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Election 2021

Rodney Roberts, Colin Byrd, Emmett Jordan Are Running for Re-election to City Council

Incumbents Rodney Roberts, Colin Byrd and Emmett Jordan are the latest of the certified candidates to submit their biographies to the News Review. Biographies are prepared by the candidates and are published as they are received by the paper after they have been certified.

Rodney M. Roberts

Rodney M. Roberts, 63, 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 30 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 federal, state and county officials concerning development, transportation, recreational, environmental and fiscal issues. He represented the city on the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Transportation Planning Board for 28 years.

Working for four months, Roberts found legal representation to help the city fight the maglev train.

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Rodney Roberts

Council Deals with Election Costs, Eviction Notices, a Hybrid SUV

by Diane Oberg

The Greenbelt City Council continued to offer entertainment for insomniacs as its September 27 meeting again stretched to almost 1 a.m. During that meeting, council approved an election services contract, introduced an ordinance related to evictions, approved the purchase of a hybrid SUV for Animal Control and discussed the poor quality of the closed captioning of council meetings.

Election Services

The city Board of Elections estimates it will need an estimated additional \$38,850 to the existing election budget of \$47,000 to comply with the new mail-in voting option. This includes ad-

ditional costs for mailing, poll books, necessary hardware and software and two additional drop boxes. The drop boxes will permit the city to have drop boxes in each of the three main areas of the city. Council unanimously suspended the rules and approved the resolution authorizing the negotiated purchase. Council also approved the community questionnaire, formerly known as the election questionnaire.

Evictions

Mayor Colin Byrd introduced an ordinance for first reading that would require landlords to notify the city in writing within three days of filing to evict a tenant. The information required

includes the tenant's name, address, property owner, landlord or property manager name, address, contact information and a brief description of the reason for eviction. The city would determine if assistance resources can be provided or made available to the tenant. The failure to comply would result in a municipal infraction with a fine of \$100 per instance. The ordinance will be considered for adoption at the October 11 council meeting.

In an earlier agenda item, City Manager Nicole Ard reported that Franklin Park, Dr. Elizabeth Park of Greenbelt CARES and

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What Goes On

Monday, October 11
8 p.m. City Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 13
8 p.m. City Council Worksession: TBD

Councilmembers may present reports on conferences, meetings and events as the last item of business at worksessions if time allows.

All meetings are virtual. See the meetings calendar at greenbeltmd.gov for agendas and information on public participation in these meetings.



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Dogs take to the pool on Saturday, October 2 for the annual Pooch Plunge.

Three Sisters Volunteers Reflect on Season's End

by Melissa Sites



PHOTO BY MELISSA SITES

Amesale Megenasa prepares tea at the Three Sisters Garden at Schrom Hills Park.

The Three Sisters Garden at Schrom Hills Park on Hanover Parkway is nearing the end of its season. Volunteers who have faithfully tended the garden all summer, putting in long hours watering and weeding, now reap the harvest, including a large zucchini, attractive blue-striped green beans, carrots and mouthwatering grapes. Volunteers stagger the work over the summer coming early in the morning and stay-

ing three hours, because it takes two-and-a-half hours to thoroughly water, hauling the hose to a hookup across the field.

Around 10 volunteers gathered to celebrate, headed by Effie Levner, a charismatic leader who has inspired and personally invited volunteers to put their time into the garden. The Three Sisters Gardens around Greenbelt

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Council Approves Community Gardens Phased Action Plan

by Matthew Arbach

The action plan, proposed by the Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB) and the Greenbelt Community Garden Club (GCGC) to address the problem of shading at the community gardens, was approved by the Greenbelt City Council with an amendment proposed by Councilmember Judith Davis to move forward in a phased approach. The vote took place at the September 27 council meeting, with Councilmembers Edward Putens and Rodney Roberts voting against. Phase One of this plan will be discussed at the council meeting on Monday, October 11 and the success or failure of the effort will determine what comes next on this long-standing and much debated issue, which Mayor Colin Byrd described as "controversial" and Davis as "sensitive and divisive." Phase One, as conceived by Davis, would be small

in scale and along the lines of a pilot program.

The plan is the result of six months of study by a host of experts in the fields of forestry and botany. It would ultimately call for the selective cutting of 175 trees in the Forest Preserve, along with their replacement with various other vegetation including shrubs and shorter stature trees. Emphasis was given to using native species and ones that would enhance the biodiversity and long-term survival of the Preserve.

Community gardener Stephanie Warner said that it was likely that far more trees would be replaced than initially removed. The plan would also combat invasive species that have created "a degraded ecosystem."

The city has approved the cutting of an eight-foot buffer

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Questions for Candidates

Prior to city council elections, the News Review poses questions to the candidates and publishes their responses. Unlike previous years, all the questions have been sent to candidates requesting their 150-word maximum responses (per question) and we have requested that the answers be returned to us by Monday, October 11 at 6 p.m. We will publish the answers to all three questions in the issue of Thursday, October 14.

The questions are as follows:

Q1: What is the one thing the city council needs to accomplish in the upcoming term?

Q2: How would you weigh the benefits, risks and costs of the city acquiring the former National Guard Armory?

Q3: Council meetings are routinely running past midnight and are frequently marred by council bickering. Is this acceptable to you? If not, what can be done to resolve these issues?

Candidates are asked to submit their answers to the News Review office by 6 p.m. on Monday, October 11, preferably by email to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

Letters to the Editor

Voting in Greenbelt

“Democracy is a system of government by the whole population, all eligible members of the state/city, typically through elected representation.” In the City of Greenbelt there are approximately 14,000 registered voters, however, there is no democracy through the city council voting process, because only 2,000 registered voters voted two years ago. How then are the majority of Greenbelt residents represented by their local government?

Is it that Greenbelt voters are uninterested in the significance and importance of local elections? Maybe we just don't care, because of the lack of real representation in all parts of Greenbelt. Maybe if we had two representatives from East, West and Central and a mayor elected separately, maybe we would pay attention to local elections. There are seven open seats for the city council. I don't use the term incumbent, because every two years we, the citizens of Greenbelt, are supposed to assess how all members of the council have governed and represented all of our interests over the past two years, if not more. That is our obligation to ourselves and our children's future to elect representatives who listen to our needs.

I hear many complaints about how our city council functions. Those complaints will not be addressed until more than 2,000 eligible voters engage in the city council voting process. I hope that the 16- to 18-year-old Greenbelt residents, now eligible to vote, take notice and do a better job than we adults seem to be doing.

Local government impacts our daily lives, even more than state and federal, so pay attention, learn about all of the candidates, and let your voices be heard. It is past time for the eligible voters of Greenbelt to participate in our local elections.

Early voting starts October 9. Your daily lives really do depend on it.

Dr. Lois Rosado

Theater Policy

Many thanks to the wonderful response we've received to our new policy of either proof of vaccination or negative PCR test for entry to the Old Greenbelt Theatre. President Biden urged movie theaters to move to vaccine-only admittance in a

further effort to curb the spread of Covid-19 and we were glad to oblige.

We know this means remembering to have your proof and ID at the ready (a photo on your phone is perfectly acceptable, and quick and easy!) and we appreciate your patience as we navigate yet another new normal to protect both the public and our staff.

See you at the movies!

Caitlin McGrath
Executive Director
Old Greenbelt Theatre

In Journalism

Two articles caught my eye reading the last issue of the Greenbelt News Review. One article noted that the mayor had proclaimed September 15 to October 15 as National Hispanic Heritage Month in Greenbelt. Another article addressed controversy around the membership of the city council appointed Public Safety Advisory Committee. That article said, “Byrd asking if the committee matched the racial demographics of the city, and when told they did (the committee has four White members and three Black members)...”.

In Journalism 101 you learn that if you have two groups of people and one says it is raining and the other questions whether it is actually raining, your job as a journalist is not to engage in bothsidesism and report some say it is raining, some doubt it, etc. Your job is to look out the window and see if it is raining.

Is it a fact that the majority of Greenbelt residents are white with the rest African American with little or no residents of Hispanic or Asian descent? If you visit various stores and neighborhoods in Greenbelt, is that what you see? What do you find if you Google Greenbelt demographics?

