

## Greenbelters Gather in Unity At Mishkan Torah Memorial

by Melissa Sites



PHOTO BY SHARON NATOLI

Rabbi Saul Oresky watches as Pastor Ana Langerak of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America lights a candle during the memorial service at Mishkan Torah synagogue on November 1 for victims of the Tree of Life Synagogue massacre.

A standing room crowd of more than 200 Greenbelters, congregants and religious leaders from other faith traditions joined together in unity at Mishkan Torah Synagogue on Thursday evening, November 1 to remember the victims of the shootings at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh.

Rabbi Saul Oresky led the service. The opening song, *Esa Einai*, was based on the first two lines of Psalm 121: "I turn my eyes to the mountains: from

where will my help come? My help comes from God, Maker of heaven and earth." Sonya Lyatsky accompanied on guitar. The assembly then read Psalm 23 together in English.

Rabbi Oresky and guest speakers together lit *yahrzeit* candles in memory of the deceased. Pastor Glennyce Grindstaff from Greenbelt Community Church brought a message of unity from the United Church of Christ. Ana

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PHOTO COURTESY OF WPA

Actor Canada Lee's career was launched by his performance as Banquo in the Federal Theatre production of *Macbeth*. See story about 80th Anniversary poster art exhibit on page 9.



## What Goes On

**Monday, November 12**  
City Offices closed in Observance of Veterans Day  
**Tuesday, November 13**  
8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building  
**Wednesday, November 14**  
8 p.m. City Council Work-session with Beltway Plaza, Community Center

## Joshua Thomas Wins School Board, Hogan Keeps Top Job

by Cathie Meetre

### Preliminary Election Results for Selected Races

Position	Elected
Governor	Larry Hogan
Md. Comptroller	Peter Franchot
Md. Attorney General	Brian Frosh
U.S. Senator	Ben Cardin
U.S. Representative	Steny Hoyer
State Senator	Paul Pinsky
Md. House of Delegates	Tawanna Gaines
Md. House of Delegates	Alonzo Washington
Md. House of Delegates	Anne Healey
County Executive	Angela Alsobrooks*
County Council At Large	Mel Franklin**
County Council At Large	Calvin Hawkins**
County Council District 4	Todd Turner*
Board of Education, District 2	Joshua Thomas**

\* Running unopposed - Not all positions are included.

\*\*Newly elected

With the exception of Republican Governor Larry Hogan, Democrats retained all state and local partisan slots associated with Greenbelt, including the two new at-large county council members – according to preliminary counts. Prince Georgians supported Hogan's opponent, Ben Jealous, by more than two to one, with ~209,000 votes to Hogan's ~83,000 in the unofficial tally. Jealous was also ahead in Baltimore City, Montgomery County and Charles County but overall Hogan garnered nearly 1.2M votes with Jealous attracting just over 900K. Two new at-large members of the county council, Mel Franklin and Calvin Hawkins, both beat their one Re-

publican opponent by more than a factor of five.

Closer to home, the school board race saw newcomer Joshua Thomas upset incumbent Lupi Grady. A forest of blue signs for Thomas appeared in the city over the last several days after an energetic house-to-house door-knocking campaign by the candidate. Grady, a rookie at the last election, cited Thomas's inexperience and lack of children in school as strikes against him – but Grady's enthusiastic pollside promoters didn't prevent Thomas, an Eleanor Roosevelt High School graduate, taking 12,000 votes to her 9,000.

See more results and another story on the back page.

## No Long Lines at Lunchtime; Just Steady Stream of Voters

by Theresa Diffendal

*Este artículo está disponible en español en nuestra página web [www.greenbeltnewsreview.com](http://www.greenbeltnewsreview.com).*

From a line of 23 people at 7 a.m. to small lunchtime lines, Chief Judge Paula Payton-Tapscott said the polling station at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) has seen a "consistent flow of people."

Held in the cafeteria, election officials awaited voters at marked tables to process information, hand out paper ballots and direct voters toward the 11 voting booths.

The turnout – almost 460 issued voting cards at 1:20 p.m. – seemed to Payton-Tapscott "very good, despite the rain."

The polling place had issued a few provisional ballots, used to record an individual's vote when their names are not on the official voting registration list despite believing they are registered to vote. "We don't turn anyone away," Payton-Tapscott stressed.

There were also accessible booths for those with handicaps or disabilities such as those of Tassie Thompson, who is vi-



PHOTO BY HELEN SYDAVAR

The line to vote stretches through the cafeteria at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

sually handicapped. A regular voter, Thompson said ERHS is consistent in its support and accommodation.

Henry Hilliard, a regular voter, was satisfied with the process and lack of line. For him, voting took about 10 minutes in total.

Another regular voter, Ashley, shared her sentiment about the wait time. She voiced her support for education and its relevance to the school board and governor races. When asked about the likelihood of change, however, she

responded, "Across the country, maybe, but not here."

But volunteer Dinora Hernandez wants at least one thing to stay the same: Lupi Grady's position on the board of education. Stationed outside the high school since 7 a.m., she praised "people doing their civic duty" and turning out to vote despite the early downpour.

Hernandez, who ran for board of education in the last election, stressed the need for Grady

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## Crowne Plaza Renovation Plans Presented to Council

by Colleen D. Curran

Renovations at the Crowne Plaza on Ivy Lane will transform an outdated space into a well-lit, spacious venue for large events, fine dining and job opportunities. "Red's going away and blue is in," said Rick Gaede, general manager of the hotel, referring to a Crowne blue color scheme replacing the former Marriott interior décor.

Gaede and Sales and Marketing Director Jim Day presented a slideshow to councilmembers and the public on Halloween night, detailing the many changes slated to occur at the hotel starting on December 17 of this year. The \$14.5 million budget will mainly renovate the interior, including all guest rooms and the main floor restaurant, bar spaces and banquet hall. The hotel will remain open during the process, but the banquet hall will close. The upper floors will be renovated first and then reopened for work to begin on the bottom floors.

Hesperus Group is spearheading the renovation as the project manager. Studioaria is the interior designer, and //3877, described as a boutique design firm, is the architectural group on the project. The renovation is projected to be completed by May 31, 2019.

### Renovation Details

The main floor will be completely transformed. A seating area will replace the current check-in space, a new check-in space with four individual welcome pods will replace the current Starbucks and a Grab 'n' Go food area will be added.

The new bar area will wrap into the dining space, which Gaede said will be "a five-star restaurant." The bar will have a frosted glass wall providing privacy to guests while letting natural light into the space. New flooring, woodwork, stonework and wallpaper will transform

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# Letters to the Editor

## Thank You

Mishkan Torah Synagogue thanks the Greenbelt police for the additional protection and attention that was provided us during the past week in the aftermath of the horrific attack on October 27 at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. Although it would be easy to dismiss that attack as the work of a single person in a single place, we appreciate the seriousness with which the police addressed the event as a potential threat to Jews everywhere and to the citizens of Greenbelt. Over 200 members of the Greenbelt community and beyond joined our memorial service on November 1 to stand with us in solidarity and support. Thank you to Pastor Glenyce Grindstaff, Pastor Ana Langerak and Mayor Emmett Jordan for your inspirational words and prayers at a time when we all needed them. Thank you to City Manager Nicole Ard, city councilmembers and Police Chief Rick Bowers whose presence were a source of comfort. Everyone in attendance showed their caring and concern.

Numerous members of the community attended Shabbat (Sabbath) services at Mishkan Torah on Friday, November 2 and Saturday, November 3 to show support and express their condolences. Many individuals called and sent emails of support as well.

This coming together at such a difficult time is what makes Greenbelt a special community. May we gather together for only joyous occasions in the future at Mishkan Torah and in all our houses of worship.

Steven Mirsky, President  
Mishkan Torah Synagogue

## Foster Stewardship

This letter is a reply from the Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB) to a previous letter entitled "Illegal Hunting" on March 22, 2018, that was submitted by Lynne Slater. FPAB appreciates having these issues brought to the awareness of Greenbelt residents. The previous letter recounted the distressing experience of seeing two boys, approximately 9 or 10 years old, harassing and possibly killing a raccoon in the Forest Preserve or GHI Woodlands. Such actions violate county and state regulations. If these activities occurred in the Forest Preserve, then they also violate the Greenbelt City Code (section 12-156, "Prohibited activities – hunting, trapping, fishing, driving, harassing or otherwise capturing or harming wildlife.").

Such actions stand in opposition to the vision of stewardship that was embraced by Greenbelt

residents when they chose to acquire and protect the lands that make up the Forest Preserve. It is a vision of residents caring for Greenbelt's forests and protecting them from adversity.

Stewardship is the acceptance of responsibility to shepherd and safeguard the valuables of others. The raccoon incident illustrates that it is not enough for the city to act responsibly toward the Forest Preserve, it is also necessary for each resident to act responsibly toward the wild animals and the rest of the ecosystem in the Forest Preserve.

We ask parents and caregivers to foster these attitudes in children. Please tell them about the history of the Forest Preserve and how lucky we are to have this beautiful gem in our city. If unauthorized activities take place in the Forest Preserve, please inform the City Code Enforcement office at 301-345-5417. For immediate response, contact the Greenbelt City Police at 301-474-7200.

Donna Hoffmeister and  
Damien Ossi, Co-chairs,  
Forest Preserve Advisory Board

## Sample Ballots: Official and Not

Just so you know, both School Board candidate Joshua Thomas' and State Senator Paul Pinsky's Democratic sample ballots were equally official, or if you prefer, equally not official.

The only real "official" sample ballot, which they themselves put in quotes, comes from the Prince George's Democratic Central Committee (PGDCC).

The Democratic Central Committee did not endorse any school board candidates for the non-partisan school board race. You can see for yourself. PGDCC put their endorsements online at [pgdems.com/endorsements](http://pgdems.com/endorsements) rather than print a sample ballot.

So, state senators for District 22 (Pinsky) and 21 (Rosapepe) did their own sample ballot, endorsing the school board candidates whom they recruited.

On the state senators' sample ballot, their picture of Democratic gubernatorial candidate Ben Jealous implied he was supportive of the senators' school board candidate. Yet Mr. Jealous posted a picture of himself with the Prince George's County Educators Association's (PGCEA) sample ballot. PGCEA endorsed both school board candidates Joshua Thomas and Juwan Blocker for their respective school board district races. Jealous also posted a picture of himself and Juwan Blocker with the notation, "Leadership begins young in Prince George's."

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## On Screen

### Can You Ever Forgive Me?

Frumpy, grumpy curmudgeonly Melissa McCarthy comes to Old Greenbelt Theatre as Lee Israel this Friday, November 9 in *Can You Ever Forgive Me?* She gives a nuanced performance of Israel, a celebrity biographer who forges and sells letters from famous people to pay her rent. Based on Israel's memoir, *CYEFM* is part comedy, crime show, buddy picture. It shows McCarthy as much more than a one-dimensional comedienne. Richard Grant plays her buddy; Jane Curtin is her agent.

Director Marielle Heller

Writers Nicole Holofcener and Jeff Whitty

1 hour, 46 min

Rated PG-13

- Jim Link

## Corrections

The ERHS robotics team robot, 53C, shown in last week's paper, took first place in the final round of the robotics competition on October 27.

### Photo Credit

The photograph of the champion ERHS Girls Volleyball team in last week's paper was taken by Yolanda Mitchell.

## Thanksgiving Week Deadline Changes

Due to the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 22, the deadline for the News Review will have to change since our printer will not be available Thanksgiving morning. The Thanksgiving issue will be printed on Wednesday, November 21 for delivery on Friday. All deadlines will be moved back a day to finish the paper in time to be printed before the holiday.

The deadline for stories, letters and camera ready ads will be Monday, November 19 at 8 p.m. Ads that need work must be in by Sunday, November 18 at 4 p.m.

The usual Wednesday composition work and final proofing will be done on Tuesday.

