Full House Sees Emmett Jordan Elected and Inducted as Mayor

by Diane Oberg

The Greenbelt City Council met on November 11, with Emmett Jordan as mayor pro tem. Jordan was elected mayor by acclamation, with every vote in support. He was joined on the dais by Judith Davis, who was nominated as mayor pro tem.

Elected and Inducted as Mayor

Jordan, a long-time advocate for Greenbelt, said he is honored to serve as the city’s mayor and expressed his commitment to making Greenbelt a better place for all residents. Davis, a dedicated community leader, was also elected as mayor pro tem.

Council elects the oath of office before new Mayor Emmett Jordan (left). From right are Councilmembers Leta Mach, Judith Davis, Silke Pope, Rodney Roberts, Edward Putens and Konrad Herling.

National Education Week

Schools Everywhere Celebrate National Education Week

by Mary Moien

National Education Week – November 11 to 17, 2013 – is a time to celebrate the achievements of our nation’s students, teachers, and educators. It is a week to honor the contributions of those who are making a difference in ensuring that every child receives a quality education. National Education Week is always celebrated the week prior to the week of Thanksgiving.

For the last several years, schools in Greenbelt and throughout the country have used this week to remind people of the importance of public education, under the banner of: “Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility.” This year, however, the National Education Association has asked community members to take a pledge to support the nation’s public schools for National Education Week and beyond. The pledge can be found at www.nea.org. Details of the pledge include that:

- Every child in America should have access to quality public education, regardless of family income or where they live.
- All educators should be respected and treated as professionals and participate in key education policy discussions.
- Parents, families, communities, and educators should come together and create partnerships to foster environments that are conducive to student learning.
- Elected officials should do their part to ensure adequate tools and resources for all schools, including educators in key policy discussions and make sure that students have access to a world-class education – from pre-K and beyond.
- Public schools should have smaller class sizes, up-to-date textbooks, and safe and clean environments.

In proclaiming last year’s 2012 National Education Week, President Barack Obama said: “Children deserve access to a world-class education and the chance to pursue their dreams. Our schools are a gateway to those opportunities and the key to our Nation’s economic prosperity and civic life. This week we reaffirm our national mission of educating our students and training our workers better than any other country on earth.”

The Greenbelt News Review recognizes the interest of the entire community in the success of its schools and students. Over the next few weeks, the newspaper will highlight profiles of a few Greenbelt teachers or school staff members from the five schools that serve our community – Greenbelt, Magnolia and Springhill Lake Elementary Schools, Greenbelt Middle School, Eleanor Roosevelt High School and Turning Point Academy, a public charter school.

The News Review also provides information throughout the year on local schools, teachers, students and activities and encourages the school staff to inform the paper of special events. See EDUCATION, page 7

Co-op Reports Second Best Year at Its Annual Meeting

by Joe Timer

The 65 members of Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative (GCC) attending the Co-op’s annual meeting on November 2 listened as Manager Bob Davis and Treasurer Joe Timer highlighted store operations and the financial results for the fiscal year ending July 31. The Co-op reports financial results following an audit review of store operations and accounting records. Co-op Board Chair Donna Wolf moderates a Coyote Creek Store, which is now 100 percent wind-powered with electricity supplied by Clean Current. She reported as well that the store now opens on Sundays at 9 a.m.

Timmer said the results for Fiscal Year 2012 had been at historic highs but that results for Fiscal Year 2013 were “second best.” Annual revenue totaled $12.8 million. Income from core operations was $84,007, $76,636, for the second consecutive year with an operating profit. Total income before taxes, patronage refunds, bonuses and additions to the retirement plan was $288,941 for FY13.

Davis said the current fiscal year has had its challenges, including the federal government shutdown. Sales for the first three months of Fiscal Year 2014 are down about four percent, he said.

Davis also mentioned that planned improvements to the store will include second-floor renovations and a new hot-foods deli in early 2014.

Co-op Surplus

Technically, cooperatives report a “surplus,” not a profit. A member’s surplus is then shared with those who had contributed to the Co-op’s successful year – its employees and its members. The Board of Directors earmarked $88,216 for employee bonuses for the store’s 51 eligible employees and $27,926 for additions to the profit-sharing retirement plan. The box represents five percent of their wages for the year.

Members will be receiving patronage refunds of $159,689, with 50 percent of that refund being invested in the Co-op’s members’ cash voucher. GCC plans a late-November mailing of vouchers, which can be used to purchase...
Thank You,

News Review

I am gratified and humbled by the support that voters gave to me and by the trust the council has shown in me. My aim is to do my best for all Greenbelt citizens. I promise to work hard, listen attentively, consider all issues thoughtfully and thoroughly and always act in the best interests of the city. The spirit of Greenbelt is great. I am eager to make it better.

