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sibility Needs and Barriers Study.

Funded by a grant from the

Transportation /Land-Use Con-

nections Program of the National Capital Region Transportation

Planning Board, the study was

designed to identify transporta-

tion needs and barriers for older

adults and people with disabilities

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sultant transportation planner at

KFH who undertook the study.

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Lucinda Shannon, who gave

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### OCTOBER 12, 2017

# Senior Mobility Worksession **Reveals Needs and Solutions**

### by Kathleen Gallagher

On October 2 all members of rience in working with transportathe Greenbelt City Council were in attendance to hear a presentation on a report prepared by the KFH Group, Inc. of Bethesda on Three city staff members who the Senior Mobility and Acces-

study participated in the meeting: City Planner Jessica Bellah; Community Resource Advocate Christal Batey, who heads up the Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program; and Therapeutic Recreation Supervisor Karen Haseley.

In addition, there was representation from many of the organizations that are made up of or work with seniors in the city, including the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee (SCAC), the Greenbelt Intergenerational Volun-

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in Greenbelt.

tion for seniors and paratransit and has expertise in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

worked with Shannon on the

teer Exchange Service (GIVES) and the Golden Age Club.

Two of the challengers running for city council this year, George Boyce and Ric Gordon, were also present.

Shannon said that to identify the needs and barriers faced by older adults and people with disabilities in Greenbelt, they employed two primary approaches: review of the demographic and land-use data and outreach to the community through a survey and focus group meetings with stakeholders. After that, options were developed for addressing needs and barriers that had been identified.

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# **GHI Candidates Forum Offers** Conflicting Views on Issues

### by Diane Oberg

On Tuesday, October 3 Greenspecific candidate, and then other belt Homes Inc. (GHI) hosted the first candidates' event of this election season. To accommodate the bumper crop of contenders, the event lasted three hours instead of the usual two. Response times were shortened to two minutes for the opening question and one minute for all other responses, causing frustration among many of the candidates. The questions were a mix of those developed by GHI and questions from attendees at the event.

Audience members were asked to address their questions to a candidates were given a chance to respond. Not all candidates had a chance to address the audience questions, thus some views are not reported below. In addition, not all forum questions are reported here. A video of the full three-hour session is available through the city's website.

### Voting Age

Candidates were asked their positions on the referendum question to reduce the municipal voting age to 16. No candidate opposed the change in principle but they were split between those who felt council should have simply changed city law to lower the voting age, and those who believe that voters should have a say on such a major change. Several of those who opposed changing the charter without a referendum were concerned that such a change would be petitioned to referendum anyway, where it would stir up greater opposition and divisiveness. Bill Orleans, George Boyce and Ric Gordon said that questions of rights, such as the right to vote, should not be left to the voters with Gordon stating that he would not be here if the 13th amendment had been put to a vote.

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### Election 2017 Rodney Roberts, Incumbent, Candidate for City Council

Thirteen candidates are certified for the Greenbelt City Council election by City Clerk Bonita Anderson. The biographies are prepared by the candidates and published in the order we receive them.

### **Rodney M. Roberts**

Rodney M. Roberts, 59 years old, is a life-long Greenbelt resident, who lives with his wife, Tara. He attended Prince George's County schools and was active in sports with the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club. A 1975 graduate of the National Technical Institute, Roberts is sole proprietor of a small business that specializes in on-site repairs of various types of equipment and vehicles (20 years in business).



**Rodney Roberts** 

Roberts attended nearly every council meeting during his four years prior to being elected to City Council in

1991, becoming known as an outspoken and effective community activist. During his 26 years on Council, Roberts has never missed a Council Meeting.

Roberts volunteers his professional skills to groups such as Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange (GIVES) as well as individuals in need. When the New Deal Café was in danger of closing, Roberts worked with a small group of volunteers to install a commercial kitchen for less than \$30,000, saving more than \$70,000, and giving the Café a new lease on life. It is now a thriving part of the Roosevelt Center. Roberts successfully fought efforts to demolish two single-family homes in Greenbelt, using his own funds and labor to do repairs on one. Both

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### Answers to our Questions

The News Review once again asked candidates for election to the Greenbelt City Council to respond to questions posed by this newspaper. Answers are limited to 300 words. If an answer exceeds the limit, the answer is cut off at that point. Here are the answers to question 2.

Question 2. What ideas would you put forward or support to increase the connectivity of Greenbelt East, Center and West?

**Aaron Marcavitch:** 



Sergeant Tim White shows his body cam to students near Beltway Plaza during Walk to School Day on October 4. See more photos on page 6.

### What Goes On

Saturday October 14 2 to 5 p.m., Fall Fest, Schrom Hills Park (See city ad for more information.) Monday, October 16 8 p.m., Council Worksession with the State Highway Administration, Municipal Building Tuesday, October 17 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Annual Health and Wellness Fair, Community Center (See city ad for details.) Wednesday October 18, 8 p.m., Council Worksession on Economic Development, Community Center

First, in looking at the connection between Center and East, the biggest issue there is the proposal for expanding the Baltimore Washington Parkway and how that impacts the movement of citizens from one side to the other. Safety, both real and perceived, on the pedestrian bridge must also be secured. Second, I would like to see the homeowner's groups in each area meet with each other more often to find mutually agreeable ways to work together. Finally, I believe that without MD Route 193 being reworked, our "Main Street" that connects each of our "Town Centers" will never allow the city to be fully connected. This reworking must include secure bicycle facilities, better sidewalks, improved utility pole construction, safer road crossings, and improved businesses along that right-of-way. This road is our

the Beltway. We can't move Kenilworth. However, MD 193 can be a better connection that serves a wider range of pedestrians, bikes, transit, and automobiles while creating a "Greenbelt Main Street.'

#### Danielle "Li'l Dan" Celdran:

I recognize the unique needs of each neighborhood in Greenbelt. Hosting various city and council sponsored events throughout all of Greenbelt is paramount to building community. I will listen to resident's concerns and ideas of how to enhance their community and help secure city resources to meet their needs.

#### George Boyce:

With the departure of Konrad Herling, a new member of city council needs to continue to speak with his level of conviction to the vision of One Greenbelt and to the imperative of

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# Letters to the Editor

### Things to Consider

Seven Council seats and 13 candidates.

Check their responses to the News Review questions:

1. Were their answers to the questions published? If not, perhaps they missed the deadline. Not a good sign.

2. Did their answers primarily attack other candidates? If so, does that imply a future difficulty in working together to reach consensus decisions?

3. Were their answers clear and focused? If not, then perhaps future councils would have to wait while they became more knowledgeable.

David & Sandra Lange

### Where's the Swing

It's the time of year to enjoy the Halloween decorations at the lake. But first a query.

What happened to the swing at Buddy Attick Park? A few weeks before Labor Day, the swing was there and suddenly it is gone. Will it be replaced?

Many people love that swing; parents sit children there while they use the bathroom. Kids especially love that swing. Many times I have seen six or eight little kids sitting on both sides happily swinging in the breeze. Older people like the swing as well; they can sit and relax while watching people on the basketball court or kids running around in the field. Bring back the swing. *Kathryn Beard* 

### Thank You All

Thank you all who attended and contributed to the highly successful Empty Bowls fundraiser held Saturday night at Greenbelt Community Church: great conversation; tantalizing soups, bread and desserts; and an awesome selection of Made-in-Greenbelt-byour-own-Greenbelt-Potters bowls.

And thank you to our partner chefs at Mishkan Torah Synagogue.

All the proceeds will support the seven Help-By-Phone food pantries in Prince George's County, including our local pantry near Beltway Plaza. Our food pantries can be reached on 301-699-9009. For Help-By-Phone: Marsha

Voigt, president of the board, and Lois Jones, executive director

For The Greenbelt Potters: Jeri Holloway and Gina Mai Denn

Marsha Voigt

law; let us please not waste this opportunity through inattention or a desire for expediency.

Over a year ago, on August 8, 2016, GHI sent a letter to Chad Williams, the M-NCPPC project manager coordinating the zoning rewrite project, in which we expressed, on behalf of the 1,600 member-owners of historic GHI, nine planning goals and a number of concerns in regard to the ongoing project Prince George's County Council and M-NCPPC have undertaken to rewrite the zoning regulations in our county.

It has come to our attention that County Council Representative Todd Turner advocates delaying the implementation of any Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zone (NCOZ) until after the new 'base' zoning regulations have been adopted; we strongly disagree with this position. Delaying the development and adoption of an NCOZ for historic Greenbelt could have serious adverse effects for GHI. Our fear is that, should the new zoning regulations be adopted with no NCOZ in place, our homes and property could immediately be viewed as 'non-conforming use'; that in turn could result in a number of problems, not the least of which could be denial of permit applications for needed modifications of, or additions to our homes. As an example, we note that the original planned town is designed on a 'superblock' model, and there are no plats or legal boundaries for individual home lots; any permit application that would normally require a lot coverage calculation, therefore, may not be approved without an exception from the County Zoning Appeals Board.

Turner has verbalized that the new regulations "will not change any zoning use," however GHI must have an opportunity to review the new regulations in full detail to determine whether and how our new zone could affect GHI's ability to manage our homes and lands. Whether Historic Greenbelt is a 'square peg' in the zoning rewrite design, and the new zoning regulations are a 'round hole' in which our town may not be a good fit, is a matter that begs for detailed analysis.

GHI has learned that a draft NCOZ is being prepared for Greenbelt, however this document has not been made available to GHI or City of Greenbelt staff for review. We strongly feel that such a review, prior to adoption, is of the utmost importance. Steve Skolnik, President Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Correction

We regret we printed the wrong name for a deceased resident in the Our Neighbors column in last week's issue. We sincerely offer our condolences to the family and friends of Samuel Hofberg.

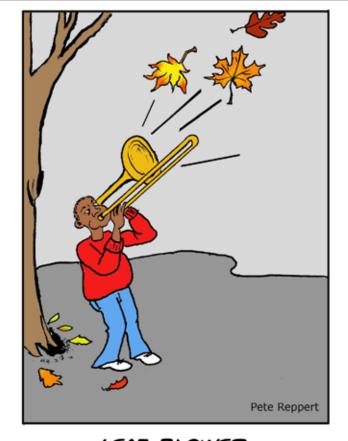
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### Alonzo Washington Has Meet & Greet

Delegate Alonzo Washington invites the Greenbelt community to join him for a Meet & Greet on Tuesday, October 17 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Station Tot Lot at the 5200 Block of Sable Court.

Free refreshments will be provided for all who attend as well as a moonbounce for children.





### LEAF BLOWER.

### Letters Policy During City Elections

The News Review reserves the right not to publish any letter submitted. Letters are considered accepted when published.

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

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

In an election year, the News Review will not print a letter raising a new issue the week prior to election day, when no other party would have a chance to respond.

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Square Peg In a Round Hole?

Zoning Rewrite Project, Prince George's County: Is GHI to become a 'square peg' in the new zoning regulations' 'round hole'?

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) urges the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), in the interest of transparency and with an understanding of our strong interest in protecting our historic town, to release and share without delay the draft zoning and Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zone (NCOZ) documents relating to Greenbelt, that are being considered for adoption in Prince George's County. Together we have an opportunity to 'get it right', avoiding unforeseen difficulties and untold upset as the new zoning regulations become

### Youth Vote

Let's allow 16- and 17-yearolds to vote in the Municipal Elections.

I would like to bring your attention to the referendum question on voting at age 16 in this November's Greenbelt Municipal Elections. As someone who started the journey thinking that it was a crazy idea, but was convinced by reasonable arguments from the young Greenbelters, I would like to share three thoughts on this matter:

1) Consider the enormous contributions from 16- and 17-yearolds to the city of Greenbelt. This age group provides thousands of

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Mon. 5:30 PM Tues. 5:30, 8:00 PM Wed. 3:00, 5:30, 8:00 PM Thurs. 3:00 PM

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# **Community Events**

Shredding Day On Saturday, October 28, from 9 a.m. to noon there will be a shredding event behind the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union. The shredding will include personal papers only, not business. No contaminants, no batteries, and no plastic or binders will be accepted. Unattended papers will not be shredded. This event is sponsored by the Credit Union and co-sponsored by the city.

