



Council Opposes Engraving And Printing Move to BARC

by Diane Oberg

The Greenbelt City Council went on record opposing the proposal to move the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) to the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC). The vote at the October 28 council meeting was 6-1 with Councilmember Leta Mach opposed. She wanted to meet first with the agencies before taking a position and was concerned about the impact on BARC if it had to continue to bear the administrative costs of the center on its own.

2018 Meeting

Council held a worksession with BARC and BEP representatives in February 2018, according to a story in the February 22, 2018 News Review. As described then, the proposal called for moving the BEP to a 100-acre site used for poultry research. This area has been unused since the 1990s. This site is located between Powder Mill and Odell Roads. BEP would be responsible for cleaning up all known and unknown environmen-

tal hazards on the site, such as asbestos and lead paint, removing 23 abandoned buildings, erecting a security perimeter and making any required improvements for the intersection of Powder Mill and Edmonston Roads (MD 201). Access would likely be from Powder Mill Road.

The plans called for an 800-space parking lot or above-ground garage. Project Manager Chuck Davis of BEP told council See **BARC**, page 21



PHOTO BY JENNIFER STERLING

Franklin Park residents carve pumpkins. See pumpkin stories, pages 8 and 11.

Annual Fall Fest Continues Tradition of Autumn Fun

by Kayla Kozak

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October 26 marked Greenbelt's annual Fall Fest at Schrom Hills Park, a Saturday afternoon full of fun and free events for kids of all ages. This year, the parking lot was filled with attend-

ees before the festival had been open 15 minutes, with parked cars lining the sides of Hanover Parkway. By 2:30 p.m., nearly every available spot was filled, and the park had been transformed into a hotspot of autumnal activities.

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Election 2019

Options Remain for Voting Friday Through Election Day

by Kathleen Gallagher

As Election Day approaches, most Greenbelt voters who still need to cast a ballot are probably intending to go to their assigned polling place on Tuesday, November 5 between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. Nonetheless, at least through Monday morning, there are still options for those who might want or need them.

Early Voting continues at the Municipal Building through Friday, November 1 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Absentee voting,

which is also open to all voters, is still available through the beginning of next week. An application for an absentee ballot must be submitted at the City Clerk's office in the Municipal Building by noon on Monday, November 4. A voter can fill out the application, receive the ballot and vote on the spot. Otherwise, in order to be counted, the absentee ballot must be returned to the city clerk's office no later than 6 p.m.

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PHOTO BY LISA MILLS

Residents of Greenbelt Station enjoy Halloween festivities.

Turner Updates City Council On New Schools and Zoning

by Matthew Arbach

District 4 County Councilmember and Council Chair Todd Turner attended a Greenbelt City Council worksession on Wednesday, October 16 to give updates on topics such as recent legislation and the developing P3 school construction plan. Clarence Moseley, permits supervisor for the county Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE), was present to inform on the status of that department.

Turner began by saying that the county council is now at 11 members with six of them new to the council. With County Executive Angela Alsobrooks also being elected in 2018, Turner described 2019 as a year of transition and learning. Despite this, he asserted that this has been a very successful session.

The evening's major topic of discussion was the state-authorized plan to build and maintain new middle schools with a private/public partnership (P3). This will be the first time a jurisdiction in the U.S. has ever

attempted this. The school system has narrowed down the list of companies to four, who will bid on a request for a proposal in the next couple months. The company selected will be responsible for all financing, construction and important maintenance such as electrical and HVAC systems for a period of roughly 30 years, after which the school system will assume control of the schools. The school system will retain control of all other issues.

Middle schools were deter-

mined to be in the most need at the moment. The goal is to build six to eight middle schools over

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What Goes On

- Sunday, November 3**
1 to 3 p.m. Community Art Drop-in, Community Center
- Tuesday, November 5**
7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Greenbelt City Council Election
- Thursday, November 7**
1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Free Produce, Springhill Lake Elementary School. (Park on street.)



PHOTO BY EMORY HENSLEY

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School Wind Ensemble is featured on NBC Morning News. See story, page 16.

Editorial**Kudos for Great Fall Events**

Thousands of fun-seekers attended the Fall Fest at Schrom Hills Park on Saturday afternoon, October 26 and the Family Fun Fest at Springhill Lake Recreation Center. We were very impressed with both venues and the hard work and imagination shown by the city recreation department in planning these festivals. They were both highly enjoyable, high-spirited events, some of the best we have witnessed in Greenbelt in recent memory. Both festivals bring together residents from all parts of the city.

The number of children was impressive and if the Halloween costumes they wore were any example, we can expect some stupendous trick-or-treaters coming to our doors on Halloween.

These, and other Greenbelt festivals, are also a draw for many people from outside our city. Among the non-Greenbelters we talked to, many expressed a desire to live here.

Congratulations to the combined efforts of Greenbelt Recreation, Police, and Public Works, and all the individuals and organizations who helped make these events the successes they were. Well done.

Letters Policy During Elections

The News Review reserves the right not to publish any letter submitted. Letters are considered accepted when published.

All letters must include the letter writer's name, physical address and telephone number. All letters are subject to editing for reasons of space, libel, privacy, taste, copyright and clarity.

In an election year, the News Review will not print a letter raising a new issue the week prior to election day, when no other party would have a chance to respond.

Letters to the Editor**Be Seen**

I enjoyed Pete Reppert's comic last week about reflective tape so you can be seen on the streets. Until the sidewalks issue is resolved, I propose a haiku:

Wearing all dark clothes.

Walking in the street. At night.

Pick two out of three?

Alan Duda, Lakeside Drive
(with no sidewalks)

Ward-District System

I support Greenbelt taking on a Ward-District system for city elections. I believe in that system because Greenbelt has grown and continues to grow to the point where we need wards-districts. Greenbelt is the only incorporated city in Prince George's County that does not use this model, which ensures that every section of the city gets a voice on the city council. We could adopt a model that has a split-ward at-large system, where you have three wards for all three major sections and four at-large council seats and from those council at-large seats will come your mayor and mayor pro-tem. So if you want to be mayor you will need to seek an at-large seat only. Systems used in nearby jurisdictions include, for example:

Bladensburg Town Council - 2 wards, 2 members per ward, mayor is at-large

Cheverly Town Council - 6 wards and mayor at-large

Colmar Manor- 4 wards and 1 at-large commissioner

Edmonston Town Council- 2 wards, 2 members each ward and mayor at-large.

The ward-district model gives everyone a voice.

Ric Gordon, Chairman
Greenbelt Voices Rising

Pumpkin Volunteers

Thank you to everyone who is still wiping pumpkin guts off their hands, picking candle wax from their fingernails, flicking seeds out of their truck beds and washing mud off their boots - our community came together once again to create magical Pumpkin Festival events in all three Greenbelt hubs: West, East and Center! Our beautiful woods sure did look great dressed up for the holiday!

Special thanks to CHEARS, Old Greenbelt Theatre, J Davis, Rodney Roberts, Toby Delrahim/ Mid-Atlantic Walking Group, and all individual donors for their gifts, which have cumulatively funded this year's events and will cover a large portion of next year's festivities.

An incredibly gracious thank you to: CHEARS for their third year of fiscal sponsorship, funding, and physical support; Carolyn Lambright-Davis for spearheading the SHLRC carving; Melissa Ehrenreich for running the Schrom Hills walk; Anne Oudemans for her continued enthusiasm and energy; Bob and Maggie Cahalan for their composting efforts; Greenbelt Rec for allowing us space at their events and in their flyers; Greenbelt Public Works for all their work, especially keeping Northway pedestrian-friendly; and all of the individuals and fami-

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Amy Knesel



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

SHOWTIMES

Nov. 1st - Nov. 7th

HARRIET (PG-13)(CC)
(DVS)(2019)(125 mins)
Fri. 2:00, 5:00, 8:00 PM
Sat. 11:00 AM, 2:00(OC),
5:00, 8:00 PM
Sun. 11:00 AM, 2:00(OC),
5:00, 8:00 PM
Mon. 5:00, 8:00 PM
Tues. 5:00, 8:00 PM
Wed. 2:00, 5:00, 8:00PM
Thurs. 5:00, 8:00 PM

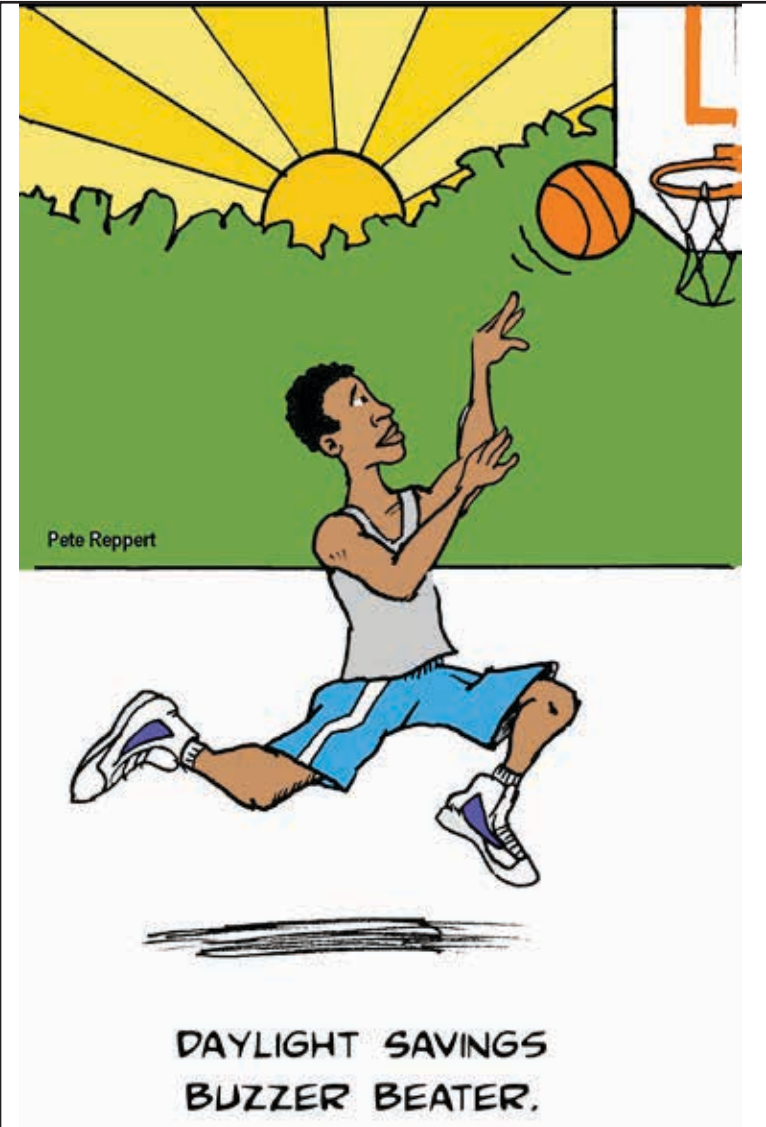
Monday Matinee
THE APARTMENT (NR)
(1960)(125 mins)
held at the Greenbelt
Community Center
(15 Crescent Road-
Ground Floor East Suite)
Mon. 1:00 PM - FREE!

**On Screen****Harriet and the Underground Railroad**

From director Kasi Lemmons comes the amazing life of Harriet Tubman (played by Cynthia Erivo). Many know about Tubman's trailblazing work rescuing enslaved people via the Underground Railroad, but few are familiar with the extent of her bravery as a freedom-fighter. She not only saved lives, but acted as a spy for the Union army, commanded a fighting force during the Civil War and served as a lesson in courage for generations to come. A singer-songwriter as well as an actor, Erivo won a Tony, a Grammy and an Emmy for her role as Celie in the Broadway production of The Color Purple. She gives another bravura performance in this film, bringing to life one of America's real-life superheroes.

Rated PG-13, running time: 125 minutes

- Sandy Rodgers

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Community Events

At the Library

All Prince George's County Memorial Library System branches will be closed on Sunday, November 10 and Monday, November 11, for Veterans Day. The Greenbelt Library will reopen on Tuesday, November 12 at 1 p.m.

Teen Advisory Board

Monday, November 4, 4 p.m., ages 13 to 18, limit 15 participants. Earn service hours while making your local library a great place for teens. Enjoy snacks, meet new people, become a leader. Registration is required. For further information, please contact the branch either in person or by calling 301-345-5800 option 2. TAB meets weekly on Monday evenings.

English Club

Tuesday, November 5, 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 meets weekly as a walk-in event on Tuesday evenings.

Ready 2 Read

Tuesday, November 5, 7 p.m., ages 3 to 5, limit 30 people. Wednesday, November 6, ages newborn to 2, 10:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s) or caregiver(s); 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3, limit 30 people. Thursday, November 7, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2, limit 15 babies with parent(s) or caregiver(s).

African History

Tuesday, November 5, 7 p.m. Soul Journeys: Black Domestic Migrations in America will be the next session in this audio-visual lecture series presented by historian C.R. Gibbs. The final session of the season will be presented on November 19. No registration is required.

Kids Achieve Club

Thursday, November 7, 4 p.m., ages 5 to 12. Homework help and reading practice for students in grades 1 through 6. Ayuda con las tareas y práctica de la lectura para los estudiantes en los grados de 1 al 6. Service will be provided during half-hour sessions by appointment only; please call the branch to register at 301-345-5800 option 2.

STEM for Families

Life in a Vacuum. Saturday, November 9, 2 p.m., ages 5 to 12. Cape Science presents a captivating program about air pressure with vacuum chamber experiments as the main attraction. No registration is required.

Book Discussion

Tuesday, November 19, 7 p.m. Join friends and neighbors to discuss great contemporary books every month. This month the group will discuss the graphic memoir *Can't We Talk about Something More Pleasant?* by Roz Chast.



Schools Have Early Dismissal Wednesday

All Prince George's County Public Schools have a 3-hour early dismissal for students on Wednesday, November 6.

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 4 are as follows:

Monday, November 4: beef tamale stew, roasted diced potatoes, hot spiced fruit, mixed green salad, cornbread muffin, cranberry juice

Tuesday, November 5: baked chicken leg with honey balsamic sauce, braised lentils, mixed vegetables, tropical fruit, apple juice

Wednesday, November 6: breaded pollock, potato wedges, broccoli, whole-wheat bun, fresh fruit, fruit punch

Thursday, November 7: corn chowder, teriyaki meatballs, confetti rice, sliced carrots, dinner roll, pineapple tidbits, orange juice

Friday, November 8: beef hot dog, corn casserole, pear cobbler, coleslaw, whole-wheat bun, cranberry juice.

ERHS Grad Night Hams It Up

Just in time for holiday dinners, purchase a gift card for a delicious Honey Baked Ham and the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) Grad Night Committee will receive 20 percent of the sale.

Go to the URL below to purchase plastic or electronic gift cards, which can be used to shop online or in-store at any Honey Baked Ham store. With locations nationwide, the store's gift cards make wonderful gifts for friends and family around the country.

The fundraiser runs from now until December 20, covering the full holiday season. For more information, visit honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraisers/erhs.

Golden Age Club November Schedule

The Greenbelt Golden Age Club meets every Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Community Center Multipurpose Room. All Greenbelt seniors are invited to participate in our meetings and join the group.

Programs for November:

November 6 – Business meeting

November 13 – Paparazzi representative Montissa Scott will display reasonably-priced jewelry for sale for the holidays.

November 20 – Potluck and birthday luncheon; bring a dish to share

November 27 – BINGO – we're always looking for prizes. Note that sometimes the meeting the day before Thanksgiving is canceled.

Police to Attend Bike Task Force Meeting

The next meeting of the Greenbelt Bicycle Task Force will be on Wednesday, November 13 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Community Center, Room 202.



PHOTO BY JOHN CAMPANILE

Greenbelt Police Lt. Tim White, patrol division commander, will attend and engage in an informal give-and-take and respond to concerns regarding bicycling in Greenbelt. He will also have bicycle registration forms that will allow participants to register their bikes with the Greenbelt police, a valuable means of recovery in the event of theft.