Letia Mach

THANKS

My thanks to all the Greenbelters who voted in last week’s election. The vitality of our city depends on its residents being informed and engaged. I pledge to continue to support that voters gave to me and to the trust the council has shown in me as your mayor. I appreciate this more than you can know.

I thank my fellow candidates for the spirited and heartfelt campaigns that they ran. During the campaign I hoped we could follow up on many of the ideas that were raised. We have many challenges and opportunities ahead of us but I feel confident that our residents and council are ready to tackle and respond positively to them.

Emmett V. Jordan

Thanks to a Great Community!

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to everyone who voted, supported, endorsed and contributed to my campaign for the Greenbelt City Council. At about 170 votes away from a seat, this was a very strong campaign for a first run, especially here in Greenbelt where incumbents usually win. I would like to congratulate the city council, and in particular our new mayor, Emmett Jordan. I am looking forward to seeing council under his leadership.

Since so many people asked, I have already promised to try again next election. Therefore the campaign’s Facebook page is still open and I will post something soon and now. There’s a lot on my platform where progress has already started, and I am planning to keep going. Issues such as the community gardens and better access to mass transit and bicycling routes have been far off long enough and are something to support another two years before working on the other issues. We face a community on these issues. I think the campaign has already made an impact and I hope to see some changes reflected in council from such a close race.

I want to encourage other potential candidates from our fantastic community leaders to run. Presenting challengers to office is an important part of democracy at all levels and should always be promoted.

I mean this sincerely when I say that the thing that makes Greenbelt great is the fact that we have so many great leaders within our community leading under the way every day. Any new are willing to step up their commitment to this city by running for office, there is hope that you have a chance to do your part.

As a 2015 this will be here still be helping out and volunteering and advocating for the environment, progress and purpose and I am available to talk to about Letters to the Editor

THANK YOU!

I wish to express my sincerest thanks to all who voted for me in the council election held November 5. I am deeply honored that the citizens of Greenbelt have returned me to serve on city council.

My gratitude also goes to those who supported generously to my campaign and worked so hard on my behalf, especially those who have supported me for over 20 years. I pledge to do my very best to serve all the citizens of Greenbelt with renewed energy and enthusiasm.

I congratulate our new mayor and look forward to working with my colleagues in meeting the challenges our city will certainly face in the next two years and perhaps beyond.

J Davis

THANK YOU

I would like to take this time to recognize and thank everyone who voted in the election. I would especially like to thank those who supported me. I am honored to have your trust.

During the campaign, I appreciated hearing from my colleagues and hearing your thoughts and concerns. As a young councilmember, I aim to do my best for all Greenbelt citizens.

Peggy Higgins

NOTICE TO GH MEMBERS
PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GDC & GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING
Thursday, November 21, 2013
GH Administration Building, 7:30 PM

GDC Key Agenda Items:
• Review 3rd Quarter Financial Statements

GHI Key Agenda Items:
• Yard Line Classification: 44A Ridge, 65A-M Ridge, 5A-N Laurel Hill Road, 135A-B Northway, 133 Greenhill, and 43-A Ridge
• Review 3rd Quarter Financial Statements
• Board Meeting Dates for January to May 2014
• 2014 Operating Budget, 2nd Reading
• Tree Maintenance Contract for 2014-2016, 2nd Reading
• Facilities Contract for Administration Building for 2014-2016, 2nd Reading
• Pest Control Contract for 2014-2016, 2nd Reading

Regular Board meetings are open to Members. For more information, visit our website - www.ghi.coop

To request a sign language interpreter for this meeting, go to http://www.ghi.coop/content/interpreter-requestform.or to the GHI Office (One Homeland Place) or contact us by phone (301-474-4100) or fax (301-474-4500).

Thanksgiving Week Deadline Changes

Due to the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 28, the deadline for the News Review will be Monday, November 25. All letters, photos, articles and ad submissions 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 a.m. The usual Wednesday composition work and final proofing will be done Tuesday evening.

All copy – ads, articles, photos, letters – must reach us at least one day prior, 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.

Grin Belt

On Screen

From Violinist to Slave

Opening at Old Greenbelt Theatre on Friday, November 15 is “12 Years a Slave,” a fiercely-limited film that turns the land of the free into the land of the oppressed. This free-born African American violinist is kidnapped in the 1840s from Washington, D.C., and enslaved on a Louisiana plantation.

Solomone Northrup (Chiwetel Ejiofor) never loses sight of goal to return to his family in New York; a book he wrote was published in 1853. Weighing in with sadistic fervor is plantation owner Edwin Epps (Michael Fassbinder). Directed by Steve McQueen (“Hunger”) ties the demanding strands together. R, for violence, cruelty, some nudity. Running time: 134 minutes.