I note the article narrowly focused on young African American men – an obvious deflection from just looking out the window and doing the fact-checking/critical-thinking job of a journalist. The News Review can and should do better.

Monica Jerbi

Editors' Note: The reporter's job in this case was to verify what was said at the council meeting.

On PSAC's Diversity Defense

The Public Safety Advisory Committee has made a number of

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Election 2021 Candidate Biographies

In a departure from tradition, the News Review will not be reprinting the candidates' biographies the week before the election. Rather, biographies will be readily available on our website beginning October 7. To date, the following biographies, which are prepared by the candidates, have been published in the indicated issues:

- Brandon Ric Gordon, August 26
- Matthew Inzeo, September 16
- Kristen Weaver, September 23
- Silke Pope, September 23
- Alex Zajac, September 30
- Judith Davis, September 30
- Rodney Roberts, October 7
- Colin Byrd, October 7
- Emmett Jordan, October 7



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Service or Garden Side?



With the kids back in-person, I'll miss my chance to learn long division.

- B. Glee

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All letters must include the letter writer's name, physical address and telephone number. Only the name will be published; the News Review will consider withholding the name upon request.

All letters are subject to editing for reasons of space, libel, privacy, taste, copyright and clarity.

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Community Events

At the Library

Greenbelt Library is now open on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays from noon to 8 p.m.; Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. Study rooms are open; meeting rooms are now available to the public by reservation. Appointments for one hour of computer use can be made up to seven days in advance at pgcmls.info/reopening or by calling 240-455-5451; some computers may be available with no appointments.

Latin Dancing

Saturday, October 9, 2 p.m., ages 5 and older (elementary, teen, adult). Participants will learn about the origins of Hispanic Heritage celebrations in this country, as well as some facts about the history of Latin dances. Bring dancing shoes, because everyone will have a chance to try out some fun Latin dance steps. Presented by DanceInTime and MovingRhythms. Held outdoors by the upper-level entrance.

Storytimes

Ready 2 Read Storytime. Wednesdays, ages 3 to 5, 12:15 p.m., limit 15 people. Thursdays, ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 15 people. Come for stories, songs, finger plays and more. Pick up a ticket at the Information Desk. The sessions will be held outdoors by the upper-level entrance.

STEM Festival

Celebrate the Maryland STEM Festival at PGCMLS from October 15 to November 14. Featured events include STEM-tastic: Crazy 8's Math (Tuesdays in October at 4:30 p.m.), Teen STEM Lab: The World in 3D (Tuesday, October 26 at 4:30 p.m.) and Celebrating Hispanics in STEM: Santiago Calatrava Valls (Wednesday, October 13 at 4:30 p.m.) with more to come in November. Visit the Library's events page for details.

Outdoor Line Dancing Near New Deal Café

Line dancers and wannabe line dancers are invited to the New Deal Café in Roosevelt Center on Friday, October 8 from 2 to 3 p.m. Music and dance instruction will be provided by Karen Stewart of Jessie Soul Line Dancers. No cover – tips are welcome.

Decluttering Donation Drive Oct. 23 and 24

Greenbelt Community Church (GCC) is accepting decluttering donations at the church from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, October 23 and 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, October 24.

Soft goods (such as clothing and bedding) should be placed in 30-gallon plastic bags. Hard goods, though not as desirable, are accepted and should fit into boxes if possible. GCC will load a trailer and take all donations to Value Village thrift stores. The stores would like advance warning of the number of bags being delivered. Email Gwen Vaccaro at gjvaccaro@gmail.com with the number of bags you plan to donate. Money earned will go to the charities supported by the church, including Greenbelt CARES. Donation receipts are available.

GHI Committee Hosts Fall Plant Swap

On Saturday, October 9 starting at 11 a.m. outside the GHI office at 1 Hamilton Place, the GHI Woodlands Committee will host its annual Plant Swap and Scavenger Hunt.

Gardeners should bring excess plants, divisions, seedlings, seeds and bulbs to the Plant Swap and prepare to pick up some new ones. Include a card with a description of each donated plant.

New gardeners and those who don't have anything to trade can always garner a few tips as well as pick up some plants.

Setup will begin at 11 a.m. Participants can start the Swap with a "tour" of the available plants at 11:15. After that, everyone will get a turn to pick out a plant or gardening miscellany until everything is gone. Participants will go around the tables in one direction, maintaining 6-foot distance.

Crazy Quilt Festival

On Saturday, October 9 the Crazy Quilt Festival will take place in Roosevelt Center. This free, outdoor music festival is held rain or shine and starts at 11 a.m. The band schedule is: 11 a.m. to noon, Community Drum Circle with Katy Gaughan and Friends; 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Proverbs Reggae Band; 2 to 3 p.m., Tower Green (Renaissance Faire music); 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Greg Meyer Project (jazz); 5 to 6 p.m., The Wharf Rats (Grateful Dead music) and 6:30 to 8 p.m., The Goodfellas (Beatles music). Crazy Quilt Festival is sponsored by the New Deal Café and Friends of New Deal Café Arts with the support of the City of Greenbelt, and celebrates the eclectic music that is featured at the New Deal Café. Bring a chair and dancing shoes and spend the day listening to great local music. For more information or to see festival updates and/or schedule changes, visit newdealcafe.com.



Electrify Maryland?

The October meeting of the Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN) will take place via Zoom on Wednesday, October 13 from 7 to 9 p.m. The Zoom link is available at chears.org/gcan.

A guest speaker from Chesapeake CAN (CCAN), Anthony Field, will explain about their latest campaign, Electrify Maryland Buildings.

The movement to create cleaner, healthier, all-electric homes and buildings has gained steam across the country. Maryland must not fall behind and should support rapid building electrification (involving heating, appliances, cooking, hot water, etc.) in order to cut pollution from homes and buildings. Otherwise, there is a risk of locking in emissions that will threaten the state's climate goals while endangering Marylanders all across the state with dangerous fossil fuel infrastructure.

Field leads CCAN's No New Fossil Fuels campaign and has been with CCAN for two years. He works to protect communities in Maryland from the climate and health impacts of gas by opposing gas projects, passing legislation, strengthening regulations and engaging in litigation.

For more information or to suggest events that should be added to the calendar, contact Lore Rosenthal at SimplicityGroupsMD@gmail.com or 301-345-2234 (landline, no text).

GHI Hosts Candidate Forum on October 19

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. is hosting a virtual City Council Candidate Forum on Tuesday, October 19 at 7 p.m. This is an opportunity to meet the candidates as well as hear their thoughts on issues important to GHI members and their neighbors.

Residents may submit questions for consideration that may be asked at the forum. Submit them to vicepresident@ghi.coop by October 8.

This event is being sponsored by GHI with broadcasting support from Greenbelt Access Television.

Porch Greenbelt Food October Schedule

Porch Greenbelt Food Collection set a record for collecting food in the month of September – a total of 878.8 pounds. The schedule of collection dates for October is: by 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 10 for Woodland Hills; by 11 a.m. on Sunday, October 10 at the 1 to 8 Courts Ridge, 1 to 8 Courts Crescent and 1 to 2 Courts Westway; between 2 and 4 p.m. on Sunday, October 17 for all of Boxwood Village; and between 9 and 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 23 for 14 and 15 Laurel Hill Courts.

As a reminder, place donations in a box or bag labelled PORCH or RUAK on the front porch or other location that can be seen from the street. Also, make sure to check the expiration date on all food items.

Volunteers who would expand Porch Greenbelt to additional neighborhoods in Greenbelt are welcome. Anyone with questions or who is interested in being a volunteer or starting a new neighborhood for monthly food collection, may email Robert Goldberg-Strassler at spreadruak@gmail.com.

Relics Concert For Food Pantry

Straight from the Labor Day Festival stage, The Relics will perform on Sunday, October 24 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Church, 1 Hillside, to benefit Help By Phone. The Relics are a local rock band who cover music from the 1960s and 1970s.

The all-outdoor event will be held with a rain date of Sunday, October 31. Concertgoers are encouraged to bring their own chairs and a monetary donation or non-perishable food item for the Help By Phone food pantry.

