

## Council Okays Some of Pepco's Plans; Still Reviewing Others

by James Giese

Progress apparently is being made to resolve the extent of tree trimming and removal to be undertaken this fall and winter within the city by the Potomac Electric Power Company (Pepco) under and alongside its power lines – but not as fast as Pepco would like. Pepco had submitted seven plans detailing work to be done and identifying trees over four-inch caliper that would be affected. City staff has recommended approval of the work in five of the plans, while resolution of the others, which are more controversial, is in progress.

These five plans were reviewed by the Greenbelt City

Council at its September 2 work-session and will probably be approved at the council's September 16 regular meeting. However, Jerry Pasternak, a Pepco vice-president, noted that most of the tree work was to take place on the two plans still unresolved and urged quick resolution so that work could be scheduled for this year.

The five plans recommended by staff for approval are:

Plan 15738: To remove along Greenbelt Road seven trees adjacent to Greenwood Village with tree replacement and one tree at the entrance to Lakecrest Drive.

Plan 15739: To trim and

prune trees on Hanover Parkway, Greenway Center Drive, Hanover Drive and Greenbelt Road.

Plan 15740: To remove seven trees on Southway, mostly in the vicinity of the off-ramp from the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and two trees on city property adjacent to the entrance to the Hanover Apartments

Plan 15744: To remove 12 Bradford pears and one red oak on Edmonston Road at the Franklin Park Apartments.

Plan 34021/28: To do work along the Pepco easement between Windsor Green and Doctor's Hospital.

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## City Council Receives Presentation On Economic Development Proposal

by Kathleen Gallagher

On August 26, the Greenbelt City Council met to receive a presentation by Stuart Eisenberg, executive director, and Molly O'Connell, program manager, of the Hyattsville Community Development Corporation (HCDC). Based in Hyattsville and active with the Gateway Arts District, HCDC for the last five years has also worked more broadly with Prince George's County and with other Inner Beltway communities and collaborative groups.

This meeting was a follow-up to a previous work-session on June 24, which was reported in detail in the July 9 issue of this paper. At the first meeting, the goal was to discuss the work of HCDC to see whether it or a similar organization might aid the city in determining its next steps in defining an economic development program.

Last year, the city contracted for a report from Sage Policy Group that provided analysis and

recommendations for an economic development strategy for the city. Mayor Emmett Jordan explained that while councilmembers believed that work to be valuable as an overall analysis, they found they still needed more specifics on determining priorities and setting out the sequence of steps that needed to be taken. Jordan described the HCDC proposal as "very pragmatic" in what it presents.

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As the Greenbelt Police Dept. Honor Guard presents the colors, Musician 1st Class Bill Edwards sings the National Anthem to open the 2015 Labor Day Festival. For more Festival pictures, see pages 13 and 16.

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Outstanding Citizen Solange Hess waves to spectators during the Labor Day parade.

## Solange T. Hess Is 2015 Outstanding Citizen

by Gabriela Martinez

"I suppose you expect our outstanding citizen to be someone outspoken, high-profile, a prominent leader, right?" asked Robert Zugby at the Labor Day Festival Opening Ceremony, in a preamble to this year's Outstanding Citizen announcement.

"Wrong. Our outstanding citizen is quiet, unassuming, even humble."

People were eagerly trying to find Solange T. Hess in the crowd as soon as she was called to the stage.

"Solange, I know you are down there. You're behind someone who is taller than you are," said Zugby.

She emerged unexpectedly, family members accompanying her as she made her way to the stage. "Where is she?" Zugby asked.

"There she is!" the audience cheered from the bleachers.

Joe Timer, vice-president of Greenbelt's Federal Credit Union and co-sponsor of the Outstanding Citizen Program, presented an official plaque to Hess, which recognized her for her dedication to helping the less fortunate in Greenbelt. Hess was also presented with a packet of gift certificates donated by local Greenbelt businesses and a T-shirt made from the Greenbelt Cooperative Nursery.

Hess was officially recognized as an Outstanding Citizen by the Mayor of Greenbelt, Emmett Jordan, in a proclamation from council.

In her remarks, Hess expressed her gratitude and delight at having her family with her.

"We grew up here in Greenbelt. We had a great time in Greenbelt, and all I can say is

See **HESS**, page 6

### What Goes On

#### Saturday, September 12

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Municipal Center Parking Lot

Noon, Aqua Zumba Pool Party, Aquatic and Fitness Center (See city ad for fees.)

8 p.m., Moonlight Movies, Ghostbusters!, Aquatic and Fitness Center Lawn

#### Tuesday, September 15

8 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming on greenbeltmd.gov/municipalty

#### Wednesday, September 16

7:30 p.m., Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting, Community Center

8 p.m., Council Worksession, Technology Issues, Community Center



### 2015 Miss Greenbelt Pageant Winners Announced

The Miss Greenbelt Scholarship Pageant crowned its 61st pageant winners on Sunday, September 6 at the American Legion Post 136. Alisha Karley was crowned Miss Greenbelt, Allison Beatriz was crowned Junior Miss Greenbelt and Katherine Larkin was crowned Little Miss Greenbelt. Full story coming soon.

# Letters to the Editor

## THANKS

Hours after the Labor Day Festival had closed, my exchange student and I walked over to the fairgrounds to see the crews packing up. When we saw the woman in charge, we thanked her for coming and told her how polite and friendly all of the employees were. She then looked at Ramona and said "I saw your picture in the Greenbelt News Review. You're an exchange student from Germany." I asked if she was from Greenbelt and she said that she was not but that she read our paper before she came. That says a lot about Sherwood Amusement!

Thanks also to Linda Ivy for another great Festival. Thanks to Public Works for keeping the place clean and neat.

Linda Curtis

## Good old Greenbelt!

An open letter to Greenbelt Public Works:

I want to thank you and the city for some great fellows in your department.

It had been a full year and a half since I had fallen. I guess I got overconfident, which only means I was not 100 percent concentrating on mobility. A couple of weeks ago my thoughts must have been elsewhere and wham! Learned my lesson and hopefully won't make that mistake again.

The heroes are Greenbelt's Department of Public Works. I had run my Segway into a car parked far into the sidewalk, with its bumper against the concrete. I've only gone around such intrusions a zillion times with no problem. This time, not paying attention, I went flying, falling flat on my (helmeted) head, sprawled on the ground. A kind woman stopped and offered her cell phone. (I don't know if she also was with the city.) I called the spouse.

A van pulled over. Some guys with Greenbelt work shirts jumped out. They offered to put my machine back in place, help me sit up, get to my feet and overall were quite comforting. (I asked the guys to check the car and they reported there was nary a scratch.) The leader of this Public Works' crew is named Frank. I don't know the names of his co-workers.

A huge shout out to them! It's doubtful their job descriptions include helping people who make such dumb mistakes. I appreciate their coming to my rescue and please know you've some great folks on staff.

Elizabeth Gaines

## Grateful!

The St. Hugh's Church would like to thank all those who supported the bingo this past weekend. Through your support we raised over \$7,000 to continue the efforts of the Ladies of Charity (food pantry, eviction prevention) and Youth Group/CYO activities. We would also like to thank the sponsors of the four "Blackout" Bingos: Ellen Hanyok, Kathy Labukas (in memory of Liz Labukas), Solange Hess, Councilmember Edward Putens and Helen White (in memory of Thomas X. White).

The new shade tents at bingo were a big hit with the community. The Festival Committee has

approved more tents at bingo for next year.

Mary Ann Tretler  
President, Ladies of Charity

## THANKS

This was our first year as a Roosevelt Center merchant during Labor Day, and we wanted to do something to add to the fun. We came up with the idea of playing the Pixar Short cartoons from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday (the hottest, craziest part of both days) to give folks a place to take a break, cool off and recharge before going back for more Festival fun. We were thrilled with the response we got from everyone – it seems this will be a new yearly tradition.

We want to take this opportunity to thank the other Roosevelt Center merchants who helped make it possible: the Co-op Supermarket, David R. Cross, Attorney at Law, Generous Joe's Deli, Greenbelt MakerSpace, Maria's Beauty Salon, New Deal Café, Realty 1 – Leonard Wallace and Linda Ivy; Jane DeVane at Whole Health Wellness.

Having a great group of Roosevelt Center merchants working together is what made it a reality. We look forward to continuing cooperation in making the Center a year-round hub of Greenbelt life

Caitlin McGrath  
Executive Director  
Old Greenbelt Theatre.

## Bus Service

Metro is proposing a number of changes to bus service in Greenbelt. A major improvement for Greenbelt is Sunday bus service. There are cuts in service as well. Please take time to review the proposed changes, attend the hearing and comment or e-mail your opinion. Our voice is very important. Although Sunday service is in the proposal, it doesn't mean that it is guaranteed.

The hearing will be held Thursday, September 17, with an information session at 6 p.m. and public hearing at 6:30 p.m. The event will be held at Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority headquarters at 600 5th Street, NW in the District of Columbia.

Proposed changes include:

- Restructure the Greenbelt-New Carrollton Line (G12, G13, G14, G1G) into G12 and G14 only; cut service to Aerospace Road.

- Add G12, G14 Sunday service.

- Restructure the Greenbelt-Twinbrook Line (C2, C4). The C2 would run between the Takoma Langley Crossroads Transit Center and Greenbelt Station only.

- Add C2 Sunday service. This would run between the Takoma Langley Crossroads Transit Center and Greenbelt Station only.

- On the College Park Line (81, 82, 83, 86) convert all 81 trips to 83 trips. This line would serve College Park Station 7 days a week; it would no longer serve Greenbelt Station on Sundays only.

- Eliminate the Greenbelt-Prince George's Plaza Line (R3).

The public hearing docket is located at [wmata.com/](http://wmata.com/) as well as general information and the survey.

Cynthia Newcomer  
Transit Riders of Greenbelt  
member

## Are You Looking For Your Letter?

If you don't see it, it could be because you didn't sign it and didn't give us a telephone number where we could reach you.

All letters must be signed and the letter writer's name, address and telephone number should be typed or clearly printed.

All letters are subject to editing for reasons of space, libel, taste and clarity. Letters are considered accepted when published.

## Send us your photos!

The News Review would like to print more photos of Greenbelt landmarks, activities and the changing seasons. Photos should be at least 300 dpi, and must include the name of the photographer, and a caption. The caption must name any identifiable people in the photo, as well as explain the picture. The photos will be black and white in the print issue but may be color in the online version. Send us no more than five photos at a time.



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CC = Closed Captions

## SHOWTIMES Sep 11-Sep 17

PHOENIX (PG-13) (98m.)  
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Sat. 5:30 PM  
Mon. & Weds. 5:30 PM  
Tues. & Thurs. 8:00 PM

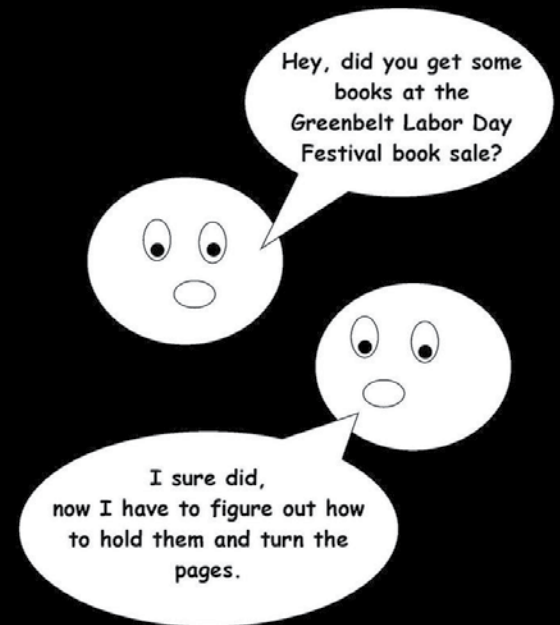
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Sun. 5:30 PM  
Mon. 8:00 PM  
Weds. 1:00 PM, 8:00 PM  
Tues. & Thurs. 5:30 PM

ROSENWALD (100 m.)  
Sat. 1:00 PM  
Sun. 8:00 PM  
Weds. 3:15 PM

KIDS' MOVIE!  
ZARAFKA (2012) (78m.)  
Sat. 11:00 AM

LAST MOONLIT MOVIE  
OF THE YEAR!  
(Outside the Greenbelt  
Aquatic & Fitness Center)  
GHOSTBUSTERS (1984)  
(PG) (105m.)  
Sat. 8:00 PM

## "My Two Cents" with Sense and Nonsense



It's one of the problems of being just a "talking head".

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## On Screen

### Himalayas, Germany Take Turns

Opening at Old Greenbelt Theatre on Friday, September 11 is Meru, taking turns with the already showing Phoenix (see previous On Screen for details). In the new film, three elite mountain climbers battle fearsome odds to reach the icy heights of Mount Meru in the Himalayas. Driven by fierce obsessions, the trio Conrad Aker, Renan Ozturk and film director Jimmy Chin are caught in "a meditation on life and death." Along the unpredictable way the men praise the teachers whose experiences they drew on.

R. Running time: 87 minutes.

– Eli Flam

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.  
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# Community Events

## Safety Campaign Set for September

The Greenbelt Police Department will conduct three high-visibility campaigns during September to help ensure the safety of both drivers and pedestrians. Weekend patrols will look for impaired drivers. Daytime patrols, coinciding with the start of school, will focus on driving and pedestrian safety laws.

Nighttime patrols will emphasize occupant protection laws by reminding motorists and passengers that safety belts and safety seats do indeed prevent injuries and save lives.

## Kids' School Supplies Sought for SHL School

The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union is collecting school supplies for Kids in Need at Springhill Lake Elementary School. A list of needed items is available online at [pgcps.org/springhilllake/](http://pgcps.org/springhilllake/) as well as at the Credit Union and the Co-op Supermarket, both of which have drop boxes for donations. Cash donations can be made at the Credit Union; checks can be made payable to Springhill Lake Elementary School.

## Ready 2 Read At Library

Helping families with young children to talk, sing, read, draw/write, play and learn together is the goal of the recently opened Ready 2 Read Center at the Greenbelt Library. This space gives very young children the opportunity to enjoy literacy-rich, hands-on experiences and activities, such as blocks, dramatic play and puzzles. As they engage children in play, parents and caregivers strengthen their role as the child's first teacher and excite young minds to think creatively. An early literacy information display provides adults with ideas to take home and try. For more information, call 301-345-5800 or stop by the library at 11 Crescent Road.

## GIVES Meets On Saturday

The Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, September 12, at 10 a.m. at the Community Center. It is particularly important because members will discuss the future of GIVES, which could become a non-profit organization.

New members are welcome to share their talents and desire to work with neighbors and to make Greenbelt a place that cares.

For further information, call Jean Cook at 301-345-2597.

## Committee to Hold 2015 Open Forum

Saturday, September 26 is the date for this year's annual open forum sponsored by the Greenbelt Senior Citizen Advisory Committee. It will be held at the Greenbelt Community Center in Room 201 from 1 to 3 p.m.

All are invited to share their concerns about issues in the community and get direct feedback from City officials, including representatives from Public Works, Planning, Greenbelt Police Department and elected officials. Positive comments are also welcome and appreciated. This event is not just for seniors.

## Free Wine Tastings, New Look at Co-op

The Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket will offer a free wine-tasting event on Friday, September 11 from 4 to 7 p.m. led by resident wine expert John Mealey. As a special to all customers, all tasting wines will be available at \$1 off their regular price. Other wine events during the month will be on September 18, 25 and 30.

Starting September 14 from 5 to 7 p.m. and continuing the second Monday of each month, the Co-op will begin a new program called Around the Co-op to explore one of the departments, aisles or new products.

Also highlighted will be some lesser known store services and samples or discounts when possible. Suggestions are always welcome too.

## Concert at Mowatt On September 11

Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church (40 Ridge Road) is sponsoring a Welcome, Autumn Concert on Friday, starting at 6:30 p.m. Music by Amy Kraft and Friends will feature choral works performed by the Ecumenical Friends Choir, a variety of Impressionist pieces by French composers, some favorite standards performed by Ginger Jam and a sing-along of patriotic tunes – something for everyone. A free-will offering will benefit fire victims in Greenbelt and Oregon.

## Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, September 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads.

The group offers professionals, students, stay-at-home parents and retirees a supportive environment to improve skills in communication and leadership.

## At Greenbelt Park

Sunday, September 13: Beginner's Trail walk on the Dogwood Trail. Join a park ranger for an introductory 1.4 mile trail walk. Learn some of the basics for getting on the trails and explore an area popular with many visitors. Bring comfortable walking shoes and water. Meet at the Dogwood parking lot at 9:30 a.m. Event lasts approximately 45 minutes.

Saturday, September 19: Fall Trail Walk. Join a park ranger on a walk along the Azalea Trail (1.1 miles). Enjoy the wonders of discovery while getting healthy. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic area at 10 a.m.

Sunday, September 20: Volunteer Opportunities at Greenbelt Park. How can I become a camp host? What is the volunteer trail crew and what does it do? What other visitor services can I be a part of? Learn about the positive impact of volunteers on the park and how you can join the park's stewardship team. Meet at the Ranger Station at 2 p.m. or at the campfire circle at 7 p.m.

Saturday, September 26: Come celebrate National Public Lands Day at Greenbelt Park. Stewardship events are held on public lands across the United States as a way to give back to the community. Call the Ranger Station at 301-344-3944 for more details. All participants meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area at 8:45 a.m. Event lasts until noon.

Saturday, September 26: Greenbelt: An Oasis for Volunteers and Volunteer Experiences in the National Parks. A park ranger reflects on volunteers and their significant contributions during his career in five parks. Find a park and care for it as a VIP: Volunteer In the Park. Meet at the Ranger Station at 3 p.m.

Sunday, September 27: Outdoor Stewardship Volunteer Event. Join the Greenbelt volunteer corps on the 4th Sunday each month to improve the park through stewardship projects. Call the Ranger Station at 301-344-3944 for more information. Meet at the Ranger Station at 10 a.m. The event runs until 1 p.m.

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

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

All meals include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of September 14 are as follows:

Monday, September 14: Cranberry juice, potato-crust fish, mashed spiced yams, green peas, wheat bread, tartar sauce, fresh fruit.

Tuesday, September 15: Orange juice, beef barley soup with crackers, seafood salad, Kaiser roll, mixed green salad with French dressing, fresh fruit.

Wednesday, September 16: Grape juice, stuffed peppers with meat sauce, corn O'Brien, wheat bread, hot spiced apples.

Thursday, September 17: Pineapple juice, chicken patty with marinara sauce, garlic ro-tini, spinach, Italian bread, diced peaches.

Friday, September 18: Senior Fun & Fitness Day – All sites closed.

## Bible College Has Experience Day

Lancaster Bible College (LBC) and its graduate division, Capital Seminary and Graduate School, will host Experience LBC/Capital Day on Saturday, September 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Participants will experience being a student by sitting in on two class sessions in the bachelor's or master's/doctoral tracks.

Attendees will learn about the flexible class schedules with on-line and in-class options for Capital's various degree programs. Participants can speak with a counselor to create a customized education plan and explore financial aid opportunities. This free event will be held at 7852 Walker Drive in Greenbelt. To register, visit [lbc.edu/infoession](http://lbc.edu/infoession) or call 301-552-1400. i

## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

A birthday pot luck luncheon will take place on September 16. The Golden Age Club always welcomes visitors. Come to the Community Center on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. and meet with us.

**ACADEMY STADIUM THEATERS**  
 6198 GREENBELT ROAD  
 CENTER COURT OF BELTWAY PLAZA  
**301-220-1155**  
 For directions visit [www.academy8theaters.com](http://www.academy8theaters.com)  
 R = ID Required  
 (!) = No passes, (!!) = No passes weekend  
 \* Not part of the morning and Tuesday discount shows  
 Most features are \$5.50  
 all day on Tuesdays; add \$2.00 for 3-D

### Week of September 11

#### FRIDAY – SATURDAY

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 The Visit, PG13 (!)  
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 Un Gallo Con  
 Muchos Huevos, (!)  
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 Hitman 47, R  
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 Straight Outta Compton, R  
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#### THURSDAY

Black Mass, R (!)  
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## Greenbelt Arts Center OPENING NEXT WEEK!



**Forsaken Angels**  
 Wolf Pack Theatre Company  
 Proudly Presents  
 William Leary's  
**Forsaken Angels**  
 September 18-27  
 Greenbelt Arts Center  
 A Greenbelt Arts Center Guest Production  
 Strong language, sexual situations and graphic violence. No one under 17 admitted without adult supervision. Visit [www.greenbeltartscenter.org](http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org) for ticketing information.  
 A Maryland State Arts Council Individual Artist Award Grant Winner  
 By William Leary  
 A guest production from Wolf Pack Theatre Company  
 September 18-27  
 Friday and Saturday at 8:00  
 Sundays, September 20 & 27 at 2:00  
 Ticket prices: \$20 General Admission, \$16 Students/Seniors/Military, \$12 Youth (12 and under with adult)  
 Due to strong language, sexual situations, and graphic violence, no one under 17 admitted without adult supervision

### COMING SOON

Tru - October 9 - 18 - Directed by Gayle Negri  
 Any Given Monday - November 7 - 23 - Directed by Ann Lowe-Barrett

For information & reservations, call 301-441-8770 or email: [info@greenbeltartscenter.org](mailto:info@greenbeltartscenter.org) or BOOK TICKETS ONLINE at [www.greenbeltartscenter.org](http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org)

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

Utopia Film Festival Presents  
 Sunday, Sept. 13th & Wednesday, Sept. 16th  
 Beginning at 8 PM

“Keeping the Kibbutz”, “God Has Arrived”  
 and “A Block from Home”

On Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATe)  
 Comcast 77 & Verizon Fios 19 Channels

# Obituaries

## Freda Lebowitz Wollman

Freda Lebowitz Wollman, born November 26, 1939, who resided on Eastway for the past 27 years and died on August 16, was raised in Prince George's county, growing up in Mount Ranier and then University Park. She graduated from Northwestern High School in 1957. She married in 1960, lived in the Lewisdale community in Hyattsville, and had a son and two daughters. Her son, Jerry Wollman, is now a hospital administrator in Baltimore. Her elder daughter, Iris Patillo, with her husband David, owns a construction management consulting firm near Atlanta. Her younger daughter, Marna, has just finished her master's degree in social work and will be transitioning from hospitality sales to a career as a psychotherapist.



Freda's five grandchildren, one girl and four boys, aged 23 down to 8, were a joy to her. After Freda's marriage ended amicably in the eighties, she met Billy Fletcher. As friends, lovers and soulmates, they lived a fun, full life until her death. One of Freda's biggest joys was being with her family. As her children were growing up they were proud to live in the fun and cool house where all the kids wanted to hang out. She always had a hug or a snack for any child that needed a place to just be themselves. She was open, non-judgmental and fun, treating the kids as real people and not as silly little children. Her home was always open on any holiday for those without another place to go. There was always room at the Wollman's table, as she was always generous. Freda was a loyal and dedicated employee working for one company in the automotive parts sales industry for over 25 years and another for over five years until her retirement nine years ago. She and Billy enjoyed canoeing and fishing in their earlier years together. Even in retirement, Freda wanted to stay busy helping people. Another joy was the work that she did as a volunteer at Doctors Community Hospital. She was there for eight years.

It was said by co-workers and others that she was one of their most dedicated volunteers. When she was diagnosed with emphysema over a decade ago she quit smoking. But the damage had been done and her weakened lung capacity took its toll on her body over the years. She gradually slowed down and lost her ability to get around with ease.

Even with her illness, she continued to help and support many projects over the years, like Ronald McDonald House, Children's Hospital and cystic fibrosis to name a few. After falling and breaking her pelvic bone in May she fought hard all summer to recuperate. The visitors, notes, cards and flower that she received all summer long were a testament to the number of people that she had an impact on throughout her life. Freda was one of a kind and her love touched many.

Her Shiva services, held at the home of her son in Silver Spring on August 18 and 19, were a beautiful celebration of her life. You know you're a special person when your doctor attends your service as well as the nurses who cared for you at the end of your life. Even in dying, she taught us all a lot about living.

*A loving friend's tribute.*

Our condolences to the family and friends of Robert Bassett, who died August 28 after playing tennis.

Sympathies to the family and friends of Freda Lebowitz Wollman who was a longtime resident of Prince Georges County and a 27-year Greenbelter. She died August 16.

Liz Labukas was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on September 3, beside her parents Peter and Eileen Labukas. Liz always loved the Labor Day



PHOTO BY KATHY LABUKAS

Liz Labukas was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on September 3.



Festival which takes place every year near her birthday, September 5, especially playing bingo and helping to carry the Nursery School banner in the parade. She was remembered at the bingo this past Saturday night by a special blackout bingo her sister Kathy sponsored in her honor. A Kousa dogwood tree will be planted in her memory sometime later this fall near the Nursery School, where she worked for many years.

Doug and Lannay Tull are proud to announce the following news on their two daughters.

Jacqueline Tull Willoughby has been awarded a full scholarship to pursue a Master of Fine Arts degree at the University of Delaware. Jacquie received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree



Sisters Jacquie and Corinne Tull. Courtesy Tull family.

summa cum laude from the Pennsylvania College of Art and Design in May.

Corinne Tull has begun her new job as a special education teacher at Frances Fuchs Early Childhood Center in Beltsville following receipt of her Bachelor of Science degree in early childhood special education from Towson University in May.

Congratulations to:

Brothers Mike and John Culhane, both graduates of Catholic University, who will be appearing together on stage for the first time in Prince George's Little Theatre's production of Once Upon a Mattress. The musical comedy opens on Friday, September 11 at the Bowie Playhouse in White Marsh Park, Bowie. Mike stars as Prince Dauntless and John portrays Sir Harry.

To send information for Our Neighbors, email us at editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com or leave at 301-474-6892

Kathleen McFarland.



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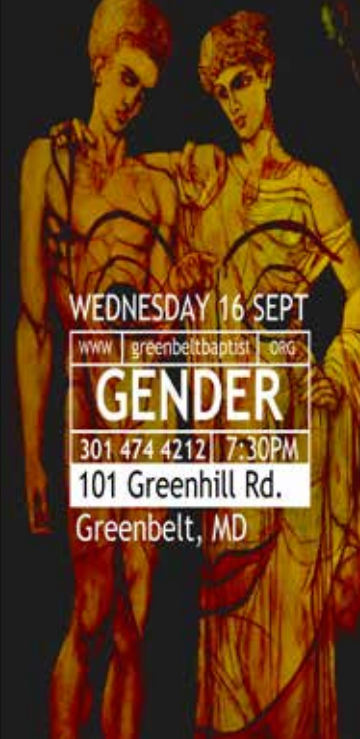
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135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
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Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.  
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# City Information

## GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING Municipal Building, September 15, 2015 – 8:00 p.m.

### ORGANIZATION

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

### COMMUNICATIONS

- Presentations  
National Preparedness Month Proclamation  
Public Lands Day  
- Petitions and Requests  
(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)  
- \* Minutes of Council Meetings  
- Administrative Reports  
- \*Committee Reports

### LEGISLATION

- A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Professional Services to Prepare a Greenbelt Forest Preserve Forest Health Assessment with A. Morton Thomas and Associates, Inc., at a Cost of \$28,450 - 1st Reading  
- A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Professional Services to Develop a Series of Next Steps in Economic Development with the Hyattsville Community Development Corporation at a Cost Not to Exceed \$33,000 -1st Reading

### OTHER BUSINESS

- Proposed Metrobus Service and Tariff Changes  
- Proposed Pepco Vegetation Management Work  
- Campaign Signs on City Property  
- Referral on Solar Energy Project Proposal to Staff  
- Council Reports  
- \*Cherrywood Lane Complete Green Street Project  
\*- Reappointments to Advisory Groups

### MEETINGS

*NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.*

## AQUA ZUMBA POOL PARTY!

**Saturday, September 12 at noon**  
**Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center, 101 Centerway**  
**Residents \$6.50; Non-Residents \$7.50**  
**Come out and have a blast with Keyona, Yolanda & Shawnii! See how much fun Aqua Zumba really is!**

### CITY ELECTION INFORMATION

#### NOMINATIONS FOR 2015 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

In accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter, a regular election will be held in the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, on Tuesday, November 3, 2015, to elect the seven members of the City Council.

Any qualified voter of the City may be nominated for the office of Member of Council upon filing a nomination petition with the City Clerk (signed by not fewer than 50 Greenbelt resident voters), a written acceptance of the nomination, and other statements that are required by the City Charter or by law. Required forms and information are available in the City Clerk's Office, 25 Crescent Road, from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

#### NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL 5:00 PM ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2015.

For additional information, call Cindy Murray, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000, or e-mail cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

### CITY ELECTION INFORMATION

#### DRAWING FOR ORDER OF BALLOT PLACEMENT

A drawing to determine the order of candidates' names on the ballot for the November 3rd election will take place in the City Council Room of the Municipal Building on Monday, September 21, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. Immediately following, a drawing will be held to determine the order for placement of campaign signs on public property for any candidates choosing to participate in that program. For more information, call Cindy Murray, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000, or e-mail to cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

## MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 15-19

Tuesday, September 15 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming Live at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv)

Wednesday, September 16 at 7:30pm, **PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD** at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road Rm 114

Wednesday, September 16 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Technology Issues** at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road

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

## GREENBELT AQUATIC & FITNESS CENTER OUTDOOR POOL IS OPEN

The Indoor Pool and Hot Tub will close from September 8 to approximately October 23rd  
**The outdoor pool will stay open through Friday, September 25th.**

**Hours: M-F 6am-8pm; Sat & Sun 8am-8pm**  
Please visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov) for project updates and announcements.

### CITY ELECTION INFORMATION

#### ANY REGISTERED GREENBELT VOTER MAY CHOOSE TO VOTE BY EARLY VOTING or ABSENTEE VOTING NO MORE EXCUSES!

**EARLY VOTING:** Any qualified voter of the City of Greenbelt may choose to vote by EARLY VOTING.

#### EARLY VOTING DATES AND LOCATIONS

##### Schrom Hills Park Clubhouse

6915 Hanover Parkway  
Saturday, October 17th, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and  
Sunday, October 18th, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

##### Springhill Lake Recreation Center

6101 Cherrywood Lane  
Saturday, October 24th, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and  
Sunday, October 25th, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

##### Greenbelt Municipal Building

25 Crescent Road  
Mondays – Fridays  
October 19th – October 30th, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Tuesdays until 8:00 pm

**ABSENTEE VOTING:** Any qualified voter of the City of Greenbelt may choose to vote by absentee ballot.

An ABSENTEE BALLOT may be requested in one of two ways. Each individual requesting a ballot must submit a separate, signed application form or letter.

- Fill out an application form that you may 1) pick up in the City Clerk's office, 2) request from the City Clerk by phone at 301-474-8000 or by e-mail at cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov, or 3) print from the City's Web site at <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov>; or
- Write a letter of application to the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, including your full name, domicile address in Greenbelt, signature, and telephone number.

Military service members, their families, and other U.S. citizens abroad who are covered under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act may also use the Federal Post Card Application (<http://www.fvap.gov>) to request an absentee ballot for City election.

Applications to receive absentee ballots must be received by noon on Monday, November 2, 2015. The completed ballot must be received by the City Clerk no later than 6 p.m. the day of the regular election, November 3, 2015. No absentee ballots will be distributed prior to October 14.

Return your executed absentee ballot by 1) sending it through the U.S. mail in time to arrive by November 5, 2) hand-delivering it to the City Clerk's office, or 3) placing it in the locked drop-box at the east door of the Municipal Building at 25 Crescent Road.

**Questions? Call the City Clerk at 301-474-8000, or send email to cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.**

**Greenbelt Youth Center Gym and Weight Room will be closed for floor re-finishing from September 8th-14th it will re-open on Tues. September 15th.**

## VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, and Youth Advisory Committee  
**For information call 301-474-8000.**

## CARES INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING

Greenbelt CARES offers Individual Adult Counseling. Individual counseling is conducted using a Cognitive Behavioral Approach. Counselors work with clients to determine the goals of therapy, and then help clients implement strategies that improve overall functioning. Services are free of charge for Greenbelt residents, and for those in several zip codes surrounding the city. CARES currently has a short waiting list for appointments. Contact **301-345-6660**.

## MOONLIT MOVIES

Saturday, September 12  
8-10pm  
at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center  
featuring  
**GHOSTBUSTERS!**



**Sponsored by the City of Greenbelt and the Old Greenbelt Theatre**

## DONATION DROP-OFF TO RESUME ON

**SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>!**  
GreenDrop will be collecting your items on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month in the Municipal Center Parking lot from 9:00am-12:00pm.



## WELCOME PACKETS

The City of Greenbelt is now collecting materials for the next round of Welcome Packets! All businesses, organizations, etc are invited to participate. We will need 300 flyers, coupons, brochures or anything else that you would like to have included by Friday, September 25th. Please deliver your materials to Beverly Palau at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.  
**Info: 240-542-2026**

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that Greenbelt is Great. I do want the young people to remember to love your parents and your teachers fond and dear," said Hess.

After the ceremony, Hess and former Outstanding Citizens gathered in the Council Room in the Municipal Building for the traditional celebratory cake and punch. Jordan presented Hess with a small model of the Mother and Child statue in Roosevelt Center.

"Solange exemplifies a lot of the best qualities the Outstanding Citizen Committee is looking for," Jordan said.

### Background

Hess was born and grew up in Winnipeg, Canada, on the banks of the Red River. Her passion for volunteering, she said, comes from being a child of the Great Depression.

"The sense of volunteering started in my family way back when. It all started at home. We always had to give back and share. We always had little to give and little to share."

Hess's father worked as a physician and her mother volunteered as a nurse in the local hospital. Growing up in a family of medical professionals, Hess developed a calling for nursing. She enrolled in nursing school at St. Joseph's Academy and College, and went on to continue her studies at nursing school at Misericordia Hospital in Manitoba.

She became a nurse shortly afterward and worked for 55 years in the profession.

Motivated by her desire to gain more nursing experience in the field of psychiatry, Hess decided to move to the United States for the first time to work at the Menninger Clinic in Kansas. She later traveled to Alaska, where she met and fell in love with her husband.

### Activities

Despite living a busy life of a mother of three boys, Hess still found time to be energetically involved in youth organizations. She was a volunteer for the Greenbelt Little League and the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Tennis Team.

Her involvement in the community is broad and extends to different organizations in the community. She is an active member in a variety of clubs, such as the Greenbelt Golden Age Club, and is also a member of the Greenbelt News Review's proofreading team. Hess is certified in Emergency Preparedness and volunteers in Greenbelt's Community Emergency Response Team. Her nurse certification also qualifies her to perform blood screenings for the Heart Association and city-sponsored health fairs.

Hess's work goes beyond volunteering; she also helps develop poverty alleviation programs, such as the Greenbelt Assistance

in Living Program, also known as GAIL. She is an active parishioner and member of the Ladies of Charity in St. Hugh of Grenoble. For eight years Hess has been coordinator for the Pantry of Greenbelt—an ecumenical program that provides groceries confidentially to underprivileged families in Greenbelt sustained solely by donations and the generosity of the community. The Pantry serves fifteen families a week.

The Ladies of Charity obtain most of their donations from shoppers at the Greenbelt Co-op who drop off foodstuffs in a green bin labeled "Food Pantry Donations." Volunteers pick up the groceries once a week and bring them to St. Hugh of Grenoble, where the Ladies of Charity organize the groceries and package them into meals.

When asked to describe what was her most gratifying experience as a volunteer, Solange Hess simply responded: "It is better to give than to receive."

"I've met up with such generous people they have been so wonderful. We have kept this alive, even though we have no source of income. It's the generosity of the people of Greenbelt that has sustained me and the members of the pantry," Hess said.

*(Gabriela Martinez is a University of Maryland graduate school student writing for the News Review.)*

## Transportation Planning Board Community Leadership Institute

How are transportation decisions made in this region? How can community leaders make a difference?

The Transportation Planning Board's (TPB) Community Leadership Institute (CLI) is designed to help community leaders figure out those questions. Over the course of three interrelated modules, the CLI aims to empower individuals to get involved in transportation decision-making whenever and where ever it occurs. Facilitated by Kathy Porter—current WMATA board member and former TPB chair and Takoma Park Mayor—the CLI uses interactive group exercises and discussions to help participants better understand regional challenges as well as opportunities for successful public involvement. At each step of the way, participants discuss ways in which the interests of their local communities connect with the planning issues facing the entire region. By providing this big-picture context, the CLI encourages participants to "think regionally and act locally."

Interested candidates must commit to attending all three sessions: Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 9 p.m. on October 7, 10 and 14 at the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments offices in Washington, D.C. Interested candidates must submit a brief statement of interest before September 25, 2015.

The statement of interest can either be submitted online ([www.mwcog.org/cli](http://www.mwcog.org/cli)) or by sending an email to Bryan Hayes ([bhayes@](mailto:bhayes@)

[mwcog.org](http://mwcog.org)) and must include the following information:

Name, state of residence, mailing address affiliation with a civic association or community group, recent experiences or roles in community leadership, why you are interested in participating in the TPB Community Leadership Institute one how you heard about the CLI.

Also write a one-to-two sentence bio to be shared with other members of the CLI.

statements of interest may also be mailed to:

Bryan Hayes, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, 777 North Capital Street, NE Suite 300, Washington, DC 20002

A member of the TPB staff will contact those who submit a statement of interest regarding registration status.

CLI participants represent a range of transportation interests and come from all corners of the metropolitan Washington region. For the CLI to be successful, it is important for participants to comprise a comprehensive group that is representative of the mosaic of interests and geographical diversity within our region. The TPB hosts the CLI multiple times annually, so if interested parties are unable to attend the CLI this fall, future opportunities will be available.

For more information on the CLI, visit [mwcog.org/cli](http://mwcog.org/cli) or contact Bryan Hayes at 202-962-3273 or [bhayes@mwcog.org](mailto:bhayes@mwcog.org).



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# Greenbelt, Maryland, is a Hotbed of Everyday Climate Change Action

by Kelsey Ryan

For many people today, the environmental movement can seem intimidating. Climate change is scary, as are environmental inequality, pollution, and waste. What can one person do to change these realities?

But for one resident of Greenbelt, Maryland, there's one important way the "green" movement can seem more friendly: encouragement.

"It's good to explain environmental issues on a basic level," says Jane Young. Young is a longtime Greenbelt local and a coordinator of the Greenbelt Wind Group, a collaborative effort by the Greenbelt Community Church, the Greenbelt Climate Action Network (or GCAN), and other environmentally-focused groups around the city.

Early this August, we at Groundswell got the opportunity to take a special tour of Greenbelt, hosted by Young. And along the way, she told us the story of her journey to clean energy, and Greenbelt's success in making environmentalism something everyone can access.

"It's really important that we be stewards of the Earth, but 'being green' is hard for many people, especially older people, to wrap their heads around," says Young. "Even in Greenbelt—which is a green community—a lot of people still don't understand what to do or how."

The key to making real change, thinks Young, is making environmentalism part of daily life. "Some people recycle already, and that's great," she says. "But then you see people who won't recycle, but they garden. That's also good thing, probably even better than just recycling. We've got to help people see why the Earth is important, and all the ways they can easily participate."

Although small changes don't do much on their own, they can help people start on a journey towards more sustainable lives. Could starting to recycle help someone one day to decide to put solar panels on their house?

"I've been on a recycling kick lately," says Young. "That's not because it's the most important thing to do for the environment, but it's an easy first step. I can't get everybody to switch over to solar or wind, but recycling is something everybody can do every day. And you'd be surprised at how few people actually recycle."

That's where encouragement comes in. What Young has learned in her time as an environmentalist in Greenbelt is that communities take stronger action when they work together—and to Young, that means being a cheerleader for the green movement. "When people in our community do something positive and we encourage them, they may keep taking more actions," says Young.

Like with this year's Greenbelt Labor Day Festival, coming up this September. One thing GCAN is doing is hosting games about environmental issues. They'll be really easy, and we'll have simple prizes so everyone can win. Then with the trash bins, we're going to have them paired with recycling containers."



PHOTO BY KELSEY RYAN FOR GROUNDSWELL

**"In the church, it's really important that we be stewards of the Earth, but 'being green' is hard for many people, especially older people, to wrap their heads around," says Jane Young, a member of the Greenbelt Climate Action Network.**

These may seem basic, but to Young, "small steps add up."

On our tour of Greenbelt, we first stopped by the Greenbelt Community Church (GCC). Young has been a member of GCC for 40 years, and has been a part of many initiatives to make the church more eco-friendly.

Young also showed us parts of downtown Greenbelt, including the New Deal Café, a local restaurant and community gathering spot.

Thanks so much for giving us the chance to see how Greenbelt makes action on the environment an everyday community activity, Jane! We're so thankful for communities like yours, and individuals like you.

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## Mass Casualty Drill On September 12

The first-ever local, multi-municipality evening mass casualty drill will take place on the evening of Saturday, September 12 at the Berwyn Heights Elementary School, where Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) from Berwyn Heights, Laurel and Greenbelt will jointly respond to a disaster scenario.

CERT volunteers will practice disaster response procedures including search and rescue, mass casualty care and a full deployment of emergency assets as they locate, triage and treat casualties.

The three municipalities have a long history of cooperation and training together, and it is understood that in any real life disaster they may be called upon to help each other. An important feature of this exercise is that the drill is not encumbering major municipal government resources or management. Instead, the operation is being staffed and managed by organized and trained citizen volunteer CERT groups dedicated to first response capabilities.

Persons wishing to participate in this exercise either as a rescuer or a victim/survivor are urged to go to [eventbrite.com/e/mass-casualty-cert-ex-berwyn-heights-2015-tickets-18039171648?aff=es2](http://eventbrite.com/e/mass-casualty-cert-ex-berwyn-heights-2015-tickets-18039171648?aff=es2) to register. For more information write to [Berwyn.heights.certs@hotmail.com](mailto:Berwyn.heights.certs@hotmail.com).

# From Beirut to Greenbelt; Salehs Find Connection Here

by Jim Link

Anwar and Amal Saleh have been making Greenbelters (more) beautiful and stylish for almost 20 years in their Haven of Beauty, Palace of Style or, more mundanely, Greenbelt Barber and Stylist Hair Salon.

Looking spiffy and chic, customers have been leaving 151 Centerway, adjacent to Greenbelt Auto and Truck Repair, diagonally opposite the Greenbelt Grocery Co-op, since 1996, quite satisfied.

Don't take my word for it, google their emporium to read a fistful of positive reviews.

Anwar and Amal decided to emigrate from Beirut to the USA in 1990 toward the end of the civil war. Sectarian and political violence among Shi'a, Sunni, Maronite, Palestinian and Israeli factions made life in Beirut unpalatable, to put it euphemistically.

A brother in Beltsville, also a barber, welcomed them so that "we could look for a better life," Anwar said. And they found it, or more precisely, forged it in Greenbelt. "We love it here. We have a connection with our clients. We are like family," claimed Amal.

"We like Greenbelt very much," said Anwar more sedately. Over the years they brought two children into the world. Son Aiman, now 29, has a degree in biology and physiology from the University of Maryland and is a doctor at the American University in Beirut. A droll or noble historic irony? It's no stretch to say Aiman's parents left a wounded land and that Aiman has returned to help heal it.



PHOTO BY JIM LINK

**Anwar and Amal Saleh outside their shop, Greenbelt Barber and Stylist Hair Salon.**

Daughter Rola, 22, graduated this past May from University of Maryland with a double major in political science and Arabic.

Anwar met Amal when he was working on a road construction crew in her neighborhood and noticed her walking by daily. He eventually gathered his courage to the sticking point and engaged her in conversation. Courtship ensued.

As a 10 year old, Anwar was a fanatical soccer player, but his talent didn't match his desire, he recalls wistfully, so active playing has faded into fond memory.

He is happy to say that Amal is a wonderful cook, not a culinary patzer like himself. So traditional Lebanese fare tabouli, hummus, baba ghanoush graces their dining room table regularly. They both are big fans of Chef Karim's Lebanese delicacies at the New Deal Café.

Living proof of the warmth, energy, cultural diversity and benevolent community contribution that immigrant citizens can bring, Anwar and Amal assure me that their affection for Greenbelt and their clientele is "from the heart."

## 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GREENBELT BLUES FESTIVAL

ALL FESTIVAL EVENTS FREE

Sept 19, 2015  
Roosevelt Center Greenbelt, MD

- Outdoor live music, 1-7 PM (stage in Roosevelt Center)
- Indoor live music, 7:30 - 11:30 (New Deal Cafe)
- Free showing of BB King's life story \* at Old Greenbelt Theatre (7:30 PM)
- \* Full length movie "The Life of Riley" narrated by Morgan Freeman

Pre-festival events at the Beltway Plaza  
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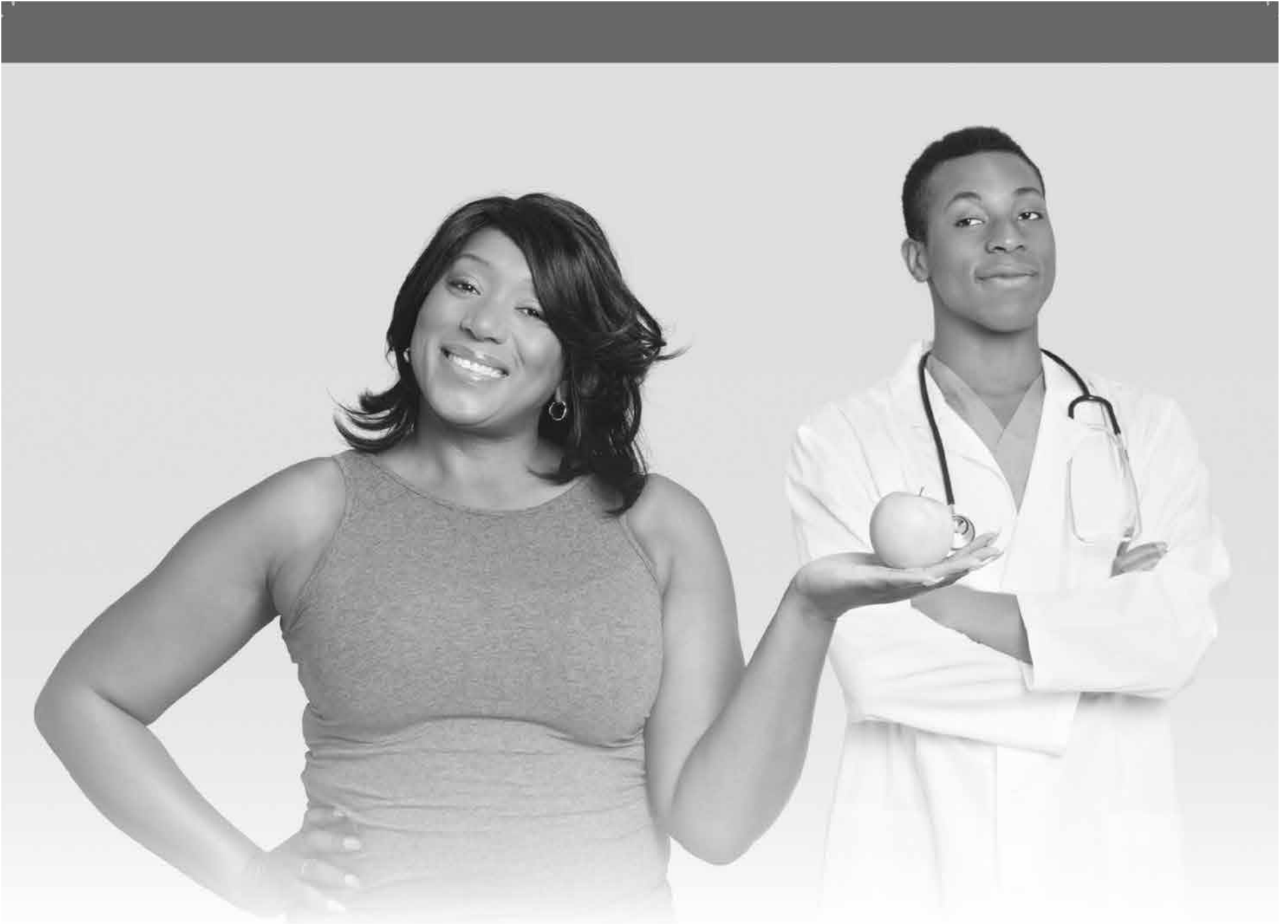
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# Greenbelt Blues Festival Honors King of the Blues

by Chris Logan

The Greenbelt 13th Annual Blues Festival is tuning up with lots of activities. In addition to terrific live music, this year's festival is dedicated to the memory of the "King of the Blues," BB King. In honor of BB King, there will be two free showings of BB King's life story, *The Life of Riley* at Beltway Plaza, Academy 8 Stadium Theaters (Wednesday, September 16 at 7 p.m.) and at the Old Greenbelt Theatre (Saturday, September 19 at 7:30 p.m.). The movie, narrated by Morgan Freeman, has received many accolades.

Following the showing on Saturday, there may be a discussion with a member of the DC Blues Society about the movie and the music. During the live music events, the performers will speak about how BB King influenced their music. BB King died on May 14, 2015 from complications caused by diabetes which he had had for over 25 years. Information about the disease and its prevention will be available at events.

The live music begins on Friday, September 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Beltway Plaza Mall. Kevin Robinson will play his

magical cordless guitar at the corridor hub (Center Court) intersection by the entrance to Academy 8 Stadium Theaters. On Saturday, September 19, the music continues at the outdoor stage in Greenbelt's historic Roosevelt Center from 1 to 7 p.m. and indoors from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. in the New Deal Café.

Friends of the New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA) are encouraged by the community support for this festival. For the third year in a row, Beltway Plaza continues to be a major festival sponsor. FONDCA also welcomes four new sponsors: Maryland Milestones/ATHA Inc., Old Greenbelt Theatre, Town Center Realty and Whole Health Wellness. FONDCA notes the returning sponsors Greenbelt Auto & Truck, Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy and Greenbelt Credit Union.

All festival events are free of charge. There is plenty of free parking and great music, so bring chairs and enjoy Greenbelt's 13th Annual Blues Festival.

This event is produced by the New Deal Café and is made possible by support from FONDCA and the City of Greenbelt.

## Upcoming Events At The New Deal

Thursday, September 10, Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft from noon to 2 p.m. Open Mic hosted by James and Martha from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, September 11, John Guernsey plays classic American standards on piano from 7 to 8 p.m. Crush Funk Brass offer music funked up and played on all brass instruments from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 12, Bruce Krittr plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. John Guernsey plays jazz piano tunes from 7 to 8 p.m. Beggars Tomb recreates classic *The Grateful Dead* from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 13, please join the Deaf Brunch from 10:30 a.m. until noon. The Not2Cool Jazz Trio performs from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. The Chick Hall Trio offers up a mix of rock, blues, country, and swing from 5 to 8 p.m.

Tuesday, September 15, Poetry Night Open Mic from 7 to 9 p.m.

Wednesday, September 16, the monthly Pub Quiz from 7 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, September 17, Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft from 12 to 2 p.m. Open Mic hosted by Joe Harris from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, September 18, John Guernsey plays American standards on piano from 7 to 8 p.m. Ursula Ricks Project promises sultry vocals and soul and rock music from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 19, The Greenbelt Blues Festival will be happening from 1 to 11:30 p.m. Go to [newdealcafe.com](http://newdealcafe.com) for more information. Bruce Krittr plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m.; John Guernsey will play classic jazz standards on piano from 7 to 8 p.m.

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15. 1st runner up theme – Team Illusion
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# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, [www.greenbeltmd.gov/police](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police).

## Attempted Murder

August 30, 3:17 p.m., 5800 block Breezewood Drive. Officers responded to a report of a shooting. The injured man said he was standing outside when he heard someone call to him. He turned and saw a man wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt and dark pants pointing a gun at him. Several shots were fired and one round struck his leg. He was transported to Prince George's Hospital Center for treatment.

## Robbery

August 28, 11:09 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. A man walking to a residence was approached by three men, one of whom displayed a handgun and announced a robbery. They took credit cards and a backpack and fled on foot.

## Assault

August 28, 11:15 p.m., 9200 block Edmonston Road. A man came home and saw several men around his parked vehicle, with one of them urinating on it. When he confronted the men, two assaulted him, punching him several times and knocking him to the ground. They fled in a vehicle described as a white van. The man refused treatment for minor injuries.

August 29, 7:20 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. A 36-year-old resident was arrested and charged with first- and second-degree assault and possession of a dangerous weapon with intent to injure after he was allegedly involved in a physical altercation with another man who cut him with a knife. He was arrested on the scene and released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner. The injured man was treated for a cut to his arm.

## DWI/DUI

August 30, 2 a.m., Greenbelt Road near Lakecrest Drive. A 25-year-old resident was arrested and charged with alcohol- and traffic-related offenses after being stopped for a traffic violation. He was released on citations pending trial.

August 30, 3:10 a.m., Kenilworth Avenue near Greenbelt Road. A 36-year-old resident was arrested and charged with alcohol- and traffic-related offenses after being stopped for a registration violation. He was released on citations pending trial.

August 31, 12:58 a.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. A 22-year-old resident was arrested and charged with alcohol- and traffic-related offenses after being stopped for a traffic violation. He was released on citations pending trial.

August 31, 1:33 a.m., Greenbelt Road near Kenilworth Avenue. A 25-year-old resident was arrested and charged with alco-

hol- and traffic-related offenses after being stopped for a traffic violation. He was released on citations pending trial.

## Theft

August 29, 3 p.m., 6100 block Greenbelt Road. A man reported that someone may have taken his wallet from his pocket while at Subway. One of his credit cards was used later to make an unauthorized purchase.

August 30, 8:30 a.m., 9 Court Southway. An unattended wallet was taken from atop a parked car.

## Peeping Tom

August 31, 2:38 a.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. A woman asleep in her bed awoke to find a man leaning in her bedroom window using a stick to pull blankets off of her. She screamed and the man fled on foot.

## Burglary

August 28, 9 p.m., 7300 block Frankfort Drive. Officers responded to a report of a burglar alarm sounding and found entry had been made by forcing open a rear window. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

August 28, 9:30 p.m., 6500 block Lake Park Drive. A woman came home and found a window on the rear of her home was open. Two tablet computers, a laptop computer and handgun had been taken.

August 29, 5:05 a.m., 6200 block Springhill Court. A window screen was pulled off a partially opened bedroom window. Entry was not gained.

## Vehicle Crime

One vehicle was stolen. A 2009 Mini Cooper taken August 27 from the 100 block Westway was recovered August 31 by D.C. Metropolitan police in the 2300 block 13th Place N.E.

Three vehicles were recovered. Two had been reported stolen by Prince George's County police, a 2000 Honda Civic, recovered in the 7100 block Greenbelt Road, and a 2011 Buick Regal, recovered in the 7600 block Greenbelt Road. A 2015 Nissan Altima reported stolen by Fairfax County police was recovered in the 9300 block Edmonston Road.

Thefts from unlocked vehicles were reported in the 7800 block Emily's Way, two incidents (in both cases money) and 6900 block Hanover Parkway (jewelry and money). A wallet and keys were taken from a vehicle with a partially open window in the 7800 block Emily's Way. Four tires and rims were taken in the 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive.

Two incidents of vandalism were reported. Paint on a vehicle in the 9100 block Edmonston Terrace was scratched and a rock was used to break a front windshield in the 6000 block Springhill Drive.

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Council was also told by staff that Charlestowne Village has approved Pepco's proposals within its area, the affected area of Lastner Lane was approved by all but one homeowner, two residents on Maplewood Court oppose the proposed removal of four Bradford pears in front of their homes and Greenbelt Homes, Incorporated, where extensive work is proposed, is still reviewing that work request.

## Complaints

Mayor Emmett Jordan expressed disappointment that Pepco had not furnished a requested map showing all the work proposed to be done in the city instead of the multiple plans. He also noted the difficulty the city had responding quickly to Pepco's request for approval because it was summertime and many people involved or affected were on vacation.

Pasternak said that Pepco's power grid is not based upon municipal boundaries and that the seven plans were based upon the location of feeder lines to be worked upon. In an email to McLaughlin he also said that "trying to condense the wide geographic area covered by seven maps into one map that contains all the proposed work on city property would essentially yield a useless, unidentifiable blob."

Councilmember Judith Davis complained about the "tone of emails" sent by Pepco. She considered Pepco to be strong-arming the council and citizens. Pasternak apologized for the time constraints. Pepco wanted people to be aware that either yes or no answers were needed soon in order for the work to be scheduled. Near approval for five plans was fine, but most of the work to be done is depicted in the two plans still pending. There is still a need to finalize the plan in accordance with city responses and to line up contractors to do the work which should be done

between now and December.

## Homeowners Complaints

Later in the meeting, Derek Thompson, representing the Windsor Green Homeowners Association (WGHOA), also complained that Pepco did not know "how to deal with homeowners." He noted that this was the second time in three years that Pepco had proposed work in Windsor Green. In a memorandum to the city he reported that WGHOA was first made aware of the current work proposal on June 10. Pepco was invited to an association meeting on June 15 where the residents were told that a response was needed by June 30. He believes that Pepco "misunderstood the slow and deliberative response by which the HOA normally deals with issues affecting homeowners."

This was similar to what took place when Pepco made its earlier request and it was only when the residents met with a Pepco arborist that the issues were resolved. However, he objected to replacement trees being planted in December, which he believed resulted in 36 of them having to be replaced.

Both city Horticulturist Brian Townsend and Ethel Dutky, a plant pathologist who is a member of the city's Advisory Committee on Trees, disagreed that those trees had been planted at the wrong time with Dutky saying that spring was absolutely the worst time to plant trees because they don't have enough time to set their roots before the summer heat and drought take place.

## Trimming?

Councilmember Rodney Roberts opposed cutting down any trees, advocating that they instead be trimmed to 15 feet from wires. Dutky disagreed, saying that many trimmed trees develop trunk defects, and she didn't want the city to have dangerous trees.

Townsend said that this was especially true of maples and that trimming can result in dieback and decay to trunks.

It was also noted that many of the trees affected were old Bradford pears and that these trees drop branches with age and become hazardous to cars and people.

Dutky said that they had looked at 154 trees identified by Pepco and found that 104 should be removed. Another 18 needed to be trimmed.

Roberts expressed concern about the impact of these removals on the tree canopy and asked what percentage would be affected. Dutky noted that rough estimates of the city tree canopies were based upon aerial photos and that it would be impossible to get the detailed percentages Roberts sought. She said that it was important to have excellent quality trees and she advocated the city have a tree replacement policy similar to that of Calvert County.

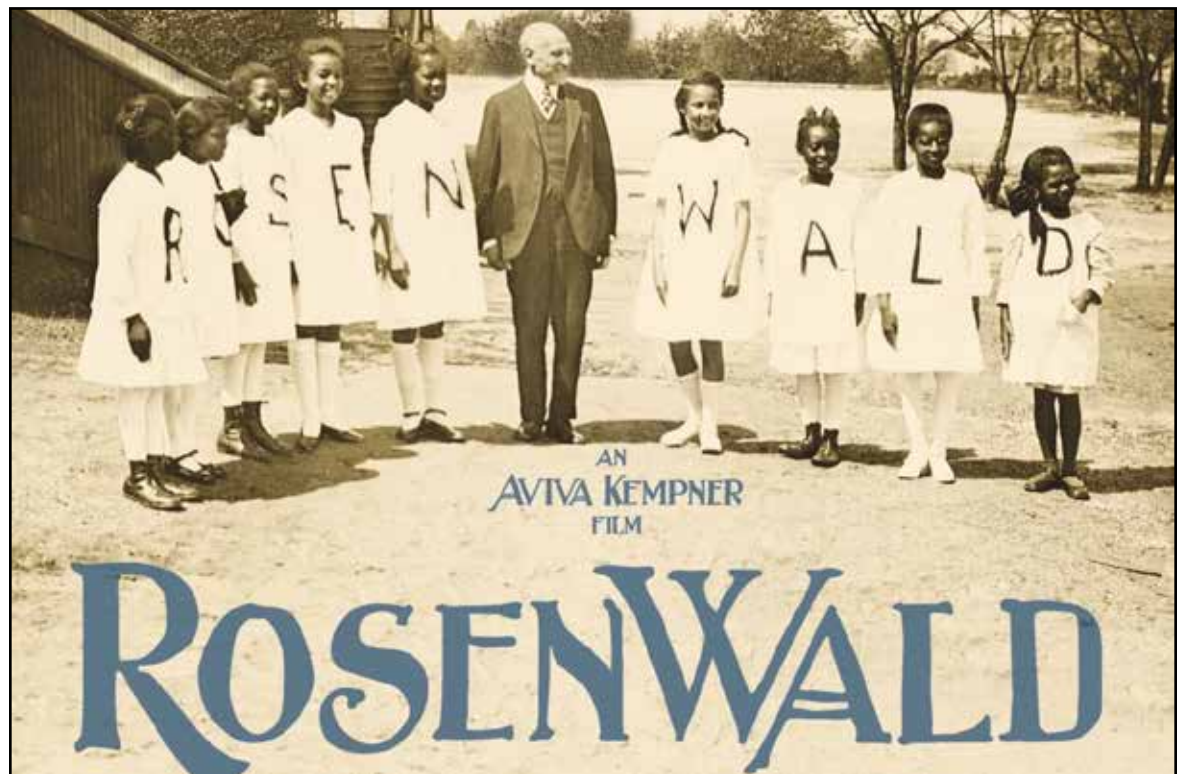
## Tree Study

City Manager Michael McLaughlin said the city needed to know where tree planting was appropriate and that it was a staff plan to undertake a tree study.

Thompson wanted to know what trees removed by Pepco would be replaced and Pasternak said all that were requested.

Davis thought it would be better for the city to negotiate a replacement cost with Pepco and do it itself, but Dutky said that the trees offered by Pepco were of good quality and should be accepted.

She also provided council with a list of acceptable replacement trees for under power lines prepared by the tree committee. The important thing, Dutky said, was to water the new trees regularly for three years; it would take that long for the root systems to become well established.



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# There Is Some Rosenwald Inside Every One of Us

by Cara Snyder



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**Community High School, Lakeland (Prince George's County), is an example of the six-teacher, six-classroom school, one of at least 27 Rosenwald schools built in Prince George's County.**

The Old Greenbelt Theatre's sold-out first screening of the documentary film *Rosenwald* and Q&A session with director Aviva Kempner and research historian Susan G. Pearl took place on Tuesday, September 1. Kempner's 12 year old project is an impressive feat; she manages to encapsulate business philosophy, biography, and most importantly, rich yet unexplored African American history, all in a 90 minute film. I walked away from the event with three powerful takeaways: the legacy of the Julius Rosenwald schools is alive and thriving in Prince George's County, history matters and we all have some Rosenwald (JR as the down-to-earth Sears and Roebuck chief executive officer preferred to be called) inside of us.

To understand the legacy of the schools here in our backyard, Pearl started with the basic numbers – there were over 5,300 schools built in 15 Southern states. In Maryland, which was also a Jim Crow state, there were 156 Rosenwald institutions, 27 of which were in Prince Georges County and nine that are still standing today.

Benny Larson was the first audience member to stand during the Q&A and share that he attended one of those schools and that his mother was a teacher. After that, the floodgates opened, and at least 30 audience members testified that they, too, had been touched by the schools. Graduates of Lakeland Elementary near College Park (who have written a book on their school's history) and Lincoln in Lanham, to name two, stood to speak and to be recognized.

The screening's multi-racial representation and dialogue was a refreshing reminder to a majority-white Old Greenbelt that black history is everyone's history, and much of this past is alive and relevant.

History as Kempner repeated throughout the night matters. In fact, "history matters" is the slogan on the back of her "Rosenwald" T-shirt. This message pulses through the film, which is as much African American history as it is a biography of Julius Rosenwald.

The second half of the film details the black artists and intellectuals who benefited from the Rosenwald fund (which community member Stanley Edwards called a MacArthur precursor). Here Kempner names numerous renowned African American dancers, sculptors, painters and

authors and flashes images of them and their works.

Sadly, most were names I had never heard before. Others, more famous beneficiaries such as Jacob Lawrence, Augusta Savage and Langston Hughes, received detailed profiles. One profile featured Marian Anderson, and this film was my introduction to the gifted contralto, confirming Kempner's assertion that many young people are suffering from a serious deficit of historical knowledge.

Such historical amnesia has grave consequences. For instance, how can voters of my generation (and younger) understand the gravity of attacks against the Voting Rights Act if we don't know the events surrounding that still-necessary piece of legislation? Films such as Eva Duvernay's "Selma," and now Kempner's "Rosenwald" are crucial interventions in American History.

In addition to Kempner's focus on History, she used the opportunity of the Q&A to assert that "we all have some JR in us". By this she means that everyone has the capacity to care and to act, even if they are not backed by millions of dollars. Being rich, according to the billionaire, is a matter of luck.

In fact, in one of the Greenbelt theater crowd's favorite scenes, Rosenwald critiques American's obsession with the rich and asserts that rich people are not smarter; in fact, "there is ample evidence to the contrary."

But what makes some rich people generous philanthropists? Why did JR give aid to people he had no personal interest in helping? Kempner's thesis is that Rosenwald's philanthropy is due to a combination of factors: the early influence of his childhood neighbors, the Lincolns (yes, as in Abraham Lincoln); his mother's guidance; Jewish ideals of tzedakah (charity) and tikkun olam (repairing the world); his friendship with progressive Rabbi Emil Hersh; and his relationship with Booker T. Washington and Tuskegee University.

No matter our personal experiences, no matter the sums in our bank accounts, we have the capacity to act. Kempner's message bears repeating: we are all capable of the radical generosity and love that Julius Rosenwald modeled.

*(Cara Snyder, a Greenbelt resident, is a journalism student at the University of Maryland writing for the News Review.)*

## In Memoriam Robert Bassett, Greenbelt Tennis Legend, Dies on Court



PHOTO BY THERESA HENDERSON

Robert ("Bobby") Bassett, a long-time member of the Greenbelt Tennis Association and four-day a week player at Braden Field, died on Friday, August 28, 2015, at age 65. He was born on December 7, 1949 and died as he lived – on the tennis court – and after winning a doubles match.

I had the pleasure of knowing Bobby for nearly 20 years. Bobby, the late Al Hargrave, Jim Badini and this reporter were the early birds at Braden Field, playing before anyone else was around. Bobby was the first tennis player I ever met who "talked trash" on the court – but in a wholly inoffensive way. For example, whenever someone congratulated him on making a good shot, his standard response was "it was just that easy." I often said "just say thank you, Bobby", but that wasn't his style. Although in his prime he had excellent tennis skills, he would ease up on his shots when playing less talented opponents.

But Bobby was much more than a tennis player. He was also a talented photographer who loved nature and reveled in getting great shots of landscape, animals and especially flowers. He won several prizes for photography at the annual Labor Day Festival, including this year, where his photograph of purple cone flowers won first place in the Flower category and second place as the Community Favorite, based on votes from those who attended the photographic displays.

During the presentation of Bobby's award on September 7, Keith Zevallos, vice-president of the photo show, noted that Bobby was a "gentle soul" who was always the first contestant to submit his photographs. Although most of his tennis friends did not see the gentle-soul-side of Bobby's personality during his matches, the fact that it came out during his artistic endeavors bespeaks of his complexity.

Finally, Bobby was a loving father and grandfather. He had two daughters, Gerri Bassett Tennyson and Kristal Bassett Posada and three grandchildren, Dwight Tennyson, Jr., Taylor Tennyson and Reina Marie Posada Bassett. Although Bobby was a private person, he never made a secret of how proud he was of his progeny.

A service was held at Pope Funeral Home's Forestville Chapel on September 3, where friends and relatives expressed their joy in knowing Bobby. The Greenbelt tennis and arts community shares that joy – and sorrow.



## Obituaries continued

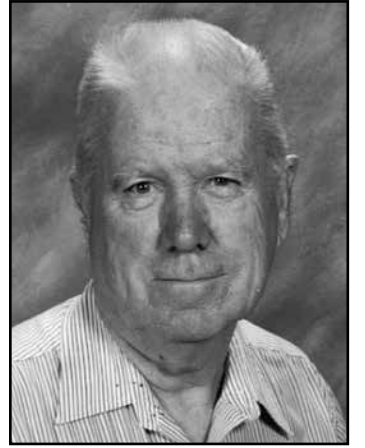
### Walter H. Hanley

Walter H. Hanley, 82, died peacefully at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home on August 22, 2015. He was born December 29, 1932 in New York City. He grew up in Burlington, Vermont, as the only child of Walter Haines Hanley and Mary Duff. He joined the U.S. Army and served three years in Fort Dix, N.J. during the Korean War.

He moved to the Washington, D.C. area to work as a typist for the FBI. Later he joined the Bank Board of Examiners. As an examiner, he traveled extensively.

Walter started as a volunteer in the Emergency Room of Doctors Community Hospital. When they hired him as an ER Tech, he resigned from the Bank Board. He started in the nursing program at Prince George's Community College and graduated in 1984 with his AA in Nursing. He was working as an R.N. when he suffered a stroke in 1987. He retired at that time, but came back for five years as a hospital volunteer.

Walter's disability from the stroke did not keep him from enjoying life. Despite his speech difficulties, he traveled alone by train or plane. His favorite trips were to the New England area and Canada. He spent many happy hours at Generous Joe's and the New Deal Café, drinking Coca Cola and telling people he was "poor and had no money." He was a successful player at the slots in Atlantic City. He had no surviving family but many



friends, with happy memories of their time together.

Walter was a member of St. Hugh's church. His funeral mass will be held there on Saturday, September 19, at 11 a.m., with a reception to follow in Grenoble Hall. Interment with full military honors will take place Monday, September 21 at 11 a.m. at the Maryland Veterans Cemetery in Cheltenham, Md.

Carol Drees, R.N.

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### PRELIMINARY AGENDA



### GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday, September 17, 2015

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 PM

#### GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Review Companion Animal Committee's Semi-Annual Report
- Contract for Repairs to 59F Ridge, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading
- Yard Line Certifications: 59A-F & 69A-M Ridge
- Request from Member of 19N Ridge to Allow a Vinyl Privacy Screen
- Review the New Pre-Purchase Orientation Video Developed by the Marketing Committee
- Criteria for a Fee Deferral Program Recommended by the Finance Committee
- Replacements of Current ¼-½-¾ Fixed, Double-hung, Fixed Windows During the HIP
- Buildings Committee Recommendations Re: Criteria for Members Who Wish to Retain Existing Doors, Windows, Siding, Heaters During the HIP
- Request by Member of 2B Hillside to Retain Existing Gardenside Door, Serviceside Door and Heaters During 2016 HIP
- Establish Deadlines for Returning Survey Forms & Submitting Requests for Exceptions re: 2016 Phase of HIP
- Review Board's Strategic Plan Updated on July 19, 2015
- Buildings Committee Recommendation Re: Implementing a Pilot Program to Test Gutter Leaf Protection Systems
- 2015 Fall Concrete Repair Contract, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

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Monday, September 14: Chinese/English Preschool Storytime- 4:30 p.m., for ages 3-5, limit 20 people. This bilingual storytime includes children's stories, songs and other activities in Chinese and English. Stop by the Information desk to pick up free tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis on the day of the event.

### Weekly Storytimes

Wednesday, September 16: Preschool Storytime, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., for ages 3-5.

Thursday, September 17: Baby Storytime, 10:15 a.m., for ages 12-24 months; Baby Laptime Storytime, 11:15 a.m., for ages birth-12 months; Toddler Storytime, 4:15 p.m., for ages 2-3.

All storytimes are limited to 20 people.

### Crazy 8s

Tuesday, September 15, 2015: 4 p.m., for children in grades K-2, limit 25 registrants; 5 p.m., for children in grades 3-5, limit 25 registrants.

Crazy 8s is a new after-school math club designed to get kids fired up about math. Every week Crazy 8ers build stuff, run and jump, make music, make a mess... all while bonding with new friends over math. Sessions will run every Tuesday afternoon through November 3. Contact the branch information desk at 301-345-5800 to register your child for the appropriate session.

### Read to Rover

Saturday, September 19, 2 p.m. Read to Rover is for children age 6 to 11 and helps them build reading confidence while reading aloud to specially trained therapy dogs glad to listen. Each child will read for 15 minutes. Registration is required; call the branch at 301-345-5800 for more information.

### Adult Book Discussion: Amy Tan's The Valley of Amazement

Tuesday, September 15, 7 p.m. Join the library's Adult Book Discussion on the latest novel by The New York Times bestselling author of The Joy Luck Club, Amy Tan. The Valley of Amazement is a sweeping epic of two women's intertwined fates and their search for identity--from the parlors of Shanghai courtesans to the mountains of a remote Chinese village.

### Fall 2015 African History & Culture Lecture Series

Tuesday, September 15, 7 p.m. "A Matter of Injustice: The Mass Incarceration of African Americans and Its Effects on Their Families", will be the first session of the fall season in this audio-visual lecture series presented by C.R. Gibbs, historian of the African Diaspora.

### The Prince George's Memory Project: Capturing Our Legacy with Home Movies & Photographs

Saturday, September 19, 10 a.m. Be part of an exciting project that will tell the story of our community. This fall, the branch libraries of the Prince George's County Memorial Library System will serve as collection points for photos and home movies. The Greenbelt Branch library will host the first collection day in the Meeting Room. Share memories of the history of the county by scanning your photographs at this event and/or loaning precious home movies in the care of a film archivist for consideration as part of the upcoming documentary film about Prince George's County. For details, call the PGC-MLS Community Engagement office at 301-699-3500

## Free Film of Legendary Musician BB King

A free film of legendary musician BB King, *The Life of Riley*, will be shown at the Academy 8 and Old Greenbelt Theatre as part of the Greenbelt Blues Festival starting on September 16. Subsequent show dates are listed below.

King, the "King of the Blues" traveled far during his lifetime. He went from picking cotton in Mississippi to picking music notes for presidents, royalty and millions of fans around the globe. To honor this amazing man, this year's Greenbelt 13th Annual Blues Festival is dedicated to the memory and accomplishments of King, who died May 14, 2015.

The movie provides insight into BB King's extraordinary life and shows how his music influenced many of today's famous musicians.

Hear what Eric Clayton, Bono, Santana, Bonnie Raitt and others say about the man and the music. If you are a music fan, this film will not disappoint.

As Trevor Johnston, movie critic for Time Out wrote regarding *The Life of Riley* film, "In the music business, 'legend' is an over-used word: see this movie and understand what it means."

This full length film will be shown at the Beltway Plaza Academy 8 Movie Theaters and at the Old Greenbelt Theatre. All showings are free of charge. Dates and Times: Beltway Plaza: Wednesday, September 16 at 7 p.m. at Academy 8 Movie Theaters and Roosevelt Center Saturday, September 19 at 7:30 p.m. at Old Greenbelt Theatre.

In addition to the film there will be a scheduled full day of live blues music in the Roosevelt Center on September 19. The Blues Festival is produced by the New Deal Café and made possible by support from Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA) and the City of Greenbelt. (Visit New Deal Café website [newdealcafe.com/](http://newdealcafe.com/) for full event details and list of festival activities and sponsors).

Submitted by: *Chris Logan, FONDCA Treasurer*



## DEVELOPMENT continued from page 1

### HCDC Proposal

At tonight's meeting, Eisenberg returned to present a more formal proposal to work with the city. As it turned out, councilmembers were sufficiently impressed with the proposal that they invited him to make a presentation at the September 28 regular council meeting in order to share it with city residents. It was tentatively agreed that this presentation would be placed on the agenda.

One driving force for asking Eisenberg to present again was a concern raised later in the meeting that the council may not have adequately conveyed to Greenbelt residents why there is a need for undertaking economic development programs in the city.

The proposal is divided into three sections: the development of web-based informational tools to assist residents and businesses, while also signaling the city's intent to be a business-supportive community; analysis of what types of programs the city might undertake and what county and state resources the city should take advantage of; and steps to take toward implementing the recommendations made by the Sage Policy Group.

Most councilmembers agreed that the first two parts of the proposal were quite workable and useful. It was also thought that part two would inform part three. The third part, however, they thought would need more discussion before they would be in sufficient agreement to consider it. Councilmember Edward Putens commented, "We need to do our job first."

An interesting aspect of the proposal is that it explicitly involves expectations of city staff involvement and participation throughout, so that the project is implemented in collaboration with the city, rather than simply being done for the city.

### Toolkit

The first part of the proposal deals with developing a website business guide for residents and visitors that would be linked to a map as well as to the businesses' own websites and have search and filter capabilities. Printed versions can also be made available for various purposes.

Councilmember Judith Davis said this type of information is just what is needed but she raised a caution that came up several times during the presentation: that council needed to be aware of staffing implications.

Eisenberg agreed that the city should plug that concern into its

evaluation of the plan but pointed out that government receives information on businesses coming and going all the time through its finance and planning departments and should be harnessing this information to benefit residents and the businesses. Once set up, he said, the updating should be a clerical function, most desirably being made on the website without a need for code.

Other parts of the "toolkit" include a business property database and customized public maps. Two guides, one to starting a business in Greenbelt, the other to navigating city and county code requirements, would be developed, with the goal of making the process of opening a business in Greenbelt as transparent and painless as possible. In response to a question from Councilmember Konrad Herling, Eisenberg stressed that the audience for these materials was not developers but rather businesses forming or locating in the city.

### Analysis

The second part of the proposal, called the competitive and collaborative analysis, Eisenberg identified as being the most important component of the project. During this segment the city would be evaluated as a whole, assessing its value as a place to live or to conduct business, as a way to determine how the city should be promoted. An inventory of economic development tools used successfully in this area by the county and municipalities would be presented and recommendations would be made on what programs would best serve Greenbelt's goals.

The third part would lay out specific steps for implementing each of the Sage Policy Group's recommendations that the city wants to pursue.

### Goal Setting

When Eisenberg presented at the meeting in June, he emphasized the need for the city to determine what its goals are with regard to economic development. It appears that more time will be needed for councilmembers to come to a meeting of the minds in this area. In aid of his first presentation, Eisenberg distributed a questionnaire to all coun-

cilmembers to find out what their goals were but received only four responses from the seven. At the August meeting Eisenberg said that he now has received five.

### Resident Understanding

Davis was concerned that too many residents may not understand what economic development programs are designed to accomplish. She had received comments from people who thought the council wanted to turn Greenbelt into another College Park or Hyattsville. Davis stressed that the goal was not to change Greenbelt in significant ways, but rather to keep and improve Greenbelt as a vital place to live and do business. She added that the city cannot simply do nothing when 30 percent of its office space is sitting vacant.

Councilmember Konrad Herling agreed, saying that council must convey the benefit to residents in having healthy businesses in the city. Eisenberg added that businesses are largely responsible for the quality of life in a community. Jordan has often commented on the need for a strong commercial tax base to keep residential taxes in line while maintaining good services and shopping for residents.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts took issue with the idea that Greenbelt is not thriving. His opinion was that Greenbelt is not only thriving but has one of the strongest economies in the state and does not need to make any changes. Marc Kapastin, representing the Greenbelt Community Development Corporation (GCDC), disagreed, citing significantly lower income per square foot for business property in Greenbelt. It appeared that no one else on the city council agreed with Roberts either.

In addition to the presentation at the regular council meeting on Monday, September 28, Barbara Simon, president of GCDC, announced that those wanting to learn more about economic development in Greenbelt have another opportunity on Sunday, October 4. GCDC will host a forum on the subject from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Old Greenbelt Theatre. Simon and Kapastin co-chair the forum committee.

## Greenbelt Blues Festival (all day 9/19/15)

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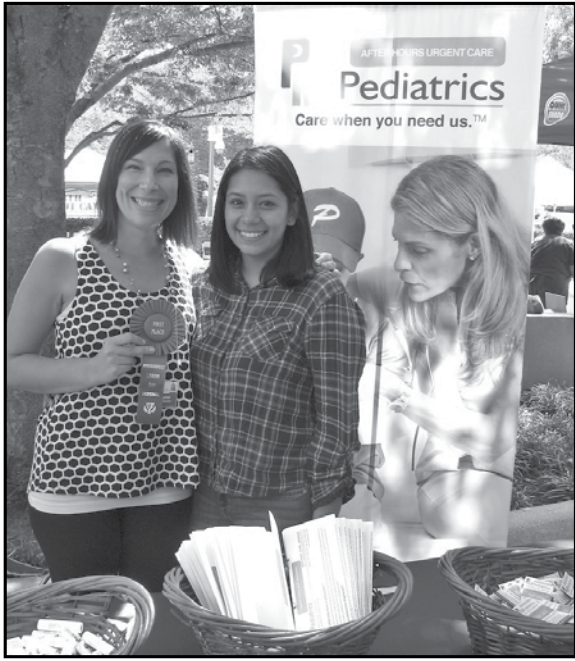
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**2nd Place - St. Joseph's Regional Catholic Church. From left - Robert Reeser, Robert Reeser, Zach Hooker.**



**3rd Place - Utopia Film Festival.**



**4th Place - Eleanor Roosevelt High School Robotics Club. From the left: (back row) Patrick Healey, Matt Zuckerman; (middle row) Hunter Whaples, Henry Tuit Farquhar, Adam Burchett; (front row) Mike Desch, Daniel Gurwah.**

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## GAFC Celebrates Legendary Member Irene Fulton Pavlish

by Jeri Holloway



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**Irene Pavlish celebrates her birthday at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center on August 28.**

Irene Fulton Pavlish gathered with her Aquacize Class members, family and friends on Friday, August 28 to celebrate her 88th birthday at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center (GAFC). Irene has participated in the 8 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday classes since the indoor pool opened in 1991, and has traditionally been the one to honor class member birthdays with her special homemade cakes. This year, as illness has kept her away from the pool, the cake and party were provided by current and former class members at the GAFC.

Born on August 28, 1927 and raised in Kansas, Irene is a woman of sturdy stock: a person of great determination, hard work, family dedication and one with strong opinions about any local and world event. She came to Greenbelt as a newlywed with her husband Lee Fulton in 1946 and lived in homes on Laurel Hill Road, Ridge Road, Lastner Lane and currently again on Ridge Road. Her four children were all born and raised in Greenbelt. Two children, Joe and Linda, still live nearby while

oldest son John lives in Oregon. Irene has continued to live a wonderful life after losing two husbands (Lee Fulton and Charlie Pavlish) and her daughter Nancy. [She has been a member of the Greenbelt Community Church since its beginnings in the early 1950s.]

Many remember Irene from the Greenbelt Co-op Grocery, where she worked as a checker from 1946 until 1985. (Irene finally retired at age 75 after a 16-year career at the Government Printing Office.) There were some breaks in her job at the Co-op as she raised her family but her enthusiasm for fitness began at home with her children as they exercised with Jack LaLanne on TV. She participated in fitness programs throughout the area before discovering her love for water aerobics at the new GAFC in 1991. Her fear of water disappeared as she enthusiastically embraced the joy of the pool with so many of her new and old friends. Happy Birthday, Irene! We admire your wonderful gift of gab and your enthusiasm for food, friends, family and a good book.



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**One Bedroom GHI Townhome** - Landscaped yard with perennials. Patio, fenced yard backs to woodlands. Hardwood floors. **SOLD**

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**Corner Lot** - Large Floorplan GHI with ADDITIONAL level. Separate living area. Fenced back and side yard. Walk to R. Center! **SOLD**

**GHI 2 Bedroom Townhome** - Ceramic tiled bathroom floor & tub area, double sink in kitchen. Fenced front & back yds. Adjacent to protected woodlands. **SOLD**

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**3 BR Brick End Unit** - Completely remodeled with hardwood flooring on main level. Modern kitchen, rear screened porch. Amazing yard! **UNDER CONTRACT**

**Block Townhome - Addition** - Remodeled with vinyl white ctrs, d/w. Cherry wood in kitchen, 1st flr. addition used as den/bedroom. **SOLD**

**Block Townhome** - 2 bedroom townhome with large screened porch. Modern kitchen. Just a short walk to Roosevelt Center. Priced to sell at \$147,000. **UNDER CONTRACT**

**Remodeled Townhome** - 2 BR GHI home with French doors opening onto brick patio. Landscaped backyard with shed. Upgraded lighting & more. **SOLD**

**Brick Townhome - Corner Lot** - Fireplace, sunroom, hardwood flooring, newly tiled bath, energy sav. appliances, new paint, etc. Nice! **UNDER CONTRACT**

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# Greenbelt Labor Day Festival 2015!

It was a hot time in the old town. Residents from all parts of Greenbelt and beyond came for three and a half days of sun, rides, food, and music. Here are a few quick highlights. More stories to come in following weeks.



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(Clockwise from above) The Labor Day Festival ground from the top of the Ferris wheel.

The Greenbelt Elementary School PTA's book sale had a bumper year, raising close to \$15,000.

With belly dancers and singers, the New Deal Café took best in the parade after shimmying down the road.

Caitlin McGrath, Executive Director of Old Greenbelt Theatre as Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz, left, and Mary-Denise Smith march with the Old Greenbelt Theatre group. Greenbelt Labor Day

From left, Maya Gareri, Holly Wheeler, Lien Gareri, Joe Gareri and Fred pose after Fred participated in the pet show on Saturday.

Festival rides are a chance to see everything upside down and backwards.



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