Updates to ongoing developments regarding local bicycle infrastructure projects and initiatives, including the Hanover Bikeway and the Bicycle Master Plan, will be discussed.

Plan to attend and bring bicycling concerns to White. Those interested also have the option of attending from the comfort of home via a PC. Details on how to link to the meeting will be posted on the Greenbelters for Cycling Facebook page.

At Greenbelt Park

Come on Saturday, November 2 for the Outdoor Stewardship Volunteer Event. Join the Invasive Plant team to monitor and repel the growing threat of invasive plants and insects in Greenbelt Park. Learn valuable information that not only helps the park but can help protect vulnerable species in the region. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area at 11 a.m. This event lasts until 2 p.m.

On Sunday, November 3 the Greenbelt Park Fall Colors Walk will take place. The park is a great place to enjoy the fall colors close to home. Meet at Park Headquarters at 1 p.m. for a one-mile walk.

November Art Share

Local artists are invited to meet up on Friday, November 15 from 7 to 8 p.m. in Room 113 of the Community Center. This event is for teens and adults. Bring one to three pieces in any medium and join in a constructive and informal discussion of everyone's work. All experience levels are welcome.

GREENBELT ARTS CENTER PRESENTS

DON'T MISS
Motherhood Out Loud

Conceived by Susan R. Rose and Joan Stein
directed by Rikki Lacewell

Fridays and Saturdays
Nov 1, 2, 8, 9 at 8PM

Sunday matinees:
Nov 3 & 10 at 2PM

Ticket prices:
\$24 General Admission, \$22 Seniors/Military,
\$12 Student/Youth

There will be a talk-back with the cast following the November 3rd performance.

OCTOBER 25 - NOVEMBER 10

Coming Soon to the Greenbelt Arts Center
November 15-17 - *Utopia Film Festival*
November 29-December 15 - *The Phantom Tollbooth*

Visual Artists Meet For Workshop

On Sunday, November 10 from 4 to 5 p.m. the Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program invites visual artists to attend a free professional development workshop. Participants will explore strategies for sustaining and growing the business side of their visual arts practice, including branding tactics, the elements of effective marketing materials and sales strategies. The workshop will be led by consultant Danielle Glosser of Client Raiser, LLC. It will take place in the ground floor east suite of the Community Center. Enter through the glass doors facing the turn-around at the far end of the upper parking lot, by the flag pole. Seating is limited and advance registration is required; follow the link at greenbeltmd.gov/arts to sign up. For additional information contact Nicole DeWald, arts supervisor at ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov or 301-397-2208.

MakerSpace Holds Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Greenbelt MakerSpace Cooperative is on Saturday, November 16 at 11 a.m. in the upstairs room at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church. All are welcome. The agenda includes reports on current activities, future activities, proposed changes to the bylaws and election of board positions. Send additional agenda items to board@make125.org.

Recycle Food Scraps By Composting

Learn how to recycle food scraps at the hot compost station near Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Join with neighbors to participate in a system that turns food scraps and wood chips into compost. Keep food scraps from creating methane at the landfill. Instead, return them to the earth to nurture new plants and flowers.

A free 90-minute training session will be held on Saturday, November 9 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. An additional training is scheduled for December 7 at the same time and place. To participate and sign up for training, apply online at <http://tinyurl.com/GBCapp1>. Send questions to GreenbeltNeighborhoodCompost@gmail.com.

Greenbelt Library To Temporarily Close

New shelving and carpeting will be installed to improve the customer experience at the Greenbelt Library. To ensure a speedy and safe improvement process, the branch will be temporarily closed Monday, November 25 through Tuesday, January 21, 2020.

Passport Acceptance Service will also be suspended during the closure, so applicants should consider visiting the New Carrollton Branch Library for this service. Online catalog access and all eLibrary resources will remain available to library customers outside the branch via the internet without interruption.

Currently, in preparation for this closure, patrons are unable to directly request any items to be held for pick up at the library through the online catalog. The library is transferring various items to other branches so they may remain available for use while the branch is closed. Patrons with an immediate need to pick up items at Greenbelt should contact branch staff, who will determine on a case-by-case basis if it is feasible for an item to be delivered there.

Also, effective Friday, November 1, the Greenbelt Library will temporarily stop accepting donations for the Novel Endings bookstore until the branch reopens. Donations may continue to be dropped off any time into the Discover Books receptacle outside the lower level (parking lot) entrance.

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Program Schedule
Friday Oct 25 - Thursday Oct 31

7 am	Greenbelt News Reel Utopia FF Previews!
8 am	Democracy Now!
9 am	Classic Film: Marjorie Main Ma & Pa Kettle On the Farm (1951)
11 am	Greenbelt Discussion
12 pm	Greenbelt News Reel Utopia FF Previews!
1 pm	Greenbelt Cooperatives
2 pm	Greenbelt News Reel Utopia FF Previews!
3 pm	Classic Film: Marjorie Main Ma & Pa Kettle On the Farm (1951)
5 pm	Strata (Archaeology)
6 pm	Greenbelt News Reel Utopia FF Previews!
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on Comcast 77 and
Verizon Fios 19

More Community Events
are located throughout
the paper.

Obituaries

G. Joseph Bradley, Jr.

On Monday, October 21, 2019, G. Joseph Bradley, Jr. died peacefully at the age of 82. Joe was born on February 22, 1937, in Washington, D.C., to G. Joseph, Sr. and Inez Bradley. He was a graduate of Gonzaga College High School ('55), and served in the U.S. Navy on the USS McNair. In 1960 he married long-time Greenbelter Henrietta "Penny" Haslinger. They raised two daughters, Christine and Sharon, and a son, Joe, in Riverdale; Yorkshire, England; and Glenn Dale.

Joe had a long and successful career at the National Security Agency. He also loved the outdoors and grew up camping and hiking, first close to home in Greenbelt, and then across the world from the Grand Canyon to the Yorkshire Dales. In 2003 Joe married Sally Crown.

Joe is survived by his wife Sally; his children Christine, Sharon and Joe; his sister Barbara and brother Bill; nine grandchildren; and a niece and nephew. A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Hospice of the Panhandle (hospiceotp.org/donate/).



Condolences to family and friends of Joseph Bradley, Jr. who died on October 21. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Condolences to family and friends of Ronald Corazzi, Sr., who died on Friday, October 25.

Congratulations to News Review carrier Kalen Wright who won a gold medal in the Taekwondo Spar Wars tournament in Fredericksburg, Va., on October 26. Kalen also won first place in the Kick Cancer Out of the World tournament in Leesburg, Va., on October 19, which raised over \$12,000 for hospice care. After delivering News Reviews to 1 Court Gardenway last Friday, Kalen demonstrated his taekwondo skills to some appreciative residents. Thanks, Kalen!

Congratulations also to the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Wind Ensemble for earning an invitation to participate in the Midwest Clinic in Chicago.

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

Obituaries
The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present. You write it or we will if you prefer. There is no charge.

Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS
Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building
ALL ARE WELCOME.

Ronald J. Corazzi

Ronald J. Corazzi, Sr., father of Claudia Jones of Greenbelt, died on Friday, October 25, 2019, at Doctors Community Hospital at the age of 81. In addition to his daughter, he is survived by his wife Rose, his son Frank and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, Ronnie, Jr. A memorial Mass will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Landover Hills, on Saturday, November 16 at noon. The repast will be in the church's Burgundy Room after Mass. Interment will be at Maryland National Memorial Park, Laurel. The family suggests that memorial donations be sent to a favorite charity.



In Memoriam

Remembering Jay Coleman: A Good and True Friend

by Rick Ransom

Former Greenbelter Jay Coleman died from cancer on October 3 at his home in Lovington, Va. His wife of 42 years, Jenny, was at his side along with his son Jason. His daughter Jessica and his grandchildren Zoe and Carly had been visiting him daily from their home in Charlottesville. His brother Bobby (Chris) had visited him for two weeks shortly before his death. Jay was preceded in death by his sister Diane. He was 72 years old.

Jay lived his entire childhood until graduation from High Point High School at a house in the 11 Court of Hillside that his parents bought as the first occupants in 1943. His oldest friends were Artie Manuel who lived across the sidewalk, and Lee Dorsey and Judson Smith who lived in

the adjoining 13 Court, as well as Ricky Barber, Bobbie Klem and others. Judson noted that he remembers staying overnight at Jay's house in their youth so that they could watch Lloyd Bridges on TV in the show Sea Hunt.

I met Jay when we attended

Greenbelt Junior High. He had a smooth, firm quiet voice and was one of the best-looking guys in both junior and senior high. He always had an inner calmness to him that he employed to settle those around him. He was slow

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Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church
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Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

November 3 10 a.m.
Paying Attention

Minister Rev. Rachel Christensen with Worship Associate Elizabeth Porter

What do we learn when we are paying attention? Please remember to "Fall Back" by moving your clocks back by one hour on Saturday night.

The Bible Says...

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 6:23

Sunday Worship Services
New Location
10am @ Greenbelt Elementary School
MCFcc.org

O people! The goodliest vesture in the sight of God in this day is trustworthiness. All bounty and honour shall be the portion of the soul that arrayeth itself with this greatest of adornments." – Bahá'í Writings

Greenbelt Bahá'í Community

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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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November 13 7:30pm
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Is it Christmas already? Call for singers. Any age, any range. Come join in Thursdays from 7 to 7:30 p.m. to get ready for Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church's Christmas musical celebration. Leave a message at the office (301-474-9410) for more information.

Interfaith Network Meets November 19

The monthly meeting of the Beloved Community Interfaith Network (BCIN) of Prince George's County will be held on Tuesday, November 19 at 6:30 p.m., at the Diyanet Center of America, on the second floor of the Cultural Center building. The topics of discussion will be centered around the political situation and religious tensions in Kashmir and the Chinese government's actions toward the Uyghur ethnic minority. BCIN was established in 2016 by concerned people of various faiths to discuss and address social justice and human rights issues within the county, the nation, and the world.

The Center is located at 9610 Good Luck Road, Lanham.

Slavic Food Fest Coming November 2

St. Gregory of Nyssa Byzantine Catholic Church will hold its annual Slavic Food Fest and Bake Sale on Saturday, November 2 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with door prizes every half hour.

Eastern European ethnic foods including holupki, pirohi, halushki and kolbassi with sauerkraut will be available for eat-in and carry-out.

The bake sale features five types of kolachi: walnut, poppyseed, lekvár/prune, apricot and raspberry. Also available will be a wide selection of cakes, pies, cookies and other sweet treats.

St. Gregory's is located at 12420 Old Gunpowder Road Spur, Beltsville. Phone 301-953-9323.

November Parents Night Out Friday

Greenbelt Recreation Arts hosts a childcare art activity on Friday, November 8 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. for children ages 4 to 12. Drop the kids off for all or part of the time and have a relaxing night out. While parents are having dinner at a favorite restaurant, the children will enjoy art activities, a pizza dinner and a movie. Dinner will be served at 6:15 p.m. All children must be potty-trained in order to participate. Advance registration and fees are required. For more information, visit greenbeltnmd.gov/arts.



City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched.

We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER 4-8

Wednesday, November 6 at 7:30pm **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD** at at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road On the Agenda: Pedestrian and Bicycle Subcommittee Update, Planning Department Update, Discussion of 2020 Meeting Schedule

This schedule is subject to change. For meeting confirmation please call 301-474-8000.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Ethics Commission, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and Youth Advisory Committee For more information: 301-474-8000



PUBLIC NOTICE Greenbelt Lake Trail Closure

A segment of the trail around Greenbelt Lake in the vicinity of the dam project will be closed from 10/28/19 through 11/10/19 to accommodate construction activities

ATTENTION LOCAL BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS

The 14th annual Gobble Wobble 5K Family Fun Run & Walk is rapidly approaching. The Gobble Wobble is a Thanksgiving morning tradition for many, as families join both novice and experienced runners for this great community event. Greenbelt Recreation is seeking local businesses and organizations interested in supporting the Gobble Wobble and its continued success. Sponsor the 2019 Gobble Wobble 5K Family Fun Run & Walk!! A minimum \$100 donation will get your logo on the back of the race shirt given to all registrants and any promotional material provided can be placed in race packets.

The City of Greenbelt has traditionally received great support from local businesses and organizations. If your business/organization is interested in sponsoring this year's Gobble Wobble, please contact Greenbelt Recreation at 301-397-2200 or e-mail aphelan@greenbeltnmd.gov. All sponsorships must be received by Monday, November 4.



FREE PRODUCE THURSDAY

ADMISSION IS FREE! NO RSVP NEEDED.

November 7th

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Questions? Call Katherine Farzin, Community Outreach Coordinator at (240) 542-2019

Community Art Drop-In

Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. FREE! All ages welcome.

Sunday, November 3, 1-3pm. FREE

Recycled object mosaic workshop with Greenbelt Community Center Artist in Residence Rachel Cross. Make a piece to keep, and also contribute to a collaborative artwork! Materials provided; please also bring old beads, CDs, and broken jewelry to contribute as available.



To reserve your seat visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084babab2ba4ff2-found> Participants will also be welcome on a walk-up basis while space and supplies last.

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION

SAMPLE BALLOT
Judith F. Davis
Emmett V. Jordan
Edward V. J. Putens
Rodney M. Roberts
William A. Orleans
Silke I. Pope
Colin A. Byrd
Leta M. Mach

TRANSPORTATION TO POLLING PLACES

On Tuesday, November 5, 2019, the Greenbelt Connection will provide free transportation to polling locations for City voters between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Citizens who wish to avail themselves of this service should call:

GREENBELT CONNECTION: 301-474-4100 to schedule their transportation.

In addition, the City bus will make scheduled pick-ups at **GREEN RIDGE HOUSE** at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

and will return to Green Ridge House after the voters have cast their ballots at the Community Center.

POLLING PLACES

CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND

Greenbelt City Election-Tuesday, November 5, 2019
City polling places are not all in the same locations as those for county, state and national elections.

WHERE TO VOTE – 7 a.m. till 8 p.m.

Precinct 3-Center Community Center 15 Crescent Road Crescent Road #1-155 Damsel Court Eastway, #2 Gardenway 7010 Greenbelt Rd. Lady Anne Court Lakecrest Circle Lakecrest Drive Lakeside Drive Lakeview Circle Maplewood Court Olivewood Court Parkway Pincrest Court Ridge Road, #1-42; 44; 46; 48 Southway Vanity Fair Drive Westway	Ridge Road #43; 45; 47; 49-446 Rosewood Drive Tamarisk Court White Birch Court Woodland Way	Jacobs Drive Mandan Road Mandan Terrace Morrison Drive Ora Court Sunset Place Wintergreen Court
Precinct 6-North End Police Station 550 Crescent Road Eastway #1; 3; 5 Empire Place Fayette Place Forestway Greendale Place Greenhill Road Greenknolls Place Greentree Place Greenway Place Hedgewood Drive Hillside Road Ivy Lane Julian Court Lastner Lane Laurel Hill Road Lynbrook Court Northway Orange Court Periwinkle Court Plateau Place Research Road	Miner Street North Center Drive North Channel Drive Rock Quarry Ave Sable Court Settling Pond Lane Smiths Cove Lane South Center Drive South Channel Drive Stream Bank Lane Springhill Court Springhill Drive Springhill Lane Springhill Terrace	Precinct 18-Greenbelt East, Schrom Hills Park 6915 Hanover Pkwy Bird Lane Brett Place Brooks Place Burkhart Court Candlewood Place Canning Terrace Chartwell Place Cloister Place Craddock Court Craddock Road Green Crescent Court Green Manor Place Green Walk Court Greenbrook Drive Greenbury Drive 6800-6999 Hanover Parkway Kara Court Lake Drive Lake Park Drive Landon Court Mandan Court Mathew Street Megan Lane Ora Glen Court Ora Glen Drive Ryan Way Somerset Court South Ora Court Springcrest Drive Spring Manor Drive Springshire Way Sunset Place Village Park Drive Wintergreen Court Winterwood Place Parkway
Precinct 8-Springhill Lake, Springhill Lake Recreation Center 6101 Cherrywood Ln	Breezewood Court Breezewood Drive Breezewood Terrace Cherrywood Court Cherrywood Lane Cherrywood Terrace Davis Point Lane Edmonston Court Edmonston Road Edmonston Terrace Greenbelt Station Parkway	

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The festival is organized each year by the City of Greenbelt Recreation Department but could not be made possible without the cooperation of many other organizations, according to Recreation Supervisor Anne Oudemans. “We partner with a lot of other city and non-city groups. We have community groups here that are making information available. There’s music and all sorts of activities for families,” Oudemans said.

