

## Greenbelt Flocks to See Utopia Defended in Speech and Film

by Amy Hansen



PHOTO BY PEGGY HIGGINS

A capacity audience awaits the screening of *Defending Utopia* at the 80th Anniversary of the Greenbelt News Review at the Old Greenbelt Theatre.

*Defending Utopia*: The Greenbelt News Review at 80 opened to a sold-out crowd in the Old Greenbelt Theatre on Thursday, November 16. The film, and the speakers who preceded it, examined the role the newspaper played both in the long-term success of the town and in our nation's understanding and application to the media of the First Amendment of the Constitution.

But before the speakers, there was dessert. Chef Lou provided chocolate and vanilla cakes and wonderful bread pudding, giving the speakers a sweet introduction followed by a verbal one from Cathie Meetre, president of the paper. Meetre thanked those who

run the paper and those who read it, as the many past and present members of the newspaper in the audience waved their hands in acknowledgement. She also noted that both the evening and the movie were dedicated to longtime editor Mary Lou Williamson – who, in the words of the program – had done for the city more than can be known.

Meetre then introduced speakers Megan Searing Young and Chris Cherry.

### Community

Searing Young noted from her perspective as curator of the Greenbelt Museum that, "Since its founding in 1937, just weeks after the first residents moved

into Greenbelt, the Cooperator, now known as the Greenbelt News Review, has always been much more than just a newspaper. It has not only helped to establish many of the ideals under which Greenbelt was founded: cooperation, egalitarianism and a dedication to a new way of living; it has also been a tool by which those ideals and values have been transmitted."

### History

Young also gave an overview history of the town, noting how it was viewed by the outside world. Greenbelt was ridiculed, she said, "but Greenbelters were

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## Councilmembers Set Goals And Bid Farewell to Herling

by Diane Oberg

After weeks of campaigning by 13 candidates, it was all over but the speeches. The councilmembers had been sworn in, the six incumbents had welcomed newly-elected Councilmember Colin Byrd to their ranks, the mayor (Emmett Jordan) and mayor pro tem (Judith Davis) had been elected and the standing room only crowd had been led in a cheer. Each of the members, in order of their vote count, then made statements and laid out their goals. There was also a brief recognition of retiring Councilmember Konrad Herling.

All of the candidates started with a series of statements of appreciation, mostly to some combination of parents, spouses, campaign staff, other candidates, supporters, city staff, city voters and the organizers of the four forums or meet-and-greets. After that, candidates generally highlighted their priorities and the issues council will be facing. Several councilmembers

praised or thanked residents for passing both referendum questions, particularly that calling for permitting 16- and 17-year-olds the right to vote in city elections. This change will require council to pass legislation before it goes into effect.

### Emmett Jordan

Jordan pledged to focus on the business of Greenbelt over his personal preferences and to focus on the needs of the entire city, not just the east, west or central portion. He will continue to advocate for the positions he has promoted, nurture the residents of Greenbelt Station to help them connect with the rest of the city and push for development of the trail to connect those residents to the Metro station.

Further, he pledged to protect the city's unique legacy while working towards a vibrant future and to undertake community development activities in order to thrive and to attract and retain desirable businesses and com-

mercial development.

Council, he said, has already designated money to be used to improve how the city manages documents on its website. He also pledged to work towards recording/broadcasting of all city council meetings and worksessions by the end of this two-year council term.

### Judith Davis

Councilmember Judith Davis also called for considering

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### What Goes On

**Monday, November 27**  
**8 p.m.** City Council Meeting, Municipal Building  
**Thursday, November 30**  
**5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** Memory and /or Mental Health Screenings, Municipal Building  
**8 p.m.** Council Worksession with Franklin Park, Community Center

## American Education

In celebration of American education, these columns will tell the stories of selected teachers from the schools serving the Greenbelt community. This week readers will get a glimpse inside Magnolia Elementary School. In coming weeks we will focus on the other local public schools.

The stories feature two teachers or staff members at each school; these are coordinated by David Lange, who originated the series and liaises with the schools, and Alice Murray who works with the reporters.

## Magnolia Educator Comes From Family of Teachers

by Maria Herd

Amah Bella R. Navarrosa came from a family of educators and is married to another elementary school teacher. She recalls helping her mom check papers when she was growing up. Navarrosa said that she always knew that her job would be challenging, but she loves it anyway.

She believes that she works in the greatest profession because it's rewarding to help children achieve and "I'm not only molding young minds, but also touching their lives," she said.

Navarrosa earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education at Saint Joseph College in the Philippines. She taught there for eight years before moving

to New Mexico with her husband, where they both taught for seven years. This is her fifth year teaching at Magnolia Elementary School, bringing her total years of teaching experience to 20.

"When she came to Magnolia, she came with a true understanding of being a master teacher," said Principal Phyllis Gillens. "She is thoroughly an instructor who understands how students learn."

"I love going beyond just teaching a lesson; it's about making

personal connections with my students and helping them develop their full potential," Navarrosa said.

Her teaching style is to let students lead the discussion while

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PHOTO BY MARIA HERD

Amah Bella R. Navarrosa, teacher at Magnolia Elementary School

## Greenbelt Art and Craft Fair Showcases Local Artists

by Nicole DeWald

The Greenbelt Recreation Department Arts Program's 2017 Festival of Lights Juried Art and Craft Fair promises an array of hand-made wares by local artisans, plus a hands-on workshop, prize drawing, live music, open studios and more. This event takes place at the Community Center on Saturday and Sunday, December 2 and 3. Parking and admission are free. Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Art and Craft Fair will showcase the talents of about 75 regional artists, artisans and authors. A wide selection of functional pottery and ceramic art will be presented by the center's artists in residence, instructors, Greenbelt Pottery Group members and other participants in the Recreation Department's robust ceramics program. Additional wares will include clothing, accessories, jewelry, toys, paintings, photogra-

phy, housewares, bath and body products, books by local authors and more.

Roughly one third of the exhibitors participating this year will be new to the fair. Among the highlights, internationally-exhibited "visionary artist" Brian Dowdall will present his lively panoply of animal spirits painted on recycled cardboard. Greenbelter Damien Ossi and fellow members of the D.C. Area Spoon and Woodenware Carvers will offer a variety of bowls and utensils for the kitchen and table. Martina Sestakova will have hand-made scarves using textiles which she designed based on her own paintings and photography. Also new this year, Kate Thomas will offer seated massage.

Three non-profit organizations will enable shoppers to extend their holiday cheer to the broader community. Gift cards, memberships, mugs and t-shirts

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# Letters to the Editor

## Sanctuary City

Trump squawked and the mayor of Greenbelt flinched. In the article "Last Forum Asks Candidates Thought-provoking Questions" from the November 2 issue of the Greenbelt News Review, our mayor said that he was afraid to name Greenbelt a Sanctuary City because the city might lose federal funding. Mr. Mayor, that is embarrassing. We, as a city, need to stand up for all of the city inhabitants. We need to be willing to put some skin in the game. If we are going to behave like a Sanctuary City (which you said the city would do because that is the county policy), why don't we BE a Sanctuary City? Let us not hide in the county's shadow, but stand up and stand out on our own as advocates of reasonable and appropriate behavior.

If you are going to argue that there is a price on the heads of Dreamers in Greenbelt, please be so kind as to tell us what they are worth. How much federal money are you trying to protect? Who and how many people should be subject to ICE detention before we are trying to protect too little money at the cost of too many people? Does the Greenbelt council "secret policy" to the police regarding ICE detentions include some monetary limit? Is that why you don't want to make this policy public? Or is there some other reason why the policy (which is supposed to be the same as the county policy) is being kept a secret by the council?

