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# Some On Council Reluctant To Have Paperless Agenda

by James Giese

The Greenbelt City Council has made great advances in its efforts to keep up with the rapid changes taking place in electronic communications, but it still has a way to go. At its September 16 worksession on technology, council spent part of the meeting considering whether or not to go paperless for agendas for council meetings and reviewed website policies.

City Clerk Cindy Murray provided a survey of what other cities are doing. "They are all over the place," she reported. Bowie, College Park, Laurel, Takoma Park and Hyattsville all provide councilmembers with electronic agendas. Greenbelt also produces an electronic agenda which is accessible on the city's website at greenbeltmd.gov. In most jurisdictions, some councilmembers receive only electronic agendas while others receive paper packets. In Laurel, the paper packets

are provided only at the meeting. Bowie only sends out electronic copies, and councilmembers must print their own hard copies should they choose. Also, there are only two paper copies at the meeting, one for the clerk and one for the public.

Mayor Emmett Jordan complained about all the paper he receives from the city. His dining room table is covered with it he said. He is willing to try going paperless.

Councilmember Judith Davis said with her it was a personal thing. "It's difficult for me, I'm almost 73 years old," she said. "Even after being told how to do it, I go home and still have problems. After I'm gone, the younger generation will be adept at this."

Davis told of her experience with the electronic meeting agendas she receives from the Metropolitan-Washington Council of Governments (COG). "I don't read much of the COG stuff. I would need to print it out. I would need to be paid to do all that printing," she said.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts shared Davis' concerns. "I want paper copies," he said. "I get headaches reading on a computer. I work on a computer at my job, but I don't want to read on them."

Roberts recalled that he used to not have a telephone. People would have to come to his house and knock on the door if they wanted to talk to him. He enjoyed chatting with them. "Now it's totally different," he said.

Councilmember Silke Pope was open to giving paperless a

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# **Election**

# 11 Candidates Certified To Run for City Council

by James Giese

A bumper crop of 11 candidates aspiring to serve on the 2015-2017 Greenbelt City Council assembled in the council room on Monday night to engage in their first level of competition: drawings for position on the November 3 city election ballot and for position for their campaign signs to be placed on city property.

Some candidates opined that it was the lateness of Labor Day this year that got the election season off to a late start. Whatever the cause, City Clerk Cindy Murray was busy almost up to the last minute certifying candidates to run. All seven incumbents are running for reelection. They are: Judith Davis, of Greenbriar and a former mayor now seeking her 12th term on council; Konrad Herling, of Greenbelt Homes (GHI) seeking his seventh term; Emmett Jordan, of Greenbriar, who is the current mayor and is seeking his fourth term on the council; Leta Mach, a Boxwood resident, seeking her seventh term; Silke Pope, of Belle Pointe, seeking her fourth term; Edward Putens, of Greenbrook Estates and the longest serving member of the council at 34 years, now seeking his 18th term; and Rodnev Roberts, another GHI resident, seeking his 14th term.

Challengers include GHI member Susan Stewart, who ran for city council for the first time in 2013, and Bill Orleans, a second-generation Greenbelter. In addition, two first-time candidates

for Greenbelt office are running: George Boyce, of Lakewood, who is president and a founder of Greenbelt MakerSpace in Roosevelt Center; and Kathleen Shaw a resident of Franklin Park and a member of the city's Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability.

# **Ballot Positions**

Theories abound on the worst places to have one's name listed on a ballot, but #1 is generally agreed to be best. Possibly through the intersession of a visitor named Francis, Pope snagged the first position this year. Boyce landed in the last place. Roberts will be right in the middle at #6.

At the last city election, newcomer Stewart won the top spot on the ballot by default, as the last of the candidates to draw, and then-Mayor Judith Davis drew the last position. This year each of them has taken steps toward the center, with Davis at #8 and Stewart at #2.

The rest will line up as follows: Jordan (#3), Mach (#4), Herling (#5), Putens (#7), Shaw (#9) and Orleans (#10).

Candidates also drew for sign locations on the poles placed by the city for that purpose in a number of locations throughout the three major sections of Greenbelt. This year the matter of interest will be less whose sign is where than how in the world all those signs will fit on the poles. Start checking them out by the end of this week at a location near you!

# Election Once More We Quiz the Candidates

The News Review once again asks candidates for election to the Greenbelt City Council to respond to questions posed by this newspaper. Their answers will be published in future issues of the paper before the November 3 city election. This year we ask four questions. Answers to the questions will be published during the month of October with the first question's answers published October 1 and the remainder in subsequent weeks. Candidates are required to submit their answers to the News Review offices before 8 p.m. on the Monday preceding the question's publication date, preferably by email to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com. Answers will be limited to 300 words. If an answer exceeds the limit, the answer will be cut off at that point.

Question 1. Why should you be elected and what do you want to accomplish in the next council term? (due September 28)

Question 2. What must the city do to prepare for the possible relocation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation headquarters to the Greenbelt Metro Station site? And what if that doesn't happen? (due October 5)

Question 3. What uses by residents should or should not be permitted in the city-owned property designated as Forest Preserve and should handicap access be provided? How should it be maintained considering there are invasive plant species and human-generated trash? (due October 12)

Question 4. Should the city have an economic development program and, if so, what kind of development should it seek? (due October 19)

### Election

# Incumbents Mach, Herling And Pope File for Election

Incumbents Leta M. Mach, Konrad E. Herling and Silke I. Pope are the first three candidates for city council to submit their biographies to the newspaper. Their nomination forms have been certified by City Clerk Cindy Murray. The biographies are prepared by the candidates.

### Leta M. Mach

Leta Mach has served on city council since 2003. She is currently council liaison to the Advisory Committee on Education and the Park and Recreation Advisory Board and past liaison to the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee.

She represents Greenbelt on numerous local and national organizations. In 2014, she was appointed to the State of Maryland's Air Quality Control Advisory Council. Since 2004, she has served on the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee including two terms as chair. She is immediate past chair of Clean Air Partners on whose board



Leta Mach

she has served since 2007. She is a member and past chair of the Maryland Municipal League Communications Committee and a member of the National League of Cities Human Development Steering Committee. She is also secretary of the Prince George's Elected Municipal Women.

In 2000, Mach was honored as Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen. This recognition followed years of community service in a variety of positions with many different community organizations. Through the years, she served as treasurer of the Greenbelt Cooperative Nursery School; PTA president of both Greenbelt Elementary School and Eleanor Roosevelt High School; News Review reporter, copy editor and proofreader; volunteer for the Labor Day Festival Committee; chair of the GHI Audit Committee and secretary of the board of Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative.

For Greenbelt's 50th anniversary, she chaired the Greenbelt Oral History Committee that collected video oral histories. She also participated in the book project by writing chapter two of Greenbelt: History of a New Town.

She has been a museum docent and was a founding board member of the Greenbelt Community Foundation.

In 1995 when council established the Advisory Committee on Education, she was appointed to the committee and elected chair serving as such until her election to council.

Her work experience includes teaching social studies at Suitland Senior High School from 1969 to 1973, serving as Information Specialist at Greenbelt Homes, Inc. from 1981to 1987 and from 1987 to 2003 working at the National Cooperative Business Association as director of communications and cooperative education.

Beyond Greenbelt, she is the past president of both the Cooperative Communicators Association and Parent Cooperatives Preschool International. She has received many awards including in 1995 the national Co-op Month Award for Communications.

See **INCUMBENTS**, page 8

# **What Goes On**

Friday, September 25

6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Last Day Outdoor Pool Is Open Saturday, September 26

**9 a.m. to noon.** Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot Behind City Offices

**9 a.m. to noon.** Volunteer at Greenbelt Elementary School. (See city ad for details.)

1 to 2:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Open Forum, Community Center

Sunday, September 27 through Friday, October 2 Active Aging Week. (See city ad for program details.)

Sunday, September 27

**11 a.m. to noon.** Pooch Plunge, Outdoor Pool. (See city ad for details.)

Monday, September 28

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

Wednesday, September 30

7 **p.m.** Senior Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting, Community Center

8 p.m. Council Worksession with Roosevelt Center Owner

# **Letters to the Editor**

# Disturbing Incident

I wanted to make Greenbelt residents aware of a sad and disturbing incident of animal neglect. City of Greenbelt Animal Control received a call on Sunday, September 13, about a cat left in a carrier next to the dumpster at Lakeside North Apartments in Greenbelt. When the Animal Control Officer on duty responded to the call, he found the cat deceased in the carrier. It appeared to be young.

Owning a pet is a responsibility, and animals are living beings who should not be thrown away when they are no longer wanted. It is never okay to leave a pet alone in a cage and assume that someone is going to rescue it in time. Pets left unattended can easily succumb to dehydration, overheating or hypothermia.

If you can no longer keep your pet, do the responsible thing and find your animal a new home. It's always best to try to place your pet with someone you know, but if that is not possible, you may surrender your pet to the City of Greenbelt Animal Shelter if you are a Greenbelt resident. Over the years, the shelter has placed hundreds of cats, dogs and small animals (such as guinea pigs, rabbits, reptiles, and birds) in new homes.

The shelter is located at 550A Crescent Road behind the police station (entrance on Ridge Road) and has open hours on Wednesdays from 4 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Call Animal Control at (301) 474-6124 in advance if you need to surrender an animal, since officers may be away from the shelter responding to calls.

Elizabeth M. Tobey

# Taking Names

I guess it's time for an object lesson in what I meant about existing contractors who don't know what they're doing.

Whoever is keeping the grounds by the Library and Community Center has piled volcanoes of mulch against the tree trunks. This is bad for the trees. It's also more expensive for the city than it should be. When those trees drop their leaves, the leaves should be mowed into bits. Then they can lie right where they are and they will compost into the grass as well as nourishing the trees they fell from by putting the nutrients right back in the ground. Then there's no need to spend money on the mulch.

What's more, the two new trees planted in front of the city offices are "lolly-popped." Their root flares should be above ground like the elm tree in the yard of my gardenside neighbor.

It's obvious that the people doing this work have never observed how trees in a forest grow, because they have not copied that natural look in their work. If the contractors argue that the employees didn't follow company procedure, it only shows that the company doesn't exert enough control over its supervisors to make sure they give employees correct instructions.

Now go around the city, find other sites like this, get the name of the responsible party, and add that to the list whose bids will not be accepted. Any company that can't give proper instructions to employees, and turns out shoddy work, doesn't know what they're doing, and they will not be able to preserve the forest ecology correctly.

Patricia Heil

# Give us your story

Did you participate in any events that involved the Pope? We know of two people who are attending special events, and wonder if there are more Greenbelters with interesting personal stories?

# 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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8:00 PM
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3:15 PM, 5:30 PM, 8:00 PM
Mon., Tues, Thurs.
5:30 PM, 8:00 PM
Weds. 3:15 PM, 5:30 PM

NATIONAL VELVET (G) (1944) (123m.) Sat. 11:00 AM

FREE MOVIE: SPARE PARTS Fundraiser for MakerSpace Mobile MakerWagon! (PG-13) (83m.) Sat. 1:00 PM

DARK SIDE OF THE FULL MOON A documentary about postpartum depression and how to find help (72m.) Thurs. 7:30 PM

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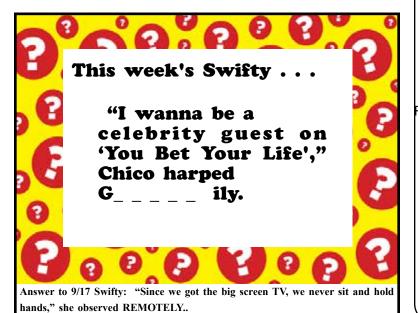
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Old Greenbelt Theater, Roosevelt Center

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# **Community Events**

# Winnie-the-Pooh Auditions

Auditions for Winnie-the-Pooh will be held at the Greenbelt Arts Center on Monday and Tuesday, September 28 and 29, at 6:30 p.m. Both adults and children are invited to audition for this musical dramatization of the stories by A. A. Milne. The play will be directed by Jon Gardner, with music direction by Susan Breon and choreography by Samantha Fitschen. Performances will be in December. For more information go to greenbeltartscenter.org.

# **Interfaith Discussion** On Climate Justice

Join the Greenbelt Catholic Community and Greenbelt Climate Action Network for an interfaith discussion on the Pope's Encyclical on Climate Justice. The event will be held at the New Deal Café on Sunday, September 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participants can download a summary of the encyclical at catholicclimatecovenant.org/LiteratureRetrieve.aspx?ID=137795

Discussion topics will include the reality of the problem, necessity to act, living more sustainably, ecology and social justice, consumerism, and future generations. In the words of Pope Francis: "It is no longer enough, then, simply to state that we should be concerned for future generations. We need to see that what is at stake is our own dignity. Leaving an inhabitable planet to future generations is, first and foremost, up to us. The issue is one which dramatically affects us, for it has to do with the ultimate meaning of our earthly sojourn."

People of all faiths and spiritual paths are welcome. For more information, contact Lore Rosenthal at lore@simplicitymatters.org or 301-345-2234.

# **Toastmasters Meet**

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, September 30 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.

# 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.

All meals include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of September 28 are as follows:

Monday, September 28: Grape juice, Asian chicken, fried rice, Japanese vegetables, wheat bread, diced peaches.

Tuesday, September 29: Pineapple juice, baked tilapia with Old Bay cream sauce, corn, glazed baby carrots, wheat roll, fresh fruit.

Wednesday, September 30: Cranberry juice, vegetable soup with crackers, sliced turkey, rye bread with mustard, mixed green salad with Thousand Island dressing, fresh fruit.

Thursday, October 1: Menu to be determined.

Friday, October 2: Menu to be determined.

# Committee to Hold 2015 Season 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 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, the Police Department and elected officials. Positive comments are also welcome and appreciated. This event is not just for seniors.

# **Free Workshop: Put Pain in Its Place**

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program will be offering a free workshop, Put Pain In Its Place – How to Get Osteoarthritis Pain Under Control, on Monday, September 28 from 2 to 4 p.m. The workshop will be held in the Dining Room at the Green Ridge House Apartments at 22 Ridge Road. If you would like to attend, call Sharon Johnson at 301-412-2480.

# **Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATe)**

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See what's showing on Comcast 77 and Verizon FiOS 19 by visiting www.greenbeltaccesstv.org and click on "Channel"

# Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald The Golden Age Club always welcomes visitors. Come to the Community Center on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. and meet with us.

Live Your Adventure is the theme for Active Aging Week here in Greenbelt. The Golden Age Club is pleased to be taking part in the activities. An open forum will take place on September 26 at the Community Center. On Wednesday, September 30, we will have a tea party at our regular meeting; then we'll be taking part in the fashion show in the gym at 1:30 p.m. Come and cheer for your favorite models.

Congratulations to Solange Hess on her recent honor of Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen for 2015. Solange is the chair of hospitality for the club and a long-time member.

Put October 17 on your calendar. We will have our yard sale/ bake sale at Roosevelt Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Come to meetings and keep up with all these activities. Take time to laugh; it is music for the

# **Greenbelt Observes** Active Aging Week

Join Greenbelt in celebrating the International Council on Active Aging's Active Aging Week, September 26 to October 2. The City is hosting many free activities for individuals of all ages during this week. Try out the Holy Cross Senior Fit class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings or the Fit 'N Fun Cardio class; attend the free lunch at Greenbriar Condominiums; get a taste of Tai Chi; try out Double Dutch; play strategy games. For more information on free special programs, call 301-397-2208.

Stop by any of the recreation department facilities to pick up the Active Aging Week schedule. Come on out, get active and have loads of fun, says Karen Haseley, CTRS, Certified Ageless Grace Educator.

### Create Butterfly Garden At Greenbelt Elementary

Volunteers are needed to celebrate National Public Lands Day on Saturday, September 26 from 9 a.m. to noon, by helping to build a butterfly garden at Greenbelt Elementary School, 66 Ridge Road. Tools and gloves will be provided by the City of Greenbelt Public Works Department. To sign up for this beautification project, go to signupgenius.com/ go/20f084eaaa72eaaff2-national1. For further information, contact volunteer@chears.org.

# **Economic Development** Forum Set for October 4

date.

# **Free Wine Tasting Event at Co-op**

The Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket will offer a free winetasting event on Friday, September 25 from 4 to 7 p.m. led by resident wine expert John Mealey, who has chosen a selection from South America and Spain. Mealey will be joined at the tasting table by Terry Harford from International Food and Wines to answer questions. As a special to all customers, all tasting wines will be available at \$1 off their regular price. Upcoming wine events will be on September 30

What kind of economic development do you think Greenbelt needs? Learn more and be part of the conversation as well. The Greenbelt Community Development Corporation is hosting a free public forum on October 4 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Old Greenbelt Theatre. The discussion will focus on how to create a secure economic future for Greenbelt, while honoring our unique history and culture. More detailed information is forthcoming, but meanwhile, save the

and October 9, 16, 23 and 28.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

# Greenbelt Arts Center DON'T MISS THE CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED!

Forsaken Angels Wolf Pack Theatre Company Forsaken Angels September 18-27 **Greenbelt Arts Cente** 

By William Leary A guest production from Wolf Pack Theatre Company September 25 - 27 Friday and Saturday at 8:00 Sunday, September 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: <u>info@greenbeltartscenter.org</u> or BOOK TICKETS ONLINE at <u>www.greenbeltartscenter.org</u>

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### Week of September 25

FRIDAY - SATURDAY Hotel Transylvania, in 3D,

PG (!)

12:55, 9:35

Hotel Transylvania, in 2D,

PG (!)

10:45, 3:05, 5:15, 7:25

The Intern, PG13 (!) 10:50, 1:25, 4:00, 7:10, 9:50

Everest, in 3D, PG (!)

1:40, 9:40

Everest, in 2D, PG (!)

11:00, 4:20, 7:00 Maze Runner: The Scorch

Trials, PG13 (!!)

10:55, 1:30, 4:10, 7:15, 9:50

Black Mass, R (!!) 11:10, 1:45, 4:20, 6:45, 9:35

The Perfect Guy, PG13

11:20, 1:40, 4:00, 6:50, 9:10 The Visit, PG13

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Un Gallo Con Muchos Huevos.

PG13 11:20, 1:50, 4:10, 6:45, 9:05

### <u>SUNDAY – WEDNESDAY</u>

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# **THURSDAY**

Martian, PG13 (!)

Sicario, R (!)

Hotel Transylvania, in 3D, PG (!)

12:55 Hotel Transylvania, in 2D,

PG (!)

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# **Obituaries**

Mr. Mullaney is survived

by his wife, Peggy Barott; son,

Timothy Mullaney; mother, Lor-

raine Mullaney; sisters, Diane

Rodichok and Karen Rockhill and

brother Gary Mullaney. He was

predeceased by his son, Kerry

Mullaney, sisters Kathy Rohrback

and Susan O'Connor and father

held. A memorial gathering to

celebrate Mike's life is planned

for Sunday, October 11 at 2

p.m.at the Greenbelt Firehouse

may be made to the American

Cancer Society for research.

Ronald J. Corazz, Jr.

In lieu of flowers, donations

Ronald J. Corazz, Jr., brother

of Claudia Jones of Greenbelt,

died suddenly on Tuesday, Sep-

tember 15, 2015, on the Feast of

Our Lady of Sorrows, at the age

of 47. In addition to his sister,

he is survived by his four chil-

dren, Vincent, Jenna, Amy and

Danny, twin brother Frank, and

parents Ron and Rose Corazzi.

A memorial Mass will be held

at St. Mary's Church, Landover

Hills, Md., on Friday, September

25, at 10:30 a.m. Interment will

be at Maryland National Memo-

rial Park, Laurel, Md., following

Mass. The family suggests that

memorial donations be sent to a

Obituaries

lishes obituaries of Greenbelt

you prefer. We try to include

information about participation

in various activities and orga-

nizations, where the person

lived and something about

the family. A photograph and

service information should be

included. There is no charge.

residents, past or present.

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favorite charity.

No funeral services will be

Joseph Mullaney.

on Crescent Road.

# Michael Joseph Mullaney



Michael Joseph Mullaney

Michael Joseph Mullaney was killed in a vehicle accident on September 12, 2015, while working in Kingston, Jamaica. He was a long time resident of Greenbelt.

Mr. Mullaney was born in Providence RI. When he was about nine months old, his father took a job in Maryland and the family moved to Prince George's County. Mike attended elementary and Junior High School in Lanham and graduated from DuVal High School in 1970. He attended college for a year in Mexico (eventually returning to college and earning his bachelor's degree). He purchased his first GHI house in his mid-twenties, and except for a short time in Berwyn Heights, he lived in old Greenbelt until he died.

Mr. Mullaney and his wife Peggy moved to Boxwood Village in July 2014. He loved everything about old Greenbelt. Anwar cut his hair, he got his morning coffee at Sunoco, shopped at the Co-op, enjoyed movies at the theater in Roosevelt Center. He donated his electrical expertise, along with his time (and money) to the New Deal Café (NDC) when it was being "built" in its current space in the center. He volunteered in the kitchen when NDC was only a weekend endeavor and got to know Peggy. They began dating and fell in love while going over plans for the Café to open. In 2010, Mr. Mullaney retired with 35 years of service from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. He and Peggy married that same year. In the last few years, Mr. Mullaney worked for Portico contractors.



# **Holy Cross Thrift Store**

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**Every Thursday** 10am - 4pm

Good, clean clothes for women, men and children! Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

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try. But she still thought she would want paper at a meeting.

Councilmember Leta Mach felt that councilmembers would need city-provided tablets to be used exclusively for city documentation. Public Information and Communications Coordinator Beverly Palau said that it would be easier for councilmembers to read tablets than computer screens. Information and Technology Director Dale Worley felt that council would not need dedicated tablets if city email use was kept separate from personal.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin thought council should give paperless a try, to which Jordan and Pope agreed. Although Councilmember Konrad Herling generally did not participate in the discussion, he has been a leader in using electronic communication. Councilmember Edward Putens did not participate in this part of the meeting, having been temporarily called away for personal business.

### Website

Jordan complained that it was difficult to find appropriate city information on its website. Mach and Pope agreed.

Palau said it was difficult to refine the indexes. She agreed that a better job of titling could be done. She also thought that side buttons could be added for city committees.

Worley was challenged to find the minutes of the last council worksession on technology. After his first effort failed, he was distracted by other council comments and requests and never succeeded.

Later, George Boyce, in the audience suggested using a search engine such as Google to find something, as they are far more sophisticated. Roberts said that that was what his wife had told him to do.

# **Social Media**

At Mach's request, Palau had provided council with copies of the city's social media policy. The policy encourages the use of social media such as Facebook, YouTube, Twister, Pinterest, Instagram, etc., to communicate with Greenbelt citizens, businesses, employees and others to further the goals of the city and its departments. All city postings must be approved by Palau. Compliance with all laws is required Content not allowed includes comments not related to the social media article posted or that are political, discriminatory, profane, obscene, sexual in content, soliciting business, promoting illegal conduct, compromising safety, defamatory or violates a legal ownership interest. Employees can use social media on city equipment during work hours only for city purposes. Also, the city assumes no liability for any inaccuracies that are posted.

Connection to city social media sites may be done from the city's website.

Mach was pleased with the policy. Palau noted that the city did not control what was posted except what violates policy. She thought the people posting on the Greenbelt sites were in general very well-behaved.

Pope was unhappy with a contact she made with a volunteer on the animal shelter site who lacked the knowledge required. She felt that volunteers shouldn't be permitted to operate city sites.

It was noted that social media sites had been successfully used to make complaints to Public Works about special problems occurring at the Labor Day Festival.

Jordan was concerned that people might think it okay to petition the council via social media to do stuff. They need to come before the council, he said.

Pope complained that there was just too much stuff on social media and Putens (now returned) complained that users sought immediate responses.



Condolences to the family and friends of Michael Mullaney of Boxwood, who died in an accident on September 12, 2015, in Kingston, Jamaica. He was 63 years old.

Sympathy to Claudia Jones of Laurel Hill Road on the sudden death of her brother, Ronald Corazzi, 47, on September 15, 2015. He was a 1986 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High

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

Kathleen McFarland.

# **Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church** 40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt



Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410

Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor



Worship Service 10 a.m. Join us for Sunday breakfast 8:30 a.m.

# **Greenbelt Community Church**



1 Hillside (at Crescent Road) Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org

> Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.

Rev. Glennyce Grindstaff, Pastor

# Greenbelt Baha'i' Community

"God has created us all human...He is kind &

just to all. Why should we be unkind & unjust to each

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1-800-22-UNITE Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com

301-345-2918 www.greenbeltbahais.org

### ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH 135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-474-4322



**Mass Schedule:** Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

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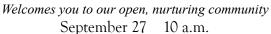
Sunday School 9:45AM Worship Service 11:00AM

101 Greenhill Road Greenbelt, MD 20770 (301) 474-4212 www.greenbeltbaptist.org

# Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church



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# City Information

**GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING** Municipal Building, September 28, 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
  - Swearing In of New Police Officer
- Cooperative Month Proclamation
- 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 Develop a Series of Next Steps in Economic Development with the Hyattsville Community Development Corporation at a Cost Not to Exceed \$33,000, 2nd Reading,

- 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 2nd Reading, Adoption

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Award of Purchase Police Vehicles
- Greenbelt Station Neighborhood Park Site Plan Approval
- \*-Letter of Support to General Services Administration Use of State Property on Cherrywood Lane as a Security Buffer

### **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.

### CITY ELECTION INFORMATION **REMINDER - VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE**

The final day to register to vote for the 2015 Greenbelt City Council election is Monday, October 5, 2015.

For information about registering to vote in Prince George's County, contact the County Board of Elections at 301-341-7300 or visit www.elections.state.md.us. Forms for voter registration and address/name change are available at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, and the Greenbelt Library, 11 Crescent Road. Forms are also available on the city website, www.greenbeltmd.gov/elections

All forms must be received by the County Board of Elections in Largo no later than 4:30 p.m., Monday, October 5. For additional information, contact Cindy Murray, City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

If you are already registered to vote in Prince George's County but have moved or changed your name since the last election, you must complete an application to have this information changed. also be done online at www.elections.state.md.us.

# **Volunteers Needed for National Public Lands Day**

Saturday, September 26 9am-12pm Build a Pollinator Garden, Plant Trees & Remove Weeds at GREENBELT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 66 Ridge Road

Tools and gloves will be provided by the City of Greenbelt. Interested in volunteering? RSVP to confirm your availability at www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084eaaa72eaaff2-national1 ejosephitiis@greenbeltmd.gov or btownsend@greenbeltmd.gov

# **MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF SEPT 28-OCT 2**

Monday, September 28 at 8:00pm, REGULAR CITY COUN-CIL, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming Live at www.greenbeltmd.

Wednesday, September 30 at 7pm, SENIOR CITIZEN AD-VISORY COMMITTEE at Community Center, 25 Crescent

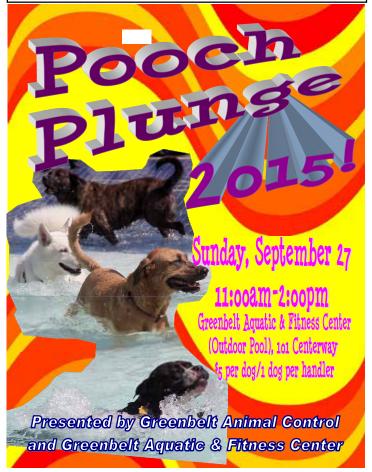
Wednesday, September 30 at 8:00pm, COUNCIL WORK SESSION-w/Roosevelt Center Owner at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

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

> Follow the City of Greenbelt on Facebook at www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt and on Twitter @cityofgreenbelt

### **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 from 6am-8pm Locker Rooms will be closed M-W, September 28-30 Fitness Wing and Rest Rooms will be opened.



# **ACTIVE AGING WEEK September 26-October 2**

Come out and try something new! Activities are FREE!

### Sunday, September 27 **Futsal Program**

(indoor soccer program) Springhill Lake Gym 11-12pm Youth (ages 10-15) 12-1pm Adult (ages 16+)

Monday, September 28 9-9:45am Holy Cross Senior Fit atCommunity Center Gym 9:45am-10am Walk with Aegis Community Center

10-11am Yoga at Green Ridge House-Community Room **10-11:15am** Fit 'N' Fun Cardio Community Center Gym 1-3pm Walking Party Community Center Room 201 2-3pm Put Pain In Its Place Green Ridge House 3-4pm Pickleball

Community Center Gym 6:30-8:30pm S.I.T.Y. Stars practice, Springhill Lake Gym

Tuesday, September 29 10-11am Health Conditions & Hearing Loss CC Room 114 11-12pm Vertigo, Balance and Dizziness CC Room 114 12-2pm Lunch and Bingo at Greenbriar. Registration Required. Call 301-397-2208 1-2pm Silver Sox and Baysox Bingo CC Room 114 1:30-2:30pm Walk With Ease Green Ridge House 2-3pm Q&A with Hearing Professionals, CC Room 114 3-5pm After School Fit Club Youth Center Gym 3:30-5pm Get Wii Active CC Room 114

7:15-9:15pm Strategy Games

Youth Center Multipurpose Rm

Wednesday, September 30 9am-9:45am Holy Cross Senior Fit, CC Gym 9:45-10pm Walk with Aegis Community Center 11am-12pm Golden Age Club Meeting & Tea, CC Rm. 201 1:30-4pm Taylor Marie's Fashion Show and Boutique Community Center Gym 7-8pm Tai Chi with Linda Uphoff, Youth Center

Thursday, October 1 9-10am Greenbelt Lake Walk Meet at Tennis Court Entrance 10-11am Yoga at Green Ridge House- Community Room 10am-2pm Sew For Charity Community Center Room 116 1-3pm Want More Energy? **3-4pm** Pickleball, CC Gym 3-5pm After School Fit Club Youth Center Gym 7-8:30pm 10 Essentials of Hiking, YC Multipurpose Room 8-9:45pm Ladies Night Basketball, Springhill Lake Gym

Friday, October 2 9-9:45am Holy Cross Senior Fit Community Center Gym 9:45-10am Walk with Aegis Community Center 10-11:15am Fit 'N' Fun Cardio Community Center Gym 10am-12pm Gifts From the Heart CC, Room 109 11am-12pm Ageless Grace Community Center Room 114 1-2:30pm Explorations Unlimited: Jane DeVane: Belly Dancing 1:30-2:30pm Walk With Ease Green Ridge House

# DONATION DROP-OFF

**Green Drop Charitable Donations** Next one: Saturday, September 26, 9 a.m.-12 noon Parking lot between City Office & Community Center Info: 301-474-8308

### **CARES FAMILY COUNSELING**

Greenbelt CARES offers Family Counseling. Family counseling is conducted on Wednesday evenings 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 of the family. 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.

### **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 immediate openings for appointments.

### **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 flvers. 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

### PACKET STUFFING PARTY Thursday, October 1 6-8pm at Municipal Bldg. 25 Crescent Road

Come out and help stuff 300 new Welcome Packets for new residents. Light Refreshments will be served!

### **Festival of Lights Juried Art and Craft Fair** Show dates: **December 5 and 6, 2015** Application deadline: October 2

Open to fine artists, fine crafts persons, writers, musicians, filmmakers, youth artists and non-profit groups. Details and applications at www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts.

### Artist in Residence **Program**

Studio Space Available for Visual Art/Craft **Greenbelt Community** Center

24-hour access. Approximately 10' X 17' plus common areas and sink. \$179.45/mo including utilities. Write to

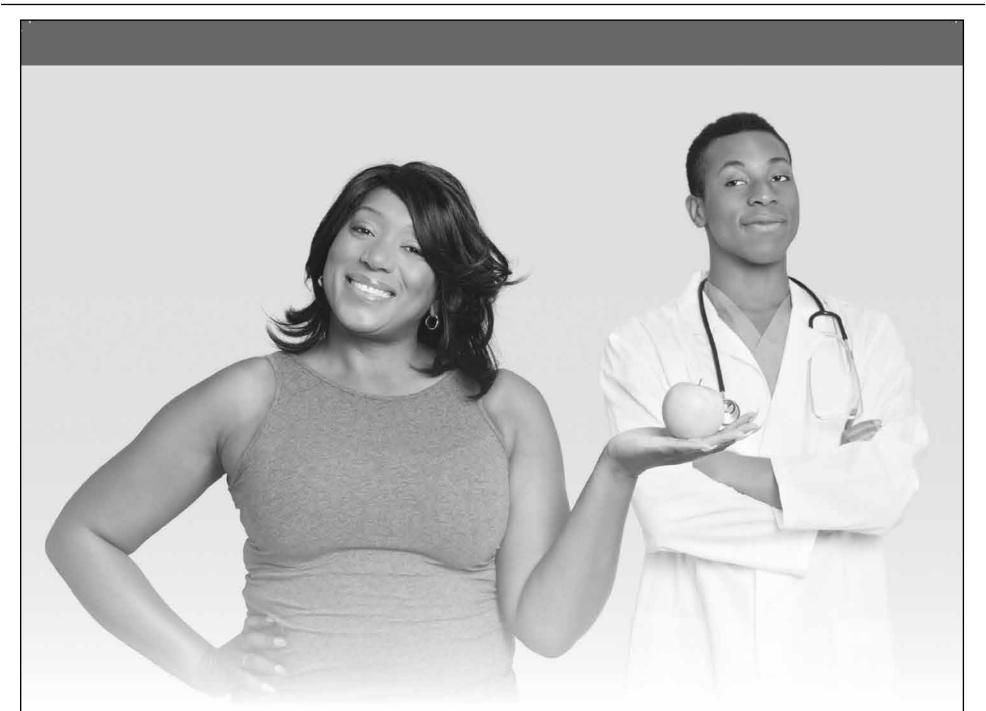
ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov.

Senior Citizen Advisory Committee

### ANNUAL OPEN **FORUM** Saturday, September

26 from 1-2:30pm **Greenbelt Community** Center, Room 201

This is your chance to speak and be heard about issues that concern you in Greenbelt.



# **Looking Great Never Felt So Good**

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Obesity is often linked to diabetes, sleep apnea, heart disease and many other conditions. Bariatric surgery may help.

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   Comprehensive Orthopedic Services and others all conveniently located at
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# Resident Input Is Sought On Economic Development

by Barbara Simon

What will happen at the forum about economic development in Greenbelt on Sunday, October 4? A lot depends on what members of the community bring to the discussion. The free forum, sponsored by the Greenbelt Community Development Corporation (GCDC), will be held at the Old Greenbelt Theatre in Roosevelt Center from 1 to 3 p.m. A panel of experts in economic development has agreed to come, headed by James Rosapepe, who represents District 21 in the Maryland State Senate and is chair of the College Park/University Partner-

Also among the panelists is Stuart Eisenberg, executive director of the Hyattsville Community Development Corporation, whose proposal on economic development is on the agenda for the city council meeting on Monday, September 28. Jeff Lemieux, a member of the city's Advisory Planning Board, has agreed to serve as moderator. The community now needs to be part of the conversation.

What will be discussed? The GCDC drew up a list of 10 top-

ics for the panelists to consider. Among these topics is the need for development in Greenbelt to be environmentally responsible. Also included is discussion of the intelligent redevelopment of existing commercial buildings and the need for varied residential choices for a diverse economic community. The community is interested in mixed-use development to encourage small businesses and a live/work housing development.

Transportation is a big issue: how to create an inter-connected community out of the three distinct areas of Greenbelt. What about multi-modal transportation with an emphasis on public transportation within Greenbelt and adjacent communities? Should more bike lanes and sidewalks for pedestrians be part of future development? What kind of businesses are wanted in Greenbelt? How to attract and retain professional services and commercial enterprises that will serve a diverse community?

Interested residents are welcome to participate in the discussion of issues raised at the October 4 forum.

# **Everyone Invited to Lunar Eclipse Viewing**

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt invites everyone to a special eclipse party on Sunday evening, September 27. A total lunar eclipse will begin at about 9 p.m. and continue through totality until about 1:20 a.m. Maximum is at about 10:45 p.m. The observatory will be open for this event, and several members will have telescopes available. It is, however, unlikely that many people will last until the wee hours of the morning.

A telescope is not required to view the eclipse - you can do this from your home. Just look at the moon, which, as the eclipse progresses, will assume a reddish tone. If viewing from home, you may find binoculars helpful.

Don't miss this special event. It will be a long time before another total lunar eclipse is visible from Greenbelt.

As with all star parties, please park in the lot at the bottom of Observatory Hill unless you are bringing a telescope. In that case, you may park and set up on the hill. The eclipse party will be canceled without notice if it's hopelessly cloudy.



# Reserve Display Space For Healing Arts Day

Community Hospices is sponsoring a Healing Arts Day as part of the Health and Wellness Fair that the City of Greenbelt, Doctors Hospital and Greenbelt Homes Inc. hold annually. The event takes place on Tuesday, October 20 from 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Healing Arts Day will feature a variety of creative, holistic and preventive health and healing resources and activities for all ages. This free, family-friendly event is open to the public.

Health and healing vendors can reserve free space by contacting Margaret Capurso at 301-560-6002 or mcapurso@communityhospices. org. Community Hospices serves Prince George's County and Washington, D.C., and is dedicated to compassionate end-of-life care and making the most of life at any age.



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Open every day until midnight.



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Mach grew up in a military family. While she was in high school her father was stationed in Washington, D.C., and she graduated from a Prince George's County school - Bladensburg. In 1969, she received a bachelor's degree with honor with a major in history and minors in English and education from Michigan State University. She moved to Greenbelt in 1974 with her husband Darrell. They have two married children - Ryan and Amy - and four granddaughters, Anna, Alexa, Piper and Amelia.

### Konrad E. Herling

First elected to City Council in 2003, Konrad Herling has focused his efforts to unify the community through improved transportation, environmental sustainability, intelligent economic development and the arts.

As a member of council, he has worked with Greenbelt's bus commuters, Metro and the Prince George's County to enhance service to all sectors of the city. Pending a vote by Metro's board of directors, Sunday Metro bus service should be available in Greenbelt next year.



**Konrad Herling** 

Approaching public transpor-

tation as a key tool in phasing out fossil fuels, Herling assisted the Advisory Committee for Environmental Sustainability to develop a transportation program that recognizes the need for improved facilities for bikers and pedestrian, bus shelters and greater availability of buses. He also represents Greenbelt as part of Maryland's Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council established to promote the development and use of electric vehicles.

Herling has been a leading advocate for intelligent economic development to better market businesses as well as the recreational, cultural and educational opportunities in Greenbelt. In 2011, he served on a county commission to write a legislative proposal yielding tax credits to green businesses investing in Prince George's County. In concert with the goal of the Four-Cities Coalition (Greenbelt, New Carrollton, College Park and Berwyn Heights) to attract a relocated FBI to Greenbelt, he led the effort to produce a promotion video highlighting the quality of life opportunities for prospective FBI employees.

Herling's sustained efforts to unify the community began with his efforts to launch the Greenbelt Arts Center in 1979. In 2006 he helped produce a volunteer-led international cultural festival. As part of embracing the city's diversity, he advocated in 2013 that the city provide greater opportunities to folks of all walks of life to provide more input regarding policy and planning issues. He currently is working with a volunteer group to produce a series of Latino cultural programs for 2016. Finally, connecting groups with GATE (Greenbelt Access Television, Inc.), public service announcements have been produced to tell their stories to the Greenbelt

Regarding efforts to better connect the community, he is perhaps proudest of his work with the Community Relations Advisory Board in writing the Community Pledge (2001), which urges all Greenbelters to treat each other with respect and to celebrate diversity and

Herling has lived in GHI and Franklin Park (Springhill Lake, 1979 to 1984), and received his undergraduate degree from Towson University in history and secondary education.

# Silke I. Pope

Silke Pope is seeking her fourth term on council. Pope has resided in Greenbelt for 17 years, living first in Springhill Lake, now Franklin Park, and since 2003in Belle

Pope came to Greenbelt with her family from Germany in 1998 after her husband, Joseph, retired from the United States Army Raised in a small town, Pope brings to Greenbelt familiar small-town values. Her natural tendency is one of engagement and activity in the community, taking on numerous volunteer roles and accruing accomplishments in Greenbelt over



Silke Pope

the past 17 years. By confronting the realities of modern Greenbelt and seeking to improve quality of life for all, Pope has a long track record of contributions to Greenbelt.

Pope served on the city's Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) for nine years, six years as chair, until she was elected to council in 2009. Currently, she is the council liaison to both PSAC and the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee.

Even before proudly earning U.S. citizenship in 2006, Pope became involved in several community groups in Greenbelt. A member of St. Hugh of Grenoble Church since 2000, Pope has been involved in numerous fundraising efforts, her most notable being the annual Oktoberfest where she serves as master chef. She has also served as president of the Belle Point Homeowners' Association since 2006 and is a member of the American Legion's Post 136 Ladies Auxiliary, serving as president for two years.

While living overseas, Pope worked in the field of international

# **Upcoming Events** At the New Deal

Thursday, September 24, Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft from noon to 2 p.m. SAW Open Mic hosted by Lynn Hollyfield from 7 to 9 p.m.

Friday, September 25, John Guernsey plays classic American standards on piano from 7 to 8 p.m. The Hillbilly Gypsies bring their "Old Timey" West Virginia bluegrass sound to the cafe from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 26, Jazz Jam with Greg Meyer from 1 to 5 p.m. John Guernsey plays jazz standards on piano from 7 to 8 p.m., followed by Just Stones, a Rolling Stones tribute band from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 27, join the Deaf Brunch from 10:30 a.m. until 12 noon.

Climate Change Teach-In. The discussion will focus on the Pope's recent encyclical letter on ecology, the event is open to the public from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Petrified Pickers will perform bluegrass and country classics from 5 to 8 p.m.

Monday, September 28, New Deal Cafe Board of Directors Meeting from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Members and visitors welcome.

Tuesday, September 29, Double Sharp offer up an eclectic mix of bluegrass, classical, rock, and jazz music from 7 to 9 pm.

Wednesday, September 30, ioin singer/songwriter Mike Hummel & Friends for an evening of jazz-tinged power pop from 7 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, October 1, Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft from noon to 2 p.m. Café favorite, Wolgemut, offers up a high powered Renaissance Rock concert from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Friday, October 2, John Guernsey plays classic American standards on piano from 7 to 8

Pirates Canoe, an Americana/ Bluegrass trio from Kyoto, Japan will perform from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Richmond native Savannah Valentino will open for Pirates

# First Candidates Forum To Be Held October 1

The 2015 election for Greenbelt City Council is only 40 days away. Early voting will be available even sooner; it will begin October 17. To help voters prepare for the election, the Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition (GEAC) is hosting an evening for Greenbelt residents to meet the candidates on Thursday, Oc-

This event will be held in the Greenbriar Terrace Room at 7600 Hanover Parkway. Doors will open at 7:15 p.m. and the program will begin at 7:30 p.m. with a brief introduction by each of the candidates. Following introductions the candidates and guests have the opportunity for individual conversations on topics of concern. The evening will

wrap up with very brief closing comments by the candidates beginning at approximately 9:15

GEAC urges all Greenbelt residents to get out and vote in this election. Information on early voting and absentee ballots is available on the city website at greenbeltmd.gov/index. aspx?nid=169. Residents who are not already registered to vote can also find the information elsewhere in this newspaper or at a link to registration information on the city website. The deadline to register to vote in the 2015 election is October 5.

This meet-the-candidates event is open to all Greenbelt residents. There is no cost to attend.



# Greenbelt Homes, Inc. **Homes Improvement Program Financial Information Sessions**



Thursday, September 24, 2015 at 7:30 PM

Sunday, September 27, 2015 at 2:00 PM

Both meetings at the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Dept. 125 Crescent Road

### Discussion of the following items:

- Plan approved by the Board of Directors for financing crawlspace improvements.
- Criteria for obtaining loans from GHI to install optional improvements.
- A fee-deferral program for members.
- Update on planning activities being undertaken prior to construction work in 2016.

A complete agenda can be seen at www.ghi.coop



A sign language interpreter will be provided for these meetings.



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business relations and banking where her bilingual ability, attention to detail and organizational skills were critical. Attuned to cross-cultural issues, Pope has long practiced effective communication across demographic boundaries. Pope is currently employed by the Prince Georges County Schools at Springhill Lake Elementary School as a special education paraprofessional educator.

Since being elected to council in 2009, Pope has served on several state and national committees including the Maryland Municipal League Convention Planning Committee, the National League of Cities (NLC) Small Cities Council Steering Committee and the NLC's Public Safety and Crime Prevention Steering Committee. Currently, she is the incoming chair of the Small Cities Council Steering Committee of the NLC. Pope earned a fellowship from the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance at the University of Maryland. This fellowship provides Pope with a more thorough understanding of how local municipalities function and a strong understanding of governmental policy and ethics.

When Pope is not working or attending council meetings and events, she likes to read Grisham novels, cook, spend time with her granddaughter, Sofia, and take her dog, Chip, to the dog park and for walks around the lake.

# Bully Prevention Walk Saturday, October 3

Bullying is rampant in our society. It affects people of all ages and is a painful experience for everyone concerned: those bullied and those doing the bullying and their families and friends. Negative effects can last a lifetime. We Lead By Example, Inc./Tae Kwon Do Ramblers Self-Defense Systems is a leader in bullying prevention and supports efforts against bullying throughout the year.



# Watkins Nature Center Offers Campfire Programs

Watkins Nature Center, 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro, is offering a family campfire program on Friday, October 2 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. for those two and older. Roast marshmallows while a park naturalist reads a nature story and brings an animal for participants to meet. Another campfire will be held on October 23.

There is a nominal fee; both children and the parents and/or adult chaperones of children attending must be registered. To register online, visit pgparks.com and click on the SMARTlink logo; search for the programs using barcode number 1633897. For more information call 301-218-6702.

# At the Library

# Weekly Storytimes

Wednesday, September 30: Preschool Storytime, 10:15 & 11:15 a.m., for ages 3-5, limit 20 people.

Thursday, October 1: Baby Storytime, 10:15 a.m., for ages 12-24 months, limit 20 people; Baby Laptime Storytime, 11:15 a.m., for ages birth-12 months, limit 20 people; Toddler Storytime, 4:15 p.m., for ages 2-3, limit 20 people.

# Fall 2015 African History & Culture Lecture Series

Tuesday, September 29, 7 p.m. "Brazil & The Price of Blackness" will be the next session of the fall season in this audiovisual lecture series presented by C.R. Gibbs, renowned historian of the African Diaspora. Other sessions will be presented during the fall on Tuesday evenings through November 17.

# Master Gardener Fall Lecture and Workshop Series

Saturday, October 3, 2 p.m.: Trees for the Home Gardener. Learn what type of trees to plant in your yard, what to expect and how to get a county rebate on the purchase of your trees. This class, presented by the Prince George's County Master Gardeners, will qualify you for the county rebate program.

Other Master Gardener events are scheduled for the fall season during October and November 2015



# **Artful Afternoon Sunday, October 4**

The Greenbelt Recreation Department Arts Program welcomes you to Wonderland at an Artful Afternoon on Sunday, October 4 at the Greenbelt Community Center. Enjoy an abridged performance of Alice in Wonderland by Ballet Theater of Maryland, along with a free do-it-yourself costume clinic and more. All ages are invited and reservations are not required. Most activities are free.

From 1 to 4 p.m., get a great start on your Halloween costume in a free workshop led by professional costume designer and Artist-in-Residence Celestine Ranney-Howes. Cardboard, basic supplies and simple templates are provided. Bring your ideas, reference images and any special materials you'd like to incorporate.



At 3 p.m., see an enchanting performance by Ballet Theater of Maryland interpreting scenes from Lewis Carroll's classic tale, Alice in Wonderland. This show is suitable for all ages and offers a great opportunity to introduce children to storytelling through dance.

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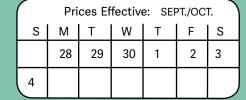
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# **Police Blotter**

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

### Robberv

September 11, 7 p.m., 7200 block Mandan Road. A person standing in front of a residence waiting for a friend was approached by a man who grabbed the person's duffel bag and fled on foot. It was recovered during a K-9 search in the 8400 block Nightingale Drive in Lanham. Money had been taken from inside it.

September 12, 1:03 p.m., Mandan Road near Canning Terrace. A man at the bus stop was approached by another person who grabbed him and announced a robbery. When the man resisted, the person displayed a knife. He took the man's cell phone and wallet and fled toward the Chelsea Woods condominiums. He is described as black, 5'6" tall, 150 pounds, with a light complexion, hair in dreadlocks, wearing a gray shirt, black pants and black sneakers, carrying a black gym bag.

### **Assault**

September 13, 9:25 a.m., 100 block Centerway. A manager at the Co-op Supermarket saw a suspicious person carrying a canvas bag, possibly shoplifting. When he approached the man, then walking toward the exit, the man pushed him aside and ran. He is described as black, 5'7" tall, 180 pounds, with light-colored patches of skin on his face, wearing all white clothing. The manager was not injured.

September 14, 10:08 p.m., 6100 block Cherrywood Lane. A 23-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with assault after he allegedly slapped and pushed a person during a verbal altercation over a cell phone. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner

# Theft

September 10, 4 p.m., 6200 block Greenbelt Road. An unattended cell phone was taken from Wendy's.

September 10, 6 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A man reported he lost his wallet at Beltway Plaza. A merchant found it, but after this it was taken from the counter. A credit card was then used to make unauthorized purchases.

September 10, 11 p.m., 100 block Centerway. An unattended 12-speed bicycle was taken from the rear of the New Deal Café. It was recovered the next day after a man was seen abandoning it and fleeing on foot. He is described as being black, wearing a dark shirt and gray shorts, carrying a greenish-brown backpack.

September 11, 7 p.m., 7400 block Greenbelt Road. A locker at LA Fitness was forced open and a wallet removed.

September 11, 10:14 a.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. Money was taken from a kiosk at Beltway Plaza.

September 11, 8 p.m., 200 block Lakeside Drive. A man reported that that on September 9 a

parcel package was removed from the front stoop of his residence.

September 12, 9:13 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court. A parcel package was removed from the front stoop of a residence.

September 14, 5 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. A parcel package was removed from the front stoop of a residence on September 9.

September 15, 5:50 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A man agreed to trade a cell phone through an internet website and to meet the buyer in the rear parking lot of Beltway Plaza. The buyer asked to take a closer look at the phone, at which time he took it and ran from the parking lot to the 6300 block Breezewood Drive. He was last seen entering a vehicle described as a white 2-door Honda Accord. The man is described as black, 5'9" tall, 130 pounds, hair in an Afro, wearing blue jeans, a black shirt and red sneakers. A second man who also entered the vehicle is described as black, wearing a black shirt, Adidas pants and gray sneakers.

### Fraud

September 16, 11:36 p.m., Maplewood Court. A person attempted to buy a cell phone on e-Bay from a seller who required he purchase a cash card, electronically scan it and then email the scan to the seller in order to complete the sale. The phone was never delivered and the seller's e-Bay account was deleted.

Trespass

September 11, 12:17 a.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. A 24-year-old resident was arrested and charged with trespass after he was found on the grounds of Greenway Shopping Center after having banned from there by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial. **Burglary** 

September 12, 12:55 p.m., 7100 block Ora Court. An attempt was made to open a rear window of a vacant residence. Entry was not gained.

September 14, 6 p.m., 6700 block Lake Park Drive. A television, jewelry and money were taken after entry was gained by forcing open a rear window.

# Vandalism

September 11, 8:15 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. Contents of a fire extinguisher were sprayed under an apartment door.

September 13, 5:35 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road. A rock was thrown through a bedroom window, shattering it.

# Vehicle Crime

A black Kawasaki Ninja motorcycle with Va. tag 778296 was stolen from the 6400 block Capitol Drive on September 10.

A 2000 Dodge Stratus stolen September 5 from the 6200 block Breezewood Drive was recovered September 15 by D.C. Metropolitan police in the 2400 block 22nd Street N.E.

An attempt was made to steal an auto in the 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace when forced

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Call 1-866-411-TIPS.

People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the

Drug Tip Line at 240-542-2145.

Voter Registration for City Election Closes October 5

by Kathleen Gallagher

It is too late to decide to run for city council. It's too late to sign a candidate's petition. But there is still time to register to vote in the November 3 Greenbelt election. If you haven't done it, do it!

Voters must be age 18 or older by election day and be registered to vote in Prince George's County at a residence address that lies within the boundaries of the City of Greenbelt.

The deadline for registering or for correcting registration information for purposes of the city election is Monday, October 5. Forms and corrections must be received by the Prince George's County Board of Elections in Largo by 4:30 p.m.

Voters can check to see if their registration information is correct on the website of the state Board of Elections at elections.state.md.us. From the home page, click on "Voter Services"

# **Property Thefts From Vehicles Increase**

Recent incidents of vehicle crime in Greenbelt include property being taken after breaking out windows or vehicles being left unlocked. Greenbelt police remind residents to properly secure vehicles and remove valuables from sight or take them out of vehicles.

Anyone seeing suspicious persons loitering near or tampering with vehicles is asked to call 301-474-7200.

under the heading "Hot Topics." One's personal information should be correct at this location, but the polling places identified will not be correct for city elections. The new voting machines described on the website will not be used in city elections, though reviewing them may be worthwhile since voters will be introduced to them at the Presidential primary election in April 2016.

Anyone with a Maryland driver's license or Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) identification card can register to vote or make corrections to registration information online at the state Board of Elections website. For those who prefer paper, forms can be printed from the website and returned by postal mail. No computer? No problem. Residents can pick up forms at the Greenbelt library, from the city clerk's office or from the county Board of Elections

If time does not permit mailing forms in time to be received by the deadline, registration or changes may be accomplished in person at the county Board of Elections office at 1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A, in Largo or at any full-service MVA office during regular hours.

Questions about registration should be directed to the county Board of Elections office at 301-341-7300 or to the city clerk's office at 301-474-8000. Answers may also be found at princegeorgescountymd.gov (choose "My Government," then "Elections").

# IT TAKES A TEAM TO BUILD A DREAM. SPARE

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Generously supported by a grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation.

# Crowd Was Up Dancing At 13th Blues Festival

by Amy Hansen



A crowd fills Roosevelt Center to hear Kevin Robinson and KERQ.

Kevin Robinson and KERQ got the crowd up and dancing at the 13th annual Greenbelt Blues Festival last Saturday. Sponsored by the New Deal Café with support from the city, the free festival was outdoors from noon to 7 p.m. The festival then moved inside the Café and played until

More than 150 people were listening in Roosevelt Center during Robinson's 4 p.m. performance. Audience members brought chairs or used the picnic tables set out by the city. Others stood, swayed or actively moved with the music while Robinson asked the audience to imagine his rendition of Voodoo Child as the musical progeny of Jimi Hendrix and Chuck Brown. At 5:30, The Mike McHenry Tribe took the stage and played music with roots in blues, funk, rock and, again, Jimi Hendrix.

For the first time this year, the festival included a free movie, B.B. King's life story—The Life of Riley — shown at both the Academy Theaters in Beltway Plaza and the Old Greenbelt Theatre.

After the movie, the festival was still going strong inside the Café. People crowded in to hear Fast Eddie and the Slowpokes. And a few fans hung onto the outdoor-ness of the festival by standing near the Café windows. While they missed out on Café



# Hollywood, the Military & Belly Dance Explored

Explorations Unlimited welcomes Greenbelter Larry Suid, a military and film historian, on Friday, September 25 from 1-3 p. m. Suid will be discussing the relationship between Hollywood and the U.S. Armed Services.

On Friday, October 2, Explorations Unlimited welcomes Jane DeVane, who will be discussing, demonstrating and encouraging participants to belly dance. Belly dance is wonderful exercise, a true art form and lots of fun. Participants will experience some moves and learn about some of the positive benefits. DeVane's passion for many forms of dancing complements her profession as a naturopathic practitioner, clinical nutritionist, exercise physiologist and energy practitioner. Her practice, Whole Health Wellness, is located in old Greenbelt; see wholehealthwellness.vpweb.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Please call 301-397-2208 for more information.





Kevin Robinson on lead guitar and Brent Mingle on bass play in Roosevelt Center on Saturday.

### Photos by Amy Hansen

food and drink, they could still hear the good music and feel the late summer breeze as the festival finished with style.

# **Celebrate Fall Harvest** At Festival on Sunday

The 12th annual Greenbelt Fall Harvest Festival is scheduled for this weekend. The festival committee set the date for the event for Sunday, September 27 to be close to the autumnal equinox. This is also when the full moon is to be eclipsed late in the evening. All that and the start of the last quarter's harvest from our gardens is cause for celebration.

The festival will be held at the Roosevelt Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and will feature music, crafts, activities, demonstrations and fun.

If the weather forecast looks too wet and gloomy for Sunday, the Harvest Festival will be held on Saturday. Check the weather forecast Friday night and join us for the better day.

The Fall Harvest Festival is a project of CHEARS, the Chesapeake Education Arts and Research Society.

# **CPAE Has Kids' Arts Drop-Ins**

There will be two College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE) Arts Drop-In programs for children led by Aaron Springer from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, September 26 at the College Park Community Center, 5051 Pierce Avenue; and 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, September 27 at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road. These free arts workshops are for children ages 3 to 8 (with adult accompaniment). For more information email info@cpae.org or call 301-927-3013.

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

# **GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

Thursday, October 1, 2015 GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 PM

# **GHI Key Agenda Items:**

- Contract for Repairs to 59F Ridge, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading
- Contract for Repairs to Administration Building's Fence, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading
- 2015 Underground Utility Contract for 6F-N Hillside Road, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading
- Request by the Member of 19N Ridge Rd to Allow a Privacy Screen
- Request by the Member of 10J Southway that GHI Replace the Vinyl Siding on Her Addition During the HIP Architectural Review Committee's Recommendation for
- **Revised Trim Colors** Architectural Review Committee's Recommendation re: Whether Garages Should Receive Vinyl Siding if Adjacent

to a Block Unit with Insulation/Vinyl Siding During the

- Review Investment Committee's Semi-Annual Report for January to June 2015
- Assignment of the Following Tasks to the Finance Committee:
  - Recommend a Formula for Apportioning Contracted Costs to the Addition Maintenance Program for Improvements to Additions During the HIP
  - Recommend a Formula for Apportioning Staff Costs to the Various Programs During the HIP: Replacement Reserves, Optional Improvements, Crawlspace Improvements & Addition Maintenance

Regular Board meetings are open to Members. For more information, visit our website: www.ghi.coop



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# Beltway Plaza Raises Funds For Parkinson's Research

by Amy Hansen

Beltway Plaza hosted a table tennis challenge on Saturday, September 19, and raised almost \$2,000 for The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research. About 70 people came to view the table tennis pro, Navin

Going by the nickname, "the bionic man," Kumar is the first Parkinson's athlete in history to represent the U.S. in international table tennis competition. Kumar is also a five-time open-heart surgery survivor with a mechanical heart, pacemaker and other artificial components.

He's also a good table tennis

"I challenged him to a match and let my paddle do the talking," said Mayor Emmett Jordan, who was one of about 30 people to challenge the pro. "He beat me 11 to 0. Luckily, the match helped to raise funds for The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research."



Above: Navin Kumar (center) takes on contenders during Saturday's table tennis competition.

Right: Mayor Emmett Jordan challenges table tennis pro Navin Kumar in the Beltway Plaza charity fundraiser.

Photos by Janubi Devendra



# This Week at MakerSpace

by George Boyce

The last week of September the MakerSpace is up to its usual shenanigans. Stuff is growing, moving, pickling and brewing at Fermentation Fan Club on Friday, September 25 at 7 p.m. For those curious about the ancient craft of fermentation, come and sample various concoctions. Adults only

On Saturday, September 26, we have two offerings for kids. Coder Dojo is an open drop-in coding worksession. The focus is currently on learning javascript through Khan Academy. Coder Dojo is at 10 a.m. Also on Saturday is First Lego League (FLL) at 12:30 p.m. This is a great engineering and programming competition team activity. Join a team by signing up on the website at make125.org.

Special Announcement! The Old Greenbelt Theatre will show the movie Spare Parts at 1 p.m. on Saturday in conjunction with our Greenbelt MakerSpace. Makerspace will have special candies and show an introductory video

Art is the focus for Sunday, September 27. This week Mary Ann Lipovsky will hold a watercolor and pen/ink class beginning at 2 p.m. This donation-based class will help to stir the creative juices of every participant. All levels are welcome.

MakerSpace is closed on Mondays. Even innovators need a

Tuesday, September 29 is jam packed with tech! Yes, it's Tech Tuesday! From 4 to 5 p.m. is Little Coders for kids ages 4 to 6. On the heels of that from 5:30 to 7 p.m. is a girls only FLL team meeting. Coder Dojo for kids begins at 7 p.m. followed by Coder Dojo for adults at 8 p.m.

We weave webs and knit knickers! Wednesday, September 30, is Knitter's Anonymous beginning at 7 p.m. Before that we host another FLL team from 5:30 to 7 p.m. This team still has space! Sign up at make125.org.

We reach Thursday, October 1 just in time for another edition of the News Review. Eve will be available for tutoring from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Is your son or daughter struggling with an essay for class? Eve will be happy to edit her little heart out and get you that 'A' you seek. From 5:30 to 7 p.m. is the last FLL team (yes we have four teams) of the week.

The MakerSpace makers would like you to remember that we are fundraising to purchase a mobile MakerSpace. Our renovated van will bring tech to underserved communities around the metro area. Donations can be made at make125.org.

Free Support Group Is on Sleep Apnea

On Wednesday, September 30 from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Doctors Community Hospital will hold a free support group and raise awareness about sleep apnea.

Sleep apnea is a potentially life-threatening condition that causes people to stop breathing while sleeping. It can lead to depression, memory problems, irritability, weight gain, high blood pressure and even heart disease. Some of the symptoms include excessive snoring, drowsy driving, excessive daytime sleepiness and difficulty concentrating.

At the Sleep Center's support group, healthcare professionals will share the latest diagnostic and treatment options for people who have sleep apnea and other disorders. From expert assessments of CPAP machines to insightful discussions, participants will learn how to get a better night's rest.

The meeting will take place on the 5th floor of the North Building. To register, call 301-324-4968.

# Wizard of Oz Is New Playground at Watkins

Take a walk down the yellow brick road into the Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation's new Wonderful Wizard of Oz themed Imagination Playground at Watkins Regional Park. The playground will have its grand opening celebration on Friday, September 25 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.



# **Open Letter to City Council**

We advise council to stop the city from awarding a contract to A. Morton Thomas (AMT) to assess the health of the Forest Preserve. Staff presented inaccurate information at the work session held on August 31, 2015 to discuss the Forest Preserve Health Assessment. This information was presented in a memorandum distributed and discussed at the work session.

1. It was reported that the AMT proposal outlines the required services, includes appropriately trained and experienced staff, and has the relevant professional experience necessary to undertake and complete the study. Several of the services proposed by AMT are not required to meet the intent of councilmember Roberts' motion. Roberts' motion, which passed 7-0, was to proceed with contracting with a professional forest biologist or ecologist to assess the health of the forest preserve. The services proposed by AMT are more extensive in scope than those envisioned by Roberts, which has caused the cost of the health assessment to increase from an anticipated cost of less than \$10,000 to almost \$30,000. AMT is a multidisciplinary firm with a staff of more than 430 professionals and 14 offices throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. The project manager is a registered landscape architect - not an ecologist. AMT's professional experience includes site analysis, master planning, and design services for new recreational facilities and infrastructure for a regional, multi-phase park and sports complex in Bowie (additional examples in their proposal show similar engineering experience). AMT is also a Forest Conservation Act (FCA)

(additional examples in their proposal show similar engineering experience). AMT is also a Forest Conservation Act (FCA) Service Provider. FCA Service Providers generally act as consultants to developers.

2. It was reported that the Board approved the final version of the Request for Proposals (RFP) by consensus at its March meeting. According to the minutes, the Board did not officially vote on the RFP.

3. It was reported that efforts to distribute the RFP were broad and far reaching. Staff sent out 145 RFPs, 97% of which were sent to FCA Service Providers (who generally act as consultants to developers). Only 5 responses were received.

4. It was reported (for the first time) that staff selected FCA Service Providers with expertise in development of Forest Conservation Plans (FCP). Such expertise is not asked for in the RFP. An FCP is not needed to assess the health of the Preserve. An FCP outlines the strategies for retaining, protecting, planting, and replanting trees in areas marked for construction and development. An FCP is not appropriate for the preserve because it is not subject to construction and development. The Preserve is supposed to be left in its undisturbed and existing natural state.

5. It was reported that 3 board members (that being us) emphasized the need for the public involvement in the project. It was also reported that the AMT proposal includes public involvement, but this kind of public involvement would be after the award. We believe there needs to be more public involvement prior to the award. Involvement after the award will be too late for the public to have significant influence on the outcome. The public needs to be involved starting with the discussion of how the RFP would be tailored to attract the type of professional desired in Roberts' motion. We fear there will be pressure placed on the public to accept recommendations by staff after completion of the project.

6. The public was left out of the process. The Forest Preserve Advisory Board meeting agendas used acronyms su

6. The public was left out of the process. The Forest Preserve Advisory Board meeting agendas used acronyms such as FP and RFP which made it confusing for residents to appreciate the significance of the meetings. The time allotted for discussion of the RFP was approximately 50 minutes (total).

We believe the process to hire a forest biologist or ecologist to assess the health of the preserve ran off track as a result of staff's need to manage the Preserve. According to Dr. Joan Maloof – who holds a PhD in ecology, has written three books about forests, and runs the national organization Old-Growth Forest Network – forests have been managing themselves for thousands of years. In fact the healthiest forests in terms of biodiversity (old growth forests) are those with the least management. Maloof of years. In fact the healthiest forests in terms of biodiversity (old-growth forests) are those with the least management. Maloof believes it is the way people behave in the forests that need to be managed – not really the forests themselves. Decisions about the forest preserve are serious and the community must be fully informed about their impact. This is necessary if

the community is to have trust in council's decisions.

We the undersigned are Greenbelt residents who are members of the Forest Preserve Advisory Board. We do not speak for the Board. We represent only ourselves. We believe proper procedure was not followed and for council to be perceived as having given due diligence, the process should be started over and done fairly.

Donna Almquist Yoni Siegel Robert Snyder

# Zero Waste Circle Helps Festival Be Greenest Yet

by Erin Josephitis

Thanks to the Zero Waste Circle and all 37 volunteers who collaborated the 2015 Labor Day Festival was the greenest one yet. Volunteers played an integral role in educating festival-goers about the importance of separating recyclable, compostable and landfill waste.

Several organizations teamed together to promote zero waste, including the Green Team/Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability; the City of Greenbelt Public Works Department; the Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS); the Butterfly Brigade and Greenbelt's Climate Action Network. My Organic Market (MOM's) also played a signifi-

Two key goals were achieved: 1) landfill waste was significantly reduced and 2) the systemic change from a linear to a cyclical model of waste collection was underway. To achieve these goals, the two approaches were to reduce waste and to teach how to separate waste.

Games for all ages and Greenbelt Water Works were developed to encourage reducing what entered the landfill. The public was educated on recycling standards in Prince George's County and the importance of bringing a reusable water bottle rather than accepting disposable plastic water bottles. In addition, volunteers went dumpster diving to sort through recyclable, compostable and landfill waste as a way to avoid contamination of any of

To reduce disposable water bottles, festival-goers were encouraged to sip out of drinking fountains or refill water for free at local vendors and government buildings. Thanks to all who supported Greenbelt Water Works, especially Generous Joe's, New Deal Café, Old Greenbelt Theatre, MakerSpace, Greenbelt Co-op, Beijing restaurant, the Greenbelt, Library and the City of Greenbelt's Municipal Building, Community Center, Aquatic and Fitness Center, and Youth and Recreation Center.

# **Volunteer Work**

When volunteers were present, the waste bins had significantly less contamination between recyclable and landfill trash. The most common recyclables included aluminum cans mostly clean paper plates and plastic water bottles. Bins with recyclables or compostable materials filled up much faster compared to the landfill bins that accumulated waste at a much slower rate.

Likewise, recyclables and compostable bins were emptied more frequently than the landfill receptacles. The most common landfill items included drinking straws, chip bags, plastic film and dirty paper plates and napkins (when composting was not an option).

Festival-goers were updated about the recent changes to the City of Greenbelt's recycling collection program. For example, plastic bags are no longer accepted in Greenbelt's curbside recycling. However, local grocery stores, such as the Co-op and Safeway, still accept plastic bags and other plastic film for recycling. Although styrofoam is not recyclable curbside, block styrofoam may be dropped off during the next Electronics Recycling Day on Saturday, October 24 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Public Works Department (please no styrofoam eatingware or packing peanuts). For more details on Electronics Recycling, contact Sustainability Coordinator Luisa Robles at lrobles@greenbeltmd. gov. Follow the link for a printout of Greenbelt's curbside recycling program: greenbeltmd.gov/ DocumentCenter/View/560.

On Saturday, temporary compost bins were placed next to recycling and landfill bins to reclaim leftover food scraps and dirty paper plates. Over 120 pounds of compostable materials were collected on Saturday alone.

About half of the compostable materials were processed by volunteers on Monday at the CHEARS Three Sisters Demonstration Garden behind the Community Center. The other 60 pounds of compost delivered to the BiobiN at MOM's of College Park will soon be transferred to the Prince George's County compost pilot program at Western Branch.

It was crucial that volunteers learned and explained to festivalgoers the difference between which materials were recyclable, compostable or landfill waste.

For instance, the fibers in paper napkins are too small to be recycled, so it is best to dispose of them by composting or discarding them in the landfill trash. In addition, a paper plate can be recycled depending on how clean it is since leftover food waste should never be recycled. Clean or minimally used paper plates were encouraged to be recycled, while dirty or soaked paper plates were composted or discarded with landfill trash.

The most important lesson learned was that a group of dedicated volunteers can accomplish a lot in a short amount of time. The community was strengthened as public and private zero waste partnerships were established. Greenbelt citizens of all ages and backgrounds worked together to green the Labor Day Festival and ultimately to protect the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

# **Live Radio Broadcast At Patuxent Refuge**

The public is invited to attend a live radio broadcast of Ray Brown's Talkin' Birds at the Patuxent Research Refuge National Wildlife Visitor Center on Sunday, October 4 from 9:30 to 10 a.m.

Ray Brown's Talkin' Birds is a weekly interactive radio program about wild birds and the beauty of nature. It features guest experts, includes topics such as attracting birds to your backyard and learning more about them, and encourages preservation and protection of our environment.

Host Ray Brown, bird lover and broadcast veteran with more than 30 years' experience in commercial and public radio and television, will interview Refuge Manager Brad Knudsen and John French, director of the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center.

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# When the School Day Ends, GES Teachers Make a Run

by Lauren Cummings

It has been almost a year since Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) teachers Jennifer Rosenberg Houck, Brittany Moylan and Siobhan Dalrymple started working out together at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center gym after school. In the spring of last year, they took to the streets and two more teachers, Lisa Holinsworth and Michelle Harrison, joined their running group. This year, Stephenie Arcido, Sarah Jammal and Danielle White bolstered the teacher's Wednesday running group to eight. They run between 1.5 to 3 miles together and have built their strength and stamina by running for three minutes and then walking for one.

On some Mondays, they also meet to do strength training (with bands), Pilates, squats, lunges, planks and high intensity training

Rosenberg Houck says, "We motivate and encourage each other. Everyone has homework to run on their own between Thursday and Tuesday. I'm proud of everyone for joining us and deciding to get out there and

Not only are these teachers devoting time to their own health, but they are also being role models for their students. Many students have noticed the teachers running and stop to cheer them on. These teachers are backing up their healthy living classroom lessons with their actions.

One teacher will run the Baltimore half marathon this fall and others plan to run in the school's 5K race in memory of Rafael Martins on October 24. For more information on the race visit greenbeltelementarypta.org.



Danielle White, Siobhan Dalrymple, Sarah Jammal, Lisa Holinsworth, Jennifer Rosenberg-Houck, Brittany Moylan, Michelle Harrison and Stephenie Arcido before a recent run.





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Oct. 2 4-7 pm Wine Tasting, Greenbelt Consumer Co-op

Oct. 3

8am -1pm Yard Sale Community Center Lawn (GNS) 12:30 pm Co-op Movie, Old Greenbelt Theatre

Oct. 6 5-7 pm

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Oct. 10 4-7 pm Wine Tasting Greenbelt Consumer Co-op

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Oct. 15 Credit Union Day Refreshments at GFCU, 112 Centerway

Oct. 16 4-7 pm Wine Tasting, Greenbelt Consumer Co-op

Oct. 17 9-12 pm

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Oct. 18 12:30 pm Co-op movies, Old Greenbelt Theatre

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Oct. 27 2-4 pm

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# Homeschool Curricula Swap at Library

by Li'l Dan Celdran

The Greenbelt library hosted a homeschool curricula share/ swap on September 21. Five homeschooling families participated by bringing educational items to share or to show others (to preview before purchasing on their own). Children were busy creating art and playing quietly together.

JoEllen Sarff and Gwen Vaccaro from Old Greenbelt Theatre spoke about upcoming movies for families and welcomed suggestions for more ideas. One parent suggested offering a short movie followed by kids talking about their favorite scene. Another parent suggested partnering with the library in offering a regular book club/discussion for lower primary ages and perhaps seeing the movies that correspond with the books read. It was also suggested that the children might

enjoy a tour of the theater and its operations.

A representative from Engineering MINDZ, a learning and enrichment center, spoke about the organization's after-school programs and classes for homeschoolers. Librarian Elizabeth Wilkins shared the library system's app that matches the child's age and interest with books (pgcmls.beanstack.org). The library also offers regular storytimes for children ages 5 and younger. (see pgcmls.info).

The group plans to meet quarterly to continue networking and sharing resources and ideas. Thanks to the library for hosting this event.



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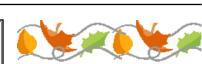
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# **Labor Day Festival 2015**

# At Festival, Rising Stars Rocked Packed Bleachers

by Kyla Hanington

Young talent rocked the house – er, the lawn – on the afternoon of Sunday, September 6 when the Rising Stars Talent Show took the main stage at the Labor Day Festival. In its fourth year, this performance marked the Talent Show's first appearance on the main stage, where an entertained audience packed the bleachers and lawn.

The show opened with young members of Hyattsville's Alexander Community Dance Group performing to a variety of music, including a smoky version of All that Jazz. They were followed by 12-year-old Emily Armoa, who played the guitar and sang

familiar songs like Leaving on a Jet Plane and Paperback Writer. Armoa's passion brought to mind a young Molly Lewis.

Up next was violinist Jackson Tuthill, accompanied by his father on the keyboard for some selections. Ten-year-old Tuthill entertained the crowd as much with his between-song banter as he did with his music.

Two great bands closed out the show. First, Idle Empire nailed a set of alternative rock, with amazing guitar work and, lead singer Jacob Burns told the crowd, a new-to-them drummer who was excellent. Then The Accidentals closed the show with catchy, rhythmic tunes that had the audience swaying and cheering along.

Youth talent shows often are arenas where friends and family have a chance to see - and to cheer - their loved ones on stage. The Rising Stars were that and much, much, more. Entertaining in its own right, one did not have to be a friend or family member of a performer to enjoy the show; watching the crowds of teenagers, children and adults of all ages laughing, cheering and dancing along indicated these two bands were exactly where they should be: on the main stage, entertaining the lot of us.

### Photos by Jon Gardner



Consummate showman Jackson Tuthill entertains the crowd



**Emily Armoa sings folk songs** 



Idle Empire rocks the stage. From left: Ryland Heagy, Ben Goldberg, Jacob Burns, Ja-Kobe Wiggins.

# And the Winners Are . . . At the Retro Town Fair

The following are the winners in the various categories at the Retro Town Fair held by the Greenbelt Museum in conjunction with the Labor Day Festival.

Knitting: Best in Show – Cynthia Cummings, white socks; 1st place – Jen Ruffner, baby tunic; Heather Coady, baby cardigan; 2nd place – Barbara Ross Robey, yellow socks; Barbara Ross Robey, shawl; 3rd place – Barbara Ross Robey, vest

Crochet: 1st place – Cynthia Cummings, purse; 2nd place – Martha Heil, recycled shopping bag; 3rd place – Vanessa Zanin, pumpkin hat; Bonnie Shields, witch

Needlepoint: Best in Show – Patty Coil, pillow; 1st place – Tara Roberts, flower hanging; 2nd place – Suzanne Lomax, pillow; Bonnie Shields, Halloween hanger

Sewing: 1st place – Tara Wilcox, red apron; 2nd place – Julia Kendat/Margeret Doran, child's dress; 3rd place – Angela Buckley, quilt

Jewelry: 1st place – Colette Zanin, bracelet, necklace, earrings; 2nd place – Caitlin Cummings, necklace; Sue McKinley, necklace

Crafts: 1st place – Bonnie Shields, rug; 2nd place – Bonnie Shields, doll; Vanessa Zanin, needlefelt jacket; 3rd place – Bonnie Shields, hanging hand-prints

Flowers: 1st place – Beth Chandler; 2nd place – Helen Sydavar Canned Goods: 1st place – Ed Putens, tomatoes; Ed Putens, pickles; Ed Putens, peppers; 2nd place – Patty Coil, strawberrybanana jam

Through a technical glitch, the winners in the vegetable and baking categories were recorded, but not retained. We do know that the Grand Champion in the Baking category was JoEllen Sarff, with her vintage recipe Jam Cake. If you were a winner in one of these categories and want your full acknowledgement/glory, please contact the museum at greenbeltmuseumedu@gmail.com and we will republish it.

Congratulations to all of the winners!



JoEllen Sarff, Grand Champion for Baking, Retro Town Fair 2015

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