Suggested food items include boxes of cereal, pasta, pancake mix, oatmeal, cans of soup, stew, vegetables and fruit. For more information about Help By Phone, call 301-699-9009 Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Virtual Lecture: Greenbelt for Blacks

On Thursday, October 21 at 6 p.m. (note the early start time), the Greenbelt Museum will host a virtual lecture on Aberdeen Gardens, a New Deal community for Black families formerly known as Newport News (Va.) Homesteads. Built by the Resettlement Administration around the same time as Greenbelt, Aberdeen Gardens was specifically built "by Blacks, for Blacks," unlike Greenbelt, which was only open to White families although both Black and White laborers were involved in its construction. Aberdeen Gardens was designed by Black architect Hilyard Robinson and everyone involved in the project was Black. Margaret Wilson, Aberdeen Gardens resident and historian, will speak.

Participants must register for this free event by 3 p.m. on the day of the event; a link will be emailed by 4 p.m. The event will not be recorded so will not be available at a later date.

Candidates Sought For Co-op Board

Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative (GCC) is seeking candidates willing to serve on its board of directors. The Co-op will conduct its election at the virtual annual meeting on Saturday, November 6 at 10:30 a.m. Two board members will be elected to serve three-year terms. Incumbents Bill Jones and Joe Timer are running for re-election.

Members interested in serving as directors can download a nomination form at greenbelt.coop or pick up a nomination form at the Co-op's customer service office. To be considered, a member must: (1) have a minimum of \$100 in their member capital account and (2) submit both a brief biography and completed nomination form that includes five signatures from other voting-eligible members by Sunday, October 17. Return the completed form with bio to the customer service office or email documents to board@greenbelt.coop. GCC does not accept nominations at the annual meeting.

October 15th Grant Application Deadline



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In Memoriam

Marilyn (Masha) Maryn Spiegel

by Kathleen Scott McFarland

The notice I saw in the Washington Post obituary section was headed "Masha M. Spiegel," but I knew who it was. We called her Marilyn...Marilyn Maryn. I let out a loud "Oh, no!... There was nobody to hear me. I called my fellow Greenbelter, another "pioneer," Joyce (Bates) Mangum. Another "Oh, no!" We'd just been talking, over lunch a few weeks ago, reminiscing about losing our closest friends from Greenbelt High School (GHS). Joyce, who was in Marilyn's class of 1945, had asked if I'd heard from her lately. She'd called the number in Kensington, but had not received an answer. Now this! Somehow it seemed impossible that someone as lively and "perky," intelligent and outgoing, so "alive" as Marilyn was, could die. We'd last talked with her in 2018, when she was the honored guest at a performance here in Greenbelt of Chris Cherry's play performed to commemorate Greenbelt's 80th birthday. Marilyn had played the part of a little girl in the original 1937 version of the play. Her picture was on the front page of the June 28, 2018, News Review.

Marilyn's family – parents Sam and Bertha Maryn, Marilyn and her younger brother David, moved to the 58 Court of Crescent Road in November of 1937; they were among the first residents of the new town. The streetlights had not yet been turned on. Other parts of the town were not yet completed. Both of her parents were active in civic affairs; Sam volunteered as assistant editor of the Cooperator, as the town newspaper was known then. Bertha wrote articles for the paper, too. I found one called "Balancing the Budget" in the December 22, 1937, Cooperator. Marilyn would have been about 9 years old then, in fourth grade at Center School. My sister Joanne was in that class too; she told us about their wonderful teacher, Mrs. Parker, who helped them create a play grocery store. Many years later, when we pioneer Greenbelters were asked the question, "What was Greenbelt like in the beginning?" I remember Marilyn telling about Mrs. Parker, too.

I looked for Marilyn's photo in the Greenbelt High School Pylon (yearbook) of 1945. Marilyn's clubs are listed: Shop 1; Latin 2; Dramatics (all four years); International Friendship 2; Public Speaking 3. Activities: Play



PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

Marilyn Maryn

"Young April" 3; president of Int. Friendship Club 2; Sec'y, Latin Club 2; Pylon Staff 2, 3, 4; Pioneer (school newspaper) 2, 3; Pioneer Editor-in-Chief, 4. Ambition: Social Service Worker. I noticed how she rose to a higher rank in each of her activities each year. But the various lists in other pages of the Pylon were even more interesting: In the "Mostest & Bestest" list, Marilyn was "Most Original." Prophecy: "Psychologist Marilyn Maryn is doing great work setting other people straight."

The Maryn family moved from Greenbelt sometime in the late 1940s. In later years, when the City of Greenbelt and Greenbelt High School (1938-51) began celebrating anniversaries and special reunions, Marilyn was living in Kensington, Md., and made sure to attend all our events. She never forgot her early years in Greenbelt. She attended the high school's first all-class reunion in 1982, which coincided with the city's 45th anniversary and was a warm-up for their 50th anniversary, with special events for families who were original residents, now called pioneers. In a May 26, 1994, News Review article

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Obituaries

Denise Renée Parker

Denise Renée Parker died on September 7, 2021.

She was born on March 1, 1967, to Mary Palmer and Grafton Brown at D.C. General Hospital. She was educated in the District of Columbia Public Schools, graduating from Paul Dunbar Senior High School in 1984. She was the senior class president with her sister Charnita serving as her campaign manager.

Denise worked for Shannon & Luchs as a secretary and became an accountant. This is where she found her love for real estate. She became a licensed realtor in 1990 with Coldwell Banker and her journey continued with Realty 1 and Century 21 New Millennium.

She was raised and baptized in Bible Way Church World Wide. It was at Bible Way where her Christian life began as a member of the Senior Young People. Later she and her husband became co-leaders of the Generation Next Youth Department. During the summer months they led Camp Joy El. Denise was led to form Bonding Women's Fellowship Club in late 1990. She held bible study at Gospel Rescue Ministries Fulton House of Hope. Denise was the president and vice president of CCSI (Community Crisis Services, Inc.) in 2015-16, and was a member of the Spiritual Fellowship Club.

Denise was the initial driving force, anchor and visionary behind Chef Lou's Desserts: she introduced him to Old Greenbelt and thought of the name. She also worked tirelessly to help build the brand and help everyone enjoy the Chef Lou's Desserts experience.

Denise was the president of the Arts Center in Greenbelt. She was a profound writer of poetry, skits and plays. And last but not least, a diehard Capitals, Wizards



PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

Denise Parker

and Washington Football Team fan.

Denise is survived by her husband Louis Parker; father Grafton Brown; mother-in-law Victoria Parker; sister Charnita; brothers Excel, Geoffrey and Grafton; brothers-in-law Kevin, Donnie and Marvin; sisters-in-law Valinda, Kristena, Angela, Nona and Queen; spiritual parents Pastor Henry and Lady Jeanne Marshall; godchildren AJ, TaeSean, TayJah and Trinity; special cousins Curtia, Bernadette, Bernatta, Bernard, Terry, Dion and Tiffany; special aunts Jackie P and Jackie W; aunts, uncles, niece, nephews and a host of cousins, family and friends.

Denise was preceded in death by her mother Mary (Honey-bunch) Palmer and her grandmothers, Frances Palmer and Ida Jeter.

A Celebration of the Life of Denise Parker will be held on Sunday, October 10 at the Greenbelt Community Church from 1 to 4 p.m.



Congratulations to Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll, Greenbelt's environmental coordinator, for his mention in the October 5 KidsPost (washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/kidspost/) in an article highlighting places in the area to see beavers. The article talked about Carpenter-Driscoll's work of organizing groups to put metal cages around trees to protect them, while still providing the beavers with a safe place to live.

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



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Proverbs 13:22

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But God demonstrates His own love toward us,
in that while we were yet sinners,
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Romans 5:8



IN PERSON Sunday Worship Services
10a-11:15a @ Greenbelt Elementary School
MCFcc.org

Greenbelt Community Church

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www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org

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- Sunday Mass:
 - Sat vigil 5pm*
 - Sun 8am, 9:30am, 11am
- Confessions Saturday 3pm - 4pm.