It is high time the council publish the policy. The city should declare itself, clearly, as a Sanctuary City and show that we will not be bullied by a hollow threat from the popular vote losing President. Our country has spoken and the millions who voted against Trump's race- and religion-based immigration policy should not be ignored on the local level. Do not flinch.

*Brett Fishburne*

## Congrats to Elected

I wish to congratulate my local government colleagues in Greenbelt on their election this month. The city will continue to be served well by their leadership and experience.

I also want to personally congratulate all returning members of the Greenbelt City Council – Mayor Emmett V. Jordan, Mayor Pro Tem Judith F. Davis, Edward V.J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts, Leta Mach and Silke Pope on their re-election. I welcome new Councilmember Colin Byrd and say a special thank you to outgoing Councilmember Konrad Herling for his valued years of service to the city.

I look forward to working with the new city council and to continue the good work of the city council on the important issues facing Greenbelt and Prince George's County. I wish that the residents of Greenbelt enjoy Thanksgiving and the holiday season and I wish all a great start to 2018. I again thank the citizens of Greenbelt for allowing me to continue to serve you.

*Hon. Todd M. Turner  
Council Member – 4th District*

## Happy 80th, News Review

It was a delight to attend the News Review's 80th Anniversary celebration last week at the Old Greenbelt Theatre Greenbelt youth and sweet tooth in general probably loved the order of operations, because, with Chef Lous, desert came first! I appreciated Megan Searing Young's discussion of the paper's values of communication and cohesion and its usefulness as a resource in learning the full history of Greenbelt, and I appreciated Chris Cherry's discussion of the paper's archives and stories about the performing arts. I want to congratulate Cathie Meetre and everyone at the News Review on a great event, and I especially want to congratulate Mary Lou Williamson and thank her for her long and continued tenure at the News Review and for her story on how, through her daughter, she first connected with Lee Levine, the 1st Amendment lawyer who brilliantly explained the real controversies, decisions, law and precedents of New York Times v. Sullivan and Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association v. Bresler. The lasting impact of those cases on the press and legal matters involving press that cut right to the heart of American democracy. And, finally, I want to congratulate Susan Gervasi on making a tremendous film on the history of the News Review and the paper's defense of Greenbelt as a utopia — a defense aided by Greenbelt residents like Al Herling and Charlie Schwan.

*Colin Byrd*

## Lions Club Hosts Breakfast with Santa

The Greenbelt Lions Club's annual Breakfast With Santa will be held in conjunction with American Legion Post 136 on Saturday, December 2, from 8 to 11 a.m., at the Legion, 6900 Greenbelt Road. This is an annual Christmas season fundraising event for the Greenbelt Lions Club in support of the Club's charitable activities.

The menu includes pancakes, sausages, eggs, coffee, orange juice, tea, etc. There will be an opportunity to have a picture taken of your child or other family member with Santa.

There is a fee for the picture and the breakfast.

Greenbelt Lions Club is also collecting food and clothing and toys for children of all ages for distribution to families and individuals who may need them this Christmas season. Bins for collecting the items are to be found in the Co-op food store, Greenbelt Credit Union, and in the Greenbelt Community Center, next to the main office. The Lions Club will hold a gift wrapping station in Beltway Plaza a few days before Christmas.

## Golden Agers Tea November 29

On the fifth Wednesday of the month, November 29, the Golden Agers will sponsor a tea party. Members are asked to bring a snack to share and a fancy tea cup and saucer if the spirit moves. Join the tea party for casual conversation at 11 a.m. in the second-floor meeting room of the Community Center.



## Send Holiday Greetings

The News Review will publish holiday greetings in the December 7 issue. Hanukkah begins December 12.

## GCF Needs Volunteers

The Greenbelt Community Foundation (GCF) needs volunteers. The time commitment is from five to eight hours a month. Volunteers would work from home. They may join the GCF committees, but not required.

Editor and writer to develop stories with other writers that showcase the work of organizations funded by the foundation as well as to highlight the GCF grant process, workshops and other services. This content would be published on GCF's website, Facebook page and in press releases with bylines.

Grant application reviewers to review grant applications and to update and make the GCF grant application more user friendly, particularly for small organizations.

Organizers to develop a "Roots & Shoots" initiative that would engage youth in philanthropy, showcase our inter-generational community and expand the number of people that support GCF and local organizations.

Also website and Facebook managers are needed.

If interested, go to [greenbelt-foundation.net/volunteer](http://greenbelt-foundation.net/volunteer) and complete the volunteer interest form.



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Mon. 5:15, 7:45 PM  
Tues. 5:15, 7:45 PM  
Wed. 2:30, 5:15, 7:45 PM  
Thurs. 5:15, 7:45 PM

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STORYTIME ON SCREEN  
Mon. 10:30 AM



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# Community Events

## GHI Notes

Thursday, November 23, office closed (Thanksgiving Day), emergency maintenance service available at 301-474-6011.

Friday, November 24, office closed, emergency maintenance service available at 301-474-6011.

Tuesday, November 28, 7 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room.

Tuesday, November 28, 6:30 p.m., IT Task Force Meeting, GHI Kitchen.

Wednesday, November 29, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee Meeting, Board Room.

## 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 November 20 is as follows:

Monday, November 27: Meatloaf with tomato gravy, butter-milk potatoes, Brussels sprouts, wheat bread with margarine, fresh fruit, apple juice, skim milk.

Tuesday, November 28: Hawaiian chicken, cornbread dressing, spinach, wheat roll with margarine, mandarin oranges, grape juice, skim milk.

Wednesday, November 29: Hamburger, sliced cheese, ranch beans, mixed vegetables, wheat hamburger bun, ketchup, applesauce, cranberry juice, skim milk.

Thursday, November 30: Cranberry Dijon chicken, roasted diced potatoes, cabbage, Italian bread, pineapple tidbits, cranberry juice, skim milk.

## New Deal Events

Sunday, November 26, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Deaf Brunch. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Jazz Brunch with the Not2Cool Jazz Trio. 7 to 9 p.m., The 5-1-2 Experience. Tantalizing R&B and neo-soul with a sound inspired by the sexy and soulful music greats of the past and present.

Monday, November 27, 6:30 to 9 p.m., New Deal Café regular board meeting. Members and visitors welcome.

Tuesday, November 28, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Swing Jam. Bring instruments, listening ears, charts and voices.

Wednesday, November 29, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Silver Strings MD. This Chesapeake Bay-area string band is known for its fine instrumentation, well-blended vocal harmonies and engagingly eclectic mix of original songs as well as covers.

Thursday, November 30, noon to 2 p.m., Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft. 7 to 10 p.m., Open Mic with Tom Gleason

Friday, December 1, 6:30 to 8 p.m., jazz and blues piano by John Guernsey. 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., Fast Eddie & The Slow Pokes. A blend of Chicago, West Coast, swing and jump blues peppered with soul serves up a menu to get the joint jumping.

Saturday, December 2, 5 to 6 p.m., Bruce Krittr, classical guitar. 6:30 to 8 p.m., jazz and blues piano by John Guernsey. 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., Just Stones. Rolling Stones tribute band.

## Greenbelt Library: Storytime and More

STEM for Families. Monday, November 27, 4:30 p.m., ages 5 to 12. Learn about aquatic invasive species of the Mid-Atlantic: how they are introduced, how they impact natural areas and ways to engage in action projects to eradicate and educate about invasive species.

Monthly Storytime. Monday, November 27, 6:30 p.m. Books at Bedtime, presented by the Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program, for ages birth to 3, limit 20 people. Families are encouraged to come start their bedtime routines with us. This is an opportunity for children under three with special needs, along with their family and friends, to participate in storytime, music and motor activities.

English Conversation Club. Monday, November 27, 6:30 p.m. Learning to speak English? Join our club and practice speaking English in a friendly atmosphere with people from diverse backgrounds. Registration is recommended, as space is limited.