Children were welcomed to the festival by a trunk-or-treat presented by the Greenbelt Police Department, Animal Control and Department of Public Works, decorating their vehicles and handing out candy to a line of eager costumed kids. The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department continued their involvement this year with a goodie-bag hand out, as well as a child-sized version of a firefighter training obstacle course, complete with a giant teddy bear to act as the “person drag” portion. Live music filled the air courtesy of the acoustic duo Hepcat Hoodie and nearby, the Greenbelt Babe Ruth baseball team provided fest concessions as a fundraiser. Long lines of people waited for a turn in the hay wagon which circled the entire park.

“The community knows that it’s a fun, free event and they come out for it,” Oudemans said. Despite the small sprinkling of rain, attendees continued to join the festivities throughout the



PHOTO BY MARY ANN BAKER

Look what’s cooking! Mom Courtney Shade and Dad Carlos Garay serve up baby lobster Raelyn Garay. Carlos’s Mom lives in Greenbelt just across from Schrom Hills Park.

afternoon, contributing to what Sports and Recreation Coordinator Andrew Phelan estimated to be the best turnout yet.

“This is my eighth year as the lead coordinator, but prior to

being the lead coordinator, I was always here helping out,” Phelan explained. “We’ve said every year that the crowd gets bigger and bigger, and I think this year is no exception.”



PHOTO BY KAYLA KOZAK

Officer Hawkins of the Greenbelt Police Department hands out candy.

Diwali Celebration Open House House Features Colors, Light

by Margaret Attridge

Rainy weather forecast for Diwali did not stop Vijay Parameshwaran from creating his brightly colored holiday chalk drawings around an apartment complex on Crescent Road.

Diwali is a major holiday celebrated around the world on the night of the new moon and can carry different meanings to different religious groups. However, the common themes across all groups are liberation and light.

“To me, it always carried the symbolism of having light amidst darkness. The darkness here is the new moon. That really drives the point home for practicing it,” said Parameshwaran.

Though there is not a large Hindu population in Greenbelt, he wants to educate his neighbors.

“The people in this area are very inquisitive and civic minded. Here in Greenbelt especially, any chance for people to get together in the spirit of community, everyone is for that. It is very unique about here, more so than a lot of other places I’ve lived in my life,” said Parameshwaran.

He started sidewalk drawing when he moved to Greenbelt in 2015, with encouragement from his mother. One day, someone took a picture of his work and posted it to a Greenbelt Facebook Group.

“When I saw all the positive feedback, I started making drawings for more holidays and posting the pictures to social media,” said Parameshwaran. “The reception has been great which makes me happy because I feel like I’m doing something for the



PHOTO COURTESY OF VIJAY PARAMESHWARAN

Vijay Parameshwaran holds a neighborhood open house for Diwali on October 25. During the event Parameshwaran shows off his drawings and offers donut holes to passersby.

community.”

During the two-hour-long “open house,” Parameshwaran showed off his drawings, along with offering donut holes to passersby, including neighbors and city councilmembers.

“We have different cultures in our community and I think that this is so important and it’s just wonderful. We are in the spirit of embracing everybody and I think this is just one symbol of that,” said Councilmember Silke Pope.

Parameshwaran plans on continuing his chalk art and has created an Instagram page dedicated to his illustrations.

“We all need some kind of creative release and this is mine. It relaxes me and it kind of eases my mind a bit. The sense of

someone walking by and feeling positive about what they see also drives it because it makes me happy too.”



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Skylar, 4, drags a giant teddy bear as she runs the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department’s obstacle course at the Annual Greenbelt Fall Fest on October 26.

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Election 2017

Biographies of Candidates

Eight candidates are certified for the Greenbelt City Council election by City Clerk Bonita Anderson. These shortened biographies are prepared by the candidates.

Emmett V. Jordan



PHOTO BY SHARON NATOLI

Emmett Jordan

Emmett V. Jordan is serving in his third term as mayor and fifth term as a member of the Greenbelt City Council. In 2009, he became the first African-American to serve on city council.

A Greenbelt resident for 20 years, Emmett relocated to the area to work with the University of Maryland in 1998. Soon after, he moved to Greenbriar Condominiums, attracted by the convenient location and the many recreational amenities in Greenbelt.

Emmett's career spans more than 25 years of experience providing professional services related to marketing, communications, strategic planning, and fund development to non-profit organizations, associations, and businesses. He has worked with many organizations including the Smithsonian Institution, University of Maryland at College Park, and the United Negro College Fund.

He currently represents Greenbelt on the boards and committees of regional and national policy organizations including the National League of Cities, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and the Maryland Municipal League.

He is an avid tennis player, enjoys recreational bicycle rides, and likes to attend concerts, art exhibitions and other cultural programs in his spare time.

Ed Putens



PHOTO BY SHARON NATOLI

Ed Putens

Ed Putens has been a resident of Greenbelt since he graduated from the University of Maryland in 1970. He has worked in various research capacities for medical and research development companies and co-authored several patents dealing with minimizing air pollutants.

Putens has taken a leading role on senior citizen concerns

and initiated the establishment of the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee. He proposed the city's Public Safety Advisory Committee, as well as the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE). He recognized the importance of inter-city cooperation between neighboring jurisdictions and established the Four Cities Coalition which includes Greenbelt, College Park, New Carrollton and Berwyn Heights.

While on the city council, Putens served on county, state and national committees to represent Greenbelt's interests, including the Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments (COG), Prince George's County Municipal Association, Maryland Municipal League and National League of Cities. He has also served on several committees of the National League of Cities – the Human Development Policy Committee, Public Safety and Crime Prevention Steering Committee, and the Finance, Administration and Intergovernmental Relations Policy Committee. He is the past chair of the Small Cities Council Steering Committee (2006).

Rodney M. Roberts



PHOTO COURTESY OF ROBERTS

Rodney Roberts

Rodney M. Roberts, 61, is a life-long Greenbelter who lives with his wife, Tara. He attended Prince George's County schools, and was active in sports with the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club. Roberts is sole proprietor of a small business that specializes in on-site repairs of various types of equipment and vehicles.

In 28 years, Roberts has never missed a council meeting. Roberts volunteers his professional skills to groups such as Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange (GIVES) and individuals in need. Roberts successfully fought efforts to demolish two-single family homes in Greenbelt, using his own funds and labor to do repairs on one.

Roberts proposed and worked through to implementation, a community policing program that included the city's first bicycle patrols.

Roberts was a leader in the citizen movement that resulted in the city's acquisition of 184 acres of woodland, part of the original "Green Belt."

Roberts testifies on behalf of the city before state and county officials concerning development, transportation, recreational, environmental and fiscal issues. He represents the city on the Metropolitan Washington Council

of Governments Transportation Planning Board. He is also city liaison to the Youth Advisory Board and Forest Preserve Advisory Board.

Silke Pope



PHOTO BY SHARON NATOLI

Silke Pope

Silke Pope has lived in Greenbelt for 21 years with her family and currently resides in Belle Point. Silke earned her U.S. citizenship in 2006. Raised in a small town, Silke Pope brings to Greenbelt familiar small-town values. Her natural tendency is one of engagement and activity in the community, taking on numerous volunteer roles and accruing many accomplishments. Silke volunteers her time to St. Hugh Church, Charlestown Village Condominiums and the American Legion Post 136 Ladies Auxiliary.

Pope served on the city's Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) until she was elected to city council in 2009. During her tenure leading PSAC, the city saw real improvements in safety including the installation of security cameras and emergency call boxes. Silke is the council liaison to both PSAC and the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee.

Silke has served on the National League of Cities (NLC) Public Safety and Crime Prevention Steering Committee and the NLC Small Cities Council and the Maryland Municipal League. Silke earned a fellowship from the University of Maryland's Academy for Excellence in Local Governance.

Silke has experience in the field of international business

relations and banking. Silke is currently employed at Springhill Lake Elementary School.

Colin Byrd



PHOTO BY JILL CONNOR

Colin Byrd

Colin Byrd is a lifelong Greenbelter and has served as a Greenbelt city councilmember since 2017. He is the council liaison to GreenACES, the environmental sustainability committee. He is the city's Transportation Planning Board alternate member. And he is the youngest ever regional director for the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials.

In his day job, Colin is the chief of staff for State Delegate Julian Ivey, and Colin's career has also included stints as an environmental policy advocate for Environment Maryland and as an organizer for the Service Employees International Union.

A committed Democrat, Colin served as a delegate to the 2016 Democratic National Convention.

Colin is an alumnus of the University of Maryland, College Park, where he studied sociology. He was inducted into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and won several accolades, including the James Otis Williams Award for Cultural Leadership and the MICA Award for Champion of Diversity.

Colin is also a newly-minted alumnus of the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance fellowship program, and he regularly attends workshops and conferences to learn new things about how to better serve Greenbelters.

Colin's hobbies include basketball, ping pong, piano, biking, tennis and (watching) football.

Leta Mach



PHOTO BY DARRELL MACH

Leta Mach

Leta Mach and her husband Darrell moved to Greenbelt in 1974. They have two married children -- Ryan and Amy -- and four granddaughters, Anna, Alexa, Piper and Amelia.

Mach was first elected to council in 2003. She has served on numerous local and national committees including the National League of Cities Board of Directors. She serves on the Maryland Municipal League Engagement and Outreach Committee. She is a member and past chair of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Air Quality Committee and Clean Air Partners. She serves on the State of Maryland Air Quality Control Advisory Council. She is council liaison to the Advisory Committee on Education.

She believes strongly in the value of education and the ability of cooperatives to enhance people's lives. She helps coordinate the Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance. In 2000, Mach was honored as Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen.

Her work experience includes teaching social studies at Suitland Senior High School (1969-1973), serving as GHI Information Specialist (1981-1987) and National Cooperative Business Association director of communications and cooperative education (1987-2003).

In 1969, she received a B.A.

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'Tis the Season to Carve Pumpkins

by Ivan Torres

Children, parents and their families gathered at Roosevelt Center for the Pumpkin Carving event Friday evening.

The event consisted of several pumpkin carving stations, a face painting station and a live performance from the Ukuletes and dinner at the surrounding restaurants. Classic songs such as Monster Mash and the Adams Family headlined the performance.

The band members loved being part of the event. "Halloween is all about the kids," said band member Kathy Bartolomeo.

"It was a great way to kick off the holiday season," said JoEllen Sarff.

Each carved pumpkin was placed on stage and at the end of the event was moved to be displayed in the Pumpkin Walk.

The Pumpkin Carving was one of a weekend full of Halloween-themed events, such as the Greenbelt Police Trunk-or-Treat at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, Fall Fest at Schrom Hills Park and the Pumpkin Walk at Northway Fields.



Families carve pumpkins together in Roosevelt Center on Friday, October 25.

- Photos by Jennifer Sterling



Pumpkin carvers fill Roosevelt Center on October 25.

PHOTO BY IVAN TORRES



Greenbelt children walk in the annual Halloween parade in 1949.

PHOTO BY PAUL KASKO, COURTESY GREENBELT MUSEUM

Annual Pumpkin Walk Scares And Delights Young and Old

by Laura Franklin

Hundreds of Greenbelt residents trailed through the Forest Preserve Saturday evening to view dozens of jack-o'-lanterns on the annual Pumpkin Walk.

The pumpkins, provided by Shlagel Farms, were carved in various locations in Greenbelt earlier in the weekend. Afterward, the carved pumpkins were placed in the forest off Northway and were illuminated by candles to guide walkers along the trail.

Some pumpkins were also placed along a paved trail in Schrom Hills Park.

As walkers traveled deeper into the forest, they were met by some scary guests. Some woodland fairies encouraged participants to hold the "ball of death." The legendary Goat Man haunted the forest and spooked children as they walked along the trail.

The pumpkin festival is completely volunteer-run, and aims to raise awareness of the Greenbelt Forest Preserve. The preserve is a protected wooded area that is cherished by the community.



PHOTO BY LOLA SKOLNIK

Pumpkins scary and pretty line the path by Northway.



PHOTO BY LAURA FRANKLIN



Friends of Patuxent Wildlife Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 2, 2019 9AM to 3PM

National Wildlife Visitor Center
10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop
Laurel, MD



- Baldy's Bargains
- More than **30 local crafters**
- Tram rides (*weather permitting*)
- Bake sale & lunch available

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with Honor with a major in history and minors in English and education from Michigan State University.

Bill Orleans



PHOTO BY ERIC ZHANG

Bill Orleans

Insufficiently humiliated from this exercise two years ago, Orleans is again a candidate for council. He is serious. He would very much like to be elected, where he would hope to help reclaim the practice of democracy in Greenbelt and also where he would hope to help to reclaim the practice of democracy on the transportation planning board (TPB). (If elected he would still challenge to a duel, in Roosevelt Center, any other elected member of council interested in being Greenbelt's designated member of the TPB; method of engagement of their choice.) His original long bio was totally revelatory of the development of Orleans' character, which simultaneously is serious and playful in pursuing his contribution to the commonweal. He hasn't the inclination or the

time to whack 600 or 700 words from it. Orleans has not been, is not now nor would he be a leader in pursuing the commonweal; his role is more that of laggard, yet directing our attention to both the nakedness of our emperors and to our own hypocrisies in our respective contributions in that pursuit. (Or maybe we just say that we care about this or that or maybe we just don't care at all.) His 2011 biography, mostly, if metaphorically accurate can be found in some version or another at BillOrleans.com or new and improved at greenbeltmd.gov. (Previously published in the October 31, 2013, October 29, 2015 and November 2, 2017 issues of the News Review.)

Judith "J" Davis



PHOTO BY BARRY BORDAS

J. Davis

Judith "J" Davis, currently mayor pro tem, formerly was mayor for 16 years, Greenbelt's longest continuously serving mayor. Prior to her election to council, she was appointed to the

Advisory Planning Board for 10 years, four years as its chair.

Moving to Greenbelt in 1975, J soon became active in local affairs. She was elected to Greenbriar's Phase I Board of Directors for 14 years and was Labor Day Festival Carnival Chair for 18 years.

As mayor, J represented Greenbelt on the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Board of Directors and was elected chair and corporate president. J is on COG's Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee. Since 2005, she has been appointed to the National League of Cities' Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Policy Committee. Focused on environmental issues, J has brought back innovative ideas and best practices.

J is a past president of the Maryland Municipal League, the Maryland Mayors Association, the Prince George's County Municipal Association, and the Prince George's Elected Municipal Women. J strongly advocates for Greenbelt's positions at all governmental levels.

J was appointed to the county's Commission for Women in 2019.

J actively supports many Greenbelt organizations, including FOGM, FOGT, GIVES, Lions, and American Legion Auxiliary.



VOTING continued from page 1

on Tuesday, November 5.

An exception to the deadline for applying for an absentee ballot would involve, for example, an emergency situation where a voter who has not been issued an absentee ballot becomes unable to vote at the polling place because of an illness, accident or required absence that develops too late to meet the deadlines. An emergency request is also the only situation in which an explanation or excuse must be provided in order to acquire an absentee ballot. Although the emergency ballot requires extra time for acquiring the ballot, in order for the ballot to be counted it must still be received at the city clerk's office by 6 p.m. on Election Day.