- Eli Flam

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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 Costco-grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, during office hours. Mail submissions—$4/day.
Diabetes Awareness At Beltway Plaza
On Saturday, November 16 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. there will be a Diabetes Awareness Month free health education event at Beltway Plaza near the Giant Food Store. Doctors Community Hospital is providing diabetes screenings, education, and expert consultation especially for the holiday season, eye care information, healthy cooking ideas and product samples and giveaways.

Diabetes is the fourth leading cause of death in Prince George’s County, with 12 percent of county residents known to have diabetes. In addition to diabetes complications, diabetics are two to four times likelier to have cardiovascular disease or a stroke. There are two kinds of diabetes, identified as Type 1, which usually develops in children or young adults, and Type 2 that usually strikes those age 35 and older and those with a family history of the disease. It is important to recognize diabetes symptoms, which may include extreme thirst, frequent urination, unexplained weight loss, increased hunger, blurry vision, irritability, tingling numbness in hands or feet, frequent infections, unusual skin infections, wounds that don’t heal or extreme fatigue.

For more information call Doctors Community Hospital at 301-324-4968.

GHI Notes
Thursday, November 14, 6:45 p.m., Investment Committee Meeting – Board Room 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting – Board Room
Monday, November 18, 2 p.m., Bylaws Task Force Meeting – GHI Library 7:30 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room
Tuesday, November 19, 8:30 p.m., Yardline Committee Meeting – GHI Library
Read to Rover Sunday, 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.

Combined Choir Seeks Singers Come See the Combined Choir is seeking singers for the Thanksgiving Interfaith Service at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 27.

Open Microphone For Kids on Sunday Kids will take the stage at the New Deal Café for an Open Microphone Session on Sunday, November 17 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Children up to age 17 are invited to come to the New Deal Café through next Friday, November 22.

Reel ’n Meal Shows Peaceable Kingdom On Monday, November 18 at 7 p.m. this month’s Reel and Meal will be sponsored by Green Vegan Networking, will screen the film "Peaceable Kingdom: The Journey Home" just ahead of Thanksgiving. A vegan buffet is available for purchase at 5 p.m.

The movie explores the evolution of several people who grew up in a traditional farming culture who have come to question basic assumptions about their way of life. Presented as a tapestry of memories, music and accounts of life-altering moments, the film delves into farmers’ connections with the animals in their care and shows the web of social, psychological and economic forces that frame their present dilemmas.

More information is at www.peaceablekingdomfilm.org/home.

All donations are being a vegan non-perishable food item for the “Vegan Thanksgiving” food drive. Food will be distributed to needy area families. The drop box will be at New Deal Café through next Friday, November 22.

To meet the next meeting of the Beltway Plaza Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will be on Wednesday, November 20 at 7:30 p.m., in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church. The Social Hall is at the rear of the church on the lower level of the church.

Toastmasters offers professionals, students, stay-at-home parents, and retirees a supportive environment to improve skills in communication and leadership. Members learn to lose the fear of public speaking and better listeners and build skills for success.

Greenbelt Arts Center

Open Mic Night


BOOK TIX ONLINE at www.greenbeltsquaretheatre.com

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Grant for Home Aids Awarded to GAIL

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program has been awarded a grant for home aid services, modifications and their installation to assist qualified applicants in managing their homes as long as possible.

Among the items covered by this grant are motorized stair lifts, interior stair railings, low-bar height restrooms, safety grab bars, handicap-accessible toilets, seat risers, standard shower chairs, portable metal mats, safety floor-to-ceiling poles and bed rails. Awards to each household are determined on the total number of applicants, funds availability, priority and individual need.

Program grants are open to residents who are 62 or over or who are disabled, including renters who have the written approval of the property owner. Applicants need to qualify by income with proof submitted in the form of 2012 and 2013 tax forms, Social Security information, proof of assets and, if applicable, proof of disability. A home visit will be part of the application process.

To obtain an application, call GAIL CARES at 301-345-6660 or visit the city website at www.greenbeltmd.gov. The deadline for filing applications is November 29. For further information call GAIL intern Emily Dow at 301-345-6660. ext. 209 on Tuesdays from 9 to 5 p.m., Wednesdays 3 to 6 p.m. and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors www.greenbeltumc.org/10410 Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor
Worship Service 10 a.m.
MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 18-22

Monday, November 18 at 8pm, COUNCIL WORK SESSION-City Manager Update at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming.

Wednesday, November 20 at 7:30pm, PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD, the Board will be discussing PLAYGROUND FINAL MATERIALS. A panel of experts in the area of playgrounds will be present to offer their experiences and answer questions. For more information on this meeting contact Julie McHale at 301-397-2200.

