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## Webb Space Telescope Has Greenbelt Dreams Built In

by Alise Fisher and Jonathan Gardner

*The James Webb Space Telescope, much of which was designed and built in Goddard Space Flight Center, will be the world's premier space science observatory. Right now, the telescope is moving into position for launch in French Guiana, and the NASA team, including Greenbelter Jonathan Gardner, is reflecting on the journey of getting it there. This is an excerpt, used with permission, from the Webb Blog, [blogs.nasa.gov/webb/](https://blogs.nasa.gov/webb/).*

October 28, 2022

**Journey to Kourou** (blog author Alise Fisher writes the introduction)

Congratulations to Arianespace on last weekend's launch of two communications satellites into geostationary transfer orbit aboard an Ariane 5.

The launch pad is now cleared to receive Webb, which has arrived at Europe's Spaceport in Kourou and has begun preparations for its



The James Webb Space Telescope inside the cleanroom at its launch site at Guiana Space Center

PHOTO BY CHRIS GUNN, COURTESY NASA

has imparted, here is the mission's deputy senior project scientist, Jonathan Gardner:

"As I watched the video of the Webb telescope being loaded into the hull of the MN Colibri ship and heading out to sea, I found myself almost in tears. I thought, 'If I am feeling this emotional now, what will launch be like?'"

"I've worked on the Webb project since 2002, almost 20 years. At the time that I was first walking my children to kindergarten, I helped to write down the science goals that were used to guide the design of Webb. Now, as my youngest child

applies to college, I can read the proposals that were selected for the first year of Webb science. Some of the details have changed, but the themes are the same: distant galaxies, forming stars, and planets. The 13.8-billion-year journey from the primordial material of the big

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## To Gobble Wobble around the Lake

by Kyla Hanington

I will just say that if it was called the Turkey Trot, I wouldn't have done it. But a Gobble Wobble? While I am not much for trotting, I am excellent at wobbling, so when I saw an advertisement for the city's Gobble Wobble, to be held on the morning of Thanksgiving Day, I hurried to sign up. I have lived in Greenbelt now for six years – this then my seventh Thanksgiving, my seventh opportunity to do the Gobble Wobble – but this

year was apparently the first time I found such an event enticing.

In that, I was not alone. There were record registrations this year with 238 people pre-registering, up from the average of 200 in years past, according to Andrew Phelan, sports and recreation coordinator with the City of Greenbelt. Three of those new registrations belonged to me and my children, Anja and

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PHOTO BY FINDLEY HOLLAND

Kyla, center, poses with her daughters Anja Hanington, left, and Findley Holland.

## Police Reform Vote Delayed: Council Seeks Unanimous Vote

by Matthew Arbach

Voting on police reform measures by the Greenbelt City Council stalled on Monday, November 22 due to issues with the resolution's wording. The wording was developed by Greenbelt Police Chief Richard Bowers and Assistant City Manager Timothy George, based on the language agreed upon at the November 15 worksession.

Bowers explained that the intent was to streamline the language to make it read more like a resolution and not to change the meaning. Yet, while most of the resolution was deemed acceptable, council felt that several clauses lacked vital information that was painstakingly conceived

at the worksession. Council voted to table the vote to the next meeting and to devote time at the December 1 worksession to rework the language, as well as further discuss reforms that had remained unresolved on November 15.

Frustration was the emotional consensus among council, as much effort and time had gone into the matter, along with a desire to vote the reforms into the Greenbelt Police Department's General Orders. Yet, council preferred a unanimous vote on the measures, something that seemed unlikely with the dissatisfaction

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PHOTO BY DENISE KNIGHT

Residents help to paint a mural in the Dog Park during Thankful Weekend at Franklin Park. See more photos on page 4.

## Our History Takes Center Stage In News Review Online Archive

by Tom Jones

Remember your Greenbelt friends, family and events of the 2010s, 1980s or 1960s? Thanks to the Greenbelt Archive Project, you can now view and search our community's entire history online.

The News Review office has maintained banks of metal file cabinets holding an archive of paper editions back to the founding of the newspaper, and Greenbelt itself, in 1937. But those carefully preserved copies won't last forever and are available through appointment only. It can take hours to research by reading each issue. As decades pass, old newsprint turns to dust.

The Greenbelt Archive Project was formed in 2018 to preserve the history in the News Review and Cooperator (as the paper was originally known). Volunteers carefully selected the best paper copy of each issue. Then a University of Maryland contractor and student scanned each issue, and created Portable Document Format (PDF) files from the electronic images, with Optical Character Recognition (OCR) so their contents can be easily searched using keywords. News Review staffer and board member Deanna

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### Ad Rate Notice

Effective January 1, 2022 the advertising rates will increase approximately 6 percent. This is the first increase since 2020 and is needed to offset increased costs.

The base price for display ads will increase to \$10.60.

The nonprofit rate will increase to \$7.40.

Volume discounts are also available. The full rate structure is available at [greenbeltnewsreview.com](https://greenbeltnewsreview.com).

### What Goes On

**Monday, December 6**  
8 p.m. City Council Worksession: Board of Elections  
**Wednesday, December 8**  
8 p.m. City Council Worksession: Franklin Park (tentative)

All meetings are virtual. See the meetings calendar at [greenbeltmd.gov](https://greenbeltmd.gov) for agendas and information on public participation in these meetings.



**Editorial**

# Carriers Bear Greetings

With this first December issue of the newspaper, the Greenbelt News Review is distributing an envelope that requests tips for carriers. To reward your carrier, place a tip in the envelope, stamp it and mail it to the carrier's address. If you write a check, make it out to the carrier using the name on the envelope – not to the newspaper. All tips go directly to the carriers.

Carriers are paid a nominal sum weekly, but this extra appreciation means a lot. Pay teaches carriers about money and the work ethic, and tips show the additional rewards that come from taking pride in being prompt, organized and careful.

Greenbelt's carriers grow up to become productive adults who take what they learn in this positive first work-world experience to stoke future successes. If your carrier is especially meticulous and reliable, delivers promptly and dependably and protects the newspaper from wind and rain, let them know how much they are appreciated.

Despite Covid-19 restrictions and schedule concerns this past year, all those distributing the paper have stuck to their guns and helped us get the paper out every week. Our circulation manager, Elizabeth Gardner, keeps the process on track. Delivery contractor Alan Burt is a key player who supplies carriers and fills boxes and racks. He has had to be flexible as organizations closed and then reopened their doors.

The holiday season gives all of us a chance to show appreciation and to provide encouragement for the efforts of these young people. The News Review thanks everybody involved for doing a great job, caring about the community and braving heat, cold and wet conditions to bring residents their papers.



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MON. 1:00 PM



Heading to the Art and Craft Fair for some new rings and bracelets

- Mira Willson

# Letters to the Editor

## Thanks from Fire Department Auxiliary

On behalf of Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, we would like to give a huge thank you to all sellers, vendors, friends and neighbors who helped make our indoor community yard sale a big success. We had a lot of wonderful people come through our doors with happy smiles that they were able to go to a yard sale safely again!

We would like to give an extra big thank you to Bob Rudd for his extremely generous donation to our ladies auxiliary. We thank Eldridge E. Brown and Carol Bellamy for their donation as well.

Also on Saturday, we had a big, fantastic bake sale table loaded with goodies on the Co-op ramp where many shoppers stopped to buy homemade goodies and buy they did! We sold out thanks to our wonderful community of terrific neighbors and friends.

Presently, our ladies auxiliary is starting to plan the next fabulous indoor community yard sale in April of 2022. An announcement will be forthcoming in plenty of time to make your table reservations.

Thank you to all our friends, neighbors, and our amazing City of Greenbelt for always supporting our fire department and ladies throughout the year. You are the best of the best.

*Kathy Reynolds*  
A proud member of Greenbelt VFD Ladies Auxiliary

## Thanks for the Tips

Thank you to Frank DeBernardo for his letter to the editor about the need for me to improve my political style. I agree that using more unifying rhetoric and being more cautious in how I respond when advocating for causes important to me and to the people of Greenbelt should be key aspects of my growth and development as a councilmember for the rest of my time in office and as a human being in general.