City Election Polling Places

Voting will take place from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5 at these polling places:

Precinct 3: Center, Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road

Precinct 6: North End, Greenbelt Police Department, 550 Crescent Road

Precinct 8: Greenbelt West, Franklin Park & Greenbelt Station, Springhill Lake Rec Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane

Precinct 13: Greenbelt East (North), Greenbriar Community Bldg., 7600 Hanover Parkway

Precinct 18: Greenbelt East (South), Schrom Hills Park, 6915 Hanover Parkway

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Tuesday, November 5



Ed Putens



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- Human Services Policy Committee
- Public Safety Committee

-Transportation Planning Board

Prince George's County Municipal Association

Maryland Municipal League

National League of Cities

- Human Development Policy Committee
- FAIR Policy Committee.
- Public Safety Policy Committee
- Small Cities Committee(Chair 2006)

Greenbelt Democratic Club.

Friends of the Greenbelt Museum

Friends of the Greenbelt Theatre

President Greenbelt Arts Trust

Greenbelt Arts Center

Greenbelt Consumer Co-op (charter member)

Former Chair of the Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB)

Former member, Windsor Green Board of Directors

President, Greenbrook Estates Homeowner's Association

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City Council Candidates State Their Views During GHI Forum

by Clara Longo de Freitas

Six of the seven current city councilmembers gathered at the Municipal Building on the evening of October 24 for a pre-election forum. Emmett Jordan, Judith Davis, Colin Byrd, Leta Mach, Silke Pope and Rodney Roberts were present. Councilmember Edward Putens is also running for reelection but was unable to attend due to a family emergency.

It would have been almost like any other council meeting, if it wasn't for non-incumbent, Bill Orleans who is on the ballot for the fifth time.

Since its founding in 1937 Greenbelt was meant to nurture a sense of community thanks to the green belts of forests and farms that surrounded the town. All candidates said they wanted to carry on Greenbelt's utopian legacy, and sustainability was a central part of the forum.

Steve Skolnik, the president of Greenbelt Homes Inc., was the moderator for the forum. Each candidate had two minutes to answer his questions. The attendees were also allowed to ask questions, and the candidates could respond in one minute. There were about 15 people in the audience.

There was considerable discussion of how the city will provide services to the people expected to move to the expanding Greenbelt Station and the proposed new development at Beltway Plaza.

The Beltway Plaza development will add as many as 2,500 residential units, Roberts said, noting that the city will not be able to provide services to all of them. He said doing so would mean that people would have to pay more in taxes.

Pope and Davis said the city would have to provide services to the new residents. Pope said that Greenbelt's location between Baltimore and Washington, as well as the schools, shopping and recreational opportunities make the city very attractive. The city should, she said, understand and welcome more residents.

Davis said the real issue was overcrowded schools, and that more need to be built.

Jordan said the city and its residents will need to manage their expectations. Mach agreed, adding, "The services we have are for everyone."

Mach also suggested a circulator bus that would make it easier for people to get to venues where services are offered.

Byrd said he opposed the Beltway Plaza proposal and another proposal for units near the federal courthouse on Cherrywood Lane. He said the city is in the process of hiring a new city treasurer so that they can creatively address financial challenges.

Orleans said city services are not shared equally throughout the city.

Climate change was also discussed in the forum. Skolnik asked what specific policies and programs the candidates would support to lessen the effects of climate change in the city.

Byrd focused largely on what has been done to reduce waste, rather than on his own policies and programs for the future. He

said the city was able to hold many zero waste events.

Roberts said there's no such thing as carbon free, but Greenbelt needs to decrease the amount of plastic it uses.

A Greenbelt resident in the audience suggested a sustainability fee for the new development coming to Greenbelt that could be used for green initiatives such as the circulator bus. Davis said it was an interesting concept, but the city would have to take the idea to the Prince George's County Council. She said the county has planning and zoning authority and what is required of developers comes from the county.

Skolnik directed a question specifically to Orleans, asking him about the city's financial health and how he, as a councilmember, would improve it.

Orleans said he had no way of knowing how the financial health of the city was, but, if elected, he would raise taxes. He said the city would be able to do more if they retained more money.

"If we want things, we have to agree to pay for it," Orleans said.

Jordan responded to Orleans by saying that the city is cautious in increasing taxes.

"If we cannot provide service more efficiently, more cost effectively," Jordan said, "maybe we shouldn't be providing that service at all."

Jordan said there are some businesses and problems in the city that shouldn't be there. Orleans abruptly cut him off, asking Jordan to specify.

Mach said, "lo and behold," she agreed with Orleans.

"Taxes is not a dirty word," she said. "Taxes are how we bring our money together as a group to get things that we couldn't afford individually."

The forum ended with each candidate saying what they expect their biggest challenge to be, and how they will face it.

Roberts said the biggest challenge will be protecting Greenbelt's quality of life, stressing that Greenbelt should not "fill up with all kinds of housing."

Pope said it would be better if the city had zoning authority, which would allow the council to shape Greenbelt as they think is appropriate. She also said senior housing is part of the big challenge.

Davis said the federal government has had a big impact on the city. The Federal Communications Commission, she said, made cuts where the city gets the money for cable franchise, and also took the city's ability to deny the small cell towers coming through the 5G towers. She stressed that Greenbelt needs to work with other cities and other groups.

Jordan said the biggest challenge is sustainability.

Mach said that she has seen a trend of incivility and disrespect across the country and said that cannot happen in Greenbelt.

"We need to talk to each other. We need to bring Greenbelt into one community," Mach said.

Byrd said there's a lot to improve, naming the University of Maryland shuttles, the streets and senior housing.

"Thank you for giving us that

one thing," Skolnik said, laughing.

"Oh, and safer traffic design, safer travel, public safety," Byrd added.

In his final statement, Orleans suggested that council was not "a good democratic practice," and proceeded to make suggestions, unbothered by the cynical laughs of the other candidates.

"Civility is important and respect is important," Orleans said. "I think council should listen more and talk less."

He said whoever went to the council meetings should have as much opportunity to talk as the councilmembers.

"This will be the fifth time that I'm on the ballot," Orleans said. "I'm not at all ... hurt. I am damn hurt that 12,000 people who are registered to vote in Greenbelt, who consistently don't come to council meetings, continue to vote for people they don't know what the hell they're doing."

Skolnik thanked Orleans for his statement. Before officially ending the forum, he asked the audience and the candidates if they should organize a debate, rather than a forum, in the next election. The forum finished at 9:15 p.m., only a couple minutes later than the time predicted.

Free Movie Screening Tuesday, November 12

AARP members and guests are invited to a free screening of *What They Had*, sponsored by AARP and Dementia Friendly Prince George's County – North Sector on Tuesday, November 12, at the Old Greenbelt Theatre. Doors open at 12:30 p.m.

Starring Hilary Swank, Blythe Danner, Robert Forster and Michael Shannon, *What They Had* centers on a family in crisis. Bridget (Swank) returns home to Chicago at her brother's (Shannon) urging to deal with her ailing mother (Danner) and her father's (Forster) reluctance to let go of their life together.

Rated R for language, including a brief sexual reference.

Registration is required, with a limit of two tickets per guest. Call 240-542-2019 or go to bit.ly/DFAAARPMOVIESFORGROWNUPS. Note that the URL is case sensitive.

Nicole Williams Recommended To Fill Delegate Vacancy

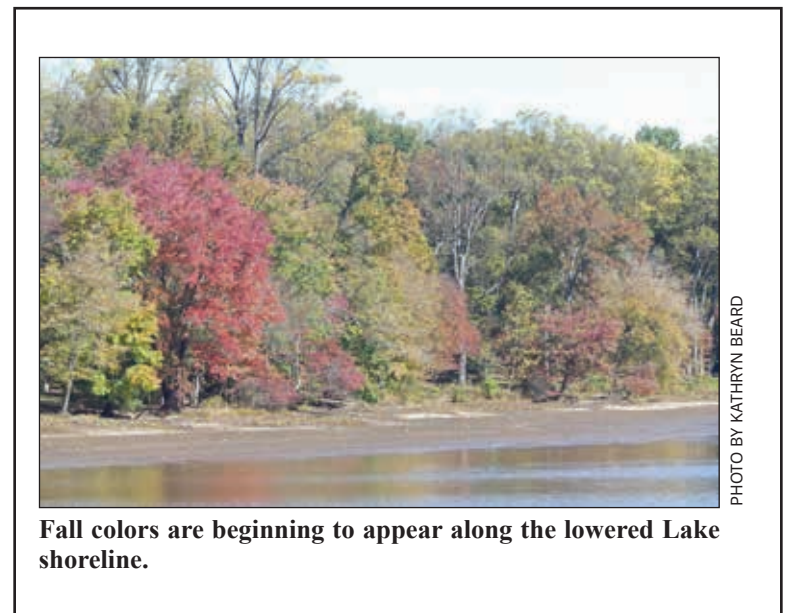


Nicole Williams answers a question from a member of the Prince George's County Democratic Central Committee during a Tuesday, October 29 meeting.

- Photos by Judith Davis



Senator Paul Pinsky (center) with Delegates Alonzo Washington (left) and Anne Healey recommend Nicole Williams to fill the District 22 delegate vacancy.



Fall colors are beginning to appear along the lowered Lake shoreline.

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SHLRC's Family Fun Event Draws A Large, Lively Crowd

by Aneurin Canham-Clyne

Dozens of kids dressed in Halloween costumes lined up for pizza, candy and a movie on Friday, October 25 at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. The pumpkin carving and movie night was organized in collaboration with Greenbelt Recreation, Greenbelt Police, the Greenbelt Pumpkin Festival and Franklin Park.

This was the third year Greenbelt Recreation has organized such a get-together. The evening began with a pumpkin carving and trunk-or-treat, and ended with a screening of *The Nightmare Before Christmas*.

"There are more kids every year," said Anne Oudemans, a recreation program supervisor, as kids ran around the table where she and recreation coordinator Frank Jones were seated.

Greenbelt Police officers handed out pizza in the parking lot. Kids joined a huge line for the pizza and talked excitedly with each other as the officers served them.

Sergeant Jermaine Gullledge of the Greenbelt Police also said attendance was up over the previous year's trunk-or-treat event. He attributed the increased attendance to the variety of activities and groups involved.

"We have more things for the kids to do, we start it a little early, before we actually start giving

away candy and pizza," Gullledge said. He added that events like this were key to showing the community a friendlier side of the police, which he says helps build trust and a sense of a united community.

"Our focus, this year, was to help this community. Last year it wasn't this large, and we noticed a lot of the resources were actually focused towards the center city, so we want to make sure we go to every section of the city," Gullledge said.

The Platinum Rollers Motorcycle club used a bike's sound system to provide a soundtrack for the evening. Darryl Pugh, the chapter president, who goes by the riding name Long, said the club came out to show support for the police and give candy out to the kids. As Michael Jackson's *Thriller* album played, Pugh said the fall was a busy time for the club in terms of community engagement. He said the Platinum Rollers also provide Thanksgiving baskets to families in need.

Jesse Houle and her daughter Madison Floyd decorated their car for Halloween and set it up with buckets of candy. Houle, who works as a police dispatcher, said she ran out of candy pretty quickly.

"It's all for the kids," Houle said.



Residents of Franklin Park enjoy the festivities.



- Photos by Jennifer Sterling

Growing Greenbelt's Leadership Workshop

Join the Center for Dynamic Community Governance on Sunday, November 3 from 1 to 5 p.m. for the third and final workshop on Growing Greenbelt's Leadership through the use of dynamic community governance tools and strategies. The workshop is open to community organizers, local business people and anyone looking to grow their leadership and governance skills, with an emphasis on consent-based decision-making. One-on-one sessions are also available upon request.

The workshop will be held at the Schrom Hills Recreation Center, 6915 Hanover Parkway. The training is free. For more information and to reserve a space (requested but not required), email Aileen@dynamic-governance.org.

The Greenbelt Community Foundation's support makes this program possible.

Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, November 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads. The group offers professionals, students, stay-at-home parents and retirees a supportive environment to improve skills in communication and leadership. For more information call 240-542-8625.



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With me are my granddaughters Anna & Amelia Avila, Piper Mach, & Alexa Avila

Work Together ✦ Respect the Past ✦ Build the Future

LETA's GOALS and ISSUES

√ Work Together

- We achieve more when we listen, research and work together. **We must see that the unfortunate, reprehensible tone of discourse that exists in many areas of the country does not infect Greenbelt.**
- **We must work together and with coalitions to oppose the MAGLEV and Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Beltway widening proposals.**
- Using my co-op knowledge and experience, **I will be a resource to cooperative businesses that can contribute to our economic development efforts.**

√ Respect the Past

- **I support the community-focused programming at the Greenbelt Theater** as it echoes our historic past and enhances the vitality of Roosevelt Center.
- I will work to see the recommendations of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan and Sustainability Plans implemented and **I will work to see the pedestrian/bike trail from the Greenbelt Station development to the Metro Station built.**
- **I will insist that the county zoning rewrite respects Greenbelt's rich heritage.**

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A Review

A Night of Fun and Music With NASA's MAD Troupe

by Melissa Sites



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Greenbelt resident Jim Pasquale, playing the scoundrel Aldolpho, approaches the Drowsy Chaperone (Laura Hope Shapiro).

Having fun with the common elements of musical theater, Goddard's Music and Drama club (MAD) presents a fun and entertaining production of *The Drowsy Chaperone* which runs through Sunday, November 10.

The main character of the show, the Person in the Chair, is a lover of musical theater who sits at home listening to old LP records of show soundtracks. *The Drowsy Chaperone* is the Person's (fictitious) favorite musical from 1928. In fact, this show was first produced on Broadway in 2006 (winning five Tony awards), so it is not even 20 years old. Far from being old fashioned, it is post-modern, shattering the barrier between the audience and the play, as the Person in the Chair constantly interrupts the action of the play, lifting the needle from the record to add commentaries and trivia about the actors from the original cast production, while the cast on stage hang motionless.

The play hinges on a common phenomenon: knowing the songs of a musical without really knowing the story – a fragmented and disjointed way of knowing that is the textbook definition of the post-modern. This musical does not develop an elaborate plot or sophisticated characters but plays with stock characters and common tropes of romance and harmless misunderstandings to entertain the audience with simple fun.

The Person in the Chair lives in a shabby apartment decorated with old playbills and a wall phone that ruins the moment by ringing inconveniently during the playing of the record. The area around the Person's chair fades into the rest of the set, which is decorated with elegant red and gold deco motifs to evoke the 1920s era of the musical. The Person leaves the chair at times to float through the action, but the action also comes to the audience, with a scene involving roller skating while blindfolded that takes place on the floor right next to the front row. The choreography is one of the best things about the show, with a lively chorus of dancers filling the stage with energy, as partygoers, reporters, servants, or even a troublesome troupe of nightmarish monkeys.

Highlights of this production include Christa Kronser as Janet,

who does a fantastic job with the show stopper *Show Off*, pulling out all the trappings of an elaborate production number: costume changes, high lifts, chorus kicks, a big key change, ribbon dances, everything you can think of short of shooting her out of a cannon.

Another fun element is the Latin Lover, Aldolpho, played with great charisma by Jim Pasquale. His continual mission of seduction is like displaying a gun onstage – the audience is just waiting to see how and why it will go off.

Many roles in the show are double cast, so those interested in seeing a particular actor in a role will need to check with the production to find out the dates on which that person will be playing.

MAD, the amateur Music and Drama club sponsored by the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center Employee Welfare Association, has presented fall musicals open to the public since 1970.

The show will run through November 10, including a discounted performance on Halloween night. Visit madtheater.org to purchase tickets.

Environment Lecture Focuses on Coal

Science on Tap: November 2019 examines *Blowing Up Mountains for Coal: Environmental Impacts That Never Stop*. This lecture will take place on Monday, November 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the MilkBoy ArtHouse in downtown College Park.

The lecturer, Margaret A. Palmer, professor of entomology at the University of Maryland, will discuss the lasting pollution of waterways and destruction of sensitive species. This event is free but space is limited.

Chamber Music Free at Riversdale

The Riversdale Chamber Music Society will perform on Sunday, November 3 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Riversdale House Museum at 4811 Riverdale Road.