### Notice to All

All copy – ads, articles, photos, letters – must reach us no later than Monday, November 19 to be included in the November 22 issue. Any material received after Monday evening will be held for the issue of November 29.



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SHOWTIMES  
November 9th -15th  
CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE ME? (R) (CC) (DVS)  
(2018) (107 mins)  
Fri. 2:30, 5:00, 7:30 PM  
Sat. 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30 PM  
Sun. 12:00, 2:30(OC), 8:15 PM  
Mon. 5:00, 7:30 PM  
Tues. 2:30, 8:15 PM  
Wed. 2:30, 5:00, 7:30 PM  
Thurs. 5:00, 7:30 PM

Storytime on Screen  
Mon. 10:30 AM -FREE

OC = Open Captions  
CC = Closed Captions  
DVS = Descriptive Video Service

## Q: Why did the turkey cross the road?



A: It was training to become fast food.

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# Community Events

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

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

All meals, which provide at least one-third of Recommended Dietary Allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of November 12 are as follows:

Monday, November 12: All sites closed in honor of Veterans Day.

Tuesday, November 13: Baked chicken breast with gravy, lima beans, country vegetables, wheat roll, tropical fruit, apple juice.

Wednesday, November 14: Minestrone soup, stuffed shells with meat sauce, kale, pear crisp, Italian bread, grape juice.

Thursday, November 15: Sliced turkey with gravy, whipped potatoes, sliced carrots, biscuit, pineapple tidbits, cranberry juice.

Friday, November 16: Swedish meatballs, buttered herb penne pasta, broccoli, wheat bread, fresh fruit, apple juice.

## GHI Notes

Thursday, November 8, 6:30 p.m., Investment Committee Meeting, Board Room;

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

Saturday, November 10, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room;

9 to 11 a.m., Woodlands Work Day, Canyon Creek trailhead (between 58 and 62 Court Ridge Road).

Monday, November 12, office closed. Veterans Day. Emergency maintenance service available at 301-474-6011.

Tuesday, November 13, 7 p.m., Long Range Planning Committee Meeting, Board Room;

7:30 p.m., Nominations and Elections Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby.

Wednesday, November 14, 7 p.m., Woodlands Committee Meeting, GHI Kitchen;

7 p.m., Member Outreach Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby;

7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee Meeting, Board Room.

Thursday, November 15, 7:45 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room.

Friday, November 16, office closed. Emergency maintenance service available at 301-474-6011.

## Breakfast with Santa At the Fire House

On Saturday, December 8, the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will host Breakfast with Santa from 8:30 a.m. until noon. Come and visit with Santa, tell him your wish list, have a photo taken, receive a gift for each child, create a keepsake and have fun all in one morning. There is a fee. The auxiliary will also be collecting donations of new, unwrapped toys for the Prince George's County Toys for Tots program.

## Veterans Honored

The Greenbelt community, representatives from Greenbelt, county and state government and the Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 will observe Veterans Day during ceremonies at Roosevelt Center on Sunday, November 11 at 11 a.m. The event will include patriotic songs by the Hometown USA Chorus, a rifle volley salute and Taps by former Marine Corps bugler Steve Matera. There will be a buffet luncheon at the post after the ceremony.

## Ribbiting Art Display At the New Deal

Greenbelt eco-artist Jan Garland, who got her start at the New Deal Café in 2006, has come full circle. Come see her art, made with recycled tissue paper and plastic bags, in the back room of the Café now through December 2. Public reception is Sunday, November 18 from 3 to 5 p.m.




PHOTO BY JAN GARLAND

This frog, made with cut pieces of plastic bags, is part of the display of Garland's art at the New Deal Café.

## Greenbelt Writers

The Greenbelt Writers Group will hold its monthly meeting on Friday, November 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. All interested writers are invited to participate. In addition to readings, plans will be finalized for a December holiday party and the meeting schedule for 2019 will be set up.

More Community Events are located on page 10 and throughout the paper.




### Greenbelt Access Television

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**This Week:**

- Greenbelters unite with Mishkan Torah to remember the victims of the shooting at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh
- We visit Greenbelt's 30th Annual Pumpkin Festival
- Phoebe & Kelly discuss the main films plus community events at the Old Greenbelt Theatre



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## Greenbelt Time Bank Social and Potluck

The Greenbelt Time Bank social and finger food potluck will be held Saturday, November 10 from 2 to 5 p.m. in Room 114 of the Community Center. The time bank is celebrating its sixth anniversary and all are invited, both members and non-members.

Learn how to earn hours by supporting the time bank, while helping the time bank grow and thrive. Fun activities will help identify talents and needs and help members connect with each other.

Potluck finger foods are encouraged and appreciated, but not required. This is a zero-waste event, so attendees should bring a plate, napkin, cup or water bottle, and utensils.

RSVPs are not required but are greatly helpful in planning. For more information, call 240-473-3497 or email [Greenbelt.timebank@gmail.com](mailto:Greenbelt.timebank@gmail.com).

## Concert Band to Play

On Sunday, November 11 from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Greenbelt American Legion's Samuel Hofberg Hall, enjoy a tuneful afternoon with the Greenbelt Concert Band led by conductor Joan Rackey.



## GAIL Offers Review Of Medicare Part D

Open enrollment for Medicare Part D ends December 7. The GAIL Program (Greenbelt Access in Living) is offering Greenbelt residents on Medicare Part D a chance to review the new plan rates and formularies to make sure they have the most advantageous coverage. Christal Batey, community resource advocate, recommends that Medicare Part D recipients take this opportunity to review their plans. To schedule an appointment, contact Sharon Johnson, GAIL community case manager, or Batey at 301-345-6660. Bring a list of prescriptions with dosage and frequency and Medicare card to the appointment.

## New Deal Art Show Is Accepting Entries

Friends of the New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA) is hosting a juried art show fundraiser this holiday season at the Café. FONDCA supports local artists and musicians by providing a venue for them to showcase their work. Artists are invited to display a work of art to sell at the New Deal Café from December 3 to January 28. There is an application fee donation to FONDCA that can be made at [newdealcafe.com/about-us/fondca](http://newdealcafe.com/about-us/fondca). Artists should send a high-quality image of their work, with a description of medium, size and title, and a receipt of their donation to [NewDealCafeArt@gmail.com](mailto:NewDealCafeArt@gmail.com) by Monday, November 26.

The schedule for the art show is installation on December 3 from 4 to 6 p.m., artists reception on December 16 from 3 to 5 p.m. and de-installation on January 28 from 4 to 6 p.m.

## Arts Advisory Board Meets Tuesday

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet next on Tuesday, November 13 at 7 p.m. in Room 112 of the Community Center.

Topics of discussion will include a referral from the Greenbelt City Council regarding light pole banners. For additional information, contact Nicole Dewald, staff liaison, at [ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov).

## Onzole River Project Presentation at NDC

On Sunday, November 11 from noon to 2 p.m. at the New Deal Café, two faculty members from the University of Maryland, Dan Levin and Carolina Napp-Avelli, along with Carlos Vieira, director of the Onzole River Project, will provide a presentation on the project. This nonprofit organization is dedicated to bringing educational empowerment to rural Afro-Ecuadorian communities along the Onzole River in the remote northwestern rain forest of Ecuador.

They will present videos, pictures and descriptions of the positive efforts being made by community members and visiting educators to bring knowledge and resources to help empower and equip young people who will lead this community into the future.

Refreshments will be served at this free event. For more information, contact [Napp-Avelli@cnappp@umd.edu](mailto:Napp-Avelli@cnappp@umd.edu).

## Thoughtful Discussion At MakerSpace

How useful are euphemisms? Do they help preserve the decencies and prevent hurt feelings or breed confusion and fuzzy thinking? The thoughtful discussion group that meets at the MakerSpace on Tuesday evenings will explore this topic on November 13 from 7 to 9 p.m. All are welcome.


## Utopia Film Festival

**Presents:**

**"Writer With No Hands" (2017)**  
**"Manufacturer of Dreams" (2017)**


**Sunday, Nov. 11th, Wed., Nov. 14th, and Fri., Nov. 16th,**  
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**\$22 Students/Seniors/Military**  
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GREENBELT ARTS CENTER-123 CENTERWAY-GREENBELT, MD  
(UNDER THE CO-OP GROCERY STORE)

# Obituaries

## Cecilia Brinsko



PHOTO BY HUSBAND GEORGE BRINSKO

Cecilia Gill Brinsko, circa 1970

Cecilia Gill Brinsko, 88, a former resident of Greenbelt for 47 years, died on October 24, 2018. She was born in Weirton, W.V., on January 19, 1930, to Michael and Josephine Gill, the youngest of seven children. She moved to Washington, D.C., as a young adult where she worked as a secretary in the U.S. Department of the Navy. She met and married George A. Brinsko in 1954. They moved with their four children – Bernadette, Margaret, Martha and Tim – to Greenbelt in 1965 and settled in Boxwood Village.

Music was Ms. Brinsko's passion and she lent her lovely alto voice to the St. Hugh's Church Choir and the Greenbelt Community Choir, as well as small singing groups for weddings. She loved her flower gardens and was a wonderful cook who liked to share meals and recipes with family and friends. She was fond of playing cards and board games with a special affinity for Mexican Train dominoes. Ms. Brinsko's last years were spent in Charlotte, N.C., near two of her daughters. She is survived by her four children, two sisters and many nieces and nephews. A private family memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation to the charity of your choice.

## James Keifline IV



PHOTO COURTESY OF PUBLIC WORKS

James Keifline

James Edward Keifline IV (also known as Jamie, Bubba or Bully), 56, of Millersville, died on October 30, 2018. He was born in Johnstown, Pa., to Madeline C. Keifline and the late James E. Keifline III, and grew up in Greenbelt on Hillside Road. He attended Greenbelt North End Elementary and Mary Bethune Middle School and graduated from Eleanor Roosevelt High School in 1980. He started working for Greenbelt Public Works at the age of 16 and retired from the Greenbelt Police Department as their fleet maintenance mechanic. He spent 38 years working for the City of Greenbelt in some aspect.

Mr. Keifline enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, had a passion for classic cars and was a fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers. He enjoyed his time at his Delaware beach house, boating and crabbing. He enjoyed coaching his sons' baseball team in their younger years. He was an avid dog lover.

Mr. Keifline is survived by his mother, his wife Margie, their children Jim, Joe and Lindsey (Shawn), his grandson Parker, his siblings Tom (Sandra), Tim (Susan), Jeff (Heather) and Suzy (Dave), and many nieces and nephews.

## Turning Point School Survey

by Matt Arbach

Turning Point Academy (TPA), a Prince George's County public charter school, is now in the active process of relocating to a new facility. A possible site has been found in Temple Hills. A survey will be sent this week to TPA staff and parents to ascertain their opinions about such a move. If the decision is to move, TPA would provide the necessary bus-

ing. TPA currently shares its location with Trinity Assembly of God Church in Lanham. It provides instruction to grades

K through 8. A larger facility would not only allow more space for existing students and programs, but also make it possible to add grades 9 through 12.

TPA has recently received a one-year charter extension from the Board of Education. Principal Rhonda Clomax said that the TPA board has met all the deadlines so far stipulated by the Board of Education. She is optimistic about the future of TPA, for which a new, more spacious location would be an important part.



Condolences to the family and friends of Cecilia Brinsko, a long-time resident who died recently in North Carolina. In particular, the Greenbelt Community Choir and St. Hugh's Choir will remember her voice.

Condolences also to the family and friends of James Keifline IV who died on October 30. He was a City of Greenbelt employee for 38 years.

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



The City of Greenbelt flag is lowered in honor of Jamie Keifline, who served the City of Greenbelt for 38 years until his retirement in 2017. Photo courtesy of City of Greenbelt.



## Choir Preps for Service On Thanksgiving Eve

The Greenbelt Combined Choir will again be sharing in the Greenbelt Interdenominational Thanksgiving Service this year, as it has since the beginning of this special celebration. The service will take place on Wednesday evening, November 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Church.