I look forward to continuing to serve under and learn from the leadership of Mayor Emmett Jordan. I also agree that I need to do a better job of building consensus among the diverse constituencies that make up Greenbelt. I appreciate Mr. DeBernardo's acknowledgement of my apology for my past mistakes, and I am likewise grateful for his instructions on how I might become a more effective political leader.

But, while I am definitely grateful to Mr. DeBernardo for his letter, I also know that he is not alone in his critique, so thank you also to any other Greenbelt residents who, publicly or privately, have offered critiques or will offer critiques so that I can better understand how to better serve and relate to you and our community as a whole. And, while I am fully aware that no one "owes" me any kindness, I am especially grateful for those of you who, like Mr. DeBernardo, have chosen or will choose to offer such critiques while using words that are not just wise enough to help steer me away from the wrong direction but also pleasant enough to be constructive rather than merely hurtful.

*Colin Byrd*  
Greenbelt City Councilmember

## Parkway Trash Problem

I want to draw attention to the lack of property safety and care that is taking place at 8-14 Parkway. This is an ongoing issue that seems to be getting increasingly worse. It's not only an eye sore, it's a health risk and devalues property. Such waste and lack of care invites and creates an environment where people feel free to litter and not care for the property. I have watched as this problem has increased over the past six months. It is sad. It's disgusting! Today there was medical waste out there along with all the garbage, carpets, furniture and cabinets. The further you walk along the back side of the building, you will find abandoned paint cans and windows and an

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## Letters Policy

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GNR external office door mail slot is located up a few stairs 25 yards left of the Community Center's east door near the municipal building.



# Community Events

## At the Library

Library hours are Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m.

### Library@The SPACE

Suggested Library programs for viewing on the laptops while visiting The SPACE are: Café a las Cuatro, Kids Achieve Club, English Conversation Club and Crafternoons. Suggested services to access on Library laptops include: Mango Languages, Brainfuse JobNow, Brainfuse HelpNow which offers live tutoring to students, and Spanish-language resources for children such as Lectorum by Make Make. All resources are completely free with a library card, and The SPACE continues to offer free WiFi as part of a generous ongoing grant from an outside partner. In-person indoor programming will eventually be offered at The SPACE when Covid-19 conditions permit. Future programs will include monthly bilingual Storytime sessions, STEM programs for kids and wellness programs for families.

### Library Services

The Library offers unlimited browsing, computers for extendable one-hour sessions with no appointment needed, printing/scanning self-service, self-check-out, staff assistance at the circulation and information desks, book drop for returning items, free study rooms (five small, one group) available for two-hour sessions per day and meeting room reservations for a fee.

The Library also has passport services, on an appointment basis. Applicants must schedule a 30-minute appointment by calling 240-455-5451 or visiting [pgmls.info/passport-services](http://pgmls.info/passport-services).

### Safety Measures

PGCMLS continues to require facemasks and physical distancing at its facilities until further notice, regardless of vaccination status. These additional library safety measures are available: plexiglass shields at service desks, hand sanitizer dispensers and single use keyboard and mouse covers.



## The Granite Building Open House, Dec. 5

On Sunday, December 5 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., the newly renovated and re-opened office building at 115 Centerway, now called The Granite Building, will hold an open house for the community.

Coinciding with the Greenbelt Farmers Market Holiday Market, this event will be an opportunity for interested community members to visit the building, see the renovations and meet the many new tenants who are setting up their businesses in The Granite Building.

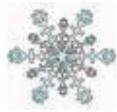
The Granite Building tenants include Old Greenbelt Family Health, Be Smart Homes, the MakerSpace tool lending library and many others. A complete list of tenants and more information about the building can be found on the website, [thegranitebuilding.com](http://thegranitebuilding.com).

## Shop With a Cop

The Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police Shop with a Cop will take place Saturday, December 18 at the Target Store located in Beltway Plaza.

This program partners needy children from the community with Greenbelt police officers, allowing the children to purchase Christmas presents for themselves as well as family members. Each child is allotted a budget of \$100 and is accompanied by Greenbelt police officers to make their purchases. The children are then brought back to a present wrapping party where they can enjoy lunch while they wrap their gifts. The children are selected to participate through nominations by their elementary school.

The program is funded through corporate sponsorship and community donations. Donations to fund this program are accepted by mail at: Greenbelt FOP, PO Box 94, Greenbelt, MD 20768 or by dropping them at the Police Station in an envelope marked Greenbelt FOP/Shop with a Cop. For further information, contact Sharnise Hawkins-Graham at 240-542-2138 or at [Shawkins-graham@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:Shawkins-graham@greenbeltmd.gov).



## Social Security Admin. Warns of Scams

The Social Security Administration (SSA) has issued a warning about ongoing scams related to Social Security numbers. The SSA notes that it will never threaten, scare or pressure anyone to take an immediate action. A call, text or email that threatens to suspend a Social Security number; warns of arrest or other legal action; demands immediate payment by gift card, prepaid debit card, internet currency or mailing cash; pressures for personal information; requests secrecy; threatens to seize a bank account; or promises to increase the Social Security benefit, is a scam.

Scammers may try to gain trust by providing fake documentation or evidence or giving the name of a real government official. Do not give money or personal information when threatened or pressured. Ignore the scammers – hang up and do not respond. Government employees will not threaten you or demand immediate payment.

Those receiving suspicious calls, texts or emails that mention Social Security can report them to the SSA Office of the Inspector General at [OIG.SSA.gov](http://OIG.SSA.gov).

## Winter Session Rec Activity Guide

Greenbelt Recreation has published its 2022 Winter Activity Guide. View the guide by going to [greenbeltmd.gov/recreation](http://greenbeltmd.gov/recreation) and clicking on Recreation Classes. The guide includes information about the winter session classes offered by Greenbelt Recreation, along with a variety of free activities including art activities and gallery shows, Black History Month events and the annual Winter Lights Festival. Resident registration began on November 29.

## GCAN Discusses Upcoming Legislation

The December meeting of the Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN) will take place via Zoom on Wednesday, December 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. The Zoom link is available at [chears.org/gcan](http://chears.org/gcan).

Participants will learn about five legislative campaigns coming up in Annapolis this January. First up will be Nina Cardin, director of the Maryland Campaign for Environmental Human Rights. She is working on the Amendment for Environmental Human Rights. The goal of the bill is to place in the Declaration of Rights of the state constitution an amendment that ensures that everyone, everywhere in Maryland, has the right to a healthful environment.

The next speaker will be Hope Clark, Maryland organizer, Climate XChange. Hope will represent the Rebuild Maryland Coalition. Their proposed legislation is the Climate Crisis and Environmental Justice Act. The act will promote Maryland's greenhouse gas reduction goals, help fund actions to reduce emissions, enhance resilience to climate impacts, help protect low-and-moderate income households from financial harm and provide assistance to county and municipal governments to develop local Climate Action Plans.

Third, Jennifer Kunze, Maryland program coordinator at Food & Water Watch, will explain the Reclaim Renewable Energy Act, which will ensure that all Maryland renewable energy subsidies through the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) go to energy that is actually clean and renewable, by taking trash incineration, methane production and other polluting energy sources out of the RPS.

The fourth speaker will be Laurie McGilvray, co-chair of the Climate Justice Wing of the Maryland Legislative Coalition, who will describe the 2022 Comprehensive Climate Package. The package represents bills that will be introduced in the Senate, likely as a single bill, and in the House as multiple bills. It includes climate legislation related to transportation, buildings, renewable energy, greenhouse gas reduction goals, methane accounting and environmental justice and equity.

Finally, Emily Scarr, director of Maryland PIRG, will explain the Maryland PFAS Protection Act, which strives to protect public health by stopping the use of PFAS (polyfluoroalkyls) in food packaging, rugs and carpets and fire-fighting foam, and banning the mass disposal of these chemicals by incineration and landfilling.