Wednesday, November 20 at 8:00pm, EXECUTIVE SESSION OF COUNCIL-see OFFICIAL NOTICE.

Thursday, November 21 at 7:00pm, FOREST PRE- SERVE ADVISORY BOARD, at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 114. On the Agenda: Announcement proposal for FPAB project, to maintain a 4 foot wide access path along the west side of Hamilton Gardens. Report findings on tree survey of Sunday, November 10, 2013 of proposed routine maintenance zone of 8 feet surrounding community gardens. Discussion of Greenbelt Community Garden Club letter/proposal for day lighting and forest gardening 40 foot buffer zone along community garden periphery along forest preserve edges, and Discussion of use of pesticides, herbicides in the forest preserve and community gardens. For more information, contact: cindy.murray@greenbeltmd.gov

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

2013 GOBBLE WOBBLE

Thursday, November 28 at 9:00am Race Day Registration begins at 8am
Greenbelt On 550 A Crescent Road Spend Thanksgiving morning with the Greenbelt Recreation Department as we host the 6th Annual Gobble Wobble. 5K race and a 1.5 mile fun run/walk around Buddy Attick Park. Join your family, friends and neighbors in this great opportunity to Get Active before your feast.

CITY LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE
Public Works reminds residents to rake the leaves to the curb, but not into the street. Please remove all sticks and stones from the pile before the Public Works crews and machinery enters the streets. Areas to be collected will be posted as in past years. We also remind residents not to park in front of leaf piles.
November 18 - 22: Woodland Hills and Windsor Green
November 25 - 27: Lakewood (November 28-29 Holiday)
December 2 - 6: Lakeside, Greenspring I & II
December 9 - 13: Boxwood
December 16 – 20: Woodland Hills and Brookview Village
December 23 - 27: Lakewood and Greenspring I & II

FALL FAMILY FIT NIGHT
Wednesday, November 20, 2013, 6:30-8:00pm
Greenbelt Youth Center Gym

GET ACTIVE! Join family and friends for a night of fitness activities that will get you moving. Activities include inflatible obstacle course, hot shot drills, jump rope endurance and hula hoop dance challenges and much more! Families with children ages 4-6 are welcome. Greenbelt Youth Center hosts the Family Fit Night project in support of First Lady Michelle Obama’s campaign against childhood obesity. All participants are eligible to enter a raffle for Recreation Center and Aquatic Fitness Center day passes!

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HAYE YOU VISITED THE GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER LATELY? 550-A Crescent Road (behind Police Station) 301-474-6124 Come out and visit all of our furry friends! The shelter is open on Wednesdays 4-7pm and Saturdays 9am-12pm.

THE GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER IS GREATLY IN NEED OF YOUR DONATIONS! The shelter is looking for bedding, wet cat food, dry dog food, dish soap, detergent, paper plates, bleach and more. Donations can be dropped off in front of the shelter or call the number listed above.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT MONTH
November is Municipal Government Month. Look for the special flag flying over city hall reminding us that Municipal Government Works!
Fill out our Community Questionnaire and let us know how we are doing.
Check out your knowledge of your city and its municipal government. Fill out the Greenbelt CityLink game and you could win a $20 Target gift card.
Game and Questionnaire are both accessible from www.greenbeltmd.gov

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 more information call 301-474-8000.

THANKS for giving!
Fit ‘N’ Fun Cardio MWF from 10-11:30am at Community Center Dance, Boot Camp, Weights and Floor Work Drop-In Available. To register call 301-397-2208.

OFFICIAL NOTICE
In accordance with Section 10-508(a)(7) of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, an Executive Session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2013, at 8:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in Room 114 of the Greenbelt Community Center.

The purpose of this meeting will be to consult with legal counsel.
Cindy Murray CMC, City Clerk

This is a small city, rich in diversity. We need to celebrate our diversity. "I am very excited to re-elect and to have the opportunity to serve as mayor," he said. He reminded his listeners that under Greenbelt's council-manager form of government, he is just one vote among seven on the council. He pledged to work with his fellow councilmembers to help them achieve their goals for the city.

David

"This is kind of strange," said David, as she settled into the mayor pro tem's seat after so many years in the center chair. She recounted the changes that occurred during her tenure as mayor including the establishment of regular stakeholder meetings and the preservation of open space. Looking back, she described her unique accomplishment, convincing council to renovate the original flagpole at what is now the Greenbelt Community Center. While there was broad skepticism that this was the original city flagpole, she said, research bore out her claim and with assistance from the American Legion, the flagpole was renovated.