The choir will rehearse from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 15, and on Monday, November 19 at the Community Church.

All singers are invited to participate. The music will be joyful and easy to learn, and experienced members will make all feel welcome. For further information, call director Jean Cook at 301-345-2597.

## Rummage Sale At Mishkan Torah

Sunday, November 11 and Monday, November 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. are the dates for the annual Mishkan Torah Sisterhood rummage sale.

The rummage sale is a yearly opportunity to get a jump on early holiday shopping. There will be a wealth of treasures for sale, with clothing and shoes in all sizes, housewares, linens, accessories, books, toys, appliances and small furniture items. While most items are used, there will also be new merchandise, as well as vintage items. Sunday also features a bake sale.

On Monday all items will be half-price or fill a bag, an even better opportunity for great bargains. All are invited to come and bring friends and neighbors along. (See the ad on page 6.)

## Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.

## What is Christian Science?

### Christian Science Church

8300 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, MD

"Adam and the Fallen Man"

Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Church Service 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday meeting 7:30 p.m.



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November 11 10 a.m.

"Finding a More Peaceful World"

Rev. Rachel Christensen, Minister; with Samantha Evans, Worship Associate; and the Chalice Dancers

On the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day, the ending of the war to end all wars, we examine militarism in our country.

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**Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS**  
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**Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church**  
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301-474-9410  
Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

Worship Service 10 a.m.  
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**Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ**




**Never put a period where a comma should be . . .**

Whoever you are and wherever you are on your Spiritual journey, you are welcome HERE.  
Join us for this Sunday's message at 10:15  
**"Gifts of Faithfulness"**

1 Hillside Road, Greenbelt 301-474-6171 Rev. Glenyce Grindstaff

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135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-474-4322



**Mass Schedule:**  
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.  
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.  
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

**Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe**

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All are welcome to come and worship the Triune God with us.



# City Information & Events

**GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING**  
**Municipal Building, Tuesday, November 13, 2018, 8:00 p.m.**

**ORGANIZATION**  
 Call to Order  
 Roll Call  
 Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag  
 Consent Agenda – Approval of Staff Recommendations  
 (Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by \*] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)  
 Approval of Agenda and Additions

**COMMUNICATIONS**  
**Presentations**  
 - Proclamation – Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Month  
 - Proclamation – Municipal Government Month

**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**  
 - \* Board of Elections Report #18-1, (Recommendation to Amend Chapter 8 “Elections” Section of the City Code)  
 - Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB) Report 2018-2 (Community Pledge)

**LEGISLATION-none**

**OTHER BUSINESS**  
 - Grant for Mishkan Torah  
 - Council Activities  
 - Council Reports

**SCHEDULING OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

*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.*

**MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER 12-NOVEMBER 16**

Tuesday, November 13 at 5:30pm **YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at Schrom Hills Park, 6915 Hanover Parkway.  
*On the Agenda: Youth Higher Learning Prep, YAC Awareness advocacy projects, Advisory Committee Liaison Reports, NLC City Summit*

Tuesday, November 13 at 7:00pm **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.  
*On the Agenda: Greenbelt Station pathway referral, Next phase of the project on Poor Cellular Reception, Discuss Committee direction and gather ideas for upcoming projects.*

Tuesday, November 13 at 7:00pm **ARTS ADVISORY BOARD** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: AAB-sponsored arts happy hour, Discussion on possible partnership with local artists to design and add placemaking banners to lamp posts*

Tuesday, November 13 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. *Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipalvtv*

Wednesday, November 14 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION e: Beltway Plaza Redevelopment Proposal** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd.

Thursday, November 15 at 7:00pm, **FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD** at Public Works, 555 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Ordering of Chapters Review, 2 brief questions about Section 1 Introduction, Discussion of Wetlands Section, Begin discussion of Contingencies*  
**The 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 of Education, Arts Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, and Youth Advisory Committee. Info: 301-474-8000



**SAFE DATES**  
 A Teen Dating Abuse Prevention Curriculum  
**Ages 14 – 17**  
**Monday, November 26 – Monday, December 17**  
**4 sessions, 5:00 – 6:15 pm**  
**Greenbelt Youth Center, 99 Centerway**

- Raise awareness of what constitutes healthy and abusive dating relationships
- Learn positive communication skills to develop healthy and respectful dating relationships

**GIFT BAGS for all members!**  
 Refreshments and a Door Prize at each session!  
 Contact Greenbelt CARES to sign up: 301 345-6660, parent permission required.

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**  
 City Offices will be closed Monday, November 12, in observance of Veterans’ Day.  
 The GREENBELT CONNECTION will not be operating.

**REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE**  
 Week of November 12

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

There will be no appliance, metals, hard plastics, or yard-waste collections on Friday, November 16th

**LEAF VACUUM SCHEDULE**  
 FALL 2018-2019

The City Public Works Department will be collecting loose leaves from the following areas with the leaf vacuum until January 11, 2019. We remind residents to rake the leaves to the curb, but not into the street, and to remove all sticks and stones from the pile as these can damage the machinery. Areas to be collected will be posted as in past years. We also remind residents not to park in front of leaf piles.

**WEEK OF:**  
 November 13 - 16 Woodland Hills, Greenbrook Village Estates & Windsor Green (November 12 Holiday)  
 November 19 – 21 Lakewood (November 22 - 23 Holiday)  
 November 26 – 30 Lakeside & Greenspring I & II  
 December 3 – 7 Boxwood  
 December 10 – 14 Woodland Hill & Greenbrook Village & Estates  
 December 17 – 21 Lakewood & Greenspring I & II  
 December 24 – 28 Lakeside & Windsor Green (December 25 Holiday)  
 December 31 - January 4 All areas (January 1 Holiday)  
 January 7 – 11 All areas



**The Federal Theatre and Greenbelt**  
**Exhibit Dedication Event and Reception**


The Greenbelt Museum and Greenbelt Recreation invite you to a special event to dedicate a permanent exhibit commemorating the WPA’s Federal Theatre Project and its influence on Greenbelt’s first theatre group, the Greenbelt Players.

3:00 pm • **Multi-Media Presentation** hosted by Chris Cherry  
 Slideshow, narration, and audio clips, plus live vocal performance by Aidan Larkin, with pianist Stefan Brodd

4:00 pm • **Ribbon-Cutting and Reception**

Greenbelt Community Center Sunday, November 18, 2018  
 15 Crescent Road  
 Tickets: \$5 All proceeds go to the Mary Geiger Scholarship Fund.

*Advance purchase advised. Visit the Community Center business office or call 301-397-2208.*



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**Engineered Design Plans for the retrofitting of Cherrywood Lane, City of Greenbelt, MD**

The City of Greenbelt will accept proposals from qualified design professionals for production of Engineered Design Plans for the retrofitting of Cherrywood Lane until 4:00pm on Friday, December 7, 2018. The project includes the production of Engineered Design Plans based on conceptual design plans previously developed for Cherrywood Lane, but may incorporate next generation green infrastructure technologies where suitable. The full Request for Proposal (RFP) may be obtained electronically at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/planning\\_code](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/planning_code)

A site visit is scheduled for Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at 1:00 pm (meet at the parking lot of Springhill Lake Recreation; 6101 Cherrywood Lane, Greenbelt, MD 20770). For additional information please contact Judith Howerton at the City’s Department of Planning and Community Development at (301) 345-5417 or at [jhowerton@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:jhowerton@greenbeltmd.gov).

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**Hanover Parkway Bikeway Facility Feasibility Study and Concept Engineering Design Plan, City of Greenbelt, MD**

The City of Greenbelt will accept proposals from qualified professionals to undertake a feasibility study and produce design plans (30%) for future bikeway facilities on Hanover Parkway until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 21, 2018. The project includes a feasibility study that considers the entire Hanover Parkway corridor and design plans for a portion of Hanover Parkway. The full RFP may be obtained electronically at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/planning\\_code](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/planning_code)

A pre-proposal meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 11:00 am. This meeting will be held at 15 Crescent Road Suite 200, Greenbelt, MD 20770. For additional information contact Molly Porter at the City’s Department of Planning and Community Development at (301) 345-5417 or at [mporter@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:mporter@greenbeltmd.gov).

**Visit the City of Greenbelt’s website at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/)**  
**Follow the City of Greenbelt on Facebook and Twitter @cityofgreenbelt**

**RECOGNITION GROUP APPLICATIONS**  
 Fiscal Year 2020 Recognition Group Applications are available at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov). Current Recognition Groups are eligible to reapply for Basic Certification, Project Grants or Operating Grants. New groups may apply for Basic Certification only. Please read the Recognition Group Policy and Information Guide online for more information. You may also contact Cathy Pracht at [cpracht@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:cpracht@greenbeltmd.gov) or 240-542-2196.

There will be an information meeting held on Thursday, November 8 at 7pm in the Community Center Multipurpose Room for prospective applicants.

**Winter Recreation Activity Guide Now Available!**  
 Registration begins on Monday, November 26 for Greenbelt Residents

Check out our Winter 2019 Activity Guide for more details!

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

Please visit our website, stop by a recreation center, or give Greenbelt Recreation a call at 301-397-2200 for more information.

**DONATION DROP-OFF**  
 Green Drop Charitable Donations  
<https://www.gogreendrop.com/acceptable-items/>  
 Every second (2nd) and fourth (4th) Saturday of the month

**Saturday, November 10, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon or until the truck is full**  
 Parking lot between City Office and the Community Center

City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308

Please note: there will be NO drop off on 11/24 because if the holiday.

**GROW AND GIVE**  
**Together we can end prostate cancer**  
 Support our Greenbelt Police Department Team at [http://bit.ly/team\\_greenbelt](http://bit.ly/team_greenbelt)

One in seven men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer, including more than 180,000 throughout the U.S. this year alone.

This November, we’re putting down the razor and picking up the cause by participating in the Grow & Give campaign with ZERO - The End of Prostate Cancer. Together, we can end the suffering of prostate cancer, but we need your support.

Join our team! Your participation will help raise awareness and your donation will help fund research, patient programs that go directly to helping men and their families, free testing, and educational programs.

## MEMORIAL continued from page 1

Langerak, a retired Episcopal priest and pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, urged those assembled to go forward with resolve in peace and unity. Mayor Emmett Jordan also spoke on behalf of Greenbelt City Council (many of whom were in attendance), promising to hold a forum in the coming weeks for religious leaders to discuss solutions to the problem of violence. Two Greenbelt police officers maintained a routine security presence outside the synagogue during the service.

Rabbi Oresky read the names of the 11 people who were killed in the Pittsburgh slaying and spoke a little about several of them. Two, Bernice and Sylvan Simon, had been married for 57 years. One was a dentist, Richard Gottfried. One was Dr. Jerry Rabinowitz, a compassionate primary care physician. The oldest was 97-year-old Rose Mallinger. The youngest were two brothers, Cecil and David Rosenthal, faithful attendees who often handed out prayerbooks in the back of the synagogue. Many were retirees, including Daniel Stein, accountant Melvin Wax, researcher Joyce Fienberg and realtor Irving Younger. They left behind friends, relatives, children and grandchildren.

Congregation president Steven Mirsky read an original poem entitled Embrace and Reject.