In conjunction with the current wedding exhibit, the Riversdale Chamber Music Society will present a free concert featuring popular wedding songs from different periods in history. Mingle with the musicians at a post-concert reception.

A Review

Motherhood Out Loud Tells The Story of the Circle of Life

by Sandy Rodgers

A play, *Motherhood Out Loud*, is a beautifully acted, hilarious, outrageous and moving look at life from a mother's perspective. Developed by Susan R. Rose and Joan Stein, the play is a collection of stories written by celebrated American writers. Rikki Lacewell directs the talented cast in bringing to life stories that are utterly unpredictable, shatter traditional notions about parenthood, unveil their inherent comedy and celebrate the deeply personal truths that span and unite generations at this Greenbelt Arts Center production. Anyone who is or has a mother, a stepmother, a foster mother or anything in between will be able to relate to and enjoy this insightful piece which will be performed through Sunday, November 10.

As the play opens, three moms in labor are a raucous choir dressed in hospital gowns – they alternately scream and shout their pain and fear, lacing it all with profanity and humor. The messy ride to motherhood has begun. Stories are grouped in five chronological chapters that focus on moments in the intertwined lives of mothers and children: *Fast Births* (babies and toddlers), *First Day* (young children), *Sex Talk* (the teenage years), *Stepping Out* (graduation and leaving home) and *Coming Home* (life after children/old age).

The characters don't have names, just descriptions (*Woke Mom*, *Dramatic Mom*, *Postpartum Mom*, *Insightful Mom*, *Forever Mom*, *Supportive Mom*, *Rainbow Giraffe Mom*, *Everyone's Mom*, *Southern Mom*) which are sometimes relevant to the story and sometimes not. Each story features a rotating group of characters in roles everyone can relate to.

In *Next to the Crib*, B. Wallace Shearer, as sleep-deprived *Postpartum Mom*, gives a performance that deliciously cycles through fear, exasperation and laughter. She's at her wits end caring for an infant who feeds every two hours and dealing with pleas for attention from her husband (humorously voiced off-stage by *Supportive Mom* Laura Adams), who has a cold.

Queen Esther is the poignant



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From left: Meg Nemeth, MarQuis Fair, B. Wallace Shearer and Mara Rosenberg portray different versions of motherhood.

story of *Woke Mom* (Mara Rosenberg), whose son wants to dress as Queen Esther in a pink princess dress for a program at the synagogue. Rosenberg plays the role with sensitivity, showing the cascading emotions the mother experiences as she tries to figure out how to let her son be himself in the face of a world that crushes those who are different.

One mom is a man. *Forever Mom* (MarQuis Fair) appears in several stories as a mom, a husband and a son. In one striking story, *In If We're Using a Surrogate*, Fair gives a wonderful performance as a gay man who wrestles with the implications of having a child who will have two fathers, but who won't have a mother.

In *Nooha's List*, *Insightful Mom* (Cheremie Julianne Jackson) actually provides insightful and funny advice about women and sexuality to her daughter, voiced as an exasperated teen off-stage by *Supportive Mom* (Laura Adams). Jackson's delivery of the wry and witty commentary is loads of fun.

In another moving piece, *My Almost Family*, *Everyone's Mom* (Temple Fortson) longs to connect with her stepdaughters. One daughter responds to her overtures; the other does not. Fortson goes through a range of subtle emotions as her character strug-

gles with how to express her love for the child without interfering with her connection to her biological mother.

Rainbow Giraffe Mom (Meg Nemeth), in *Michael's Date*, gives a nuanced performance as a mother driving her autistic son and a girl to the movies. Nemeth voices the mother, the son and the girl in a terrific performance.

Elizabeth is a story of roles reversed. A grown son (MarQuis Fair) has temporarily moved back home to live with *Dramatic Mom* (Pamela Northrup). Northrup does a marvelous job of showing the mom's defiant attempt to be independent, as her memory and abilities slowly fade.

Report on Motherhood is a treat. An ancient grandmother (*Southern Mom*, Shemika Renee) is being interviewed by her granddaughter (*Postpartum Mom*, B. Wallace Shearer) for a report about family. Renee is terrific at portraying the sharp-tongued grandmother. Her answers are frank and unexpected. Shearer also does a great turn as the 12-year-old.

The show will be performed evenings at 8 p.m. November 1, 2, 8 and 9 and matinees at 2 p.m. on November 3 and 10. There will be a talk-back with the cast following the November 3rd performance. For tickets, and to find out about other productions coming soon, visit greenbeltartscenter.org.

Re-Elect *Silke Pope* to City Council

Working Together to Make A Difference by:

- Opposing MAGLEV & Loop high speed trains and the widening of I-495 & I-295
- Supporting the WMATA trail extension at Greenbelt Station
- Advancing public safety & quality of life initiatives
- Working to maintain Greenbelt's "green" legacy
- Implementing improvements to aging infrastructure and connectivity solutions for all areas of the city
- Protecting community programs & services for all residents
- Collaborating on strategies for economic growth
- Advocating for improvements for to the Greenbelt Dog Park

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November 5th, 2019

Authorized by Linda Ivey, Treasurer

Election 2019

Candidates' Ideas for Supporting Affordable Housing in Greenbelt

In lieu of a candidate forum, the Greenbelt Progressive Candidate Forum Committee opted to use four questions for the candidates for city council. Here are the answers to question two.

Affordable housing is an issue in Greenbelt. Takoma Park has a rent stabilization policy designed “to preserve the city’s affordable housing stock and maintain economic and ethnic diversity by controlling the frequency and amount of rent increases that may be imposed by a landlord.” Do you support a rent control policy to keep rent more affordable in Greenbelt? Why or why not?

Bill Orleans

I do support Greenbelt Council’s adoption of a rent control ordinance and have raised it with council many times over the years. Council has refused even to discuss it.

Housing built for profit ignores that shelter is a human right.

Three historic Greenbelt apartment properties have within the past year been sold or are now in the process of being sold. One of the three in process was purchased from a long term owner, just three years ago. Out of town speculators purchasing Greenbelt apartment properties have an incentive to raise rents to recover more quickly the costs associated with the purchase.

Greenbelt’s apartment properties, existing or planned, should be owned locally and all Greenbelters should have an understanding of what the appropriate rate of return would be for the owners. Greenbelt Council should initiate such discussion.

Emmett Jordan

I support the concept of rent stabilization. I have spoken with Takoma Park councilmembers to better understand how their programs work. They are administered by rental licensing program staff. An appointed commission makes determinations about rent increases. I have been told that the majority of the rental housing stock in Takoma Park is owned by individuals and are owner-occupied, unlike Greenbelt’s large, multi-unit apartment owners. Some property owners argue that rent control policies discourage investments in renovations and upgrades to rental properties, because it is difficult for owners to recover their investments. However, I feel that renters need protections from unexpected, large rent increases. Greenbelt’s approach to this issue has been to provide tax credits or rebates to renters who can document financial need, thereby reducing county and local taxes. I would argue that this approach is ineffective. Renters who are struggling to make ends meet are the least likely to be well informed about the availability of tax credits. Therefore, the current program is highly underutilized. The challenge of housing affordability in Greenbelt is part of a larger regional housing crisis. Despite our relatively “affordable” median housing prices, there is a substantial mismatch between available “workforce” housing in the region now and more so in the future. This means that our relatively affordable housing stock is in demand and these demands will increase in the future. We must take action to protect our affordable housing in Greenbelt.

Judith Davis

The rising rental rates and the insufficient amount of housing overall are of deep concern to me and other councilmembers. Getting developers to include workforce housing, senior housing, or

moderate-priced homes has been difficult due to the city’s lack of planning and zoning authority, the huge demand for housing and the area’s high cost for building housing units of any type. During negotiations with prospective developers, I have suggested ways to include lower cost housing that I have seen in other cities. I will continue to do so, as this is a national problem and is often the subject at conferences that I attend. Fortunately, there is a diversity of housing in Greenbelt, including a cooperative, and our home prices and rents are at or below the market rate. Council has looked at rent control, as has the county. College Park had it, but terminated the program. Takoma Park has rent control, but in the last few years has experienced negative issues – landlords have not kept up with adequate maintenance or renovation of older units. In some cities, strict code enforcement has led to landlords just abandoning their property rather than pay fines or make the necessary repairs. I will remain open to discussion of a viable rent control program. Meanwhile, I will continue to research other ways to meet our goal of more affordable housing in Greenbelt. I will certainly support the county’s adoption of inclusionary zoning.

Ed Putens

That depends on the circumstances. The city considered adopting a “rent control” ordinance for Charlestowne North when a new owner imposed a 20 percent increase on its rental units. The owner rescinded that increase. “Rent Control” in the narrowest sense refers to city or county ordinances that limit the rent landlords can charge. (Popular perceptions of rent control include restrictions on evictions.)

Rent control laws typically set a maximum percentage by which landlords can increase rent (for example, 5 percent) and specify how often landlords can raise the rent. Rent control ordinances often have additional rules that protect tenants, buyout agreements, mediation services, minimum lease terms, relocation reimbursements and moving expenses. Takoma Park is in Montgomery County with different guidelines concerning rental property. Takoma Park has a much denser population with less available rental space. A good portion of the rentals are subdivided single family dwellings. Greenbelt is not Takoma Park. Greenbelt West has the largest apartment complex (Franklin Park) on the East Coast. Greenbelt East also has a large selection of rental property, the historic section as well. I don’t have access to the data, but I am willing to say that the median rental fees are very low in comparison to Takoma Park and the rest of Montgomery County. Greenbelt does not need any rent control when there isn’t any “run-away” rent prices.

Colin Byrd

You shouldn’t have to be making big money to afford to live in Greenbelt. I welcome upper- and middle class families to Greenbelt, but we can’t “close the gates of Greenbelt” to low income families. For me, that means, when developers come to the city asking for support – asking for approvals – I’m willing to say no, if their proposals aren’t good for the city, and I’m willing to say no, if they’re merely hoping to juice their bottom line by pushing high-density in the wrong areas or by only housing people with deep pockets. Unfortunately, the city doesn’t have its own zoning authority, but my hope is to push the county to take a good look at inclusionary zoning, which would help with this issue. As for rent control, I have an open mind on that. What I know is economists say that, because rent control makes the price of rent artificially low, the quantity (of housing) demanded ends up far greater than the quantity (of housing) supplied – thus, creating a shortage. For example, when they did rent control in Berkeley, Calif., an apartment would become available, and there would be 200 people in line waiting to fill out a rental application. The goals of rent control are laudable, but my threshold is, “Does it work? Is it good for the people of Greenbelt?” The answer might be yes – I’ll listen to that perspective, but, before we say let’s do it, I’d want to do more research and analyze options.

Silke Pope

As you are aware, the City of Greenbelt does not have any authority over zoning within the city. Prince George’s County has all authority over zoning within the county and therefore Greenbelt. I would like to see Prince George’s County add an inclusionary zoning law to the existing zoning laws, so that new developers are required to offer a certain amount of affordable housing to residents with a fixed income. Ideally, I would like to see this include senior housing, which we are in dire need of right here in Greenbelt. This inclusionary zoning is a practice that many jurisdictions in our area and throughout the country already have in place.

I am not convinced that rent control policies are the best choice for Greenbelt. I am concerned that a rent control policy could discourage current landlords and future developers from offering properties for rent in our community. This could ultimately result in a decrease in the available rental housing stock within the city, a decrease in property tax revenue and an increase in administrative costs. If this topic were to come up in front of council, I would certainly be open to discussion and suggestions for how this could be implemented in Greenbelt. We

See **QUESTION 2**, page 20

Halloween Cats



Snarf the cat and pumpkin cat sit on their bench in Greenbelt.

PHOTO BY BETH NORDEN



PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, November 7, 2019

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

- A. **GHI Special Open Session Meeting – starts at 7.00 p.m.**
 - Approve Motion to hold an Executive Session Meeting on November 7, 2019
- B. **GHI Executive Session Meeting – starts after the GHI Special Open Session meeting adjourns**
 - Approve Minutes of Executive Session Meeting Held on September 19, 2019
 - Consider approval of the following contracts:
 - 2019 Spring Concrete Repair Contract (Re-bid) – second reading
 - Contract for 2020-2022 Solid Waste Disposal Services – Administration Building – second reading
 - Contract for Employee Medical Insurance Benefits - first reading
 - Contract for Dental Care Benefits for Employees - first reading
 - Member Financial Matters
 - Complaint Matters
- C. **GDC Open Session Meeting – starts at 7.45 p.m.**
 - Review Draft 2020 Operating Budget for GDC
- D. **GHI Open Session Meeting – starts after the GDC Open Session meeting adjourns**
 - Announcement of an Executive Session Meeting Held on October 17, 2019
 - Announcement of a Complaint Hearing held in Closed Session on October 22, 2019
 - Announcement of an Executive Session Meeting Held on November 7, 2019
 - Approve Minutes of Special Open Session Meeting Held on October 3, 2019
 - Approve Minutes of Regular Open Session Meeting Held on October 3, 2019
 - Review Draft 2020 Operating Budget for GHI - 1st reading
 - Request to Install a Slider Window in a Bathroom at 8-G Southway that requires an Exception to GHI Rule §X.N.2
 - Request to Install a Serviceside Chain Link Fence at 25-B Ridge Rd that Requires Consideration of GHI Rule § VII.B.1.c
 - Proposed Agenda for Membership Townhall Meetings in December 2019
 - Establish Date for Special Membership Meeting to Seek Membership Approval of Multi-Year Contracts
 - Record of Board Poll Conducted re: Contract for Repairs to 11-G and 11-H Southway Arising from a Sewage Leak in Common Wall Between Units
 - Review Companion Animal Committee T-Shirt Designs
 - Proposed Pathway Lighting Survey of Members in Courts at 8-10 Southway and 11, 13, 14, 16 Ridge Rd
 - Proposal from the Member at 62-E Ridge Rd that GHI Install Electric Charging Stations in the Parking Lot Adjacent to the Administration Building



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Utopia Film Festival 2019 Shows Indie Films, Animation

by Susan Gervasi

After viewing hundreds of submissions from near and far, Utopia Film Festival volunteers have chosen more than 40 independent movies and works of animation for screening at the November 16 to 18 festival. Films will be shown at the Old Greenbelt Theatre, the Greenbelt Arts Center and the New Deal Café.

At least 16 filmmakers from across the country plan to attend and answer audience questions about their movies.

“This year’s films are mirror images of us in the 21st century,” said Utopia Executive Director Chris Haley. “One of the best ways to understand historic civilizations is to study their cultures. With movies on immigration, race relations and the drug addiction crisis, Utopia 2019 films reflect today’s urgent concerns.”

Utopia, now in its 15th year, will show works from as far away as Russia and Iran, and as near as Easton, Md. When the nation’s opioid crisis hit that Talbot County community, citizens rallied to fight it. The American Opioid Crisis: Talbot Goes Purple offers a compelling look at their efforts.

On a lighter local note, filmmaker Jeff Krulik offers Tales of Belair at Bowie. In the early 1960s, the mid-century Maryland suburbs of Washington, D.C., were graced with a brand new subdivision called Bowie. With vintage footage and a skilled directorial hand, Krulik raises a glass to his hometown in this scrapbook documentary about the Levitt-built suburb.

Other Utopia films explore social and environmental issues. TWISP: The Power of Community asks how – in an increasingly polarized society – some communities manage to get along. In this film, residents of a small American town confront that question.

#Kneeltoheal looks at the controversial NFL American Anthem policy, a response to player Colin Kaepernick’s decision to kneel during the Star Spangled Banner to protest police violence.

Films from both Russia and Iran – Save LGBT in Russia and Lola - explore social challenges facing non-heterosexuals in those countries. And in Found in Korea, a Korean adoptee travels back to her native land in search of her birth parents and a culture she never knew. While retracing the steps of her personal adoption, she ponders why Koreans are not adopting their own children, and confronts other difficult questions.