Her goals for the city included the theater renovations, restoring Greenbelt Lake, continuing to support green goals and sustainability. She’d like to see an outstanding business award. Her pet project, she said, is to turn the tree trunk near the Community Center into a piece of public art. She is also looking forward to welcoming the new residents of the South Core development near the Metro Station to the city and possibly welcome the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which also might locate there.

She closed by saying that although she knows there are naysayers, she still believes that Greenbelt is a great town — "it is my home town!"

Other Remarks

Each of the councilmembers then made their own statements in order of the number of votes they had received. The third highest vote getter, Rodney Roberts went first.

He had that he had learned over his years on council that it is easy to make campaign promises and set goals. The hard part is to have the dedication and longevity to achieve them. That is why he wants to stay on council. He is looking forward to getting to work on the people’s business and doing the things needed to be done, he said.

Councilmember Konrad Herling, who began by recalling some of the goals he had pursued over the years, said he had one overriding principle — to bring the community together to form an even greater Greenbelt. The accomplishments he noted were not the work of one person but the good work and passion of a community working together. He called for a new committee on diversity, including accessibility of city services for those with disabilities and those who speak limited English. And he encouraged residents to think of themselves more as citizens, such as a path that is not handicap accessible.

After the ceremony, Mayor Emmett Jordan posed for a photo with his cousins Lyneen Hicks (left) and Lecia Eason, both of Washington, D.C.

She is looking forward to serious consideration of the issues and activities in the best interest of the city. These priorities include economic development, the theater renovations and welcoming new citizens to the South Core. She said that it is very important to infuse these new citizens with the Greenbelt spirit. Greenbelt is great and together we can make it better, she declared.

Sikle Pope thanked the citizens for the opportunity to represent them for the next two years. She promised to work diligently and with dignity with the other council members to be cautious when making financial decisions. She found it very exciting to be involved in the many projects ahead of council. She hopes to help establish an early morning business roundtable bringing new, realistic ideas and strategies forward.

Putens promised to be brief as his colleagues had already said everything. One of his main goals is to make council more responsive to our boxes, the citizens of the community. He hears while campaigning is why it takes so long to get things done. He wants to find ways to make the city more efficient, but also to find ways to help the employees. He wants to see a city employee laid off or furloughed. Voters expect us to be perfect, he said, but they do expect us to fix things when they go wrong.

One thing he has been pushing for the past year is to plan for the arrival of the residents of the South Core. He remembers moving into his first house in Windsor Green where he found that no one knew what the city was about. “Let’s plan an event, be there, reach out and have the staff there twice a year,” he said.

The meeting concluded with award 11 door prizes, including a newly designed t-shirt with the words “Greenbelt 2013.” Joe Timmer is the treasurer of the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket.
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The issue of sound barriers was also discussed. Councilmember Rodney Roberts said if sound barriers were installed, the vehicle eventually to use would cost an additional $315. Hall said he would talk to the city manager about sending staff for training to do the conversion in-house. So far, however, he had found such training only “out west” and he didn’t think it would be cost-effective to send someone. The cost of the equipment is high, he added. Councilmember Edward Puten’s motion to approve the purchase passed unanimously.

**Sustainability**

To update council on the city’s Sustainable Maryland Certification, City Manager Michael McLaughlin said the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES) has taken on the task of being the city’s Green Team for now but it hopes to have members representing additional sectors of the city in the future.

The team has met with representatives from the Environmental Finance Center of the University of Maryland, he said, and has connected with students who will assist the team in aspects of the plan. McLaughlin said he thought the plan should be submitted by the end of the year.

Davis suggested that perhaps the sustainability framework already put together by GreenACES could be the city’s Sustainability Plan.

**School activities**

Greenbelt is the home of two U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon Schools — Greenbelt Elementary School and Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Parent and teacher associations are active in all of the local schools and are always seeking parent and community participation.

Greenbelt’s Advisory Committee on Education, a volunteer city organization, is a testament to the importance of education in this city. The committee has affirmed that “Greenbelt is a community committed to the education of our children.”

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**Save**

These are just a few of the great buys you will find at Co-op this week!

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**Specials**

**Supermarket**

- Birds Eye Classic or Select Vegetables Selected 10-16 oz.
- Land-O-Lakes Pure Butter Quarters 1 lb.
- Kraft Cracker Barrels Cheese Chunks Assorted 7-8 oz.
- Pepperidge Farm Layer Cakes Assorted 19-20 oz.

**Pharmacy**

- Chilean Farm Raised Salmon Fillets
- Viking Frozen Breaded Flounder or Haddock Fillets 1 lb.
- Fresh East Coast Oysters Select/Standard 8 oz.