After the five speakers, the group will discuss ways that individuals can support these campaigns and the bills for the group to focus on.

The meeting will close with an overview of upcoming events. This calendar will be updated prior to the meeting at [chears.org/gcan/monthly-meetings/upcoming-events](http://chears.org/gcan/monthly-meetings/upcoming-events).

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

## Porch Food Collections: When, Where, How

Porch Greenbelt Food Collection (PGFC) is continuing the program to collect food in December as scheduled below:

- by 3 p.m. on Sunday, December 12 for Woodland Hills,
- by 11 a.m. on Sunday, December 12 at the 1-8 Courts Ridge, 1-8 Courts Crescent and 1-2 Courts Westway,
- between 2 and 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 19 for all of Boxwood Village, and
- between 9 and 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 25 for 14 and 15 Laurel Hill Courts.

Place donations in a box or bag labelled PORCH or RUAK on your front porch or other location that can be seen from the road. Also, make sure to check the expiration dates on all food items.

For anyone living in a neighborhood without the volunteer pickups noted above, email your address to [spreadruak@gmail.com](mailto:spreadruak@gmail.com), and your donation will be picked up at 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 19.

Of note, PGFC collected 442 pounds of food from Boxwood Village in November and thanks all of the Greenbelt residents who have made donations.

PGFC welcomes volunteers who would expand Porch Greenbelt to additional neighborhoods in Greenbelt. Anyone with questions or who is interested in being a volunteer or starting a new neighborhood for monthly food collection with Porch Greenbelt, contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler at [spreadruak@gmail.com](mailto:spreadruak@gmail.com).

## Give or Get Hats, Gloves and Scarves

Realty 1 is collecting and distributing hats, gloves and scarves. Anyone can give to or receive from Working Together to Keep Greenbelt Warm. Contact Linda Ivy at 301-675-0585 to donate or receive warm hats, gloves or scarves.

## Upcoming Blood Drives

As a result of low blood donor turnout in recent months, the Red Cross is heading into the holidays with its lowest blood supply in more than a decade at this time of year.

Appointments are no longer available for the blood drive hosted by Greenbelt Recreation at the Community Center on Friday, December 10.

The American Legion Post 136 is sponsoring a blood drive on Monday, January 3. Multiple appointment times are available, but they fill up fast. Find the drive and sign up at [redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive](http://redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive).

Later in January, and further afield, blood drives will be held at the Cheverly and Glenarden Community Centers.

## Library Hosts Clinic, Rapid Test Kits

In conjunction with the County Health Department, the Greenbelt Library will host a second-dose Covid-19 vaccination clinic on Saturday, December 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pfizer vaccines will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis, with no appointments required, for residents age 5 and up, including booster doses for eligible adults.


As of Wednesday, December 1, free Rapid Test Kits are available. Call 240-455-5451 or email [askalibrarian@pgcmls.info](mailto:askalibrarian@pgcmls.info) with questions.

## Poetry in the Garden

There will be a poetry reading on Sunday, December 12 from 3 to 5 p.m. at Three Sisters Garden East, Schrom Hills Park Club House, 6915 Hanover Parkway. Come bring a favorite poem to read, listen to others or just relax. Seating may be limited, so bring a chair if possible.

Call Effie Levner, coordinator of Three Sisters Garden East, 443-415-1053, with questions.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.



### Greenbelt Access Television

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11am	Greenbelt Newsreel	Local Community Programming
Noon	Democracy Now!	Today's Syndicated Program
1pm	PGCPS Science Bowl	MLK Jr v Robert Goddard Middle FINALS
2pm	Music at the New Deal	SAW Songwriters • Host Lynn Holyfield
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# Obituaries

## Thomas Simon

Thomas T. Simon (Tom) died on November 13, 2021, from complications of Parkinson's disease. He was born in Cumberland, Md., July 2, 1945, to Tom and Frances Tighe Simon while his father was in charge of German prisoners of war at the end of WWII. The family later moved to Missoula, Mont., where his father practiced law, and then to Washington, D.C., and College Park.

Tom graduated from Archbishop Carroll High School and St. John's University in Minnesota, and later received a master of arts in teaching degree from Oberlin College in Ohio. He enlisted in the U.S. Army, served in Munich, Germany, and then returned to the states to earn a master of arts in library science degree from Catholic University. After a couple of years as

a school librarian, he became a librarian for the Prince George's County Memorial Library System. He served in branches throughout the county, including Greenbelt, over 34 years, retiring as branch manager librarian at the Accokeek branch in 2009.

Tom married Barbara McGee, an artist and art teacher, in 1984 and they had their daughter Nora Simon in 1986. Tom was also the foster father of Barbara's first daughter, Julia Kender. Tom and Barbara were enthusiastic hikers and would frequently enjoy a stroll around Greenbelt Lake. Barbara died in 2016.

Tom was an enthusiastic cyclist, taking solo cycle tours of the Pacific Northwest, New England and the Canadian province of Nova Scotia. President of Boxwood Village, he was 76. The family will make arrangements at a later date.



PHOTO BY ERIC ZHANG

Tom Simon with his wife Barbara

# Thankful Weekend Festivities Celebrated at Franklin Park

by Denise Knight, Franklin Park General Manager

Last weekend at Franklin Park was filled with a lot of giving and good cheer as there were three different Thanksgiving food giveaways throughout the community along with the Dog Park Mural Painting event.

The food distributions were sponsored and conducted by councilmember Ric Gordon, Impact Fellowship and Unfair Advantage nonprofit groups, and the Platinum Rollers along with the Greenbelt Police Department.

The following councilmembers were in attendance to check out the new Dog Park in Franklin Park and to support the food drives: Mayor Emmett Jordan,

Judith Davis, Ric Gordon, Silke Pope and Kristen Weaver.

A mural painting event was held to celebrate the opening of the new Dog Park. Residents had a great time as they participated in the painting process led by award-winning local artist Luther Wright from LW Arts & Designs. The mural is almost finished and pictures will be available once the finishing touches are completed.

Those in attendance demonstrated a high level of positive energy which was much appreciated during this time of Thanksgiving.



We were saddened to hear of the death on November 13 of longtime Greenbelter, avid hiker, cyclist and librarian, Tom Simon. Condolences to his family and friends.

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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Volunteers distribute food at the Thankful Weekend at Franklin Park.

- Photos by Denise Knight

## Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present. You write it or we will if you prefer. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.



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December 5 10 a.m.

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And, as always, if you have a joy or sorrow that you would like shared aloud during this service, please email it to [joys-sorrows@pbuuc.org](mailto:joys-sorrows@pbuuc.org) by noon on Friday.

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**City Notes**

Street Maintenance/Specials Details hung Winter Festival of Lights banners throughout the city and Horticulture/Parks decorated Roosevelt Center with holiday lights.

Refuse/Recycling collected 28.09 tons of refuse and 10.01 tons of recyclables.

Fleet Maintenance reorganized the auto shop and installed three salt spreaders.

Three dogs and seven cats spent Thanksgiving in the Animal Shelter.

Recreation published the Winter 2022 Activity Guide.

Recreation and park rangers organized the annual Thanksgiving Gobble Wobble race at Buddy Attick Park.

Springhill Lake Recreation Center hosted a food distribution event and supported CARES education programs in the Clubhouse.

Therapeutic Recreation delivered meal packs to seniors the day before Thanksgiving.

The Aquatic & Fitness Center began receiving Toys-for-Tots donations and continued collecting feminine products for the Greenbelt Alliance for Reproductive Freedom. Lockers are again available for patrons.

Arts initiated online shopping for the Juried Art and Craft Fair at [greenbeltmd.gov/craft](http://greenbeltmd.gov/craft).

**Tales and Traditions**

Was there a special story your family told when you gathered together? Share it with us. Are there some well-remembered customs, rituals or recipes passed down that you continue to this day, perhaps delivering sweets such as mango kaju katli for Diwali to a neighbor or a family member? Tell us about them.

Sunday, December 19 from 2 to 3:30 p.m., Connecting Across Greenbelt and RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness) will co-host a Zoom get-together to share unforgettable stories.

Everyone has a tale to tell. You can share it in any form you choose: ASL, dance, native language, song, spoken word. Children are encouraged to join in, either with a recollection or an expectation such as something they are particularly looking forward to. All are welcome to make new memories from those sharing precious moments as we are introduced to each other's traditions or a cherished childhood memory. Food traditions tied to this time of year are also welcome. Send recipes to [connectingacrossgreenbelt.org](mailto:connectingacrossgreenbelt.org).

All storytellers are asked to pre-register at <https://bit.ly/GBTales> (it is case sensitive, so use the capital letters). This will help make sure everyone will get enough time to share their tale as well as facilitate communication with participants. One need not register to attend.

Contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler at [spreadruak@gmail.com](mailto:spreadruak@gmail.com) with questions. The Zoom link and further information will be shared via various community calendars and the Connecting Across Greenbelt website listed above.



# 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.*

**VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR DECEMBER 6-10**

Monday, December 6 at 8:00pm, **WORK SESSION – BOARD OF ELECTIONS**, Virtual meeting will be shown on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and streaming at [greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv)

Tuesday, December 7 at 7:00pm, **ARTS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**, On the Agenda: Visit [greenbeltmd.gov](http://greenbeltmd.gov) for agenda and more information

Tuesday, December 7 at 7:00pm, **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**, On the Agenda: Committee Procedures & Policy, Community Policing, Roadside Signage Proliferation & Affect on Public Safety

Tuesday, December 7 at 7:00pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**, On the Agenda: Minutes of October 2021, Planning for Principals' Meeting - January 25, 2022, Grants Program Discussion, AOB

Wednesday, December 8 at 7:00pm, **MAGLEV TASK FORCE MEETING**, On the Agenda: Open Discussion, Updates, Brainstorming Ways to Build Support for the "No Build" Option

Wednesday, December 8 at 7:30pm, **WORK SESSION – FRANKLIN PARK AT GREENBELT STATION**, Virtual meeting will be shown on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and streaming at [greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv)

Wednesday, December 8 at 8:00pm, **WORK SESSION – TBD**, Virtual meeting will be shown on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and streaming at [greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv)

Thursday, December 9 at 7:30pm, **COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD**, On the Agenda: Visit [greenbeltmd.gov](http://greenbeltmd.gov) for agenda and more information

*In advance, the hearing impaired is 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](mailto: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 [greenbeltmd.gov](http://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 Elections
- Park & Recreation Advisory Board
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee

For more information call 301-474-8000

**WINTER 2022 ACTIVITY GUIDE**

Now Available Online

Register at <https://bit.ly/3o6r0A1>

Classes begin the week of January 3, 2022

**GREENBELT JURIED ART AND CRAFT FAIR**

Shop online: November 26–December 19

Shop in person: Saturday, December 4: 10:00am–5:00pm Sunday, December 5: 10:00am–4:00pm

Greenbelt Community Center and Youth Center Live music both days

Visit [greenbeltmd.gov/craft](http://greenbeltmd.gov/craft), launching 11/26

Sign up to volunteer at <https://bit.ly/3bx9E8v>



**BAKE AND WREATH SALE**

Sunday, December 5 10:00am–2:00pm

Greenbelt Co-Op Ramp

\$20.00 per wreath

Proceeds benefit the Greenbelt Animal Shelter



**DECEMBER DAYS**

A VIDEO CELEBRATION OF ACTIVITIES AND TRADITIONS, FEATURING FUN THINGS TO LEARN, MAKE, AND DO



**DECEMBER DAYS**

A holiday sampler series highlighting a delightful variety of topics and the vibrant diversity of Greenbelt.

Watch the December Days video series on:

[greenbeltmd.gov/recreation](http://greenbeltmd.gov/recreation)

Greenbelt Recreation Facebook

City of Greenbelt Facebook

Greenbelt Access Television (GATE) on Verizon FiOS 19, Comcast 77, and [greenbeltaccessstv.org](http://greenbeltaccessstv.org)

**FISCAL YEAR 2023 RECOGNITION GROUP APPLICATIONS & RECOGNITION GROUP POLICY AND INFORMATION GUIDE**

Available Online at [greenbeltmd.gov](http://greenbeltmd.gov)

For more information, call 240-542-2196 or email [cpracht@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:cpracht@greenbeltmd.gov)

**COUNCIL RETREAT – TEAM BUILDING**

Saturday, December 4 (in-person) 9:30am-2:00pm

Municipal Building Council Chambers

All attendees must have proof of vaccination to attend.



**DECEMBER FREE HOLIDAY FOOD BOX DISTRIBUTION**

Monday, December 20 1:00pm–4:00pm

Springhill Lake Recreation Center, Greenbelt, MD

Registration due Monday, December 6, 5:00pm

Register at <https://forms.gle/mbVFwZXbX9yvP1Kc6> or call 240-542-2033

**GREENBELT NURSERY PROJECT**

Starts on Wednesday, January 12

Free services offered:

Diapers, formula, baby accessories monthly; baby wellness nursing assessment; baby milestone progress review; information/resource linkage; healthy eating education

This program is available to:

- Families living in the city limits of Greenbelt
- Children ages newborn to 3 years old
- Children who wear diapers or pull-ups

To register, call 240-542-2019 or email [kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov)



**ATTENTION Greenbelt Residents!**

Please complete our Community Questionnaire [greenbeltmd.gov/survey](http://greenbeltmd.gov/survey)



**DECEMBER FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION**

Thursday, December 16 1:00pm–3:00pm

Greenbelt Community Center





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Findley, who gamely agreed to come along with me. At 8:45 Thursday morning, we headed down to the Youth Center, where I quickly learned I had, just perhaps, slightly underdressed. It was about 32 degrees and most other people had on at least one extra shirt, if not a jacket, and gloves. I wore my leggings and my new long-sleeved Gobble Wobble T-shirt, once again woefully underdressed.

On the other hand, I was wearing my new toque, sent to me by my brother for my birthday two days before. This isn't just any toque. It has Bluetooth speakers in it and a bright light on the front. It was comforting to know that while I might die of exposure halfway around the Lake at least my ears would be warm. And if I didn't freeze to death doing the Gobble Wobble, later I could go spelunking, the headlamp in the toque lighting my way.

As I waited for the event to start and then ambled my way around the Lake, chatting with my friend Amy Hansen and clapping when the runners passed by, I thought about what made the Gobble Wobble special, about why we were all here, on a holiday, in the cold. About why we were all smiling. About the City of Greenbelt employees, who perhaps weren't there on their holidays, but rather there as part of their jobs. There so we could do this, could gather, could be joyful.

I have been, like so many, suffering under a blanket of depression this last year and a half, a blanket woven of many threads. The looming threat of a pandemic over which I have no control; social isolation – some of my own making, some a necessary caution for my own and other people's health; too much sugar, not enough exercise. While there are those who have used the life-change of the pandemic to get in the best shape of their lives, I have done pretty much the opposite. Sometimes I find myself in my pajamas at three o'clock in the afternoon. Sometimes I find it hard to get out of bed. I live with this and I keep meeting other people in Greenbelt who feel exactly the same way, increasingly socially isolated and increasingly unwilling to socialize, as that weight of depression starts to feel more and more familiar and as rousing ourselves to do anything feels like greater and greater work.

And then comes the Gobble Wobble.