Another film, The Campfire Project, tells the story of a 2017 visit by actress Jessica Hecht and other visitors to the Ritsona Refugee Camp in Greece. The group left but returned later with 15 theater artists, a psychiatrist, a NYC schoolteacher, a translator and a documentary crew. Over the next four weeks, they created an Arabic language version of Shakespeare’s The Tempest, ran wellness classes and helped residents suffering the psychological trauma of displacement.

Other Utopia films deal with disease. What do you do when someone you love is diagnosed

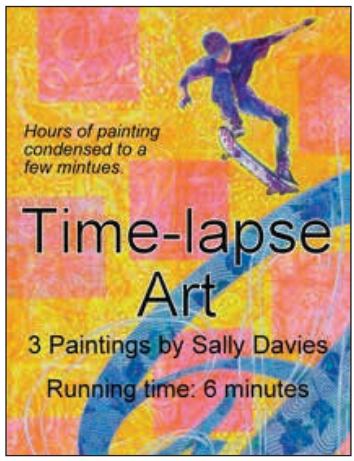


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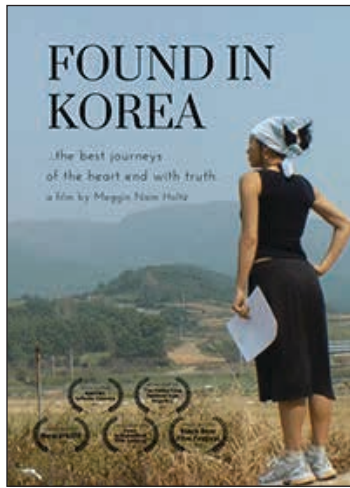


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TWISP: The Power of Community

with a debilitating illness? Athlete Adam Ellenstein asked that question when his aunt was diagnosed with Parkinson’s. He decided to use endurance sports to publicize the need for more research into the disease. But in doing so, he pushed his body and mind to the breaking point. In Fraser Syndrome and Me, filmmaker Kyle Anne Grendys – only the 75th person in the world to be born with the recessive gene disorder called Fraser Syndrome – searches for others with the condition.

Several works focus on the environment. The Henry Mountains bison is the last genetically pure herd, and roams over 385,000 acres without fences, culling or roundups. But bison are caught within a complex web of public lands, grass, ranching and government agencies. The Last Herd shows how free-roaming bison and private interests can co-exist.

Meanwhile, agricultural education is emerging in unexpected and diverse places, such as a Baltimore school, a St. Louis garage and a snow-covered Maine farm. Farming for the Future documents the places and people shaping new ways to think about what the agriculture of the future might look like. But according to Conservation Kids: A Green STEM Documentary, while students across the U.S. are learning about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) in both public and private schools, more education about environmental conservation should be done.

Other noteworthy films: On March 1, 1976, foreign service officer Bradford Bishop, who lived with his family in cushy Bethesda, murdered his mother, wife and three sons, then disappeared. But the motive behind Bishop’s brutal crime remains unclear and his story – told here in the film Bishop – remains one of our area’s most compelling mysteries. In the futuristic film Four Points, four citizens have been

selected by a tech-genius U.S. president to play a game that will determine the new administration’s policies. Will they win hundreds of thousands of dollars and guide the future of the country? Or will their differences cost them everything? Come to Utopia and find out.

And don’t miss a special free screening of animations created by students of animation and comic book teacher George Kochell: 11 a.m. Saturday, November 16, at the Arts Center.

There is a fee. For more detail see facebook.com/utopia-film-festival-1980565558855098.

Susan Gervasi is deputy director of the Utopia Film Festival, a project of nonprofit Greenbelt Access Television.



Co-op Month

Supporting Our Cooperatives Keeps Greenbelters Engaged

by Leta Mach

A cooperative is a member-owned and member-controlled business that is open to anyone who wants its services and accepts the responsibilities of membership. A key responsibility is to support the cooperative. Here are a few ways to support Greenbelt’s cooperatives. Support makes the cooperatives more successful and that makes Greenbelt a wonderful place to live, work and play.

People can support the News Review worker co-op by writing articles or letters to the editor, taking photographs, drawing cartoons, placing ads and alerting the editor of upcoming events.

Members and the public can support the nursery school by participating in various fundraisers such as the yard sale, 5K race, spaghetti dinner and restaurant nights.

People can support Greenbelt MakerSpace at the quarterly Repair Cafes, where they learn how to repair tired or broken stuff or help repair others’ items and rescue them from the recycle or garbage bins.

People become members of the Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy with a lifetime payment of only \$10. When their capital account is \$100 or higher, they become voting members. A critical member responsibility is to shop at the store. In addition, shopping local is good for Greenbelt’s economy. In fact, for every \$100 spent, roughly \$68 to \$73 of it is returned to local activity. Money is kept in the community because locally owned businesses often purchase from other local businesses and service providers.

Members of the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union also have a responsibility to use the credit union’s services and maintain a minimum balance in their share savings account, which makes them members of the financial co-op.

After finding a GHI home, potential members apply for membership and their responsibilities

include paying their monthly co-op fee, which includes taxes, reserves contributions, maintenance, insurance on the structure, trash collection and administrative costs.

As businesses working for the community, it is important that the community supports cooperatives in order to ensure the success of the cooperative business. First and foremost, members should use their cooperatives’ services. It is also critical that members participate in the democratic running of their cooperative by attending meetings, expressing their opinion, serving on committees and even running for an office in the cooperative.

Greenbelt Pottery Hosts Empty Bowls

On Sunday, November 3 at 4:30 p.m. and again at 6:30 p.m. the Greenbelt Pottery Group, in partnership with the Greenbelt Community Church, is hosting an Empty Bowls fundraiser to raise money for Help-By-Phone. The dinner event will be held at the Greenbelt Community Church at 1 Hillside Road.

Those purchasing tickets will get a seat at a dinner of homemade soups and desserts and can choose an original beautiful ceramic bowl made by one of the many potters who work at the ceramic studios at the Community Center.

The Greenbelt Potters are once again raising money for Help-By-Phone, an organization that provides food to pantries and prescription medications and children’s warm clothing to people in need.

Tickets can be purchased at the Greenbelt Community Church or by calling Judy Goldberg-Strassler at 301-345-8755.



Re-Elect Judith F. ‘J’ Davis



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City Notes

Animal control investigated an animal bite, four barking dog complaints and a cruelty complaint. Three stray dogs were impounded with two returned to owners. One turtle and one kitten were adopted. Eight hamsters were abandoned, so they joined a dog and eight cats in the care of the shelter.

Street Maintenance fixed pot-holes throughout Greenbelt.

Refuse/Recycling collected 27.85 tons of refuse and 14.11 tons of recycling material.

The Springhill Lake Recreation Center hosted early voting for city elections.

The Greenbelt Pottery Group will host a welcome reception for Artist-in-residence Chris Corson, who will be teaching ceramic hand-building and sculpture.

The Community Center hosted meetings of these groups: Golden Age Club, Greenbelt Concert Band, Greenbelt Arts Center, Greenbelt MakerSpace, Friends of the Greenbelt Museum, Widowed Persons Support Group, Greenbelt News Review, GreenACES, Greenbelt Cub Scout Pack #202 and Greenbelt Astronomy.

Park Rangers' regular weekend coverage of city parks has ended for the season; their hours will be limited to Special Events until the spring. They were very busy Saturday afternoon managing parking problems at the entrance to Schrom Hills Park Fest.

Director Liz Park of Greenbelt CARES spoke at a meeting of the Commission to Study Mental and Behavioral Health in Maryland at Hagerstown Community College.

E. Roosevelt Wind Ensemble Honored By Invitation to International Conference

by India Afriye

For the first time in 46 years, Prince George's County will be represented in the Midwest Clinic, an annual international band and orchestra conference attended by musicians from all 50 states and more than 30 countries. The Eleanor Roosevelt High School Wind Ensemble received the honorable invitation to head to Chicago this December and participate in the conference. They are the third high school band from Maryland to appear at the Midwest Clinic and they were accepted on their first try, a rare occurrence.

Groups are selected by an extensive application process that includes audio and video submissions of three to five contrasting pieces, three letters of recommendation, concert programs from the past three years and a detailed overview of the department's demographics, including breakdowns on gender, race and the percentage of students taking private lessons.

The students gathered at 5:15 a.m. on Wednesday, October 23, to perform for the NBC news show. They hoped to share their excitement for the accomplishment and encourage donations toward their trip. The three-day-long trip is set to cost \$45,000 for travel, food and other expenses. The band is eager to raise funds to cover this.

The ERHS Wind Ensemble started its journey last year with the chamber music project, creating unperformed pieces that are led by students. Instead of there being a conductor helping lead the students while they play, the students collaborate to create the music. This experience helped students grow as musicians. They were able to work together and create inspiring pieces. They will be presenting a clinic on how they incorporate chamber music at the Midwest Clinic.



PHOTO BY NATE JACKSON

Molette Green from NBC News 4 interviews Eleanor Roosevelt High School band director Rachel Zephir as the wind ensemble groups play in the background.

Band Director Rachel Zephir believes this experience has benefited her students in many parts of their lives. "Students can learn a lot when a teacher is not constantly guiding them; they can actually have a little bit more freedom to be expressive." Zephir said, "My students have expressed that they are doing better in other classes because they are more assertive, they feel like raising their hand more because their opinion is validated." The class allows smaller groups of students to work together to figure out how to play sheets of music on their own.

The students have worked long hours for their shot at this clinic. They've dedicated themselves to their music. Senior Mario Callner-Derosa, who plays the French horn, described the experience as "a really good op-

portunity for our band to show that chamber music has a place in the high school band." He noted that it required a lot of extra hours outside of school and felt that it showed him how to practice dedication. "It's definitely not like an individual achievement, but it still feels pretty good to be a part of it."

Those interested in helping ERHS get to the Midwest Clinic

can donate by sending a check made out to ERHS Bands to 7601 Hanover Pkwy, Greenbelt, MD 20770 ATTN: Rachel Zephir, Band Director. Put MIDWEST CLINIC TRIP in the memo portion of the check.

Donations can also be made online through myschoolbucks.com. Follow the link on the main page of the band website: erhsbands.weebly.com.

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Election 2019

Accountability, Transparency At Greenbelt Police Department

In lieu of a candidate forum, the Greenbelt Progressive Candidate Forum Committee opted to use four questions for the candidates for city council. Here are the answers to question three.

The recent police shooting and killing of Leonard Shand in Hyattsville raises concerns about police accountability and transparency. These concerns extend to community interest in and questioning of police department policies around rules of engagement, use of force, requirements for de-escalation, use of military-style equipment, “chain of command” protocol when more than one jurisdiction is responding, and on-scene use of mental health professionals. What specific actions and policy changes do you propose to ensure accountability and transparency within the Greenbelt Police Department? How would you ensure implementation of those policies?

Leta Mach

Many of our current activities and practices foster transparency and we should continue and enhance them. Such policies include education of citizens to help them adopt habits that prevent their becoming victims of crime as well as following the principles of community policing and working with mental health professionals and Greenbelt CARES. It is also important to offer our young people alternatives to a life of crime through recreation programs that attract their interest and help them develop positive values. I would encourage citizens to become more aware of the activities of the Greenbelt Police Department by reviewing the information on the city website, which includes a list of resources and services and the department’s general orders as well as commendation and complaint forms in English and Spanish. Citizens can learn more about the Greenbelt Police Department and the way it operates by participating in programs sponsored by the department. These include the Ride-along Program and the Greenbelt Citizen’s Police Academy. In 2006, the Greenbelt Police Department received accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) and was found to be in compliance with CALEA’s 446 standards of professional excellence. This accreditation has been renewed every three years and is an assessment that should be continued as it establishes professional standards to meet including policies and protocols. To ensure accountability and foster transparency, we should continue community forums in all areas of the city and the annual review of police activities during the budget process.

Ed Putens

Everyone has heard about horrifying incidents involving police shootings and killings. Police accountability involves holding both police officers, as well as law enforcement agencies responsible for effectively delivering services of crime control, keeping the peace, and at the same time treating individuals fairly. Officers are expected to uphold laws regarding arrests, search and seizure, as well as other laws. Holding police accountable is important for preserving the public’s “faith in the system”. Some suggest and prefer outside, independent reviews of complaints against law enforcement rather than internal investigations. More recent use of body cameras suggest that there are fewer complaints and fewer violent incidents when police wear cameras. Others say that the police are just too removed from the community. If they spent more time on the beat talking to citizens, they would behave better. The new focus on police

reform and accountability is producing more solutions like these. It’s also awakening interest in a whole set of new policies that are less explored. Greenbelt is not Hyattsville. Greenbelt has always had a well-trained police force. I don’t recall any controversial incidents where anyone was shot indiscriminately or used canines to intimidate or escalated a situation. Our police department, unlike many others, has always been open and transparent. I do think they should get out of their cars more often and do some foot patrolling. They should reach out to the communities in all parts of town attend a few homeowner associations and GHI meetings. We have a great police force, I’m proud of them.

Judith Davis

Providing and expanding accountability and transparency have been city council and Greenbelt Police Department goals for some time. As a councilmember, I have voted to support policy and to fund equipment that will help to fulfill those goals. Our police department has attained CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) recognition for years, going through a thorough inspection to earn this national status. The records required to be kept are accessible to the public on the city’s website and are quite informative. Body cameras were funded and proper usage is mandatory. There is an on-line form for citizens to lodge complaints and a formal policy on how the police chief is to respond. Greenbelt citizens and city council demand that high standards for all our officers be met and our police chief and command staff have adhered to these standards. A community meeting was held by the police chief and several officers October 10 in Greenbelt East. At this meeting, it was announced that training in dealing with those with mental health issues is being given to our officers. Training in de-escalation and implicit bias has also been given. Our officers work with our crisis intervention personnel who offer help and counseling when warranted. More of these community meetings should be held frequently and in all neighborhoods. I will continue to urge our officers to get out of their cars when they can during their patrols and socially interact with folks. Our bike patrols offer another way to meet people in a less intimidating way.

Colin Byrd

I’ll respect the ongoing investigation of the Hyattsville incident, but it’s a clear example of the importance of effectiveness in responding to individuals with mental health issues and peaceful de-escalation. My understanding and expectation is that the Greenbelt police department – and its leadership – is well-prepared

to properly deal with such incidents. First, we have to walk and chew gum at the same time. We need public safety and law enforcement, but we also need consistent, respectful engagement with residents and legal, constitutional policing. Second, good tactical training. Our police will be learning mental health first aid and getting critical incident training. But, again, it’s not an either or. We want to make sure our officers can protect themselves, but our officers also understand that there are peaceful ways to try to deal with individuals with mental health issues. One way is patience – taking the time to get a peaceful resolution and not rushing to escalate to deadly use of force – getting people to take it down a notch. If our officers get called to help with an incident in another city, they don’t check their training at the door. They still follow Greenbelt policy. And, if we ask another city for assistance with an incident in Greenbelt, our patrol supervisors/ commanders have to make good decisions and issue proper commands. If policy is not followed, we have a process for dealing with that. Furthermore, our police department is improving transparency in terms of its public reporting on internal affairs complaints.

Emmett Jordan

In many ways, Greenbelt has been ahead of most jurisdictions in implementing policies that improve transparency and accountability around public safety and our police department. We have an independent Community Relations Advisory Board and Public Safety Advisory Board. They gather information for council deliberations and take the initiative to hold hearings when there are community issues. The collective bargaining agreement between the city and our Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) union largely defines how the council and members of the public can provide oversight and interact with FOP members. With the wide spread adoption of police body cameras, the ubiquity of personal cell phone cameras, and a heightened lack of public tolerance for inappropriate interactions, concerns about police accountability and transparency are more focused than ever before. Greenbelt was one of the first municipalities in the area to implement a body camera program for our police officers. We have clear policies for use of force that are spelled out in the Police Department General Orders. De-escalation training has been funded by council for a number of years. Obtaining cultural competencies and multi-lingual capacities within the Greenbelt Police Department has been a recruitment priority for quite some

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Submit Green Ideas For Holiday Decorations



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Small ghosties made of recyclable grocery bags make for a green Halloween on Hillside Road -- an alternative to store-bought plastic or other synthetic decorations that end up in the landfill and harm the environment and wildlife. The News Review invites readers to submit photos (with brief descriptions) showing their creativity in making environment-friendly decorations for various holidays.