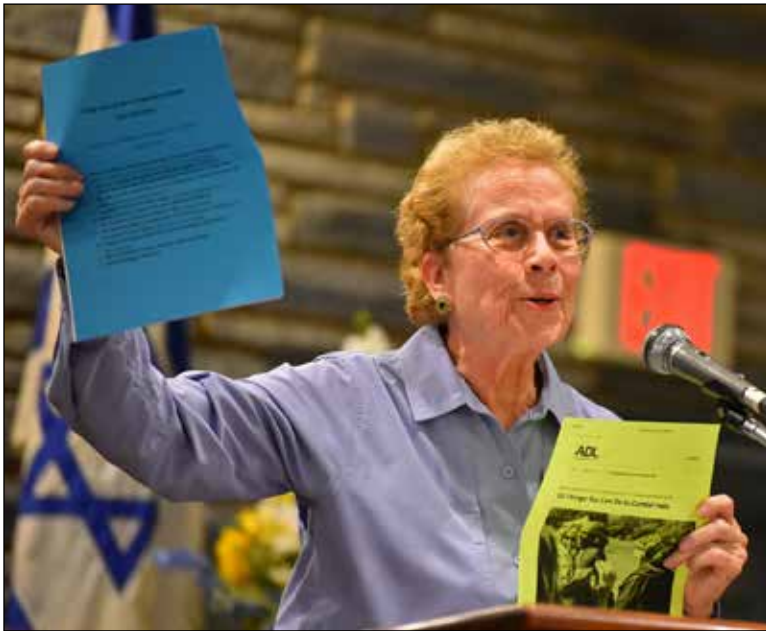
The poem concluded: "Embrace love, Reject hate, Embrace each other."

Phil Greenfield, cantor, sang El Malei Rachamim ("God full of compassion"), a beautiful prayer sung on behalf of the departed, asking for God's compassion for the dead and reminding mourners to give to charity in their memory.

Together the congregation recited the Mourner's Kaddish, a traditional prayer in Aramaic; an English translation was also provided.

Attendees were provided with pages from the Mishkan Torah Social Action Committee advising actions individuals can take in response to anti-semitism and to combat hate. One top suggestion was to make a donation to the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh, which is directly helping the victims of terror, including the families impacted by the shootings at Tree of Life: [jewish-pgh.org/our-victims-of-terror-fund](http://jewish-pgh.org/our-victims-of-terror-fund).

- Photos by Sharon Natoli



Pastor Ana Langerak of the Evangelical Lutheran Church holds up flyers about combating hate during a memorial service for victims of the Tree of Life Synagogue massacre.



Cantor Phillip Greenfield (left) and Rabbi Saul Oresky lead the singing of the memorial prayer during the service.



Mayor Emmett Jordan speaks at the service.

## City Authorizes Bond Sale, County Zoning Law Passes

by Diane Oberg

At its October 22 regular meeting, the Greenbelt City Council approved issuing up to \$8 million in Special Obligation Bonds to finance or reimburse the developer of Greenbelt Station Parkway for costs the city agreed to bear to construct Greenbelt Station Parkway in its annexation agreement. In other matters, council reviewed the state's Consolidated Transportation Plan (CTP) and briefly discussed the status of the county's zoning rewrite.

### Zoning Rewrite

While council briefly discussed the status of the county's zoning rewrite, the real news came the next day. Director of Planning and Community Development Terri Hruby later told the News Review that the rewrite was approved by the county council on October 23.

At the same meeting, the county council unanimously directed planning staff to begin working on a Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zone (NCOZ) for Greenbelt. The city has repeatedly raised its concern that, in the absence of such a zone, land previously protected by the Residential Planned Community (RPC) Zone could be left unprotected until an NCOZ could be established.

### Bond Sale

The bond ordinance was approved on a 6-1 vote with Councilmember Rodney Roberts opposed. It had been introduced for first reading at the previous council meeting.

Prior to that vote, council held a public hearing on the ordinance. Just one person spoke on the issue. Bill Orleans objected to what he considered the late release of the fiscal impact analysis, which was only recently made available. The report was dated September 24. He requested that the vote for final approval be postponed to allow time for the public to review the fiscal impact analysis.

Mayor Emmett Jordan explained why the city is taking this action now. In the annexation agreement, the city agreed to fund some infrastructure through Tax Incremental Financing. Through this mechanism the city would provide funds for specified projects as an incentive for the developer to build here. A jurisdiction instituting a Development District anticipates the development will provide sufficient tax revenues over the long term to offset the subsidized payments. In this instance, the developer fronted the money to

develop Greenbelt Station Parkway and the city is now moving to reimburse them as authorized in the ordinance approved at the meeting.

John Stalfort of the city's bond attorneys firm, Miles and Stockbridge, said he expected the interest rate on the bonds would be around six percent on a bond sale of roughly \$6.6 million. He also noted that, unlike the municipal bonds sold to finance the police station and other city facilities, the full faith and credit of the city is not bound to these special obligation funds and the bonds would not affect the city's credit rating.

### Transportation

Council unanimously approved sending a letter to Maryland Secretary of Transportation Pete Rahn with the city's comments on the Consolidated Transportation Plan (CTP).

The Planning and Community Development Department has been reviewing the CTP. Judith Howerton, a new community planner, briefed council on the changes to the plan since last year.

The city's comments will oppose the defunding of the full interchange with the Capital Beltway at the Greenbelt Metro Station, oppose spending \$25.1 million for planning activities for the Baltimore-Washington Superconducting Maglev project and oppose the \$129.5 million in funding for the Traffic Relief Plan which includes widening the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, Capital Beltway and I-270. In addition, the city's response will oppose funding the extension of Kenilworth Avenue (essentially widening of Route 201/Edmonston Avenue into a four-lane divided highway). The city will also call for including the MD-193/Greenbelt Road streetscape project which, although it has been on the county's list of transportation priorities, is still not included in the state's CTP.

Council touched upon The Bus, which had its funding significantly reduced. Councilmember Edward Putens mused that it might be good to explore the possibility of merging Greenbelt's and Berwyn Heights' local bus service to better serve the area.



### Holy Cross Thrift Store

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### Annual Rummage Sale

Mishkan Torah Synagogue  
Sunday & Monday  
Nov. 11 & 12  
9 am - 3 pm  
10 Ridge Rd.  
301-474-4223

Designer clothing, linens,  
shoes, accessories, china,  
toys, books, art, household  
items, electronics, bake sale.  
Great prices and great finds.

## REMEMBER YOUR FAVORITE TEACHER?

Thank them during American Education Week, November 12-16.

Bring your Thank You Notes  
between 2-4 p.m. on Mondays, Nov. 5th or 12th  
or between 2-4 or 6-8 p.m. on Tuesdays, Nov. 6th or 13th  
to the News Review Office,  
Greenbelt Community Center, Room 100.

You can also email your thank you notes to [ads@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:ads@greenbeltnewsreview.com).  
Remember to come by the News Review office to pay for your ad or leave your payment in the drop box at the Co-Op Grocery store.

**All ads must be paid by the Tuesday, Nov. 13, 8 p.m. deadline.**

Thank a Teacher ads cost \$1.50 for the first 10 words  
and five cents for each additional word.

# Teen Author's Big Dreams Spark Book, Launch Career

by Lauren Moses

Author, motivational speaker, actress and radio co-host are the titles that Maya Jai Pinson goes by. Pinson hosted a book reading at The Space located in Beltway Plaza across from the AMC movie theater entrance on Sunday, November 4.

The young author, only 14 years old, read her self-published book, Backpack Lily, to a group of children and their families. Those who walked through the mall stopped to look and participated in activities like coloring following the reading.

Backpack Lily is a children's book that Pinson said, "teaches kids how to prioritize school work over their play time." A Washington, D.C., native, Pinson realized at a young age that juggling so many responsibilities and schedules was quite difficult, but over time she was able to create a method called Stop, Drop, Work, Then Play. This is a concept that she uses a lot during her motivational speeches, she said, because "My message is broad, but still relatable to everybody."

During the reading, Pinson allowed the kids to ask her questions about the book and shared her method of Stop, Drop, Work,

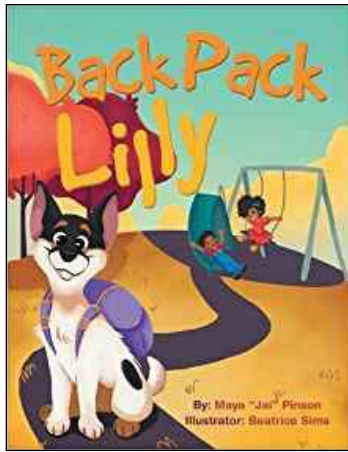


Maya Jai Pinson

PHOTO COURTESY OF PINSON FAMILY

ness at the age of 1 as a model and she has always had a crazy schedule. She published her book as a 13-year-old but began acting even before that. She recently wrapped up the filming of a TV series titled, Dads Do It, Too, and is currently co-hosting a radio show titled Voices of Our Teens. Pinson said she enjoys being a part of the radio show because it gives kids a platform to speak on topics that they normally don't get a chance to.

Pinson has several projects on the way, including more TV shows and movies. To keep up with her, visit her website at mjaip.com.



The cover of Maya Pinson's book, Backpack Lily

Then Play, to emphasize how important school work is. She said she loves inspiring people, especially young people, because she doesn't let her age hold her back from what she wants to do in life and with her career. Pinson doesn't think anyone else should either, no matter how old they are. "I like to focus on dreaming big because of how young I am. Once you have your mind set on something and you never give up, you can always accomplish it," she said.

Becoming an author did not happen overnight for Pinson. She got into the entertainment busi-

# Home and Away



PHOTO BY GLENN HARRIS

The sunset is seen from Greenbelt Sunoco on November 6.



PHOTO BY ANNIE HABER

News Review member Marc Manheimer reads the News Review to an appreciative troll beneath a bridge in Seattle.



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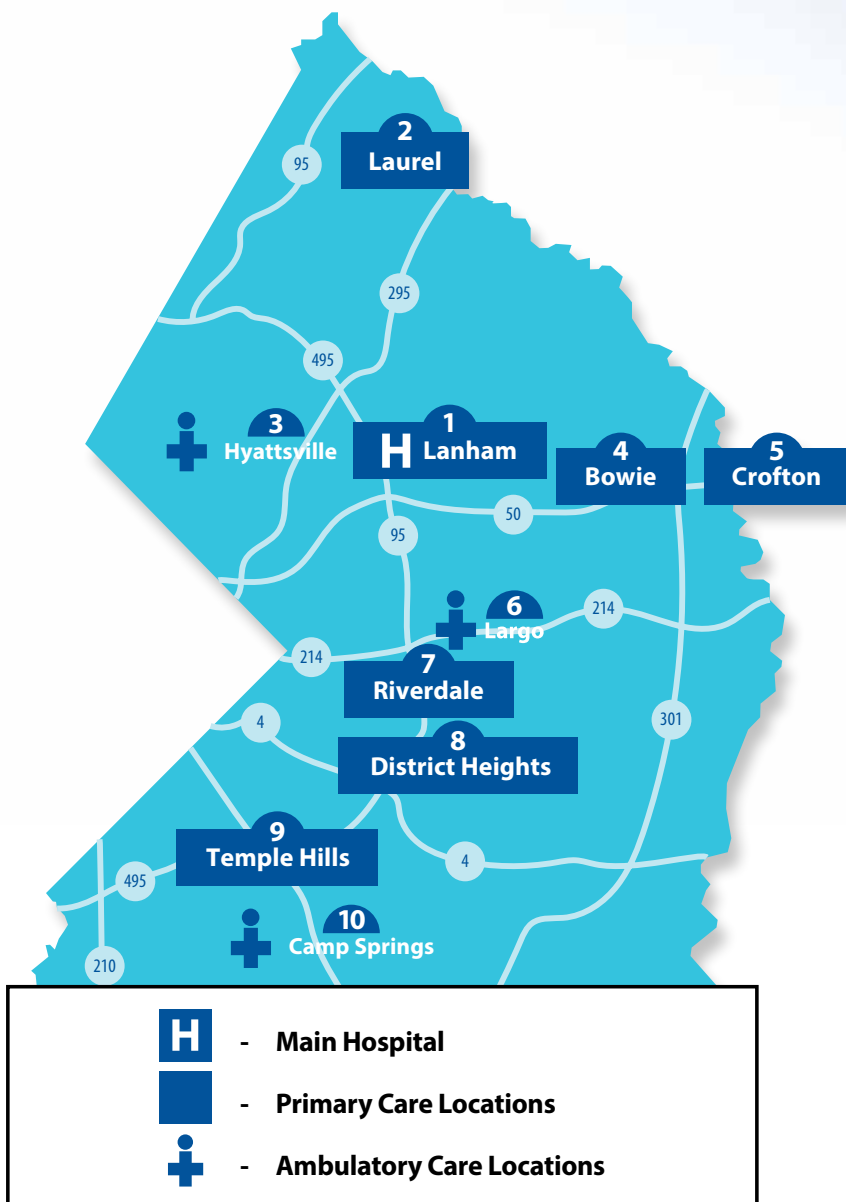
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- + Breast Health **1**
- + Digestive Disease Care **1**
- + Emergency Services **1**
- + Endocrinology and Diabetes Care **2 7**
- + Health Center **3**
- + Imaging Services **1 6**
- + Infusion Care **1**
- + Orthopedic Services **1 4 10**
- + Primary Care **1 2 4 5 7 8 9**
- + Radiation Oncology **1 4**
- + Rehabilitation Program **1 4 10**
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# Poster Art Exhibit Highlights The Federal Theatre Project

by Adam W. Glass

Greenbelt will dedicate a new permanent exhibit of poster art from 1930s theater productions at a special event at the Community Center at 3 p.m. on Sunday, November 18. Co-sponsored by the Greenbelt Museum and Greenbelt Recreation Department, the exhibit commemorates the Works Progress Administration's Federal Theatre Project (FTP) and its influence on Greenbelt's first theater group, the Greenbelt Players. Performing Arts Coordinator Chris Cherry is exhibit curator and the narrator/host of the program.