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**GIVE BLOOD, GIVE LIFE**

Sunday, November 17, 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Christ Congregational Church, Main Church Building, 9525 Colesville Road, Silver Spring

Tuesday, November 19, 1 to 6:30 p.m., Moose College Park Lodge #443, 3700 Metzger Road, College Park

Friday, November 22, 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Washington Adventist Hospital, 7600 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park

Friday, November 29, 12:30 to 6 p.m., Greenbelt American Legion Post #136, 6900 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt

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several members felt the area is confusing. Councilmember Konrad Herling asked if the city’s logo could be incorporated onto the signs. The developer’s representative, Jeff Winter, said the owners would be willing to look at these issues.

Mayor Judith Davis asked that the Greenbelt flag be added to those already displayed at the complex. When she asked about landscapes if so the signs, the developer’s representative said there is no formal plan but that it will probably be perennial plants. Davis said she would like to have a plan incorporated into the DSP and so that if the plants die, they would be replaced and asked that this condition be added to those recommended by APB. Puten’s motion to support the DSP with the listed conditions passed unanimously.

**State Transportation**

Council discussed the state’s draft Consolidated Transportation Plan (CTP) to submit comments before the annual tour meeting on November 6.

The issue of sound barriers and the outdated formula used to determine if noise is a problem was a concern to council. Neighbors that were built after highways were constructed do not qualify for such sound barriers, a condition council agreed needs to be changed.

Roberts said if sound barriers are built and then the road is widened, the sound barriers may need to be removed. In response, Davis suggested that comments should include that the city currently is opposed to widening the Beltway.

Staff had suggested that council strongly support such projects on the Purple Line, construction of a full Beltway interchange at Greenbelt Station, as well as projects in local and regional transit.

Council also will recommend an increase in funding for transit projects and expansion of the noise barrier program. The comments will also ask that the State Highway Administration reconsider the Route 193 Streetscape Project, which was shelved in 2002.

Also in the comments will be Greenbelt’s desire to discuss with the appropriate state agencies in the near future the city’s Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan and Draft Bus Stop Safety and Accessibility Study. The letter of comments will again state the city’s opposition to extending Route 201 (Kensilworth Avenue).

**Truck Purchase**

The Public Works Department will soon have a new truck. Council approved its purchase to replace an 11-year-old truck with over 103,000 miles. It will be a Ford F-350 pickup with a crew cab, snowplow and towing capabilities. Available through a State of Maryland bid for $36,256, it will be covered by the Fiscal Year 2014 Replacement Fund.

The new truck will use diesel fuel and Public Works Director Ken Hall told council he wants to seek a grant of between $7,500 and $10,000 to convert the vehicle eventually to use compressed natural gas (CNG). The conversion package itself will cost an additional $315. Hall said the Marriott Company has guaranteed the conversion would not void the truck’s warranty.

In response to a question from Councilmember Rodney Roberts, Hall said he would talk to the city manager about sending staff for training to do the conversion in-house. So far, however, he had found such training only “out west” and he didn’t think it would be cost-effective to send someone.

The cost of the equipment is high, he added. Councilmember Edward Puten’s motion to approve the purchase passed unanimously.

**Sustainability**

To update council on the city’s Sustainable Maryland Certification, City Manager Michael McLaughlin said the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES) has taken on the task of being the city’s Green Team for now but it hopes to have members representing additional sectors of the city in the future.

The team has met with representatives from the Environmental Finance Center of the University of Maryland, he said, and has connected with students who will assist the team in aspects of the plan. McLaughlin said he thought the plan should be submitted by the end of the year.

Davis suggested that perhaps the sustainability framework already put together by GreenACES could be the city’s Sustainability Plan.

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Arrest

November 2, 2:18 p.m., 6460 Capital Drive. A 45-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with second degree assault and disorderly conduct after he allegedly assaulted an employee at T.G.I. Friday’s and began shouting obscenities inside the restaurant. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

DWI/DUI
November 2, 2:55 a.m., Springhill Drive at Cherrywood Terrace. A 45-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related offenses, among other charges, after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

November 3, 9:39 a.m., Breezeway Court at Cherrywood Terrace. A 23-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related offenses, among other charges, after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

Miscellaneous

October 31, 11:30 a.m. and November 2, 8:40 p.m., 6200 block Greenbelt Road. Unknown persons passed counterfeit money at Wendy’s. A 40-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with leaving a child unattended in a motor vehicle after he was served with a citation. He was released on citations pending trial.

Vandalism

November 3, 5:60 block Cherrywood Lane. Unknown persons spray painted a bus stop bench.

Theft

October 31, 9 p.m., 7200 Hanover Drive. Unknown person(s) removed money from a person’s hotel room at the Holiday Inn.