Free Concerts at UMD

Several free concerts are being offered at University of Maryland in the next few days.

The Piano Division Showcase of the UMD School of Music will perform a free concert on Sunday, November 3 at 5 p.m. at the Gildenhorn Recital Hall of The Clarice. The School of Music’s Piano Division showcases its talented students each semester in this performance of solo and collaborative works.

The Fall Chamber Jazz concert will be performed November 5 and 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall of The Clarice. Experience the soulful, syncopated sounds of jazz in these two lively concerts featuring classic tunes performed by the four jazz combos coached by Gerry Kunkel, Tom Baldwin, Mike Quinlivan and Mike Kuhl. Attend both nights; each performance features a different program.

The joint University and Community Band will give a free concert on Wednesday, November 6 at 8 p.m. in Dekelboun Concert Hall of The Clarice. Representing a variety of majors across campus, the University Band is joined by the Maryland Community Band for a concert of traditional and contemporary wind band music in a performance that can be enjoyed by all ages.

The UMD Chamber Singers and Alumni Choir will give a free concert on Thursday, November 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Dekelboun Concert Hall of The Clarice. Celebrating their 20th anniversary, the UMD Chamber Singers will perform Stravinsky’s Les Noces and a specially commissioned work by School of Music alumna Dale Trumbore ’09 titled If I Say Yes. The choir will then be joined by alumni of UMD Chamber Singers from the past twenty years in performance of music by Brahms and Schönberg.

Friends of Patuxent Holiday Bazaar

Friends of Patuxent is holding its annual Wildlife Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the National Wildlife Visitor Center, located at 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop off Powder Mill Road. Lunch will be available at the Crane Café. Proceeds benefit the Patuxent Research Refuge and Patuxent Wildlife Research Center. More information is available at friendsofpatuxent.org.



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to chastise and quick to encourage, traits that came in handy when helping his son Jason after he was involved in an auto accident that left him paralyzed below the waist. The family continued to be ardent skiers as Jay helped Jason get back on skis. The two developed an adaptive skiing program in which Jason is still employed assisting others who are similarly challenged. Bobby spoke to me warmly of the times he and Jay spent skiing in Aspen, Colo., as one of the highlights of their adult brotherhood.

We played Boys Club Football in our teens and Jay rotated as quarterback. Despite the efforts of our coach, Bud Dean, we Greenbelt guys of that time remained a rather disorganized lot that played roughly and independently, according to Lee. We agreed that unsportsmanlike conduct was never so aptly named. I remember regularly running plays designed to go one way that resulted in something entirely different. As we returned to the huddle for the next play, Jay would just shake his head with a little chuckle and say, "Well, that didn't work. Let's try this."

Jay continued in sports in high school, playing safety on the varsity squad. He was also in the Drama Club, which led to him learning to play guitar chords and singing, mostly for his family. After high school, Jay back-packed for a number of months in Europe before attending the University of Maryland and graduating with a degree in accounting. He worked at the Department of Housing and Urban Development for a few years but left when he and three friends from high school decided to purchase 300 acres in Nelson County, Va., and build houses with and for each other in an area called The Hollow.

When they moved there together, all of them had left their jobs and homes in the D.C. area. They all went to work at the Wintergreen Ski Lodge, which was nearby. Later Jay worked in accounting, but he really wanted to work for himself. He was a

Patuxent Refuge Has Fall Bird Walk

On two Wednesdays, November 6 and November 20, from 8 to 10 a.m. the Patuxent Research Refuge will hold a guided walk to search for birds in various refuge habitats. Binoculars are highly recommended. The walk begins at the Visitor Center. This program is for ages 16 and older with parent participation.

Public programs at the refuge are free although advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887. For more information about the refuge visit fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent. The Visitor Center is on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 197.



Springhill Lake Family Activities

Every Sunday afternoon from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. through December 15 there are group games and drop-in gym time for families at Springhill Lake Recreation Center.



Jenny and Jay Coleman

skilled carpenter, so he took the courses required and became a certified home inspector. A few years ago, his old friend Art Manuel joined him in the Hollow when one of the four houses came up for sale.

After he moved to Virginia, Jay got very involved with his church and he and his family shared a deep and abiding faith that served him well in his final days. A memorial service was held in Charlottesville on October 19, attended primarily by his friends from that area. Many spoke about his service to them

personally. One friend said Jay had saved his life by helping to guide him on a religious path. He noted that Jay answered many of his questions by steering him to a book, an article or a Bible passage.

We kept in touch with visits and cards, but I remember Jay more from youth as a good and true friend who liked a good time in the tradition of boys from Old Greenbelt. He visited me when I was out of school for a week following my brother's death. He didn't know what to say, but he was there. That was Jay.

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a three-year period, something that the county wasn't able to do under the traditional method, said Turner. He emphasized that "people are watching to see if this works," adding that "success breeds success."

City Councilmember Rodney Roberts voiced concerns that the underlying reason for P3 is that the county is not requiring developers to build the schools required for their developments, citing the 2500 housing units at the proposed Beltway Plaza redevelopment with "not a school in sight." Turner responded that under state law the county is unable to require developers to build schools and suggested that this was a great argument to bring to the state legislature.

City councilmembers stressed the need for serious renovation at Springhill Lake Elementary School (SHLES) and were frustrated at its lack of priority. Turner reassured them that SHLES remains on the list for renovation using the traditional process and said that if the current P3 plan proves successful, the new system can be applied elsewhere. He agreed that SHLES needs to be resolved.

Regarding the updated zoning ordinance, Turner expects it to be completed by early 2021 and he welcomes future input on the Countywide Map Amendment.

Other recent legislation discussed by Turner included: the

short-term rental law, the CB58 and CB59 small cell bills, the updates to the animal control provisions concerning dangerous animals and the lifting of the pit bull ban and the new developments concerning food trucks, with registration fees now reduced and the power for municipalities to create food truck hubs in their jurisdictions with county consent.

Moseley explained the two-option system for acquiring county permits: the traditional method where applicants download the registration form and present needed information at the Permit Office; and the new e-plan, where all can be done online. Mayor Emmett Jordan stressed the desire to see DPIE become a one-stop shop, where the process is more centralized and streamlined.

Moseley responded to questions regarding the difficulties experienced by Greenbelt residents in acquiring the proper permits at events like the Labor Day Festival. He asserted his commitment to providing needed instruction and improving the flow of information, informing council on the free monthly classes on permits offered by DPIE, among other avenues.

Jordan welcomed Turner's and Moseley's updates as an opportunity to hear about developments in the county as a whole, in addition to those things that impact Greenbelt specifically.



Re-elect Leta Mach

About my vote last night

At the October 28 Council Meeting, we had a long discussion and much citizen input about the proposal to move the Bureau of Printing and Engraving to the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC). I was the only Council member to vote against sending a letter of opposition at this time. It was a difficult choice between honoring the democratic process and the voice of our citizens and modeling civility.

I felt it was important to give BARC an opportunity to answer our questions before making a decision. After I hear from them, I will know more and will be able to make an informed decision, which may very well be against the proposed move.

For many years, I have been concerned that the unfortunate, reprehensible tone of discourse that exists in many areas of the country might infect Greenbelt. I feel council members, city staff, and Greenbelt citizens must work together to address issues. Because new issues and concerns often arise, people must be willing to research, ask questions, listen, and work with others before making decisions.

Therefore, I voted to wait until we heard from BARC before making a decision.

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My Perspective

The Problem with Greenbelt's All At-large Voting System

by Susan Harris

In 2017, with an open seat created by retiring Konrad Herling, there were five challengers for city council seats serious enough to post signs asking for our vote. This year, with no open seat, there are none to be seen.

The Problem

It is well documented that councilmembers elected at-large have a much greater incumbency advantage than those elected by district. The extra time and money needed to become known citywide is a substantial barrier to entry. No wonder the last incumbent to lose was back in 1985, and current councilmembers have served as many as 38 years.

The voting rights group Non-profit Vote writes, "If you want to rig a local election, there's an easier way than stuffing a ballot box, gerrymandering a district, or amassing a campaign war chest to scare off challengers. Have your city or county adopt winner-take-all 'At-large' voting, where, instead of using districts, all or most council or school committee candidates must run at large, city or countywide."

Nonprofit Vote adds, "Congress has banned at-large voting for all federal elections. It's been discarded by most states. No voting method has been subject to more litigation for its discriminatory impact on local elections."

An obvious problem with at-large voting is under-representation of certain parts of cities. In 2008, after moves by the U.S. Department of Justice, the NAACP and others challenging the city's all-white council, two more seats were added. The real solution would have been to switch to districts (or a combination of districts and at-large seats), which would guarantee representation by all parts of the city.

I lived with district representation for my 26 years in Takoma Park. Not only was there healthy turnover on the city council, but the people elected to represent my part of town were in our neighborhood frequently and knew us all by name. Since moving to Greenbelt I've observed a more distant relationship between residents and councilmembers, who all represent the entire city. That just makes sense.

While some Greenbelters express support for the current system, I wonder if they have experienced the alternative.

Greenbelt activist Ric Gordon supports a combination of districts and at-large seats, citing a move away from all-at-large voting throughout the county, with cities implementing districts to ensure geographic representation as the population grows. Green-

belt is now one of three hold-out cities in the county; the others are considerably smaller.

Our Chance

I was pleased to see this topic addressed in the Community Questionnaire 2019 that is published on the back page of this week's News Review and also handed out when we vote, plus can be filled out on the city's website. (The deadline is November 22.)

The first Current Question is, "Should Greenbelt switch from its current at-large system (each councilmember is elected by and represents all of Greenbelt) to districts (each councilmember is elected by and represents one specific geographical area)?" Choices are yes, no, and "don't know." A mixed system of at-large and districts, the system increasingly favored by reformers and by courts, is not listed, but there is plenty of room on the back to respond fully to this question.

If Greenbelters want serious challengers and an engaged electorate for every city election, we first need to change our out-of-date voting system.



Signs for 2017 City Council

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Community Art Drop-in November 3

The Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program invites guests of all ages to make a found object mosaic at a Community Art Drop-in on Sunday, November 3. In addition, contribute to a collaborative piece. Artist-in-residence Rachel Cross will be leading the workshop, teaching a modified version of the technique she uses to create her own mesmerizing assemblages. Materials will be provided; guests are encouraged to contribute any old beads or broken jewelry they may have on hand. The event takes place at the Community Center. Admission is free, but reservations are recommended. Follow the link at greenbeltmd.gov/arts to sign up for a 1 or 2 p.m. start time. Guests will also be welcome on a walk-up basis for both time slots as space allows.

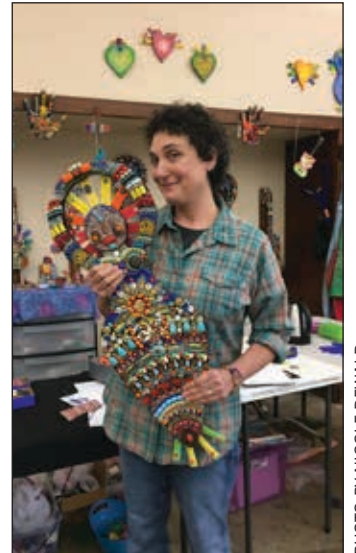


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Rachel Cross holds one of her Goddess series assemblages in her Community Center studio. She will lead the November 3 Art Drop-in.

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<p>10</p> <p>Commander's Café Shrimp Kabob Or Fried Chicken</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Lunch: Steak Quesadilla</p> <p>Dinner: Chicken Parmesan</p>		<p>14</p> <p>Lunch: Meatball Sub</p> <p>Steak Nite</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Lunch: Steamed Shrimp</p> <p>Dinner: Jumbo Lump Crab Cake</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Chicken & Shrimp Stir-Fry</p>	
<p>17</p> <p>Commander's Café Cajun Shrimp Pasta Or Meatloaf</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Lunch: Chicken Salad Sandwich</p> <p>Dinner: Lasagna</p>		<p>21</p> <p>Lunch: Hot Roast Beef Sandwich</p> <p>Rib Nite</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Lunch: Panko Crusted Orange Roughy</p> <p>Dinner: Broiled Salmon</p>	<p>23</p> <p>London Broil with Mushroom Sauce</p>	
<p>24</p> <p>Commander's Café Tuna Steak Or Ribs</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Lunch: Egg Salad Sandwich</p> <p>Dinner: Delmonico Steak</p>		<p>28</p> <p>Thanksgiving Day Buffet 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Restaurant Closed</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Crab Imperial</p>	

Accounting and Excel Skills Needed for News Review

Recently, the Greenbelt News Review switched its accounting system from QuickBooks Desktop to QuickBooks Online and reset its fiscal year. It could use some ongoing help with the new system and some of the associated activities and is looking for new members with the appropriate skills.

Going to the online version of QuickBooks also makes it possible for accounting staff to work from home, rather than being required to come into the office. This access and the ability to upload Excel files makes it easier and more convenient to bill our customers, pay our contractors, see if our expenses are in line with income and analyze trends. The increasing computerization of our input results in fewer errors and omissions and considerably faster and more accurate uploads.

In the process of updating, it is also revamping much of the way that information gets into the accounting system by going from a mix of paper and manual entry to a more computer-based input system based on Excel and a 'bridge' program that imports directly to QuickBooks. Although this process is successfully under way, the number of staff cognizant of the details is small (a potential single point failure) and additional staff with computer skills are essential to keep us in step as time goes on.

Fundamental to the effort is a

knowledge of Excel – not only cranking out a formula or two, but understanding how Visual Basic works and being able to use it as a programming language. Macros are key to the process of moving data into the spreadsheets and from there into the accounting system. While some training is available for the News Review's specific applications and their context, it would be preferable to already have had some experience with Excel at this level. The commitment is relatively small. A few hours a month and help when problems arise is the likely need.

The newspaper also needs bookkeeping and accounting knowledge of QuickBooks Online – even if it is just a willingness to act as a resource for occasional questions. For those with somewhat more time to spare and the accounting skills needed, there is a vacancy for a Business Manager who provides an overall direction to and monitoring of the newspaper's financial life in collaboration with the board treasurer. Any of these positions, like all work with the newspaper, is eligible for member dividends.

So, Dear Readers (especially those with Excel and accounting skills), consider spending a few hours a month helping the News Review continue its mission in the community. Call 301-655-7008 to learn more.

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would definitely need to survey the community and obtain professional counsel on whether rent control is needed within our city and if so, how best to implement it in Greenbelt.

Leta Mach

Affordable housing is indeed an issue. However, it is much more of an issue in the rest of the metropolitan area than it is in Greenbelt. The cooperative housing in Greenbelt is some of the most affordable housing in the area. The question of adopting a rent stabilization policy like the policy in Takoma Park is an interesting one. I could support it as one tool in a more complete affordable housing toolbox. However, I would consider it a last resort tool. In my view, the best affordable housing tool is the creation of limited-equity housing cooperatives. For a great example of the value of limited-equity housing cooperatives in preserving affordable housing, we can look at the limited-equity housing cooperatives in New York City.

In addition to providing affordable housing, these cooperatives have provided other benefits for their members including cooperative preschools and childcare and aging in place services for their older members. I believe creating affordable cooperative housing and providing financial help to purchasers is more beneficial than rent control. To do this, we could partner with cooperative organizations such as the Cooperative Development Foundation and the National Cooperative Business Association to help locate funding and explain the cooperative model to potential developers. A significant added benefit to creating cooperatives is the enhanced involvement of the co-op members as cooperatives are member-owned and democratically controlled businesses. As has been shown by the members of Greenbelt Homes Inc., the cooperative values of participation may flow over into Greenbelt civic life.

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time. As mayor, I have worked to improve the flow of information from the city manager and the police chief so that council has timely information about pending litigation and personnel matters to assist us in setting progressive policies in Greenbelt.