The event will feature a slideshow and multi-media presentation by Cherry, historical audio clips, a live vocal performance of songs from FTP shows by Aidan Larkin and a ribbon-cutting by Greenbelt resident Tim Murray, the son of Theodora Murray, the founding president of the Greenbelt Players. "As the youngest of the brood, I have no direct memories of the Greenbelt Players," Murray said in an email. "I do, however, clearly remember the family stories of the early days of Greenbelt, including the founding of what is now the News Review, the Greenbelt Players and other community institutions."

A reception will follow the ribbon-cutting.

The posters in the exhibit were scanned from the original 1930s posters, which were mislaid for decades after the FTP's abrupt demise. In the 1970s, George Mason University researcher Lorraine Brown discovered the posters among a trove of FTP records in an old airplane hangar outside of Baltimore, where the Library of Congress had stored them. George Mason University took the materials on a long term loan, indexed them, cataloged them and made them available to the public, said Cherry.

Cherry reviewed hundreds of images to select the posters for the exhibit. The ones making the final cut were selected for their beauty and for how well they lent themselves to telling the story of the FTP.

The unveiling of the permanent exhibit is one of a continuing series of events in the 18-month Greenbelt Legacy 80th Anniversary celebration, Cherry said. "As the celebration draws



toward a close, we believe we have succeeded in renewing and deepening community awareness of Greenbelt's cooperative New Deal heritage." The last two events of the celebration will be a special edition of the Greenbelt annual tree lighting in Roosevelt Center on November 30 and dance performances at the Community Center on December 15 and 16.

According to the Exhibit Guide written by Cherry, the FTP was created in August 1935 as part of the Works Progress Administration to create jobs for 12,000 unemployed theater workers during the Great Depression and to provide opportunities for African-Americans in the theater, commission theater works, promote the creation of smaller theaters away from the big cities and take theater productions on tour to impoverished and agricultural areas.

The FTP staged hundreds of different plays for more than 25 million people. However, Congressional hostility to the progressive politics and employment practices of the FTP sent it to an early grave. Funding was withdrawn for its programs in the fall of 1939.

Both the FTP and Greenbelt were responses of the Roosevelt administration to problems of the Great Depression: unemployment and inadequate housing. The FTP connections to Greenbelt go back to 1938, when the newly formed Greenbelt Players performed a play from the FTP repertoire titled What are You Going to Be?

The exhibit features posters from the most important production of each of the FTP theatrical seasons. These were not tame amusements. Each was politically controversial in a different way.

In 1935-36, a theater staged Macbeth with an all-black cast. When a theater in Cincinnati tried to restrict black patrons to the balcony, the FTP cancelled the show rather than comply.

Next up was Sinclair Lewis's play about a fascist takeover of America, It Can't Happen Here. The play premiered simultaneously in over 20 theaters in more than 15 states. Newspaper coverage was massive, stimulating discussion of the risk of authoritarianism coming to power on a wave of racist and anti-immigrant sentiment.

In 1937-38, the FTP produced One-Third of a Nation. In his second inaugural address President Franklin Roosevelt said, "I see one-third of a nation ill-housed, ill-clad, ill-nourished." The play sought to explain the deep commercial and political roots of slum housing. The play was popular in Greenbelt.

In its final year of operation, the FTP produced a satirical revue, Sing for Your Supper. Among other satirical targets, the play took aim at critics of the Works Progress Administration who claimed that its workers, who built Boulder Dam as well as neighborhood projects, were paid for "leaning on a shovel."

As Cherry notes, the legacies of the FTP and the Greenbelt Players "still flourish in Greenbelt, where the performing arts receive robust support and are recognized as an important element of civic life."

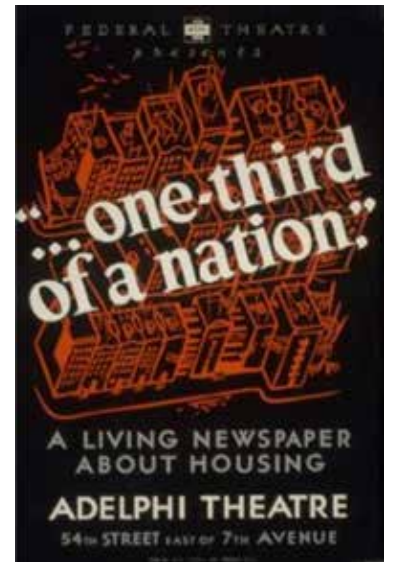
The exhibit honors "not only Teddy Murray but all of the pioneers of Greenbelt who created the bedrock of what our community is today," Tim Murray said.

Tickets for the event are \$5. All proceeds go to the Mary Geiger Scholarship Fund, which provides tuition assistance for Greenbelters enrolling in arts and senior programs. Tickets can be purchased from the Community Center business office at 15 Crescent Road or by phone at 301-397-2208. Advance purchase is strongly recommended.



Crowds gather outside the Lafayette Theatre in Harlem on the opening of Macbeth, the first full-scale Shakespeare production to feature an all-black cast.

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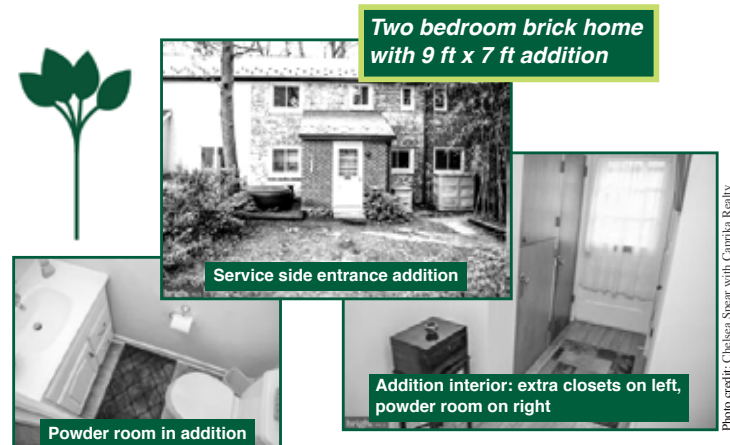
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# More Community Events

## At the New Deal

Thursday, November 8, 7 to 10 p.m. Open Mic hosted by James and Martha.

Friday, November 9, 2:30 to 4 p.m. Music Makers Jam Session. 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Pigeon Kings plays Celtic and rock influences with traditional elements including Americana and bluegrass.

Saturday, November 10, 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Black Masala features a wide array of instruments from tuba to accordion to banjo and a colorful mix of sounds that draw inspiration from the melodies of Eastern European brass bands, New Orleans jazz, Latin grooves and even a hint of Appalachian twang.

Sunday, November 11, noon to 2 p.m. Onzole River Project Discussion is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing educational empowerment to rural Afro-Ecuadorian communities along the Onzole River in the remote northwestern Ecuadorian rainforest. 3 to 6 p.m., Vegan Thanksgiving Dinner. Join us for a delicious plant-based Thanksgiving dinner buffet with live music and optional vegan wine pairing. Reserve a spot today by calling 301-474-5642 or emailing catering@piantafoods.com. 7 to 9 p.m. Naked Jungle brings a combination of tribal world beats with progressive rock-jazz-jam influences.

Tuesday, November 13, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Evidence Locker brings an eclectic mix of classic and current rock and pop favorites.

Wednesday, November 14, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Mitchelstown will bring Irish traditional dance tunes on fiddle, banjo, concertina, bouzouki, guitar, bodhran, piano, viola da gamba and whistle with a repertoire that includes an expansive and lovely collection of songs from the Emerald Isle.

Thursday, November 15, 7 to 10 p.m. Open mic with Joe Harris. Come join the café stage and sing, share a poem or play an instrument in this casual open mic.

Friday, November 16, 2:30 to 4 p.m. Music Makers Jam Session. 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Billy Coulter Band draws on influences such as Bob Dylan, Creedence and Johnny Cash.

Saturday, November 17, 1 to 3 p.m. Poetry Open Mic. 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. The Paul McCartney Experience is an authentic tribute to the songwriter, musician and legend, Paul McCartney.

Sunday, November 18, noon to 2 p.m. The Vegetarian Society of D.C. Dr. Will Tuttle will discuss his book, *The World Peace Diet*. 3 to 5 p.m. Artist Reception. Meet the local artists whose works are now on display at the café. Music will be provided by Diana McFadden, who will be performing solo cello. 6 to 8 p.m., Fez Tones Haffa take the stage for an evening of live Middle Eastern music and dance. Musicians will play exotic instruments such as qanun, oud, darbuka and riq. There will be open dancing between amazing dance performances by the region's best belly dancers.

## At Greenbelt Park

Saturday, November 10: Veterans Day Observance. A century ago, in 1918, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, the guns fell silent as the Great War came to an end with an armistice. In just a year of combat, "Doughboys" and Marines of the American Expeditionary Force that sailed to France "to make the world safe for democracy" in the "war to end all wars" had suffered 53,402 combat deaths. To honor these and all veterans of all American wars, and veterans of military service who were non-combatants, a display of World War I artifacts will be on exhibit at the Ranger Station. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunday, November 11: Campfire Program. How the U.S. Army Helped Save National Parks: Salute to Veterans. How did national parks survive the early years? A big thanks goes to the U.S. Army. Learn more about the early history of national parks. Campground guests and the public are welcome to a traditional campfire program in Loop B of the campground at 5 p.m.

Saturday, November 17: Campfire Program. The Wild Turkey. Join a park ranger to hear about the habits and diet of the wild turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo*), a native bird species that can be encountered in the forest of Greenbelt. The wild bird's domesticated cousin may grace the Thanksgiving or Christmas table with all the trimmings, but wild turkeys are quite shy and difficult to hunt. Campground guests and the public are welcome to a traditional campfire program in Loop B of the campground at 5 p.m.

Sunday, November 18: White-tailed Deer. What is the difference between a horn and an antler? What do the deer eat? Meet at the Ranger Station near the campground at 9 a.m.

Thursday, November 22: Happy Thanksgiving from the staff of Greenbelt Park. The park and campground are open but the offices will be closed.

## Wills for Heroes Free at Legion

On Saturday, November 17 attorneys will be at the American Legion Post 136, 6900 Greenbelt Road, conducting the Wills for Heroes program for Maryland veterans and their spouses/domestic partners. Wills for Heroes is a free and easy service that provides wills, health care and financial powers of attorney. Volunteer attorneys will be available for appointments starting at 10:30 a.m. and ending at 3:30 p.m. Each appointment will last approximately one hour. At the conclusion participants will have notarized legal documents to take home. To make an appointment call Ashley Palmere at 410-580-4167. The event is by appointment only. Walk-ins will not be accommodated. This service is for Maryland residents only. More details are at facebook.com/GreenbeltLegion/.

## Volunteers Sought For Hearing Study

The National Institute on Aging awarded more than \$8 million to the University of Maryland to develop an innovative approach to address hearing loss and communication challenges affecting millions of older Americans. The five-year, multidisciplinary research project will combine expertise from the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, the A. James Clark School of Engineering, the College of Computer, Mathematical and Natural Sciences, and the Center for Advanced Study of Language. The project is led by Principal Investigator Dr. Sandra Gordon-Salant, director of the UMD Hearing Research Lab.

The overarching goal of the research is to examine processes at the neural level that cause auditory and speech perception difficulties with aging and to determine whether the brain can be effectively "rewired" through auditory and cognitive training to overcome these hearing and speech obstacles.

"There are many training programs designed to help people deal with hearing loss as they get older," said Gordon-Salant. "What we don't know is how well these training programs work and if they result in a true rewiring of the brain. We're thrilled to have compiled this dynamite team that will help provide answers to these important questions."

Gordon-Salant and her colleagues are seeking young adults, ages 18 to 30, with normal hearing or older adults, ages 65 to 85, with either normal hearing or hearing loss. The goal is to develop an effective training program to improve speech understanding in challenging listening situations experienced by older people. The study will involve preliminary testing, the training protocol and post-training testing, and takes about 25 hours to complete. Participants will be compensated \$12 per hour. To sign up for an assessment to determine if you qualify, email or call Carol Gorham at hearing@umd.edu or 301-405-4236.

## Volunteers Needed For AARP Tax Prep

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is looking to expand its team of volunteers for the upcoming tax season. Tax-Aide offers free in-person preparation and assistance to anyone, especially those 50 and older, who can't afford a tax preparation service.

The program is seeking volunteer tax preparers, client facilitators, those who can provide technical and management assistance and interpreters. Every level of experience is welcome. Volunteer tax preparers complete tax preparation training and IRS certification. Taxpayers do not need to be a member of AARP or a retiree to use Tax-Aide.

To learn about volunteer opportunities, visit [aarpfoundation.org/taxaide](http://aarpfoundation.org/taxaide) or call 1-888-OUR-AARP (1-888-687-2277). AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is offered in coordination with the IRS.

## Reel and Meal At the New Deal

On Monday, November 19, Reel and Meal will feature Not Business as Usual at the New Deal Café. An optional vegan meal is available for purchase at 6:30 p.m., followed by the free screening beginning at 7.

Lawrence Le Lam and Institute B lead a journey of meeting enthusiastic entrepreneurs who embody the concept of triple bottom line, which adds social and environmental considerations to the traditional notion of profit. Instead of shunning capitalism, these pioneers are forming a new social movement known as "conscious capitalism." The documentary explores several businesses in the U.S. that utilize their profits for social good, including restaurants, health care services and clothing manufacturers.

Discussion leader Jon Ellenbogen, president of Impact Capital Strategies, has created a financial advice business that is an innovative leader in the socially responsible investment world. Since 1999 he has been a financial advisor helping high net-worth clients and organizations manage their wealth, focusing on socially responsible investments, wealth transfer, and risk and liability management.

Reel and Meal is a monthly dinner and documentary series sponsored by the Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group, Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition, Green Vegan Networking and the Utopia Film Festival. For more information, contact Leeann Irwin at 301-486-0099 or [paxirwin@yahoo.com](mailto:paxirwin@yahoo.com) or visit [newdealcafe.com](http://newdealcafe.com).

## At the Library

All Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGC-MLS) branches will be closed on Sunday, November 11 and Monday, November 12 for Veterans Day. The Greenbelt branch library will reopen on Tuesday, November 13 at 1 p.m.

English Conversation Club. Tuesday, November 13, 6 p.m. Learning to speak English? Join this club and practice speaking English in a friendly atmosphere with people from diverse backgrounds. The club will be on hiatus after November 20 and will resume meeting weekly on Tuesday evenings starting January 8.

Weekly Ready 2 Read Storytimes. Tuesday, November 13, ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 30 people. Wednesday, November 14, ages newborn to 2, 10:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent or caregiver; ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 30 people. Thursday, November 15, ages newborn to 2, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent or caregiver; ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m., limit 30 people.

African History and Culture Lecture Series. Tuesday, November 13, 7 p.m. Grand Theft Africa: The Original Scramble for a Continent will be the final session of the Fall 2018 season in this audio-visual lecture series presented by historian C.R. Gibbs. The Winter 2019 season will commence on Tuesday, January 29.

Kids Achieve Club. Wednesday, November 14, 4:30 p.m. Mentoring, reading and homework help for students in grades 1 to 6. This club will be on hiatus after November 14 and will resume meeting weekly on Wednesday afternoons starting January 9.

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A Review

# Toxicity and Laughter at GAC

by Jim Link

The rock musical *The Toxic Avenger* (under the direction of Jeffrey Lesniak) brings witty lyrics, kinetic energy, snappy choreography and rampantly outrageous costuming to the Greenbelt Arts Center.

In the contemporary, fictional, very polluted town of Tromaville, N.J., nerdy Melvin Ferd the Third falls in love with blind librarian assistant and aspiring writer Sarah and exposes the profiteering crooked Mayor Babs Belgoody as the cause of the town's toxic waste disasters. Melvin morphs into the deformed Toxic Avenger, gifted with superhuman powers, after he is stuffed into a toxic waste can by two of Mayor Babs's goons.

Then commences Melvin's delicate Beauty and the Beast courtship of blind Sarah and his anti-corruption heroics. The slender cast of five plays multiple roles at breakneck speed with constant entrances and exits giving the impression of unflagging crowded tumult. To make the willing suspension of disbelief plausible, kudos must go to the whole cast, director Lesniak, the costumer, the choreographer and the band.

Is there anything Lesniak can't do? Here he is producer, director, music director, master carpenter, lighting designer, sound designer and more. Jeaneo Binney gave the cast more outfits and clothes changes than a Filene's basement sale. Crossdressing, old babushka house dresses, slinky black lingerie, gangsta punk leather – she supplied it all. Heather Harris choreographed the dance moves and violent fights very imaginatively.

Matt Gray is convincing as the vulnerable swain Melvin, who gains confidence as he kicks derriere as the Toxic Avenger. The lovely Jessie Duggan is Sarah, Melvin's not-so-innocent love interest. She sings, dances and vamps beautifully. The always impressive Pamela Northrup kills it as Mayor Babs and Ma Ferd. She swaggers, intimidates, seduces and cajoles by turns, whatever is necessary. She also plays a nun who flips the bird (both middle fingers) at those who irritate her.



Matt Gray plays the Toxic Avenger and Jessie Duggan plays the blind librarian, Sarah.



Todd Hines (Diane), Jessie Duggan (Sarah) and Michael Iacone (Shinequa) sing and dance in the show.

- Photos by Kristofer Northrup

Todd Hines and Michael Iacone team up hilariously as Mayor Babs's goons, Bozo and Sluggo, just for starters. Hines is also a cop and plays at least four women – Edna, Judy, a hooker and Diane. Not to be outdone, Iacone plays a little girl, a hooker, a little old lady, the chief of police and Professor Ken. The two of them have more dresses than Imelda Marcos has shoes

(almost). Live music is supplied by John McCloskey (guitar), Chip Racster (bass), Larissa Hannon (drums), Elizabeth Alford (keyboard) and Rachel Sandler (conductor).

To have a blast and feel ecologically green see this delight through November 24. Visit [greenbeltartscenter.org](http://greenbeltartscenter.org) for ticket sales and more information.



Pamela Northrup, playing the crooked Mayor, Babs Belgoody, and Todd Hines and Michael Iacone, both playing waste management executives, perform in a scene of *The Toxic Avenger*.



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PRELIMINARY AGENDA  
**GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
Thursday, November 15, 2018  
GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

**A. GHI Special Open Session Meeting – begins at 7.00 p.m**

- Approve Motion to hold an Executive Session Meeting on November 15, 2018

**B. GHI Executive Session – begins after the GHI Special Open Session Meeting adjourns**

- Approve minutes of Executive Session meeting held on October 18, 2018
- Consider the terms and conditions of the following contracts in the negotiation stage:
  - Contract for Employee Medical Insurance Benefits – 2nd Reading
  - Contract for Employee Life Insurance and Disability Benefits – 2nd Reading
  - Contract for Employee Dental Care Benefits – 2nd Reading
  - Business Owners' Insurance Policy Renewal - 1st Reading
- Member financial matters
- A member complaint matter

**C. GDC Open Session – begins at 7.45 p.m.**

- Approval of the 2019 GDC Operating Budget
- Review 3rd Quarter Financial Statements
- GDC's Long-range Capital Improvements Plan

**D. GHI Open Session Meeting – begins after the GDC Open Session Meeting adjourns**

- Approve Minutes of Special Open Session Meeting held on October 18, 2018
- Approve Minutes of Regular Open Session Meeting held on October 18, 2018
- Arborist's Risk Assessment Report re: Tree at 4-A Plateau Place
- ARC's Recommendation re: Rules on Posting of Signage on Units and in Yards
- ARC's Recommendation re: Historic Address Numbers for GHI Units
- Finance Committee's Recommendation re: Repayment Schedule for Asbestos Remediation and Crawlspace Improvements
- Review 2019 GHI Budget -2nd Reading
- Authorization for Additional Expenditure for Property & Casualty Insurance Premiums in 2018
- Review 3rd Quarter Financial Statements
- National Cooperative Bank Corporate Authorization Resolution
- Zoning Task Force's Draft Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zone Proposal
- Bicycle Committee's Bike Rack Proposal
- Woodlands Committee Proposal re: GHI Woodlands Caretakers and Greenspace Gardeners Programs
- Agenda for Town Hall Meetings in December 2018
- Response from Attorney re: Questions about GHI's Investment Procedures



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## Letters continued

There has been loud indignation by the state senators and others that Mr. Thomas and Mr. Blocker, both of whom are registered Democrats, put out a Democratic sample ballot. This was because the state senators' political machines recognize how powerful the sample ballot is and don't want competition.

Don't believe the hype.

PS – In the 2014 election, PGDCC unanimously decided not to make a selection on the non-partisan school board candidates.

A week after that vote, they held a suddenly scheduled meeting and narrowly voted in support of the state senators' selections for school board. Many have questioned the appropriateness of that action. During that second meeting, those who had spoken at the first meeting were not allowed to speak. Instead State Senator Pinsky along with his slate of school board candidates testified and the vote to support the state senators' selections for school board was adopted.

In advance of PGDCC's decision regarding the 2018 election, over 40 people testified against PGDCC taking a position on the non-partisan school board race. Following the testimony, PGDCC voted not to take a position.

Thought you might want to know.

*Peggy Higgins  
former District 2 School  
Board member*

### Thanks to Judges

Like many people in Greenbelt, I went to vote at the polling station in the Community Center. The staff were efficient and courteous, and made the experience stress-free. I returned later in the day to accompany my wife as she went to vote and was stunned to notice that several of the same people were still at the polling station, some eight hours later. They were directing proceedings with the same poise and enthusiasm as before. These folks deserve praise and respect for their time in making it easier for their neighbors to vote, and for their dedication to their task. Thanks to everyone involved!

*Matthew Franke*

### Still on the Roll

I walked into the Greenbelt News Review to report that I was registered to vote in both Maryland and Texas. The last place I registered was Texas. I have an address in Texas and one in Maryland.

Don't tell me there is not voter fraud in Maryland.

Maryland was supposed to take me off their voter registration and they did not.

*Randy Crenwelge*



### Scouts BSA for Girls

The Boys Scouts of America is changing its name to Scouts BSA and will start accepting girls into its ranks as of February 1, 2019. Troop 214 in Riverdale is planning to form a sister troop under Scouts BSA for any girl who is interested.

Although the Scouts BSA program places girls and boys in separate troops, the program will be identical for male and female troops and is the same as the current Boy Scouts of America program.

To be able to hit the ground running next February, Troop 214 has scheduled an organizational meeting for Wednesday, November 14 at the Prince George's County Elks Lodge. The meeting will start at 7 p.m. and will be an introduction for parents of girls who are interested in being part of a troop.

To become a member of a Scouts BSA Troop, a young person must be 11 years old and have completed fifth grade, or be 10 years old and have earned the Arrow of Light as a Webelo. Potential scouts must also be under the age of 18. Girls have been part of the Cub Scouts since February 1 this year, so there are currently female Arrow of Light Scouts.

This is not a replacement for the Girl Scouts of America. A girl can earn the Gold Award as part of a Girl Scout Troop or the rank of Eagle as part of a Scouts BSA troop. The Prince George's County Elks Lodge is located at 6700 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale. Entry is around the back and a door will be propped open for direct access to the meeting room.

For more information, contact Jonathan Murray by email at [Jdblockhead@yahoo.com](mailto:Jdblockhead@yahoo.com).

### City Notes

Animal control transported a cat for medical treatment, impounded two dogs and three cats and investigated a cruelty case. One dog was adopted.

Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability/Environmental crews collected 28.73 tons of refuse and 12.65 tons of recyclable material. Pumpkins from the Pumpkin Walk were taken to Springhill Lake Recreation Center for CHEARS and the HOTS composting group.

The Halloween Costume Contest and Parade at Roosevelt Center featured live music, a Grand Marshall Dragon, the Old Greenbelt Theatre, Greenbelt police trunk or treat units and fantastic weather.

The Aquatic & Fitness Center is collecting donations of holiday non-perishable food until November 22 for delivery to local food pantries.

The Community Center lowered the U.S. flag to half-staff as a mark of solemn respect for the victims of the terrible act of violence perpetrated at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Two new exhibitions are at the Community Center. The front display case features November holidays and the Art Gallery offers a new installation, *The View Within and Without: Painting and Collage* by Sylvie van Helden.

At the annual flu shot clinic at Green Ridge House, CARES reports about 20 residents received flu vaccinations.

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## HOTEL continued from page 1

the Annapolis Room. There is a plan to redesign window space to bring more light to the large banquet hall. The Annapolis Room will be equipped with dropdown screens and projectors for events.

Boardrooms will become spaces for weddings and business occasions. The 16th floor club lounge will split into two new rooms and the lounge will now be on the first floor.

Once the M Blue bar and lounge and the indoor pool are converted into meeting spaces, event space at the hotel will increase from 12,200 square feet to 20,000 square feet according to Day.

The guest rooms will offer more natural light with a new window design. They will have a permanent luggage rack with a padded top for stowing bags, doubling as a seat. Rooms feature plenty of outlets and USB cables for charging the modern traveler's myriad devices. All rooms will feature chaise lounges.

Guest bathrooms will get a makeover with sliding glass shower doors, large mirrors and lit makeup mirrors. Most queen rooms and the entire third floor will have tubs. All guest bathrooms will be handicap accessible with grab bars in every shower.

The hotel will continue operating the complimentary shuttle service to the Greenbelt Metro station and other locations within three miles of the hotel. It will also keep the current fitness center, which will receive new equipment next year.

### Why Greenbelt?

"The hotel is a destination," said Mayor Emmett Jordan to the presenters. The mayor noted that the hotel is a "pivotal place" due to its proximity to the Metro station and because it is a large employer in the area. The hotel currently employs 110 people, but seeks to hire more due to the expansion of the meeting spaces during this renovation and with increased occupancy in the future.

Councilmember Colin Byrd inquired why SB&G – an Australian group that owns the land and property – chose Greenbelt. The cost of the hotel and the renovation budget drew the company to the area, according to Gaede,

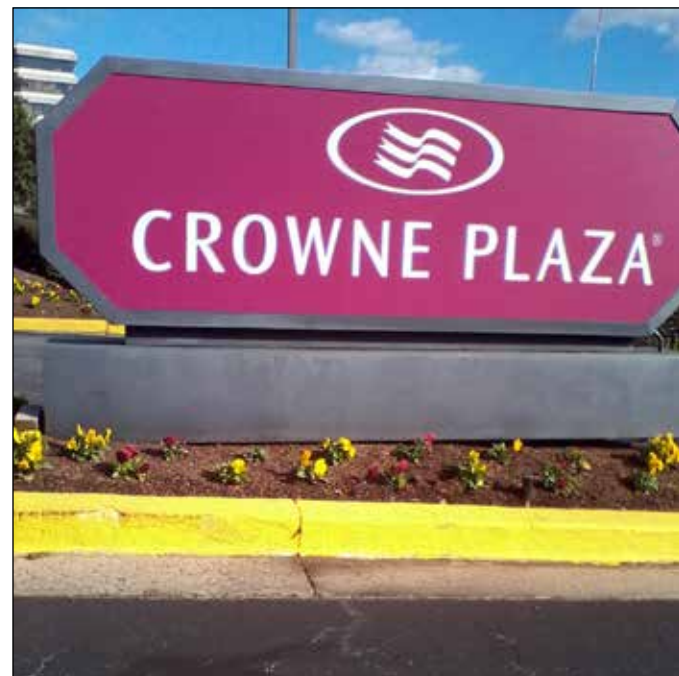


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Crowne Plaza's new pink sign on Kenilworth Avenue points to the hotel on Ivy Lane.

who said that Crowne Plaza and parent company International Hotel Group (IHG) are "not short-term investors." He said that the renovations to the hotel would help it contend with nearby competitors, encouraging more guests to this location in the future. "I think we'll see them come back once the facilities change and are upgraded," said Gaede, referring to professional and college football teams that travel to the greater D.C. area. SB&G has done three similar hotel renovations with great success, according to Gaede.

### Going Green

Gaede said one of IHG's key points for the company is to be green. The hotel's electricity and gas usage, for example, are monitored and reported out to IHG to make sure Crowne Plaza is doing its best to be environmentally friendly. Gaede explained another way the hotel will continue to be green is by providing a divided single container bin in each room for guests to separate trash from recycling. He noted that all toilets would be water saving with dual-flush capabilities.

The council offered further sustainability suggestions including adding solar panels to the hotel exterior in the future, potentially eliminating the hotel's use of

plastic straws and maybe including a bike ride-share with additional safe bike parking on site.

Council also encouraged the Crowne representatives to include an area on the main floor to host brochures and other information about Greenbelt for guests.


There will be an official grand opening of the Crowne Plaza Greenbelt-Washington D.C. in fall 2019.

### Montpelier Has Fall Needleart Exhibit

Montpelier's fall and winter needleart exhibit will be Monday, November 5 through Thursday, November 29 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed Wednesdays). Now in its third year, Beyond Needleart displays the fiber art of local artists.

The opening reception will be on Saturday, November 10 from 5 to 7 p.m. The reception is free; there is a nominal fee for the exhibit. For more information, visit [history.pgparcs.com/Calendar.aspx?EID=5628&month=11&year=2018&day=5&calType=0](http://history.pgparcs.com/Calendar.aspx?EID=5628&month=11&year=2018&day=5&calType=0).





**Central Maryland Transportation & Mobility Commission (CMTMC)**  
**30 Day Public Comment Period**  
**Wednesday, November 14th through Thursday, December 13, 2018**

Central Maryland Transportation & Mobility Commission hereby gives notice of a public hearing regarding proposed route and/or schedule changes affecting Regional Transportation Agency (RTA) routes: 401, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 409B, 414 and 501. The public hearing will be held on

Thursday, December 13th at 6:00 p.m. at the RTA Administration Office located at 8510 Corridor Road, Suite 110, Savage, Maryland.

Riders can access the location via RTA Route 409. Prior to the public hearing, three information sessions will be held between Tuesday, November 27th and Monday, December 3rd. For more details regarding proposed changes and the three information sessions, visit [www.transitRTA.com](http://www.transitRTA.com) or call 800-270-9553 Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. CMTMC opens a 30-day public comment period on Wednesday, November 14th through Thursday, December 13, 2018. During this period the public is encouraged to provide feedback regarding proposed changes by submitting written comments either online, [www.transitRTA.com](http://www.transitRTA.com), email, [consumer@transitRTA.com](mailto:consumer@transitRTA.com), 7-1-1 MD Relay or mail, RTA Administration Office, 8510 Corridor Road, Suite 110, Savage, MD 20763. Proposed changes are scheduled to begin Sunday, March 31, 2019. Anyone requiring special assistance or additional accommodations, or who requires printed materials in an alternative format should contact RTA in advance at 1-800-270-9553 to make arrangements. RTA fully complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. For the full policy, visit [www.transitRTA.com](http://www.transitRTA.com).

# Police Blotter

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

### Assault

October 26, 8:45 a.m., 7601 Hanover Parkway. Two resident youths, one 17 years old and the other 16, were arrested and charged with second degree assault after they were involved in a fight at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Both youths were released pending action by the school board and Juvenile Justice System.

October 27, 2:54 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace. A food delivery person walking to a residence to make a delivery observed a man and a woman arguing. The man approached the delivery person, took the food, threw it to the ground and then punched him in the face before fleeing on foot. He refused medical attention.

October 30, 9:12 a.m., 7601 Hanover Parkway. A 17-year-old Greenbelt youth was arrested and charged with second degree assault, malicious destruction, disruption of school activities and trespass after he allegedly assaulted a teacher and punched out a glass window at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. He was on school property after having been suspended earlier. He was transported to Doctors Community Hospital for injuries to his hand from punching the window.

October 30, 5:32 p.m., 7800 block Hanover Parkway. A 16-year-old Greenbelt youth was arrested and charged with second degree assault after he assaulted another youth in the presence of a police officer who had responded to a report of a fight in progress. The youth was released to a guardian pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

### Sex Offense

October 28, 1:57 p.m., 200 block Lakeside Drive. A woman used the social app Tinder to meet a man inside the community gym. There he groped her and she pushed him away and screamed. Another person called the police. He fled on foot.

### Theft

October 26, 5 a.m., 8100 block Lakecrest Drive. Money was removed from a residence.

### Burglary

October 30, 5 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court. An attempt was made to enter a residence by tampering with the front door lock assembly. Entry was not gained.

### Vandalism

October 27, 12:05 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. The bedroom window of a residence was broken out.

### Vehicle Crime

A black 2007 GMC SUV with Md. tags 8CY2778 was stolen on October 28 from the 6900 block Hanover Parkway.

A 2014 Hyundai Sonata reported stolen on September 24 was recovered October 28 by D.C. Metropolitan police in the 4400 block Falls Terrace, S.E.

Six thefts and two attempted thefts from vehicles were reported. Rear Md. tag 2DA1232 was stolen in the 9300 block Edmonston Road and a front tag was taken in the 6100 block Springhill Terrace. Two tires and rims were taken in the 8100 block Lakecrest Drive.

Three thefts involved breaking out windows in order to gain access. In the 7200 block South Ora Court a handicap placard was removed, in the 7500 block Hanover Parkway a purse and shoes were taken, and money was taken in the 8100 block Bird Lane.

Two attempted thefts occurred in the 8100 block Bird Lane, both on October 31. In one, a woman heard a noise outside, looked out and saw a man leaning inside the passenger window of her vehicle. He ran off and she discovered a passenger window had been broken out. Nothing appeared to have been taken. In the other instance, a window was broken out in the 8100 block Bird Lane and the vehicle rummaged through but nothing appeared to have been taken. Ear buds, two tattoo machines, a laptop computer and money were taken on Springshire Way near Springcrest Drive after the driver's door had been pried open.

In one case of vandalism, two tires on one vehicle were flattened in the 7900 block Mandan Road.

# Out and About in Greenbelt



Rachel Cross (center) and her class hold the fall recital of the adult ukulele class at Greenbelt Community Center on November 1.

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The Greenbelt Co-op Alliance Booth at the Farmers Market, Sunday, October 28 is staffed with (from left): Sylvia Lewis, Greenbelt News Review; Leta Mach, coordinator, GCA; Joe Gareri, Greenbelt Consumer Supermarket and Pharmacy; Jessica Mealey and son, Jacob, Greenbelt Nursery School; and Michael Hartman, New Deal Café. MakerSpace also participated.

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## College Park Airport Has Caribbean Escape

The colorful birds of Trinidad and Tobago will warm the College Park Airport Operations Building on Tuesday, November 13, when tour leader and author Martyn Kenefick will show photos and talk about the biodiversity of the Caribbean country.

Kenefick is the lead author of the Birds of Trinidad and Tobago Field Guide and is chair of the Conservation and Education Committee of the Asa Wright Nature Centre near Arima, Trinidad. The talk begins at 7:30 p.m. and is presented by the Patuxent Bird Club and the Prince George's Audubon Society. The College Park Airport Operations Building is at 1909 Corporal Frank Scott Drive.

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 The deadline for stories, letters and camera ready ads will be Monday, November 19 at 8 p.m. Ads that need work must be in by Sunday, November 18 at 4 p.m.  
 The usual Wednesday composition work and final proofing will be done on Tuesday.  
**Notice to All**  
 All copy – ads, articles, photos, letters – must reach us no later than Monday, November 19 to be included in the November 22 issue. Any material received after Monday evening will be held for the issue of November 29.

**RATES**  
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# Sports

## ERHS Boys Soccer Team Edged Out; Girls Team Wins Tight Games vs. Bowie

by Patrick Gleason

A Roosevelt-Bowie matchup always elicits intensity and pressure. The Raiders boys soccer team came as close as anyone has all season to disrupting the Bulldogs perfect campaign. After falling behind 3-0 in the first half, the Raiders mounted a comeback; the Raiders first goal was quickly followed by a Bowie handball in the box. Senior Dennis Miljkovic netted the ensuing penalty kick with nine minutes remaining. The Raiders had several close chances in the waning moments, none closer than a free kick that just sailed over senior Luke Hanno's head.

Though ending in defeat, the boys team supplied the girls with momentum against their archrival. After a 6-0 opening round triumph over the Wise Pumas, the Eleanor Roosevelt Raiders girls soccer team faced a much stiffer challenge against a Bowie team they defeated 2-0 in the regular season. For the entirety of regulation time, the game was evenly matched, with very few scoring opportunities for either team. Bowie disrupted the Raiders possession style of soccer with a physical approach to the game. As the first sudden-death 10-minute overtime began, Bowie sprinted to a near goal, saved by junior keeper Stephanie Ijomor.

Both teams played at a frantic pace but the score remained knotted at zero, leading to a second 10-minute overtime; with no goals, penalty kicks would have followed. Bowie nearly ended the game with another breakaway opportunity, which was stopped by a sprawling Ijomor. As the pressure intensified, Raider junior defender Haley Zack won possession at midfield, playing a ball ahead to fellow junior Madison Endres, who barely beat the Bowie keeper to the pass. A moment later the Raiders engulfed Endres in celebration of their 1-0 victory.

The only obstacle left that would prevent a repeat regional championship is the Parkdale Panthers, with their regional final



PHOTO BY ROCIO MONCADA

Top row from left: Zosia Nicholson, Aliza Khan, Dursha Ragunathan, Nicole Miko, behind her is Corina Miko, Zion Albright, in front of her is Anna Sanchez, Amina Bejja, Mykenna Maniece, Daniela Luna, Bill Swart, Gloria Rodriguez, Mia Benitez, Madison Endres, Jade Thompson and Bob Sowers. Bottom Row from left: Anaïs Diebolt, Alexia Rivera, Angela Bruce, Dallas Sava, Haley Zack, Natalia Rincon, Louisa Ellison, Sophie Swart, Jamie Kraske and Stephanie Ijomor

matchup set for Election Day night. A victory in that game places the winners in the state semi-finals, to be played Saturday, November 10 at Dr. Henry A. Wise High School.



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Mykenna Maniece plays in the ERHS Girls Soccer game against Bowie.

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# Heavy Turnout, But Worth The Wait at Greenbelt Polls

by Melissa Sites

*Este artículo está disponible en español en nuestra página web [www.greenbeltnewsreview.com](http://www.greenbeltnewsreview.com).*

Around 50 voters stood in line under a light drizzle to wait for the doors to open at 7 a.m. at Springhill Lake Elementary School. Between 7 and 8 a.m. a steady stream of voters continued to arrive at the polling place.

Building supervisor Morris Powell had the important job of unlocking the door, stating, "I'm really pleased that they are finally taking this thing [voting] seriously." Board of Elections poll workers had prepared the voting place the night before and arrived at 6 a.m. to await voters.

The school board contest between incumbent Lupi Grady and challenger Joshua Thomas inspired volunteers to stand out in the rain handing out sample ballots and campaign materials. The volunteer for Thomas was a young man attending Howard University who had previously helped in a mayoral election in his hometown in Mississippi.

Voter enthusiasm was high despite the rain. "Everyone I know is voting," said one woman, who called her son and urged him to come early because of the lines. One second-time voter who had moved from Georgia reported that she felt the election was very important, stating "I am excited" to vote.

The voting process took around 30 minutes for most voters. One voter complained of crowded conditions inside the polling place, saying that "It was pretty cramped inside because the room was not large enough. They need more booths." Looking at her watch she said it had taken her 36 minutes to vote. Another voter said he grabbed a pen and got straight into the scanning line.

### Greenbelt Elementary

As rain poured down between 8 and 9 a.m., a line of voters waited inside the Greenbelt Elementary School gymnasium. Outside, Thomas (in person) and a volunteer for Grady converged to hand literature to any voter they could catch within the zone where electioneering was allowed.

Inside, there was no line to check in and receive a ballot, but a line had formed to wait for a booth where the voter could stand and mark the paper ballot. The ballot was six pages long in all, including a number of questions about state constitutional amendments, county charter amendments and bond initiatives.

The Board of Elections had provided nine booths, tall ta-



**Voters fill the halls of Springhill Lake Elementary School on November 6.**

- Photos by Helen Sydavar

**Heavy rain did not keep the voters away but did increase the number of umbrellas in the hallway outside the polling place in the Community Center.**



bles where voters could stand to fill out their ballots. Accessible booths were provided for the visually impaired or those who needed wheelchair access or needed to sit. Stations were also provided for provisional votes (for voters who had previously registered but for a number of reasons might not be found on the voter rolls). Provisional votes are reviewed and then counted. (See [elections.maryland.gov](http://elections.maryland.gov) for more information.)

By phone, an official at the county Board of Elections explained that one booth is provided to the polling place for every 50 estimated voters. The election judges at the polling place may use their discretion if they need to set up additional booths, while maintaining room between the booths for voter privacy and safety.

A gentleman seated on the stage with a landline phone explained that he was the technician whose job was to spring into action if the machines that print out the voting authority slip ran into a problem. He reassured this voter that the voting authority slip system was not vulnerable to computer hacking.

### Community Center

At lunchtime, lines snaked around the gymnasium inside the Community Center. Exiting voters reported wait times around an hour. One visually-impaired voter reported that the booth that was meant to read the ballot aloud had broken. This voter and

his companion expressed a need for more ballot scanners.

Outside, volunteers continued to offer literature about the school board candidates. The volunteer for Grady had been there for about four hours and reported a steady stream of voters that had increased during the lunch hour rush.

Despite these difficulties, most voters seemed pleased with the heavy turnout and glad that they had taken the time to vote.

# Voters Consistently Accept County Charter Amendments

by Cathie Meetre

Charter Amendments and Bonds **	Accepted?
Q. 1 - Requiring gaming revenues to add to school funding	Yes
Q. 2 - Same-Day Voter Registration and Voting	Yes
Q.A - Public Works and Transportation Facilities Bonds	Yes
Q. B - Library Facilities	Yes
Q. C - Public Safety Facilities	Yes
Q. D - County Building	Yes
Q. E - Community College Facilities	Yes
Q. F - County Councilmember Residency Requirements	Yes
Q. G - Nondiscrimination County Personnel & Contracting	Yes
Q. H - Council Member Full Time Position	Yes
Q. I - County Auditor - Appointment	Yes
Q. J - County Personnel Temporary Appointment	Yes
Q. K - Charter Review Commission - Length of Term	Yes

\*\* Descriptions are summarized

In preliminary results, all Prince George's County Charter Amendments were accepted by county voters. Elected judges, the sheriff and similar roles were confirmed or elected unopposed.

Of interest was that almost the same number of voters filled out their ballots across the board and the proportions of voters posting a 'yes' remained fairly similar on most questions. Though it is a purely speculative thought, perhaps there are simply 'yes' people who are generally positive and 'no' people who are consistently opposed to both spending and change on general principles.

Unsurprisingly, Question 1 requiring gaming revenues to supplement rather than replace the education budget and Question G on nondiscrimination in county personnel and contracting attracted the most positive votes out of an average of just under 280,000 votes cast. Both questions had about 260,000 votes in the affirmative. Question H

on the full-time status of council members and Question I on the appointment of a county auditor evoked less response from voters - with about 220,000 voting for the amendment in both cases. Bond bills, though all passed, also saw less enthusiasm for spending on county facilities with somewhat grudging vote totals in the 230,000s. At the bottom of the pack was Question D on the county building funding which drew the lowest positive tally at 205,000 in favor.

Perhaps reflecting on current concerns about voter fraud, the question on same-day registration and voting, though affirmed, was solidly in the uninspired category with a total in the mid 230,000 range. It is perhaps reassuring, however, that paranoia has not struck so deep in the heartland that the measure was a lightning rod for suspicion.

A future issue will contain further information on how Greenbelters voted.

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as the only Latino on a school board that oversees a student population where one in three children are Hispanic or Latino. "We need a voice at the table," she said.

### Turning Point Academy

Only 546 voters out of a registered 2,634 had submitted ballots at Turning Point Academy by 1:57 p.m. Compared to past gubernatorial races, Chief Judge Judy Birkenhead described the turnout so far as "pretty heavy."

At 7 a.m., when the polling station opened, there was a 20-minute wait to vote and "more and more people kept coming," said Birkenhead, who has been an election official since 2000.

But in the early afternoon, lines were not a problem. "You picked a good time to come," an election official said to a voter. "Earlier, [the line] was back to

that wall."

Like other polling stations, Trinity Assembly of God provided accessible ballots, including a touch screen device for blind individuals, which reads the ballot. Birkenhead, despite not being handicapped, uses the devices herself since "it's easier."

The much-hyped 2018 midterms attracted people like Charles Wilkins, who had not voted in "a while" but came out because he was concerned about the state of the country. As a grandfather, education was a high-priority item. He hoped for change in residence at the governor's mansion, saying, "I think Ben Jealous could help us out."

Wilkins found the volunteers who stood outside on behalf of certain candidates occasionally helpful, an opinion not shared by all. One man, a veteran of

the armed forces, stopped on his way into the polling station to express his frustration to Grady volunteers.

The officials in Maryland have become "Capitol Hill-ized," he said. A Democrat since the age of 17, he is no longer happy with the party. "It's all Democrats lying to me," he said. "All they've done is slapped me in the face."

After polls close at 8 p.m., voters will see how their choices shape Maryland's political future. The final polling station nationwide closes at midnight.





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