### Save Tomorrow? Asks Reel and Meal

On Monday, October 16, Reel and Meal will host the Utopia Film Festival screening of Burned: Are Trees the New Coal? at the New Deal Café. For a fee, the program features an optional vegan meal, available at 6:30 p.m. The film will begin at 7:30. Also showing will be a short film, Save Tomorrow. The evening will include discussion by the filmmakers, Lisa Merton and Alan Dater.

For more information, contact Susan Barnett at 301-474-7465 or at susnbarn@ earthlink.net or visit newdealcafe.com/events/reel-and-meal.

### **YAC Advocates** Youth Voting

The Greenbelt Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) will be speaking on Sunday, October 15 at 2 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Church. Greenbelt registered voters will be voting on November 7 for Greenbelt City councilmembers and on a referendum on lowering the age to vote in city elections to 16 years of age. All are invited to come and listen to a talk by YAC members Ema Smith and Julia Sharapi on how this became a ballot question and the many reasons to support lowering the voting age. The talk is sponsored by Greenbelt Concerned Women.

### **Roosevelt Democratic Club on Big Money** by Konrad Herling

The Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club, at its meeting of Friday, October 20, 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Building, will hear about one possible route to fairer elections in Prince George's County. Charles Smith of Progressive Maryland (PM) will present that organization's proposal to reduce the influence that developers and big money have in our county. PM seeks in its Fair Election Campaign to increase the impact that small donors would have and help make elected officials more accountable to the people that elected them, not to the wealthy. The Democratic Club has been providing a series of gatherings regarding issues from gun violence, to hunger, to the decline of the coal industry and pro-environmental alternatives presented by the Sierra Club. The October 20 meeting promises to be an interesting meeting, with an opportunity for discussion to follow the presentation. For more information call 202-321-4207 or check the club's web site at rooseveltclub.com.

### At Museum: Green **Towns Photographer**

On Thursday, October 19 at 7:30 p.m., the Greenbelt Museum will welcome photographer Jason Reblando, who will discuss his new book, New Deal Utopias, as part of the museum's lecture series. A limited number of books will be for sale and a book signing will follow the lecture.

New Deal Utopias is published to coincide with commemorative events surrounding the 80th anniversary of the opening of the Greenbelt Towns (2017 to 2018).

Lectures are free, open to the public and take place in the Community Center. This lecture is co-sponsored by three University of Maryland entities: the Department of American Studies, the Historic Preservation Program and the Urban Studies and Planning Program, all in the College of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation.

### Menu for Senior **Nutrition Program**

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

All meals include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menu for the week of October 16 is as follows:

Monday, October 16: Meatloaf with tomato gravy, buttermilk potatoes, Brussels sprouts, wheat bread, fresh fruit, apple juice.

Tuesday, October 17: Cream of broccoli soup with crackers, open-faced hot turkey sandwich with gravy, mixed vegetable salad, fresh fruit, cranberry juice.

Wednesday, October 18: Hamburger, sliced cheese, ranch beans, mixed vegetables, wheat hamburger bun, ketchup, applesauce, orange juice.

Thursday, October 19: Cranberry Dijon chicken, roasted diced potatoes, cabbage, Italian bread, pineapple tidbits, cranberry juice.

Friday, October 20: Stuffed salmon with lemon caper sauce, rice Florentine, parslied carrots, wheat bread, fluffy fruit salad, orange juice.

### Star Party Saturday Evening at 7:30

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday, October 14 at the City Observatory located at Northway Fields. Attendees may expect to see Saturn and other objects such as galaxies, nebulae and star clusters through an astronomical camera. As always, visitors are welcome to set up their own telescopes on the hill.

Observing will begin at around 7:30 p.m. and continue for two hours. Attendees are asked to park in the ball field lot, not on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.

### **Candidates Forum** Sunday, October 22

A coalition of Greenbelt organizations is sponsoring a City Council Candidate Forum for a Progressive Greenbelt on Sunday, October 22 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Community Center, Room 201. With the ongoing dismantling of progressive policies on the federal level, a strong local government committed to building and ensuring an inclusive, equitable, environmentally sustainable and accessible community is more critical than ever. Learn how Greenbelt City Council candidates stand on issues such as the environment, racial equity, immigration rights, energy, transportation, policing and voting.

Cosponsors: Franklin Park Community Pride, Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN), Greenbelt People Power, Greenbelt Racial Equity Alliance (GREA), Indivisible Greenbelt, Peace and Justice Coalition, Center for Dynamic Community Governance (CDCG), Friends of Still Creek, Inc., Transit Riders United of Greenbelt (TRU-G), Greenbelt Pride, Greenbelters for Zero Waste and the Butterfly Brigade.



### Magnificent Puppetry At New Deal Sunday

Thanks to a generous grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation, with the support of Friends of the New Deal Café Arts, Milo the Magnificent and friends will make their first Greenbelt appearance at the New Deal Café on Sunday, October 15 from 2 to 4 p.m. This free show is for children of all ages. Accompanying Milo are the creators, builders and master puppeteers, Alex and Olmsted (Alex Vernon and Sarah Olmsted Thomas).

After the performance, Vernon and Thomas will conduct a Q&A about the show, puppet designs and their creative process.



**Puppeteer Alex Vernon shows** enthralled children how a puppet works.

### Leave No Trace

On Friday, October 13, Explorations Unlimited welcomes Alison Longworth from the Greenbelt Recreation Department. Longworth, a Leave No Trace trainer, will take participants on an interactive program that provides the necessary tools to enjoy the outdoors responsibly. Attendees will explore the principles of Leave No Trace through engaging hands-on activities.

Longworth is an avid outdoors person and teaches Leave No Trace and bicycling classes at the recreation department. She is a recreation coordinator at the Youth Center and has worked for the city for three and a half years.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday beginning at 1 p.m. at the Community Center. The presentation will be held in Room 114. All are welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

### Writers Group Meets Friday, October 20

The Greenbelt Writers Group will meet on Friday, October 20 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. Progress on the anthology will also be discussed. For more information, contact Mary Moien at 301-474-4713.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

Utopia Film Festival Presents Sunday, Oct. 15th, Wed., Oct. 18th, & Fri., Oct. 20th Beginning at 8 PM

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Utopia Film Festival - October 13 - 15 Auditions - Almost, Maine – Oct 16 to 19 The Wizard of Oz – Nov 24 - Dec 17 - Directed by Jon Gardner Almost, Maine – Jan 26– Feb 17, 2018 - Executive Directed by Bob Kleinberg

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### **Obituaries**

Marvin Jager

### Samuel Michael Hofberg

PHOTO BY BERNIE ZEMPOLICH

Sam Hofberg

Greenbelt resident Samuel Michael Hofberg, 94, died September 24, 2017. He is survived by his wife Maggie, his brother Joseph and a host of nieces and nephews. Mr. Hofberg was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps World War II campaigns in the South Pacific and served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He was an active member of Greenbelt American Legion Post 136, serving twice as post commander and for 35 years as the post chaplain.

In 2013, Post 136 recognized Mr. Hofberg's many contributions to the community, state and nation by dedicating its large meeting facility as Samuel M. Hofberg Hall. His enthusiastic attitude was inspirational and he embraced opportunities to collaborate with local churches and synagogues, and local service organizations like the Lions Club, Greenbelt Youth Baseball, the Miss Greenbelt competition and the American Legion Youth Camp in Cheltenham. In November 2015, then Police Chief James Craze made Mr. Hofberg an honorary Greenbelt police officer in recognition of his long-standing support for local public safety agencies.

Every year Mr. Hofberg worked with the Greenbelt community to honor deceased veterans on Memorial Day and to appreciate all veterans on Veterans Day. At the 2015 Memorial Day celebration, he said, "It is important that communities never forget the sacrifices veterans make preserving America's freedom. As a veteran of World War II I've seen, within the hell of combat, what dedication and sacrifice it took for young men to defend our country."

- Mike Moore



**Marvin Jager** 

Former Greenbelter Marvin Jager, 89, of Washington, N.H., died at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Hospital in Lebanon, N.H., on September 27, 2017. He was born and raised on a family farm in McBain, Mich. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, graduated from Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich., and served the U.S. Government for NATO in France in the early 1960s, spending the rest of his government career in the D.C. area, primarily as a civilian for the Air Force in the Pentagon. Around 1950, Mr. Jager lived for a few years on Ridge Road in Greenbelt.

After his retirement in 1987, Mr. Jager and his wife, Nancy, moved from Silver Spring to Washington, N.H., where he designed and built their house and gardens on Half Moon Pond Road and where they have lived for the past 30 years.

Mr. Jager was predeceased by his parents, Jess and Kate Jager, and by his first wife, Marilyn. He is survived by his wife, Nancy; son and daughter-in-law, Eric and Peg Eby-Jager, of Los Angeles, Calif.; daughter and son-in-law, Sonja and David Greydanus of Baltimore, Md.; sister, Gladys Uitvlugt of McBain, Mich.; brothers and sisters-in-law, Ron

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Joanne M. Pritchard



**Joanne Pritchard** 

Joanne Mewer Pritchard, age 87, died on September 16, 2017, after a long illness. A memorial celebration will be held on October 20 at 11 a.m. at Paint Branch Unitarian Church in Adelphi. All are welcome.

Joanne was born in Biddeford, Maine on November 28, 1929. She attended Old Orchard High School and Portland High School in Maine, but graduated from Northwestern Sr. High in Adelphi, Md., before attending classes at the University of Maryland. Joanne was working as a waitress when she met the love of her life, Patrick Luke Pritchard, near Portland's legendary Longfellow Statue. They tied the knot on June 15, 1946, and were married 61 remarkably eventful and romantic years, until his death in 2007. After moving to the 6 Court of Ridge in the 1980s, she became involved in Greenbelt activities such as the Writers Group. She enjoyed painting and drawing, growing flowers, helping children learn about art and walking near her beach home in Maine. A dedicated multi-media artist, she created an award-winning collage that was published in the Washington Post. During

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We're sorry to hear of the death of another of our Greenbelt pioneers. George G. Nielsen, 90, died October 5 at his home in Solomons, Md. Originally from Milwaukee, he moved to 2-K Gardenway in 1938 with his widowed mother, Gladys Nielsen, and two older brothers Revere and Clayton, both now deceased. He graduated from Greenbelt High School in 1944.

Condolences to the family and friends of Joanne M. Pritchard, who died September 16. A memorial celebration will be held on October 20 at 11 a.m. at Paint Branch Unitarian Church.

Our sympathy to the friends and family of former Greenbelter Marvin Jager, 89, who died on September 27, 2017.

Welcome to Cynthia Brown, the new Aquatics Coordinator at the Aquatic & Fitness Center. When in the facility, welcome her to Greenbelt.

Congratulations to County Councilmember Todd Turner on completing the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance, a program in the University of Maryland School of Public Policy Academy Fellows. Turner was one of 90 public officials from across the state who graduated on September 24. The Academy is a collaborative effort between the University of Maryland School of Public Policy, the Maryland

Municipal League, the Maryland Association of Counties and the Local Government Insurance Trust.

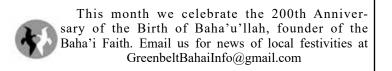
Please share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbor column. Send details of your news items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

### 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.





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### **Unpacking White Supremacy:** Going behind the language to greater understanding

October 15 10 a.m.

The Reverend Rachel Christensen, Minister; with Carla Miller, DMRE, and Paul Wester, Worship Associate; and the Choir

Our UU's of color have invited and encouraged all congregations to learn more about the issues of race. We will be joining some 700 congregations that are doing this work.



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### **REFERENDUM QUESTION ON VOTING AT AGE 16**

Shall Section 15 ("Voters") of the Charter of the City of Greenbelt be amended to read as follows: (Note: Underscoring indicates language to be added to the City Charter.)

A qualified voter within the meaning of this charter shall be any person who is a resident of the City of Greenbelt and who is duly registered with Prince George's County under the applicable provisions of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland and is at least 16 years of age; provided that eligibility to vote in any city election shall be subject to applicable registration deadlines as set forth in the charter and code of the city.

FOR the Charter Amendment

AGAINST the Charter Amendment

#### **REFERENDUM QUESTION ON APPROVING THE GENERAL OBLIGATION** BORROWING BY THE CITY OF AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO MIL-LION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,500,000) AS AUTHO-**RIZED BY ORDINANCE NUMBER 1359 OF THE CITY**

"Shall the City of Greenbelt be authorized to borrow an amount not exceeding Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000) for the purpose of financing the repair of Greenbelt Lake Dam per Maryland Department of the Environment Consent Order DSD-2010-5 as described in , Ordinance No. 1359 of the City?"

FOR the BORROWING OF FUNDS AGAINST the BORROWING OF FUNDS



**Recreation and Park Facilities Master Plan Survey** 3 Chances to Win \$100 !!

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GREENBELT Please make sure to check your mail box over the

next couple of weeks for a postcard from the Greenbelt Recreation Department. You may have been selected to participate in a random survey that will not only give you a chance to win one of three \$100 gift cards but help the City of Greenbelt develop a Recreation and Park Facilities Master Plan.

Only a limited number of households have been randomly selected to receive this survey, so your responses are critical to the future of Greenbelt's recreation, parks, programs, facilities and services. Responses are important and will be kept confidential.

10am-12pm: **PUMPKIN OLYMPICS** Greenbelt Aquatic & **Fitness Center** Registration is required. \$2 per participant. 301-397-2204

10am-2pm: PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY at the **Greenbelt Police Station** 550 Crescent Road Dispose of unwanted prescription drugs safely!

### 7pm-9pm: HALLOWEEN MOVIE **EVENT AT FRANKLIN** PARK

Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherryhill Rd Come dressed in costume, pumpking decorating, Trickor Treat bags, and FREE Family Friendly movie.

# Walk to School Day, October 4, 2017



A large group poses for a photo on their way to Springhill Lake Elementary School.

Wednesday, October 4 was National Walk to School Day. Greenbelt police officers accompanied groups of students from Greenbelt Elementary and Springhill Lake Elementary on their walk to school.

Photos by George Mathews

Below: Lt Gordon Pracht talks to students at a Franklin Park crosswalk.



Another large group poses for a photo near Greenbelt Elementary School during Walk to School Day.





Crossing guards greet Franklin Park walkers as they go to school.

From left: Nathaniel Wesley-Hunt, Graham Marcavitch and Beatrice Marcavitch walk with their bikes to Greenbelt Elementary School.



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### Are You Ready to Jazz and Reggae the Vote?!?



Meet the candidates, discuss the issues, and get motivated to vote...

Join us Saturday, Oct 14, 11-1pm, at the New Deal Cafe and stay for the incredible **Greenbelt Jazz Festival!** 

Then let's keep the drive alive Tuesday, Oct 24, 5-8pm, at the Beltway Plaza Mall with energy from the magical guitars of **Kevin Robinson and KERQ**! Halloween costumes are encouraged, and bring the kids for some fun activities!



The public is invited to a Meet the Candidates forum on Thursday October 26, 7-10pm. Candidates are invited to make a brief introduction and then mingle with residents to discuss issues. Pizza and refreshments will be served.

Hosted by Verde at Greenbelt Station which is located at 8010 Greenbelt Station Parkway. Parking is limited so please carpool if you are driving.



These events are sponsored by Greenbelt VOTES.



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Meet the Candidates Greenbelt West - Verde at Greenbelt Station Thursday, Oct 26, 7-10pm

# News Review Website Gives Insight, Archives and Images

The Greenbelt News Review's revamped website entered service almost two years ago as Greenbeltnewsreview.com. Moving tentatively into the 21st century, it offers our readers access to almost all the papers back to 1937 and provides a monthly gallery of images curated by 2013 Outstanding Citizen, photographer Eric Zhang.

The website gives information on how to advertise, how to become a member of the paper and how to become a carrier (the paper doesn't discriminate against adults; the ever-cheery John Henry Jones, our oldest carrier, is well into his eighties and proud of it). It tells the newspaper's story from its origin as a Journalistic Club, the paper's transition into the Cooperator, the name change to the News Review and the First Amendment Supreme Court case to today.

Information is provided on how to contact the newspaper with views, ideas and complaints.

The News Review welcomes stories and photographs from individuals - accepting them via email (editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com) in a variety of electronic forms. The paper also welcomes letters to the editor. Not everything received is published - editorial standards are applied to all submissions and limited space in the paper is also a factor in whether or not the item is printed. Stories and photos must have a clear connection with the city or its residents and refrain from personal attacks, scatological language or inappropriate content. Stories may be edited for length and relevance and all submissions are subject to the judgment of the editor.

Each week a selection of stories from the paper is introduced on the website, with links to the paper. Apart from the five posts displayed on the page at any given time, an additional link takes the reader back to all the previous postings. In addition, the site has links to events that are advertised in the paper.

A stroll through the archives, organized by decade, is rewarding. The papers in the early years were surprisingly well illustrated with photographs and a glimpse of today's Greenbelters' grandparents splashing in the baby pool, queueing for the movie theater and going about their shopping with a parent. These photos connect today's residents with the past in a continuity that is the foundation of this community. The paper's subject matter and style also reflect the mores of each decade. For example, in early issues, married women are referred to as Mrs. Fred Wilmott (or whatever) whereas by the sixties the usage begins to change. Any student of Greenbelt history is well advised to start their journey in the New Review's archives. The paper receives more photographs than there's room to print. Zhang's photo gallery includes the photos that are shown in the paper and more, often providing an additional perspective on reported events, as well as providing a valuable resource that will gradually accumulate to show future generations the



Screenshot of the Greenbelt News Review website

Greenbelt of today.

Photos contributed to the paper should include a caption explaining the nature of the event, the names of any individuals who could be recognized from the picture and the name of the photographer. These are encoded into the photo file's internal attributes so that in the future, viewers can see the context for the photo. Alas, many of the paper photos from yesteryear, stored in boxes, have no information with them and as a result cannot be wellaligned in their historical context.

When images are submitted, they should be emailed as attachments. Emailing pictures directly from a cell phone will reduce the resolution of the picture to the extent that it may not be usable. It is preferable to download the pictures from the cell phone to a computer and email them from the computer as attachments. Embedding the picture in the email itself may also reduce the resolution.

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### National Library Card Month Celebrated in Greenbelt

On September 25, Mayor Emmett V. Jordan, on behalf of the Greenbelt City Council, issued a proclamation to Prince George's County Memorial Library System(PGCMLS) accepted by Interim Chief Executive Officer Michael Gannon, in celebration of National Library Card Signup Month. As the city's proclamation states, "... a library card is an essential resource for all city residents ... and plays an important

role in the education and development of children ...." Also, it continues, the Greenbelt Library's Tugwell Room includes a special collection "of rare and unique plans, documents, artifacts and photos related to Greenbelt and planned communities."

PGCMLS provides an everexpanding and broad range of services. The library offers Ready 2 Read events and resources to enhance school preparedness, provides homework help with Brainfuse's HelpNow application and gives access to technology advancement and career development with Lynda.com and other online learning options. Resources include computer access, Playaway Launchpads, Educational



Michael Gannon, interim chief executive officer, accepts the Proclamation from Mayor Emmett Jordan on behalf of the county library system.

SmartSpots (free WiFi), passport services and more.

Residents are urged to sign up for a library card. Students can activate their LINK account (virtual library card) using a student identification number to access great library resources for this academic year.

### Food Scrap Compost Survey for Residents

The Green Team's Zero Waste Circle's Organics Task Force wants to know if residents would be interested in a program to collect food scraps for composting.. Access the survey at surveymonkey.com/r/RJKKQ3R

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Leta Mach

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Advocated for the Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program (GAIL)



I support the Referendum Question on voting at age 16

As a former high school teacher and grandmother to four young ladies (Anna Avila, Amelia Avila, Piper Mach and Alexa Avila with me above) I feel that 16 and 17 year old young people should be able to vote in city elections. In my experience, many young people are interested in the world around them plus they are studying civics in school. Also, the city's Youth Advisory Committee, Community Relations Advisory Board and Advisory Committee on Education all agree that extending the franchise would benefit the city and our youth.

Insisted the city establish a Living Wage policy

Spearheaded the city's designation as a charter Playful City USA and the MML Geocache trail

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By authority of Jill Stevenson, Treasurer

# Absentee Voting, Early Voting Co-op Month in Greenbelt Kick Off in City Next Week

### by Kathleen Gallagher

It still feels like early days in the 2017 campaign for the city council election, doesn't it? Not much campaign literature out yet-where are those door hangers? And at this writing, not everyone's signs are up. When there are 13 candidates running for office, there is inevitably a lot for most of us to learn about at least some of them. This year, voters have two ballot questions to vote on as well: a binding bond resolution and an advisory question regarding lowering the minimum voting age for city council elections. Everyone who understands those items inside out and backwards, raise your hands!

Not only will the ballot determine which seven of the baker's dozen of candidates will be elected to two-year council terms, but it will also almost surely determine which two will serve as mayor and mayor pro-tem for Greenbelt's 42nd council. It is up to the newly elected councilmembers to elect the mayor and mayor pro tem, but historically the council has followed the popular vote by electing the highest vote-getter mayor and the second highest mayor pro tem.

Most Greenbelt voters will continue to visit with neighbors and cast their ballots in the timehonored tradition at their precincts on election day. Those who prefer to vote earlier or in the comfort of their own homes have two other alternatives. The first day to receive or submit an absentee ballot is next Wednesday, October 18. Early voting at various neighborhood polling places will begin Saturday, October 21.

Any qualified city voter who wishes to vote early or vote by mail may do so. Since the 2005 election, it has not been necessary for a voter to provide an "excuse" for using an absentee ballot. And early voting using machine-readable ballots has been available since 2009.

#### **Absentee Voting**

The first step in voting ab-

voter can print the application form from the city's web site at greenbeltmd.gov, pick one up at the city clerk's office in the Municipal Building at 25 Crescent Road, or ask to have it sent by calling 301-474-8000 or emailing banderson@greenbeltmd.gov. In lieu of the form, a letter requesting an absentee ballot may be sent to the city clerk that includes the voter's full name, Greenbelt residence address, phone number and original signature.

Once received and filled out by the voter, the ballot can be returned by mail or in person. Applications for absentee ballots must be received by the city clerk no later than noon on Monday, November 6. To be counted, absentee ballots must be received by the city clerk no later than 6 p.m. on election day, November 7. Once an absentee ballot has been issued, the voter's name is crossed out on the registration list at the polling place, and the voter may vote in that election only by using the absentee ballot.

Military service members, their families and other U.S. citizens abroad who are covered under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act may also use the Federal Post Card Application to request an absentee ballot for city election.

### Early Voting

Early voting will be held on different days in Greenbelt West, Greenbelt East and Center City, but qualified city voters are welcome to vote early at any of these locations, no matter where they reside in Greenbelt.

Greenbelt East: Voting will be held at the club house at Schrom Hills Park, 6915 Hanover Parkway, on Saturday, October 21, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Sunday, October 22, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Center City: Voting will be available Monday through Friday at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, from Monday, October 23 through Friday, Nosentee is to ask for a ballot. The vember 3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.,

with extended hours on Tuesdays until 8 p.m.

Greenbelt West: Voting will be held at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane on Saturday, October 28, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Sunday, October 29, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For additional information on absentee or early voting, call the city clerk's office at 301-474-8000 or visit the city website at greenbeltmd.gov, click on "Government," then "Election Information."

### Maker Space

Thursday, October 12: Coder Dojo (kids) 5 to 6:30 p.m., Gadget Workshop 7 to 8:30 p.m., Coder Projects (adults) 8:30 to 10 p.m.

Friday, October 13: Little Makers from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 14: Adult Robotics from 10 a.m. to noon and FLL Team 3 from 1 to 2:30

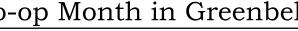
Sunday, October 15: Animation from 2 to 4 p.m.

Monday, October 16: FLL Team 1 from 5 to 6:30 p.m., Teacher Meetup from 7 to 9 p.m.

Tuesday, October 17: FLL Team 2 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and Labradoodles from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, October 18: Fiber

Fans from 6 to 9 p.m.

Next Repair Café (and Destruction Day!) is Saturday, October 21 from 10 am to 4 p.m.



### by Leta Mach

This is the third in a series of articles for Co-op Month.

Voluntary and Open Membership is the International Cooperative Alliance's first cooperative principle for putting values into practice. In many respects this is because cooperatives are membership organizations and without member support they will fail. Co-ops are open to all people able to use their services and willing to accept the responsibilities of membership.

When a family enrolls in Greenbelt Nursery School, they become members of that co-op. Their responsibilities include participating in every aspect of the school's operation from governance to fundraising to maintenance. After finding a Greenbelt Homes, Inc. home, potential members apply for membership and their responsibilities will include paying their monthly co-op fee that includes taxes,

replacement reserves contributions, maintenance, insurance on the structure, trash collection and administrative costs. Volunteers who work regularly become members of the Greenbelt News Review. With as little as \$10, people become

members of the Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy. When their capital account is \$100 or higher, they become voting members. A critical member responsibility is to shop at the store. Members of the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union also have a responsibility to use the credit union's services and maintain a minimum balance in their share savings account, which makes them members of the financial co-op. When Maker-Space converted to a community co-op early this year, founding members became co-owners for a membership fee of \$20 per year.

Cooperatives build a better world by providing their memberowners a variety of services and giving their member-owners a say in how the business is operated. Many surveys have shown that people trust cooperatives and prefer to do business with cooperatives because of the above values and principles.



**Greenbelt Federal Credit Union** 



### Notice of the Annual **Membership Meeting** of the Greenbelt **Consumer Cooperative**

The Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative will hold its Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room (2nd floor) of the Greenbelt Community Center.

Light refreshments will be served.

The agenda includes:





### 修正 Greenbelt Concert Band 修正 Free Performance

Sunday, October 15, 2017-3:30-5pm Greenbelt American Legion, Post 136 6900 Greenbelt Rd, Greenbelt, MD 20770 Samuel Hofberg Hall



Enjoy a tuneful Sunday afternoon with a variety of music provided by the entertaining Greenbelt Concert band led by Conductor Joan Rackey.

Reports by the Treasurer and the General Manager. Election of two members to the Board of Directors

Two incumbents - Barbara Ford and Linda Ivy - are running for re-election. The terms of the remaining directors - Jon Bell, Danielle Celdran, Bill Jones, Jill Stevenson and Joe Timer - have not expired. Presentation of the Jim Cassels' Community Service Award to this year's recipient.

According to the Co-op's by-laws, 25 members constitute a quorum. In the absence of a quorum, those present can schedule another meeting, which can proceed even in the absence of a quorum.

A drawing for door prizes will be held after the business portion of the meeting.

Call 301-474-0522 with questions. Note: Voting members have \$100.00 in their member capital account.

### Family, Friends, Students Run In Memory of GES Student

by Lauren Cummings



Race Coordinator Pete Colarco addresses the 1K runners before the start of the race.

On Saturday, October 7, the Greenbelt Elementary School PTA held the 7th annual Rafael's Race under a beautiful sky and in memory of the indelible spirit of Rafael Martins. Rafael was a student at Greenbelt Elementary School when he died from a rare disease called VATER Syndrome in 2009. The 1K fun run/ walk and 5K race raises funds that support student field trips at Greenbelt Elementary School and provides a donation to Camp Sunshine, a retreat for kids with life-threatening illnesses and their families. This year, there were 48 participants for the 1K and 47 runners for the 5K. A drawing

was held for donated items from Bee Yoga Fusion, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, Renee Cooper, Lucy Dirksen, The District Fishwife, Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, The Newseum, Old Greenbelt Theatre, Spy Museum and Wegman's Woodmore. The Bagel Place in College Park, McCarl Dental Group and Modell's donated items to support the race. Dozens of parents and students volunteered to bring postrace refreshments or served as course marshals along the route which included a loop around Buddy Attick Park. The event raised almost \$2,000.

### GATe Offers Link To Candidate Videos

Every candidate for the upcoming Greenbelt City Council election talks to voters in short videos which can be viewed at greenbeltonline.com/ city-council-candidate-videos/. Greenbelt videographer Andy Zmidzinski of Greenbelt Access Television (GATe) offered this opportunity to the candidates, and all seven challengers and six incumbents participated.

### **GHI Notes**

Thursday, October 12, 7 p.m., Board of Directors/Finance Committee Work Session (2018 Budget), Board Room; 7 p.m., Nominations and Elections Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby.

Saturday, October 14, 11 a.m, Pre-purchase Orientation, Board

### Jim Cassels Award Deadline is October 15

The deadline for the annual Jim Cassels Community Service Award is October 15. The Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative presents the award to honor Jim Cassels, Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen in 1978 and organizer of the Co-op Supermarket in 1984. The award provides \$1,200 to an organization or group to carry out a project that contributes to the Greenbelt community.

The application form is available at the Co-op's main office or online at greenbelt.coop/cms/ community/jim-cassels-award. The award ceremony will take place at the cooperative's annual meeting on November 4.

### Family, Friends, Students Run WORKSESSION continued from page 1

Not unsurprisingly, the youngest areas of Greenbelt were identified in Greenbelt West and East. The part of the city with the highest concentration of residents over 65 is the north end, with the area of center city falling south of Crescent and west of Southway coming in next. The study mapped "trip generators," such as shopping, medical offices and government locations together with residential housing and public transportation routes to create a model of who needed to go where most frequently and what access was available to them. Mayor Emmett Jordan noted that certain types of medical service are one area that people leave Greenbelt to access.

### Surveys

Shannon said 178 surveys were collected, which accounts for about 10 percent of the Greenbelt population that is 65 or older. The sample was not statistically based but a strong effort was made to get as many respondents as possible from a range of ages and parts of town. Only 3 percent were aged 90 or above. Those 80 to 89 and those 59 or younger each represented 12 percent. Those 60 to 69 represented 36 percent of respondents while those 70 to 79 comprised 39 percent.

The survey included a wide range of questions about what types of transportation respondents currently use or have never used but would be interested in trying. Simply the listing of all these options suggested many of them had been unknown to respondents, and that limited access to information was one notable barrier to transportation use.

### Transportation Barriers

In addition to limited access to information, Shannon discussed five other barriers that had been identified. Transportation services with inadequate capacity to accommodate demand are a barrier because they require trips to be scheduled in advance. She also noted weekend service and service to destinations beyond the range of the Greenbelt Connection can be a problem. Councilmember Judith Davis said the city would love to increase the capacity of the Greenbelt Connection but that more support from Prince George's County is needed for the buses.

Jordan asked about the pros and cons of a fixed-route circulator bus versus a call-a-bus like the Greenbelt Connection. Shannon responded that the Connection meets a very specific need that cannot be met by a fixedroute bus, since users need to be picked up at the door.

Others transportation modes have processes to go through that can be difficult, such as the purchase of senior Smart Cards or going to WMATA offices to qualify for Metro ACCESS. Some have limited hours and services. The study identified some locations in the city with pathways that need maintenance or improved street crossing. In general, there is a shortage of wheelchair-accessible taxi service as well.

Jean Cook, president of GIVES, returned to the topic of information, emphasizing that people are not aware of the range of services available in Greenbelt and that better ways to communicate the information need to be found. Shannon added that the appendices to the report that list resources were intended to be "ready to go" in terms of listing services and might be used for that purpose.

Other than directly addressing some of the cited barriers and needs, Shannon made a number of recommendations, many based on successful programs that have been piloted in other cities. She praised the driving service provided by GIVES volunteers but suggested upgrading the advertising and use of the program. She described travel training programs, run by WMATA, which work with individuals or groups to demonstrate and practice using various public transportation methods.

Another program Shannon discussed that sparked interest among councilmembers was "One Call" Centers, where social service providers are trained to evaluate people's needs and connect them with whatever transportation method might be most appropriate and available. Voucher programs, too, were on the suggestion list, which effectively give seniors a lower rate for transportation use while seamlessly paying the provider the full amount due. Shannon also discussed matching grant funding from the Metropolitan Council of Governments (COG) to enhance mobility for seniors and those with disabilities.

Jessica Bellah commented that one of the big contributions of this study is the information and possibilities it makes available. The problem, she said, is that it would be difficult to absorb many of the programs into current city programs. Implementing them would require dedicated staff. Christal Batey said she also found the data on changes in aging in the city and the types of options people expressed interest in trying very useful for future planning.

The complete study can be found on the city website at greenbeltmd.gov by searching for Senior Mobility Study June 2017.



**Greenbelt Community Foundation** 

**Grant Application Deadline** 

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Room.

Sunday, October 15, 2:30 p.m., Woodlands Plant Swap, Administration Building.

Monday, October 16, 7:30 p.m., Audit Committee Meeting, Board Room.

Tuesday, October 17, 7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby.

Wednesday, October 18, 7 p.m., Bicycle Task Force Meeting, GHI Kitchen; 7 p.m., Member Complaint Panel #3 (Closed Meeting), GHI Lobby; 7 p.m., Woodlands Committee Meeting, Board Room.

Thursday, October 19, 8:30 a.m., Yardlines Committee Meeting, Board Room; 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room.

Friday, October 20, office closed. Emergency Maintenance Service available at 301-474-6011.



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- Protect our priceless Green Belt; make certain our Congressional delegation hears our steadfast concern for preservation of BARC and Greenbelt National Park
- Ensure future development adheres to our priorities and values, while providing quality, transit-oriented housing and employment opportunities
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#### By Authority: Debbie Cooley, Treasurer Photo: Barry Bordas

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### Volunteers Offer Landscaping Help on Public Lands Day

by Maryam El-Amin



Volunteers gather for a group photo.

National Public Lands Day is an opportunity for anyone to volunteer their services to publiclyowned land in their community. This year the City of Greenbelt's event, in partnership with The Chesapeake Education, Arts, and Research Society (CHEARS) was held at Springhill Lake Elementary School on September 30, and was a great success.

Greenbelt Mayor Emmett Jordan and Councilmembers Leta Mack, Edward Putens and Silke Pope got the day started by presenting a proclamation officially recognizing September 30, 2017, as Public Lands Day. Volunteers, including Springhill Lake Elementary School educators and University of Maryland honors students from the Institute of Life Sciences, including Jordan, helped themselves to bagels donated by Bagel Place of College Park. Soon after everyone got to work under the direction of Parks-Horticulturalist Supervisor Brian Townsend and other Public Works employees.

Townsend explained the problem with the soil around the school: it is badly compacted and prone to erosion, which

Photos by Mary-

am El-Amin

creates runoff and pollutes the Chesapeake Bay watershed. The washed-away sediment was actually visible in the school parking lots

To fix this, volunteers spread rich mulch made from a mixture of recycled wood waste and compost from Greenbelt's public compost pile. This will help increase water filtration, improve soil structure and promote aeration and fertility. Ideally, the mulch will encourage the growth of new plants and further anchor the soil in place. Volunteers also helped remove some of the sediment from the parking lot, picked up litter and watered several young pine trees that were planted earlier this summer.

In total, 7,244 square feet of eroded soil surface was protected using 16 dump-truck loads of mulch. Eight trees were taken care of while three cubic yards of sediment were removed from the asphalt, to prevent it from being washed down the storm drain.

Maryam El-Amin is the Chesapeake Conservation Corps Intern working at Greenbelt Public Works

### At the Library

English Conversation Club. Monday, October 16, 6:30 p.m.

Weekly Ready 2 Read Storytimes. Tuesday, October 17, ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, October 18, ages 3 to 5, 10:15 a.m.; ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m.; Thursday, October 19, ages newborn to 2, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m.; ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m.

STEM-tastic: Crazy 8's Math Season 1 (Grades 3 to 5). Tuesday, October 17, 5:30 p.m.

Fall 2017 African History & Culture Lecture Series. Tuesday, October 17, 7 p.m., Racial Images in American Film will be the next session of the fall 2017 season in this audiovisual lecture series presented by C.R. Gibbs, historian of the African diaspora.

Bibliobop Dance Party. Saturday, October 21, 10:30 a.m., ages 2 to 5. Preschoolers and toddlers are invited to come bust a move and shake their sillies out at the Greenbelt Bibliobop Dance Party. Bring parents or caregivers and prepare to boogie and bop.

Read to Rover. Saturday, October 21, 2 p.m. Read to Rover for children ages 6 to 11 helps them build reading confidence while reading aloud to specially trained therapy dogs. Each child will read for 15 minutes. Registration recommended; call the branch at 301-345-5800 for more information.





### Hundreds Race for Education



The Norma E. Boyd 5K for Education drew hundreds of racers to Greenbelt Park on September 17.

and walk in support of education during the 2017 Norma E. Boyd 5K Race for Education, which took place on Sunday, September 17 at Greenbelt Park. With over 215 registered, this 5th annual race raised funds to support

**Runners** pass the finish line.

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- ► Incubate Startup Businesses

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Joella Duyer, 9, waters a pine tree.

# Hundreds came out to run, jog

scholarships for college-bound D.C. high school students. The event was sponsored by the Pearl and Ivy Educational Foundation (PIEF) in partnership with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Xi Omega Chapter.

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#### Homeless

Another sensitive issue was whether the candidates would vote to change the city code so that it can deal with people who have taken up permanent residence in public places after they receive all social assistance.

Emmett Jordan called addressing this issue a balancing act with no tool to address it existing in the city code. Rodney Roberts noted that in trying to address this issue in Roosevelt Center, the city's attorney said that state or federal law will not allow the city to ban people from public spaces.

Orleans called on Greenbelt CARES and the local churches to make an attempt to help but said that homeless people should not be removed as a nuisance. If the city wanted to address the homeless issue the best way is to effectuate an affordable housing program, which council has so far refused to do, he said.

The homeless situation is much deeper, said Gordon. They need housing, jobs, food and clothing. Council should find groups to help homeless people find what they need. Boyce noted that Green Ridge House (the city's apartment building for seniors and the disabled) has a three-year waiting list that is now closed. He noted that homelessness is part of a broader topic of providing services to those in need and stated that the city needs to look at expanding resources as well as services to those with behavioral problems.

Colin Byrd advocated for a city task force with members of different points of view. Judith Davis stated that legislation to throw the homeless out of Greenbelt is not the correct way to address this issue. CARES and faith-based groups do reach out to help but when the person declines such help, there is nothing the city can do.

Danielle Celdran said that some would like to see public services expanded and supported Byrd's idea of a task force. Edward Putens cautioned that this is a very tough, very sensitive issue and noted that he had had mixed results when trying to help two individuals. Leta Mach favored the National League of Cities approach of housing first, then seek to get them any additional services they need. Aaron Marcavitch also favored the housing first approach while saying that Greenbelt needs to get the county involved.

#### Finances

When asked their assessment of Greenbelt's financial health, none of the candidates indicated that they saw any significant problems. Marcavitch wanted the city to be in a position to lead regarding what can be done about county taxes. He also called for an analysis of city spending and looking to see what could be cut.

Susan Stewart was concerned that if the city does not use competitive bidding for major projects, it could get gouged by contractors. If the city were more careful with spending, she said, it would have the funds to do more for the community.

Council has been quite fiscally responsible, Pope asserted, noting that when funds were tight a few years ago the city did not lay anyone off. She called on the city to be proactive in both cultivating partnerships with existing businesses and encouraging new businesses in order to grow its tax base.

Gordon called for business development to create jobs and bring more money into the city. He also called for Greenbelt residents to have the first option on the jobs created.

Byrd said he has heard from some people with concerns about city taxes. If the budget were stronger, he said, the city could hire more police officers and make them feel more rewarded. He was also concerned about the city's no-bid contracts and asserted that the city does not pay everyone who works for it a

living wage.

Jordan said that the city has a list of infrastructure needs, especially repairs to the dam at Greenbelt Lake. Because the city has been conservative in spending, it is in a position to handle these projects.

Boyce pointed out that taxes are going up due to increases in property assessments even though the tax rate has not changed. He said the city needs to get office occupancy rates up, adding that since the last election the office vacancy rate has increased to 35 percent from 28 percent two years ago.

Orleans questioned how some incumbents want to spend money. People who disagree with council's decisions, he said, should be at the council meetings and budget worksessions to challenge these choices. He called on the city to challenge business property tax abatements rather than just going along with the state determination.

Putens expressed pride that the city had not laid off workers during the recession, and Mach concurred. Putens acknowledged that there have been some problems with recruiting police officers. He argued there is plenty of opportunity for citizen involvement in the budget process.

Mach asserted that the city does pay a living wage, a point Orleans later challenged by claiming that the city hires vendors who may not pay a living wage. Mach also noted that the city has a property tax credit that helps citizens on limited incomes. She emphasized a point she said she has made since the start of her council career: "Taxes are not a dirty word," she said. "It's how we get our services."

Davis said that some of the issue with police vacancies is that the city has high standards and turns down many candidates as unqualified. She expressed pride in the renters' tax credit.

Roberts said that sometimes there is spending on things that

the city may not need but that overall the city has a very strong tax base. It has over 600 businesses, he said, and its major shopping centers are full or nearly full, although one office complex has a high vacancy rate.

Byrd identified making it possible to broadcast all council meetings and worksessions as a top budget priority for him, saying that he would not attend any out-of-town conferences until after council finds a way to broadcast the meetings. Davis stood by her support for conference travel saying that staff and council need to attend conferences and seminars and that they bring the new ideas learned back to the city.

### **Zoning Rewrite**

The candidates were asked what actions they would take to ensure that Greenbelt's character will be protected when the new zoning goes into effect. The revised zoning ordinance is expected to eliminate the Residential Planned Community zone but add a Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zone (NCOZ) that will be implemented separately from the zoning ordinance itself.

All of the candidates vowed to protect historic Greenbelt. Jordan urged giving staff and council the opportunity to work through the full process. Davis noted that so far there is only a draft ordinance that the county council has not yet reviewed.

Pope praised the passionate citizens who got 2,000 signatures on their recent petition concerning this issue. Putens said there is not yet clarity about the NCOZ, such as what the implementing guidelines will be. He cautioned that the rewrite has to be done carefully so as to not include something that is later judged to be discriminatory and used by developers' lawyers to get the whole overlay zone thrown out.

Gordon said the city must stand in unison and say it will not allow developers to run ram-

pant in the city and ruin the historical nature of Greenbelt. Orleans said he did not trust most incumbents to have the resolve to do what's necessary to protect old Greenbelt. Mach promised that she would not allow any change that would destroy the National Historic Landmark status of Greenbelt.

Byrd was concerned by Jordan's commitment to protecting the city's legacy while focusing on a vibrant future. He questioned what is wrong with Greenbelt's past that would prompt Jordan to use a term like vibrant future.

Boyce expressed concern about no one on council having enough business or technical expertise to deal with zoning law. Marcavitch noted his background in historic preservation and expressed concern that if there is a gap between the implementation of a new zoning ordinance and that of the NCOZ it could be a very dangerous time for GHI.

Roberts said that he has been fighting the good fight to protect Greenbelt for 30 years. Stewart described what she had seen in Ohio where a neighborhood had been destroyed when it was taken under eminent domain for a shopping center and said she does not want to see that happen here.

### **Exploring Page 115: Playing With Words**

On Friday, October 20, at 1 p.m. in the Community Center, Explorations Unlimited welcomes Matina Phillips from alight dance theater. She will host Page 115: Playing With Words, a Greenbeltbased workshop series designed to engage participants of all ages with literature, dance and innovative storytelling.

This project is supported by a grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation. Future workshops will occur elsewhere in Greenbelt. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

### Question 1. What would you like council to accomplish in the next term?

George Boyce: I will lead council to enact significant changes that are low cost, widely supported, and of great benefit to the community. The first set of actions I propose are amendments to the City Charter to promote civic engagement.

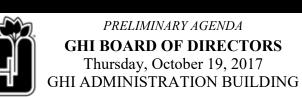
- We should allow same-day voter registration during the early voting period. This has been Maryland law since 2013 and it is time for Greenbelt to catch up.
- While we have adopted "no excuse" absentee ballots, we still have a two-step process that requires a form to be submitted to request the ballot. We should reduce this to one step by allowing the submission of an absentee ballot to be sufficient.



Civic engagement is the process of helping people be active participants in building and strengthening their communities, whether defined as a place or a shared identity or interest.

Core to civic participation are fair, accessible, and representative elections.

Some changes are easy, while others such as term limits, voting wards, and the voting age require more inspection and analysis.



GHI Open Session Meeting –Begins at 7:30 p.m.

- Announcement of Executive Session Meeting Held on October 5, 2017
- Approve Minutes of Special Open Session Meeting Held on September 21, 2017

- Greenbelt has supported term limits for county council since 1992 and it is long overdue to adopt limits for city council. No one thinks a lifetime appointment to council is acceptable. I suggest a limit of 10 consecutive years is reasonable.
- We should drop voting for seven at-large seats. We should adopt a ranked choice voting system, though I suggest we also switch to voting by wards.

Next, we should make council meetings more accessible & productive.

- Council meetings should start at 7pm, followed by petitions at 7:45 and legislation starting promptly at 8pm.
- Petitions that are published 6 days in advance should be acted on in the same session they are presented.
- Petitions that reach an age of six months should be placed back on the agenda for resolution.

Finally, I will focus on community and economic development issues.

- · We should define clear, concise vision and goals.
- We should hire a director of economic development.
- We should hire a grant writer.
- We should form a Science and Technology Advisory Committee.

look forward to serving on council and working on these and many other important issues.



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My research and experience informs me to support all three of these major changes.

Council procedures need to change to engage more residents in regular meetings.

Small changes, like an earlier start time and a focus to respond to citizen petitions are a few first steps to improve participation.

Ten years has passed since the Greener Greenbelt Charrette was held to help generate a vision.

Council needs to renew this effort to envision, plan, and execute actions to protect and enhance Historic Greenbelt, strengthen the living core of Roosevelt Center, and integrate our communities of east and west into a truly Greater Greener Greenbelt.

- Approve Minutes of Regular Open Session Meeting Held on September 21, 2017
- Select Date for a Special Membership Meeting
- Consider Whether All Additions Should Be Enrolled on the Addition Maintenance Program
- Consider Two Requests from Organizations for Contributions
- Approval of Consultant's Job Classification and Salary Survey Report
- **Greenbelt Development Corporation Board of Directors'** 2. Work Session – commences after the GHI Board Meeting
  - Continuation of Strategic Planning Review for GDC



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

featured in the 27th annual met-

ropolitan Washington, D.C. Solar

and Green Home Tour on Satur-

environmentally efficient homes

in the D. C. area. Over 40 homes

participated in this year's tour,

according to the official brochure.

each of the Greenbelt homes,

though that number has been

ple (come through) one year,"

Young are longtime participants

in the tour. They installed a pho-

tovoltaic (PV) setup, or solar

panels, in 2002. Their home also

features other energy efficient

systems such as ductless heat

pumps, a heat pump water heater,

a solar cooker, LED lights and

ultra-efficient ceiling fan blades.

They also own an electric vehi-

cle, which they charge with their

of the Mid Atlantic Solar Energy

Society and chairs the Greenbelt

Advisory Committee on Envi-

ronmental Sustainability. Young

is also part of the committee,

and they have helped put other

solar-powered Greenbelt homes

and knock on people's doors

when we knew that they had so-

lar collectors on their roofs and

said, 'Would you like to be on

efficient systems carries many

benefits, noted by the brochure.

The cost of installing a PV sys-

tem has dropped 70 percent over

Investing in solar and energy

this home tour?" " Lippert said.

"Jane and I would go around

Lippert is a former member

Around 30 people visited

We had about 50 or 60 peo-

Lippert and his wife Jane

The tour showcases solar and

day, October 7.

higher in the past

said James Lippert.

PV system.

on the tour.

### Greenbelt History in Photos

### Carl Mydans, Photographer

### by James Giese

This is the 19th in a series of articles with photos depicting the early history of Greenbelt.

The Farm Security Administration (FSA) employed a number of photographers who became noted for their work or journalistic career. One of them was Carl Mydans who travelled the countrv for FSA and took photographs at the Greenbelt site in 1935 and 1936. Mydans, born May 20, 1907, grew up in Medford, Mass., and took up photography while attending Boston University. He took reporting jobs with the Boston Globe and Herald before becoming employed by the FSA where he documented the conditions of American workers. His photographs of the Greenbelt project during 1935-36 constitute the bulk of photographs from that time period in the Library of Congress files. He also travelled through New England and the South documenting the devastation to the poor in rural America by the Great Depression.

In 1936, Mydans joined Life magazine as one of its earliest staff photographers. He photographed images of life and death

throughout Europe and Asia during World War II. In 1941, Mydans and his wife Shelley, also a Life photographer, were captured by the Japanese in the Philippines and held until December, 1943. Mydans returned to Life, taking photographs in Italy and France.

Mydan's most famous photograph was that of General Douglas MacArthur wading ashore on his return to the Philippines in 1945. Another memorable photograph of his was that of MacArthur and other U.S. military top brass watching a Japanese delegation signing the official surrender documents in September, 1945 on board the USS Missouri.

After the war, Mydans and his wife headed Life's Tokyo Bureau. He also covered the Korean War and remained with the magazine until its demise. He returned to its masthead upon its later shortterm revival.

Mydans died August 16, 2004, at age 97 in Larchmont, N.Y.

Of the many photographs Mydans took at Greenbelt, I like best this one of a hod carrier who brought mortar to brick and concrete block layers. There will be more of Mydans photos in future installments of this series.

Information about Carl Mydans was taken from the Carl Mydans Wikipedia article. Photos are from the Library of Congress photo files, available on line at loc.gov/pictures.



A hod carrier working in Greenbelt



# **Residents Show off Homes** On Annual Solar Tour

### by Carolina Velloso

the last 10 years, it said, and these systems drastically lower a home's energy use.

Homeowners who install energy conservation systems in their homes can take advantage of federal, state and county tax credits and incentives. The federal Investment Tax Credit (ITC) of 30 percent is available for solar panels. Additionally, the state of Maryland has up to \$1,000 for solar panels



and \$500 for a so- John Lippert poses with his electric vehicle durlar hot water heat- ing the solar homes tour on October 7. er. Prince George's

County also offers rebates of up to \$5,000 for solar panels, \$5,000 for space heating and \$1,500 for water heating, according to the Department of Energy.

This was Martin Murray's first year participating in the tour. In 2015, he and his wife attended an informational meeting organized by MDSUN (now Solar United Neighbors of Maryland), a non-profit that advocates for the benefits of solar energy.

Murray and his wife agreed, saying, "This really makes sense, we should do this."

Murray installed solar panels in May 2016 after partnering with other local homeowners to purchase and install PV systems at a discount. Murray also used federal, state and tax credits to further lower his costs. He said he will begin to see a return on his investment in about six years.

He admitted, however, that, "We weren't really interested in making money in the deal."

The homeowners said that the tour was a good way to spread awareness about the advantages and importance of going green. Young also emphasized that making homes more energy efficient is only a small part of what citizens can do to be environmentally conscious.

'Not everyone is going to want to do everything, but everybody can do some things," she said.

The tour was sponsored by the Sierra Club, the 2017 Mid Atlantic Solar Energy Society and the American Solar Energy Society.

Carolina Velloso is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism writing for the News Review.

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women and children; books; toys;

and small household items. The

items should be in relatively new

condition. Donors will receive

receipts as the donations may

be tax deductible. Please check

questions relating to deductibil-

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synagogue between October 16

and October 19, and October 22

through October 26. Donations

are a wonderful way to find a

home for those items you find

while downsizing or in a pre-

holiday cleaning. Mishkan Torah

is located at 10 Ridge Road.

Items may be brought to the

advisor.

Mishkan Torah

**Seeks Donations** 

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homes have been renovated and returned to use as beautiful and efficient homes.

In 1991, Roberts proposed and worked through to implementation, a community policing program that included the City's first bicycle patrols, to foster a better relationship between citizens and police.

Roberts was a leader in the citizen movement that resulted in the City's acquisition of 184 acres of woodland, part of the original "Green Belt." Roberts' continued advocacy resulted in the 2003 passage of a city ordinance establishing a Greenbelt Forest Preserve consisting initially of 225 acres.

Roberts testifies on behalf of the City before State and County officials concerning development, transportation, recreational, environmental and fiscal issues. In 2004, his testimony secured \$648,000 in Open Space Funds for the purchase of 10 acres known as the "Sunrise Property" in Greenbelt East, one of Greenbelt's newest forest preserves. Roberts consistently opposed yearly tax increases for non-essential hiring and other items. Roberts is one of the longest serving members of the Council of Government's Transportation Planning Advisory Board, with nearly 26 years of service. He is also City liaison to the Youth Advisory Board and Forest Preserve Advisory Board. Roberts is a member and former chair of the Committee to Save the Green Belt and a founding member of the Greenbelt Foundation for the Arts.

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advancing plans for community and economic development throughout the city. I ask Greenbelt residents to hear my voice and elect me as one of the challengers who will bring fresh ideas and renewed energy to the council.

One Greenbelt can be defined by physical connectivity but most would agree that this should serve as a catalyst to development of a stronger, more vibrant community. We can envision a future where the road network and transportation options have been redesigned to serve residents and main street businesses rather than the commuters of the region. We know this is true because we have seen such a future, of a "Greenbelt Road Boulevard", described several times including by former Advisory Planning Board member Jeff Lemieux and by challenger Aaron Marcavitch. I stand with them.

Building a friendly main street will be neither quick nor easy and certainly it cannot succeed at any stage without support from every level of government, businesses, and residents. Most important, someone on council must be proactive and tirelessly push the project. As a driver for business growth and for the health of the community, creating a new main street is a wise investment.

In the short term, we should continue to explore options to operate Konrad's circulator bus that would focus on Greenbelt locations of people, services, and events rather than transporting people to metro. Beyond working on transportation issues, I encourage more events focused to bring residents to every part of town. We should create area challenges and have neighborhood teams compete for community pride awards. Together we can build a Greater Greener Greenbelt.

important is that we all actually feel we are a part of Greenbelt, with all of the benefits, services, opportunities and protections regardless of what little corner of Greenbelt we may live in. This is why as a member of city council I have worked hard for the equitable distribution of city services, recreational facilities and other resources. I voted against postponing the expansion of the Springhill Lake Recreation Center as well as using the funds for that project in other parts of the city. This is why I have been advocating the purchase of a certain piece of property in Greenbelt West to get rid of an eyesore and provide much needed recreation space. This is why I worked hard to help bring the new post office and forest preserve to Greenbelt east. This is why I worked hard to keep the New Deal Café and Greenbelt Theater in Roosevelt Center from closing. This is also why I believe the current discussion about zoning changes and density in the county and Greenbelt must be about all of Greenbelt, not just one part of it. If re-elected

I promise I will continue to use my vote to represent and benefit all of the citizens of Greenbelt. Silke Pope:

Despite our efforts over the years to improve connectivity between different parts of the City, the City Council continues to wrestle with this issue. A major hurdle we must overcome is the physical division of the city by several major roads. I believe the city has made positive changes. Roadway banners, the City website and the News Review announce upcoming events throughout the city. The city intentionally schedules events in different sections of the city to draw residents from one section to another. But, we can do more.

A major issue is transportation. Not all residents have a car, so it can be challenging to travel from one section of Greenbelt to another. We have public transportation, but we need more creative solutions to increase the forms of transport throughout our city. If we could partner with local merchants or create public/

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volunteer hours to the city, the equivalent to tens of thousands of dollars in wages. They often work as interns for our summer camps, making them affordable, as well as in many other capacities. These young people fill many paying jobs, including lifeguarding at the pool, where they are responsible for saving lives. If we trust them with our kids and our lives, why should they not be trusted with a vote in city elections?

2) The youth vote brings a different point of view: a lot of people have told me that we should not let 16- and 17-yearolds vote because they do not know anything about life and have not had to support themselves yet. It is certainly true that young people have not gone through the life experiences that we (older people) have. But this is exactly why their opinion is valuable. As we go through life, we pick up not only experience but also a number of biases. We often think that things should be as they used to be or as they have always been, as if having done things a certain way for a long time was some sort of certification. Young people think differently. During the Brexit vote, the younger voters voted 75 to 25 percent to stay in the EU. In our last presidential election the young voters electoral map would have given us a different result. My point here is that not only we should let 16- and 17-year-olds vote but we actually need their vote and we need to do everything we can to engage more young people in the civic

process.

3) The youth vote has been diluted over the years due to the life expectancy increase. When this great nation was born in 1776, the average life expectancy was 35 years of age. That means that when our democracy was designed, most of the vote was the youth vote. Currently the average life expectancy in our country is close to 80 years of age. The youth vote has become a small percentage of the overall electorate. By lowering the voting age to 16 we would be compensating a tiny bit for this enormous change in voter demographics, at least in municipal elections.

So I encourage all Greenbelters to vote for the charter amendment. But don't take it from me. On Sunday, October 15 at 2 p.m., there will be a presentation by two youth representatives at the Greenbelt Community Church. Come and listen to them speak for themselves. At the very least we owe them that.

Mariana Guerrero

### **City Notes**

Horticulture crews celebrated Public Lands Day at Springhill Lake Elementary School by correcting erosion control problems.

Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability crews collected 26.40 tons of refuse and 19.97 tons of recyclable material.





Saturday October 14 1-11:30 pm Greenbelt Jazz Festival, Roosevelt Center and NDC **Tuesday October 17** 7-10 pm Rising Star Karaoke, NDC Thursday October 19 8:30 am-2 pm Credit Union Day GFCU celebrates its 80th Anniversary with cake and refreshments in the lobby (Will continue next day if supplies last) Friday, October 20 4-7 pm Wine Tasting of CONTRACTOR CONTRACTOR Saturday October 21 10 am- 4 pm Repair Café and Destruction Day, MakerSpace **Roosevelt** Center 1-3 pm Poetry Open Mic, NDC Monday October 23 6:30 to 9 pm Board Meeting, NDC Wednesday, October 25 4-7 pm Patron Day Delectables: Co-op Salad - fruits and vegetables from co-operative farms, GCS&P Chris Utquiaga, NDC **Thursday October 26** 8 pm Drawing for Co-op Alliance Gift Basket before showing of Co-op Movies at the Old Greenbelt Theatre. "The Best Move we Ever Made" and "Spirit of Cooperation" SAW Open Mic, NDC Friday, October 27 4-7 pm Beer Tasting of cooperative brewery beer, GCS&P Saturday October 28 9am- noon (or when truck is full) GFCU Community Shredding, Parking lot in front of Aquatic Center 8:30-11 pm Wild Anacostias, NDC

### **Rodney M. Roberts:**

Let's face it, when it came to maintaining the physical connectivity of Greenbelt, someone dropped the ball. Roads and highways were built through the city with apparently little thought of the divisions that were being created, both physically and socially. Being able to walk, bike, or drive easily from one part of Greenbelt to another is one of the bedrocks that our community was founded on, it is very important. I believe what is more **Oct 16<sup>th</sup> thru the 27<sup>th</sup>** - Fall Auto Loan Sale Offering special rates and terms.

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# **Police Blotter**

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

#### Robbery

September 28, 2:05 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace. A man who had been sitting in his vehicle fled on foot after someone opened the door and punched him. He then returned to the vehicle and discovered his cell phone, keys and some clothing had been taken.

October 1, 3 a.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. A 61-year-old resident was arrested and charged with robbery, first degree assault, second degree assault and theft after he demanded money from a person at knife point. He is known to this person and was arrested after he left and then returned to the scene. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

October 4, 4:15 a.m., 6200 block Breezewood Court. Three men approached a man from behind, who was walking to a residence, when one of them punched him and threw him to the ground. Two of the men then kicked and punched him and then removed and took his sneakers. All three then fled on foot. All three are described as being black, with two described as being in their mid-twenties, 6 feet tall with shoulder-length dreadlocks, wearing black clothing. One of the two had a heavy build while the other had a thin build and wore silver Nike Foamposite sneakers. The man was treated on the scene for minor injuries.

#### **DWI/DUI**

September 29, 1:51 a.m., Greenbelt Road near Kenilworth Avenue. A 34-year-old resident was arrested and charged with driving while impaired by alcohol and other traffic-related violations after being stopped for a traffic violation. He was released on citations pending trial.

#### Assault

October 3, 10:30 a.m., 7601 Hanover Parkway. A 14-year-old Greenbelt youth was arrested for assault and disruption of school activities after he stabbed another student at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The injured 16-year-old student was transported to Prince George's Hospital Center with non-life threatening injuries. The 14-year-old was also transported to the same hospital for treatment of a minor injury and was later released to a parent pending ac-

tion by the school board and the Juvenile Justice System.

ambulance to Doctors Community Hospital for what are described as minor injuries.

September 29, 7:10 p.m., 9000 block Breezewood Terrace. A man agreed to buy a cell phone over the internet and met the seller in the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace to complete the sale. After the purchase the buyer discovered the phone was counterfeit.

October 1, 5:15 a.m., 8000 block Greenbury Drive. A woman heard a noise in her back yard and observed a man taking her lawnmower. He fled on foot. It was later discovered that her edge trimmer was also taken.

October 1, 4 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road. Unattended furniture was taken from in front of an apartment as the tenant was in the process of moving out.

October 2, 4:30 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. A silver Trek bicycle was taken from the balcony of a residence.

October 4, 9:40 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. Two blue tricycles were taken from the patio of a residence.

#### **Open Alcohol Arrests**

September 29, 2 p.m., Centerway. A 33-year-old resident and a 51-year-old nonresident were arrested and charged with possession of an open alcoholic beverage in public. They were released on citation pending trial.

#### **Burglary**

September 29, noon, 9100 block Edmonston Road. Bedroom furnishings were removed after the front door of an apartment was forced open.

#### Vandalism

October 3, 11:46 a.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace. Multiple items were vandalized in a residence. This is believed to be related to a dispute and the investigation is ongoing.

#### Vehicle Crime

In the 7800 block Mandan Road a 28-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with vehicle theft, theft, possession of burglary tools and rogue and vagabond after officers responded to a report of a suspicious occupied vehicle. The 2005 Dodge Caravan was found to have been stolen in Prince George's County. The man was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

On Mandan Road near Mathew Street, officers responded to a report of a person with a flashlight breaking into a vehicle. He fled upon seeing another person. Investigation revealed the man had broken out the passenger side window and removed a set of headphones.

was recovered September 28 by D.C. Metropolitan police in the 1300 block Congress Street, S.E., Washington, D.C.

Two thefts from vehicles were reported. Money was taken from a possibly unlocked vehicle in the 100 block Westway. The front tag was taken off a vehicle in the 7500 block Greenbelt Road.

Two incidents of vandalism were reported. Three windows and a side mirror on one vehicle were broken in the 400 block Ridge Road. Two windows on a vehicle were broken out in the 7800 block Hanover Parkway.

### Safer Internet Selling, Buying

This week's Police Blotter describes two thefts that occurred when sellers and buyers met to finalize internet sales. The Greenbelt Police Department reminds and invites the public to use the Police Station as a safe place for completion of legal online transactions. Meeting there might also deter those persons planning to carry out possible scams. Sellers and buyers can meet in the station's lobby or just outside to finalize transactions. The lobby is open and available for use 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

The Greenbelt Police Station is located at 550 Crescent Road. For more information contact George Mathews, public information liaison, at 240-542-2116.

The Golden Age Club is gearing up for another successful year ahead. Nominations are being sought for several officer positions. New members are always welcome. The "golden" age is 60, and you must be a Greenbelt resident. The club meets every Wednesday in the Community Center from 11 a.m. to noon. This coming Wednesday, October 18 is the October birthday luncheon, a potluck gathering honoring all members with October birthdays. Bring a dish to share.

Best wishes for a quick recovery to our longtime secretary and reporter, Bunny Fitzgerald, who is in rehab after a fall. Bunny, we miss you!

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and Grace Jager of Washington, N.H., Nelvin and Lucille Jager of Grand Rapids, Mich. and Carl and Dianne Jager of Tucson, Ariz.; and one grandson.

A memorial service was held in the Washington Congregational Church in Washington, N.H., on Tuesday, October 3, followed by a graveside committal at the Washington Center Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, gifts in Mr. Jager's memory may be made to

the Washington Congregational Church Memorial Fund, 1 Half Moon Pond Rd., Washington, NH 03280. Condolences may be sent to Nancy Jager, 1307 Half Moon Pond Rd., Washington, NH 03280. Both of Nancy Jager's sisters and their husbands currently live in Greenbelt: Marjorie and James Gray on Crescent Road and Joyce and David Campbell on Plateau Place.

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her later years, Joanne served as an adopted elder to young people from all over Maryland, and many sought her insights. With memorable wit she shared compassion and laughter with all who encountered her. She was actively involved as member of the Artist Guild of Bowie and worked as a volunteer for the United Way.

Joanne is survived by her children Marc Patrick, Lynn Elizabeth and Evan Thomas Pritchard. Joanne's grandchildren are David Luke Pritchard and Brian Pritchard. Her great grandchildren are Desmond and Tristan Pritchard. Joanne is preceded in death by Patrick Pritchard, beloved husband; sisters Kay Spear and Shirley Tanner and brother Roland Mewer.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can go to the scholarship for funding Greenbelt residents in the arts called the Mary Purcell Geiger Scholarship Fund, payable to the City of Greenbelt Recreation Department.

There will be a reception held at the New Deal Café in Greenbelt at approximately 1 p.m., after the memorial service.

### **Greenbelt Votes**

On Saturday, October 14, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., the New Deal Café will host Jazz the Vote. Attendees will receive information about the election, meet the candidates for city council and discuss issues important to the community. Sign up to vote from home, join a team to rally with on election day and stay with friends to enjoy the annual Jazz Festival. For more information, please see the display ad on page 6.



The Greenbelt News Review seeks a volunteer to script a GUI-based application that edits the metadata in incoming JPEG format files. Files will then be renamed and transferred to a designated destination folder.

Call or text 301-655-7008 to help.

### Golden Age Club by Kathleen McFarland

#### Theft

September 28, 2:45 p.m., 20 Southway. A man agreed to sell a pair of sneakers to someone over the internet and to meet at the BP Service Station to complete the transaction. The seller handed the sneakers to the buyer, a passenger in a vehicle, at which time the driver began to pull away without the buyer paying for the sneakers. The seller grabbed the door handle and was pulled to the ground as both men fled in the car. He was transported by

One motorcycle was stolen, a black 2012 Yamaha motorcycle with Md. tags 60396Y, taken September 28 from the 8000 block Mandan Road.

One stolen vehicle was recovered. A 2002 Dodge Caravan reported stolen September 9 from the 7900 block Mandan Road

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

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People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 240-542-2145.

### **RE-ELECT RODNEY ROBERTS NOVEMBER 7**

### Answer to Greenbelt News Review Question #1 What would you like Council to accomplish in the next term?

First, I want the trail from the new Greenbelt Station Development to the Metro Station to be completed. I want the long put-off expansion of the Springhill Lake Recreation Center to be started. Also in Greenbelt West, I would like the City to find funds (a difficult task now that all of our open-space funds have been used on construction projects) to purchase a certain piece of property to rid the area of an eyesore and provide needed recreation space. I want a new police chief named and the rest of the force to be brought up to its authorized strength. I would like our new police chief to provide a written plan for an ongoing training program that would focus on how to deal with difficult situations while avoiding the use of deadly force. I want the council to work with all stakeholders to protect all of Greenbelt from excessive zoning densities that may be created through the county zoning rewrite. I have many more goals, but this would be a good start.

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private partnerships to implement circulator routes that stopped at popular destinations for shopping, recreation and events, I believe more residents would travel to different parts of our city.

Expansion and improvement of the bike lane system would encourage movement between the sections of the city. Greenbelt Road is overloaded with traffic and is not pedestrian or bicycle friendly. Finding attainable solutions to this problem could help to bring residents together and encourage movement between different parts of the city.

Expanding car share programs and implementing a bike share program within the city would also be a way to help connect the sections of the city by providing more ways for people to overcome the current impediments to travel between East, West and Center Greenbelt.

To move forward, we must continue to make connectivity a priority. Actions speak louder than words. Through a creative use of partnerships and resources, we can and will find a way to make this happen.

#### **Emmett Jordan:**

It is often said Greenbelt is divided by roadways into three sections. I think that our city is complex and that there are actually 9 or 10 distinct neighborhoods in Greenbelt.

No doubt, the state highways constitute physical barriers. But I am cautious about making broad assumptions or generalizations about differences in attitudes, opinions, and values between the City's neighborhoods. I think the differences have more to do with levels of civic engagement and integration than with the physical barriers.

However, I will limit my comments to the question: physical connections within the city.

I will continue to tirelessly advocate on behalf of pedestrians, bicyclists, and bus riders. I spearheaded efforts to develop the City's bike pedestrian master plan while serving on the Advisory Planning Board (prior to serving on Council). I will push for better mass transit service (longer hours and better frequency) from WMATA and the County. The County 11 bus, with minor route adjustments, could easily function as a circulator bus.

Three years ago, I helped to secure funding from the US Fish & Wildlife Service to plan a "complete and green street" upgrade for Cherrywood Lane. The project will improve the walkabilty and bikeabilty of Cherrywood, while diminishing its impact on the environment (adding trees in the median and improving stormwater management). We continue to look for funding to build out the project. A similar plan could be developed for Hanover Parkway, improving the linkage between the Spellman Overpass, the Post Office and Ora Glen Lake, and extending to Schrom Hills Park and beyond.

Another effort I have spearheaded is a partnership with Berwyn Heights and College Park to conduct a joint planning exercise. Next year, a panel of experts from the Urban Land Institute will work with us to re-imagine Greenbelt Road near Beltway Plaza.

#### **Bill Orleans:**

Historic Greenbelt's core, the site of its government and public functions, its important cultural amenities, and its original small commercial center should continue as the city's focus. Developments to the west beyond what was Edmonston Road, now Kenilworth; to the east and then south beyond Greenbelt Road; and more recently even further west, have been developed not to the original plan, but to meet the prospective profits of separate property speculators. It is unfortunate that when Greenbelt's original geography was sold in the '50s (and new geography annexed) there was not more of an effort to secure new development with the original plan in mind.

What is, is, however.

"Connectivity" has become a bit of a cliché, but I support the concept anyway; although it should be asked, why does one need to go east or south or west or even to the center of town? Essential purchases are available in each. The answer, of course, is to participate in the city's governance and to benefit from its amenities not found elsewhere in town.

For those of us with a car, a 10- to 15-minute trip can get one from any end of town to another. For those of us without a car, Metrobus, The Bus, & UM Shuttle serve much but not all of Greenbelt; each has deficiencies. For those requiring accessible transportation, all providers meet some but not all needs. Greenbelt GIVES can meet some but not all demand.

An expanded Greenbelt Con-

nection, a "circulator" as framed by one member of council (for more than 10 years) could fill in the gaps of other services providing trips into the core and back, from "Greenbelt Station" (and the Greenbelt metro station) to Greenspring allowing more residents to benefit from activity in the center of town and late into the evening.

### **Edward Putens:**

For perspective, let's first acknowledge what we have already accomplished.

One footnote in Greenbelt history is that I was the first City Councilmember elected from Greenbelt East. Now three of the Council's seven members are from Greenbelt East. More important, all Council members are oriented to all parts of the city.

Some trends don't get news coverage. There are now more people from Greenbelt East and West on City committees--and in other civic organizations. More people from Greenbelt East are using the Greenbelt Connector bus service, though it should be publicized more. The management of Franklin Park has improved coordination with the City on behalf of its residents.

Moving forward, particular attention should be paid to Greenbelt West, where participation in city elections has always been low. However, the new Greenbelt Station development at the City's west end is a success story. It's growing fast and has many residents already participating in Greenbelt's civic life.

Here are two more things the City could do. (1) Provide a welcome packet for new residents, through realtors, homeowner associations and rental offices. (2) Bring arts events to an outdoor venue (painters, musicians, crafts, etc.) in each of Greenbelt's three main sectors, but inviting all City residents, working through our Arts Advisory Committee and Community Center artists in residence.

In the end, connectivity depends on decisions by residents, not just the City government. Everyone who hasn't yet voted in Greenbelt elections can help—by voting, by volunteering, by following city developments through the News Review. You are as connected as you choose to be, and you live in one of America's well-known high-participation cities.

#### Susan Stewart:

Many communities suffer from

broken city layouts that keep residents divided and isolated. Ironically to fix that problem, many of them look to the layout of Old Greenbelt for inspiration. Our original plans deliberately included walkable sidewalks to our center marketplace, park areas, and schools, connecting residents to everything they need, while you wave at friendly faces walking past.

Imagine a project that radiates that feeling of connectivity and friendly faces, outwards to the rest of our city. The community can design a unifying walking path, whose goal is to beautify the city and connect all our residents, shops & offices, amenities, and schools. Utilizing already existing sidewalks, adding way-finding signs and points of interest displays, this path would guide you across the busy highways (which must be made safer for crossing), encouraging exploration of all parts of our city. Public art and gardens would adorn the path, while bike shares can make travel more convenient.

I've seen paths like this in cities protecting the ability for students to walk to their schools safely. I've seen paths like this connecting limping historic downtowns to new residences, bringing in more foot traffic and revitalizing businesses. As for budgeting, I've seen these paid for not just by a city budget, but by grants from non-profit organizations. Donations of money, labor and materials are obtained from local businesses, as well as proud residents donating, fundraising, and volunteering to make it happen. In fact, the planning & seeking of money itself was part of what brought those communities together.

While there are many other ideas to pursue—a shuttle bus, better biking lanes, or simply finishing the sidewalks we already have left unfinished—I have seen nothing more fruitful to bring a community together than a unifying walking & biking path project.

#### Leta Mach:

For the many parts of Greenbelt to connect, people must meet, share their lives, respect and help their neighbors. Our role is to help these connections occur and to prevent obstacles. The key is people – finding ways for people to meet and get to know each other.

I feel the most productive and important thing to do is seeing that all Greenbelt children can attend Greenbelt schools. Friendships among young people spread to parents and continue into adulthood. And, most important, through connections in their school, people will learn that they are members of the Greenbelt community.

There are other ways we make connections that I continue to support. These include signage in all three areas of the city, council and advisory board meetings, recreation programs and festivals throughout the city. I would also highlight and promote programs and organizations that bring us together such as the programming at the Old Greenbelt Theater and encourage people to participate and enjoy these activities.

To help citizens learn about their city, we can also improve the filming of council meetings wherever council meets.

One idea I put forward that was implemented during our 75th anniversary celebration is the Three Lakes Walk. By walking from Schrom Hills Lake to Greenbelt Lake and then to the small lake at Franklin Park people physically experience and get to know all parts of the city.

We must also address physical barriers and improve roads particularly Greenbelt Road and Cherrywood Lane and implement more of the pedestrian and bicycle master plans. I would like more overpasses or underpasses although funding may be difficult.

I would not support counterproductive things that further divide us such as widening the BW Parkway. Finally, I would not divide the city by creating districts. All council members must represent all of Greenbelt.

Judith Davis:

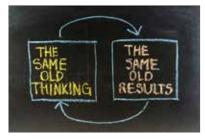
Increasing connectivity to all areas of Greenbelt requires

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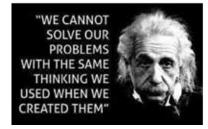


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further outreach and infrastructure changes. The City already has done a great deal, such as equitable police patrols, festivals in the three parts of Greenbelt, and a requirement for event signage to be posted in the three areas. More can be done.

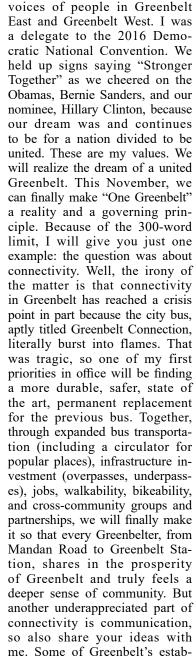
Continued progress needs to be made in connecting trails, sidewalks and bike lanes so that one can safely and seamlessly travel from one section of Greenbelt to another. Safe crossings of major highways need to be provided. Having a circulator bus was studied several years ago the concept should be revisited. Better publicity of existing forms of public transportation would help. Classes and other forms of education or support could be used to do this.

Council should increase the number of work sessions, especially budget work sessions, it holds in all areas of the City. A portable sound system and means to tape these sessions must be provided. Town hall meetings in each of the three Greenbelt areas could be held once a year. Key staff members and Council would be there to address issues. The City and its departments already utilize several social media modes to reach out to our citizens-this needs to be expanded and promoted. Recreation classes and CARES services need to occur in all parts of the City in suitable places with adequate parking and transit access. The Welcome Bags given to new residents is a great idea, but a stronger followup plan is needed to ensure the bags are actually distributed. Our volunteer coordinator should continue to recruit people from all over the City.

As a councilmember, I will personally continue to attend city and civic events throughout the City to reach out and to listen to our citizens as I have always done.

#### **Colin Byrd:**

Obviously the United States now has a divisive president, but, in Greenbelt, we also have a divide -- a sharp geographical



lishment politicians don't want

to hear the voice of the people.

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divide. Many Greenbelt residents,

including Old Greenbelt resi-

dents, feel that our city's leaders

have neither united Greenbelters

throughout the city nor heard the

Annual David Craig Memorial Tennis Tournament Winners

### by Theresa Henderson

The Greenbelt Tennis Association (GTA) held the annual David Craig Memorial Doubles and Singles Tennis Tournament on September 30 and October 7. The tournament supports the scholarship fund that is presented annually to an ERHS student by the David Craig Memorial Scholarship Fund organization. The weather was outstanding for both tournaments - but with a temperature difference of 15 degrees. The small turnout of participants was counterbalanced by their enthusiasm and graciousness. Well done, players. For more information about GTA, see greenbelt. com/tennis.

#### Photos by Theresa Henderson



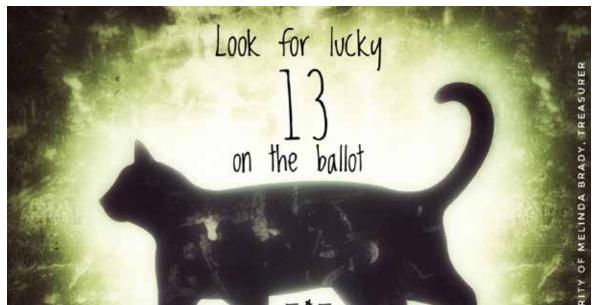
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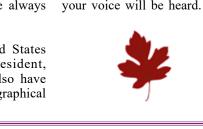


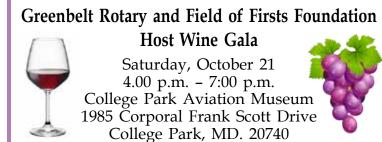
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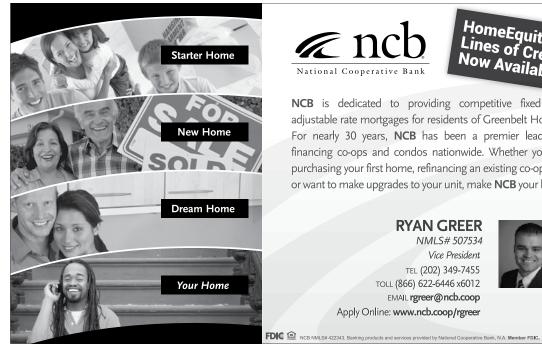


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### WSSC Holds Meetings

Washington Suburban Sanitation Commission (WSSC) is holding public hearings on Monday October 16, and Wednesday October 18 at 7:30 p.m. to address the five different rate structure alternatives under consideration.

The October 16 meeting will be at Prince George's Community College, Largo Student Center, Rooms A, B and C.The October 18 meeting is set for the WSSC Lobby Auditorium, 14501 Sweitzer Lane, Laurel. To sign up to speak, visit wsscwater.com/ rate/study.

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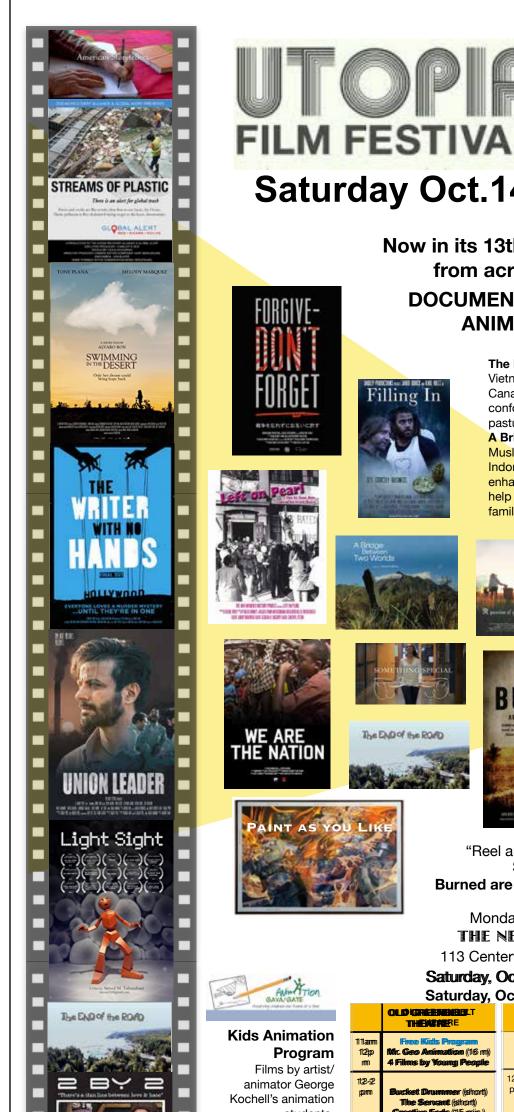
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