

# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, [www.greenbeltmd.gov/police](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police)  
 Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

### Carjacking

September 15, 10:52 a.m., 5800 block Greenbelt Road. A man and a woman who know each other were involved in a verbal altercation inside the woman's vehicle when he forcibly removed her from it and drove away in it. The vehicle, a 2-door 2016 Dodge Challenger, was recovered September 17 by D.C. Metropolitan police in the 200 block 37th Place S.E., Washington, D.C. An arrest warrant has been obtained charging the 22-year-old man with carjacking, first degree assault, second degree assault, reckless endangerment, two counts of theft and malicious destruction.

### DWI/DUI

September 16, 2:26 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. A 45-year-old resident was arrested and charged with driving while impaired by alcohol and other traffic-related charges during investigation of a suspicious occupied vehicle. He was released on citation pending trial.

September 17, 5:11 a.m., Greenbelt Road near Kenilworth Avenue. A 36-year-old resident was arrested and charged with driving while impaired by alcohol and other traffic-related charges during investigation of a traffic accident. He was released on citation pending trial.

### Assault

September 17, 1:05 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A woman became involved in a verbal altercation after a person bumped into her at Silver Diner. That person left the restaurant and returned a short time later with two other people, one of whom punched the woman several times and kicked her. They then ran from the restaurant. The woman refused treatment for minor injuries.

### Controlled Substance

September 15, 1:33 a.m., 7600 block Greenbelt Road. A 33-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with two counts of possession of a controlled dangerous substance and removing the label from a prescription drug following investigation of a traffic accident. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

### Counterfeit Money

September 17, 4:40 p.m., 7600 block Mandan Road. Two people attempted to sell merchandise by way of an internet app and agreed to meet the buyers in the 7600 block Mandan Road to complete the sale. The two buyers paid for the merchandise and left. It was then that the sellers discovered the money they were given was counterfeit.

### Vehicle Crime

An arrest was made in the recovery of a 1996 Suzuki GSX motorcycle reported stolen to Prince George's County police, when a 23-year-old nonresident was observed pushing a motorcycle in the 7600 block Greenbelt Road. The man was charged with motor vehicle theft, unauthorized use, and two counts of theft. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner and for service of an open arrest warrant.

One vehicle was stolen, a grey 4-door 2013 BMW 528i with New York tags HHM4340.

A backpack was stolen from the 7800 block Mandan Road after a passenger window was broken out.

A possibly unlocked vehicle was rummaged through in the 7100 block Ora Glen Court but nothing was taken.

A rear windshield was broken out in the 100 block Westway.

# Partnership Aims to Boost Volunteerism at Theater

by Matthew Arbach

The Center for Dynamic Community Governance (CDCG) and the Old Greenbelt Theatre (OGT) kicked off their year-long partnership on Tuesday, September 12. Carol Shaw of the Greenbelt Community Foundation presented a \$4,777 check to CDCG founders Aileen Kroll and John Buck at a ceremony attended by members of the public and the city council.

The focus of this partnership is on volunteerism. The OGT relies on volunteers to perform duties such as concessions, outreach and publicity/marketing. They are part of a three-tier structure that includes a board, staff and volunteers. The CDCG looks to enhance and strengthen the volunteer component using their precepts which center on consensual decision-making, transparency and open communication.

The CDCG seeks to revitalize the volunteer system at OGT as efficiently and harmoniously as possible this year, says CDCG member Aileen Kroll. The goal is to enhance organization and open up the channels of communication, where everyone is valued and maximum benefit for all is achieved. She wants to ensure that OGT volunteers are a diverse group, a factor which they hope to increase by reaching out to local universities, places of worship and community organizations. A volunteer coordinator position may be created. Ultimately, a model of board, staff and volunteers will be created that can be replicated elsewhere in Greenbelt and beyond.

Cathy Jones, board chair of the Friends of Greenbelt Theatre (FGT), hopes to implement a good structure that will be ongoing. The partnership came out of the use of CDCG approaches in their monthly meetings. Since receiving their contract from the City of Greenbelt in spring 2015, the nine-member FGT board acts



Carol Shaw, left, presents a check from the Community Foundation to CDCG founders, Aileen Kroll and John Buck.

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as a steering committee to manage the operations of the theater as a community based non-profit.

The process of change will occur through connecting with the community and all those involved with the OGT, to ascertain their needs, concerns and ideas for making the system better. Questionnaires will also be used.

The OGT, built in 1938, is "an astonishing resource," says Kroll. It provides reasonable ticket prices, frequent speakers on relevant topics and many free showings, as well as hosting many events open to the public. Most of the concessions sold are from local vendors. Volunteers are allowed free viewings of films.



## Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance

### Celebrate Co-op Month 2017 in Greenbelt

- Sunday October 1**
- 10 am - 2 pm** GCA booth at the Greenbelt Farmers Market
- 1:30 pm** GNR Annual Meeting, Greenbelt Library
- Monday October 2**
- GCA display in library display case, all month
- Tuesday October 3**
- 7 pm** GHI sponsored City Council Candidates Forum, Municipal Building
- Friday October 6**
- 7pm** Wine Tasting, GCS&P
- Sunday October 8**
- GCA Party at New Deal Cafe
- Monday October 9**
- 8 pm** City Proclamation in Municipal Center Council Room
- Wednesday October 11**
- Misbehaving Maidens, NDC
- Wednesday October 13**
- 4-7 pm** Wine Tasting, GCS&P
- 4-7 pm** Cooperative Cheese & Cracker tasting, Tillamook (a worker cooperative) Cheese and Nut Thins crackers (a cooperative)
- Saturday October 14**
- Funkis Omnibus and 4thaGruv, NDC
- Tuesday October 17**
- Rising Star Karaoke, NDC
- Thursday October 19**
- 8:30 am-2 pm** Credit Union Day
- GFCU celebrates its 80th Anniversary with cake and refreshments in the lobby (Will continue next day if supplies last)
- Friday, October 20**
- 4-7 pm** Wine Tasting of cooperative wines, GCS&P
- Saturday October 21**
- 10 am - 4 pm** Repair Café and Destruction Day, MakerSpace Roosevelt Center
- Wednesday, October 25**
- 4-7 pm** Patron Day Delectables: Co-op Salad - fruits and vegetables from co-operative farms, GCS&P
- Chris Utqiaga, NDC
- Thursday October 26**
- 8 pm** Co-op Movies at the Old Greenbelt Theatre: "The Best Movie We Ever Made" and "Spirit of Cooperation"
- SAW Open Mic, NDC
- Saturday October 28**
- 9am- noon** (or when truck is full) GFCU Community Shredding, Parking lot in front of Aquatic Center
- Sunday October 29**
- Wild Anacostias, NDC

Abbreviations: (GCA) Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance; (GNR) Greenbelt News Review; (GHI) Greenbelt Homes Inc.; (NDC) New Deal Café; (GCS&P) Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy; (GFCU) Greenbelt Federal Credit Union.

## Safer Internet Selling, Buying

The Greenbelt Police Department invites the public to use the Police Station as a safe place for completion of legal online transactions. Meeting there might also deter those persons attempting to carry out possible scams. Sellers and buyers can meet in the lobby or just outside to finalize transactions. The lobby is open and available for use 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

The Greenbelt Police Station is located at 550 Crescent Road. For more information contact George Mathews, public information liaison, at 240-542-2116.

## Hospital to Host Pink Ribbon Rally

On Friday, October 6, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Doctors Community Hospital, 8118 Good Luck Road, will hold a Pink Ribbon Rally, with screening mammograms, clinical breast exams, music, games, wellness lectures, Zumba classes, healthful snack demonstrations, survivor testimonials and an "Ask the Doctor" component presented by a variety of healthcare providers.

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.

Call 1-866-411-TIPS.

People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 240-542-2145.

# Monday's Lockdown at Local Schools Stands Down Quickly

by Lesley Kash

A brief lockdown of all three Greenbelt West school campuses took place Monday, September 25 in response to the reported sighting of a person with a gun. The situation was resolved quickly by police and school administrators.

Shortly before 11 a.m. in the parking area of the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, a city employee reported seeing a person with what appeared to be a handgun, according to George Mathews, Greenbelt Police Department public information officer. Police contacted Springhill Lake Elementary, the school nearest to the location, and the school

was locked down promptly. Police officers conducted a search of the area, no threat was found and the lockdown was lifted after approximately 15 minutes.

Greenbelt Middle School and the Dora Kennedy French Immersion School were also put on lockdown due to proactive communication among the school resource officers at each of the three campuses. According to an assistant vice principal at Springhill Lake Elementary, the lockdown was uneventful, with all students and staff remaining "safe and secure."