November 1, 8 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. A man approached a person who was outside of a residence and asked if he could use the person’s cell phone to make a call. The person handed the cell phone to the man, who then fled on foot with the phone. He was described as a black man, 5’7” tall, 180 pounds, with a light complexion, wearing a dark blue coat and blue and grey hat.

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Vehicle Crime

Two motorcycles were stolen, a 2009 Suzuki GSX motorcycle with Va. tag 7627125, taken from the 6000 block Springhill Drive and a blue 2007 Suzuki GSX motorcycle taken from a trailer in the 6400 block Capitol Drive. This motorcycle was stolen on October 26 but was not reported then because the owner did not have registration information at the time and no tags were on the motorcycle.

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Three other vehicles were stolen. A red 1998 Ford Windstar van with Md. tags 78E2197 was taken from the 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. A red 4-door 1998 Dodge Neon with Md. tags WLY941 was taken from the 9100 block Edmondston Church. A gray 2005 Ford F-250 pickup with Ia. tags 418MHG was taken from the 7200 block Hanover Parkway.

Thefts from autos were reported in the 200 block Lakeside Drive (rear window was broken out and stereo equipment was taken) and in the 7100 block Greenbelt Road (catalytic converter). Three motorcycles were spray painted. Two occurred at Beltway Plaza and one each in 14 Court Ridge, 7500 block Greenway Center Drive, 6 Court Ridge and 12 Court Crescent. The vehicle was scratched in the 9100 block Springhill Lane.

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NAMI Support Group

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Albert Herling Bench Dedication Is Nov. 23

Saturday, November 23 at 4 p.m. outside the library there will be a dedication of the bench, stone and plaque to honor Albert Herling.

The sculpture is a of a grand piano built from stone 16 years ago, commissioned by the Prince George’s County Arts and Humanities Council for Herling’s work founding Council, and his sustained commitment to the arts in Greenbelt and Prince George’s County. Concave and convex surfaces represent the black and white keys of a piano and represent the notes of the first two bars from “Twinkle Twinkle Little Star.”

Herling, who was a concert pianist, and his wife Frances would invite new Greenbelters over for dinner, take them on a quick tour of the historic part of town and wrap up the evening with Herling playing “Twinkle, Twinkle” as Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin, Liszt and sometimes the Beatles would have played the piece. It was a great welcoming treat for new Greenbelters, especially their children, and fulfilled the Herling tradition of reaching out to new Greenbelters.

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An Assortment of Characters In Screwball English Comedy
by Jim Link

Like the three blind mice of the catchy nursery rhyme, the cast of See How They Run races, collides, numbles into an orgy of ineptitude and futility. But this screwball comedy, now at the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC), is executed with precise timing, racy dialogue and huge dollops of epicentrical coziness. The set in a vicarage in Merton-Cum-Middlewick, England, during WWII, See How They Run features Lionel Toop, an earnest, slightly unctuous vicar who tries wincingly to reign in his new American wife Penelope’s garish behavior—she wears trousers, for heaven’s sake!—while placating the righteous, prissy Miss Skillon, properly outraged by Penelope’s cheeky coolessness.

The arrival of Clive, Penelope’s former fellow chaplain in the American USO troupe, catalyzes the action exponentially when the eavesdropping Miss Skillon mistakes their reenactment of a compromising scene from Noel Coward’s Private Lives as actual near-adultery. To assuage the escaped Russian spy, who coerces Penelope at gunpoint to disguise him in her husband’s clergyman’s cloth, and our blind mice are launched on a roller coaster of hilarious entendrement.

Sure-footed Cast
The cast is impressively surefooted. In a play with so many entrances and exits, so many sight gags and droll one-liners, it’s always entertaining that lines will be flubbed, toes will be stubbed. But I detected nary a one. And after opening night, the cast can only be smoother.

Brendan Perry is excellent as the beleguered Lionel; if you’ve never seen a vicar sprint past in his boxer shorts, now’s your chance. Elizabeth Dapo shines as Penelope, hiding and disguising two men as she strives to be the vicar’s good wife. Carleigh Jones is a superb, prudish church lady, hilarious when her Miss Skillon morphs into a vamp when accidentally drunk. Mike Larson is pitch-perfect as the good friend Clive, mistaken for a roué.

“In the army there is never any reason for anything,” Clive explains military intelligence to Penelope. Rachel Duda is a hoot as the flirty Cockney maid amazed at the shenanigans of the clergy, both real and disguised. Tim Caffrey, the Russian spy, is menacing and funny as a maladroit fake vicar.

In the finale there are three claimants to the title of vicar and the bishop urges detective Sergeant Towers (producer William Powell, Jr.) to “arrest, uh, some of these vicars.”

