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## **NOVEMBER 7, 2013**

# **2013 Election Results**

	Precinct	Precinct	Precinct	Precinct	Precinct	Early	Absentee	Total Votes
	3	6	8	13	18	Voting		
For City Council								
Emmett V. Jordan	419	383	42	208	133	270	21	1,476
Judith F. Davis	374	347	40	204	127	254	22	1,368
Rodney M. Roberts	366	377	37	148	113	232	27	1,300
Konrad E. Herling	375	352	26	122	82	245	21	1,223
Leta M. Mach	350	324	28	148	109	233	22	1,214
Silke I. Pope	308	326	39	141	120	216	21	1,171
Edward V.J. Putens	301	303	34	171	120	215	20	1,164
Susan H. Stewart	298	281	34	110	73	178	18	992
William A. Orleans	78	73	27	39	39	57	4	317
Write-In								
Total Votes Cast	2,869	2,766	307	1,291	916	1,900	176	10,225
Aver. # of votes cast per voter in Council race	5.3	5.2	5.6	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.9	5.3
Voter Statistics	1						-	Tota
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# of voters voting at polls	543	529	55	238	169			1,534
# of voters voting early voting	127	105	9	30	82			353
# of voters voting absentee	12	8	0	1	9			30
Total Voting	682	643	64	269	261			1,917
(polls + early voting + absentee)								
# Registered to vote	3,058	2,398	2,535	2,795	2,327			13,113
% of registered voters voting	22.3%	26.8%	2.5%	9.6%	11.2%			14.6%

For more election statistics including a view of the Comparison of Voting in Past Three City Elections, see page 6.

## Election 2013 Emmett Jordan Gets Top Vote All Incumbents Are Re-elected

#### by James Giese

If past tradition holds forth, Greenbelt will have a new mayor come this Monday as Emmett Jordan garnered the most votes of any person on the ballot for election to the Greenbelt City Council at the Tuesday, November 5 city election. Judith Davis, completing her eighth term as mayor, received the second highest number of votes and can be expected to be elected at the new city council organizational meeting Monday as mayor pro tem. All seven incumbents on the council were reelected in an election at which more votes were cast, but the percentage turnout of registered voters declined from the last election.

first election held following a city charter amendment that expanded the number of councilmembers from five to seven. At that time he placed second to Davis by 49 votes, becoming the mayor pro tem that year, succeeding Rodney Roberts. In 2011, Jordan again placed second but trailed Davis by only 16 votes. In Tuesday's election, he beat out the mayor by 108 votes.

## **Fewer Votes**

Although 172 additional

The biggest loser of votes was Edward Putens who lost over 500 votes this year compared to 2011 and dropped from fourth place to seventh. Challenger Susan Stewart, with 992 votes received, was 172 votes behind Putens, failing in her first bid for city office. William Orleans, running for the second time, also received fewer votes in this election almost 25 percent less.

Those who follow city lections closely may attribute Jordan's success to a variety of reasons – and possibly all reasons given may have helped him achieve victory. He may have benefited by being the first and only African American elected to the council in a community with a large minority population, although his winning margins over Davis were the greatest in those precincts where there are the fewest minorities. He may have benefitted from the antagonism between Davis and Roberts that may have resulted in their supporters not voting for both of those candidates, but still voting for Jordan. Many voters deliberately do not cast all seven votes to which they are entitled in order to give added help to those they most strongly support. Jordan may possibly have benefitted from that. Other

## The News Review Is You

As one of the oldest cooperatives in Greenbelt, the newspaper needs your help. Here are the major issues facing members of the News Review cooperative:

- How can we expand our advertising? (Ads are our revenue source)
- How can we attract volunteers from all parts of the city?
- How can we improve our outreach to community groups?

Come to the New Deal Café on Sunday, November 10, 2 to 5 p.m. Let's brainstorm together. The survival of the News Review is up to all of us.

## Election 2013



Electioneers at the Community Center on Tuesday morning from left to right Ann Landry Lombardi, Konrad Herling, Michael Hartman, Darrell Mach, Rodney Roberts and Sandra Lange.

## North End Precinct Is Busy, Though Half Voted Early

#### by Max Bennett

The police station, set up as the polling station for precinct 6, North End, buzzed all day with citizens doing their civic duty, voting in the council election.

Many voters rushed to the voting booths before work in the early morning and the final rush came at about 7:15 p.m. after voters left work for the day and stopped in to partake in the election.

Despite many voters squeezing the time to vote into their schedule, some took their time and socialized with fellow voters See PRECINCT 6, page 7

and the poll workers.

"Government doesn't work if people don't participate," former social studies teacher Margie Spire said. "If you don't give the input, they don't give you the services you need. Not because they don't want to but because they don't know."

Spire said she voted for Judith Davis, with whom she served on the teachers' union board. Spire also said she voted for people because she believed "their

Jordan was first elected to the Greenbelt council in 2009 at the

Greenbelters cast ballots at this week's election than in 2011, Jordan was the only incumbent to garner more votes than in 2011. He also won in every precinct and in the early voting, something that has not happened with a top vote getter in recent past city elections.

## What Goes On

Saturday, November 9

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot between Municipal Building and Community Center

Monday, November 11 - City and GHI Offices Closed in Observance of Veterans Day

10 a.m., Veterans Day Ceremony, Centerway

7 p.m., Council Worksession on Organization of 40th Council, **Municipal Building** 

7:30 p.m., Special Charter Meeting Swearing in of 40th Council, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71, streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov

Wednesday, November 13

7 p.m., Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center

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## Precinct 13 at Greenbriar: Voting Is Light and Slow

## by Kelsey Sutton

Greenbelt's Voting Precinct 13 polling center saw slow but steady voter turnout November 5 at the Greenbriar Community Building on Hanover Parkway.

Greenbelter Carol Malveaux stood in front of the community building all day with signs for Judith Davis and Emmett Jordan, who both sought re-election.

Malveaux estimated 110 people "or more" had voted since Election Day began.

Next to Malveaux was Leta Mach, who held a sign with her

face and name written in bold letters. Mach, who sought reelection to the Greenbelt City Council, made the rounds from precinct to precinct.

"I'm used to seeing more people," Mach said. "There seem to be fewer people than in previous years."

By 4:10 p.m., 150 people had cast ballots inside the community building, said Precinct Judge Warren Wilcox. By the end of

See PRECINCT 13, page 7

## Letters

## Not the Way I See GAFC

I was saddened to read Lois Rosado's letter to the editor on October 24 which referred to comments about the quality of instructors and staff at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center (GAFC). It was noted in her letter that some city councilmembers thought that the quality of staff and instructors could be improved which would increase the center's business. These comments were made at the GHI-sponsored Meet the Candidate night on October 15. This is not the way I see GAFC!

I have been a member of the GAFC since its opening in September 1991. I have always found the instructors and staff to be excellent. They are professional and do their best to make everyone feel welcome and comfortable in the center. I have had many different instructors in over 20 years and all have been very competent. My fitness evaluation and personal trainer have kept me fit in my senior years!

I consider the GAFC to be one of my "homes away from home" in Greenbelt and I am grateful that it is here for our citizens as well as others from outside of Greenbelt.