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*Live-streamed on Facebook and available on our YouTube page later.

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– Universal House of Justice

Greenbelt Bahá'í Community
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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.

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING Monday, October 11, 2021 at 8:00pm

ORGANIZATION

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

- Dyslexia Awareness Month
- Petitions and Requests**
- *Minutes of Council Meetings**
- Statement for the Record - Closed Session, August 10, 2021
- Statement for the Record - Closed Session, August 24, 2021

Administrative Reports

- *Committee Reports**
- Advisory Planning Board Report #2021-04 - 7010 Greenbelt Road Zoning Text Amendment

LEGISLATION

- Eviction Notice Ordinance - 2nd Reading
- Award of Request for Qualifications for Architectural Services - Space Study Project - 1st Reading

OTHER BUSINESS

- 7010 Greenbelt Road Zoning Text Amendment
- FY23 Recognition Group Policy Changes
- Police Reform Policy
- Council Activities
- Council Reports
- * Reappointment to Advisory Board
- * Resignation from Advisory Group

MEETINGS

Meetings
Stakeholders

COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE VIRTUAL Cablecast on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996 and www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

Resident participation: Information will be posted on Meetings Calendar at www.greenbeltmd.gov

In advance, the hearing impaired are advised to use Video Relay Services (VRS) at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov.

VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR OCTOBER 11–15

Monday, October 11 at 5:30pm, **YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, *On the Agenda: Review Minutes, Advisory Committee Liaison Reports, Committee Initiated Discussion*

Wednesday, October 13 at 7:00pm, **MAGLEV TASK FORCE MEETING**, *On the Agenda: Open Discussion, Updates, Brainstorming Ways to Build Support for the “No Build” Option*

Wednesday, October 13 at 8:00pm, **WORK SESSION – TBD**, *Virtual meeting will be shown on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv*

Thursday, October 14 at 7:30pm, **COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD**, *On the Agenda: Community Input, Finalize Winter Festival of Lights Recommendations, Follow-up on Fair & Just Policing discussion, CRAB Ear to the Ground*

In advance, the hearing impaired are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov. This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000. For information on public participation for the virtual meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at www.greenbeltmd.gov.

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION

ANY REGISTERED GREENBELT VOTER MAY VOTE BY EARLY VOTING

EARLY VOTING DATES AND LOCATIONS

Greenbelt Municipal Building (25 Crescent Road)

Saturday, October 9, 9:00am–1:00pm and
Sunday, October 10, 11:00am–2:00pm
October 1–October 29:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 9:00am–5:00pm
Tuesdays 9:00am–8:00pm

Schrom Hills Park Clubhouse (6915 Hanover Parkway)

Saturday, October 16, 9:00am–1:00pm and
Sunday, October 17, 11:00am–2:00pm

Springhill Lake Recreation Center (6101 Cherrywood Lane)

Saturday, October 23, 9:00am–1:00pm and
Sunday, October 24, 11:00am–2:00pm

Questions? Call the City Clerk at 301-474-8000, or email elections@greenbeltmd.gov.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

There are currently vacancies on:

- Advisory Committee on Education
- Arts Advisory Board
- Board of Election
- Park & Recreation Advisory Board
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee

For more information call 301-474-8000

BE PREPARED! FLU SEASON IS COMING.



Get your free flu shot:

Thursday, October 7, 1:00pm–7:00pm
Springhill Lake Recreation Center

Tuesday, October 12, 11:00am–5:00pm
Greenbelt Community Center

Call 240-542-2033 to register! Vaccines available for adults and children 6 months and older.

FREE ART SHARE

Sunday, October 10, 2:00pm
Greenbelt Community Center

Artists: Bring 1–3 works in any medium for discussion.

To sign up in advance, email alarsen@greenbeltmd.gov



DRIVE-THRU CAREGIVER RESOURCE FAIR

Dementia Friendly America, Northern Prince George’s County, MD Sector

Thursday, October 14, 10:00am–12:00pm
Greenbelt Community Center

Caregivers, are you looking for more resources? With many providers participating, you will surely find helpful information here.

To register, call 240-542-2033 or register online at: <https://forms.gle/eNYB9GFjMxAqB4es8>

FRIDAY NIGHT FAMILY FUTSAL – FREE!

Springhill Lake Recreation Center
Fridays, 7:00pm–9:00pm

Futsal is the FIFA-recognized form of five-a-side (4v4 plus a goalie) indoor soccer. Outdoor soccer players around the globe play to refine and maintain their control skills and touch.

Questions?
Contact 240-542-2189.



FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

Thursday, October 21
1:00pm–3:00pm

Greenbelt Community Center

PICKLEBALL INFORMATION MEETING

Monday, October 18 at 6:30pm
Braden Field Tennis Courts 7&8, 99 Centerway

The city is considering options to add pickleball amenities to our community. Join recreation staff and share your thoughts!

Email pickleball@greenbeltmd.gov, call 240-542-2194, or drop off comments at the Greenbelt Youth Center.



SHREDDING DAY

Saturday, October 30
9:00am–12:00pm (or until the truck is full)

COVID-19 safety procedures in place.

The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union will be shredding your documents in the parking lot behind the Credit Union at 112 Centerway.

Only 5 file boxes/person; must wear a mask.
Personal records only (no business).

No contaminants, batteries, plastic binders and sheets.
Abandoned boxes/bags will be put in the trash.

For more information, call the Public Works Office at 301-474-8004.



FALL FAMILY FUN WEEK

Gourd Painting and Wreath Making: \$5

Tuesday, October 19, 4:00pm–6:00pm, The Youth Center on Braden Field

Thursday, October 21, 4:00pm–6:00pm, Springhill Lake Recreation Center

Saturday, October 23, 10:00am–12:00pm, Schrom Hills Park

Fee: \$5

Greenbelt residents only. Masks are required. There will be designated household spaces and a health screening upon arrival.

Pre-registration required at: <https://bit.ly/3Cld0kO>

Questions? Email LFisher@greenbeltmd.gov

ELECTRONICS, STYROFOAM & PAINT RECYCLING



Saturday, October 23
9:00am–12:00pm
Public Works Yard,
555 Crescent Road

Accepted items: CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, laptops, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, fax machines, wires, and power cords.

NO MORE ALKALINE BATTERIES OR TUBE TVS ACCEPTED.

Yuck Old Paint – Paint Recycling – \$5 per container.

Questions? Greenbelt Public Works at 301-474-8004.

For more information visit greenbeltmd.gov/electronicrecycling

WEED WARRIORS: INVASIVE PLANT PULL

October 16, 2021
10:00am–1:00pm
Near Greenbelt Community Center

Help remove invasive plant species from the environment along the walking trail by the Community Center. Masks required. Volunteers must register in order to participate. Limited to 25 volunteers. To register, contact kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov.

TEEN TAKEOVER!



Every Friday from 6:30pm–8:30pm, starting on October 1 Youth Center Gym

Enjoy organized group activities like handball, kickball, or dodgeball!

Ages 13–17, free with membership. Masks required.

No registration required. Contact AJ Sesay at 240-542-2198 with questions.

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Colin Byrd

Colin Byrd is a lifelong Greenbelter. Growing up, he fell in love with everything Greenbelt – parades, movie theater, Community Center, pool, parks, library, people and so much more.

Colin was first elected to the Greenbelt City Council in 2017 and now serves as mayor. He is liaison to GreenACES (the city’s environmental sustainability advisory committee) and the Youth Advisory Committee. He is a member of the Prince George’s County Climate Action Commission and the MWCOG Board of Directors. Colin is the second African American elected to the Greenbelt City Council. And, previously, he served as the youngest ever regional director for the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials and as the chair of the Prince George’s County Municipal Association’s Legislative Committee.

Colin is committed to civil rights advocacy. He is a member of the Urban League, the NAACP, and the Rainbow PUSH Coalition.

Colin is a committed progressive Democrat. He served as a delegate to the 2016 Democratic National Convention and is a longtime member of Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club.