Weekly Ready 2 Read Storytimes. Tuesday, November 28, 7 p.m., for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 people. Wednesday, November 29, 10:15 a.m. for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 people; 11:15 a.m. for ages 2 to 3, limit 20 people. Thursday, November 30, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., for ages birth to 2, limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); 4:15 p.m., for ages 2 to 3, limit 20 people.

Page 115: Playing with Words. Saturday, December 2, 10:30 a.m. Join us for a Greenbelt-based workshop series designed to engage participants of all ages with literature, dance, and innovative storytelling.

## Saturday Craft Fair At American Legion

Anyone looking for a unique gift may very well find it at the American Legion Auxiliary's Craft Fair on Saturday, November 25. Over 20 tables of mainly handcrafted items will be offered. There will be jewelry as well as scarves, soaps, fudge, ornaments, table decorations and wreaths. The fair will be held in the main hall of Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is no admission charge so come on up, avoid the shopping center crowds, browse for that perfect gift, have a snack and maybe win a door prize.

## Free Mental Health, Memory Screening

The GAIL Program in partnership with the Washington Adventist School of Nursing will be offering free memory and mental health screening on Wednesday, November 29 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Municipal Building. For homebound residents, registered nurses will do home visits.

Pre-registration is required. Contact Nima Shamsa at 240-542-2033 or nshamsa@greenbeltmd.gov.

## Be on Time for Santa!

Santa Claus is coming to Greenbelt on Friday, December 1, to light the community tree in Roosevelt Center. The event starts at 7 p.m., and in response to requests from Santa's littlest fans, he will strive to arrive earlier than in past years, toward the beginning of the festivities. The Greenbelt Concert Band Brass Choir will play seasonal favorites from 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., and the Recreation Department will serve refreshments. At the conclusion of the outdoor celebration, the Old Greenbelt Theatre will host a free showing of How The Grinch Stole Christmas.



PHOTO BY SHARON NATOLI

Mayor Emmett Jordan shares the stage with Santa Claus at the tree lighting ceremony in 2015.

## Maglev Train Discussion At ERHS

State Delegate Alonzo Washington has rescheduled the community meeting to discuss the maglev high-speed train proposal. The meeting will be on Monday, November 27 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (7601 Hanover Parkway).

Washington says he has requested the attendance of the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) and Baltimore Washington Rapid Rail (BWRR) but so far they have refused. He suggests citizens register their concerns about the maglev to the MTA and BWRR directly.

Washington said the meeting will include other transportation experts and citizens groups.

## Greenbelt Park Events

Thursday, November 23, Happy Thanksgiving. The Ranger Station is closed for the holidays. The park and campground are open.

Saturday, November 25, Reading Ranger. Join a park ranger to read Owl Moon and learn about the life of an owl. Following the reading, there will be a videotape about the owl's characteristics. This presentation is appropriate for ages 6 to 8. Meet at the Ranger Station classroom at 10 a.m.

Saturday, November 25, Campfire Program: Greenbelt City, a Green Oasis. Learn about the history of Greenbelt with a description of the birth of the planned city, a green town built as a relief project during the Great Depression. Hear about the city's growth during war and peace. Meet at Campfire Circle Program in Loop B of the campground at 5 p.m.

Sunday, November 26, Greenbelt Walking Club. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area at 9:30 a.m. to walk the 1.4 mile Loop Road.

## Families Anonymous Meets Every Tuesday

Families Anonymous is a 12-step fellowship for people concerned about the use of mind-altering substances or related behavioral problems of a relative or friend. The group meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Greenbelt Step Club, 141 Centerway. See FamiliesAnonymous.org for more information.

## Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, November 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads. The group offers professionals, students, stay-at-home parents and retirees a supportive environment to improve skills in communication and leadership. For more information call 240-542-8625.

## Events Next Week At MakerSpace

The MakerSpace will be closed for Thanksgiving weekend and open again on Monday, November 27 for Robotics Practice from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 28: Robotics Practice from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and Labradoodles from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Wednesday, November 29: Fiber Fans from 6 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, November 30, is Tech Night. Coder Dojo (kids) from 5:30 to 7 p.m., Gadget Workshop from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and Coder Dojo for projects from 8:30 to 10 p.m.

Friday, December 1: Open House at the MakerSpace. Drop by before or after (or both) the Tree Lighting Ceremony for some hot cider and to see what is being made.



## Astronomical Society Meeting on Nov. 30

The public is invited to the November meeting of the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt. The featured speaker will be Dr. John G. Baker, who will discuss recent work on black holes and gravitational waves.

Dr. Baker is an astrophysicist in the Gravitational Astrophysics Laboratory at NASA/Goddard Spaceflight Center. He received his B.S. in physics from Northeast Missouri State University and his Ph.D. from Penn State. After three years as a postdoc at the Albert-Einstein-Institut Potsdam, Germany, he joined NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center.

The meeting will be held Thursday evening, November 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the H.B. Owens Science Center, 9601 Greenbelt Rd. (adjacent to DuVal High School). All are welcome. There is no admission fee.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

Greenbelt Lions Club in conjunction with American Legion Post 136

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Ticket prices: \$25 General Admission, \$22 Students/Seniors/Military, \$14 Youth (12 and under with adult)

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undaunted.” When the town hosted many dignitaries from around the world who came to see the experiment in cooperation and urban planning, the paper recorded their visits.

Chris Cherry, historian by avocation and the Greenbelt Recreation Department’s performing arts program coordinator, amplified on this history. “Once I started perusing the back issues of the Cooperator, I was hooked,” he said. “I found that the more I researched, the more I wanted to research. The more I read, the more I wanted to read.” He professed himself addicted to the archive and warned of its powers.

He found articles about events, about forming cooperatives, holding elections and enjoying dances – articles that showed how much in common people had with today as well as the differences inherent in the times. The articles he found illustrated the building blocks of social interaction that helped the city bond.

The new community had none of the infrastructure that develops in communities that evolve. As Cherry pointed out, the community was young. Eighty-three percent of the households were headed by people in their 20s or 30s. When residents formed a journalism club within weeks of the city’s formation with the intent of creating a weekly paper, it was with youthful energy (and no advice from older-wiser newspaper veterans about how much work a paper can be). After 80 years, the paper still, as it did then, forms part of the glue that holds the community together.

### First Amendment

Lee Levine, a First Amendment scholar and practicing attorney, explained how the Greenbelt News Review helped shape how the intention of the First Amendment was developed by the Supreme Court.

“For better or worse, we live

### Mowatt and Hospices Offer Holiday Hope

Mowatt United Methodist Church and Community Hospices are presenting two Holiday Hope programs. Inspiration and discussion are offered about coping with holidays. The holiday season can be particularly challenging for people who are grieving. Refreshments will be served. Days and times for these sessions are Wednesday, November 29 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and Wednesday, December 6 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. RSVP by November 27. Contact Margaret Capurso, bereavement coordinator, at 301-560-6002. The church is located at 40 Ridge Road.

today in a world in which there is a lot of talk about the freedom of the press and a great deal of disagreement – at least at the highest levels of our government – about what that means,” said Levine.

He described two key cases that set the precedents. The first, he said, was New York Times Co. v. Sullivan and the second was the News Review case.

The case that took the News Review to the Supreme Court in 1970 was a libel case, called Greenbelt Cooperative Publish-

ing the McCarthy purges. Their dismissal was the subject of a movie starring Ernest Borgnine and called Three Brave Men. A no-nonsense Janet Parker noted to audience chuckles that it was the worst movie she had ever seen.

The film covered several threats to the community and its paper. It dealt with the corrosive effects of the McCarthy era, the wrenching difficulties in transforming from a rental project to a cooperative, the stresses of the libel suit and, lastly, the continuous battle against development threats to the city’s green spaces that continue to this day. The community-building effect of the paper is seen operating continuously throughout its history.

The city will issue a video of the evening on Verizon 21 and Comcast 71. Further news of its scheduling will be carried in the paper and on the city’s website. The city’s video includes the talks, the film and the closing remarks by Gervasi.

The News Review plans to again show the film in the Old Greenbelt Theatre (OGT) after the New Year, probably including speakers or a discussion. The date, time and format are still to be agreed with OGT although a weekend afternoon is contemplated. DVDs of the film will shortly be available for purchase at the movie theater and the museum, with details to be available in the paper and on the News Review website in due course.

### The Film

The speakers created a framework in which Susan Gervasi’s film had a well-established context. Gervasi creates documentaries and in this case, turned her lens on the News Review, the people that run it and those whose lives have been intertwined with it. She interviewed Editor Mary Lou Williamson and President Cathie Meetre as well as all three speakers and others. An audience favorite was the interview with Janet Parker, widow of Izzy Parker, cartoonist and editor. Izzy Parker was one of the three residents who lost their jobs at the Navy Department dur-



Jim Giese and Mary Lou Williamson talk about old times.

PHOTO BY PEGGY HIGGINS

ing Association v. Bresler. The case came about because Charles Bresler, a developer in Greenbelt, offered to sell property the city wanted for a high school, if the city agreed to help rezone other property so he could build garden apartments.

A member of the audience at the council meeting referred to this offer as “blackmail” and the term was used and attributed in the newspaper. Bresler sued the News Review for defamation.

The News Review lost in Prince George’s County and in the Maryland Court of Appeals, but in the U.S. Supreme Court, it won. The justices there found that the proper legal standard had not been correctly applied by the lower courts and perhaps more importantly, the language reported, in this case the word

# Obituary



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE FAMILY

Colleen Courtney

### Colleen Courtney

Colleen Courtney died in the early morning of Monday, November 13, 2017. A private family funeral was held for her on Tuesday, November 21. Colleen worked for many years in Greenbelt at Generous Joe’s and Bill Brabble’s Tax Services. She was a caring, kind, funny and loving woman to many. She is survived by her husband David, her sons David and George, her sister Kathy Owen and her niece Michelle Mangino.

There will be a Celebration of Life in her honor at the Greenbelt American Legion on Monday, November 27 from 4 to 7 p.m. at 6900 Greenbelt Road.



**December 8 - 17**  
**\$15 Adult, \$12 Students, Senior, Military**  
**\$10 Group Rates 10 or more!**

**First Baptist Church of Hyattsville**  
**Call 240-565-4144 for ticketing information!**  
**Santa will be visiting at each performance!**  
**Presented by Wolf Pack Theatre Company, Community Crisis Services and First Baptist**

**Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church**

3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi  
 Phone: 301-937-3666      www.pbuuc.org

Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

**Nov 26 10 a.m.**  
**"Joys and Sorrows"**

Beth Charboneau, guest speaker; with Carla Miller, DMRE; Samantha Evans, Worship Associate; and guest pianist Markus Williams

*Every one of us will experience the '10,000 joys and 10,000 sorrows' of life. How do we, as individuals and a community, bear them and what does it mean to strive to make PBUUC be a place where our joys are multiplied and our sorrows diminished?*

**Greenbelt Community Church**

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

Sunday Worship  
 10:15 a.m.  
 Rev. Glennyce Grindstaff, Pastor

**Mishkan Torah Congregation**

10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
 Rabbi Saul Oresky      Cantor Phil Greenfield

*Friday evening services 8:00 PM, except first Friday of the month, when children's service begins at 7:00 PM*

*Saturday morning services at 9:30 AM.*  
*Children's Education, Adult Education, Social Action, etc.*

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

**Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS**  
 Sundays 10 A.M.  
 Municipal Building  
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**GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH**

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**Sunday School 9:45AM**  
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# Last Meeting of 41st Council Agenda: Very Good to Very Bad

by Kathleen Gallagher

The last regular meeting of the 41st Greenbelt City Council was held on October 23. It started with a number of presentations and ended with councilmembers' reflections on the last two years and the two years to come. In between, the council gave its approval to modifications to the campus at Capital Office Park and approved letters of strong opposition to a number of proposed regional transportation projects.

## Presentations

First on the list was the introduction of the relatively new Prince George's County fire chief, Benjamin Barksdale, who has been serving in the job since March and was formally appointed in June. He praised the work of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad. Asked by Mayor Emmett Jordan about the status of county hiring of career firefighters, Barksdale said they are authorized to hire for 147 positions this year and volunteers are also recruiting. In Greenbelt, there are five career employees at the station at all times.

Next to be recognized was State Delegate Tawanna Gaines, who was presented the Cornerstone Award from the Maryland Association of Youth Service Bureaus (MAYSB) for her support of the work of the Youth Service Bureaus and for her dedication to the youth and families of Maryland. Liz Park, director of Greenbelt CARES, presented the award. Park thanked Gaines for her many years of support and her tireless work to ensure that funding for these important local programs can continue.

At the fall meeting of the Maryland Municipal League, Greenbelt received its first renewal of its status as a Sustainable Maryland Certified (SMC) city. Luisa Robles, the city's sustainability coordinator, spoke about the program, explaining that it requires certification in eight different areas and the accumulation of at least 150 points. Greenbelt in fact racked up 600 points, which was exceeded only by the City of Takoma Park. The work of GreenACES and the Green Team was recognized, as was the role played by a number of staff members in the Public Works Department.

## Resident Requests

Several requests were made under the segment of the meeting where petitions and requests are received. Via the Department of Planning and Community Development, Lina Trullinger of Greenbelt Station had submitted a request in writing for the city to consider limiting parking on Greenbelt Station Parkway and Stream Bank Lane to four hours. She cited a number of reasons why parking has become an increasing problem in the South Core residential area.

Since residents of the Verde Apartments are assigned only one free parking space and are required to pay \$50 per month for additional spaces, they have a financial incentive to use street parking. Although homeowners have reserved spaces, many also use unassigned street parking. Councilmember Judith Davis added that some residents with

garages use them for storage rather than parking.

Councilmembers were concerned about this situation and said they would look into it further but recognized several obstacles to taking action at this time. The complex is still under construction and is therefore the responsibility of the developers, with the result that none of the streets have been turned

over to the city yet. Some of the smaller streets that present problems will remain private and will not become city-maintained public streets. Lastly, it has not yet become time for a homeowners association to be formed. Councilmember Edward Putens said the county has a residential parking permit program that might be useful and suggested

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## City Notes

Animal Control staff reports a snake was removed from a window well, one injured bird was picked up and two cats and one dog were adopted.

Public Works staff walked the proposed WSSC water main replacement project, reviewing the WSSC submitted list of trees impacted by the project.

Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability crews collected 27.45 tons of refuse and 13.26 tons of recyclable material.

A CARES staff member began student interviews at Eleanor Roosevelt High School for a grief/loss group to begin on December 6.



Condolences to the family and friends of Colleen Courtney, who died on November 13, 2017.

Congratulations to the News Review staff for making it to 80 years, and to the Nursery School staff for making it to 75 years.

Bake Sale was a Success. \$226.88 was made by free will donation benefiting the Greenbelt Animal Shelter/WAGS. Special thanks to: Greenbelt Co-op food store, Michele, Lutz, Abby, Meg, Liz, JoEllen, and Danzson and all volunteers and donors.

Send details of your news items to editor@greenbeltnews-review.com.



# City Information

## GREENBELT COMMUNITY PLEDGE

*"The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate people of many cultures, faiths, and races living together. By sharing together all are enriched.*

*We pledge to foster a community which is respectful, safe, and fair for all people."*

## GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING Municipal Building, November 27, 2017 – 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 Agenda by Council.)

Approval of Agenda and Additions

### COMMUNICATIONS

- Presentations
- Recycling Month Proclamation
- November Municipal Government Works Month Proclamation
- 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

### LEGISLATION

### OTHER BUSINESS

- Affirmation of the Community Pledge
- 103 Centerway Façade Change Proposal
- 2018 Legislative Program
- Recreation Department Logo
- Charter Amendment for Voting at 16
- \* - Reappointment to Advisory Groups
- \* - Employee Special Holiday
- 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.*

## LEGAL NOTICE

### CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND RFQ FOR CITY SOLICITOR

The City of Greenbelt, Maryland requests qualifications from experienced municipal attorneys for the position of City Solicitor. The full Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") may be obtained upon request from the City Manager's Office, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770, after 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 22, 2017. Responses to this RFQ must be received in the City Manager's Office in a sealed envelope marked "City Solicitor RFQ" no later than 4:00 p.m. on December 8, 2017. The City reserves the right to reject any and all responses, in whole or in part, for any reason that the City deems to be in its best interests. The City encourages all minority, women and handicapped owned businesses to submit a response. For further information concerning the RFQ, contact Nicole Ard, City Manager, either by e-mail at nard@greenbeltmd.gov or by phone at 301-474-8000.

## MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27-DECEMBER 1

Monday, November 27 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming on [www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv)

Tuesday, November 28 at 3:30pm, **SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Tuesday, November 28 at 7:30pm, **GREEN ACES/GREEN TEAM** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Mosquito Control, Permethrin Info, Green Team Circles*

Wednesday, November 29 at 7:30pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Overview of the Prince George's County Zoning Rewrite*

Wednesday, November 29 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/Franklin Park** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Thursday, November 30 at 7:00pm, **FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Update on Box Repository, large-diameter tree survey of the North Preserve, Discussion on RFP sent for forest health assessment, Discussion on AMT Forest Preserve Health Assessment – Goals and Recommendations – Status review*

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

## 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, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board and Youth Advisory Committee.

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



## SCAMS AND FRAUD

**Tuesday, December 5  
7-9pm**

**Greenbelt Community Ctr.  
15 Crescent Road**

Come out to this free seminar and find out about Scams and Frauds that are taking place in

and around our community. Learn about what steps you can take to avoid being victimized. This multimedia presentation is part of a Lecture Series sponsored by the Greenbelt Citizen's Police Academy and the Greenbelt Police Department.

For more information: George Mathews at 240-542-2116.

## Memory and/or Mental Health Screenings Thursday, November 30 from 5:30pm-7:30pm Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Rd.

Sponsored by the GAIL Program in partnership with Washington Adventist School of Nursing Registered nurses.

For Greenbelt residents. Home visits are available for home bound residents.

You must pre-register: Contact Nima Shamsa at 240-542-2033 or via email, [nshamsa@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:nshamsa@greenbeltmd.gov)

**The City of Greenbelt wishes everyone a very safe, happy and thankful Thanksgiving Holiday!**

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Emmett Jordan is sworn in as councilmember, with his cousins on Monday, November 13. From left, Sydney Harrison, Prince George's County Clerk of the Court, Lecia Eason, Emmett Jordan and Lynn Hicks.

Photos by Sharon Natoli

development where it is appropriate. She said that the city must face challenges such as the maglev train, zoning rewrite and widening of the Beltway and Baltimore-Washington Parkway with council, staff and residents on board. She pledged to listen "as always" and declared, "I am committed to community."

### Colin Byrd

Byrd said he would be particularly focused on protecting old Greenbelt while representing and uniting all sections of the city. He pledged to be a collaborative colleague, a good friend and someone who "listens humbly, learns quickly, communicates effectively and explains things rationally."

### Silke Pope

Councilmember Silke Pope told the audience that she was still working to establish a second dog park. "It will happen one of these days," she pledged. Her other priorities include connectivity throughout the city. The path at Greenbelt Station needs to be resolved, she said. There are a lot of Greenbelt issues for council to focus upon so it must work together as a team to accomplish its goals.

### Rodney Roberts

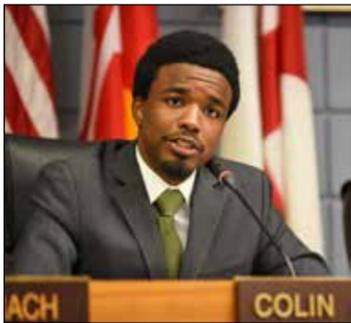
Councilmember Rodney Roberts encouraged those who ran for council but were not elected to not give up. "Not everyone can win the first time around," he said. Referring to the proposals to widen the Beltway and Baltimore-Washington Parkway and the proposed maglev train, he said these initiatives threaten to disrupt residents' quality of life, and he hoped everyone could "come together to defeat these menaces."

### Leta Mach

Councilmember Leta Mach looked forward to the completion of the dam repairs and implementing the voting age change. She pledged to seriously consider the issues affecting the city that her colleagues had already mentioned and pledged to build upon the spirit of Greenbelt, the spirit of working together and the spirit of cooperation. "I am committed to doing my part," she said.

### Edward Putens

Edward Putens, the longest serving of the councilmembers, pointed out that this was the first election for City Manager Nicole Ard and City Clerk Bonita Anderson to oversee. He focused on the maglev proposal that would have serious impact on everyone on both sides of the Parkway and said that residents need to speak out, write letters and let their voices be heard to



Colin Byrd takes his seat for his first council meeting.

stop this proposal that "came out of nowhere."

### Konrad Herling

The last order of business was recognizing retiring Councilmember Konrad Herling for his years of service to the community. Daryl Pennington, constituent services liaison for Representative Steny Hoyer's district office, presented a message expressing Hoyer's appreciation of Herling's outstanding leadership and work ethic.

Then, Jordan added the city's appreciation and thanks by presenting an acrylic plaque and Greenbelt watch to Herling. With that, council adjourned and headed for a reception honoring Herling and new councilmember Byrd.

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acting as a facilitator. She encourages them to ask questions, clarify information and use "accountable talk," in which the students are required to explain their work and how they reached an answer. It's a "conversation between the students," she explained.

"When you go into her classroom, you will always see students who are engaged and re-

ally taking responsibility for their own learning," Gillens said. "It's very enlightening to see her within the classroom."

Navarro is also the instructional chair for the third grade, which requires her to organize weekly collaborative meetings, publish a monthly newsletter, organize a weekly lesson for the grade, regularly meet with Principal Gillens and pass along

information to the other third grade teachers.

Furthermore, Navarro is on the School Leadership Team and School Based Management Team. This requires her to participate in a leadership book study and give input on the school's budget and programs.

*Maria Herd is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism writing for the News Review.*

# Magnolia Elementary School Teacher Wears Many Hats

by Maria Herd

Demetrice Bettis is a second-grade teacher at Magnolia Elementary School who wears many hats. She coordinates the robotics program at Magnolia, is the Instructional Chair for the second grade and helps with National Board Certification. She also teaches Sunday school at her church.

Principal Phyllis Gillens said that whenever someone goes to Bettis with a task, she is going to put in 100 percent. "Her dedication to her students is very refreshing and rewarding," Gillens continued. "She is very enthusiastic and a person who never says 'no.'"

Bettis completed her bachelor's degree in accounting from DePaul University in Chicago, and worked in accounting and healthcare finance for several years. She got married and moved around the country with her husband, working as a homemaker. Bettis's husband suffered from depression, and after they moved to South Carolina, he committed suicide.

"He was a very caring, loving and intelligent husband and dad," she said. "But when that happened my whole world turned around."

Bettis suddenly found herself in a new place with no family or job and an 18-month-old daughter to provide for. She found a sup-

port system in South Carolina. "The outpouring from the community was remarkable," Bettis said.

Her church gave her a part-time job training teachers how to use computers. "That was the beginning of my teaching career," she said.

Then Bettis moved to Chicago to be with her family. She planned to go back into accounting until a friend encouraged her to become a teacher so that she could spend more time with her daughter. Accountants tend to work 18-hour days, Bettis said. "I didn't mind that, but now my life was different because I had a little girl who just lost her dad and she didn't deserve a quarter of a parent."

Bettis became a substitute teacher, and then a teaching assistant while she completed her master's degree in teaching at Concordia University in Chicago. Around the time she graduated, 850 teachers in the Chicago metro area were laid off. So Bettis began searching online for teaching jobs in other parts of the country.

She landed a job at Magnolia, and six years later she couldn't be happier. "It was like God placed me here," she said. "The Magnolia family just embraced me, and I'm eternally grateful for that."

Her teaching philosophy is to give students the tools they need to succeed. Her second grad-



Demetrice Bettis, second grade teacher at Magnolia Elementary School

ers have a hard time sitting still for extended periods of time, so she has stability balls in her classroom. She also lets student choose from different activities according to their own learning style and ability.

As the robotics coordinator, Gillens says that Bettis shows true commitment and leadership because of the extensive time commitment to the program. Sometimes the program meets from two to five days a week for two hours at a time. Not only does Bettis volunteer her time, she "shows true leadership because she gets other teachers to volunteer their time, too," said Gillens.

*Maria Herd is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism writing for the News Review.*

**Urgent! Public Meeting!**



To protect our home values and neighborhoods from the maglev train wreck:

**STOP**  
the proposed route through Greenbelt 1500 feet from homes bordering the forest!

**STOP**  
the destruction of the Forest Preserve North Woods!

**STOP**  
the jet engine-like sonic booms from a 300 mph train!

Meet the people who have STOPPED this train in Bowie!

Delegate Alonzo Washington Meeting  
7 pm, Monday, November 27th  
Eleanor Roosevelt High School

Stand Strong Greenbelt!  
Stop the train! Stop the noise! Stop the pollution!  
"Let the only loudness be our voices heard!"



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or email: rbeeg5908@gmail.com

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that residents look into it.

Dorian Winterfeld appeared on behalf of the New Deal Café, requesting a letter of support for the Café as it applies to the county for the first time for a live entertainment permit. Although this program has existed for a long time, the New Deal was one of the venues that were exempt from the permitting process in the past but now must file due to revised rules. Since the deadline was close, councilmembers took action to agree to supply the letter, but they also wanted to look into whether the annual fee of \$1,500 is equitable. Acting Director of Planning Terri Hruby explained that the reason the county has dropped the exemptions is that the permit requires development of an emergency plan, for which applicants must have their local police department's approval.

Resident Colin Byrd pointed out that the Environmental Protection Agency had published notice of intent for a rule that would rescind the Clean Power Plant rule put in place by the Obama administration. He asked the city to take a stand on this action.

**Letters of Opposition**

Council unanimously approved the sending of letters of opposition in several different areas of transportation, which they and residents discussed for a good deal of time. One is to be sent to Governor Hogan opposing his recent proposal to widen I-270, I-495 (the Capital Beltway) and MD 295 (the Baltimore-Washington Parkway).

Another letter was approved to be sent to the Maryland Transit Administration in opposition to the proposed maglev train proposal. Two of the proposed routes would pass through Greenbelt. The city council had discussed this project at a meeting on October 9 and a worksession with representatives of Baltimore Washington Rapid Rail, the project developers, on October 11. Residents who spoke against the project included Laura Kressler, Colin Byrd, Susan Barnett and Aaron Marcavitch.

Council also unanimously approved sending a letter of opposition to the draft Fiscal Year 2018-2023 Maryland Department of Transportation Consolidated Transportation Program. Significant program changes for Greenbelt in the plan include the removal of the Full Interchange at

Greenbelt Metro Station from the construction program with funding diverted to planning for the proposed Baltimore-Washington Superconducting Maglev project and for a study to look at widening of the Capital Beltway to alleviate congestion. In response to a question from Davis, Hruby assured council that the letter would include support for other projects the city urges funding for, including the Greenbelt Road Streetscape project, bikeways and local bus funding, the Purple Line, sound barriers and support for WMATA.

**Capital Office Park Pavilion**

Council voted to support a revised Detailed Site Plan from Morning Calm Management, the new owners of Capital Office Park for minor amendments to the existing plan, which would provide for outdoor tenant amenities. The project will include a three-season pavilion structure with moveable glass walls and the delineation of a tenant activity and shared community area. Staff recommended that council approve the plan, with two conditions designed to improve pedestrian access.

**Easement on Lakeside**

An easement is shown in past documents for use of a walking path at 10 Lakeside Drive that is used by the public to connect from Lakeside to such locations as the Greenbelt Library, the Community Center and Greenbelt Homes, Inc., but it was not recorded in the most recent sale of the property. Council voted unanimously to authorize the city manager to obtain an easement from the current owners at the city's expense.

Since this was the last regular meeting of this council, as well as Councilmember Konrad Herling's last meeting, the evening closed with everyone's reflections on the last two years, including many staff changes and the arrival of the new city manager, Nicole Ard. Looking forward, there was agreement that the incoming council would continue to experience many changes and complicated challenges.



**Scouting For Food: Scouts Collect Bags**



PHOTO BY CANDICE SHIPP

**Anthony Shipp, Bear, Cub Scout Pack 202, delivers bags for food collection.**

Each year, Greenbelt's Cub Scout Pack 202 and Boy Scout Troop 746 team up to participate in Scouting for Food, an annual collection organized by the Boy Scouts of America National Capital Area Council to help combat hunger in local neighborhoods. This year, Greenbelt Scouts dropped off donation bags to over 2500 doorsteps the first week in November, and collected the filled bags on November 11.

After collection, everything was brought to Greenbelt Community Church to be sorted. Scouts ranging in age from 5-17 years scurried about the hallway, each assisting with a particular task: checking for expired food; bagging items; and transferring completed bags to the loading dock. 1700 lbs of food will be distributed to local families!

Becca Ossi, the mother of Jude, a Wolf, and Nolan, a Webe-lo, assisted throughout the collection. "We had a great time," she said. "The boys were very impressed by the generosity of the community!" This sentiment was shared by Candice Shipp, Cubmaster of Pack 202. "I was worried we hadn't collected as much as last year," she shared, "but Greenbelt really came through! We beat our total from last year by over 50 lbs."

Collected items were donated to Help-by-Phone, a food bank run out of Berwyn Heights for PG County residents, and St. Hugh's Food Pantry, a local assistance program. If you forgot to leave your bag on your step, or would like to donate additional goods, please drop off items at the Coop in the bin marked for St. Hugh's.

For more information about Pack 202's activities or to learn more about Scouting opportunities for boys in K-5th grade, please visit Pack202.org.

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PHOTO BY KAREN ARRINGTON

**Tea bowls by Karen Arrington**

will be available from Friends of Greenbelt Theatre, which operates the city's historic cinema in Roosevelt Center. Friends of the Greenbelt Museum, which sponsors free local history programs throughout the year, will offer an array of wares with vintage flair in addition to Museum memberships. The Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) will operate a café during all fair hours, with vegetarian options available; GAC is a black box community theater with an ambitious annual calendar of in-house and guest productions for audiences of all ages.

On Saturday, December 2, enjoy performances by the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) Dixieland Band and other ERHS musical ensembles from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Also on Saturday, enter a drawing to win \$50 in Art Bucks to spend at the Art and Craft Fair by voting for your favorite artisan in each of the show's five rooms on the first and third floors. Entry forms will be available at the Recreation Department Arts Program table in the gymnasium, in front of the stage. The winner of the drawing will be contacted on Saturday evening and will have all day on Sunday to shop.

Special activities on Sunday will include a free craft workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. in which



PHOTO BY DAMIEN OSSI

**Wooden spoons by Damien Ossi**

guests can make lanterns with artist Amanda Demos Larsen. From 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., enjoy a lively klezmer concert with Seth Kibel and Friends. From 1 to 4 p.m., enjoy a studio open house and sale with the Community Center's artists in residence. Just a short walk from the Community Center, the Greenbelt Farmers Market will host their annual outdoor Holiday Market from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For additional arts program information, follow Greenbelt Recreation ARTS on Facebook or call 301-397-2208.



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# Local Fourth-grader Hosts Radio Show

by Stephanie Selzer



PHOTO BY MELANIE ARTER

Miracle (right) with guests MacKenzie, Madison and Kylie

Miracle Omar might be the most ambitious 9-year-old one would ever meet. She helps the homeless, acts in plays and maintains her own YouTube channel. Miracle does all of this while also attending school at Springhill Lake Elementary.

Perhaps most impressive, she started her own radio talk show on Baltimore's WOLB 1010 this past February. On every second and fourth Saturday of the month, listeners can hear Life with the Princess, where Miracle gives life tips, interviews guests and even sings her own theme music.

The idea for the radio show came about when Miracle was interviewed by a Radio One-owned station in Baltimore. After discussing her campaign to collect socks for the homeless, the interviewer suggested that Miracle should do her own show. Soon after, Miracle and her parents approached WOLB, another Radio One station, and pitched her show: a radio show for and about kids.

Whether providing safety tips for Halloween or interviewing young activists from the community, Miracle hopes to be the voice of her generation. "I want people to learn on my show," she said.

One of Miracle's biggest interviews on Life with the Princess was with singer and reality TV personality Tamar Braxton. When she found out that Braxton was in the studio next door, Miracle took the initiative to ask for an interview. "I was going to touch the clouds because I was really excited," she said.

But Miracle doesn't do it alone. Her mother, Melanie Arter, is a White House reporter for CNS News, and actually had her own radio show as a teenager in Pittsburgh. Arter helps with scripts and finding interesting people for Miracle to interview on the show. "I never knew at this age that she would be so talented," she said. "I never would have thought that she would be doing something like this at this

age. I'm very, very proud."

Miracle also receives help from WOLB audio engineer Uchenna Egbe. Egbe provides sound for the show, and helped Miracle and her mother learn about producing a live radio show. He is very impressed with Miracle's talents. "She can hold her own," said Egbe. "She is a force to be reckoned with."

As she gets older, Miracle thinks she will continue with radio, but she is also interested in pursuing singing, acting and dancing.

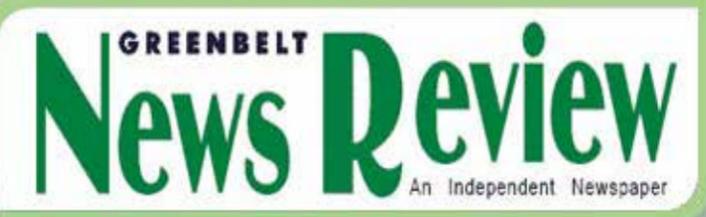
Starting this month, she is part of the ensemble cast in the Greenbelt Arts Center's production of The Wizard of Oz. Not

bad for someone still in fourth grade.

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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.

## Home Invasion

November 12, 6:45 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. People inside a residence heard a knock at the door and when one of them opened it, two men forced their way inside. One of the men produced a handgun and announced a robbery. He and the other man then ransacked the home and took a television and backpack before they fled. No one was injured. Both men are described as being black, one 22 to 23 years old, 5 feet 4 inches to 5 feet 6 inches tall, 150 to 160 pounds, with a light complexion and hair in long dreadlocks, wearing a green military-type jacket with a hood, and the other man 22 to 23 years old, 5 feet 8 inches to 5 feet 10 inches tall, 140 to 150 pounds, with short hair, wearing a skull-type hat.

## Robbery

November 12, 5 p.m., 8200 block Mandan Road. A man agreed to purchase a camera over a social media app and responded to the location agreed upon to complete the sale. Upon arrival he was approached by two men. One punched him several times and took his wallet before both men fled. The seller refused treatment for minor injuries. One of the men is described as black, approximately 17 years old, 6 feet 2 inches tall, with a thin build and dark complexion, wearing a blue striped hooded sweatshirt, with the other man approximately 22 years old, 6 feet 4 inches tall, with a thin build, wearing a grey hooded sweatshirt.

November 14, 4:20 a.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. A man who was walking to his vehicle was approached by another man, who produced a handgun and announced a robbery. He took money from the walker's wallet and his cell phone before fleeing on foot.

## Assault

November 9, 7:58 a.m., 100 block Centerway. A 41-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with first degree assault, second degree assault, trespass and theft after he allegedly threatened an employee at Centerway Mini Mart with a barbecue grill-type fork. He then took a lighter from the counter and left the store. He was located nearby and

the employee positively identified him. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

## Theft

November 9, 10 a.m., 7700 block Mandan Road. A package was taken from the stoop of a residence.

## Fraud

November 10, noon, 14 Parkway. A man who saw an ad on Craigslist for a house to rent met with and gave the woman he thought to be in charge a down payment on the residence. He later discovered that the woman was not a representative of the property.

## Animal Complaint

November 15, 3:10 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road. A man in his living room heard glass in his bedroom breaking. He fled the apartment and contacted police. Responding officers discovered that a deer had broken through the bedroom window and entered the residence. The deer was injured during the incident and had to be euthanized.

## Burglary

November 13, 6 a.m., 5300 block Settlers Pond Lane. Electrical wiring was taken from a house under construction.

November 13, 2:50 p.m., 7800 block Hanover Parkway. An attempt was made to enter a residence by tampering with the door lock assembly, damaging it. Entry was not gained.

November 15, 12:40 a.m., 7100 block Megan Lane. The door to a garage was found open. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

## Vandalism

November 11, 3:56 p.m., 7800 block Walker Drive. Graffiti containing offensive language was scratched into the wall of an elevator.

November 12, 3 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. Two windows of a vacant residence were broken out.

## Vehicle Crime

Six thefts from vehicles were reported. Rear tag Md. 5CC5908 was taken from the 6500 block Capitol Drive and a front tag from the 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A cell phone was taken in the 7500 block Greenbelt Road

from a possibly unlocked vehicle.

Three thefts involved windows. In the 8300 block Canning Terrace a front passenger window was broken out and a laptop computer and book were taken. In the 7500 block Greenway Center Drive a purse and clothing were taken after a rear passenger window was broken out. In the 6100 block Springhill Terrace a cell phone was taken after windows were left open.

Nine instances of vandalism were reported. Tires were slashed on five vehicles in the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. Paint on two vehicles was scratched, one each, in the 9200 block Springhill Lane and 6100 block Breezewood Drive. A driver's side window was broken in the 6400 block Ivy Lane and a rear windshield in the 7800 block Hanover Parkway.



**Flying Monkeys by Philecia Conte, 6th Grade which will be on display in the gallery for the upcoming GAC show.**



# GAC Displays Students' Art Inspired by The Wizard of Oz

by Stephanie Selzer

If you plan on seeing the Greenbelt Arts Center's (GAC's) upcoming production of The Wizard of Oz, be sure to check out the art gallery before or after the show. There you will find artwork inspired by the play and created by Greenbelt Elementary School and Greenbelt Middle School students.

GAC asked several art teachers to have their students create and submit artwork based on the musical fantasy.

Lucy Silver and Emmie Healey are art instructors at Greenbelt Elementary School who teach after-school classes coordinated by the Greenbelt Recreation Department. They started by asking their students what they knew about The Wizard of Oz in order to brainstorm ideas. "Kids are very willing to tell you what they know, and hear what other kids are thinking," said Healey. Even if some had never seen the 1939 film with Judy Garland, they were still familiar with the characters and the plot.

Silver shared her own drawings to inspire her students. Using markers and paper, a lot of her students gravitated towards drawing the melting Wicked Witch of the West. Some also drew the scene where Dorothy and her friends fall asleep in a field of poppies on their way to The Emerald City.

Healey's students actually worked together to complete a large piece focused on The Emerald City itself. Each student worked on a personal collage with construction paper and tack board. When lined up together, the collages created one long continuous landscape of the fictional city. "It is good to have them work together," said Healey.



**Road to the Emerald City: Giselle Baires, 8th Grade**

"They were totally down for collaborating."

Kate Conrad and her students at Greenbelt Middle School were excited to create work that would be seen by a larger audience. "A lot of times kids make things in art class, and people don't always know the wonderful work they do," she said.

Conrad encouraged her students to use the art styles and techniques they had previously learned to embellish their projects. Students used watercolors, zentangle patterns and aluminum embossing to create hot air balloons and the yellow brick road.

Conrad is very proud of her students' work and creative thinking. "They are very creative. People forget how creative they are. They immediately had ideas. It makes me so hopeful for art in our society," she said.

The Wizard of Oz runs from November 24 through December 17 at GAC. The art gallery and ticket office open one hour before show time. For tickets or more information, visit [greenbelartscenter.org](http://greenbelartscenter.org).

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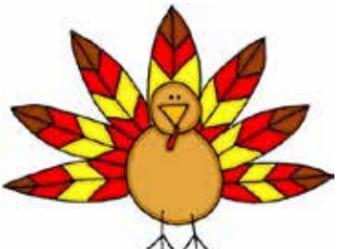
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You may contact Peter Joseph at (301) 474-4161 ext. 141 or email [pjoseph@ghi.coop](mailto:pjoseph@ghi.coop) if you have any questions or comments.

# FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS 2017

The Festival of Lights is a seasonal celebration with activities for all ages. Neighbors of all backgrounds and traditions are invited to come together in a spirit of peace and hope. We celebrate the sense of community that will warm our hearts during the cold winter ahead, and contemplate with joyous anticipation how we aspire to shine brightly in the new year to come!

City of Greenbelt Department of Recreation, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 Business Office: 301-397-2200 [www.greenbeltdmd.gov/recreation](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/recreation)

## COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING

Friday, December 1, 7pm, FREE!

Roosevelt Center Mall, All ages welcome

Holiday lights will adorn the tree in the traditional spirit of the Festival of Lights season. A musical performance by the Greenbelt Concert Band Brass Choir will herald Santa's grand entrance to help light the tree. Complimentary cookies and hot chocolate will be provided by the Recreation Department. Immediately following the tree lighting, please come inside the Old Greenbelt Theatre and enjoy "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (1966).

## DECO THE HALLS

Friday, December 1, 7-9pm

Greenbelt Museum, 10-B Crescent Road

Visit the Museum house at 10-B Crescent Road immediately after the City's tree lighting, to see Deco the Halls, an exhibit of art deco and vintage holiday decorations. Take a quick free tour of this fully furnished original Greenbelt home, which sparkles and glows at night. Then peruse the gift shop, freshly stocked with new holiday merchandise. House and gift shop open 7:00pm-9:00pm.

For more information, call 301-507-6582 or visit [greenbeltmuseum.org](http://greenbeltmuseum.org).



## JURIED ART AND CRAFT FAIR

Greenbelt Community Center  
15 Crescent Rd.

FREE admission and hands-on crafts!

More Information: 301-397-2208

[www.greenbeltdmd.gov/arts](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/arts)

Saturday, December 2, 10am-5pm

ERHS music Ensembles: 2:30-4:30pm

Sunday, December 3, 10am-4pm

FREE all-ages craft workshop with

Amanda Demos Larson: 1-3pm

Artists' studio open house and sale: 1-4pm

Klezmer and more with Seth Kibel:

1:30-3:30pm Instrumental holiday favorites

Greenbelt Arts Center café open during all fair hours.

Shop for original, hand-made wares, direct from local artisans. Also, Greenbelt Museum and Friends of Greenbelt Theatre gifts and books by local authors. Great gifts for all ages and occasions!

## GREENBELT FARMERS MARKET HOLIDAY MARKET

Sunday, December 3 from 10:00am – 2:00pm

Wreaths, gift baskets and comestibles.

Outdoors behind the Greenbelt Municipal Building (25 Crescent Road)

[www.greenbeltfarmersmarket.org](http://www.greenbeltfarmersmarket.org)



## SANTA'S VISIT

Ages Pre-K+

Greenbelt Youth Center

Saturday, December 9, 10am-12pm

Santa has fit time into his busy holiday schedule! All children will receive a FREE picture with Santa!

## ELVES' WORKSHOP #139502-1

Ages 7-12

Greenbelt Youth Center

Saturday, December 9, 1:30-3:30pm

\$10/Child

Pre-registration is required. Spend the afternoon with Santa's Elves creating holiday crafts and cookies.



## NORTH POLE CALLING

Ages pre-school through second grade

Tuesday, December 12 - Thursday, December 14

6:00-7:30pm, FREE

Santa and his helpers will make a special CALL to your home to check whether your kids are being naughty or nice. Complete the informational flier available online [www.greenbeltdmd.gov/recreation](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/recreation) and throughout city recreational facilities for your child's opportunity to chat. Return flier by 12/14 to the Greenbelt Youth Center, 99 Centerway.

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Greenbelt Lions Club in conjunction with American Legion Post 136

Post 136

Saturday, December 2, 8am-11am

Children 12 and under:

Free w/paying adult

All others – \$7/person

Greenbelt American Legion Post 136,

6900 Greenbelt Rd, Greenbelt, MD

Includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, hot chocolate, milk, and orange juice. Bring camera for picture with Santa! Info: 301-474-8964



## GREENBELT EAST ADVISORY

### COMMITTEE TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Sunday, December 3, 6pm, Open to all ages.

Greenbriar Community Building- FREE! 301-441-1096

## THE NEW DEAL NUT: A Greenbelt Nutcracker

Greenbelt Community Center Gym, 15 Crescent Road

Saturday, December 16, 3-4pm

Sunday, December 17, 3-4pm

The Greenbelt Dance Studio, a program of the Greenbelt Department of Recreation, presents an original production inspired by holiday favorite, *The Nutcracker*. Set in Greenbelt past and present, *The New Deal Nut: A Greenbelt Nutcracker* features a range of dance styles including ballet, jazz, tap, and contemporary, performed by a talented cast of dancers from elementary through high school.



FREE, but tickets are required. To order tickets, call or visit the Community Center business office (301-397-2208), Monday-Friday, 9:00am- 4:30pm. Tickets will be available starting November 27.

## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE HOLIDAY MOVIE LINE UP

Friday, December 1 after tree lighting

*How the Grinch Stole Christmas*-FREE

Saturday, December 2 @ 11am: *Spirited Away*-Ticketed

Monday, December 4 @ 1pm, *Harvey, Staring Jimmy Stewart*-FREE

For information on becoming a member <http://greenbelttheatre.org>.

## RECREATION FACILITY HOLIDAY HOURS

Date	GCC	GAFC	YC & SHLRC
12/24	9am-5pm	8am-5pm	12pm-5pm
12/25	CLOSED	12pm-4pm	12pm-4pm
12/31	9am-5pm	8am-5pm	12pm-5pm
1/01	CLOSED	12pm-4pm	12pm-4pm

Happy Holidays to all from the Greenbelt Recreation Department!

## GREENBELT CONCERT BAND HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONCERT

Greenbelt Community Center Gym

Sunday, December 10, 3pm - FREE

Hear all your holiday favorites, played live by the members of your community band under the direction of Joan Rackey.



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