Jeri Holloway

## News or Opinion?

Please explain to me and your other readers why there is an editorial on page one, above the fold, with the byline James Giese (10-31-13) the week before an election, masquerading as a news article.

Earl H. Kepler

## News Review Seeks Community Input At the annual membership

meeting of the Greenbelt News Review on November 3 the Board of Directors held an extended members' forum to gather ideas on how to preserve and build Greenbelt's free community weekly newspaper, now in its 76th year.

"We need the community's help," noted editor Mary Lou Williamson, as members weighed in on the need for volunteers, expanded coverage and contributions and more robust advertising to area merchants in Hyattsville, Beltsville, College Park, Laurel and other area communities where Greenbelt residents often shop or do business.

On Sunday, November 10 the News Review board will broaden the effort at a community event to be held at the New Deal Café from 2 to 5 p.m. All local residents are invited. Staff from the newspaper will speak about the current situation faced by the newspaper, give a financial update and hold an open forum at the end of the meeting.

Community outreach and involvement is key to the News Review's future. The endless cycle of labor required to produce the paper leaves little time or energy to expand community outreach. The paper relies on the community for contributions, news from a wide spectrum of local organizations and residents in Greenbelt.

We need residents' help and creative ideas, beginning this Sunday at the New Deal Café.

## Greenbriar Board Meets Tuesday

The Greenbriar Board of Directors will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 12. Phase III will meet at 5:45 p.m. and Phase I and II at 7:30 p.m.

## Thanksgiving Week Deadline Changes

Due to the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 28, the deadline for the News Review will have to change, since printers will not be available to print the paper Thanksgiving morning. The Thanksgiving issue will be printed on Wednesday. All deadlines will back up by a day to finish the paper in time to be printed before the holiday.

Thanksgiving Week the deadline will be Monday, November 25 at 10 p.m. The usual Wednesday composition work and final proofing will be done Tuesday evening.

Notice to All

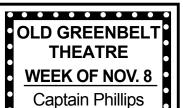
All copy – ads, articles, photos, letters – must reach us no later than Monday, November 25 to be included in the November 28 issue. Any material received after Monday evening will be held for the issue of December 5.

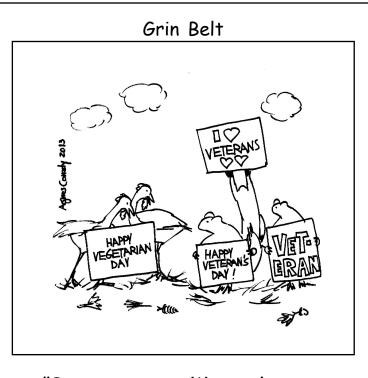
## Star Party Planned At City Observatory

Weather permitting, on Saturday, November 9 the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) will sponsor a star party at the newly painted City of Greenbelt Observatory at Northway Field. Observing will begin as soon as it is dark enough, probably around 6:30 p.m., although telescopes may be set up earlier. Several members will have set up their personal telescopes and binoculars for the enjoyment of all.

Come enjoy a view of Earth's waxing crescent moon through the 14" Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope. Those who stay late may catch a glimpse of Jupiter with its four Galilean satellites that now rises around 9 p.m. but will not clear the tree line until almost 10 p.m. Several star clusters and nebulae may also be seen. ASG members will be available to answer questions.

The star party will be canceled without notice if it is too cloudy. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill unless bringing a telescope. All are welcome. There is no admission charge.





"Oops . . . sorry. We got the wrong holiday message."

## **Come to the New Deal Café**

on Sunday, November 10 from 2 to 5 p.m. for a Special News Review Meet 'n Greet

and help shape the future of your community newspaper.

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People gather at the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department on election

night to watch election results on the city's TV channel.

## Correction

The very embarrassing headline error on Charis Pannell's otherwise-excellent article on page 9 last week was entirely ours – with red faces by typist, proofers and editors. Of all the places to misspell a word and worse yet "Library" in an article about a well-regarded library event!

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DEADLINES: Letters, Articles and ads—10 p.m. Tuesday. Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, during office hours. Mail subscriptions—\$45/year.

Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd. OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

# **Community Events**

## 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 bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for November 11 through 15 are as follows:

Monday – All sites closed for Veterans Day.

Tuesday – Orange juice, mixed bean soup, sliced roast beef and Swiss cheese on wheat bread, mixed green salad, fresh fruit.

Wednesday – Grape juice, sliced turkey, ham and Swiss cheese on sub roll, lettuce and tomato, coleslaw, fresh fruit.

Thursday –Pineapple juice, cheese quiche, braised lentils, sliced carrots, tropical fruit.

Friday – Cranberry juice, pollock fillet, macaroni and cheese, braised kale, diced pears.

## NARFE Will Meet Wed. at Greenbriar

On Wednesday, November 13 at 1:30 p.m. the Northern Prince George's Chapter 1122 of National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) will meet at the Greenbriar Community Building Terrace Room at 7600 Hanover Parkway. The meeting includes a speaker, refreshments and a chance to mingle. All retired federal employees are invited.

## At the Library

Tuesday, November 12 at 7 p.m., the African History Culture and Lecture Series continues with C.R. Gibbs' presentation on "The African Presence: Around the World, Past and Present."

Monday, November 18, 1 to 5 p.m., Maryland Insurance Administration Community Outreach consumer advice and questions answered on all forms of state-regulated insurance: annuities, title, health, auto and homeowners.

#### **Children's Programs**

On Thursdays, a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props. Pick up a free ticket from the information desk before the session.

Thursday, November 14, 10:30 a.m. Drop-in Storytime for ages 2 to 5 years mixes stories with fun activities including songs, rhymes and fingerplays. Babies also are welcome. The usual 20-person room limit applies.

#### **Read to Rover**

Saturday, November 16, 2 p.m. Read to Rover for ages 6 to 11 years. Children build reading confidence by reading aloud to specially trained therapy dogs glad to listen. Each child will read for 15 minutes. Registration is required, call for details.

For more information call 301-345-5800, visit the Greenbelt branch library or go to the library system website at pgcmls.info to review accounts, renew materials or for other library services. For automated phone renewal call 301-333-3111.

## GHI Notes

Thursday, November 7, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting (Open Session) – Board Room

Friday, November 8, Office Closed – For emergency maintenance call 301-474-6011.

Monday, November 11, Office Closed – For emergency maintenance call 301-474-6011.

Tuesday, November 12, 7 p.m., New Member Social – Board Room

Wednesday, November 13, 7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee Meeting – Board Room

Thursday, November 14, 6:45 p.m., Investment Committee Meeting – Board Room

7:30 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting – Board Room

Monday, November 18, 2 p.m., Bylaws Task Force Meeting - GHI Library

7 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

7:30 p.m., Marketing Committee Meeting – Board Room

Note: Committee and board meetings are open to all members.

## Scouting for Food Sat.

Greenbelt Cub Scout Pack 202 and Boy Scout Troop 746 went door to door in central Greenbelt last Saturday distributing bags for the coming annual "Scouting for Food" food drive.

On Saturday, November 9 from 9 a.m. to noon the Scouts will return to pick up the filled bags for a local food bank as part of their fall community service efforts.

## Investment Club Seeks Members

The Goddard Investment Club (GIC), a group of amateur investors who discuss and invest in stocks, seeks new members interested in meeting the second Monday of the month from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. The next meeting will be held Monday, November 11.

For more information email goddard@bivio.com.

## Greenbelt Computer Club Meets Nov. 14

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its next monthly meeting on Thursday, November 14 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 103 at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. Everyone is welcome.

## Legion Veterans Day Commemoration Mon.

November 11 is Veterans Day when the Greenbelt American Legion Post #136 will hold its annual celebration in Roosevelt Center at 10 a.m. The mayor and the commander will be the main speakers and there will be a bugler and a quartet. After the ceremony, people are invited to the Post home for a buffet luncheon.

At 2 p.m., there will be a flag disposal ceremony in the post's parking lot. Only cotton flags will be disposed of because nylon flags emit toxins during the disposal process. Greenbelters may bring flags for disposal to the Legion post. More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

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## November 8-30

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## Obituaries

## John T. Ahearn

On Sunday, October 13, John Thomas Ahearn died of lung cancer at home in Round Hill Va. Mr. Ahearn was born on June 28, 1947, in the Bronx, N.Y., and lived in Greenbelt from 1976 to 2001, with a break from 1986 to 1988 when the family moved to Chicago. In 2001, Mr. Ahearn moved to Round Hill.

Mr. Ahearn came to the Washington area in 1963 to attend the experimental Walden High School for gifted students. He was a musician who played cello and guitar and sometimes appeared at area venues with local blues guitarist Neil Harpe.

Mr. Ahearn was also a painter and sculptor. In 1994, he exhibited his paintings at Paint Branch Unitarian Church. A number of Greenbelters own paintings from that show, including Sandy Roberts and former Greenbelter Margaret Warner.

After his move to Round Hill, where he lived with Ellen Barnes and step-son Nico, Mr. Ahearn expanded his career as a poet and photographer. In 2007 he began a blog, wordcarving, that attracted ardent fans of his poetry and photos. In 2008 Opening Chapter of the UK published his book of poems, Pomes – Older and Younger and sent him to England to promote the book with readings.

Mr. Ahearn was preceded in death by his inlaws Kenneth and Lillian Lee; his sister, Florence Prato; and his father Jack Ahearn.

Mr. Ahearn was married to Halcyon (Hally) Ahearn for 30 years and is survived by his children, Molly S. Ahearn of Greenbelt, Morgen A. Ahearn of San Francisco and Jane Karras of Williamsburg, Mass; grandchildren, also of Greenbelt. He is also survived by his mother and step-father, Florence and Edgar Corn of Westbury, N.Y.; son-in-law Peter Moleros of Greenbelt; and many Greenbelt and Washington area friends.

A memorial service will be held at All Souls Church Unitarian, 1500 Harvard St. N.W., Washington, D.C., on Saturday, November 16 at noon. Charitable donations in Mr. Ahearn's honor may be sent to the Institute for the Musical Arts, 165 Cape St., Williamsburg, MA 01032, in support of the musical arts for women and girls.

## CPAE Photography

## <u>In Memoriam</u>

## Sarah Nicole Stewart

Sarah Nicole Stewart, the daughter of lifelong Greenbelter Darlene Thompson and stepdaughter of Steve Thompson, died suddenly while sleeping in the early morning of October 29. She was 23. Sarah had been living in Jessup with Tony Fendlay, also a lifetime Greenbelter, son of Harry and Beth Fendlay, members of one of Greenbelt's oldest families. Sarah and Tony had a son, Nolan, who is three months old and Tony had recently approached Sarah about marriage, although he said that no formal plans were established. He said "We made each other happy." Darlene offered that Sarah called Tony "the love of my life." Sarah also had another child, Ayden Bishop, 6, who was living with them as well but who spent the prior years living with Darlene and Steve and Sarah here in Greenbelt. Sarah's maternal grandmother is Helen Rafferty who moved to Greenbelt in 1946 with her late husband. Sarah is also survived by an older brother Jason Stewart, 36, of Bethany Beach, Delaware. Her father, Fred Stewart, died three years ago.

Sarah attended Greenbelt Elementary School where she received a President's Award for Gifted and Talented students when she was in the 6th grade. She also ran in the Miss Greenbelt contest and was 2nd Runner-up



Sarah Stewart and son Ayden.

to Little Miss Greenbelt. She was confirmed into membership in the Greenbelt Community Church when she was 13. That's where I met her. She always respectfully addressed me as "Mr. Rick," because that's how her Mom has always greeted me. She had problems during her somewhat rebellious teen years but her Mom said she had really pulled things together in the past two years and the family was very proud of her. She had grown into the roles of mother, housewife and daughter. She liked to read, watch movies and cook. Steve noted that he had never seen her so happy since she had begun her relationship with Tony. He spoke lovingly of a recent phone call he had received from Sarah: "Daddy, I'm finally grown up," she had said, because she was going to host a cookout in Jessup for her family. It marked a turning point in her mind.

Sarah was also involved with the Goatman's Hollow Halloween House which is held annually at Dumms Corner in Riverdale to raise money for the volunteer fire department. She liked the drama and the interaction with the kids. The production personnel were so moved to learn of her death that they dedicated the performances and action of Halloween night to Sarah's memory.

Sarah had many friends here in Greenbelt. Her Mom said she was dedicated to them almost to a fault. Vanessa Harris, one of her friends since elementary school, who works at the Co-op foodstore, remembers ice skating, hanging out, eating pizza and watching daytime TV in the summers when school was out. Vanessa was always shy and hesitant to meet new people but Sarah was just the opposite. She "spoke right up" loud and clear, what her you want do hear her or not. That trait sometimes got her into trouble but Vanessa said she admired her for being able to lead the way in new situations. When they got a little older, Sarah was always quick to furnish a ride to Vanessa or anyone else who needed transportation. Vanessa recounted a time when a guy she was dating stormed off in a rage and left her at a restaurant after dark with no way to get home. She called Sarah and Sarah came right out and picked her up, no questions asked. Vanessa stated she took her many places, even as far as Gaithersburg, and never complained or refused. (I guess it's a Greenbelt thing.)

I remember this short, scrappy

whether you wanted to hear her See STEWART, page 5



For further information call 301 474-4223 www.mishkantorah.org Conservative and Reconstructionist

## St. George's Episcopal Church

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- Services
  - Sundays 8 a.m. simple, quiet service (no music)

10 a.m. main service (music includes a mixture of acoustic guitar, piano and organ music)

- Wednesdays
- 7 p.m. service with healing prayers (no music)
  - 7010 Glenn Dale Road (Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road) 301-262-3285 | rector@stgeo.org | www.stgeo.org



## Club Meets Friday

Photography buffs who want to attend and participate in The Underexposed, the photography club sponsored by College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE) may attend meetings on Friday evenings from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park. For more information visit www.facebook. com/groups/photo20740/.



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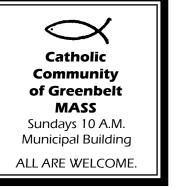
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Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

UPCOMING EVENTS: Christianity and...Series begins November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm with

"Christianity and...The ARTS"

November 3<sup>rd</sup> "The Priority of the Gospel" *Philippians 1:3-11* 

November 10<sup>th</sup> "The One Thing that Matters More than Anything Else" *Philippians 1:12-18* 

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## Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

Thursday, November 7 pianist Amy C. Kraft plays midday melodies from noon to 2 p.m. There will be an open microphone session with Paige Powell from 7 to 9 p.m.

Friday, November 8 John Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then Bud Skeleton headlines with an eclectic mix of rock and blues from 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, November 9 Bruce Kritt plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m., Guernsey plays uptempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The Joy Bodycomb Band takes the stage with blues, rock and country from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Sunday, November 10 the weekly deaf brunch discussion is held from 10:30 a.m. to noon. There will be an informative News Review fundraiser from 2 to 5 p.m. That evening from 7 to 9 p.m. there will be an Artists Reception for the Barbara Stevens and Dan Kennedy art on display at the Café through January 6.

#### Next Week

Tuesday, November 12 Drum Melody performs dueling drum set duets from 7 to 9 p.m. On Wednesday, November 13 from 7 to 9 p.m. Caroline Ferrante & the Whole Magilla play Americana and roots/blue. Thursday, November 14 Kraft plays midday melodies from noon to 2 p.m., then in the evening from 7 to 9 p.m. there is an open microphone session with James and Martha. On Friday, November 15 Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., followed by headliners The Bad Weather Boys Band from 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, November 16 Kritt plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m., followed by Guernsey's up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Jaqui MacMillan will facilitate a drum circle from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., with the Akomma Drummers performing from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Djesben finishes the day with music from around the globe from 10 to 11 p.m. Sunday, November 17 the weekly deaf brunch discussion is from 10:30 a.m. to noon, with the Not 2 Cool Jazz Trio playing from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The monthly kids' open microphone session is from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. for the entire family. From 6 to 8 p.m. the Fez Tones Hafla offer live Middle Eastern music and dance, with musicians on the oud, darbuka and riq.

## **Doctors Hosp. Offers**

## Synagogue Rummage Sale Is Sun. and Mon.

This Sunday and Monday, November 10 and 11 the Mishkan Torah Annual Rummage Sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The yearly event combines bargains and fun with a chance to save on holiday shopping.

This year's theme is "Vintage to Vogue" and will include clothing and shoes in all sizes, housewares, linens, accessories, books, toys, appliances and small furniture items. Sunday is considered the main day of the sale with buyers encouraged to come then for the best selections. Monday is "bag day," with buyers able to fill a shopping bag with clothes for one low price.

The following Sunday, November 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. is the Sisterhood Gift Shop's once-a-year Chanukah Sale of gifts, decorations, menorahs, wrapping paper, candles and dreidels at reduced prices.

See ad on page 2.

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teenager, loud but with a loving heart, who always had a glint in her eyes, which she used to seek out sad faces for her to plant smiles. She was very earnest in what she did but kept her ability to retort handy at all times, usually accompanied by a laugh. A memorial service will held for Sarah on Saturday, November 16 at 1 p.m. at Gasch's Funeral Home, 4739 Baltimore Avenue, Hyattsville, with a reception to follow at the Greenbelt Community Church, 1 Hillside Road.

In lieu of flowers, the families are working to establish a memorial fund for Sarah's two children. Details were not available at this writing but they hope to have them at the service. Tony, Darlene and Steve and the extended families are all going to need your emotional support and good thoughts. Some monetary support would be helpful as well.

But then, you already know that. You're Greenbelt!



- Rick Ransom

**Trinity Lutheran Church in Bowie** will be hosting its 2nd Annual Holiday Bazaar Saturday, November 9, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Featuring: Hand Crafted Art, Scrapbooking, Handmade Jewelry, Crochet, Quilts, Coasters, Ceramics, Neck Wonders of the World, Tastefully Simple, Gift Baskets, Party Lite, Origami Owl, Mary Kay, Pampered Chef, Traci Lynn Jewelry, Avon, Scentsy, Madd Mud Studio, and much more!

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## **MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF** November 11-15

Monday, November 11 at 7pm, COUNCIL WORK SES-SION-ORGANIZATION OF 40th COUNCIL at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

Monday, November 11 at 7:30pm, SPECIAL CHARTER MEETING-SWEARING IN OF 40th COUNCIL, at Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and at www.greenbeltmd.gov.

Wednesday, November 13 at 7:00 pm, ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD MEETING, at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

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

## **GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL**

Municipal Building – November 11, 2013

Organizational Meeting - 40th City Council Library - 7:00 p.m. Charter Meeting, Council Room - 7:30 p.m.

- 1. Call to Order Outgoing Mayor Davis
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- Certification of Election Count City Clerk 4.
- Oath of Office Council Elect by Mayor Davis 5.
- Election of Temporary Chair 6.
- 7. Election of Mayor
- 8. Administration of Oath of Office to Newly Elected Mayor by Marilynn Bland, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Prince George's County

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Monday. November 11th. in observance of Veterans' Day.

The GREENBELT CONNECTION will not be operating.

**REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE** Week of November 11th

Monday Route – Collected Tuesday Tuesday Route - Collected Wednesday Wednesday Route - Collected Thursday Thursday Route – Collected Friday

There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, November 15th.

## **Request for Proposal Consultant Services** for Police Promotional Process

The City of Greenbelt is requesting proposals for consultant services for the purpose of developing and validating a fair and valid promotional program. A Request for Proposal can be downloaded from www.greenbeltmd.gov, or can be obtained by contacting the Personnel Office at 301-345-7203. Deadline: November 19, 2013 by 4:30pm

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#### Support on Strokes

On Wednesday, November 13 from 1 to 3 p.m. Doctors Community Hospital will hold a stroke support group in the 1st floor conference room at the Professional Office Building.

Stroke survivors and caregivers will explore stroke prevention, healthy lifestyles and other empowerment tools. To register call 301-324-4968.

Join Neighbors in the "Community Living Room" for Special News Review Meet 'n Greet

- 9. Statement by Mayor
- 10. Election of Mayor Pro Tem
- 11. Statement by Mayor Pro Tem
- 12. Statements by Members of Council
- 13. Other Business
- 14. Adjournment

## **VACANCIES ON BOARDS &** COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, and Youth Advisory Committee For information call 301-474-8000.

## **DONATION DROP-OFF**

American Rescue Workers Saturday, November 9th, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Parking lot between City Office and Community Center Info: 301-474-8308



The shelter is open on Wednesdays from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm or by appointment. See all our pets on Facebook!

## GED COURSE

Greenbelt CARES will hold a FALL 4-WEEK-MINI-GED COURSE beginning on Tuesday, NOVEMBER 12, 2013. There will be NO CHARGE for this course. Classes will be held every Tuesday and Thursday, for 4 weeks in the Springhill Lake Recreation Center Clubhouse, 6101 Cherrywood Lane, Greenbelt, MD 20770. Students will review math and English skills, in preparation for the new test beginning 2014.

For enrollment information, call CARES, 345-6660, ext. 2016 or email: jhering@greenbeltmd.gov

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## Election 2013 Comparison of Voting in Past Three City Elections

	2009		2011		2013	
	Votes	Position	Votes	Position	Votes	Position
Emmett V. Jordan	1,808	2	1,367	2	1,476	
Judith F. Davis	1,857	1	1,383	1	1,368	
Rodney M. Roberts	1,709	3	1,354	3	1,300	
Konrad E. Herling	1,647	5	1,266	4	1,223	
Leta M. Mach	1,640	6	1,238	6	1,214	
Silke I. Pope	1,389	7	1,205	7	1,171	
Edward V.J. Putens	1,678	4	1,243	5	1,164	,
Susan H. Stewart					992	
Kelly Ivy	1,192	8				
Che Sayles	618	9				
William Orleans			412	8	317	
Total Voting	2,399		1,764		1,917	
% of Registered Voting	19.8%		14.7%		14.6%	
Average Votes/Voter	5.6		5.4		5.3	

## Election 2013 **Community Center Voting** Strong in Early Morning

#### by Charis Pannell

Greenbelt residents continuously visited the three voting booths set up to the right of the stage in the Community Center's gymnasium on November 5.

"It's been steady," said Martha Galvin, a clerk at the voting station for Precinct 3. "We had a lot of voters between 7 and 8:30 a.m. and we're expecting a lot between 4 and 8 p.m.," she said, while helping voters sign their voter cards.

Galvin was one of three clerks at the voting station in the Community Center, along with Catherine Callaghan and Chris Husker. The judge for the precinct was Jim Harbaugh.

According to Harbaugh, over 3,000 people are registered to vote at that voting station. By 5 p.m. he said about 15 percent of those people, not including early voters, had voted.

Before visiting the voting booth, Melissa Voigt said that there was not much to say about the election because "there's no

controversy." However, Voigt said she was in the mood to vote for new candidates. "In with the new, out with the old," she said.

Though voter Kateri Baker said she was satisfied with her vote, she said she was "surprised there weren't more candidates."

Along with the electronic voting booths, several stations were set up for voters to complete the Community Questionnaire for 2013. Voters could drop their completed surveys in a box or complete and submit the surveys online at one of the two laptops provided in the gym. Greenbelt residents have until November 15 to complete and send in their responses to the questionnaire.

Voter Audrey Boushell enjoyed the overall voting process. "It was very well done, easy and nice," she said. Boushell also said she planned to mail in her responses to the Community Questionnaire.



## Synagogue Session On ACA Is Nov. 17

On Sunday, November 17 from 1 to 3 p.m. there will be a free informational session for all at Mishkan Torah on the new Maryland Affordable Care Act (ACA) that went into effect on October 1. Mishkan Torah is at 10 Ridge Road.

Founding member and Chair of the Maryland Women's Coalition for Health Care Reform Leni Preston will be the speaker. She will explain how the enrollment process works.

The law applies to all legal residents and citizens who do not have health insurance through an employer and provides insurance plans through the state's healthcare marketplace, the Maryland Health Connection. At the session individuals and families can compare the available health plans to choose the one best for them. At 2 p.m. at least two health department navigators from county health departments will be present to explain how the enrollment process works and can answer specific questions, begin the enrollment process and arrange individual appointments. Enrollment can be by phone, fax or in person, with the enrollment period closing on March 31, 2014.

Those who plan to begin the process at the session should bring their social security number or documents in the case of legal immigrants, employer and income information for each family member needing coverage (pay stubs or W-2 forms), policy number information for any family member's current health plan(s), their employer's address and phone including the name of someone at the employee's job who can be contacted about health coverage with a phone and email address and, if possible, the employer's Employer Identification Number. Those planning to enroll should pre-register by email to David Norken at dnorken@verizon.net no later than Tuesday, November 12 so the navigators will know how many will need to be served.



City Council candidates' signs line Cherrywood Lane in front of the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

## Election 2013 Franklin Park Precinct 8 Draws Small Crowd at Poll

## by Elaine Hunt

Precinct 8, located at Springhill Lake Recreation Center, drew a small crowd of voters this Election Day. Precinct volunteers said that a slow voting pool was typical of this site and Tuesday's voter numbers were on track with previous election years.

"People walk by and look at our signs but they don't stop,' said precinct worker and Greenbelt resident Virginia Williams.

City Councilmember Rodney Roberts and campaign volunteer Cam MacQueen held signs and waved as cars drove by, most of which did not pull in to vote. Signs for all the candidates lined Cherrywood Lane in front of the Recreation Center.

'The population in this area very transient and turns over a lot," said Roberts. "People may not vote because they're not planning on staying." Roberts said he made a point to campaign in this area and has been successful at this precinct before. Several voters expressed concerns about robberies in the area and said they hoped this

election would help lower the rates. Voter Fina Bowser had the same concerns but thinks the current city councilmembers are doing a good job and would be happy if they stayed the same.

Voter and Franklin Park resident Patsy Pearson was disappointed in her voting experience at Precinct 8 after finding that her voting card had been misplaced.

"People who come here to vote may not have the time to wait around," said Pearson. "[The precinct workers] should make sure everything is okay before setting up."

Volunteers said that a few other cards had been misplaced in addition to Pearson's.

"With this many people accidents [like this] can happen," said Williams.



Precinct 6 poll workers shown are from left to right: Lee Kisse, Liz Roslewicz, Ron Benjamin and Jackie Magness.

## Writers Group News and Meeting Plans

The Greenbelt Writers Group agreed on plans through 2014 at its October meeting. The group is open to new members with an interest in writing for personal satisfaction or publication.

There will be no meeting in November. The next event will be the holiday potluck on Friday, December 13 at the Community Center.

During 2014 the writers group will meet every two months - in

January, March and May. No meetings will be held in June, July and August. Fall meetings resume in September. The spontaneous writing subgroup will meet on Monday evenings and is seeking new members.

A member is interested in facilitating a critique group that will meet on a variable basis.

Potential members are asked to email Matt Arbach at mparbach@verizon.net.

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politics are good."

She also mentioned she was heading to Virginia to go doorto-door to encourage people to vote for Democratic gubernatorial candidate Terry McAuliffe.

Spire believes voting is a key tenet to our society.

Voters were also encouraged to fill out a questionnaire for the council's review. The purpose of it is to provide community feedback and input to the council. Voters could fill it out at the polling station or online at Greenbelt's website.

Michael Smallwood said he voted for Rodney Roberts because of his community mindedness and active role in forest preservation.

"He's a very community-oriented person," Smallwood said. "He's really extraordinary and a good guy."

Voters like Jim Perreault made their decisions after weighing the available options

Perreault attended a forum where he was able to sit down and talk with candidates about and 3 p.m.," Benjamin said. the issues and their stances.

"That gave me a good idea of where each of the candidates was coming from," Perrault said.

Four poll workers, all of whom share a passion for community involvement and civic engagement, greeted voters and aided them in the democratic

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process.

Liz Roslewicz, Jackie Magness, Lee Kisse and Ron Benjamin settled into their roles at 6 a.m. and didn't plan on being done until about 9 p.m.

The polls closed at 8 p.m., voting finalizing takes about an hour, said Roslewicz.

Despite the 15-hour day, the team of election workers had the same effect in the evening as they did in the early morning.

Armed with coffee, fruit, cookies and chips provided by the city, the team managed to get through the day with a decent voter turnout.

"They give us a lunch at 3 o'clock so we don't eat each other," joked Roslewicz.

Roslewicz said they had recorded about 514 voters with half an hour left to vote. (Total voters at 8 p.m. were 529).

Benjamin said many votes were cast in early voting, but the stream of voters was steady all day.

"We had a break between 2

Kisse corrected Benjamin, joking that their break came

between 2 and 2:03 p.m. "It's been a busy day," Kisse said.

Despite the long hours and continuous bustle of voters, all four poll workers agreed that it was a good day.

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voters cast ballots only for the candidates they like and Jordan has possibly become the most likeable member of the council.

### **Organizational Meeting**

Next Monday, November 11 a meeting will be held in accordance with city charter requirements to induct and organize the newly elected council. The meeting will be held at 7:30 instead of the 8 o'clock usual council meeting time. The city clerk will certify the election results. The seven persons elected will be sworn into office. Then the council will elect one of its members to serve for the next two years as the mayor. This election requires only a simple majority vote or four votes of the seven member council. While there is no requirement for the top vote getter to be selected as mayor and while it is possible for a nominated mayor to decline the office, a strong Greenbelt tradition that has been ongoing for well over 50 years is expected to continue and Jordan, as the top vote getter, will be chosen mayor, most probably unanimously, by the council.

In Greenbelt, the mayor remains as a voting member of the city council and serves as chair of the council at its meetings. The mayor also serves as the chief spokesperson for the city council and city government. The mayor pro tem performs the duties of the mayor in that person's absence.

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#### the day 238 people had voted.

By the close of Election Day 2011, 228 ballots had been recorded in the precinct. The total number of votes that year including early voting and absentee ballots came to less than 250, reflecting a 10 percent turnout of the precinct's registered voters.

Wilcox, who has served as a precinct judge for 30 years, was anticipating about the same this year.

"It's low, but it's a steady trickle of voters throughout the day," he said.

Terry Benedik took a day off work from the Computer Science Corporation to serve as an election clerk.

"I hope we have a better turnout than last time," she said. "My fingers are crossed that we have over 10 percent of the precinct who vote.'

Dora Hamm, retired, also volunteered. While reporters were at the precinct, she and

Benedik were busy helping a voter use a voting machine or helping a woman whose voter slip was nowhere to be found in boxes of paperwork.

"We've not been bored!" Benedik said from across the room as Wilcox called city management.

The ballot reflected only two new faces for seats on council - Susan Stewart and William Orleans. The ballot did not include any referendums, Hamm said.

After voting, Greenbelters had the option to fill out a community questionnaire. Wilcox said.

Most voters took part in the questionnaire, which asked for feedback on different city departments, he said.

At around 4:45 p.m., Councilmember Edward Putens, also seeking re-election, waved signs and talked to voters next to Malveaux outside the community building as six more people filed in to cast their votes.



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Post Honey Bunches of Oats Cereals Assorted 13-15 oz.	Cheer Liquid \$499 Laundry Detergent Asst. 50 oz.	We Salute Our Veterans	College Inn Soup Broth Assorted 14.5 oz.	Stroehmann Dutch Country Breads Asst. 20-24 oz.
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Deli Gourmet Oven Roasted Turkey Breast	Kaiser Rolls 12 pk.	Milton's Assorted <b>\$299</b> Multi Grain Crackers 8.3 oz.	Finesse Assorted \$399 Shampoo or Conditioner 10-18 oz.	Ice House Beer 6 pk.–12 oz. cans
Deli Gourmet Lower Salt Lacey Swiss	Fresh Store Baked <b>\$499</b> Mixed Berry Pies 8-inch	Haddon House \$ <b>199</b> Fancy Wild Rice 4 oz.	Western Family Ibuprofen Pain Relievers Tabs/Caps 50 pack	Jo Landa Prosecco 750 M.L.

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# **Police Blotter**

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or http://www.greenbeltmd. gov/police/weekly\_report.pdf. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

#### Robbery

October 29, 8:06 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. A man approached a woman who exited a Metro Bus and was walking down the street. He punched her, went through her pockets and took money and then fled on foot. He is described as a black man, 5'9" tall, 170 pounds, wearing a dark blue and green jacket. The woman was not injured.

#### Arrest

October 23, 8:32 p.m., Cherrywood Lane and Greenbelt Metro Drive. A 13-year-old Greenbelt youth was arrested for second degree assault. He was reported missing and after officers located him and were waiting for a parent to arrive, he assaulted the officer who tried to keep him at the scene. He was released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

#### Theft

October 24, 5:23 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. Two people approached a man standing near an apartment and one of them took the man's cell phone out of his hand. They both fled on foot. They are described as black men, 16 to 20 years old. One had a light complexion with a mole on the left side of his face and was wearing a blue and yellow jacket and blue jeans. The other had a dark complexion and was wearing a black jacket and black pants.

October 24, 6:20 p.m., 6640 Lake Park Drive. A man left his book bag unattended on the second floor of the library. When he returned to area the book bag was gone.

October 28, 7600 block Greenbelt Road. A woman went inside the Exxon station to pay for gas and upon return to her car she discovered the driver's window broken out and her purse missing. A witness observed a man carrying a purse run from the area. He got into a vehicle described as a tan Jeep Cherokee, being driven by a second man, and fled.

October 29, 6:15 p.m., Greenbelt Metro Station. Unknown person(s) took luggage Road.

## from a Bolt bus.

**Burglary** October 29, 4 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. A laptop computer, a tablet computer and a video game player were taken.

#### Vandalism

October 26, 6:30 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Court. Unknown person(s) threw a brick through a sliding glass door, shattering it. Vehicle Crime

Three vehicles were stolen: A grey 2002 Dodge Caravan, Md. tags 8AB2704, stolen from the 6200 block Springhill Court; a gold 4-door 2000 Chrysler Concord, Md. tags 8AG1699, stolen from the 6000 block Springhill Drive and a blue 4-door 2006 Chrysler Sebring, Md. tags 8XDG19, stolen from 5900 block Cherrywood Lane.

Five thefts from vehicles were reported after car windows were broken out. Two occurred in Greenway Center (purses), 5800 block Cherrywood Lane (car radio), 7400 block Greenbelt Road (semi-automatic handgun), 200 block Lakeside Drive (clothing).

Four thefts occurred from cars possibly left unlocked, three in the 100 block Hedgewood Drive (money and sunglasses; a gymtype bag; portable GPS unit) and in the 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive (laptop computer, two iPods and clothing).

Three ATF vehicles in the 7800 block Walker Drive were broken into and various tactical items (but no firearms) were taken.

Vandalism was reported in the 200 block Lakeside Drive and 9100 block Edmonston Terrace (an unknown substance was poured on each car, damaging the paint).

Tires were vandalized in the following locations: 8200 block Canning Terrace (tire was flattened) and 4 Court Gardenway, (one tire on one car and two tires on another car were punctured).

A tire was slashed and obscenities were spray-painted on a car in the 100 block Crescent

# Our neighbors

Condolences to the family and friends of Hugh P. Burns, Jr., of Lorton, Va., who died November 2, 2013. Hugh and his sister Mary Burns Ourand Rosche (now of Reisterstown, Md.) grew up in Greenbelt, the children of the late Hugh Sr. and Mollie Burns. Hugh graduated from DeMatha High School and the University of Maryland before beginning his 22-year career in the U.S. Air Force. After retirement he entered on a second career with Lockheed Martin. A funeral Mass was held in Springfield, Va., on November 9 with interment to take place at Arlington Cemetery at a later date.

Our sympathy to Tony Fendlay, Darlene Thompson and husband Steve, other family members and friends of former resident Sarah Nicole Stewart, 23, who died October 29, 2013, in Jessup.

Greenbelters were saddened to learn of the death of John T. Ahearn on October 13, 2013. Sympathy is extended to his family and friends.

## **Congratulations to:**

- Former Greenbelt resident, Recreation Department instructor and nanny Laura Holman, now director of The Children's Garden licensed home daycare center in Arlington, Va., whose business has been recognized by the League of American Bicyclists as a Silver Bicycle Friendly Business.

- County Public Schools? Superintendent, Dr. Kevin M. Maxwell, who was chosen as Maryland's top School Superintendent for 2014 and will go on now to compete at the national level.

- Former Greenbelter Alex Barnes and his wife Brianne Boylan, who proudly announce the arrival of their newly-adopted son, Dmitri Nathaniel Iliasu Barnes. Dmitri was born on March 13, 2013, at their home in Dancing Rabbit Ecovillage, Rutledge, Mo. The formal adoption hearing will occur on November 25 in Missouri. Dmitri's paternal Greenbelt grandparents. Alexander Barnes and Sandra and David Lange will attend the event, along with maternal grandmother, Deb Boylan from Des Moines, Iowa.

- Greenbelt environmentalist and educator Kim Walsh, who has received a grant for a Greenbelt CHEARS-Public Works stormwater mitigation project as one of 40 recipients nationally of a 2013 ToyotaTogether Green Fellowship in this prestigious, intensively competitive program. Greenbelters are all talking about the wonderful weekend just past, with crisp weather and gorgeous fall foliage, just right for all the weekend events such as church bazaars, the Co-op meeting, the Artful Afternoon activities, campaigning or just a walk around beautiful Greenbelt Lake. - Kathleen McFarland

## A Variety of Art Forms Highlighted Every Month

## by Charis Pannell and Elaine Hunt

November's Artful Afternoon drew dancers, artists and observers of all ages to the Greenbelt Community Center. The event on November 3 offered dance performances and workshops, open artist studios and a craft activity and ended with a family dance party.

During the afternoon, dancers from the Alight Dance Theater performed as a narrator spoke about constellations and the life cycle of stars. A full audience also watched young dancers from the

Greenbelt Dance Studio perform be creative on their own." to music from Mary Poppins.

Participants made stalactites from pantyhose stuffed with yarn, bottles, feathers, beads and other materials. Bahar Jalehmahmoudi, a sculptor whose art is part of an exhibition in the Greenbelt Community Center until November 29, helped dip the stuffed pantyhose in wax, which, after drying, would become part of an arts and crafts cave.

"The activities bring the community together and give them an imaginative way to spend a Sunday," said Arts Supervisor Nicole DeWald. "It gives people an opportunity to try their own hand at techniques real artists use and makes the exhibition more accessible."

#### **Artful Afternoons**

Angel Wood, who brought her sons Judah and Nygeal to the event, said Artful Afternoon "allows them to see a lot of things outside of what they're used to seeing. It allows them to



Resident artist Gina Mai Denn in her studio.

During the afternoon several artists opened their studios, where they had used a variety of mediums, including paint, clay, paper and fabric.

Resident artist Mary Wang said she has always been interested in painting human forms but paints pet portraits as well. Wang uses a variety of paint types and colors to create her artwork. She moved her studio to Greenbelt in August and says she enjoys the space.

Resident artist Gina Mai Denn, a potter, has been teaching pottery in Greenbelt since 1996. She said at times she will "sit and throw the clay and see what shape comes out." Denn explained that potters use several colored glazes in their work but that she prefers many blues and greens, which are easy to use, look nice and are popular and inexpensive.

The Greenbelt Community Center holds Artful Afternoons on the first Sunday of each month.



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Mark Your Calendars for

**An Afternoon** with the **News Review Staff** 

at the New Deal Cafe Sunday, November 10 2 to 5 p.m.

## **Book Club to Discuss** Women's Nonfiction

A discussion of literary nonfiction by women will be held by the College Park Arts Exchange Book Club on Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at the Old Parish House. The book to be discussed November 15 is The Grace of Silence, by Michelle Norris.

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After running, walking and skipping around Greenbelt Lake, children and their families gather for the raffle for fitness-themed prizes. Their number of raffle tickets reflected their number of laps around the lake.

## Sunday Walk, Run for Health Draws 200 of All Ages to Lake

## by Cynthia Donn

More than 200 children and adults walked, ran, sprinted and skipped around Greenbelt Lake on Saturday, November 2 in the fifth annual Walk for Health, a multi-school event that draws attention to the importance of physical activity in improving health and fitness.

Cosponsored by Greenbelt Recreation Department, the event drew students and families from Greenbelt Elementary, Springhill Lake Elementary and Vansville Elementary schools to the lake on a beautiful fall day.

For each lap of the lake completed, participants received a ticket that they placed by one of the raffle prizes, which were set out on tables near the finish line by the outdoor stage. Completing more laps meant more chances to win.

All the prizes encouraged physical fitness and included sports balls, jump ropes, hiking packs, a bean-bag toss and a bocce ball. Prizes were donated by Bridget and Beth Osborne,

## **Diabetes Education**, Support at Hospital

Doctors Community Hospital will hold a free diabetes education and support group on Monday, November 18 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the hospital's DSE Room, 8100 Good Luck Road, North Building, 5th floor. Regisration is required; call 301-324-4968.

Vansville principal Tom Smith and Stephanie Kohout, physical education teacher at Springhill Lake Elementary. "We're pleased that our

numbers keep growing every year," said Kohout. "Greenbelt Lake is the perfect location for the Walk for Health. Everyone leaves in awe and smiling."

Each year different area organizations set up a table to

inform families about getting involved in a new physical activity. This year representatives of Prince George's County Lacrosse shared information about winter clinics and the Prince George's County Lacrosse League.

Cynthia Donn is the Walk for Health coordinator and teaches physical education at Vansville Elementary School.

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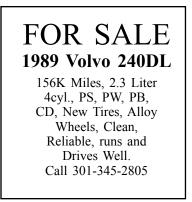
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**Greenbelt Community Questionnaire 2013** 

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. Residency:		
Apartm	ent	_ Townhouse
GHI		_ Condominium
Detache	ed Single Fa	mily Home
2. Do you?	Own	Rent
3. Age:	18-29	61-74
	_ 30-44	75+
	45-60	
4. How many y	ears have y	you lived in
Greenbelt?		
Less that	n 1 year	1-5 yrs.
6 10 pres		11 20 yrs

Less than I year	1-3 y18.
6-10 yrs	11-20 yrs
21-30 yrs	More than 30 yrs.

## 5. Employment Status (Please check all that apply.)

Full-Time	Part-Time
Unemployed	Retired
Stay at home par	ent
Work from hom	e

## 6. Where do you work?

	Greenbelt
	Prince George's County
	Baltimore
	Washington, D.C.
	Montgomery County
	Other
7. How	long is your commute

30-60 min

te to work? \_\_\_\_ 60-90 min \_Less than 30 min. \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ 90+ min.

## 8. Please prioritize (1-3 your top three

modes of transportation	
Personal Automobile	
MetroBus	
Carpool/Vanpool	
TheBus	
Metrorail	
Taxi	
Bicycling/Walking	
Other	

## ELECTION OF CITY COUNCIL

1. Should the Council have term limits? Yes No

2. Should the Council member terms be increased from 2 year terms to 4 year terms?

No Yes

3. Should there be a separate election for the Mayor? \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

4. Should there be a recall process? \_\_\_\_No \_\_Yes

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

1. Please rate your satisfaction over the last 2 years with the following services. (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor) Police Presence \_ Police Responsiveness Dispatcher Responsiveness Overall Police Performance \_ Overall Police Employee Competence \_ Police Attitude & Behavior Towards Citizens Animal Control Traffic Control \_ Fire & Rescue \_ Parking Enforcement

5. If you have any suggestions for improving police services, please list them under General Comments #4.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

1. Please rate your satisfaction over the last 2 years with the following services. (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)

\_ Street Maintenance \_\_\_\_ Street Lighting Street Cleaning Snow Removal Sidewalk Maintenance Crosswalks Bike Lanes Park Maintenance Refuse Collection Recycling \_ Horticulture/Planting Building Maintenance Bus Stops

2. If you have contacted Public Works in the last 2 years, was the employee polite and courteous? \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

## **GREENBELT CARES** /SOCIAL SERVICES

1. Have you or any of your family utilized any of the services listed in #2 in the last 2 years? \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No

2. If so, please rate your satisfaction with them. (5=Excellent, 4=Good,

## 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)

- Counseling (individual, family or group) Crisis Intervention Counseling
- Tutoring
- Discussion Groups in School Job Bank
- Babysitting Workshop
- \_ GED Program
- \_\_\_\_ Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program

#### 3. If you plan to remain in your home as you age, which of the following would you require:

- \_Online Advice & Support Home Modifications Activities for Homebound \_1st Floor Bathroom
- \_Other: \_
- 4. How soon would you need these services?
- \_\_\_\_ Now \_\_\_\_ 1-3 Years \_\_\_\_ 4-7 Years \_ 8+ Years

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Have you had personal contact with Community Development/Code Enforcement Dept. in the last 2 years? Yes No \_\_\_\_\_

2. Was the Community Development/

3. Please rank the following questions. (5=Strongly Agree, 4=Agree, 3=Neutral, 2=Disagree, 1=Strongly Disagree)

\_ The City should continue to provide Science & Reading Clubs \_ The City should continue to provide grants to Greenbelt schools

	County	taxes	should	be i	ncreas	sed
to fund	education	1.				

#### 4. Given limited funding, which should be emphasized by the County? (Please select only one.)

- \_ Charter Schools
- \_ Magnet Schools

\_ Neighborhood Schools

## RECREATION

1. Please rate your satisfaction with any facilities which you or your family have attended: (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)

- Aquatic & Fitness Center \_\_\_\_ Athletic Fields \_\_\_ Community Center \_\_\_\_ Springhill Lake Rec. Center \_\_\_\_ Youth Center Parks \_\_\_\_\_ Trails
- \_ Dog Park
- Skate Park
- \_ Playgrounds \_Other\_

2. Please rate your satisfaction with any activities which you or your family have attended: (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)

- \_\_\_\_ Fitness classes
- Pre-School classes
- \_ Youth/Adult classes
- \_ Camp programs
- \_ Visual Art programs
- <u>Senior programs</u>
- \_\_\_\_ Performing Art programs
- \_\_\_\_\_ Aquatics programs \_\_\_\_ Special Events (Fall Fest, Festival of Lights, Celebration of Spring, etc.)
- \_\_\_Other (Please Specify):

3. Please check any programs which you or a member of your household are likely to attend within the next 2 years. (Check all that apply)

- \_\_\_\_Pre-school Activities \_\_\_Children's Afterschool Activities \_Children's Weekend Activities \_Children's Drop-In Activities \_\_\_\_\_Home School/School Enrichment Activities Family Recreation Activities - Weekends Drop-In Activities \_\_\_\_\_Adult Classes or Leagues
  - Senior Activities

2. Please rate your satisfaction with Greenbelt's efforts to publicize and broadcast official information and City events? \_\_\_\_\_ (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)

3. Do you make use of the City's website at www.greenbeltmd.gov?

 Yes	 N

4. Is there a service that we do not offer on our website that you would like to see? If yes, what is that service? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

5. Have you used the video streaming/ on-demand section of the City website \_\_\_\_\_ No Yes

6. Have you watched any of the programming, including Council meetings, offered on this channel over the past 2 years? \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_ \_No

## **CITY SERVICES & TAXES**

1. How do you rate the value of City services and programs for your tax dollars? \_ (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)

2. The City has limited ability to raise revenues other than through property taxes or fees. In light of this fact, would you support a tax rate increase in order to:

Maintain current City services/programs \_Yes \_\_No Increase City services/programs \_\_Yes \_\_No Provide fair compensation to employees \_\_Yes \_\_No

3. In general, should City services be (choose one):

\_ Kept at the same level \_\_\_\_Reduced \_\_\_\_\_Increased

4. If the City had to reduce services/programs, which ones would you suggest and why? \_

## **GENERAL COMMENTS**

1.What is your opinion of the condition/ usability of pedestrian and bicyclist infrastructure (sidewalks, crosswalks, bike lanes, bus stops, signage, etc. in Greenbelt?

2 Describe what you like most about the

Describe what you like most about the Greenbelt community.

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2. Do you have any concern about safety and security within Greenbelt? If so, please list:\_\_

3. If you have contacted the Police Dept. in the last 2 years, was the employee polite and courteous? \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_ No

4. Did the police employee assist you satisfactorily?

\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_ \_No \_\_\_\_ Don't Know

Code Enforcement employee polite and courteous?

> Yes No

3. Did the Community Development/ Code Enforcement employee assist you satisfactorily? \_\_\_\_Yes No

## **EDUCATION**

1. If you have school age children, please rate the schools currently attended. (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)

\_\_\_\_ Greenbelt Elementary \_\_\_\_\_ Springhill Lake Elementary \_\_\_\_ Magnolia Elementary \_\_\_\_\_ Turning Point Academy \_\_\_\_ Greenbelt Middle School \_\_\_\_\_ Eleanor Roosevelt High School \_\_\_\_\_ Home Schooling Other

2. Using the same scale, please rate the Prince George's School System overall.

\_\_\_Special Events (Artful Afternoons. Fall Fest, Celebration of Spring, etc.)

## **GREENBELT MUSEUM**

Have you or a member of your household attended a museum activity in the past 2 years?

\_No \_Yes

## **PUBLIC INFORMATION**

1. How would you prefer to receive information about City programs and services? (Please rank in priority order 1-9; 1=top preference)

Cable TV \_\_\_\_ Direct mail \_\_\_\_ City Newsletter City Website Greenbelt News Review Posters & fliers E-mail notifications Social Media

\_\_\_ Other \_\_

3. Describe what you like least about the Greenbelt Community.

4. Are there any improvements to City or new City Programs you would suggest?

5. Other Comments: