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PHOTO BY SHARON NATOLI

**Outstanding Citizen 2017 Paul Downs rides in the Labor Day Parade. Dea Zugby drives the car, Susan Barnett is the front seat passenger.**

## Environmentalist Paul Downs Is 2017 Outstanding Citizen

by Maria Herd

The year was 1987 and a developer had a grandiose plan to replace 100 acres of the Great North Woods with residential buildings and streets, said Bob Zugby, chair of the Outstanding Citizen Selection Committee. At the Labor Day Festival that same year, Paul Downs asked the band Magpie to dedicate their song, *The Land Knows You're There*, to those woods.

Flash forward 30 years to opening day of this year's Festival when Downs accepted the Outstanding Citizen award for his environmental efforts to save what is now referred to as the Greenbelt Forest Preserve. "Now I feel like I've come full circle," he said on Friday. "What started as this effort that I was told 'would never work' and 'that the land would get developed,' here we're celebrating tonight my part in it. I feel like I need to pinch myself."

Downs is the 45th winner of the town's highly anticipated annual Outstanding Citizen award,

which recognizes a person who exemplifies the Greenbelt tradition of volunteering and community service. As a co-founder and spokesperson for the Committee to Save the Green Belt, Downs organized citizen meetings, petition drives, guided forest walks, door-to-door campaigns and the very first Pumpkin Walk, said Zugby.

Downs said more specifically that he also has led bird walks, mushroom walks, flower walks and moonlit walks over the years in addition to hosting a booth at the Labor Day Festival. His committee battled proposals from developers for over a decade up until 2003, when the Greenbelt City Council voted unanimously to create a 225-acre forest preserve to protect the woods for generations to come, according to the preserve's website.

"But he didn't stop there in his efforts on behalf of our natural environment," said Zugby. Downs continues to volunteer for Indian Creek, the Butterfly Brigade, the Greenbelt Forest Preserve Committee and Greenbelt's Community Gardens. Downs is also known for his artistic sculptures created from sticks and stones that he finds in the Greenbelt woods. The sculptures have been exhibited in galleries throughout the area, said Zugby.

"He deserves it. He did an amazing thing. He changed the fabric of Greenbelt," said Downs' partner Susan Barnett, whom he refers to as "the first lady of the woods."

On stage, representatives from the community also praised Downs' efforts in proclamations

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### What Goes On

**Saturday, September 9**  
11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Pooch Plunge, Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center

**Monday, September 11**  
8 p.m., Council Meeting, Municipal Building

**Wednesday, September 13**  
8 p.m., Council Worksession with Prince George's Memorial Library, Community Center

## Kaiser Health Plans Accepted At Doctors Hospital, October 1

by James Giese

Persons insured in Kaiser Permanente health plans will be accepted as patients at Doctors Community Hospital beginning in October, it was announced at the Greenbelt City Council's stakeholder worksession with hospital representatives on August 28. Doctors will be the only hospital in Prince George's County affiliated with Kaiser, which has 150,000 members in the county, according to Paul Grenaldo, the hospital's chief operating officer, who made the announcement. Doctors expects to receive 15 admissions daily from Kaiser, he said.

U.S. News and World Report has ranked the hospital as high performing for the treatment of heart failure and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD),

Grenaldo noted, adding that for the fourth consecutive year the hospital has been recognized by the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association for quality of patient care and outcomes for stroke patients.

Grenaldo introduced Dr. Darlene Jean-Pierre, one of two new orthopedic surgeons with Capital Orthopedics, a part of the hospital system.

Jean-Pierre and her husband are new residents of Greenbelt, having bought a townhouse on Stream Valley Trail in Greenbelt West. She told council that since her husband used Metrorail to get to work, the location was ideal. They both biked, she said, and were excited over the new trail

near their home and its connection to other area bicycle trails, and were looking forward to the Labor Day celebration and the Festival's city bike ride.

### Hospital

Doctors Hospital opened some 40 years ago as a for-profit hospital. However, it has been operating as a nonprofit for 25 years. Although located in Lanham, an unincorporated area, it borders the Greenbelt city limits. On several occasions councilmembers have suggested that the hospital would be a welcomed annexation to the city and Councilmember Judith Davis again issued an invitation at the worksession, without receiving a response.

See **DOCTORS**, page 10

## City Manager Update Provokes Council Inclusivity Tensions

by Amanda Brozana Rios

At the council worksession on Wednesday, August 30, City Manager Nicole Ard's quarterly update of goals and accomplishments focused greatly on inclusivity, but members of council had a few moments of discord that stole the show.

The meeting, held at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, included discussions about greater outreach to different segments of the Greenbelt community and a tense interplay between councilmembers in regard to city membership in a county association.

Early in the meeting, Councilmember Rodney Roberts stopped Ard's presentation to object to a recent move made on behalf of the city to join the Prince George's County Chamber of Commerce, stating that it is a political organization that does not have the same values as the majority of Greenbelt citizens and "is not on our side."

"I just don't think the city has any business being a member," Roberts said during the discussion in which he often talked while other councilmembers and Ard were providing their insights. The Chamber's agenda, he said, "isn't an agenda Greenbelt should be known for."

Mayor Pro Tem Judith Davis, who ran the meeting and repeatedly warned Roberts about interrupting others, said that at a recent Chamber event networking took place that may otherwise not have occurred and may be fruitful in benefiting the city.

"It is a way for us to meet various members of the business

community we have neglected," Davis said.

Councilmember Konrad Herling said such interaction is especially important for revitalization of Roosevelt Center. "The more we reach out to labor and business, the better we are," he noted.

Ard said it was also something she felt was important in the wake of the cancellation of the FBI headquarters project that Greenbelt hoped to secure, a way to introduce the city to potential large tenants or a series of tenants for Greenbelt Station or other areas of the city.

Davis said she believed Mayor Emmett Jordan, who was able to attend only part of the worksession by phone, was also very supportive of the city's involvement with the Chamber of Commerce.

Ard said she would ask the Chamber's government relations committee for a copy of their policies and agenda and provide it to the council at a later date.

### Charging Station

Tension built again later in the meeting when Roberts raised a concern about city taxpayers footing the bill for private citizens who are using the newly installed electric car charging station by the Municipal Building.

"We shouldn't give it away because taxpayers have to pay for it," Roberts said of the electricity needed to charge a vehicle. "If people can afford an electric car, they can afford to pay to charge it."

Herling, who is part of the Maryland Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council, said the cost was nominal and Davis suggested

See **COUNCIL**, page 10



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

County schools started Wednesday, September 6. Some students started with great enthusiasm, some less so.



# Letters to the Editor

## Recycle 'Clam Shells'

Greenbelt's curbside recycling program now includes clear plastic 'clam shell' food containers. This is a great improvement, since so many food items come in these things and they had been previously disallowed in the Prince George's County recycling program. Kudos and congratulations to Luisa Robles, our Greenbelt sustainability coordinator, for pressuring the county to make this change.

Steve Skolnik

## THANKS

As I write this, I am so glad for the Greenbelt Police.

On Monday, at the Labor Day Festival, I was listening to the concert when I discovered I had left my keys in my car.

So I went to the Police Booth, and told them I left my car keys in my car. I said I would gladly call AAA, but all three men jumped into action. One discovered he had a "key prong" in his vehicle and he said I could drive with him. He was able to open my car door and retrieve my keys.

At the time, I didn't know the policeman's name, but when I was walking to my car after the concert, I saw another policeman who had been at the booth earlier and asked him who was the policeman who helped me. He said his name was Yank. Wow! Thanks, Yank, for what you did.

I had offered Yank the three dollars I had, and he said, "No, this is what we do."

I hadn't locked my keys in my car since I was 21.

Joyce M. Yarwood

## Protect Your Hearing

Friday evening I especially enjoyed watching people in the bumper cars as they interacted with the vehicles' control systems and with other drivers. Similarly I enjoyed mulling the physics at the bull-riding station where sometimes persons of surprising dimensions attempted to ride.

Then, early Monday evening, with my bicycle along instead of my hearing protectors, I stopped briefly at Johnny Seaton's extremely loud musical performance. While there was a sign at the front of the stage advising that ear plugs were available, when I asked at the information booth I was informed that they had run out of ear plugs in the afternoon. But there was no evidence that there had been a

scramble to get a new supply.

This can remind us that, while the Labor Day Festival Committee did a great job of putting together this four-day event for us (I attended most of their meetings last year) it is not their responsibility, nor the performers, nor the sound crew, nor the police, to protect the hearing of yourself or your children or others more vulnerable.

To be fair I will say that some improvements have been made over the last couple of years such that the likelihood of extreme sound exposures has been reduced, all the while, without reducing the sound levels of the bands.

I recommend if you, or persons you care about or have responsibility for, have had ringing in the ears or any other hearing distress after Festival events, that you have your hearing checked ASAP, and again three months from now when your hearing loss will have fully developed. If you do this yearly you will learn the rate at which you are losing your hearing.

Meanwhile, please search < safe hearing charts > and < protecting children's hearing > and discuss this with any parents, teens and children you know. If you spend 20 to 50 hours researching many such websites and articles your influence may well prevent 20,000 to 50,000 hours of hearing suffering for someone you love.

Bill Norwood

## More Memories

I lived in Greenbelt from 1948 to 1966 and was recently reminded of many memories when I pored through Jason Reblando's photographic book called *New Deal Utopias*. I had known of other "green" towns built by the federal government during the depression when growing up, but this collection gave me a much more vivid sense of their reality. Photos of Greendale, Wisc., and Greenhills, Ohio, made me curious to see them in person.

But my memories of Greenbelt dominated: the apartments near the Center where I went to nursery school, the Community Church where I sang in the choir, the woods of our green belt that separated us from Beltsville and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and gave us a naturalist's playground, the community pool where our summers were spent, the lake where we canoed and saw fireworks, and the Center

where Officer Austin Green found me when I once got lost and where the mother and child statue reminds us of the WPA's program putting artists back to work during the Depression.

Barbara Bowman

## Correction

The correct date of the Peace Vigil described in a letter last week is August 16.

## GIVES Offers AARP Safe Driving Course

Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) is sponsoring the AARP Safe Driving Course for Seniors, as it has for the past several years. The course will be offered at the Community Center on Tuesday, October 24. Sign-in begins at 9:30 a.m., with class beginning at 10 a.m. and ending at 3:30 p.m. There is a lunch break at noon.

There is a fee, and class size is limited. For information and to register, call the GIVES office at 301-507-6580.



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301-329-2034  
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CC = Closed Captions

SHOWTIMES  
Sept 8th - Sept 14th

WIND RIVER  
(2017) (R) (111 mins) (CC)  
Fri. 3:00, 5:30, 8:00 PM  
Sat. 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00 PM  
Sun. 12:30, 3:00 (OC), 5:30 PM  
Mon. 5:30, 8:00 PM  
Tues. 5:30, 8:00 PM  
Wed. 3:00, 5:30, 8:00 PM  
Thurs. 5:30, 8:00 PM

Storytime on Screen  
FREE!  
Mon. 10:30 AM

Stage on Screen:  
PRESENT LAUGHTER  
Sun. 8:00 PM  
Mon. 1:00 PM

## On Screen

### A Chilling Thriller

Set on a reservation in Wyoming, *Wind River* is a murder mystery and police procedural with an injection of Native American sexual and racial politics.

Directed and written by Taylor Sheridan, who wrote the scripts for *Sicario* and *Hell or High Water*, *Wind River* follows tracker/hunter Cory Lambert (Jeremy Renner) and his rookie FBI agent partner Jane Banner (Elizabeth Olsen) as they try to discover who raped and murdered 18-year-old Natalie, whose frozen corpse Lambert has stumbled onto. The case is personal for Lambert, whose own teen daughter died under similar circumstances a few years earlier and was Natalie's best friend.

Graham Greene as the reservation sheriff and Gil Birmingham as Natalie's grieving father give great supporting efforts.

See this savvy thriller at Old Greenbelt Theatre starting on Friday, September 8.

Running Time 1 hour, 47 minutes

Rating R

- Jim Link



"Special thanks to city services, who set up 35 booths, the stage, trash removal, and directed traffic so we could all relax and have a day off."

CARTOON BY PETER REPERT

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# Community Events

## Star Party Saturday

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, open to the public, on Saturday, September 9 at the Observatory located at Northway Fields. Attendees may see Saturn and some deep sky objects such as star clusters and nebulae, viewed through our astronomical camera. Late in the evening there will be an attempt to view a very faint object – a quasar 10 billion light years distant. All are welcome to set up their own telescopes on the hill. The moon will not be up, so it will be dark. Observing will begin at around 8:30 p.m. and continue for about two hours. There is no fee for the event. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.

## MakerSpace Events

It's back to school and back to Robotics Competitions! Check out the website or stop by to join a Robotics Team (ages 9 to 14).

Other events: Thursday, September 7: Coder Dojo (kids!) from 5 to 6:30 p.m., Connected Gadgets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and Coder Dojo (adults) from 8:30 to 10 p.m.

Friday, September 8: Little Makers from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 9: Adult Robotics from 10 a.m. to noon and FLL Team 3 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 10: Animation from 2 to 4 p.m.

Monday, September 11: FLL Team 1 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 12: FLL Team 2 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and Labradoodles from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Wednesday, September 13: Fiber Fans from 6 to 9 p.m.

## Explorations Topic Women in Civil War

Explorations Unlimited opens the Fall 2017 season with Greenbelt resident and Dr. Mudd House docent, Donna Peterson, on Friday, September 15. Peterson has developed a power point presentation about Women in the Civil War. Her interest in history has been a lifelong journey and she has enjoyed every minute of it. What started out as a fill-in for another Civil War presentation, has become a wonderful story of women who have given their all for the cause, regardless of what side their allegiance was on. Join us for this informative look at life before, during and after the Civil War.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Please call 301-397-2208 for more information.

## Writers Group Meets Friday, September 15

The Greenbelt Writers Group will meet on Friday, September 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. All writers are invited to participate. Open readings will be held for those who wish to present a brief work. For more information, contact Mary Moien at 301-474-4713.

## Free Sept. 11 Memorial Concert for Peace

The community is invited to a special concert in remembrance of September 11, 2001. Tenor Renaud D. Brown will sing, accompanied by pianist Vincent Henningfield on Monday, September 11. The free concert will begin at 7 p.m. in the Community Center, Room 114. Prince George's County Peace & Justice Coalition sponsors the event in the hope that the harmony of music will inspire the building not of border walls, but rather of a bridge to peace based on tolerance and global justice. Brown holds a degree in music from Shenandoah University, performs with Charm City Labor Chorus and participates in the work of Maryland United for Peace and Justice as well as Prince George's County group. For more information, contact justpeacepg@earthlink.net or 202-549-5574.

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors (aged 60 and over) Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, Ext. 4215.

All meals include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menu for the week of September 11 is as follows.

Monday, September 11: Baked chicken breast with curry sauce, rice, green peas, wheat roll, tropical fruit, apple juice.

Tuesday, September 12: Potato-crust fish, au gratin potatoes, ratatouille, wheat bread, tartar sauce, fresh fruit, cranberry juice.

Wednesday, September 13: Split pea soup with crackers, turkey salad, Kaiser roll, spring mix salad with French dressing, fresh fruit, cranberry juice.

Thursday, September 14: Western baked beef, whipped potatoes, broccoli, Italian bread, apple-sauce, grape juice.

Friday, September 15: All sites closed for Senior Picnic.



More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

## Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATe)

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## Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 19th at 7:30 PM  
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To view our schedule, visit: [www.greenbeltaccessstv.org](http://www.greenbeltaccessstv.org)  
And click on "Channel"

## Governance Meeting At Greenbriar Sept. 10

The Center for Dynamic Community Governance is hosting a free, fun and informative neighborly exchange at the Greenbriar Community Center Terrace Room on Sunday, September 10. The Introduction to Dynamic Community Governance class is from 1 to 2 p.m. Have fun learning about the basics of the approach to community participation for Greenbelt.

The Community Peer Learning Circle will meet from 2 to 4 p.m. This is for those who've had previous training and want to improve their skills. To register, email Aileen at [Aileen@dynamic-governance.org](mailto:Aileen@dynamic-governance.org).

## Foundation Offers Free Workshop

The Greenbelt Community Foundation (GCF) is offering a free workshop to Greenbelt organizations and cooperatives interested in applying for a GCF grant. The workshop will be held Tuesday, September 19 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Police Department Meeting Room, 550 Crescent Road.

This workshop will use the GCF application form and focus on writing a successful application for funding projects that service the Greenbelt community. Come with a copy of the grant application and ideas about the project's purpose and budget. Individual mentoring will be available. An application form is available on the website [greenbeltfoundation.net](http://greenbeltfoundation.net) under Grants/How to Apply. The fall deadline for grant applications to GCF is October 15 at midnight.

To attend the workshop or ask questions about the upcoming deadline, email [info@greenbeltfoundation.net](mailto:info@greenbeltfoundation.net).

## Computer Club Meets On September 14

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, September 14 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Community Center, Room 112. Everyone is welcome to join discussions about the latest in computers, tablets and consumer electronics. Basic troubleshooting advice for Windows computers and for Apple iPad and iPhone is available.

## GIVES Meets Sept. 9

Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) will hold its quarterly meeting on Saturday, September 9 at 10 a.m. in the Community Center.

Those not familiar with this long-time Greenbelt group are welcome to come to a meeting to learn how residents work to continue the Greenbelt tradition of neighbor helping neighbor. The meeting will last only an hour and provide a chance to talk to people who drive others to appointments, perform in-home help and support one another in various ways. All Greenbelt residents are welcome to become members; there are no fees involved.

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

## At Greenbelt Park

On Saturday, September 9, join a park ranger to read Owl Moon and learn about the life of an owl. Following the reading, there will be an arts and crafts project. Presentation appropriate for ages 6 to 8. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area at 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, September 9, Campfire Program: An Aeroplane Flew Over It. A century ago, the drone of engines would often be heard above area forests from kite-like Wright Flyer "aeroplanes" flying out of the oldest airport in the nation. Learn about the birth of military aviation at College Park Airport from 1909 to 1912, where the first army pilots were trained to fly. Meet at the Campfire Circle at 7:30 p.m.



## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club did it again. They had a very successful bake sale at the Co-op ramp on September 2.

Many thanks for everyone who helped. The club will make a donation to the Campkids.

At the club's meeting on September 13, the subject will be hyperbaric therapy and medicine for wound healing.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Bridget McDermott.

Remember school is open and kids will be out and about. Do not pass stopped school buses. Let's keep our children safe.

## GHI Notes

Wednesday, September 6, 7 p.m., Addition Maintenance Program Task Force Meeting.

Thursday, September 7, 10 a.m., Storm Water Management Meeting, Board Room.

Thursday, September 7, 7 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room.

Thursday, September 7, 8 p.m., Board/Finance Committee Joint Meeting (2018 Preliminary Budget), Board Room.

Friday, September 8, office closed. Emergency maintenance service available at 301-474-6011.

Utopia Film Festival Presents  
Sunday, Sept. 10th, Wed., Sept. 13th, & Fri., Sept. 15th  
Beginning at 8 PM

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By William Leary

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Greenbelt Arts Center, 123 Centerway Greenbelt MD 20770  
September 8th - September 24th

by William Leary  
A guest production from Wolf Pack Theatre Company

Sept 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23 at 8PM  
Sunday matinees: Sept 10, 17, 24 at 2PM

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Ticket prices: \$22 General Admission, \$20 Students/Seniors/Military,  
\$12 Youth (12 and under with adult)

## COMING SOON

Beau Jest – Oct 20 - Nov 11 - Directed by Norma Ozur  
The Wizard of Oz – Nov 24 - Dec 17 - Directed by Jon Gardner  
Almost, Maine – Jan 26 – Feb 17, 2018 - Executive Directed by Bob Kleinberg

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



# Obituaries

## Bridget McDermott

On Friday, September 1, 2017, Greenbelt resident Bridget McDermott died. "Miss Bridget," as she was known, immigrated to the United States in 1964, where she found work for the first three years as a nanny in Potomac, Md. She then worked for the Greenbelt Convalescent Center as a nurse and eventually transferred to Holy Cross Hospital from which she retired after 28 years of service.

She was a member of St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church, serving on the Ladies of Charity and Ladies of Sodality. She also devoted herself to aiding the priests with their daily church affairs and helped with organizing and decorating the church for holidays and special affairs. She has left her mark in the Greenbelt community and her church. She was the daughter of the late Joseph and Winifred McDermott



PHOTO COURTESY OF MCDERMOTT'S FAMILY

**Bridget McDermott**

of Ireland; and sister of Elizabeth O'Donoghue of County Cork, Ireland and Patricia McKune of Scotland. She is also survived by many other loving family members and friends.

## Two Breast Cancer Support Groups

On Tuesday, September 19 from 7 to 9 p.m., Doctors Community Hospital will hold breast cancer support groups for men and women. The group for male caregivers will be on the 5th floor of the North Building at 8100 Good Luck Road. The group is facilitated by men whose loved ones are breast cancer survivors. The second group, for women who are newly diagnosed or recovering from breast cancer, will meet on the 4th floor of the North Building. Call to receive a free breast care educational brochure. Registration for either group is required by calling 240-542-3034 (for women) and 301-552-8673 (for men).



### Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.

## In Memoriam

# Jean Hastings Remembered

by Sharon J. Anderson

On Sunday morning, September 3, 2017, the 34 Court of Ridge Road lost – much too soon – a wonderful neighbor, Jean Hastings. She was 74 years old. With her husband, Lyn, Jean had been an enduring presence in the court since 1973, raising two daughters: Janet Lorraine, now living in Pennsylvania, and Barbara Anne, now living in Anne Arundel County. She was also the proud grandmother of Alex, 25; Victoria, 21; Austin, 21; and Nikita, 19.

Doris Jean Kirkpatrick was born and raised in Washington, D.C., and first met her husband, Lyn Hastings, on a Suitland High School bus. "We always greeted each other and talked a bit to and from school," Lyn recalls. "When I graduated, I wanted to know more about her and, well, I guess I did. She was always a nice person. I wouldn't have lived this long if it hadn't been for her. She kept me from being wild."

A devotee of Downton Abbey and British detective shows, Jean cultivated an ardent passion for the craft of sewing. "She had three or four sewing machines," said Lyn. "I've lost count. She made clothes for the kids, but her sewing machines didn't seem to work on men's clothes."

After Lyn retired in 2000, Jean was for several years a waitress at the Greenbelt American Legion Post where she was well-liked because, according to Lyn, she didn't forget details such as a member's birthday: "If she liked you, you knew it. If you crossed her, you knew that, too, but mostly you knew she liked you."

Jean and Lyn always attended 34 Court gatherings, neighbor



PHOTO COURTESY OF HASTINGS FAMILY

**Jean Hastings**

weddings and funerals of loved ones, faithfully proving the venerable wisdom that 80 percent of life is showing up. Mostly they showed up for each other. "I'm going to miss her companionship," confessed Lyn. "You get married, raise a family and that's what you're supposed to do. Show up. That's how I always read the story."

A celebration of Jean's life will be held later this month.



Condolences to Bob Baker and family on the death on August 27 of his sister Georgina Baker, age 87, formerly of Greenbelt. In September 1985 she was employed by Robert Ballard, and on the Knorr Recovery Vessel when the RMS Titanic was discovered on September 1.

We were sorry to learn of the death of Bridget McDermott on September 1.

Condolences also to the family and friends of Jean Hastings who died September 3.

Congratulations to Greenbelter Gary Kohn, who won third place in the 2017 Washington Post Travel photo contest. See page 11 for more details.

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



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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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Sep 10 10 a.m.  
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**Christianity and Food: a theology of how we eat and drink**

Sept. 14 7:30pm  
**Greenbelt Baptist Church**





# City Information

## GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING Municipal Building, September 11, 2017 – 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
  - September 11 Observation
  - National Preparedness Month
- 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 of the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland Providing for a Referendum to be Held at the Regular Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, for the Purpose of Submitting to the Voters of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, the Question of Amending The City Charter to Lower the Voting Age to 16 Years of Age for City Elections- 2nd Reading, Adoption

- An Ordinance to Authorize and Empower the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to Borrow Not More Than Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000) for the Public Purpose of Repairing the Greenbelt Lake Dam as Required by Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) Consent Order DSDS 2010-5 as More Particularly Described Herein, and to Effect Such Borrowing by Obtaining a Loan from the Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration or Issuing Its General Obligation Bonds and in Either Case Pledging the City's Full Faith and Credit to Repay the Borrowing, Pursuant to the Authority of Section 3 and Section 55 of the City Charter and Either the Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration Act or Sections 19-301 To 19-309 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; Providing for the Appropriation and Disposal of the Proceeds of The Borrowing; Providing for the Levy and Collection of Taxes Sufficient for the Prompt Payment of the Maturing Principal of and Interest on the Borrowing; and Generally Relating to the Borrowing and the Repayment Thereof.  
- 1st Reading

13. A Resolution Providing for a Referendum to Be Held at the Regular Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, for the Purpose of Submitting to the Voters of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, the Question of Approving the General Obligation Borrowing by the City of an Amount Not to Exceed Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000) as Authorized by Ordinance Number 1332 of the City - 1st Reading

### OTHER BUSINESS

- Proposed Metrobus Route Changes
- Council Activities
- Council Reports
- \*- Appointment to Advisory Group

### 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 banderson@greenbeltnmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.*

### MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11-15

Monday, September 11 at 5:30pm, **YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at Youth Center, 99 Centerway. *On the Agenda: Youth Forum Update, Liaison Reports, Voting age referendum, Community service – Bike Rodeo 9/23 9a-12p, Beltway Plaza*

Monday, September 11 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Meeting will be shown live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at [www.greenbeltnmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/municipaltv).

Wednesday, September 13 at 7:30pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *IV. Detailed Site Plan Capital Office Park – Tenant Community Area (DSP-84095-04) 6404 Ivy Lane, Update on Planning Projects*

Wednesday, September 13 at 8:00 pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION** with Prince George's Memorial Library at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

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

### TUTORING AT SPRING HILL LAKE RECREATION CENTER CLUB HOUSE, 6101 Cherrywood Lane

For all students grades 1-12 and GED  
Saturday mornings, from 10:00am – 12:00pm  
Beginning September 23<sup>rd</sup> Info 301-345-6660

### VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

*Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.*

There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Committee on Education, Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Community Relations Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board and Youth Advisory Committee.

**For information on how to apply contact 301-474-8000.**



**Saturday, September 9**  
**11:00am-3:00pm**  
**Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, 101 Centerway!**  
**(Outdoor Pool) \$5 per dog**



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**Sunday, October 1 at 3:00 pm**  
Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road  
FREE, but tickets are required  
Visit the Community Center office or order tickets by phone  
301-397-2208

### Annual Open Forum



Saturday, September 23  
1:00-2:30 p.m.

Greenbelt Community Center Multipurpose Room 201

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

**Hosted by Greenbelt City Council's Senior Citizen Advisory Committee**

### FALL GED COURSE

10 week COURSE  
Registration and First Class will be on  
**Monday, September 25 10:00am**  
**Springhill Lake Recreation Center**  
**6101 Cherrywood Lane**  
Class meets on Mondays and Wednesdays through November 30. This is a combined class, reviewing basic math and English skills, critical thinking and analytical skills in social studies, science, and computer skills.

Students should bring pencil, pen, and a notebook. Students must be at least 16 years of age and have withdrawn from school in order to take the GED course.

Students are required to show proof of residency (i.e. current lease, phone or electric bill, driver's license or Motor Vehicle I.D. card).

Students are required to purchase a copy of the GED textbook, calculator and test-taking materials for \$45 (purchased from Greenbelt CARES). There is no registration fee for GREENBELT RESIDENTS. Non-Greenbelt residents are required to pay a \$ 175 registration fee.

Info:301-345-6660, ext. 2016, or [jhering@greenbeltnmd.gov](mailto:jhering@greenbeltnmd.gov).

### AFTER SCHOOL HOMEWORK HELP

Springhill Lake Recreation Center Clubhouse  
6101 Cherrywood Lane  
Tuesday and Thursday  
2:00 – 5:00

### ALL STUDENTS WELCOME - BRING YOUR HOMEWORK!

Fall Session begins on Tuesday September 26.  
Information: 301-345-6660  
[jhering@greenbeltnmd.gov](mailto:jhering@greenbeltnmd.gov)

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 Crofton, Maryland 21114  
 410-451-9091

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 6400 Marlboro Pike  
 District Heights, Maryland 20747  
 301-736-7000

*Doctors Community Practices at Laurel*  
 13900 Baltimore Avenue  
 Laurel, Maryland 20707  
 301-725-5652

*Doctors Community Practices at Riverdale*  
 6502 Kenilworth Avenue, Suite 100  
 Riverdale, Maryland 20737  
 301-927-0088

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 Lanham, Maryland 20706  
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*My Point of View*

# On Camping in Greenbelt: A Volunteer's Experience

by Glynn Wilson

Like a modern-day Henry David Thoreau, I moved out of a house in town and into the woods three years ago. One of the places I found to camp near the nation's capital was Greenbelt Park.

As we celebrate the 200th anniversary of Thoreau's birthday this summer, this seems like a fitting time to talk about the phenomenon of long-term camping in America as well as the status of nature writing. Those of us who write about nature and the environment consider Thoreau one of the founders of the field, along with others like John Muir.

While camping in Greenbelt, Shenandoah, Patapsco Valley State Park and other places in this area, I also discovered the town of Greenbelt developed in the 1930s and learned about its unique history.

After wintering on the Gulf Coast two years ago, I came back to this area as a volunteer with the National Park Service during its centennial year. My experiences along the Patapsco River near Ellicott City, in Virginia's Shenandoah and Greenbelt were so inspiring that I came back this year for a longer gig.

In a piece I wrote for the web recently, I quoted Thoreau's Walden on the economy and updated his opening essay to reflect our modern times and pass on my experiences.

"The necessities of life for man in this climate may, accurately enough, be distributed under the several heads of Food, Shelter, Clothing, and Fuel," Thoreau wrote. "For not till we have secured these are we prepared to entertain the true problems of life with freedom and a prospect of success."

Finding a camp in the woods is also a more peaceful way to live, more in harmony with the rhythms of the planet, finding solace in nature among the big trees by a fire.

While people come from all over the country and the world to camp at Greenbelt and find an affordable way to see Washington's famous monuments and museums, I find many people who live right next door do not even know we are here. More people learned about the park's existence this summer due to the publicity over the National Park Service announcement to raise the price on lifetime senior passes. It has been a busy summer for that, and some of the folks we met vowed to come back and spend some time camping with us.

As I sit in my campsite with peace and quiet and time to think, in spite of the nearby traffic noise and light and the sometimes busy weekends, I have had my visitors, just like Thoreau. He had visits from the likes of Ralph Waldo Emerson. I have had visits from important journalists in D.C. One day an engineer from NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center and his wife stopped by for a chat over coffee while hiking the trails. I met a man from Washington state who was here to visit the Baltimore Orioles' Camden Yards baseball park and see the Nationals play in Washington on a trip across the country to visit as many



PHOTO BY GLYNN WILSON

A barred owl watches the writer at Greenbelt Park.

National League parks as possible. He had a homemade trailer he pulled behind a Camaro that looked like a chuck wagon from the days of the Old West. On the side he had drawn a map of the United States, and placed stickers from all the places he stayed and all the parks he visited.

We've had Germans and Scandinavians, and a group of young people from the United Kingdom who stopped on the way to Nashville to see the solar eclipse. We've had African American youth groups and Boy Scouts from all over, some of whom openly supported President Trump while others were taken aback by his strange words in a speech he made in Virginia.

During a power outage in August, a month that was marked by a number of rain-packed thunderstorms, I spent more time in town showering at the Greenbelt Aquatic Center and got to know the nice folks there a bit. I shopped at the Co-op, ate at the New Deal Café and had my hair cut in the barbershop.

All of this is to say I like the idea of the place and plan to come back in the years to come. Like some of the semi-homeless people and activists I've met here, including one who got into it with the neo-Nazis and white nationalists over in Charlottesville, I find the idea of long-term camping to my liking. I just hope the people will oppose the Trump administration's plan to privatize the national parks and get rid of park rangers in exchange for minimum wage workers for Delaware North, and the plan to drill for oil, gas and mine uranium in our national parks.

Ken Burns, in his documentary for PBS, called the national parks "America's best idea." While I could quibble with that by talking about our form of democracy, the separation of church and state and our unique take

on press freedom, I will agree with him that setting aside some of our most special places for the enjoyment of the people is certainly in the top five. To top that off, creating the special class of professionals called park rangers to administer these places is critical to the success of the idea. Getting rid of that would ruin the experience, for day trippers and long-term campers alike.

Thoreau spent some time and space in his day discussing the deep human drive to be and even live outside.

"...we know not what it is to live in the open air, and our lives are domestic in more senses than we think," he wrote. "The mass of men lead lives of quiet desperation."

Come see us when you get a chance, and don't hesitate to stop by and chat over a cup of coffee or a lemonade. My space is limited here, but I am open to visitors who want to chat. That's one of the most important things us volunteers can do, along with just being out here at night when the rangers go home for the day. We are the eyes and ears of the Park Service to make sure everyone has a safe and enjoyable camping experience.

And when things get quiet during the week, in the early morning hours or at night when everyone else is asleep, we will do what Thoreau suggested: "...anticipate, not the sunrise and the dawn merely, but, if possible, Nature herself!"

See you by the fire, or on the trail.

*Glynn Wilson is a journalist living in Greenbelt Park.*



# Parents and Students Meet New Middle School Principal

by Anne Gardner

Parents of new and returning students at Greenbelt Middle School were excited to meet the new principal, Dr. Daria Valentine, at a meet and greet on Thursday, August 31. Valentine, a graduate of Suitland High School, has held various positions in Prince George's County schools, including middle school math and science teacher, science instructional coach and most recently assistant principal at Largo High School. She conveyed to parents

her commitment to education and her delight in "seeing the light bulb go on" when a student finally understands a new concept or a teacher understands how to explain a subject to the students. Also attending the event were County Councilmember Todd Turner, school board member Lupi Quinteros-Grady, City Councilmembers Judith Davis and Konrad Herling and Eleanor Roosevelt High School Principal Reginald McNeill.



New Greenbelt Middle School principal, Dr. Daria Valentine (right), greets 8th grader Grace Rankel (left), 6th grader Lily Rankel, and their father, Pete Rankel.

- Photos by Jon Gardner



8th grader Adam Howard (left), new 6th grader Ava Howard and their parents, Bret and Heather Howard, greet Dr. Valentine (right).



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# Labor Day Festival 2017



PHOTO BY ERIC ZHANG

The presentation of colors and the singing of the National Anthem kicks off the Festival at the opening ceremony.

### Information Day Booth Winners

- 1st - Kitchen Saver
- 2nd - Sierra Club
- 3rd - Utopia Film Festival
- 4th - St. Columba's Scottish Country Dance



PHOTO BY MICHAEL REINSEL

Johnny Seaton performs on stage as Elvis, and Pat and Wayne Sipe celebrate their 53rd anniversary with some dancing.



PHOTO BY HELEN SYDAVAR

The swings were a new carnival ride this year.



PHOTO BY ERIC ZHANG

From right, Megan Searing Young, Sheila Maffay-Tuthill and Jackson Tuthill greet visitors with cookies and lemonade at the Greenbelt Museum's open house after the parade. The Retro Town Fair also took place at the Museum on Sunday.



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA CUMMINGS

The DC Road Runners annual race took place on Sunday afternoon.



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA CUMMINGS

The Greenbelt Elementary School PTA used book sale drew crowds, even on rainy Saturday.



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA CUMMINGS

Keith Zevallos shows off this year's photo show entries.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL REINSEL

Mayor Emmett Jordan, Laurie Lemieux of Proteus Bicycles and her husband Jeff led a bicycle ride Tour de Greenbelt on Sunday. Jordan described Greenbelt neighborhoods and the history of their construction at stops around the town. He also showed a new paved trail and some hazards to cyclists. The riders left from Roosevelt Center, rode to the Greenbelt Station neighborhood in Greenbelt West (pictured above), then to Greenbelt East and Schrom Hills Park.



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA CUMMINGS

Green Team members John Lippert and Jane Young enjoy the carnival rides at the Labor Day Festival.



# Labor Day Parade 2017



PHOTO BY MICHAEL REINSEL

The New Deal Café parade entry included Belly Dancers.

## 2017 Parade Winners

Best in Parade was won by the New Deal Café.

In the category of Fire/Emergency the winner was Greenbelt's first fire truck, a 1935 Ford/Howe. First runner-up in Fire/Emergency was a Hyattsville Police car.

Best in parade, car category, was won by Greenbelt Youth Baseball (1956 Buick). First runner-up, car category, was Green Transportation.

The Most Humorous trophy went to Greenbelt Elementary School PTA.

The trophy for Best Pet unit went to WAGS and the runner-up went to Mowatt Methodist Church Dogwalkers.

In the category of Best Performing Group, the winner was SITY Stars and the first runner-up Performing Group was ERHS Varsity Cheerleaders.

The Best Novelty trophy went to GSA of Northern Prince George's County and the first runner-up in that category was won by Cub Scout Pack 202.

The Best Theme trophy was won by GAC and the first runner-up went to Herbert Wells Ice Rink.

The People's Choice trophy was won by Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club and the first runner-up was Cheer D.C.

The Best Community trophy went to Greenbelt Sunoco Coffee Club and the first runner-up was Greenbelt MakerSpace.

The Most Entertaining trophy was won by ERHS Junior Cheerleaders and the first runner-up in that category went to Beltway Plaza.



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA CUMMINGS

The New Deal Café won Best in Parade.



PHOTO BY SHARON NATOLI

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School varsity cheerleaders perform a routine in the parade.



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA CUMMINGS

Greenbelt Elementary School PTA's parade entry included a large butterfly with flapping wings.



PHOTO BY ERIC ZHANG

Cub Scout Pack 202



PHOTO BY ERIC ZHANG

Eleanor Roosevelt High School Air Force JROTC



PHOTO BY ERIC ZHANG

Girl Scouts of Northern Prince George's County



PHOTO BY ERIC ZHANG

Greenbelt Coffee Club, sponsored by Greenbelt Sunoco



## DOCTORS continued from page 1

Grenaldo did note the extensive development of medical offices along Hanover Parkway, an area county planners describe as the medical mile, and said that all the doctors were affiliated with the hospital.

Doctors draws about 85 percent of its patients from the county, even though some 25 percent of residents seek health care outside the county. The hospital is developing new programs to increase its draw of county residents. However, there is a problem competing with those facilities having greater financial resources.

Doctors currently has a medical staff of 495, according to its website. Other facts therein include: 57,439 emergency room visits in the past year; 9,725 total hospital admissions; 35,617 surgical services; and charity care amounting to \$12,200,782. Grenaldo claimed that Doctors handles more indigent patients than Prince George's Hospital Center, which is subsidized by public funds.

Grenaldo said that although the hospital is a stand-alone, i.e., it does not have a feeder system as some do, it is financially sound. Multi-millions of dollars have been spent upgrading the facility, converting to all single rooms and building a new emergency center. The hospital is managing its debt, he added, and is not cutting back in services as some others are doing. The hospital is also employing more physicians. He noted that District of Columbia hospitals are all higher-paying and union organized, but that Doctors is successfully competing in the labor market.

While all District and many other area hospitals are now charging for parking, Doctors is committed to not charging, Grenaldo said, although this would be a substantial source of revenues.

### Employees/Volunteers

The hospital employs 1,500 persons of which about 100 live in Greenbelt, Grenaldo said. There are also 400 youth and adult volunteers. Grenaldo suggested that persons interested in volunteering contact Community Services Volunteer Coordinator Mary Dudley at 301-324-4698.

Doctors has a preventative health program for its employees, Grenaldo reported, adding that it offers employees free health screenings and its cafeteria has stopped serving deep fat-fried food. "As a health care provider, it didn't make sense to do so," he said. Mayor Emmett Jordan suggested that employees could avail themselves of the city's facilities, such as Schrom Hills Park. Davis also suggested using the city's swimming pools and fitness center. Grenaldo expressed interest in doing that.

### Services

The hospital also owns the adjacent Magnolia Center for rehabilitation and patient care services. Grenaldo said the hospital has applied for approval to add 16 adult behavioral health nursing beds, noting that admissions would mostly come through the emergency room. From the audience, William Orleans queried why the hospital had no beds for hospice patients. Grenaldo responded that the 128-bed rehabilitation center was completely filled by the demand of acute care patients. There are another

30 beds for nursing care. Other facilities, he said, have available beds.

The hospital was the first in the county to offer breast imaging and robotic surgery; the latter is limited to orthopedic and bariatric surgeries. About 200 of those were done in the past year, Grenaldo said.

Davis said that she had been a visitor to the emergency ward on a number of occasions as an outpatient, and commended the hospital for its services.

Grenaldo noted that the county Emergency Medical Services decides to which hospital an ambulance should be sent. However, the Doctors facility is more apt to have space available.

With 10 beds, the Doctors Hospital has one of the largest sleep centers, Grenaldo said. "It is four-times larger than most." He noted that although more doctors are offering sleep studies in their own facilities, the hospital's is still doing well.

The hospital has a mobile van that goes about the county, according to Grenaldo. It visits the Greenbelt Farmers Market on Sundays in Roosevelt Center. It also visits the Catholic Charities Susan D. Mona Center for Public Health at the University of Maryland School of Public Health.

The hospital is doing physicals for the DuVal High School teams, Grenaldo reported.

### Affordable Care Act

Jordan asked how the Affordable Care Act (ACA) was affecting the hospital. Grenaldo said the act caused hospitals to go into a lot more outpatient services and outreach programs. The ACA's reimbursement schemes caused migration to those services. As a result, the act succeeded in cutting back recidivism for sickle cell anemia.

Now, Grenaldo said, there is a lot of uncertainty. "We believe it was going in the right direction." Grenaldo said the hospital is still trying to provide the outpatient and outreach programs. He said prices were not going up, but the hospital is holding back expansion.

### Other

In response to a question posed by Councilmember Silke Pope about working with county schools, Grenaldo said the hospital has made a proposal for a telemeter offering through TeleMate.net that would supplement the school nursing system.

Grenaldo also said the hospital was dealing with environmental concerns. It is building a co-generation electric plant that will reduce its electric consumption by 60 percent. It is switching to LED light bulbs, which require much less energy for the same bulb brightness. However, Grenaldo said the hospital still needs to do a better job on recycling.

Jordan commended the hospital's outreach to the community through its use of full-page ads in this newspaper.

## Free Diabetes Support Group

Doctors Community Hospital will hold a free diabetes support group on Monday, September 18 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be at 8100 Good Luck Road on the 5th floor of the North Building. To register call 301-324-4968.

## Upcoming Events At the New Deal

Sunday, September 10, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Deaf Brunch. Deaf and hearing people socialize together using sign language. Newcomers welcome. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Jazz Brunch with the Not2Cool Jazz Trio. 7 to 9 p.m., Buck Stone and the Bucktones Reunion. A unique blend of bluegrass, blues, honky-tonk country and catchy originals. This one-night-only reunion will feature original band members Jeremy "Buck" Stone Schuhmann, vocals/guitar/harmonica, Michelle Murray, vocals/guitar, Eric Glaser, bass, Ken Norkin, banjo, and Tom McLaughlin, mandolin/guitar. Tight vocals, hot solos and a generous dash of irreverent humor promise to make it a fun night.

Monday, September 11. No events.

Tuesday, September 12, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Nina Casey Trio. Take two parts Ella Fitzgerald and one part Bessie Smith, add a dash of Ruth Brown and a pinch of Bonnie Raitt and you've got a recipe for a great night of music. The Nina Casey Trio presents elegant jazz standards from the American songbook, jump blues from the 40s and 50s, and R & B classics from the 60s. A night with Casey is like a late-night ride with the top down, the wind in your hair and the radio playing your favorite tunes.

Wednesday, September 13, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Djangolaya. From swing to bossa nova to tango and more, this is an acoustic group with a European flair that celebrates the music of Django Reinhardt and gypsy jazz.

Thursday, September 14, noon to 2 p.m., Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft. 7 to 10 p.m., Open Mic with James and Martha.

Friday, September 15, 6:30 to 8 p.m., jazz and blues piano by Takoma Park's own John Guernsey. 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., The Anthony "Swamp Dog" Clark Band. Counted as one of the best blues harmonica players in the area with a widely acclaimed unique tone as well as masterful musicianship and charismatic stage presence, Clark has thrilled audiences up and down the East Coast.

Saturday, September 16, noon to 11:30 p.m., 15th Annual Greenbelt Blues Festival. 1 to 3 p.m., Poetry Open Mic. Come express your inner beatnik through the spoken word. 5 to 6 p.m., Bruce Krittr, classical guitar. 6:30 to 8 p.m., jazz and blues piano by Guernsey.



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the city look at the use and cost that will determine when the pay-to-charge feature built into the charging station will be activated.

However, some noted that the station could bring new visitors to town and customers to the businesses in Roosevelt Center.

Councilmember Leta Mach said the stations – two more are expected to be installed in the coming months in Roosevelt Center and at Schrom Hills Park – are "a way to bring people in." "We want people to come and find it and look around the city," Mach said.

Jordan said the city will look into what others charge and Davis suggested that any additional stations charge users from the time they are installed.

### Outreach

As Ard continued the update, a theme emerged across goals and action steps that showed a broad focus on outreach to all segments of the community – geographic, economic, age and interests.

One of the most referred to measures is the Social Media Info Wall that compiles onto the city website all the posts from different departments into one place for ease of use and to provide residents a one-stop place to get details they may not otherwise have access to.

Ard said it is important that the entire city be part of the 80th birthday celebration of Greenbelt, and that there is a sense of pride in its unique history.

To enhance a sense of community, the city is also interviewing part-time outreach assistants, and new resident welcome packets have been provided to city homeowners' associations and rental offices and are available in the Municipal Building. However, some attendees, including Ric Gordon who formally announced his bid for a council seat on September 2, noted that they had never received welcome packets and questioned the accountability of rental offices and others who were asked to distribute them as well as the languages the packets are provided in.

Several councilmembers specifically noted that Franklin Park

## Hospital Holds Stroke Support Meeting

Doctors Community Hospital will hold its monthly stroke education meeting on Wednesday, September 13 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Bowie Senior Center, 14900 Health Center Drive, Bowie.

This free session will teach stroke survivors and caregivers how to manage the physical and emotional challenges caused by strokes. Participants may share experiences and offer comfort and empowerment to others. A team of professionals will provide information about stroke prevention and management. To register call 301-552-8114.

management had previously agreed to disseminate city information to residents via monthly newsletters but had not done so, adding to the perceived division between the geographic segments of the city.

Ard also discussed affordability and inclusive activities such as kayaking on Greenbelt Lake for those with physical disabilities and the improved Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility for Cherrywood Lane as things city departments are looking at to make sure Greenbelt is a community comfortable to all.

The police department's Explorer Post is a way to establish positive relationships between officers and youth in the city, Ard said, and the department is also looking to extend its community policing model by reinstating the bike patrol unit.

### Feedback

During the November elections, voters will be asked in the community questionnaire to give feedback about the city's Recreation Department activities and facilities as well as areas of interest.

Some other notes from the presentation:

Construction is still underway on Stream Valley Trail but is expected to come to a close soon.

The city has completed collective bargaining with the police department and will soon begin working with a search firm to recruit and hire a new police chief.

Many departments who were not regularly having staff meetings are now doing so, and Ard is looking at other ways to improve productivity and communication between supervisors and subordinates and among departments.

Improvements to the Aquatic & Fitness Center, including HVAC and boiler updates and white-coating the swimming pool, are underway along with other measures to "maintain an environmentally proactive community."

The entire employee manual is or soon will be under review including the grievance procedure – noted by Roberts as "silly" – that employees are required to follow, which may have them reporting a grievance to their boss whom the grievance may be against.

## 12-Step Overeaters Anonymous to Meet

Overeaters Anonymous (OA) is a support group that meets at Greenbelt Baptist Church, 101 Greenhill Road, every Monday evening. Beginning September 11 there is a special newcomer orientation at 7 p.m. before the regular 7:30 p.m. meeting. For more information on the newcomer orientation, call 240-601-3128 or 240-305-3433.

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# Police Blotter

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

### Unattended Child

August 23, 8:14 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Drive. A 25-year-old resident was arrested and charged with leaving a child unattended when officers responded to a report of a 2-year-old child wandering in the area of Springhill Drive and Springhill Lane. The woman was released on citation pending trial.

### Theft

August 23, 10:17 p.m., 7800 block Chartwell Place. Packages were taken from the front porch of a residence.

August 24, 2:05 a.m., 5900 block Greenbelt Road. A man used social media to agree to purchase a cell phone and meet the seller in the 5900 block Greenbelt Road. The buyer observed the seller in the parking lot, with another person standing nearby. After the buyer gave the money to the seller, the seller attempted to flee on foot with the phone. The buyer grabbed the seller, at which time the person who had been standing nearby punched the buyer. The seller fled in a vehicle described as a dark colored Nissan Altima bearing Maryland tags. The second person left in a grey Honda CRV bearing Maryland tags. The buyer was not injured.

August 24, 7:50 block Greenway Center Drive. An unattended purse was taken from an office suite. A credit card in the purse was later used to make unauthorized purchases.

### Indecent Exposure

August 30, 5:50 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace. A 15-year-old resident youth was arrested for indecent exposure after he allegedly propositioned and exposed himself to a woman. He then fled on foot but was observed a short time later by the woman. He was then positively identified by her and arrested. The youth was released to a guardian pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

### Vehicle Crime

Four vehicles were stolen. A white 2012 Ford F250 Super Cab pickup truck with Md. tags

WVD7666 was taken from the 6200 block Springhill Drive; a green 4-door 1996 Honda Accord with Md. tags 3CP4000 was taken from the 6900 block Greenbelt Road; a silver 2003 Dodge Caravan with Md. tags 33374M4 was taken from the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace; and a blue 4-door 2006 Audi with Md. tags VWA8912 was taken from the 6100 block Breezewood Court.

An attempt was made to steal a vehicle in the 6200 block Springhill Drive by tampering with the ignition.

Two stolen vehicles were recovered. A 2008 Toyota Corolla reported stolen to Fairfax County police was recovered in the 7600 block Greenbelt Road. The tags on it were reported stolen to Arlington County police. A 2010 Toyota Sienna van reported stolen to Prince George's County police was recovered in the 7600 block Greenbelt Road.

Eight thefts and one attempted theft from vehicles were reported. Two thefts occurred after windows were broken out, both in the 6100 block Breezewood Drive, where shoes were taken in one case and miscellaneous property in the other.

Four tags were stolen, three from the 100 block Westway. They are Md. rear tags 8CL1728, 7BE5448 and 2CT1624. Temporary Md. tag T261692 was taken from the 9100 block Edmonston Court.

Two tires and rims were taken from one vehicle in the 9100 block Edmonston Court and the same from another vehicle in the 6100 block Springhill Terrace.

Officers responded to a report of a tampering in progress in the 8300 block Canning Terrace after a resident observed two people inside his vehicle. They fled prior to arrival of the officers and nothing appeared to have been taken.

### Vandalism

Two acts of vandalism were reported. Paint was scratched in the 6100 block Greenbelt Road and a tire was slashed in the 6000 block Springhill Drive.

# Washington Post Winner



PHOTO BY GARY KOHN

Greenbelter Gary Kohn won third place out of 1400 entries in the 2017 Washington Post Travel photo contest. The image taken during a photography workshop in Dubois, Wyoming, featured a herd of horses and cowhands stampeding toward Kohn and the camera. In the Post article Kohn is quoted as saying, "It was magical."

### At the Library

#### Storytimes

Tuesday, September 12: Ages 3 to 5, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 13: Ages 3 to 5, 10:15 a.m., Ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m.

Thursday, September 14: Ages 0 to 2, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., Ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m.

Encourage children to make reading a positive experience by bringing them to the library's storytimes. Each program contains a mixture of engaging activities and age-appropriate stories that support early literacy. Stop by the Information Desk immediately prior to each session to pick up free tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis.

#### Bibliobop Dance Party

Saturday, September 16, 10:30 a.m., ages 2 to 5. Calling all Preschoolers and Toddlers. Come bust a move and shake your sillies out at the Greenbelt Bibliobop Dance Party. Bring your parents or caregivers and prepare to boogie and bop until everyone drops.

#### Read to Rover

Saturday, September 16, 2 p.m., Read to Rover is for children age 6 to 11 and helps them build reading confidence while reading aloud to specially trained therapy dogs. Each child will read for 15 minutes. Registration is required; call the branch at 301-345-5800 for more information.

### City Notes

Animal Control reports one snake was removed from a home, five kittens were picked up, one cat was found running at large and returned to its owner, two dogs and one kitten were surrendered by an owner, one dog was impounded due to owner cruelty, one kitten was brought in to the shelter by a resident after being found in a parking lot and one cat and one dog were adopted.

Street Maintenance/Special Details crews constructed and assembled booths for the Labor Day Festival, delivered risers to the Festival grounds and worked the Festival throughout the weekend.

Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability collected 32.77 tons of refuse and 13.42 tons of recyclable material.

The Youth Center gym is closed while the floor is being refinished. It will reopen Wednesday, September 13.

Mom's Morning Out registration continues for the fall 2017 pre-school program which began September 5.

Fall registration is underway and preparations are being made for a ceramic art workshop with guest artist Natalia Kormeluk at the start of the session.

### Theater to Receive Foundation Grant

The Greenbelt Community Foundation has awarded a year-long grant to the Center for Dynamic Community Governance (CDCG) to work with the Old Greenbelt Theatre to build a model volunteer program. The theater is developing its volunteer management, and insights gained will be shared with other community organizations.

A ceremony launching this new initiative will be held Tuesday, September 12 at 5 p.m. in front of the theater (or inside if rainy). It is open to the public and will include a no-cost raffle for a theater membership, a poster of choice and coupons for popcorn.

Aileen Kroll and John Buck from CDCG will briefly describe the program and take questions. After the brief ceremony, they will meet informally to get feedback and suggestions. For more information, contact Kroll at [aileen@dynamic-governance.org](mailto:aileen@dynamic-governance.org).



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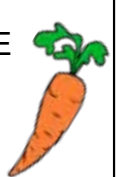
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# Increased Election Turnout Is Focus of Empowerment Rally

by Jill Connor

Springhill Lake Elementary School auditorium was filled with music, candy and a cheerful attitude as voters from around the city came to a voter empowerment rally through the rain on Saturday afternoon during this past Labor Day weekend. Even with the annual Festival happening across town and the summer storm, more than 40 people came to the voter registration event that Ric Gordon, a member of the Greenbelt Park and Recreation Advisory Board, organized. The mood of the event was celebratory and fun. Even the beginning prayer had a feel of gratitude and joy.

The focus of the event was inspiring people to show up for the local election. As Gordon said, "Voting is the key to effect real change." Gordon also talked about a pivotal message given to him in college by a local politician who said, "All politics are local." What Gordon said he took from this was "Change begins at the ground level. We must run, not walk to the polls, and exercise responsibility at every opportunity, not just every four years. We must be engaged at every state, city and county election." Gordon called for the audience to rise up in an almost sermon-like speech ending in his announcement to run for city council.

Mayor Emmett Jordan also attended and after pointing out the registration forms during his speech Jordan said "It's not so much about voter registration as it is about getting people to come out on voting day." He also talked about what city council does. "When it comes to fixing a pothole or holding the police department accountable, or the parks and recreation budget or trimming trees. That happens right here. So those seven seats are really, really important."

Councilmember Konrad Herling, who will not be running for re-election this year, said "If



Kwame Jones shows his cousin Neveah Long, age 7, a voter registration form during the voter empowerment rally held at Springhill Lake Elementary School on September 2.

we want to make a difference, not only here in Franklin Park but throughout the community, then it has to be up to all of us to work together to get people to register to vote. It does make a difference. Let's encourage our neighbors to register and vote, then, hopefully all of us connected as a community will continue to make Greenbelt a great place to live."

Another speaker, Brandon McGoogan, a community organizer with United Workers, was passionate about voting rights and empowerment. McGoogan spoke about a variety of ways that votes can make a difference in state and national politics, including referencing a few recent mathematically close calls in elections. McGoogan also stressed how your vote affects your daily life. "Everything that you do comes back to politics, from your child's education to your family's healthcare. Your elected officials are the ones making these final decisions. Let's make sure we have enough votes



Ric Gordon addresses the crowd.

to hold these folks accountable."

Some in attendance, including McGoogan, were supporters of Gordon and his campaign but all were supporters of voter empowerment and encouraging everyone to vote, especially in municipal elections.

## A few important dates:

Election Day is November 7.

Last day to enter nominations for a member of the city council is September 25.

Last day to register to vote is October 10.

Early voting is October 21 to November 3 in various locations.

Absentee ballots are available from October 18 to November 6 and must be turned in on Election Day.

## Carnivorous Plants Lecture at USBG

On Saturday, September 9 from 10:30 a.m. to noon, the U. S. Botanic Garden (USBG) will host a lecture. Todd Brethauer, USBG science education volunteer, will talk about the Fascinating World of Carnivorous Plants. Few plants fascinate young and old alike more than carnivorous plants. Learn about the evolution, history, ecology, and physiology of the carnivorous plants of the world and how modern science is being applied to better understand them. Get hints on how to keep carnivorous plants healthy and happy at home.

Discover which carnivorous plant was a favorite of President Thomas Jefferson and which carnivorous plant was used by the surgeons in General George Washington's Revolutionary War Army.

The class will be held in the Conservatory classroom. Pre-registration is required, visit [usb.gov/programs](http://usb.gov/programs).

# Roosevelt Democratic Club Addresses Politics of Hunger

by Konrad Herling and Lyn Doyle

The Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club returns to its regular schedule of meetings on Friday, September 15, 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Building, located at 7600 Hanover Parkway. This month's issue, The Politics of Hunger, features Lutheran minister Art Simon. Simon, the brother of the late Senator Paul Simon, is founder of Bread for the World.

The issue of hunger is often overlooked until there's a natural disaster such as Hurricane Harvey. Media coverage clearly shows the heightened need for food with folks displaced by the flooding and environmental impacts caused by such disasters. But hunger, even when the impact of Harvey has been addressed, has been a challenge for our country for many years. Simon's efforts to bring light to this issue are most often overlooked by the politicians in Washington, as it's not seen as an issue sufficient to merit the attention, legislation or funding necessary to truly address it. Yet, one in six people in America face hunger according to several hunger relief organizations. The

U.S. Department of Agriculture defines food insecurity as the lack of access, at times, to enough food for all household members. In 2011, households with children reported a significantly higher food insecurity rate than households without children: 20.6 percent vs. 12.2 percent.

While there are efforts to raise funds for those suffering from hunger, such as the Church World Service's CROP walks, efforts to raise awareness by the late senators Robert F. Kennedy, Paul Wellstone and Paul Simon have been characterized as publicity stunts rather than as legitimate efforts to heighten awareness and to change public policy for the better.

Can the efforts of folks and organizations cause the political arena to adequately address this issue differently so positive change can occur? Come listen to Pastor Art Simon at the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club's meeting. If you can, bring a dish as well. For more information call 202-321-4207 or check the club's website at [roosevelt-club.com](http://roosevelt-club.com).

# Greenbelt Houses of Worship Sponsor Empty Bowls Night

by Carol Griffith

Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ and Mishkan Torah Synagogue, in collaboration with Greenbelt Pottery Group, are sponsoring again this year the Greenbelt Empty Bowls Project. It will be held at the Community Church on Saturday, October 7 from 4 to 7 p.m. The church is located at 1 Hillside Road.

Greenbelt Pottery Group members have used their time, talent and materials to craft unique bowls. Each attendee can choose a bowl from among the many variously colored and shaped bowls and have a dinner of homemade soup, bread, salad and dessert.

Help-by-Phone is the recipient of all proceeds from the Empty Bowls Project. Help-by-Phone has served Prince George's County residents for 48 years by providing emergency food

which is determined jointly by the Help-by-Phone volunteer and the client, depending on the client's location and transportation resources.

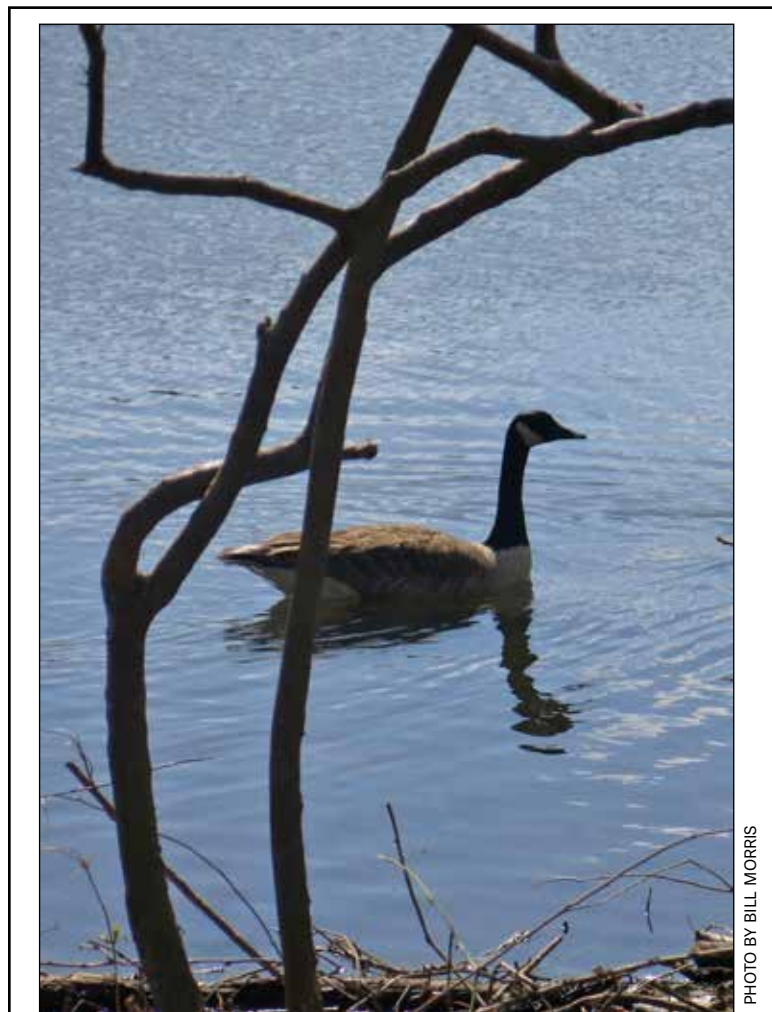
Help-by-Phone may be reached at 301-699-9009 Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. Residency in Prince George's County is the only requirement for receiving food.

The Empty Bowls Project was created in 1991 to provide support for food banks, soup kitchens and other organizations that fight hunger. The Greenbelt event is one of many throughout the world.

Tickets for the Greenbelt Empty Bowls Project may be obtained from Kathy Reynolds at 301-351-7496 or Marsha Voigt at 301-345-7631. Donations of canned goods to replenish the food pantries will be accepted at the door.



Greenbelt potters made this bowl for the 2015 Empty Bowls event.



A Canada goose glides past bare branches at the Lake.

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## Local Zero Waste Circle Wins Community Impact Grant

by Hally Ahearn

On March 31, Beth LeaMond and Tom Taylor ferried a fat envelope to the Redevelopment Authority of Prince George's County in Largo. The envelope contained six copies of the Community Impact Grant application that members of Greenbelt's Zero Waste Circle had worked on in a flurry over less than seven weeks. Greenbelt MakerSpace had agreed to be the 501(c)(3) organization that would sponsor the grant, acting as fiscal agents if the Circle's proposition succeeded.

Long before anyone knew about the grant, LeaMond and members Lore Rosenthal and Ben Fischler had attended workshops to become hot-compost experts. Hot composting is a batch process where the proportion of brown matter to food scraps is carefully controlled. Making large batches is part of what helps the heat near the center of the pile climb to an optimal composting temperature of 138 F. When the process is well-managed, the resulting compost is of exceptional quality, high in nitrogen and phosphorus and consistent in texture.

Over the past year, in a collaboration cleared by the New Deal Café's board and supported by its president and Zero Waste Circle member Michael Hartman, Joe Robbins volunteered to haul each day's food scraps from the New Deal Café to storage. When about 1,000 pounds of food scraps were collected, members and others from outside the Circle spent many workdays hauling buckets of food scraps and rolling wheelbarrows to build a compost pile designed to "cook." Others worked to shovel and wet a once-cooked pile to a second area for a second cook. Still others screened cured compost from a pile where it had spent some time maturing. For each workday, the group kept careful records of the volumes and ratios of food scraps to wood chips and the rising and then falling temperatures of the piles.

Other Zero Waste members experimented with composting their kitchen food scraps using red wriggler worms in an outdoor closed system, under the guidance of Luisa Robles, Department of Public Works liaison to the Zero Waste Circle.

After these Zero Waste Circle members heard about the grant – which called for improvements to infrastructure, work in urban agriculture and community involvement – their leader Susan Barnett called a brainstorming session. At that February 20 meeting, their experiences led them to propose three methods for creating a food-scrap composting infrastructure in Greenbelt:

1. Build a three-bin hot compost system that would support 25 volunteer families, who would bring their food scraps to the compost station;
2. Install three commercial-grade, closed-system vermicomposting stations, somewhere near the city center, to use to continue composting New Deal Café food scraps;
3. Provide workshops to interested apartment dwellers on how to make in-home vermicomposting systems for their kitchen food scraps.

Under the grant's rubric of urban agriculture, they will provide compost rewards to the com-

munity's three gardening groups: CHEARS Three Sisters Gardens, Greenbelt Community Gardening Club and Sowing Strength Collective. Families contributing food scraps will receive compost as well.

The grant required that the City of Greenbelt approve and sign off on their proposition, so the next step was to get city council approval. At a meeting of city department heads and representatives from the Zero Waste Circle a plan was formulated in which public works agreed to provide in-kind services in support of the proposal. Staff will pick up the materials and then build the large three-bin hot composting station in the parkland surrounding the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. They will drop wood chips nearby for hot compost workdays.

Public works will also conduct workshops for up to 100 apartment dwellers in the city, coaching them on how to build and use in-home vermicomposting stations using materials purchased from the grant money.

The Department of Planning approved siting three commercial, closed-system vermicomposters on the outdoor deck behind the New Deal Café, where electricity for heating and cooling the worm population is available, and very close to the daily supply of food scraps for the worms.

Two days before the grant application was due, the city manager issued the official letter of support on behalf of the city council, for the grant application titled Composting Food Scraps to Enrich Soils in Greenbelt's Gardens.

The Zero Waste Circle's final contributions budget included a \$500 grant toward building supplies from Doug Alexander of the non-profit Newspaper in Education Institute, and over \$10,000 of in-kind donations of labor from public works. The remaining budget items – building materials, commercial vermicomposters, tubs for workshops, buckets and all the tools needed – totaled \$11,150, the cash amount the Zero Waste Circle would use for their projects.

The grant application itself was a scant eight pages, but the fat envelope contained letters of support from the city, the New Deal Café, the Newspaper in Education Institute, each of the three gardening groups, the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability and the Greenbelt Climate Action Network.

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## Six Organizations Receive GCF Grants for Community Projects

by Matt Arbach

The Greenbelt Community Foundation (GCF) has awarded grants to six organizations serving the Greenbelt community. These groups are The GEMZ, alight dance theater, Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) band program, the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC), Center for Dynamic Community Governance and The Better Place, Inc. These organizations are implementing programs designed to empower and enrich Greenbelt residents of all ages.

The GEMZ focuses on young women between 11 and 18 and looks to "help build self-esteem and self-confidence" as well as inspire "the spirit of excellence," says Adeola Ariyo, executive director. Through outreach to area schools, churches and organizations and through print and media marketing, the GCF grant is to help The GEMZ increase enrollment, to provide subsidized membership for Greenbelt residents and five enrollment scholarships based on need and to "attract an increase in volunteers from the Greenbelt community." The GEMZ has achieved 100 percent college enrollment for the past four years, and was invited to the White House in October 2016, among other accomplishments.

Playing 115: Playing with Words is a new project devised by alight dance theater. The finale of the project will be a performance at the Community Center as an Artful Afternoon showcase. This will be the culmination of seven workshops, in partnership with the Greenbelt Recreation Department, designed to engage participants of all ages. The project's focus is to use a "creative process to make new stories from existing stories, through both words and movement," according to Matina Phillips, artistic director. Alight dance theater's mission is to create "performance events that celebrate the power of story ... blending dance, physical theater and spoken word."

The GCF grant will assist the

ERHS band program in creating a music library to properly organize, access and protect the scores used by its four concert bands and smaller, specialized groups. Specifically, they look to purchase seven storage units that hold 250 pieces of music each. This will also maximize space allowing room for smaller ensembles to rehearse and increasing the ability to host guest performers, says Rachel Zephir, band teacher. The ERHS band performs at many Greenbelt events like the Festival of Lights Arts and Crafts Fair and even commemorated the opening of the Greenbelt Music & Arts store.

The GAC's funded project "will install a fully code-compliant theatrical lighting and power system which will provide a safer environment for the audience, actors and crews," says Winard Britt, treasurer. Four new power packs will be moved to the rear of the theater and 100 ceiling outlets will be installed. The entire system will be run through a new lighting panel, allowing needed flexibility in the use of the outlets. GAC's mission is "to provide a dedicated and sustainable entertainment and educational hub for fine and performing arts" in the greater Greenbelt area with an ongoing goal to continue improving the quality of productions, sustain strong community connections and develop a strong and local "stable" of production and technical staff.

Maximizing volunteer program effectiveness, particularly in a situation where there are paid and volunteer staff, is the focus of the funded Center for Dynamic Community Governance (CDCG) project. The group's goal is to use one organization to develop a program that can be replicated by other Greenbelt organizations. Due to the Old Greenbelt

Theatre's (OGT) developing role as a gathering point for the east, west and center Greenbelt community, CDCG chose it as a staging ground for this project. They look to build a process that ensures volunteer voices are heard, creates conditions for exciting teamwork, develops a committed base and creates strong working relationships between volunteers, staff and the board. CDCG will facilitate regular meetings of volunteers and OGT staff to determine or modify policies for their assignments and, using a process of consent-based decision making, will elect fellow volunteers for special tasks and responsibilities. "We are looking to create a blueprint at OGT for their volunteer program that can be adapted for use in other community-based organizations throughout Greenbelt," says Aileen Kroll, CDCG board member.

Better Place, Inc. has created the Project Tutor: Guardians of Greenbelt initiative to further its goals of spreading "self-control and self-determination principles to youth, schools and families," leading to a community strong in "productivity, effectiveness, success and prosperity," says Chief Executive Officer Cortland Jones. The group began its work at Greenbelt Middle School but looks to expand to the rest of Prince George's County. The project will train students, 6th to 12th grade, to be tutors to K to 5th grade students at Springhill Lake Elementary School. The eventual goal is for the participants to become true "guardians of their community."

Founded in 2006, the GCF looks "to serve as a permanent endowment fund to support worthwhile projects in Greenbelt," according to their website. To date, nearly \$150,000 has been awarded as yearly grants.

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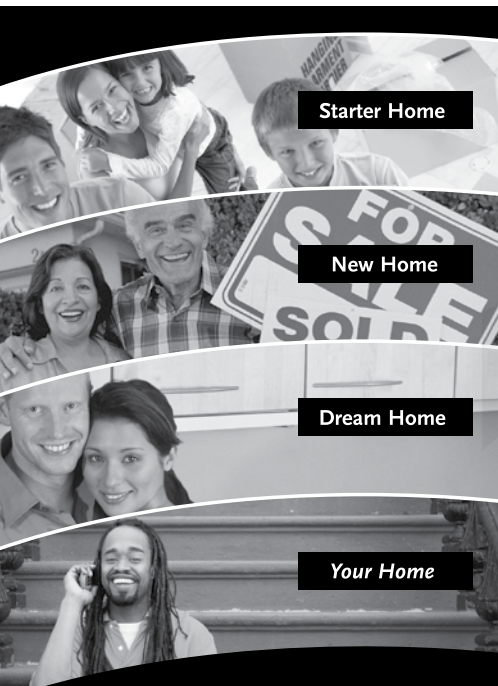
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As the city's letter stated: "The City has a long history of supporting community-based environmental stewardship and urban agriculture. Community gardens, originally referred to as allotment gardens, were part of the original plan for the City of Greenbelt and have been in constant use since the City was established in 1937."

On July 3, Eva Fallon of the MakerSpace notified the Zero Waste Circle members: "We got the grant!"

But the county's congratulatory note contained one more hurdle: "Please prepare a 3-to-

5-minute PowerPoint presentation that highlights your project and how the CIG funds will be used."

So, on the morning of July 18, Circle leader Barnett, budget expert Leamond and MakerSpace President Jennifer Page made the trip to Largo to present the grant proposal in pictures and numbers. On August 18, Fallon notified the Zero Waste Circle members that she had received the official paperwork for the grant award of \$11,150.

Time for the real work to begin. Look for opportunities to participate in upcoming issues of the News Review.

**Snugglers at USBG Parent and Child Tour**

On Thursday, September 14 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. the U.S. Botanic Garden (USBG) will hold a parent and child program with Marjorie Abbot, USBG volunteer docent. Join in each Thursday for a 45-minute guided tour of the Conservatory. Each week will be a different exploration. This program is designed for parents and care providers who have a tiny one in a snugly. Note: You are welcome to arrive with a stroller; however due to our narrow paths and the nature of this program, strollers or older siblings are not allowed during the actual program.

Held in the Conservatory classroom, the program is free but pre-registration is required, visit USBG.gov/Programs.

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# 2017 Miss Greenbelt Pageant Draws Crowd to Fire House

by Mary Loutsch

After a summer of preparation and a weekend of presentations, Brianna Devlin of Bowie and Yasmine Noland of Beltsville were named Miss Greenbelt and Junior Miss Greenbelt respectively.

The Miss Greenbelt Scholarship Organization, Inc. crowned 2017 winners on September 3 at the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department. The Miss Greenbelt Scholarship Organization stresses the importance of academics by providing scholarships to the universities and colleges of the winner's choice and awarding the contestant with the highest overall GPA.

The Greenbelt Fire House had a standing room only audience as the evening began with the Princess Pageant with participants ranging from 2 to 10 years old. Participants were accompanied across the floor to How Far I'll Go, from Disney's Moana, the theme of this year's pageant.

Next came the six contestants competing for the title of Junior Miss Greenbelt and the seven contestants for Miss Greenbelt. They walked elegantly onto the floor while showcasing their sparkling evening gowns to Israel Kamakawi'ole's rendition of the song Somewhere Over the Rainbow.

The contestants were judged on a number of categories, including public speaking, poise, an onstage question and a private interview with the judges.

### Junior Miss Greenbelt

Winning the title of the 2017 Junior Miss Greenbelt was Yasmine Noland, a 7th grader at St. Joseph's Catholic School. Last year, Noland received the St. Joseph's Award and placed second in the Knights of Columbus Oratory Contest.

When asked what it would be like for her to personally live by the quote "be the change that you wish to see in the world," Noland stressed that she would "continue to be compassionate."

She awed the crowd when she said passionately that, "A lot of people go through struggles in their life and just a smile can change that person's day."

In the future, Yasmine plans on pursuing a career in acting and modeling.

Katherine Larkin was named first runner-up. Larkin was Little Miss Greenbelt in 2015.

### Miss Greenbelt

Brianna Devlin was in shock when her name was announced as the 2017 Miss Greenbelt. Devlin, who has many relatives in Greenbelt, is a junior at Elizabeth Seton High School. She raised \$2,000 for her class as Student



2017 Miss Greenbelt Brianna Devlin waves to the crowd at the parade.

- Photos by Eric Zhang



2017 Junior Miss Greenbelt Yasmine Noland

Government Association president and served as president of the Sign Language Club for two years.

When asked the question, "What does being a successful woman mean to you?" Devlin eloquently stated that "Being a successful woman is one who relentlessly chases her dreams to achieve her goals, then rewrites her goals, to surpass her original dreams."

Devlin received a thunderous applause when she concluded her answer with, "I know the road ahead of me as a female entrepreneur will be challenging, but I am so ready for it."

She plans on pursuing a degree in business management and hopes to own a successful spa.

The judges named Shivika Gaid of Beltsville second runner-up and Elta Goldstein of Berwyn Heights first runner-up.

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and presented him with awards. These speakers included Mayor Emmett Jordan, State Senator Paul Pinsky, State Delegate Anne Healey, Prince George's County Councilmember Todd Turner and Lupi Quinteros-Grady from Prince George's County Public School Board of Education.

The Outstanding Citizen of the Year receives a fruit basket and a package with over a dozen gift certificates to businesses in Greenbelt and the surrounding area. As the Outstanding Citizen, Downs served as the grand marshal for the 2017 Labor Day Parade and his name will be added to a plaque in the Community Center.

"It's one thing when a small group honors you, but it's another thing when the whole city-sanctioned outstanding award happens," said Downs. "It's very, very, very meaningful. I can't exaggerate that." In his acceptance speech, Downs thanked Barnett, the council members who voted to preserve the Green Belt and his fellow committee members whom he described as "the heroes

who stepped up to save the woods." "What town and what city have enough foresight and class to save a treasure, to protect a treasure, to cherish a treasure such as the Greenbelt forest?" said Downs. "Well, it happens to be the same town who bestows an award to the environmentalist who fought to save the woods."

He also thanked his parents to whom he attributes his activism. "There is no doubt in my mind that I'm standing here behind this podium because of the person my mother and father raised me to be," said Downs.

Downs is a native Greenbelter who attended St. Hugh's School, Eleanor Roosevelt High School and the University of Maryland.

"Like so many other young Greenbelters, he had played in those woods, explored those woods and learned to appreciate the ecology of the forest," said Zuggy.

Maria Herd is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism writing for the News Review.



The Greenbelt City Council presents a proclamation to Paul Downs, 2017 Outstanding Citizen. On the far right is his partner, Susan Barnett.

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The carnival midway is filled with a crowd. See more Festival photos on pages 8 and 9.

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