Colin is an alumnus of the University of Maryland, College Park, where he studied sociology, was inducted into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and the OMSE Academic Excellence Society, and was a research assistant in the fields of psychology, economics and public health. He was also Mr. Black Student Union. His accolades include the James Otis Williams Award for Cultural Leadership and the MICA Award for Champion of Diversity.

Colin is committed to public safety and to increasing the compensation of city workers. He proposed raising the minimum wage to \$15 for all city employees, introduced and passed legislation to require regular public hearings and briefings on crime and worked with colleagues to approve a collective bargaining agreement (CBA) that includes pay raises and increased benefits. And he did so while pushing for and helping to secure the most transparent CBA review process in city history, setting in motion a new precedent that these multi-million dollar contracts will no longer be voted on without the public being able to read them first.

Colin has made TV appearances on NBC4, Fox 5, ABC7, News Channel 8 and WUSA9. His career includes stints as environmental policy advocate for Environment Maryland and union organizer for the Service Employees International Union. Colin’s hobbies include basketball, ping pong, (watching) football, tennis, playing the piano and the arts in general.



PHOTO BY JILL CONNOR

Colin Byrd

Emmett V. Jordan

Emmett V. Jordan is an incumbent member of city council, serving as mayor pro tem after serving three terms as mayor. A Greenbelt resident for 22 years, Emmett relocated to work with the University of Maryland in 1998. He soon moved to Greenbriar Condominiums, attracted by the convenient location and many recreational amenities of Greenbelt. In 2009, he became the first African American elected to serve on council.

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, he studied liberal arts and music at Morehouse College and at the University of Cincinnati, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in urban administration. He earned additional graduate-level credits in public administration at Seton Hall University. Emmett participated in the UMD Legacy Leadership Institute on Municipal Government in 2009 and completed an Academy for Excellence in Local Governance Fellowship in 2011. He frequently attends workshops and conferences to expand his competencies.

Emmett has worked hard to develop productive relationships with surrounding municipalities, the county and state/federal delegations. These relationships provide a platform to advocate for the best interests of Greenbelt. He is a current member of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Transportation Planning Board and Chairman of the National League of Cities First Tier Suburbs Council. He has served as vice-chair of the Maryland Municipal League Legislative Committee and president of the Prince George’s County Municipal Association in 2013.

Emmett’s career provides him with over 25 years of experience in project management: planning and implementing capacity building programs for organizations. He has worked with a variety of organizations including the Smithsonian Institution, University of Maryland and the United Negro College Fund. Since 2005, he has worked as an independent contractor, providing marketing and development services. Prior to 2009, Emmett served on the city’s Advisory Planning Board where he spearheaded the effort to create a Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. He completed a four-year term in 2010 with the Greenbelt Community Foundation, serving as chair in 2014. He served on the Greenbriar Condominiums Association Phase I Board for five years beginning in 2004. From 2000 to 2005, he co-chaired the Urban Roundtable, an auxiliary of the Greater Washington Urban League. Emmett still finds time to occasionally volunteer with various Greenbelt organizations.

An energetic and active person, Emmett enjoys attending concerts, art exhibits and cultural programs. His favorite pastimes include spending time outdoors around Greenbelt, playing tennis, bicycling and playing the guitar.



PHOTO BY ERIC KRUSZEWSKI

Emmett Jordan

Election 2021

Mail-in Ballots: All You Will Need to Know 'til November 2

by Kathleen Gallagher

So you applied for a mail-in ballot by the deadline of September 27. Now what?

First, remember that ballots will not be mailed to voters who applied until at least Friday, October 8.

Also important to remember is that if you applied for a mail-in ballot, you then must use a mail-in ballot if you do in fact vote. You cannot, for example, change your mind and go to early voting, since your voter record will not be located there. If you vote, it must be by using a mail-in ballot.

If a voter requests and receives a mail-in ballot and subsequently loses it or damages it such that it cannot be used, the voter may do one of the following: 1) go to the voter’s designated election precinct on election day and cast a provisional ballot; or 2) if time allows, go to the

city clerk’s office in the Municipal Building to have a new ballot issued.

Once the ballot has been filled out, two options are possible for its submission. The voter may send it through the U.S. mail in time to arrive by November 2, addressed to Bonita Anderson, City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

The second option is that the ballot may be placed in one of three drop boxes to be located at the Police Department and locations in East and West Greenbelt. Additional information will be provided soon, but it is expected that the drop boxes will be installed by mid-October. Either way – mail or drop box – in order to be counted, the ballot must reach the city clerk no later than 6 p.m. on Tuesday, November 2.



PHOTO BY LINDLEY GARDEN

Four ribbon snakes in an azalea



PHOTO BY KATHRYN BEARD

Birds not of a feather? A turtle, ducks and a cormorant share a branch.

Relics Rock the Church! October 24 1-3 pm



(Rain Date October 31)
Old-time Rock and Roll concert to benefit Help By Phone food Pantry
Concert is all outdoors. Please bring a chair and money or non-perishable food to support Help By Phone Food Pantry.

Greenbelt Community Church, 1 Hillside

Donate Sneakers For People in Need

The Board of Congregational Life at Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ (GCC) is collecting athletic shoes by partnering with GotSneakers. This sneaker recycling program helps to keep sneakers out of landfills, where they have harmful effects on the environment, and will send the sneakers to countries where the poor often go barefoot out of necessity. For more information about GotSneakers, go to their website at GotSneakers.com.

A donation box for sneakers is located outside the Fellowship Center (the small building behind the church) for people to drop off name-brand and off-brand laced-up sneakers with no tears inside or outside.



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were started about 10 years ago by CHEARS (the Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society), and Levner has been working in the garden since September 2018.

Another volunteer, Francis Stedman, said, "Volunteering here is easy for me because I was always attracted to the spot. It affords me time for introspection, to design and create things, and I wanted to give back." Sampling one of the grapes, Stedman said, "They are unusual and exquisite. To me it tastes like a wild grape. Your initial instinct is that it will be sour and then you realize, wow!" To Levner, the grapes taste like champagne.

Volunteers have decorated the place with arches and planted flowers. Poems by Rumi, Shakespeare, Robert Frost and others are hung here and there. Folks meet to talk about poetry once a month, on the third Sunday from 5 to 7 p.m.

"This garden is not just for growing vegetables. This is an inviting home, for people to come and express their feelings. People feel they can trust each other, a kind of society where people feel safe. The psychological impact of this garden is something more spiritual. People who are immigrants and feel like strangers, we try to break all these barriers. Each of us has our own story and our own background, but we can feel comfortable here," said Levner, who was born in Tehran and lived in Israel and England before coming to America. She lives near the park.

As the morning passed, Amesale Megenasa (from Ethiopia) and Roda Abdi (from Somalia) arrived with a picnic. Megenasa spread a blanket under an oak tree, brought out a small burner and began to roast raw coffee beans in the fragrant Ethiopian coffee ceremony. She said, "We came to walk in the park, and met Effie who invited us to the garden. If you have time you can volunteer. Since that day, we have volunteered three days a week or more. We enjoyed learning and working together with so many people for the community."

When a ripe melon disappeared, Stedman (from St. Lucia) opined, "It demonstrates that people are interested in the garden. One of the things we've talked about is fencing to keep out deer. We plant and nature nurtures. The birds come for the sunflower seeds, the bees come to



PHOTO BY MELISSA SITES

From left, Francis Stedman, Effie Levner, Sheldon Semper, Roda Abdi, Amesale Megenasa and Monique Johnson attend the event.

pollinate and nature is in charge. One of the things that draws me is to interact with people from different backgrounds, but we all have a singular motive, to take care of this plot."

Sheldon Semper (from Trinidad) pointed out a green tree frog in a hazelnut bush, where they had watched a monarch chrysalis hatch into its adult form. Two young children roamed the garden, one an Afghani girl with her mother nearby. Levner speaks Farsi to them and provided the little girl with a bicycle.

Stedman noted, "The poetry that is strategically placed around the garden grabbed me and piqued my interest." The poem Desiderata by Max Ehrmann had been a favorite of Stedman's since childhood. "It taught me about life, dealing with myself, and with my environment and circumstances. Here, somebody labored, somebody unknown did something that I'm benefiting from. Maybe I could be that somebody, maybe unknown - but I could contribute and make a difference. Bringing people into the garden, one person could be inspired to do what we have done. We should take time applauding Effie. I was sitting over there on the bench and she came up and invited me to the garden. She has a way about her, like a streetlight: we are moths drawn to her. She has passion and commitment. It motivates you. We are compelled when we see the amount of energy she puts into it, we become part of it and we hope that it endures."

Volunteer Monique Johnson summed up by saying, "We are volunteers, but it's a mini UN."

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around the gardens. The limbing effort is close to fruition, with the last work to be done soon at the Gardenway plots. Shading continues to exist despite these measures.

Davis laid out her reasons for her amendment of the action plan, without which she would not support the plan, which she acknowledged as "well thought out." She expressed concern over the possible waning of volunteer effort, which is essential to the plan's success, as the city could not afford to take on the total cost itself. She also indicated the uncertainty of future developments that might call for a major shift in approach or perhaps a termination.

The majority of council agreed with a phased approach as the best way forward for all parties.

Assistant Director of Parks Brian Townsend said that he felt that phasing was always the plan, saying that he expected the process to take at least four to five years.

Roberts stressed again his opposition to the project. He cited the frailty of the city's green spaces and their essential job in combatting climate change. With

proposals like the maglev train, which could decimate large sections of the Preserve, the need to keep what the city has is even greater. He feared that any substantial removal of trees would set a precedent for even more in the future.

Forest Preserve board member Mary Ann Canter expressed her dissatisfaction with the plan as well. She was troubled by the number of trees to be cut which she calculated as 1.89 acres, calling it a nightmare. She also was concerned about the budget costs.

City Attorney Todd Pounds informed that the forest stewardship guidelines do not indicate an "absolute prohibition" on the type of steps that the action plan recommends. The question remains how that maintenance will be carried out.

Davis stated that depending on the effect of the still-to-be-agreed-upon Phase One, it may be a year or two before a Phase Two will even be warranted.

Byrd said that the introduction of Davis' amendment provided a "more appealing posture" to this issue, saying that while not ideal, it is a way to move forward and get something accomplished.

Kristen Weaver

for City Council

Bridging Neighborhoods | Building Community

I will be a voice to help bridge neighborhoods and to build community across all Greenbelt. As a city, we need to:

- Reduce the city's carbon footprint while planning for resilience in the face of climate change
- Support economic recovery through thoughtful development
- Proactively pursue equity, fair practices, and justice in city policies - including policing - and promote diversity and inclusion among leadership, staff, and all who represent the city
- Expand and improve parks and recreation opportunities across the city

www.KristenForCouncil.us
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By authority of Kristen Weaver for City Council, Hally Ahearn, Treasurer

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St. Hugh's Church

17th Annual

Oktoberfest

Saturday

October 16, 2021

12 PM - 4 PM

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Help Unite Greenbelt

OCTOBER 10, 2021
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RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness) appreciates the HELP UNITE GREENBELT WITH A LITTLE KINDNESS (HUG WALK) sponsors:

- Boxwood Village Civic Association
- Butterfly Brigade
- CASA
- The Catholic Community of Greenbelt
- Center for Dynamic Community Governance, Inc
- Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS)
- Connecting Across Greenbelt
- Domestic Inspiration Festively Remixed
- Eleanor Roosevelt Democratic Club
- Eleanor Roosevelt High School Sunrise Hub
- Fieldstone Properties (Franklin Park)
- Friends of the Greenbelt Museum
- Girl Scout Troop 23007
- Greenbelt Access Television (GATE)
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- Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee
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- Greenbelt East Advisory Committee
- Greenbelt Elementary School PTA
- Greenbelt Golden Age Club
- Greenbelt Lions Club
- Greenbelt Station Homeowners Association
- Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association (GILA)
- Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES)
- Greenbelt National Park
- Greenbelt News Review
- Greenbelt People Power
- Greenbelt PORCH
- Greenbelt Pottery Group
- GreenBELT PRIDE
- Greenbelt Racial Equity Alliance (GREA)
- Greenbelt Time Bank
- Greenbelt Unplugged
- Greenbelt Volksmarchers
- Help By Phone
- Impactful Fellowship of Greenbelt
- Interfaith Conference of Greater Washington Makerspace
- Mishkan Torah Congregation
- Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
- Old Greenbelt Theatre
- Prince George's Peace and Justice Coalition
- Rivers of Life AME Church
- The Rotary Club of Greenbelt
- RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness)
- Soka Gakkai International-USA
- The SPACE: Free Art for All
- St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church
- Venturing Crew 746
- Voices Rising
- Zero Waste Circle

From Our Readers



PHOTO COURTESY FELIX GASCHICK

Felix Gaschick reads the News Review in Marseille, France, during the IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) World Congress.



PHOTO BY SUSAN CAHILL

It took special equipment to remove this huge Red Oak from the grounds of the Greenbelt Community Church on Friday, September 17.

HUG WALK Sunday

The annual HUG WALK (Help Unite Greenbelt With A Little Kindness) will be held on Sunday, October 10, rain or shine.

All Greenbelters are invited to participate in this event, joining the walk in any of the Greenbelt neighborhoods noted below and continuing through the city. There is no cost except the energy and spirit of each individual joining in with their neighbors from across the city.

Walk Schedule

The walk begins in Greenbelt Station. 1 p.m., gather at the Indian Creek Trail bridge at Greenbelt Station; 1:30 p.m., walk step-off; 2 p.m., walk continues from Springhill Lake Recreation Center; 2:30 p.m., join the walk at Buddy Attick Park; 3 p.m., join the walk at Roosevelt Center; 3:30 p.m., join the walk at Greenbriar Community Center; 4 p.m., join the walk at Windsor Green Community Center; 4:30 p.m., walk concludes at Schrom Hills Park.

Parking will be available at Beltway Plaza in the lot behind the mall, next to the Shell station on Cherrywood Lane. The Greenbelt Connection will provide shuttle service from each of the join-in locations as needed. Non-perishable food items can be dropped off at each join-in location for the St. Hugh's Food Pantry. Walkers will need to adhere to local Covid-19 guidelines in place at the time of the event.

The walk currently has about 60 co-sponsors – individuals and social, civic and religious organizations – many of whom will have informational tables at the end of the walk.

For more information, contact RUAK at spreadruak@gmail.com or Robert Goldberg-Strassler at 301-345-8755.

All Greenbelters are invited to participate in the HUG WALK in whatever way they choose: as a walker or by cheering on neighbors as they walk by. Walkers can show their city pride by wearing Greenbelt apparel such as a Greenbelt is Great shirt, a Greenbelt sports team uniform or other item.

City Notes

Animal Control and the Aquatic & Fitness Center hosted the annual Pooch Plunge. An abandoned dog and a gecko lizard joined four dogs, six cats, a kitten and a rabbit in the Animal Shelter.

Refuse/Recycling collected 30.56 tons of refuse and 11.50 tons of recyclables. Sustainability/Environmental organized National Public Lands Day activities. Seventeen volunteers removed invasive plant species and planted natives at the Firefly Sanctuary. Building Maintenance installed purple lights at city buildings for National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Recreation staff and park rangers facilitated an outdoor movie night at Greenbelt Station. The Youth Center risked a Teen Takeover, and Springhill Lake Recreation Center hosted Friday Night Family Futsal as well as CARES education programs in the Clubhouse.

Therapeutic Recreation and park rangers assisted Golden Agers in-person bingo at Schrom Hills Park. Frozen meals were delivered to 31 seniors.

CARES' Liz Park attended an eviction prevention event, connecting with state legislators on housing issues.



GIVES Seeks Yard Work Volunteers

Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) is a volunteer organization that helps Greenbelters who need assistance, mainly senior citizens, to live independently in their own homes. Services provided include yard work, transportation to medical and other appointments, shopping and errands, home repairs, respite care and some housekeeping. More information can be found at givesgreenbelt.org. Volunteers are needed who are willing to do yard work – raking leaves, weeding and mowing. If interested in helping to provide this service to people who need help, email givesoffice@gmail.com with your name and phone number.



County Has Rent Help

Prince George's County is offering rent relief because of Covid-19. The county's 2021 Emergency Rental Assistance Program will help eligible applicants with payment assistance for rent and utilities. Landlords may also apply on behalf of their tenants. Applications will be accepted until funds are out. To apply and for more information visit hcd.mypgc.us and click on "Emergency Rental Assistance Program."



City Council Candidate Forum

Greenbelt Homes Inc. is hosting a virtual City Council Candidate Forum on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. This is an opportunity to meet the candidates as well as hear their thoughts on issues that are important to GHI members and our fellow neighbors. We are inviting residents to provide questions for consideration which may be asked during the forum. Please submit them to vicepresident@ghi.coop by October 8th. This event is sponsored by GHI with broadcasting support from Greenbelt Access Television (GATE).

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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltmd.gov/police.

Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery

September 23, 8:54 p.m., 6011 Springhill Lane. Four men wearing masks approached a food delivery driver who was attempting to make a delivery. One man placed a gun to the driver's head and demanded money and the food. He complied and the men left on foot.

September 25, 6:47 p.m., 5423 Stream Bank Lane. A person was robbed by three men on the Indian Creek Trail and personal property was taken.

September 26, 8 p.m., 6000 Greenbelt Road. A man was robbed at knife point and assaulted by five men behind Beltway Plaza.

Assault

September 24, 10:33 p.m., 6000 Greenbelt Road. An Uber driver was assaulted after his passenger attempted to discuss religion with him. The driver refused and pulled over to end the ride with the unruly passenger, who then assaulted him before he fled.

Theft

September 25, 2:30 p.m., 7700 block of Hanover Parkway. A red KHS mountain bike was stolen.

September 29, 1:20 a.m., 120 block of Westway. A package was found opened and the contents were missing.

Burglary

September 29, 1:47 p.m., 5921 Cherrywood Terrace. A woman found her front door open when she arrived home and personal property was missing.

Vehicle Crime

Six vehicles were stolen, three of which were recovered by Prince George's County Police. They are a 2015 Nissan Sentra, stolen from 20 Court of Southway on September 26; a black 2011 Honda Crosstour, taken from 7927 Mandan Road on September 27; and a Toyota Corolla, stolen from 6460 Capitol Drive on September 28.

The other three vehicles that were stolen are a green 2000 Honda Civic with Virginia tags XHL7932, taken from 17 Ridge Road; a 2015 Nissan Sentra with Maryland plates 6CG6973, taken from 20 block of Southway; and a black 2011 Honda Crosstour with Maryland tags 9DY8540, taken from 7927 Mandan Road.

Catalytic converters were stolen from 20 Ridge Road, 133 Westway and 6115 Breezewood Road.

A registration sticker was removed at 9230 Springhill Lane and rear Maryland tag 1DL8233 was taken from 6023 Springhill Drive.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter.

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Windshields were broken at 13 Court Hillside Road and in the 200 block of Lakeside Drive.

An auto and a food truck and trailer in the 8100 block of Miner Street were vandalized. Two driver's side tires on the trailer were flattened and the air release caps were found to be missing, the driver's side mirror was damaged, cables were cut, and the generator box was dented and broken.

A vehicle at 6460 Capitol Drive was found to have scratches on both sides of it and the top of the trunk, in addition, an unknown sticky substance was put on the driver's side keyhole.

DUI Accident

An impaired driver crashed into nine parked vehicles in the parking lot of the 9100 block of Springhill Lane on September 26. The driver was so intoxicated he was not able to complete any field sobriety tests. He was charged with driving a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, driving a vehicle while impaired by alcohol, driving a vehicle so far impaired by alcohol cannot drive safely, driving motor vehicle on highway without required license and authorization, and other payable citations.

PFC Yomayra Rodriguez Receives Award for Saving a Life in 2020

On September 29, Patrolman First Class Yomayra Rodriguez received the Lifesaving Award certificate for her actions at a call in March 2020.

According to the police, Greenbelt Police officers were dispatched to 7607 Greenbelt Road on March 12, 2020, for the report of an injured person. Officers located the victim, who was disoriented and bleeding profusely due to a laceration to his head. Attempts to control the bleeding were unsuccessful and the victim's level of consciousness was diminishing. An ambulance arrived at the scene, but it was evident that one EMT would not be able to manage the situation alone. Rodriguez boarded the ambulance and continued applying pressure to the victim's wound until they arrived at University of Maryland Prince George's Hospital Center's trauma room, by which time Rodriguez was covered in blood but the victim was still alive, an outcome which would not have happened without her help.

At the same awards ceremony, Officer Ronald Joyner received a letter of commendation for his response to an assault call and Lieutenant Jermaine Gullede was promoted to captain overseeing the patrol division.



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On Wednesday, September 29, PFC Yomayra Rodriguez, left, is given the Lifesaving Award for her actions at a call in March of 2020.

Our Voices Have Been Heard!

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~ Colin Byrd for City Council ~

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GHI Board of Directors Seeks to Fill Vacant Board Member Position

Chris Carbone resigned from the GHI Board of Directors with effect from September 24, 2021. He served as an Audit Committee member during 2020-21 and was elected to the Board last May. We thank him for his contributions to GHI.

The Board proposes to fill the vacant position in accordance with Article V. Directors §3. Vacancies of the GHI Bylaws which state as follows:

- Vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled by the remaining membership of the Board, after notice of the vacancies is publicized by the Board of Directors and a two-week period is provided for submission of suggested names of candidates to the Board.
- If a vacancy on the Board shall occur, the Board shall, by a plurality of fifty percent or more of the remaining directors of the Corporation, name a member of the Corporation to fill the vacant directorship until the next regular annual meeting of the members.

The Powers and Duties of the GHI Board of Directors are specified in the GHI bylaws and can be seen at <https://www.ghi.coop/content/v-directors>. GHI members who are interested in being considered for the position should inform GHI's Management Office, no later than **Tuesday October 12, 2021**. This can be done either by submitting your names **in writing** via e-mail to mgmtooffice@ghi.coop, by regular mail or in person to Altoria Ross at GHI's Management Office, 1 Hamilton Place, Greenbelt, MD 20770

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good recommendations regarding police reform, and they have a right to their own perspective on the issue. But, very respectfully, they are incorrect to suggest that the committee's membership reflects the diversity of the beautiful mosaic that is Greenbelt.

Mayor Colin Byrd

Considerate Candidates

I was so proud of our council candidates posing in full mask for their picture at the Municipal Building for the News Review so as to protect one and all from Covid-19. As you know, one can't be too careful where Covid-19 is concerned. Perhaps one of them will see fit to suggest bringing back those lovely posters of masked Greenbelters that once adorned Southway and Mandan.

Trudy Croyeur

Covid-19: City Needs Consistent Rules

It was nice to see something resembling normalcy at the Greenbelt Blues Festival on September 25. The attendance was better than before "the lost years," yet one could not help but notice the attendees' dutiful masking and social distancing (or lack

thereof). For the most part, very few masks were worn outdoors.

Unfortunately, we are in a time of a patchwork of rules, precautions and enforcement, based more on superstition than science. Co-op continues their mask mandate. The theater just doubled down on masking. The Community Center is still taking temperatures, and asking whether you are ill today – but one can avoid the questions if one signs an affidavit (a promissory note) saying they won't come to class if they feel ill. Of course, the city's pool has different standards. New Deal Café has seemingly set their own patchwork of rules: A performer listed a future performance date there putting their patrons on notice. "Covid precautions: to attend, vaccinations are required or a negative 48-hour covid test." BTW, does that mean that if one meets the entrance requirements, that a mask becomes optional? Probably not. County rules do not make exceptions for vaccine or negative test. Meanwhile, the rule for getting coffee in the front of the Café is simply masking.

As a beginning, and in the name of consistent local governance, the Greenbelt City Council needs to clean up rules and standards within the city. The city should have consistent rules

whether going into Public Works, city offices, pool, rec center, Community Center or other city operations. Consistency gives clarity and comfort to some, while inconsistent rules and enforcement kills all confidence in the rules while the rule makers are made to look like fools.

Frank Kayser

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I wrote about another big GHS reunion, there's a photo of Marilyn with her next-door neighbor Lois DeJager and two other GHS grads who all grew up together in 58 Court. In my researching for this article about Marilyn, native Greenbelter Bill Morrison (son of one of our early mayors) led me to an article Marilyn herself had written (while still in high school) about her family's first year in Greenbelt. The article first appeared in the Cooperator of September 29, 1944, and was reprinted on page 40 of the 25th Anniversary booklet of the City of Greenbelt, 1937-1962, under the caption "Early Life in Greenbelt."

At our reunions and in other visits with Marilyn, our reminiscences tended to be about old times and those we knew long ago. I realized I didn't actually know much about Marilyn's career after high school, and was fortunate to be put in touch – by email – with her sons Leonard and Martin Spiegel and daughter Leila Costantino. So it is through their kind responses that I now know that Marilyn, true to her family DNA and even the prophecy in the 1945 Pylon, had a wonderful life and career.

Marilyn had multiple degrees from several colleges, most from Roosevelt College of Chicago. Her first jobs were as a social worker and kindergarten teacher. At some point in her early career she had begun using the name "Masha." In 1953 she was married to Harry Spiegel, who died in 1972. The family lived first in Washington, D.C., and in 1962 moved to Kensington. Education was always a priority with Marilyn; even in retirement, she took more courses at the University of Maryland. She started a counseling service in Kensington and

GIVES Needs People To Help Deliver Food

Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) is in need of a volunteer team of two members to deliver food from the food bank to Greenbelt East every third Thursday. The teams meet at 12:30 p.m. to pick up the food at the Community Center. Delivery time usually takes about an hour.

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taught psychology at Montgomery Junior College. She was one of the founding members and the first teacher at the Jewish Day School now named for Charles E. Smith and located in Rockville. She taught there for a number of years. In retirement, she traveled, joined book clubs and other social clubs and enjoyed the arts, always making new friends. About a year ago, she moved permanently from Kensington to the Florida home she'd inherited at her father's death in 1998.

I learned that Marilyn's father, in retirement in Florida, had been editor of his condo's newsletter. Marilyn, too, loved to write; son Leonard sent me a sample of a few of her essays – so original, and with a touch of humor. He even sent a copy of the CD which Marilyn had recorded of her parents' early lives in Greenbelt. The Greenbelt Museum also has a copy. It's comforting to know that through the Museum's records and the News Review archives, memories of Marilyn have been preserved, along with those of old Greenbelt High.

The story of Marilyn Maryn in her Greenbelt years, taken from the Cooperator archives, will appear in next week's issue.

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County Councilmember Todd Turner are working together to help residents facing eviction to obtain assistance. While apartment management has reached out to residents who are behind in their rent, Ard said, some have not been responsive.

Vehicle Purchase

There was an unusually lively discussion of a proposal to purchase a hybrid SUV for Animal Control. Their van no longer works and their SUV is frequently in the shop for repairs. Although the city is generally purchasing electric vehicles to reduce its carbon footprint, Assistant Director of Public Works Brian Townsend said that when the vehicle is in the shop, Public Works has not always been able to supply a replacement vehicle.

Townsend said that currently available electric vehicles are too small to accommodate the kennels needed for transporting animals and that the hybrid vehicle was the best option he could find. Further, Townsend said that all electric SUVs are new to the market so there is no secondhand market and that no new electric SUVs are currently available.

John Lippert and Steve Skolnik of GreenACES objected to purchasing a gas-powered vehicle. Lippert said hybrids are just efficient gasoline vehicles. Skolnik called on council to keep fixing the existing SUV until it can find an all-electric vehicle that meets Animal Control's needs. With the city replacing its vehicles every 10 years, this purchase ensures that the city will be burning gasoline for that long, he argued.

After an extensive discussion council authorized the purchase on a 5 to 2 vote, with Byrd and Councilmember Rodney Roberts opposed.

Petitions

Bill Orleans asked council to reconsider the eviction moratorium that was proposed but not passed.

Captioning

Councilmember Emmett Jordan asked what staff is doing regarding the accommodations for hearing-impaired residents wishing to watch council meetings. The city is currently relying on closed captioning, which is often inaccurate. Ard said staff will be working on that but that in the meanwhile, residents can request an accommodation in advance such as sign-language interpretation. She noted that information about reasonable accommodations is listed on each agenda and in the agenda published in this newspaper.



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Addition - Backs to Woodlands Completely remodeled throughout; half bath on main level. Zoned HVAC system. Fenced yard, shed & raised deck.

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Upper Level One Bedroom GHI home with full sized washer and dryer in separate room. Hardwood finished hardwood flooring throughout. Nice!

2 BR Townhome Remodeled GHI home w/ new carpet fresh paint & ceramic bath. Don't miss this one!

Full Attached Inlaw apartment 5 BR, 4 Bath home w/ large lot. Elevator to back porch. 2 Full kitchens, generator, fireplace & more.

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New Pop-up Library Comes To The SPACE in Beltway Plaza

by Melissa Sites

Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGC-MLS) announces a new Pop-up Library at The SPACE run by Shaymar Higgs in Beltway Plaza. The new pop-up includes 400 books for children, younger readers, elementary students and teens. The collection features books about black artists and inventors, Spanish graphic novels such as *Hombre Perro* (Dogman) and curated books for The SPACE about making art and coding. Higgs reports that because many Latinx people visit The SPACE, several books in Spanish have gone out already.

Two state-of-the-art laptops provide online access at the Pop-up Library. Rebecca Oxley, librarian at Greenbelt Library, said these laptops will log in securely and privately to Wi-Fi, provided by a grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation, and will enable users to sign up for a virtual library card to get access to digital services and resources.

Because the county libraries were closed during the pandemic, Oxley said, "People were cut off from vital access to Wi-Fi and reliable computer services. So much of everything we do is online now, and people couldn't get access. The more we learned about the needs and dreams of people who visit The SPACE the more this project has expanded."

Some of these resources include: Brainfuse Job Now, which helps people connect with employment opportunities; Mango Languages, an award-winning language software that helps all ages learn any of 70 languages; Brainfuse Help Now, which offers free tutoring to children; Spanish-language resources such as Lectorum by Makemake, including literacy tools for children; Kids Achieve Club, offering free tutoring; English conversation club suitable for teens and adults; and a local Spanish Café a Las Cuatro, which connects people to resources and services in the community for Spanish speakers.

"The Library would like to bring original programming to The SPACE" when pandemic conditions allow, Oxley added. These could include STEM programs for elementary age children, bilingual story times for young children and wellness programs for families. "Wellness is part of the Library strategic vision," Oxley said, noting Higgs' track record of providing wellness programming at The SPACE. Higgs responded that licensed therapist René Hood will be leading Restorative Chair Yoga at The SPACE on Saturday, October 23.

"Shaymar has been an enthusiastic partner in developing this project," Oxley said of Higgs, the 2021 Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen. Higgs is looking forward to developing a coffee shop and community lounge which he calls the Third Space, which will accommodate live programming including spoken word. Of the Free Market at The SPACE, Higgs says, "We're going to replace the shelves with taller shelves."

To increase online access, Greenbelt Library will be lending out 25 Chromebooks with unlimited data for three-week periods to adult users with library



Shaymar Higgs, left, and Rebecca Oxley pose in front of the new library collection at The SPACE.

cards in good standing. Another amazing library program is Books from Birth, funded by Dolly Parton's Imagination Foundation, which mails a free book every month from birth to age 5 to any child with a Prince George's County address, regardless of citizenship status.

"I'm very much looking forward to the in-person programming that we'll be able to bring [to The SPACE], increasing people's cultural knowledge about the library," Oxley said. "The library system as we know it in the U.S. is different from in other countries. Un-

documented people are welcome. Everybody is welcome! Our goal is to allow everyone to flourish, to pursue opportunities, hopes and dreams, and it doesn't cost a thing."



Award-winning books from the library collection at The SPACE



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