Bill Orleans

No police officer is paid to be killed on the job; neither is any police officer paid to kill on the job. It is very unfortunate we live in a time when either is distinctly possible. (Why do we live in such a time?)

We ask much of our police; we don't train them sufficiently,

nor do we compensate them appropriately, nor do we provide them the necessary professional assistance. In turn, we accept and encourage a sense among the police that has developed over time, that there exists a culture on the job, that only they can understand and the public cannot.

I believe we should all fervently believe in due process for all, but not more than due process for any. The police, by the will of the body politic, have authority to detain and also use force, including lethal force, to resolve questions arising from the conduct of the body politic,

authority not granted others, even if they are exercising the responsibilities of elected executive, legislative or appointive office.

Law enforcement officer's responsibilities supersede their rights to be protected from public review of any alleged misuse of the authority granted them.

Greenbelt Council cannot override policy legislated by the General Assembly, but could mobilize support through MML (Maryland Municipal League) to that end, even as we in the 22nd District could require a commitment from those whom we elect (or have selected, on our behalf!).

Work on the Lake Dam Continues



Workers pour concrete at the Lake dam.



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Police Blotter

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Robbery

October 20, 10:15 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. A food delivery person attempted to make a delivery when a man approached him and three others stood by. The first man punched and kicked the delivery person before he took the food order and, with the other three men, fled on foot. The delivery man was not injured.

Fraud

October 18, 3 p.m., 58 Court Ridge Road. A man received a phone call from someone who identified himself as an out-of-state police officer. The caller then told the man he had open arrest warrants and that to avoid arrest he would have to pay a fine. The man who received the call knew the charges were untrue and refused to pay.

October 23, 2:30 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. A man employed by an online secret shopping company was told to purchase gift cards in various amounts and then upload the information on the cards to a third party company. After he did so, he discovered he had been defrauded.

Trespassing

October 17, 1:09 p.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. An 18-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespassing after he was found on the grounds of Greenway Center after he had been banned from the mall by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

October 23, 1:10 p.m., 5700 block Cherrywood Lane. A 33-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespassing after he was found on the grounds of Beltway Plaza after he had been banned from the mall by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

Burglary

October 21, 5:15 a.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. A laptop computer, purse and vase were taken after a residence was en-

tered, possibly by way of an unsecured living room window.

Vandalism

October 18, 9:33 p.m., 7900 block Mandan Road. The rear door window of a condominium building and an exit sign were damaged.

October 19, 6:30 p.m., Westway and Ridge Road. Graffiti was spray painted on a stop sign.

Vehicle Crime

A 42-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with malicious destruction and disorderly conduct on October 20 after he allegedly threw a rock through the window of a vehicle in the 7200 block Hanover Parkway after he had been involved in a verbal altercation. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

A black 4-door 2016 Honda Civic with Maryland tags 6CK7690 was taken in the 7400 block Greenbelt Road on October 23 and a 2008 Mazda 6 reported stolen to Prince George's County police was recovered in the 6000 block Greenbelt Road on October 22.

Four tires and rims were taken from a vehicle in the 6600 block Lake Park Drive on October 23 and a rear Delaware tag 929946 was taken on the same day in the 7900 block Mandan Road.

Items were taken from two possibly unlocked vehicles in Springhill Court. A stick-shift knob was taken on October 17 in the 9100 block and military equipment was removed from a duffel bag on October 19 in the 6200 block.

On October 23, a change purse was taken in the 7800 block Mandan Road and a purse was taken in the 6000 block Greenbelt Road, both after windows had been broken out.

Two vehicles in the 7800 block Mandan Road had windows broken out and were rummaged through on October 23.

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the agency already recycles almost all its wastewater and would share BARC's water treatment facility.

The proposed move is supported by BARC, which is responsible for maintaining 512 buildings, of which only 260 are now in use. They see the proposal as reducing BARC's administrative costs. Dr. Howard Zhang, BARC's director, told council "We cannot afford the operation long term. This plan will reduce the burden on BARC and enable us to conduct more research. We see this as a positive direction."

2018-2019

Since the 2018 meeting, the 2018 Farm Bill (Public Law 115-334) authorized the Treasury Department to proceed with the development of the BARC site and the Appropriations Act of 2019 (P.L. 116-6) provided the necessary funding authority. The agency is now working to complete the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

City Manager Nicole Ard shared information she received from Davis, including a portion of the executive summary for the draft EIS and a schedule for the completion of the final EIS. In mid-November, a one-month scoping period begins. This will include public scoping meetings. While Davis offered to attend the council meeting, until the scoping period begins he can only discuss the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, not the substance of the proposal.

The draft EIS is scheduled to be released to stakeholders in September 2020 with a 45-day public comment period beginning in early October.

The final EIS is scheduled for release to stakeholders in April 2021. This will be followed by a 30-day waiting period with a final record of decision published that June.

Council Action

Nearly immediately after Ard finished her comments, Councilmember Rodney Roberts moved that council oppose moving BEP to BARC. He argued that BARC is a beautiful place that needs to be preserved and worried about the impact of the proposal on water quality on the site and whether Beaver Dam Creek can handle the 50,000 gallons of treated wastewater to be released each day. "We need to tell them tonight that we don't want it here," he said.

The initial reaction from his colleagues was mixed.

None of the councilmembers were in favor of the BEP proposal, although some were concerned about what would happen to BARC, with its ever-tightening budgets, if no other agency came in to share the burden of

maintaining the campus. Much hoped that by sharing that burden BARC would be able to fund more research. Councilmember Judith Davis also preferred to wait and raise the questions and concerns of those present with the agencies.

Others were quicker to support the motion. Councilmember Edward Putens argued that BARC is a research facility and that the idea of putting BEP there made him angry. Mayor Emmett Jordan expressed his deep concern about BARC and desire to keep it as it is but also was concerned about what will work to preserve BARC. He pointed out that the proposed site is a brown field, not a pristine site.

Councilmember Silke Pope took the more careful approach of supporting Roberts' motion but then approving the meeting BARC has proposed. This approach seemed to have helped build support for the motion. Since the city cannot control the use of the property, Pope said, it should at least give its opinion.

Councilmember Colin Byrd, who, like Roberts had asked for this issue to be added to the agenda, did not speak on it other than to call the question after the line of residents wishing to comment had been exhausted.

Public Comments

Fifteen people spoke on the issue. All but one wanted council to take a position that evening. Paul Downs, longtime Greenbelt environmentalist, called on council to align itself with the community and oppose this proposal during its early stages. Recounting past proposals that he felt

council had not opposed early enough, such as maglev and the high-rise at Lakeside North, he mocked the councilmembers who wanted to wait and hear "what the nice person from BEP would say."

Wastewater going into Beaver Dam Creek also concerned residents, especially whether the hazardous chemicals used in producing currency would be adequately removed. One speaker was also concerned about whether there was adequate capacity to provide the required volume of water to the facility.

Others had more general concerns about the impact of the move on the community. The intersection of Powder Mill Road and Edmonston Avenue is already heavily congested – how much worse would traffic get? Where would the additional traffic go given the existing congestion on roads such as the Baltimore-Washington Parkway? (As of 2018, the move would have roughly doubled the number of employees coming and going from the site.)

Concerns about the loss of greenspace, elimination of one of the few areas that are dark at night, increased noise from truck traffic and the impact of changing farmland to a manufacturing and industrial site were raised.

Roberts, Davis and Jordan cautioned those present that Greenbelt saying no will not stop the proposal. The city has little control of what happens to BARC. Residents will need to stay informed and continue to fight the proposal if they want it stopped.

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Greenbelt Football Teams Advance to Postseason

by Tonya Thomas

Greenbelt Football program began practice in late July at Braden Field. We were able to host 4 teams: 8 and under (8u), 10 and under (10u), 12 and under (12u), and 14 and under (14u). The game season started on Saturday, September 7 with a full slate of home games. Each team played 8 regular season games. To advance to the post season, teams had to rank within the top 4 of their age group. Of the four Greenbelt teams, three will advance to the postseason, which began on Wednesday, October 30, and continues through the month of November. Contact the Commissioner at gbgcfotball@greenbeltbgc.org for schedule details.

Special thanks to all of the volunteers for their time dedi-

cated to our youth. The 8u staff is Head Coach Wayne Miles, Assistant Coach Robert Artman, Sr., and Team Mom Teneisha Brown. 10u staff is Head Coach Ray Parks, Jr., Assistant Coaches Brian Handy, George Jackson, Derrick Smith, Eric Silver, and Team Moms Chelsea Young and Anne Holtz Schmick. The 12u staff is Head Coach Robert Glad-den III, Assistant Coaches Kenneth Reeder and Kevin Lockhart, and Team Mom Samantha Sylvain. The 14u staff is Head Coach James Jones, Jr., Assistant Coaches Derrick Smith and Darius Thomas, and Team Mom Chelsea Young.

Visit greenbeltbgc.org to register for any of the exciting sports that Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club offers.



A Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club football team celebrates after a game.

- Photos courtesy of the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club



Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club football players vie for the ball.

ERHS Girls Soccer Team Wins Again, Beating Bowie

by Patrick Gleason



PHOTO BY GRAZELLE GIRAY

Gloria Rodriguez tallies her second penalty kick goal of the game in the Raiders' 5-2 playoff victory against Bowie.

The 11-0 victory over the Wise Pumas last Friday was a prelude to the Eleanor Roosevelt Raiders girls soccer team 5-2 victory against the Bowie Bulldogs this past Tuesday. After dismantling an overmatched Wise team, the Raiders continued their momentum when junior Gloria Rodriguez put away a penalty kick in the opening five minutes versus Bowie. Senior forward Zosia Nicholson added a second goal not too long after, before Bowie regrouped. The Bulldogs maintained possession for the remainder of the half and halved the deficit after the Raiders failed to clear a corner kick.

However, in the second half, the Raiders regained the form that has led them to their 11-1 record, accompanied by a league, county and now regional championship.

Midfielder Sophie Swart scored on a left-footed shot at the beginning of the second half, followed by another goal by Nicholson, slotted in the bottom left corner. While the Bulldogs added a second goal on a penalty kick, slipped down the middle past Roosevelt keeper Isabela Martins – who made several impressive saves on the evening – Rodriguez added another penalty kick score to conclude the scoring. Senior midfielder Nicole Miko played a strong second half in which the Raiders reasserted themselves by maintaining possession. With a new playoff format, the eight regional champions left in the state will now be reseeded, leaving the Raiders as the number two seed, set to host a state quarterfinal matchup Friday.



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Greenbelt Community Questionnaire 2019

At election time, residents are asked to take a few minutes to complete the following questionnaire. The information obtained will be useful to the newly elected City Council and City staff. Your confidential responses will be consolidated in a report for general distribution. If a question is not applicable, please leave it blank. Please place completed questionnaires in the box provided at the polling location or send it to the City Office at 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770. You may also complete the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/communityquestionnaire...> **NO MAILING REQUIRED!**

GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1. Residency:**
 Apartment Townhouse
 GHI Condominium
 Detached Single Family Home
- 2. Residency - Neighborhood**
 Greenbelt East (east of Baltimore-Washington Parkway)
 Greenbelt West (west of Kenilworth Avenue)
 Center City (between Kenilworth & B-W Parkway)
- 3. Do you?** Own Rent
- 4. Age:** Under 18 45-60
 18-29 61-74
 30-44 75+
- 5. How many years have you lived in Greenbelt?**
 Less than 1 year 1-5 yrs.
 6-10 yrs 11-20 yrs.
 21-30 yrs. More than 30 yrs.
- 6. Employment Status (Please check all that apply.)**
 Full-Time Part-Time
 Unemployed Retired
 Stay at home parent
 Work from home
 Student Multiple Jobs
- 7. Where do you work?**
 Greenbelt
 Prince George's County
 Baltimore Washington, D.C.
 Montgomery County Other
- 8. Please prioritize (1-3 your top three modes of transportation**
 Personal Automobile
 Metrorail TheBus
 Carpool/Vanpool
 MetroBus Taxi/Uber/Lyft
 Bicycle Walking
 Greenbelt Connection
 Other

CURRENT QUESTIONS

- 1. Should Greenbelt switch from its current at-large system (each council member is elected by and represents all of Greenbelt) to districts (each council member is elected by and represents one specific geographical area)?**
 Yes No Don't Know
- 2. Is a second dog park needed?**
 Yes No
 If yes, where? Greenbelt West Center City
 Suggested location _____
- 3. Should Greenbelt build a municipal broadband network for public use?**
 Yes No Don't Know

PUBLIC SAFETY

- 1. Please rate your satisfaction over the last 2 years with the following services. (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)**
 Police Presence
 Police Responsiveness
 Dispatcher Responsiveness
 Overall Police Performance
 Overall Police Employee Competence
 Police Attitude & Behavior Towards Citizens
 Animal Control
 Traffic Control
 Fire & Rescue
 Parking Enforcement
- 2. Do you have any concern about safety and security within Greenbelt? If so, please list:**

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

4. Did the police employee assist you satisfactorily?
 Yes No
 Don't Know

5. Please list any suggestions for improving police services, under General Comments #4

PUBLIC WORKS

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

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

2. If you have contacted Public Works in the last 2 years, was the employee polite and courteous? Yes No

GREENBELT CARES /SOCIAL SERVICES

1. Have you or your family utilized any of the services listed below (#3) in the last 2 years?
 Yes No

2. Did you know that the City provides the services below?
 Yes No

3. If yes, please rate your satisfaction with them. (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)

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

4. If you plan to remain in your home as you age, which of the following might you require:

- Online Advice & Support
- Home Modifications
- Activities for Homebound
- 1st Floor Bathroom
- Other: _____

4. How soon would you need these services?
 Now 1-3 Years 4-7 Years
 8+ Years

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ CODE ENFORCEMENT

1. Have you had contact with City Community Development/Code Enforcement Staff (inspection, permit, tall grass, structure complaint, etc.)?
 Yes No

2. Was the Community Development/Code Enforcement employee polite and courteous?
 Yes No

3. Did the Community Development/Code Enforcement employee assist you satisfactorily? Yes No

GREENBELT MUSEUM

Have you or a member of your household visited the museum or attended a museum activity in the past 2 years?
 Yes No

EDUCATION

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

- Greenbelt Elementary
- Springhill Lake Elementary
- Dora Kennedy French Immersion
- Magnolia Elementary
- Greenbelt Middle School
- Eleanor Roosevelt High School
- Home Schooling
- Other _____

2. Using the same scale as #1 above, please rate the Prince George's School System overall. _____

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

- The City should continue to provide Science & Reading Clubs
- The City should continue to provide grants to Greenbelt schools
- County taxes should be increased to fund education.

RECREATION

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

- Aquatic & Fitness Center
- Athletic Fields
- Community Center
- Springhill Lake Rec. Center
- Youth Center
- Parks Trails
- Dog Park Skate Park
- Playgrounds
- Other _____

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

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

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

- Pre-school Activities
- Children's Afterschool Activities
- Children's Weekend Activities
- Children's Drop-In Activities
- Home School/School Enrichment Activities
- Family Recreation Activities
- Weekends
- Drop-In Activities
- Adult Classes or Leagues
- Senior Activities
- Special Events (Artful Afternoons, Fall Fest, Celebration of Spring, etc.)

PUBLIC INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

- Yes No
- If so, what for?
 Watch Meetings
 Calendar
 Watch Videos
 Documents
 Other: _____

4. What services would you like to see on the City website?

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

6. Have you watched any of the programming, including Council meetings, offered on the City's Municipal Access channel over the past 2 years?
 Yes No

7. Do you watch the public access channel known as Greenbelt Access Television (GATe)? Yes No

CITY SERVICES & TAXES

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

2. Are City services fairly distributed throughout Greenbelt?
 Yes No (Provide Comments under General Comments #4)

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

- Maintain current City services/programs Yes No
- Increase City services/programs Yes No
- Provide fair compensation to employees Yes No

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

- Kept at the same level
- Reduced Increased

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

GENERAL COMMENTS

1. Describe what you like most about the Greenbelt community.

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

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

4. Other Comments:

