BARC be sold off, either in whole or in part.

Mayo replied to that sentiment, saying BARC, too, wants to maintain the character of the BARC campus and thinks BEP would be a good partner and would share that vision.

Another potential benefit occurred to the mayor, who asked whether it might be feasible to set up a solar farm on some of BARC's "brown land," which could benefit both BARC and the city. Zhang replied that while there were only some forms in which that would work for BARC "they were open to discussing possibilities."

Zhang concluded their presentation by saying he wanted it to be clear that BARC's leadership team supports this project. He said they find the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to be a compatible partner, with highly trained staff who will share their resources.

"We cannot afford the operation long term," Zhang said, "and this plan will reduce the burden on BARC and enable us to conduct more research. We see this as a positive direction."

# 2018-19 School Calendar Now Available Online

The Prince George's County Board of Education has published the 2018-19 school calendar. The students' school year will begin on September 4 and should end (subject to weather or other factors) on June 14. The complete calendar is now on the board's website at pgcps.org/2018-2019-calendar-as-grid/.

As required by Maryland law, students must attend 180 days of school each year. Since Governor Larry Hogan decided school must be closed between June 15 and Labor Day, spring break may be curtailed if bad weather closes schools for more than the three make-up days built into the calendar.

Events will not be scheduled

on holidays noted on the calendar with an asterisk (\*), due to Jewish and Muslim holidays which begin the previous day at sunset. This restriction does not apply to state or regional events.

After reviewing two draft calendars at its February 1 meeting, the approved version was supported by more than 75 percent of parents and employees who took the 2018-19 School Calendar Survey.





# **STOP** the SCMAGLEV Train

Public Information Day

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Saturday March 3, 2018, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Greenbriar Community Center, 7600 Hanover Parkway

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Baltimore Washington Rapid Rail (BWRR) wants to build and operate a high-speed superconducting magnetic levitation (SCMAGLEV) train system between Baltimore and Washington D.C. The two BW Parkway routes and the no build option remain under consideration. These routes pass through Greenbelt and impact communities north and south of Greenbelt. We support the **NO Build** option.

Come any time between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM

The purpose is to organize opposition to the BW Parkway routes. We will have:

- 1. A petition attendees can sign in support of the No Build option
- 2. Prepared letters to which attendees can add comments (we will mail)
- 3. Maps showing the proposed BW Parkway routes
- 4. Speakers from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM (elected officials and activists)

Contact Brian or Donna Almquist for information at:

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# **Police Blotter**

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltmd.gov/police

Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

#### **Home Invasion**

February 14, 12:59 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane. A woman answered a knock at her door and found three men who asked her for a parcel that may have been delivered there. When she said she had no such package, they forced their way into the residence, assaulted her and then fled. The woman refused treatment for minor injuries.

#### Assault

February 12, 11:03 a.m., 6200 block Springhill Drive. A woman in the hallway of an apartment building observed two young men force mailboxes open and go through the mail in the lobby. When one of them saw her about to use her cell phone, he pushed her up against the wall and pointed a knife at her. They then fled on foot. The woman was not injured.

#### DWI/DUI

February 9, 5:41 p.m., 100 block Centerway. A 51-year-old resident was arrested and charged with driving while impaired by alcohol and other traffic-related violations by officers who responded to a report of a suspicious and occupied vehicle. He was released on citations pending trial.

#### **Theft**

February 7, 5 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Drive. A laptop computer was taken from a residence.

February 9, 2:30 a.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A gym bag and a cell phone were taken from an unsecured locker at Planet Fitness.

# Burglary

February 8, 9:35 a.m., 7300 block Sunrise Court. Clothing was taken after a residence was

entered, possibly through an unsecured door.

February 8, 5:31 p.m., 43 Court Ridge Road. Two cameras and three ukuleles were taken after the front door of a residence was forced open.

February 14, 8:25 a.m., 8100 block Miner Street. Building materials were taken from a home under construction.

#### Vehicle Crime

A silver 2009 Chevrolet Traverse SUV with Md. tags 5CD8235 was taken from the 9100 block Springhill Lane on February 9. A 2009 Lexus reported stolen December 20 from the 7400 block Greenway Center Drive was recovered February 12 by Howard County police in the 7100 block Dorsey Run Road in Elkridge.

Four thefts from autos were reported. A wallet and cell phone were taken from an unsecured vehicle in the 7700 block Hanover Parkway on February 9. A tire and rim were taken from the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace on February 12.

Two tires and rims were taken on February 13 from the 100 block Westway, where on February 14 an airbag was removed after a passenger side window was broken to gain access. A driver's side window was also broken out there the same date. Three windows on one vehicle were broken out on February 14 in the 7900 block Mandan Road.

On February 10 a tire was slashed and an antenna bent on the same vehicle in the 9100 block Springhill Lane. Two tires on one vehicle in the 7600 block Hanover Parkway were slashed on February 14.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter.

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# Sunday Events in Greenbelt



The Ballet Academy presented An Afternoon of Ballet at the Greenbelt Library on Sunday, February 18.

At left, the youth jazz class from the Ballet Academy dances to Everybody Wants to Be a Cat. From left, Gene Williams, Kendall Kovarik, Laz Kovarik, Sofina Davis and Eliza Whitehead.

Photos by Amy Hansen



Teens from the Ballet Academy's Senior Repertory are caught mid-pose, during their performance at the Greenbelt Library. From left, Elizabeth Gardner, Catherine Ramsey, Elta Goldstein and Zoey Hoffman.



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#### Saturday, March 10, 2018

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# BOARDWALK continued from page 1

a specified purpose, such as construction. The approved easement granted 0.813 acres of state land for construction and the development of the trail, according to Terri Hruby, the city's assistant planning director.

Plans and approval for the connection of the designated bike and trail system with the new housing development also passed through the Department of General Services and the Maryland Department of the Environment, according to the mayor's letter to the senator.

Jessica Bellah, of the city's Department of Planning and Community Development, sent a letter containing an easement request and projected sentiment similar to the mayor's letter to a contact at the Maryland Department of Planning's Clearinghouse and Communications to highlight the benefits of the planned trail addition. This letter was sent in October 2016.

Support for the construction of the bridge came from Greenbelt residents and the advocacy group CCRIC (Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek). CCRIC has taken interest in development projects to ensure the protection of the environment of the area. Development proposals for areas near Indian Creek have been the

focus for CCRIC; its members argued against a plan for a mall in the late 1990s, which would have dammed up Indian Creek, according to one member.

Caroline Hanks is a journalism student at the University of Maryland and a Dorothy Sucher intern for the News Review.



# **Stina Sings Songs** at Wildlife Refuge

On Saturday, February 24 from 2:45 to 3:30 p.m. at the Patuxent Research Refuge join nature troubadour Stina for an afternoon indoor campfire singalong in the auditorium. This program is for all ages; no registration is required.

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# Three Greenbelt Schools Join in Project Tutor

by Matthew Arbach



Ashley Arrey, a senior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, helps fourth grader Bailey Bernhard with math.

Tutor Chris Daniel Person, age 17, was nervous when he met with his first student. "Nervous because I didn't want to give the kids the wrong info but after a while I was able to push that to the side and give them valuable information." Now, he says, "I can't wait to interact with the kids more."

Person is part of Project Tutor: Guardians of Greenbelt, which is under the auspices of the non-profit group The Better Place, Inc. (TBPI), a program established in 2014. It is an "extension of the Art, Literature, Leadership Initiative's student service program at Greenbelt Middle School (GMS)," said Cortland Jones, CEO of TBPI. He further explained this is the "leadership component with an emphasis on academic enrichment character education and community service."

With Project Tutor, Jones was looking to create guardians, the Latin meaning of the word tutor. Started on January 20 and supported by a grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation the mission is to train mainly 6th to 12th grade students to be tutors to students at Springhill Lake Elementary School, Greenbelt Elementary School and GMS during the 2017-2018 school year. Adults are also welcome to the training

Jones is supported by Christopher W. Person, Project Tutor Program director; Judye Hering, vocational and educational counselor from CARES; and currently, five tutors: Sylvia Boswell, an adult volunteer and retired elementary teacher; and ERHS students Chris and Ashley Person, Asheley Arrey and Arsalan Siddiqqui.

For Jones, the guiding approach is in "creating an interactive, non-threatening learning environment that makes practical learning strategies fun and engaging." He saw a need to help Greenbelt students rise aca-

demically in math and reading and improve their scores on standardized tests. The goal was to "improve self-esteem" and foster confidence in taking examinations.

Project Tutor operates on Saturdays from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Library (run by Person) and on Tuesdays from 2 to 5 p.m. at Springhill Lake (SHL) Clubhouse with Hering and Person. At this time, 10 students are receiving instruction with Project Tutor

One GMS 6th grader, Fiona Sorenson, said "I was happy about the tutoring because the people are nice and I have learned a lot."

CARES also offers tutoring on Thursdays from 2 to 5 p.m. and drop-in group tutoring on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon, all at the SHL Clubhouse.

Hering explained that "tutors and students are matched based on their academic expertise and interest in a specific age/grade student."

Said Ashley Person, the program "has come a long way and has grown into a place to provide guidance to the kids being tutored, but also the tutors themselves. I am proud to be a part of this program and I can't wait to see the future accomplishments."

Jones said that "with continued funding and volunteer support the goal is to run 12-week sessions during summer (June through August), fall (October through December) and winter (February through April) annually."

Jones has been a teacher in Prince George's County schools for 25 years. He has experience as an art/graphic design teacher and as a peer meditation coordinator at the middle/high school grade level.

For more information on Project Tutor, contact Chris Person at chriswperson@yahoo.com.

A Chili Evening

# New Deal Café Chili Cook-off For Members and Friends

by Jennifer Moser Jurling

When Kim Messer invited me to a Chili cookoff at the New Deal Café on Monday, February 12, I was not expecting to become a judge. Messer, the front-of-house manager, organized the cook-off as a party for New Deal Café staff, co-op members and friends of the Café. (I am a regular patron, but not a member.)

Messer told me that Chef Carrie Megginson made chili at the last staff and member party, and conversation turned to chili in general. That's when they hatched the idea of a potluck-style chili cook-off "where Chef couldn't cook," Messer said.

"Except the cornbread, and the salad, and the brownies," Chef Carrie added.

Four people brought vegetarian chili for the cookoff, and there were five meat varieties. The back room of the Café was festively decorated, and about 40 people enjoyed the camaraderie and the refreshments. Just before the group was invited to eat, Messer served the judges chili in ramekins, with a separate spoon for each one. She needed one group of judges to taste the meat recipes, and another group to sample the vegetarian version.

"You're vegetarian, aren't you, Jenny?" she said as I stood by the chili table. I agreed that I mostly do eat vegetarian, though I'm flexible.

Soon, I was seated at a table before three white ramekins of vegetarian chili, rating each one on aroma, flavor, creativity and texture on a scale of 1 to 5. They ranged from sweet and mild to smoky and complex. (The fourth vegetarian entrant was a late arrival. I tasted it later. It was spicy.)

To my left, two other judges tasted vegetarian chili; to my right, other judges rated the meat group.

When the scores were tabulated, Messer announced that Jessamyn Strebs had won first place for her white chicken chili (featuring white beans, chicken, garlic and onions, with no tomatoes). Jsun Maggio won second place for his five-bean vegan chili with corn and a meat substitute. Both of their chili recipes included beer as an ingredient.

Maggio has been involved with the New Deal Café since 2004. He first bartended, he says, but now he's a supporter and patron. The secret spice in his chili was chipotle. How did he decide to enter the chili cookoff?

"My chili was featured as a special sometimes, before Chef Carrie came in," he said, but that level of expertise wasn't required of competitors.

"I'm not really a chili maker," said Strebs, but she experimented to create her winning recipe. She attributes her success to her awesome green chili powder from New Mexico. Strebs also advises that, if your chili recipe includes two cans of beans, you mash half of one can with a potato masher and then stir it into the chili, to improve the texture.

At the New Deal Café, Strebs is "a server extraordinaire," says café member Alan Zambreny. He also brought chili and toppings for the cook-off. Zambreny says he spends more time at the Café than he does at home, and that the Café is "full of friends you haven't met yet."

Amethyst Dwyer, the bar manager and music coordinator, says that she thinks of the New Deal Café as the Greenbelt community's "third place," according to Ray Oldenburg's model of community. Your "first place" is home, your "second place" is your workplace, and your "third place" is the welcoming social center where you can connect with others.

Two other longtime Café members commented that the New Deal Café is "struggling to recover from a difficult transition that began in late 2016." Chef Carrie's arrival with a new menu has improved business, but the Café hasn't fully recovered and shouldn't be taken for granted. Still, they are optimistic that the New Deal Café can survive if it receives continuing and increasing community support. Since its founding 22 years ago, "we've weathered many storms, and will weather this storm too."



Chili cook-off winners Jsun Maggio (left) and Jessamyn Strebs stand in front of artwork by David Silva at the New Deal Cafe.



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