Perhaps, like me, you decided to do it – with a friend, with a family member, with yourself. Thursday morning was cold but you'd spent the 20 dollars on the registration fee and your buddy was meeting you there so you kind of had to go, and soon enough you were there in the parking lot of the Youth Center. And you kept seeing people you knew and people you didn't know, people who were grinning and chatty, clustered in small groups, happy. You saw city employees staffing water tables. You saw a woman dressed up like a turkey. Maybe you got your picture taken with her. And then the Gobble Wobble began and maybe you ran and maybe you walked, maybe you pushed a stroller or let a dog lead you. Maybe you talked to a friend. Maybe you



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

**Kyla momentarily forgets: is she walking or running this race? Recreation staff member Jerrold Joyner helps her out.**

gave it everything you had. And as you ran or walked or wobbled you saw a city employee with a sign directing you which way around the Lake to go – one way if you were running, or dreamed that you might run, and one way if you were walking and held no running aspirations. And later you came across another water table, with more people there, making sure you were all right, sitting in the cold ready to offer you hydration or conversation. And there were even spectators. A woman held a sign proclaiming, "You Are Awesome!" You don't always feel that awesome, but here was a whole family clapping as you went by. When was the last time a stranger clapped for you? And perhaps you were wearing a toque with speakers in it, and quietly listened to Greenbelt's own super band, Origami Angel, as you made your way around the Lake, and Ryland Heagy, who you used to babysit, sang "You are the g- d- King of the universe" and maybe you didn't feel Kingly but you also didn't feel bad. Maybe you were reminded of the power of encour-

agement, the power of kindness, the power of community. Maybe you had time to reflect on all the young people you have known and know now, and how insightful and generous and kind they are.

I can't tell you what I thought about the Gobble Wobble before I did it, but now I know I will do it again. I will walk it or wobble it. I will cheer when other people run by. I may walk alone; I may walk with a friend. I will smile at you. I will encourage you. I will sing Origami Angel to you, you King of the universe. And I will thank the good people from the City of Greenbelt, for being out there, being cold, bringing the rest of us the Gobble Wobble. For hosting the event, that we may find our way to it.

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**Taylor Koebler puts the Gobble in the Gobble Wobble.**

## Gobble Wobble Race Results

Greenbelt Recreation Department released these times for the top male and female runners.

### Male

- Patrick Gleason (21:14)
- Ian Gleason (21:14.5)
- Edward Jahoda (22:41)

### Female

- Rebekah Pase (22:41)
- Taylor Edwards (23:43)
- Alexis Monahan (24:35)



PHOTO BY CHONDRIA ANDREWS

**Ian, left, and Patrick Gleason finish the Gobble Wobble second and first on Thursday, November 25.**



**Coco's Fire: Changing Climate Anxiety into Climate Action**

Written by climate mental health professionals, this charming story, beautifully illustrated and rhyming, helps children ages 4 to 9 understand climate basics while including tips for parents about having climate change discussions with their children.

Janet Lewis, MD (ERHS '78) contributing author. Available at the Co-op where you can take a look! Also available on Amazon.

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# Survey: ERHS Students Discuss In-person Learning

by Neillani Hallanderson

*This article originally appeared in the November 22, 2021 posting of the Eleanor Roosevelt High School online newspaper, the Raider Review.*

On March 13 of 2020, the Covid-19 pandemic forced students all over the country into the world of Zoom classes and uncertainty. Fast forward a year and nearly eight months and the students of Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Prince George's County have been back to school in person for over three months. The story of these past couple of months has been late buses, assignment overload, stress and social awkwardness, but also more effective learning, the rekindling of old friendships and the formation of new ones. We have all heard the news stories of bus driver shortages, Covid vaccines for children 12 to 17 and now 5 to 11, sanitation issues, etc., but what we have not heard much about are the students' thoughts on the matter.

An anonymous survey sent out to Roosevelt students ranging from grades 9 to 12 received 53 responses about how students feel about the return to in-person schooling for the 2021 to 22 school year, not just in terms of Covid, but also in terms of how it has affected their academic performance and social and mental health. Of these 53 students who responded, the majority (52.9 percent) initially felt both anxious and excited to return to school during the summer and two months after we have been back, 35.3 percent still feel a bit uneasy about being back in person, but are also happy to be enjoying some of the benefits that in-person school has to offer.

Many of the students that responded had both positive and negative things to say about how the return to in-person school has been handled by both the school and the county, as well as suggestions on how the school can improve the experience for them. Many students agreed with one Eleanor Roosevelt student who said that "Being back in person is ... much more engaging and conducive to learning." It is no secret that virtual learning was difficult on many students academically, so the return to in-person classes must be resulting in higher comprehension and grades for many students nationwide.

The student also said that "It is ... a big risk to be taking in these times" due to coronavirus concerns. The student said that they "feel as though masks and other safety precautions need to be better enforced." Many students agreed with this; however there were also many students who claimed that the school has been doing an adequate job of enforcing safety protocols against



PHOTO COURTESY ERHS

**After a successful PTSA crowdfunding campaign, there are now two large tents in front of Eleanor Roosevelt High School for outdoor lunches. The PTSA is hoping to also purchase heaters in time for the colder weather.**

Covid. The students suggested that "there should be more emphasis placed on students' and staff's mental well-being," as we are still in the middle of a pandemic and the normal that we have all come to know has been dismantled. This is still a difficult time – whether that be mentally, financially, etc. – for many people.

As a positive, the student added that they "do, however, appreciate that they've provided opportunities and resources for continuing with distance learning, as well as resources for those financially affected by the pandemic." Many students agreed that a benefit of being back to school in person is "better contact with your teacher in case you need help." One con of in-person schooling is waking up early, or, as one student put it, "not being able to wake up 2 minutes before class and just open the computer."

Other complaints about the return to in-person schooling have been the "super crowded" hallways that many ERHS students agree is a major issue. In order to solve this problem, one student

suggested that the school "section classes by grades (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th) on different floors so the hallways are less packed with people coming up and down the stairs."

Many students are struggling with the jump back into a regular, more rigorous schedule and heavier workload than last year. One student said that a long day at school "drains energy so it's harder to do homework when you get back home." Another student said that they "believe that being in person and seeing friends is definitely a positive thing," but "one negative thing about in person is that some teachers might forget that we were virtual for a year and a half and assign work that we may not have retained very well."

Another student expressed a different sentiment from what was commonly said about how being back to school in person has affected them academically, saying that their overall academic performance was better online than in person. They said that their social health has improved,

See STUDENTS, page 11

# Traditional Holiday Events: Some Are Out, Many Are In

by Matthew Arbach

Residents can look forward to a continuance of many of the city's traditional holiday events and services from some of the city's groups and departments. Yet, due to Covid-19, some of those had to be cancelled.

Among the events cancelled are: the community tree lighting, the tree lighting at Greenbriar Condominiums and Santa's visit, sponsored by Greenbelt Recreation.

As a consolation, Greg Varda, director of recreation, shared that "the Roosevelt Center will still be adorned with lights including a tree. The lights will shine on the evening of Friday, December 3 through February 14."

Varda said that "North Pole Calling is scheduled to happen. Santa's mailboxes will be located in the Youth Center, the Community Center and Springhill Lake Recreation Center beginning Friday, December 3."

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department will assist with Santa's tour in a fire truck on the evenings of December 23 and 24. The time has not been established yet. Franklin Park will have its own tour from Santa on Sunday,

December 12 starting at 3 p.m. Afterward, families can have photos taken with Santa from 4 to 5 p.m. at the parking lot of the Franklin Park leasing office.

The Greenbelt Museum shop will participate in the Art and Craft Fair on December 4 and 5. The Museum shop will be located in Room 103 of the Community Center.

Museum Director Megan Young said that 100 copies of "a limited-edition holiday ornament that depicts the Community Center" have been made. Each one is "boxed with a bow," she said, and is "perfect for a gift." Typically, gift shop proceeds go to the city to support museum activities, but this ornament sale is a fundraiser for Friends of the Greenbelt Museum, the nonprofit arm of the Museum.

The Greenbelt Rotary Club is busy this season. On Saturday, December 11, for the 30th year, they will sponsor a Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Beltway Plaza from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. They will be having their holiday dinner for members and

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PHOTO BY CHRIS CHERRY

**Darelynn Fung, left, and Joanie Cohen enjoy potato latkes with the traditional toppings of sour cream and applesauce. In one of Greenbelt Recreation's December Days videos, they teach viewers how to make potato latkes, a traditional treat for Hanukkah. See story, page 12.**



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## Letters continued

electric box that is disheveled and has exposed wiring. I don't live in this building and have no idea if it is privately owned. I have contacted the city about this. I adamantly want someone to address this ongoing and growing issue. I thought maybe the news would be a possible way of forcing the issue!

Tanya TeaFairy Nordberg

### Need More Detail In Police Blotter

The Police Blotter in the November 25 issue shows a distinct lack of detail in reporting the incidents of serious criminal behavior for the week compared to prior issues for many years.

The Thefts section should detail the nature and specific location for each theft. Residents would like to know if there has been an incident close to their address or if crime appears to be increasing in a particular area.

The same applies to the Vehicle-related Crime section. It is especially telling that no location is given for the November 18 armed robbery listed. The November 20 juvenile robbery does

not provide information on the three arrested. Were they charged with armed robbery and remanded to a detention facility? Were they released to their parents? Who knows?

Years of past Police Blotter reports provided this information. I find it hard to believe that the Greenbelt Police Department has reduced the level of detail they are providing. Is the News Review responding to a request from someone to deliver a more generalized report in order to gloss over these serious incidents? I would very much like to know if these troubling events are occurring near my home.

Stuart Williams

Editor's Note: The News Review has not unilaterally reduced the amount of information in the Police Blotter. As we reported in the October 21 issue, the police department has changed the format of its reports, including the amount of information it provides. We receive date, time and location for a variety of infractions, but no detail. Other events, generally more serious, are described more fully. We are working with the department on this matter.

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Dawson stepped up to coordinate the project, working with and directing the other volunteers, liaising with University of Maryland collaborators, writing grant proposals, scanning some papers, doing quality control checks of the new PDFs and generally keeping things going.

As the new electronic versions were completed, they've been posted to the Internet Archive at [archive.org/details/greenbelt-news-review](http://archive.org/details/greenbelt-news-review). This reporter also electronically tagged and loaded the files onto the News Review website, replacing much older and lower-quality versions. The archives are now complete from 1937 through the issue you're reading now.

The result is a treasure trove of Greenbelt history, including the origin of many current debates as former Greenbelt residents experienced financial and

health crises, housing inequity and a general striving for a better life. Go to [greenbeltnewsreview.com/archives](http://greenbeltnewsreview.com/archives) and browse any year.

In the 1940s you can read about World War II rationing of meat and sugar (in the May 25, 1945 issue). In the January 9, 1948 issue, read a farewell letter of gratitude after the war to the people of Greenbelt from resident Tom Okazaki, the Co-op Food Store manager during the time when other Japanese Americans had been taken to internment camps.

In the 1950s the federal government sold Greenbelt (September 25, 1952 issue), the success of the polio vaccine reduced fears of infantile paralysis and lifelong disability (November 15, 1956) and the Rescue Squad saved two boys buried in mud on a construction site on Northway

(January 2, 1958).

In the 1960s, a dead cat in a box outside the S. Klein department store led the police to arrest a thief (January 6, 1966). Goddard Space Flight Center opened (May 5 and June 16, 1960 issues), then played a key role in the Apollo 11 moon landing (July 24, 1969).

The 1970s brought news of the News Review's victory in a libel case at the U.S. Supreme Court (May 21, 1970). Beltway Plaza opened (December 2, 1971), and Greenbelters changed the high school's name from Franklin to Eleanor Roosevelt (January 15, 1976). GHI denied permission to a member to complete a secret underground



PHOTO BY CHRIS GUNN, COURTESY NASA

The James Webb Space Telescope, all packed in its shipping container, is unloaded from the ship the MN Colibri.

bang to planets with the building blocks of life.

"Webb is a product of the world, with cameras from Europe and Canada, and contributions from most U.S. states. The components of Webb have traveled before; the complex 15-stage journey of the mirrors is now complete. Or, almost complete; Webb still has to make the giant leap into space atop a massive Ariane 5 rocket.

"After finishing the decade-long assembly and testing process, Webb was packed into the STARS transport container. With Webb nestled safe in its cushioned support structure and dry-nitrogen climate-controlled environment, the truck driver reached a maximum speed of 7 miles per hour on the middle-of-the-night journey from a Northrop Grumman clean room to the port at Seal Beach. Leaving on September 26, with Webb loaded into its cargo hold, the MN Colibri sailed along Baja California and reached the Panama Canal.

"Webb took 8 hours to traverse through three locks of the Canal and entered the Atlantic Ocean on October 6. Af-

ter continuing around the South American coast, Webb arrived in Kourou on October 12, and was unloaded amid the palm trees and tropical birds of French Guiana.

"Webb has now moved into the Arianespace processing facility. After a few final electrical tests, insulation closeouts, and the critical spacecraft fueling, Webb will be lifted atop an Ariane 5 and launched. A year from now, my child will be starting college

and exploring new environments, and so will Webb. Webb will be sending a flood of astronomical data back to Earth – helping us to understand the journey of the universe. Although sometimes there can be tears when one stage of a journey ends and another begins, we are all three ready for the future: my child, myself and the Webb telescope."



### GHI Membership Townhall Meeting on December 5, 2021



The Board of Directors of Greenbelt Homes Inc. will hold a virtual membership townhall meeting on Sunday December 5, 2021, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The main topics on the agenda are as follows:

- Where does the money go? – Review of the 2022 budget.
- Presentation by the Buildings Committee re: Planning a Pilot Project for the Replacement of Water Supply/Waste Pipes in Masonry and Frame Homes.
- Respond to questions and comments from members.

Members are encouraged to submit questions in advance, to the Manager's Office, 1 Hamilton Place, Greenbelt, MD 20770 or via email to [mgmtooffice@ghi.coop](mailto:mgmtooffice@ghi.coop) by Thursday, December 2, 2021. The questions will be answered during the meeting.

Persons are invited to register for this meeting on December 5, 2021, by accessing the following link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tJUtd-uqrj4oH9UkPJK89qV82tQMAtpH0Xdx>



#### PRELIMINARY AGENDA Meeting of the GHI Board of Directors on December 2, 2021

##### A. GHI Closed Meeting – begins at 7:00 p.m. (closed to visitors and members)

- Member Financial Matters
- Member Complaint Matters
- Consulting with Legal Counsel on a Legal Matter

##### B. GHI Open Meeting – begins at 7:45 p.m. (open to visitors and members)

- Statement of Closed Meeting Held on November 15, 2021
- Statement of Closed Meeting Held on November 22, 2021
- Statement of Closed Meeting Held on December 2, 2021
- Buildings Committee Recommendation re: Implementing a Pilot Program to Install Electrical Service at Four Rows of Rental Garages
- Consider Establishing a Task Force to Update the GHI Member Handbook
- Review the Task Force Report re: A Policy to Mitigate Liability Associated with Outdoor Structures
- Review the Permit Task Force's Final Report
- Consider Whether to Grant Employees Year-end Bonuses
- Motion to Hold a Closed Meeting on December 16, 2021

To deter hacking, GHI requires persons who wish to attend the GHI Open meeting on December 2, 2021, to register in advance by accessing the following link:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tJEoduGtj0rGtUfIE9-Asc9\\_W-Krj1Kas53](https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tJEoduGtj0rGtUfIE9-Asc9_W-Krj1Kas53)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



To request a sign language interpreter for a board meeting, go to <http://www.ghi.coop/content/interpreter-request-form>, contact us by phone (301-474-4161) or fax (301-474-4006).

shelter for which a member had removed excavated dirt in the middle of the night, until discovery by GHI staff (July 12, 1979).

Many will remember the banking crises of the 1980s when certificates of deposit at our own Community Savings & Loan paid 11 percent (July 21, 1983) two years before Governor Harry Hughes froze all withdrawals during the Maryland Savings & Loan Crisis (September 12, 1985). In the December 29, 1988 issue News Review reporters wrote about the fire that gutted St. Hugh's school.

A Greenbelter discovered a dinosaur femur near here in the See ARCHIVE, page 11

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# Police Blotter

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

## Weekly Crime Report

This report contains information provided by the Greenbelt Police Department for November 22 to 29.

### Significant Events

November 23, at 12:45 p.m. in the 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace, a juvenile stated that an unknown individual knocked on her door and when she looked out the peephole, she saw the individual had a firearm. Officers responded to the area and did not locate anyone matching the description.

A fraud took place on November 26 in the 8000 block of Brett Place. The person stated that someone called from the 'Baltimore Social Security Offices' and gave a fake name, ID number and case number before stating that the person owed money and needed to provide their full name and address. The person complied, and then received a phone call from a man claiming to be Detective Jack Williams ID #763159 from the Greenbelt Police Department and again stated the person owed money and failure to pay would result in the freezing of their social security. The person recognized the signs of a scam and did not provide the individual with any financial information. The Greenbelt Police Department notes it will never ask for money from community members and there is no Detective Jack Williams employed by the city.

### Shooting

On November 28, at approximately 12:20 p.m., the Greenbelt Police Department received reports of a shooting in the 6100 block of Breezewood Court. When officers arrived, they located a man suffering from what appeared to be a gunshot wound. He was transported to a local hospital where he is in critical but stable condition.

### Carjackings

On November 28 at approximately 1:02 p.m., an individual reported being carjacked at gunpoint by three individuals in the 8300 block of Greenbelt Station Parkway. A white Toyota Prius (MD plate 3DX4255) was taken. At this time, the Greenbelt Police Department believes the shooting and carjacking incidents are linked and that the same individuals committed both crimes.

One of them is described as

heavy set, while the other two were described as tall and skinny. The Police Department is asking people in the area to check their security camera footage for any activity capturing the three men or the white Prius between the hours of noon to 1:30 p.m.

If anyone has any information regarding this incident, contact the Greenbelt Police Department at 301-474-7200 or [greenbeltpd@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:greenbeltpd@greenbeltmd.gov). Investigation is ongoing and more information will be provided as it becomes available.

On November 29 at approximately 7:30 p.m., the Greenbelt Police Department responded to reports of an armed carjacking/shooting with injuries at the Greenbelt Metro Station. An adult male was transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. A light green 2017 Toyota Prius (MD tag 3DT9590) was taken. Due to the location, Metro Transit Police will be handling this investigation.

### Assault

20 Southway, 8000 Greenbelt Station Parkway, 6300 Breezewood Drive. Also on November 26, a victim reported that a dispute turned physical.

### Break-in Report

5900 Cherrywood Terrace

### Fraud

Two reported instances occurred at 6100 Breezewood Drive and 100 Westway, respectively.

### Shoplifting

7500 Greenbelt Road

### Theft Report

Thefts were reported at 20 Parkway, 6000 Greenbelt Road (2), 5700 Greenbelt Metro Drive, 5700 and 5800 Cherrywood Lane, 9100 Edmonston Road, 7600 Greenbelt Road, 7700 Hanover Parkway and 6100 Breezewood Court.

### Vehicle Crime

A vehicle was stolen from 7800 Mandan Road and six thefts from auto were reported at 8000 Greenbelt Station Parkway, 9200 Springhill Lane, 7800 Hanover Parkway, 9100 Edmonston Court, 7600 Greenbelt Road and 5800 Cherrywood Court.

### Vandalism

Eight instances reported: 6000 Greenbelt Road, 1 Lakeside Drive, 100 Crescent Road, 5900 Cherrywood Terrace, 100 Westway, 9200 Springhill Lane, 6200 Springhill Drive and Ridge Road at Plateau Place.

## City Offers Rent, Utility Assistance

Through CARES, those who live within the city limits of Greenbelt are eligible to receive up to \$10,000 per household from the American Rescue Plan Act federal funds for emergency rental assistance. Applicants must show financial hardship due to Covid-19. Previous recipients of rental or utility assistance funds can apply but the previous balances count toward the total grant award allowed.

Email [Cares@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:Cares@greenbeltmd.gov) or call 301-345-6660 to receive an application.

## Police Checkpoint Discovers Drivers Are Sober, Belted

The Greenbelt Police Department conducted a sobriety checkpoint at Crescent Road and Northway on Wednesday, November 24, as a part of the Checkpoint Strikeforce Campaign. Greenbelt Police Public Information Officer Hannah Glasgow reported that 257 vehicles passed through the checkpoint and there were zero DUI arrests.

The checkpoint was set up because, according to Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the night

before Thanksgiving has recently become one of the deadliest nights for motorists due to drunk drivers and failure to use seatbelts. During this checkpoint, police officers looked for impaired drivers and unbuckled vehicle occupants.

Checkpoint Strikeforce is part of a research-based multi-state, zero tolerance initiative designed to get impaired drivers off the roads using sobriety checkpoints and patrols along with education about the dangers and consequences of driving while impaired.

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with several items on the resolution.

A major object of discussion was no-knock warrants. Bowers stated that the department does not have the ability to execute these, lacking an Emergency Service Team. Only the county and state have the authority and can perform them in Greenbelt if legally authorized.

Most of council deemed these warrants to be used only in an extreme case, such as an instance where the saving of a life is involved. Councilmembers Colin Byrd and Rodney Roberts felt that even the county should ban their use, yet expressed that it was unlikely for that to ever happen. Roberts wanted the county to at least notify the city when this type of warrant would be performed within city limits.

Councilmember Ric Gordon introduced an amendment to the resolution that would "modify the General Orders to remove the use of no-knock warrants by Greenbelt Police" and requiring the use of a specialist from county, state or federal law enforcement. In a separate interview, he stated that

his intent was "to help preserve the life of our officers and residents," as severe mistakes by the county have already occurred, and to relieve the city from any financial burden due to damages.

Mayor Emmett Jordan hoped that future worksessions would produce more meaningful results, with regular meetings devoted solely to voting and ratifying their conclusions.



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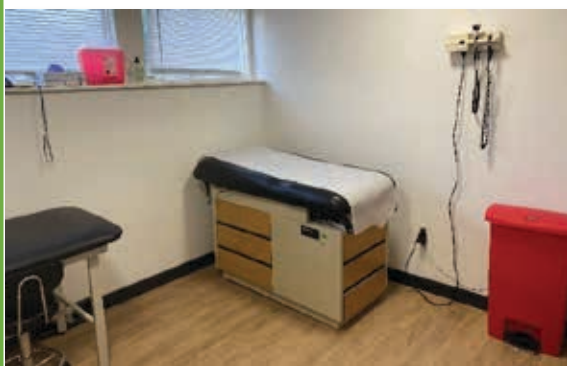


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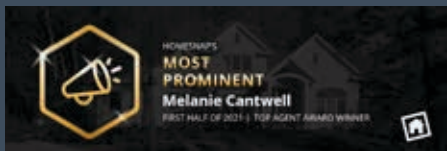
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but by “only 75 percent, not 100 percent.” They also expressed how they felt about the change in social activities that would have otherwise been held if it were not for the pandemic saying “yes we’re back to somewhat normal, but it’s still not normal. Like, this is not how everything was.”

When students were asked whether they would prefer to go back to virtual schooling or stay in person, the majority (56.8 percent) said that they would prefer to stay in person. Many common reasons given to support their decisions were that in-person school is better for their mental health, social health, academic performance, productivity, organization, focus and physical activity. Of the remaining students who were surveyed, 25 percent said that they would go back to virtual schooling and 18.2 percent said that they would prefer a hybrid option.

Students who would prefer to return to virtual schooling say so due to the increased flexibility, decreased pressure and safety

that it offers, along with the lack of commute and later mornings. Some students who said that they would prefer to go to school virtually also said that they experienced better focus and grades while going to school online. Students who said that they would prefer to follow a more hybrid model of schooling said that they enjoy the benefits of both in-person and virtual options, such as the Wellness Wednesdays they had during virtual schooling and the social interaction they have in person.

Overall, the return to in-person schooling has not exactly been a smooth transition for the students of Eleanor Roosevelt High School; however, the majority agree that it has been beneficial and enjoyable in many ways, despite the downfalls. The face-to-face interaction with teachers and fellow classmates has been a huge help to many and it seems that most believe that the pros of in-person schooling are enough to make them want to stick it out.

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significant others at Burton’s Restaurant on Thursday, December 9. As well, they are continuing with their donation of more than 500 dictionaries to students at local elementary schools, including Greenbelt, Springhill Lake, Magnolia and Berwyn Heights. Former president Louis Pope suggested that, for some children, this is the first book they have ever owned.

Pope said that the Rotary Club is always looking for members to share their “time, talent and treasure.” Interested residents can reach out by emailing [louismpope@aol.com](mailto:louismpope@aol.com) or calling 301-437-4668.

In the spirit of their motto We Serve, the Greenbelt Lions Club is active at this time with many areas of community support. According to President Trena Rusher, they “continue to support through funding and volunteer hours, individuals in need and various organizations via distribution of toys, coats, hats, gloves, books, 210 food baskets, gift cards to Greenbelt Elemen-

tary and Middle Schools and their families with community donations from individuals, and corporations such as Quantum Companies, in coordination with Beltway Plaza.” In conjunction with other local Lions Club chapters, the Greenbelt Lions Club works on donations to groups like Kim’s Closet, Meals on Wheels and the D.C. Diaper Bank. The club also is active in supporting Tracy’s Kids, a childhood cancer awareness project that uses art therapy for pediatric cancer patients.

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Large floorplan w/addition

Half bath on main level. Masonry townhome w/ fenced backyard & brick patio. Zoned HVAC system, 11' x 17' master br.

Townhome with 2 additions

2 bedroom GHI townhome on corner lot. Large fenced backyard, shed, back, extra storage in front. Central HVAC.

4 Bedroom 3 Level Townhome

Master bedroom & full bath on main level. Opened remodeled kitchen, fireplace in lr. Backs to protected woodlands.

Charlestowne Village

Single-level 1-br condo in Greenbelt - no stairs! Parquet flooring throughout. Remodeled kit. With Stainless Steel appliances.

Addition - Backs to Woodlands

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

Brick Townhome

2 Bedroom GHI townhome w/ hardwood flrs. throughout. Modern kitchen w/ stainless steel washer. Hardwood flooring on both levels.

Upper Level One Bedroom

GHI home with full kitchen, washer & dryer in separate room. Hardwood flrs. 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/ full kitchen, Elevator to basement, 2 full kitchens, generator, fireplace & more.

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## Art and Craft Fair Opens In Person This Weekend

by Anne Gardner



PHOTO BY LIZA KIRWIN

Maryland Lark Sparrow by Liza Kirwin

The in-person portion of the Greenbelt Recreation ARTS 50th annual Juried Art and Craft Fair takes place this weekend, on Saturday, December 4 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, December 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The online show went live on November 26 and continues through Sunday, December 19 at [greenbeltmd.gov/craft](http://greenbeltmd.gov/craft).

For the in-person weekend, vendors will be distanced at least six feet apart, and masks will be required for all vendors and attendees. To accommodate all the vendors in this new format, the craft fair will take place not only in the Community Center gym and community meeting room as usual, but also in the two large rooms in the ground floor east area of the Community Center and in the Youth Center gym. There will be signs directing shoppers to all locations.

The hybrid show promises an impressive array of handmade wares by more than 70 local artisans, as well as merchandise from the Greenbelt Museum and Old Greenbelt Theatre. Customers will find beautiful and useful gifts for all occasions from both new and returning artists, including a wide range of functional and decorative pottery, clothing, accessories, jewelry, toys, paintings, photography, wood crafts, seasonings, soaps, books by local authors and more. New vendors at the fair this year include Liza Kirwin, with Maryland bird paintings and earrings, and Lyla Lawless, with crocheted items made from hand-dyed yarn.



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Decorative ceramics by Lola Skolnik



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Crochet by Lyla Lawless

On Saturday, enjoy musical performances by Transatlantic Crossing (fiddle tunes) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Youth Center gym, and Hot Club of DC (gypsy jazz) from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Community Center gym. On Sunday, hear Celtic Harp from 11 a.m. to noon in the Community Center gym, and Seth Kibel and the Klezmet (klezmer) from noon to 2 p.m. in the Youth Center gym.

Also on Saturday, from 1 to 3 p.m. there is the opportunity to meet Randi Reiss-McCormack, the artist whose exhibit, *Prowling the Undergrowth*, is currently on display in the Community Center Gallery. The exhibit can be viewed at any time during the hours the Community Center is open.

For additional arts program information, visit [greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://greenbeltmd.gov/arts), follow Greenbelt Recreation ARTS on Facebook or call 301-397-2208.

## December Days

# A Video Holiday Sampler

by Chris Cherry

With Delta still surging and Omicron apparently on the way, Greenbelt Recreation is presenting a video series in lieu of the traditional tree lighting in Roosevelt Center. Titled *December Days*, the series is like a holiday sampler or smorgasbord, highlighting a delightful variety of topics and the vibrant diversity of Greenbelt.

The *December Days* series, which was produced in partnership with Greenbelt Access Television (GATe), can be viewed on the city website, the city Facebook page, the Greenbelt Recreation Facebook page and GATe. A new video is being posted each day from December 1 through December 15. The videos will continue to stream after their posting dates.

The series opened on Wednesday, December 1 with a video of chalk artist Vijay Parameshwaran creating a beautiful drawing for Diwali. On Thursday, December 2, Joanie Cohen and Darelynn Fung teach viewers how to make potato latkes, a traditional treat for Hanukkah.

Greenbelt Museum director Megan Searing Young teams up with Sharon Johnson of Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) on Friday, December 3. Young reads a letter sent by a child to Eleanor Roosevelt in December 1937, the year that Greenbelt was founded.

The letter contains a touching request concerning an unfulfilled Christmas wish. The need voiced in the letter is still felt by many in our community today. Johnson shares ways viewers can volunteer or contribute to help neighbors in need.

Dr. Lois Rosado, co-chair of the Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee, hosts the Saturday, December 4 video, which describes how Black people fleeing to freedom on the Underground Railroad used the Big Dipper to find the North Star to guide them on their way.

In the Sunday, December 5 video, Greenbelt Recreation instructor Laura Bonkosky shares a mindful breathing technique that helps to calm the busy mind.

Considering making an edible gift? Mother-and-son team, Ellen and Patrick Mullen, share their family recipe for banana nut bread on Monday, December 6.



Dr. Lois Rosado shares a picture book titled *Follow The Drinking Gourd*, which tells the story of a family escaping to freedom on the Underground Railroad.



Working on the night of the new moon in November, Vijay Parameshwaran creates his chalk design for Diwali.

- Photos by Chris Cherry

Later videos in the series include movie picks by Caitlin McGrath, executive director of the Old Greenbelt Theatre; a tour of the winter nighttime sky with Kevin Wilson of the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt; workouts on land and in the water with Greenbelt Recreation fitness and aquatics coordinators Trevin Green and Cynthia Brown; a snowy pine cone owl craft activity; Dawane Martinez and Chondria Andrews making delicious Spanish rice; and the latest offerings from the Greenbelt Library and The SPACE - Free Art For All.

The series closes with two much-watched videos from last December's pandemic-altered holidays. On Tuesday, December 14, Amanda Sorensen's and Aidan Larkin's lovely duet, *Light Up the Night with Hope*, which was filmed by candlelight in Roosevelt Center, will air.

Finally, for the second successive pandemic December, Greenbelt proclaims the season of hope and anticipation with a simple gesture. In December 2020, the video *A Candle in the Window* expressed the hope of our community. That hope still burns brightly as 2021 draws to a close.



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Vijay Parameshwaran's most recent chalk drawing celebrates Hanukkah.