Bob Kleinberg’s period set design is spot-on. The tea service, furniture, French doors and all radiate 1940s comfy, plump vicaragerness. Kleinberg had a big boost from the talented Rachel Wallace and others. Director Anne Lowe-Barrett has coaxed the best from her troops; to see what she has conjured, visit the GAC on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. through November 30. Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. on November 17 and 24.

An Assortment of Characters
P&J-Sierra Leoneans Join in Relief Efforts
P&J will ship the donations from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. from Friday, November 15 to 3 to 10 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. on November 17 and 24.

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Earl H. Kepler
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Monique Jezierski

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Alonzo Washington Brings State Reps to Meeting Here

by Veygeny Trapeznikov

Constituents were enlightened on Thursday at a meeting of the House of Delegates held a public meeting in Greenbelt on June 7.

Alonzo Washington, Democrat representing District 22 which includes Greenbelt, brought together representatives of environmental, transportation and social services programs to hear citizens’ concerns at the meeting at Greenbelt Middle School.

A survey conducted by Delegate Washington indicated that the communities little priority was the educational system.

According to Washington, the recent study shows the county’s Department of Social Services who had prominent benefits of the new health insurance program implemented under the Affordable Care Act. People applauded her saying that they had been tough on others denied coverage with pre-existing conditions.

Jacobs also addressed the issue of eligibility, deadlines and penalties for those who failed to sign up for the insurance. At the meeting trained health insurance navigators assisted people in navigating the new procedures.

### Purple Line

However, the construction project of the Purple Line drew the greatest attention.

Michael Madden, representative of the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) and planning manager for the Purple Line, spoke about the latest developments.

The Purple Line project is a 16-mile transit line connecting downtown Bethesda with New Carrollton. According to Madden, the project is expected to take about 15 years. “The whole area is heavily congested. It should have happened a long time ago.”

In December, Madden said, the MTA is participating in the receipt of the Record of Decision (ROD) from Federal Transit Administration that considers the project in detail, including its environmental impact. After the ROD is released, the project will move toward a tentative construction date in 2015.

The project is designated as a public private partnership (P3) meaning that financing, construction and operation of the Purple Line will involve federal and state entities and a number of independent concessionaires.

Concessionaires are represented by a group of companies who will design the project, help provide financing and operate and maintain it likely for about 30 years. According to Madden, this approach will allow the state to save money.

The Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) meets monthly to plan and relate issues to schools located in Greenbelt or public schools serving significant portions of Greenbelt residents. Once a year, special meetings are held with either school administration or parent-teacher-association (PTA). On October 22 ACE met with representatives of Greenbelt Middle School, the ACE chair, presided over the meeting.

### Other Groups

Representing school PTAs were: Melinda Brady, president of the Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) PTA; Dawn James, president of the Magnolia Elementary School (MIS) Parent Teacher Association (PTA); Donna Nelson, president of the Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) Parent Teacher Association (PTA); and Jared Schuerman, the president of the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA). Turning Point Academy Charter School was not represented.

At the meeting, the opportunity was offered for various PTAs to meet each other and discuss projects, accomplishments and problems; to share information and learn from one another’s experiences. Each PTA president had a chance to summarize their group’s activities.

In addition, projects and issues at MES. The Magnolia PTO sponsored volunteer fingerprinting and performance at the number needed to have the county pay for the cost. (All parents and others who are directly with students must be fingerprinted and undergo a background check.) Another project was a magic show for younger children. The school store of the School Bus. The PTA also sells “spirit-wear” T-shirts, hoodies and sweatshirts with the school logo, and a parent has volunteered to help develop a School Bus website. Despite these successes, James said overall parent involvement was always low. The need to increase parent participation has been a recurring theme among schools at this meeting and over the years.

At Greenbelt Elementary, Melinda Brady reported on the PTA activities over the year.

The school had a 5K race, Raphael’s Race, in memory of a student who died four years ago. The race was very successful and raised $4,000 which will be used to design the project, help students with projects.

At Greenbelt Middle School, said Donna Nelson, PTA president at Greenbelt Middle School, said the PTA would like to increase the diversity of the PTA, offering more opportunities for students. She said that school staff provided a display case for PTA activities and awards. So far this year the PTA has sponsored a back-to-school dance and a fundraiser at Silver Diner, plans to sponsor a field trip.

### Attendees Held a Long Discussion on Grants and Grant Writing

The city funds certain activities with small grants but it became apparent that some schools have parents who are more experienced in grant writing. A PTA member indicated that she had brought the grant-writing workshop but still felt intimidated by the grant application process. ACE members reviewed the process and PTA members who had written grant applications in the past offered suggestions. Some collaboration among the PTAs may be possible in developing project ideas and writing the applications.