

Defending Utopia Celebrates Greenbelt News Review 80th

by Cathie Meetre

Greenbelter Susan Gervasi's new documentary film, *Defending Utopia: The Greenbelt News Review at 80*, uses the News Review as a focal point to weave the compelling story of a city invented to demonstrate an ideal and which has reinvented itself anew, continuously, since. Amid controversy and consensus, community spirit and dissension, Greenbelt morphed from a federal rental project and utopian concept to one of the largest cooperative housing endeavors in the nation. As the area around it grew, the original city became the hub of the busy and diverse suburb of today. The film captures the soul and essence of a little newspaper with a big impact. It's also the story of how courageous residents and newspaper staff faced up to a developer who threatened to muzzle the press and hold staff personally at risk for libel damages.



PHOTO BY MARJORY COLLINS

This photo, taken in 1942, may be of then Editor Sally Meredith. The movie premieres November 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Old Greenbelt Theatre with speakers and dessert. More information is available on our website at greenbeltnewsreview.com.

Why a Film?

At 2016's successful open house for this newspaper, Maria Silvia Miller, a Greenbelter and professional voice-over artist, suggested that the News Review would make a great topic for a

documentary. She observed that the paper is an analog of the city, chronicling its thrills and spills, crises and celebrations through the years and revealing the evolution of society as eras went by

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Council Asks for Draft County Zoning Regulation Release

by Diane Oberg

The Greenbelt City Council marched fairly quickly through a varied agenda at its October 9 regular meeting, clearing a variety of issues from its plate including responding to Aileen Kroll's petition regarding how to protect old Greenbelt under the proposed new zoning law, finalizing a letter presenting the city's proposals regarding changes to Metrobus routes and approving the 2017 community question-

Zoning Rewrite

Council finalized a letter to the chair of the county council (see greenbeltnmd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Item/3196?fileID=3485) asking that the draft Neighborhood Con-

servation Overlay Zone (NCOZ) prepared by Clarion Associates on behalf of the county be included in the zoning rewrite comprehensive review draft and that the NCOZ regulations be released immediately so that the public review process could begin. The letter was drafted in response to a petition presented to council at its September 25 regular meeting.

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) also sent a letter that, among other points, listed the planning goals that were integral to the original design of the community that GHI hopes to see incorporated in the NCOZ. These goals include preserving the superblock concept, protecting common green space, promoting

walkability, preserving GHI's existing density, protecting the remaining green belt, protecting existing buildings massing and heights, preserving the original architectural context of historic Greenbelt, promoting sustainable development practices and ensuring that future development/redevelopment in surrounding areas is compatible with the existing planned concept of Historic Greenbelt.

Acting Director of Planning and Community Development Terri Hruby said she expects that her department will be ready to start discussing specific issues regarding the rewrite in November in order to meet the county's

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What Goes On

- Thursday, October 19**
6 to 8 p.m., PJ Pizza Party and the Princess Bride, Old Greenbelt Theatre
- Sunday, October 22**
2 to 4 p.m., City Council Candidate Forum for a Progressive Greenbelt, Community Center
- Monday, October 23**
8 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building
- Wednesday, October 25**
7:30 p.m., Four Cities Meeting, Municipal Building



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

John Henry and Elaine Jones enjoy the annual Fall Festival at Schrom Hills Park on Saturday, October 14. See page 20.

Election 2017

Colin Byrd, Challenger, 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.

Colin Byrd

Colin Byrd is a lifelong Greenbelter and he has attended every city council meeting for more than the past year, presenting several requests on such issues as the environment, discrimination and gun control.

He is a member of the Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN), Indivisible Greenbelt, and the Greenbelt Racial Equality Alliance (GREAA).

Colin is a committed progressive Democrat. He is the only candidate in this race who served as a delegate to the 2016 Democratic National Convention, helping draft and approve the party's platform, and he is a longtime member of the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club and the Maryland Democratic Party's Diversity Leadership Council.

Colin has served as the head of government relations and chairman of membership for the local NAACP, and he is an alumnus of the University of Maryland, College Park, where he studied sociology, was inducted into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and the OMSE Academic Excellence Society, and was a research assistant in the fields of psychology, economics and public health. He served in the Student Government Association, where he had

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PHOTO COURTESY OF COLIN BYRD

Colin Byrd

Election 2017

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 3.

Question 3. With the FBI headquarters now off the table for Greenbelt, what would you like to see done with the proposed development site?

Emmett Jordan:

I believe changes will come to our Metro Station in the near future. As a result of the GSA/FBI process, we have a "shovel ready" plan for the Metro Station area. Ground can quickly be broken once a private or public agency is persuaded to locate here and anchor the project. On the other hand, the FBI still needs a new location so it is possible that a simplified bidding process could restart for the consolidated FBI headquarters.

I think a mixed-use development with an emphasis on commercial activity would be best for the site. Greenbelt needs more jobs. Our workforce is well-educated and versatile, but many Greenbelters spend hours commuting to distant jobs each day.

Metro stations should be employment hubs. This will take drivers off of the Beltway and provide local jobs so Greenbelters can spend more time with their families. Our Metro station

should continue to function as a multi-modal transit hub. A major challenge to this is funding for the completion of the full Beltway interchange.

Improvements are needed at the Greenbelt Metro Station. It's hard to imagine anything less desirable than its current state. The over-sized impervious parking lot dumps tainted stormwater runoff into Indian Creek. The sidewalks, building structure and facade are in desperate need of attention. I will push for repairs to the station's eastern side and request the addition of a mural or public art to the outer wall.

The pedestrian/bicycle path connecting the Greenbelt Station neighborhood to the Metro station is of the highest priority. The planning hindrances proposed by WMATA (the property owners) are being negotiated and solutions to the fiscal barriers will be resolved. We recently spoke with

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Letters to the Editor

Why the Need?

I was wondering if anyone knows the story behind why we have to borrow \$2 million to fix the dam? The details were not addressed during the last candidates forum.

Joe Robbins

Supporting a Cause

On a lake walk, I encountered a puppy owner wearing pants made by "women rescued from human trafficking." Further proof of our big heart! Case closed.

Patricia Novinski

Outstanding Carrier

Concerning your October 12 article on the News Review, I would like to add that in addition to Eric Zhang for 2013, Greenbelt News Review's ever-cheery carrier John Henry Jones is Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen for 2012.

Alan Duda

Correction

The location for the reception after the memorial service on October 20 for Joanne Pritchard was incorrectly listed in last week's newspaper. The reception will be held at the Community Center, Room 201, at about 1 p.m. The News Review regrets the error.

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Jazz Festival



PHOTO BY STEVE BUCCA

Big Band Tradition plays at the Jazz Festival in Roosevelt Center on October 14.

Sustainable Greenbelt



PHOTO BY JUDITH DAVIS

Greenbelt has been recertified as a Sustainable Maryland municipality with 600 points. John Lippert and Luisa Robles received the award at the business meeting of the Maryland Municipal League.

On Screen

Victoria and Abdul

This film is based on a true story and focuses on Queen Victoria, played by Judi Dench, and her friendship with Abdul Karim a man from India charged with delivering a present to her as the Empress of India. The two forge an unlikely and devoted alliance that her household and inner circle try to destroy. As their friendship deepens, the queen begins to experience new things and it changes her perspective on many parts of her life. The film explores life, duty, class and friendship. The director Stephen Frears also directed Elizabeth, Dangerous Liaisons and High Fidelity.

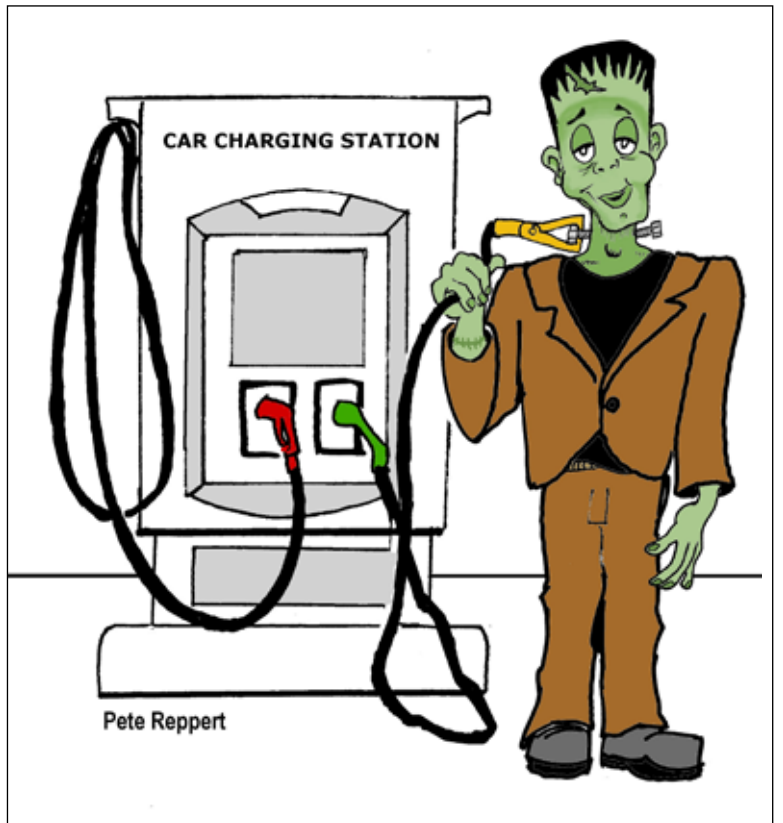
Running Time 1 Hour 45 Minutes
Rated PG-13

- Jill Connor

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.

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



Pete Reppert



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

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SHOWTIMES
Oct 20th - Oct 26th

VICTORIA AND ABDUL (PG-13) (112 mins) (CC)
Fri. 5:30, 8:00 PM
Sat. 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00 PM
Sun. 12:30, 3:00 (OC), 5:30, 8:00 PM
Mon. 5:30 PM
Tues. 5:30, 8:00 PM
Wed. 3:00, 5:30, 8:00 PM
Thurs. 5:30 PM

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Mon. 10:30 AM

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Community Events

Mishkan Torah Holds Annual Rummage Sale

The annual Mishkan Torah Rummage Sale, a Greenbelt tradition, will take place Sunday, October 29 and Monday, October 30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This much anticipated event features great finds at great prices. The huge selection of gently used items includes clothing, shoes and accessories for men, women and children; toys and games; housewares and linens; artwork; craft supplies; sports equipment; books for all ages; electronics; and much more. Monday is Bag Day where shoppers can fill up a bag for one low price.

Mishkan Torah is accepting donations for the sale. Gently used clothing, shoes, household items, toys and anything that one person can carry is appreciated. Donations will be accepted this coming Sunday, Monday and Friday during the afternoons (1 to 4 p.m.) and Wednesday from 3 to 8 p.m. Call 301-474-4223 to arrange for other times. For more information, call 301-351-4576. Donors will receive receipts as the donations may be tax-deductible.

Events at MakerSpace

Thursday, October 19: 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 20: Minecraft Night 6 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, October 21: Repair Café and Destruction Day 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Get help fixing what can be repaired; the unfixable will be dismantled.)

Sunday, October 22: Animation 2 to 4 p.m.

Monday, October 23: FLL Team 1 5 to 6:30 p.m., Teacher Meetup 7 to 9 p.m.

Tuesday, October 24: FLL Team 2 5:30 to 7 p.m. and Labradoodles 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Wednesday, October 25: Fiber Fans 6 to 9 p.m.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

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

All meals include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. The menu for the week of October 23 is as follows:

Monday, October 23: Chicken breast with sweet and sour sauce, fried rice, California vegetables, wheat roll, fresh fruit, cranberry juice.

Tuesday, October 24: Beef meat sauce, whole grain penne pasta, green beans, breadstick, apple fruit treat, grape juice.

Wednesday, October 25: Baked chicken thigh, black-eyed peas, broccoli, wheat roll, tropical fruit, apple juice.

Thursday, October 26: Pork roast with raisin sauce, mashed spiced yams, Harvard beets, wheat roll, applesauce, cranberry juice.

Friday, October 27: Ten-grain breaded pollock, mixed greens, peach crisp, potato salad, cornbread muffin, orange.

Astronomical Society Meets Thursday

The public is invited to the October meeting of the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt. The featured speaker will be Dr. William Farrell, who will discuss Ionized Gas in the Enceladus Plume. Enceladus is the sixth largest moon of the planet Saturn. Multiple flybys by the Cassini spacecraft revealed water-rich plumes venting from the south polar region.

Farrell is a plasma physicist in the Solar System Exploration Division at Goddard Space Flight Center. He received a Ph.D. in physics from the University of Iowa and has been the recipient of numerous awards.

The meeting will be held Thursday evening, October 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the H.B. Owens Science Center, 9601 Greenbelt Road (adjacent to DuVal High School). All are welcome. There is no admission fee.

Greenbelt Votes

On Tuesday, October 24, from 5 to 8 p.m., Reggae the Vote will be held at Beltway Plaza Mall. Attendees can listen to the music of Kevin Robinson and KERQ and are offered information about the election. Candidates for city council will be available to discuss issues important to the community. Sign up to vote from home or join a team rally on election day. Children are welcome and can prepare for Halloween with MakerSpace activities.

A final candidate meet and greet forum will be hosted at Verde at Greenbelt Station on Thursday, October 26, 7 to 10 p.m. Pizza and refreshments will be served. This forum is open to the public, but parking is limited. For more information, see the display ad on page 17.

Annual Senior Oktoberfest

The Greenbelt Senior Center is hosting its annual Oktoberfest on Friday, October 27 in the Community Center Gym from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Helmut Licht will be providing the musical entertainment from 1:30 to 2:30 and then light refreshments will be served, all for free.

Join us for a great afternoon of fun, music and food as we celebrate fall and Karen Haseley's retirement. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Exploring Page 115: Playing With Words

On Friday, October 20, Explorations Unlimited welcomes Martina Phillips, artistic director of alight dance theater. Alight dance theater is hosting Page 115: Playing With Words, a Greenbelt-based workshop series designed to engage participants of all ages with literature, dance and innovative storytelling.

Participants will be guided through a creative process using books – specifically page 115 – to make original stories out of existing ones, composed of words and movement. Alight, led by Phillips and Associate Artistic Director Eleni Grove, aims to collect as many original stories as possible throughout the workshop series to inspire and generate the beginning of a new full-length professional production to be performed on February 4, 2018 at the Community Center's Artful Afternoon.

This project is supported by a grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation. Future workshops will take place at the Community Center, Springhill Lake Recreation Center, Greenbelt Library and with Greenbelt Elementary School students.

Explorations Unlimited is held on Fridays beginning at 1 p.m. at the Community Center. This presentation will be held in Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Relics Perform Oct. 28 At Community Church

The Relics, members of the Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ, will present a free concert of rock, folk and soul music classics on Saturday, October 28 at 7 p.m. at the church, located at 1 Hillside Road.

An informal group of professional and semiprofessional musicians, the Relics enjoy sharing their love of music with the community.

In keeping with Halloween a few days away, attendees are encouraged to come in costume. There will be a costume contest with prizes awarded for the best costumes. The church will host a bake sale at intermission.

A freewill offering will be accepted to support the work of the church in the community.

Roosevelt Democratic Club on Big Money

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.

For more information call 202-321-4207 or check the club's website at rooseveltclub.com.

Writers Group Meeting Canceled

The Greenbelt Writers Group will not meet on Friday, October 20 as planned. For more information, contact Mary Moien at 301-474-4713.



More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

Greenbelt Arts Center Presents Beau Jest

Beau Jest is coming to the Greenbelt Arts Center on October 20, 21, 27 and 28 and November 3, 4, 10 and 11, at 8 p.m. There will be Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. on October 29 and November 5.

Sarah's close and loving family would certainly object very loudly if they were to meet her choice of boyfriend. What to do, what to do? He's coming to celebrate Dad's birthday! Aha! Clever Sarah has chosen a "pretend" beau who will meet with everyone's approval. Or will he? This charming and delightful comedy may provide a solution to her dilemma.

For more information on this production and for photos, contact Norma Ozur, director, at nozur@verizon.net. To inquire about press tickets, contact boxgac@gmail.com.

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.

Music Recital

Greenbelt Music and Arts Studio at Greenway Center will host a music recital on Saturday, October 21 at 7 p.m.

Utopia Film Festival Presents
 Sunday, Oct. 22nd, Wed., Oct. 25th, & Fri., Oct. 27th
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"The Unnatural," "D'Entres Les Mort," and "Marathon Beirut"

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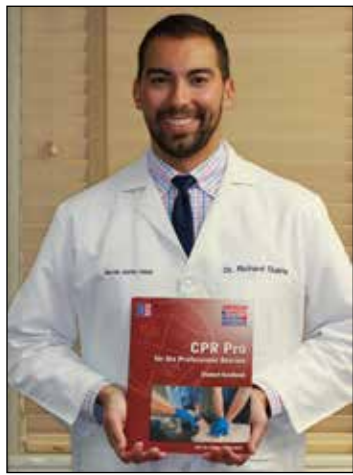
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McCarl Group Dentist Duarte Saves Floating, Lifeless Man

by Sue Krofchik

"Today we are planning Kevin's rehab and not a funeral, thanks to the quick actions of Dr. Duarte and two nurses," wrote James Powers in a September 25 email to McCarl Dental Group. Powers was speaking for and about his brother-in-law, Kevin.



McCarl associate dentist Richard Duarte

PHOTO COURTESY MCCARL DENTAL PRACTICE

It was September 21, the last day of summer, around 5 p.m. The season at Bethany Beach, Del., had ended the previous Sunday. Off-season meant there would be no lifeguards in chairs or patrolling the beach. Richard Duarte, an associate dentist at the dental group, was at Bethany Beach on vacation with his wife and her family and on that particular day and at that particular time was playing bocce ball on the beach. Waves stronger than usual pounded the shore in the wake of Hurricane José. Not many people were out except for an extended family nearby and a few others.

It was a fun-filled, lazy Thursday, until suddenly, screams filled the air. People were racing toward and pointing at the surf. A person was floating face down, limp, bobbing up and down in tandem with the waves in whatever direction they dictated. It was Kevin, from the other group on the beach, there for a family reunion. "A rogue wave had knocked him to the floor and he was floating lifelessly," wrote Powers. His neck had been broken.

Kevin's two brothers pulled him from the ocean with help from Duarte, who took control of the situation and immediately began CPR chest compressions. Kevin had swallowed and breathed in significant amounts of water. As Duarte continued compressions, two women, who happened to be registered nurses also trained in CPR, saw the commotion and rushed over. They

assisted with the breathing portion of CPR.

"For a split second there were signs of life," recalled Duarte, "but they quickly faded." Nevertheless, the three continued CPR as per protocol and did get the heart beating. They kept it going

until the emergency response team arrived and took over. Kevin was evacuated by helicopter to a Jefferson University Hospital System hospital in Philadelphia, where he underwent surgery to stabilize two broken vertebrae in his neck. He is recovering and is currently in an intensive rehabilitation program.

Duarte is a believer in the importance of training in CPR, as is McCarl Dental Group. State law requires that all health care professionals be current with CPR training. The McCarl Group more than meets these standards. Every two years they close both offices for an entire afternoon and engage the services of the American Safety and Health Institute to teach CPR to their entire staff, not just to their dentists and dental hygienists.

"You take these classes but you never think you will ever need to do this in real life, on a real person," reflected Duarte. A man is alive today because there were three people on a sparsely populated beach who knew how to perform CPR.

Michael Madden



Michael Madden

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE MADDEN FAMILY

Michael Madden, 63, a Greenbelt Pioneer family member, died October 13, 2017, after a long illness. Michael was the sixth and youngest child of the late Anthony and Catherine Madden. He graduated from St. Hugh's Parochial School, Greenbelt, and went on to graduate from DeMatha Catholic High School. From there he entered the Marine Corps working in air traffic technical support in Hawaii during the Vietnam War. He served four years and received an honorable

discharge.

After his service, Mr. Madden worked as a Nationwide Insurance agent, following in the footsteps of his father and brother.

Toward the end of his life Mr. Madden moved back to Greenbelt and lived with and took care of his sisters, Patti Molden and Mary Doman, until their deaths from long illnesses. He lived his final year active at the Veterans Administration facility in Martinsburg, W.Va.

Mr. Madden is survived by brother Martin Madden (Julie), sisters Kathleen Dunleavy and Therese Stringfellow (Frank) along with 11 nieces and nephews and 22 great nieces and nephews.

A family service is being held Thursday, October 19 at Gate of Heaven Cemetery with Father Rev. Walter Tappe, St. Hugh's Church, and the Marine Corp Honor Guard presenting.

A Memorial Mass at St. Hugh's Church is being planned in November followed by a repast with friends of Mr. Madden and his family invited to celebrate his kind and generous soul.



Our sympathies to family and friends of Greenbelter Michael Madden, who died on October 13.

Our condolences to the friends and family of Anne Jones Hansen, who died on October 11 in Charlevoix, Michigan. Mrs. Hansen is the mother of Greenbelter and News Review staff member Amy Hansen.

Congratulations to Debbie Fishbeck who graduated Wednesday, October 11 from the Richard Gilder Institute at the American Museum of Natural History with a masters' degree. According to her mother, Bhameny Fishbeck, the ceremony was wonderful.

The News Reviews commends Dr. Richard Duarte of the McCarl Dental Group for swift, life-saving action while on vacation at Bethany Beach.

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

Joanne Pritchard

A Memorial Service for Joanne Pritchard will be held on October 20 at 11 a.m. at Paint Branch Church in Adelphi. The reception will follow at about 1 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center.

Workshop at St. Hugh On Domestic Violence

On Saturday, October 28 from 10 a.m. to noon there will be a workshop on how to help family and friends suffering from domestic violence. The workshop will be held in the church hall at St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church, 135 Crescent Road. Enter the hall from the parking lot behind the church. A continental breakfast will be provided. The workshop is sponsored by Catholic Charities/St. Hugh Ladies of Charity. For more information, contact Mary Ann Tretler at 240-517-7559.



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Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

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Assurance about what we do not see.

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Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

October 22 10 a.m.
"Our Hopes"

The Reverend Rachel Christensen, Minister; with William Snyder, Worship Associate
At our Ingathering worship we were all invited to share our Hope and put them on the window walls. What are the hopes of this community?

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ERHS and Japanese Students Connect as Global Classmates

by Matthew Arbach

Beginning in September, the Japanese Honor Society (JHS) of Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) has been participating for the third year in the Global Classmates program to connect with a Japanese high school English class. Facilitated by Kizuna Across Cultures (KAC), Global Classmates is an "online language and cultural exchange program" where "students develop friendships, deepen understanding of each other's cultures and naturally improve their language skills," according to their website, kacultures.org.

For six months, the JHS spends the first 10 minutes of class logging into the Global Classmates site. Students are presented with a question or discussion topic to ponder and expound on, such as thoughts on Western music, choice of snacks or describing a memorable trip. Responses are typed in Japanese and English and are converted into Japanese characters using special software. Teacher Tetsuo Ogawa is proud to say that "they all know how to type in Japanese, too." Participants can also send personal photos and videos "to connect and engage on a deeper level," according to the website.

Global Classmates is installed into a school system through a four-step process: an initial application submitted in February at the earliest, an acceptance after a complete review by KAC, a matching with a partner school and teacher and a final "Meet and Train" with the partner teacher through a video conference, where the plan for the complete session will be made. The current session at ERHS ends in February. The partner school is Takikawa Nishi HS, located in Hokkaido.

KAC looks for the following criteria in choosing a school: a teacher who is passionate about offering such an experience to students, reliable internet connection and curious students.

Global Classmates also can include a sharing of gifts called Omiyage exchange. Gifts might be snacks, magazines, school supplies and other cultural knick-knacks. Hand-made gifts, such as pins and bracelets, are "often the most beloved" and "thoughtful" and are accompanied with a handwritten note to help in its understanding.

The Video Koshien competition program consists of participants creating a brief video that displays "distinctive perspectives on a central theme." This can be program-wide and not just between the partner schools. "The videos are judged not so much on language ability, but rather

on their overall quality of video, taking factors such as ability to express their ideas, structure, creativity and presentation skills into consideration."

Teacher Ogawa and his students expressed a deep interest in the program. Ogawa says it "has been a great success" and he "hopes this program will be part of the AP/4 class for a long time." He feels it has given his students greater confidence in their language skills. Student Nia Dyson was surprised by the Japanese avidity for Western music, like Taylor Swift and One

Direction. Jacky Chen and Connor Bofto were both intrigued by what Bofto called "a perspective on another life." Bofto remarked on the Japanese fondness for trains and the Obon Festival, devoted to "respecting ancestors." Brandon Wilson enjoyed "getting to know students" and "personal info." He was surprised by how similar both classes were in many ways.

Based on a 2016-17 program-wide exit survey, 91 percent of the students believe they know more about each other's culture and 83 percent of the students believe they know more about their own culture; 83 percent of the students responded that participating in Global Classmates strengthened their desire to learn more about other cultures through study abroad; 89 percent of students increased their desire to visit Japan/America. In addition, 70 percent felt more connected to their partner classmates and 80 percent increased their desire to meet their partner students.

The KAC vision is "to make a long-term impact at a grassroots level to inspire youth to become global citizens" (kacultures.org). By fostering mutual understanding of the differences in culture and helping them learn to express themselves, through what Dyson called a culture swap, the students in JHS are striving not just to improve their language skills but also to understand Japanese culture and get a better grasp of their own.

Friends Host Fall Fair

Friends Community School will celebrate the season with its annual Fall Fair on Sunday, October 22 from noon to 4 p.m. The fair and the school are located at 5901 Westchester Park Drive in College Park.

The Fall Fair will include student-run games, a moon bounce, a toy and book sale, live entertainment and plenty of good food prepared by local restaurants and school families. The fair will take place rain or shine.

ERHS Stakes Out New Turf

by Stephanie Selzer

Several teams played their first games on the newly installed artificial turf field at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) last week.

ERHS joins a growing list of high schools in Prince George's County that have replaced their grass fields with turf. At the beginning of this school year, new fields were already installed at Dr. Henry Wise High School, Gwynn Park High School, Oxon Hill High School and Fairmont Heights High School.

In 2013, the Prince George's County House Delegation approved a state bill requiring the installation of artificial turf fields at all county high schools.

Depending on the site and permit requirements, the cost of installation of a typical turf field and field lighting project costs between \$1.5 to \$1.7 million according to Prince George's County Public Schools spokesman John White.

White said schools will see several benefits in using turf instead of grass including lower maintenance costs, fewer injuries and the ability to use the fields year round, even in inclement weather.

ERHS Athletics Director Thomas Green said the grass field became harder to maintain by the end of each season. Back-to-back games took a toll and "grass would be done for the year," he said.

New field lights will also allow ERHS to host night games. Workers just completed installa-



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The field at Eleanor Roosevelt High School has new astro turf and a new goal post.

tion, and the lights were expected to be used for the first time during the boys and girls varsity soccer games on October 18.

Another benefit of the new field is a sense of renewed pride among student athletes, especially after playing most of this season away from home. "It's exciting for the kids, I think, because it's their field, and they've waited a long time for it," said varsity girls soccer Coach Bob Sowers. "It's been kind of a frustrating season because we've never played at home, and the season's almost over."

The new field came just in time for the ERHS homecoming football game against Bowie High School last Saturday. The face of the Raiders' mascot could be seen on the 50-yard line, while the blue end zones matched the home team's uniforms. ERHS beat Bowie 41-0.

Although many are excited about the new turf, some individuals still have mixed feelings. "I understand that financially it makes sense in the long run but I was sad when I found out we were losing our grass field," said junior varsity girls soccer Coach Patrick Gleason. "Turf is hotter ... and I've heard mixed research on the exposure to rubber."

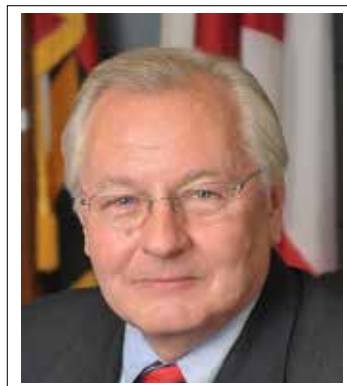
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Guide Dogs of Greenbelt

by Maria Herd

Angie accompanies Denna Lambert just about everywhere she goes – from her job at Goddard Space Flight Center to outings in historic Greenbelt including the Co-op, the New Deal Café and recently to the Old Greenbelt Theatre to watch The Sound of Music.

Angie, a black Labrador retriever, has been Lambert’s guide dog for nearly four years. The two were paired up through an organization called Seeing Eye based in New Jersey.

“The match that the school makes – it’s almost like an arranged marriage,” said Lambert.

Seeing Eye representatives interviewed Lambert at her home in Greenbelt to get a sense of her personality and lifestyle, then matched her with Angie.

“She and I are a team, and the bond between the dog and the person is almost irreplaceable. I know her and her mannerisms and she knows me,” Lambert said.

Non-profit organizations like Seeing Eye rely on many volunteers to train dogs like Angie to assist blind people. These volunteers, referred to as puppy raisers, do not need to be professional dog trainers. In fact, a few puppy raiser volunteers live here in Greenbelt.

Renee Cooper and her family recently raised a black lab named Alton through a program similar to Seeing Eye called Guiding Eyes for the Blind, based in Yorktown Heights, N.Y.

“Each school is a little different as far as policies,” said Lambert. “It’s like Yale and Harvard – great schools, just different approaches sometimes.”

At both schools, puppies go to their raisers at about eight weeks old. During the next 14 to 16 months, volunteers teach the

puppy house-breaking and house-manners, in addition to taking them to weekly classes and on social outings.

Cooper’s kids had been begging their parents to adopt a dog; however, Cooper explained that they did not want to be tied down to having a pet for the next several years. Once her family learned more about the puppy raiser process they decided to give it a try.

“It was a lovely way to volunteer, to put all the love and energy into a dog, and then pass it on to someone else,” said Cooper.

Cooper stressed that the time and effort her family put in to keep up with the training was challenging, but she appreciated what the experience taught her children.

“It was a good lesson for the kids to not give up, and continue and finish what we had started,” she said.

Cooper also used the experience to teach her children about letting go.

“In our society we often have instant gratification,” she said. “It was a very important lesson to teach the kids that not everything we get is ours, and it’s not that important to accumulate and own and have. We were raising a guiding eye puppy for someone else and it was not ours to keep.”

Cooper inspired her friend, Andrea Marcavitch, to also raise a puppy through Guiding Eyes. Marcavitch accompanied Cooper to a training class, then decided that it would be a rewarding responsibility for her and her family to take on.

“Many of the people in the program had raised multiple dogs and I was just amazed by that. The dogs were so impressive,” Marcavitch said. “I felt that I wanted to be a part of the pro-

gram and do something positive to help someone.”

Marcavitch’s family received their puppy Yasha, another black lab, in December of last year.

“She was like a Christmas present,” said Marcavitch’s 10-year-old daughter Beatrice.

However, Marcavitch said that initially having Yasha was overwhelming.

“It was like having another baby in the house,” she said. “I felt this great responsibility and pressure. Like, ‘What if I mess up the dog? Did I do the right thing?’ Thankfully, the program is filled with wonderful volunteers and puppy raisers who have supported me and encouraged me.”

Yasha will go up to the Guiding Eye headquarters in New York next spring to take a test. If she passes, then Yasha will go through six months of intensive training to become an official guide dog for the blind.

According to Marcavitch, Guiding Eye has refined their process over the years to breed out traits like aggression and health issues like hip dysplasia.

“It’s amazing that they can tell the temperament of the dogs at seven to eight weeks old because the organization has been breeding dogs for so long,” she said.

Guiding Eye sends guide dogs all over the world. The organization estimates that they match about 160 guide dogs to blind people each year. It costs about \$50,000 to breed, raise, train and

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Andrea Marcavitch and her children Beatrice (10) and Graham (7) pause with their guide dog-in-training, Yasha.

- Photos by Maria Herd



Ellen Noll and certified therapy dog, Jonas, take a break in Roosevelt Center.

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Nursery School Celebrates 75 Years of Education and Play

by Jill Connor



Children play on the playground at Greenbelt Nursery School.

The Greenbelt Nursery School (GNS) may appear to run on finger paints, snacks and turns on the slide, but the glue that holds it together is the community, according to Lisa Meyer, the school's director and one of its teachers. As the cooperative school celebrates its 75th anniversary this year, Meyer and others are celebrating the communities GNS creates.

The school builds community with kids and with parents who take turns co-opping or working as assistants to teachers. The parents build communities between themselves and then as the families outgrow the school, they take that community with them.

And on November 11, that community is invited back for a celebration at its former home in the Greenbelt Community Church.

The party will be a reunion for those parents to reconnect with the school but also with each other. "It is a time to celebrate something that has been around a long time and to celebrate the connections they make while they are here. The school has lasted because of the strength and heart of this community," said Meyer.

The nursery school's cooperative function is key, Meyer explains. "It comes in the form of lower tuition but you really sign up to give something more to this school than tuition. You have to give the school your time in order for it to thrive and to be what it is supposed to be, which is all members helping."

And that cooperative function is one of the reasons former parents and current grandparents feel secure in their children's choice to send their grandchildren to Greenbelt Nursery School, said Meyer. "It's something that has the qualities that you can count on for your children and your grandchildren too. I think the nurturing essence of the school has not changed."

Former GNS director Janet Cantwell concurs. Cantwell worked as director for almost 10 years while the school was located in the fellowship hall of the Greenbelt Community Church (1954 to 1996), the location of the party. In 1996 the school relocated to the Community Center, its current location.

The location was one of many changes the school went through along with the introduction of aftercare and accreditation of the school.

What has not changed, said

Cantwell, is what co-opping for your child's school gives to the parent and the child. "Greenbelt Nursery School provides quality developmentally appropriate education to students and support for parents. The parenting skills that you get when you are a co-opping parent helps you bond with your child and get to know other parents. It is a valuable entity in our community."

And, adds Meyer, it is valuable as the family moves forward with school. "Parent involvement in a child's education is the number one predictor of school success," said Meyer. The cooperative learning environment can also be an easier transition into structured schooling. Meyer called it "the first extension of the family."

According to the Parent Co-operative Preschools Council International, the first cooperative preschool opened in 1916. There was an expansion of a number of cooperative preschools in the 1940s, the GNS being one, opening in 1942. There are now hundreds of parent cooperative preschools but few with the long history of GNS.

Cantwell is currently the principal at Saint Mary Catholic School in Alexandria, Va.

She was not just the director of GNS but also a parent and she's now a grandparent of students. Cantwell watches her grandchildren play with the grandchildren of parents she once co-oped with. And the community of Greenbelt Nursery School grows even stronger.

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and times changed. Though the open house came and went, the film idea lived on and the News Review's board decided to make it a reality in celebration of the paper's birthday.

Film Completed

The premiere of the completed film is part of a program to celebrate the News Review's 80th anniversary of publication. As an early center of Greenbelt's cultural life, the Old Greenbelt Theatre is the perfect place to screen the movie – it's practically a character in the film.

Filmmaker Gervasi

Susan Gervasi, Greenbelt resident and documentary filmmaker, coined the film's title which captures the early residents' feeling for the city. Gervasi is a fan of the city and a longtime resident who is well-versed in the city's history. She is a director of the Utopia Film Festival and active in the local arts scene. She bravely took up the challenge of writing and producing a film on a topic that its viewers are already knowledgeable about. And, as history comes full circle, she also sought the generous help of Miller (who didn't realize she'd sown the seeds) as its narrator.

Gervasi centers the film on the paper's defense of a libel suit which ultimately led to a Supreme Court decision in the paper's favor – creating legal precedent significant to the First Amendment freedom of the press. In doing so she also explores the origins of the city, the development of its sense of self and community and the workings of the paper throughout its history – and into the future. For her it was a voyage of discovery into a city she thought she already knew well. She discovered treasures in the National Archives, Greenbelt Library's Tugwell Room and in the paper itself. She interviewed many individuals across the gamut of the paper's activities and history.

Eat Dessert First

The film premieres Thursday, November 16 at the Old Greenbelt Theatre. The evening kicks off on a sweet note at 7:30 p.m. with dessert served in the theater. In addition to a traditional birthday cake there will be a buffet of dessert miniatures, thoughtfully and deliciously created by Roosevelt Center's Chef Lou. Tea, coffee and spiced cider are on tap.

Keynote Speakers

At around 8 p.m., three featured speakers will discuss how the paper has been part of Greenbelt and the wider world. All three are interviewed in the film. Megan Searing-Young and Chris Cherry are both known in the city for their contributions to

the Greenbelt Museum and the Recreation Department's performing arts program, respectively. The paper's role in the community will be discussed by Searing Young while Cherry describes how the newspaper's archives became an inspiration to him as he researched Greenbelt's early theater-oriented activities.

They will be followed by Lee Levine, a D.C. attorney specializing in defending media clients in first amendment litigation who has defended media cases before the Supreme Court. His books on the First Amendment include analysis of the role of the News Review case and its ruling.

The film will be shown start-

ing at around 9 p.m., lasting approximately an hour.

Ticket Information

Tickets are available online at greenbelttheatre.org/home/ and in person at the Old Greenbelt Theatre box office. For further details, see the newspaper's website at greenbeltnewsreview.com. A trailer of the film is available for viewing at vimeo.com/237303654.

Media attorney Lee Levine will speak at the News Review 80th Celebration.



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As required by Section 14 of the City Charter, Greenbelt will hold a regular City Council election on

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Applications to receive absentee ballots must be received by noon on Monday, November 6, 2017. The completed ballot must be received by the City Clerk no later than 6 p.m. the day of the regular election, November 7, 2017. No absentee ballots will be distributed prior to October 18.

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

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Utopia Film Festival Reviews 2017



by Ginny Jones

The 13th Annual Utopia Film Festival was held on Saturday, October 14 and Sunday, October 15 at both the Old Greenbelt Theatre and the Greenbelt Arts Center. The festival presented a wide range of thought-provoking, entertaining and enjoyable films. On Saturday morning, the first set of films was created by animation students in the GAVA workshops run by George Kochell (Mr. Geo). These short films were quite original, with the standouts being *The Big Surprise* by Felix Haas and *In the Garden* by Alexandria Session. The following set of 4 Films by Young People were also impressive. *The Importance of Giving*, directed by Prakhay Chatla, showed a brief encounter between a student who gave an envelope of prize money to a young boy who used it to purchase a study guide. *Kate Manning* had two entries: *Castaway 2*, where a girl is possibly stranded on a (perhaps?) deserted island with a surprise ending, and the animated video *Fun Facts About Goats*. Is it a fact that goats can climb trees? *Climate Change* by Shannon McGavin displayed a fast moving hand manipulation of objects demonstrating climate change.

Bucket Drummer told the story of a struggling street musician who is inspired by a *How to Get Rich* book dropped in his tip bucket. *The Servant* is a technical marvel of animation in which a writer battles with an insect who becomes his servant. *Creative Feds* was directed by Erica Ginsberg and Leon Gerskovici. Gerskovici appears with the Fabulettes, a group that performs 70s pop tunes in period costumes and Erica Ginsberg plays Celtic tunes with the Ocean Orchestra. Their non-federal gigs contrast with and complement their federal jobs. *Paint as You Like* was an extended interview that became a beautiful tribute to a father's life as an artist. The vast number of paintings that appear in the film are dazzling, detailed and demanding. The film should become a classic and is worth tracking down to view. Gerskovici, Ginsburg and Ryan answered questions from the audience following their set of films.

Sugihara Survivors: Jewish and Japanese, Past and Future tells the story of the rescue of Jewish persons rounded up by Nazis when they invaded Poland. The film follows Akira Kitade as he traces the story of several survivors who ended up in the United States. This amazing piece of history describes how Chiune Sugihara, the Japanese Consul in Lithuania, along with Tatsuo Osako, an official of the Japan Tourist Bureau, enabled Jewish refugees to travel through the Soviet Union and take a ship to Japan. In *American Storytellers* director Emily Tope followed Robert Wolf through Iowa as he convinced residents to first tell their life stories and then write them. It is a convincing portrayal of his belief that everybody has a story to tell and that reading these stories might help to heal the current rift between people in America. *Aboard and Beyond*, directed by Susannah Stevens, followed passengers on a MARC

train between Washington D.C. and Baltimore. Seeing these passengers provides an interesting contrast for Metro riders in the D.C. area. *Filling In*, directed by Bradley Hawkins, offered a light-hearted, clever and comedic portrayal of the tongue-in-cheek job of being an assistant to the Tooth Fairy.

Left on Pearl, directed by Susie Rivo, was an outstanding documentary about the occupation of a Harvard building by women in 1971. The juxtaposition of the women shown in documentary footage with the same women in 2015-16 gave a powerful testimony to the changes that have taken place in our society over the last several decades.

The films on Sunday were even more impressive. *The Writer with No Hands* was directed and filmed by William Westaway, who followed British professor, Matthew Alford, who believes that the death of the Hollywood screenwriter, Gary Devore, was actually an assassination carried out by the CIA in 1997. Alford traveled to Los Angeles and spoke with Devore's family members. The ending is inconclusive and somewhat bewildering.

Union Leader which was written, directed and produced by Sanjay Patel was set in India with a factory that is toxic to the workers and run by a corrupt businessman. The workers unite behind one of the workers to create a new union and confront the boss. It was nail-biting to watch, but it came to a plausible and happy conclusion. *True Colors* told the story of a chemist who devised a way to grow naturally-colored cotton after seeing her relative suffer from the effects of working with yarn that had been contaminated by pesticides. *Roll Call: A Dance Story* is the story of a dance studio in New York State that teaches persons in wheelchairs with a wide range of disabilities how to dance. Professional dance instructors and high school students partner up with the students. The last part of the film is a performance showing off the skills they have learned and the relationships they have developed. Anyone who has watched the prime time TV shows on dance should look for this film online. What a wonderful way to end the two days of mind-opening and pure enjoyment from such a wide variety of films.

by Bill Jones

The Utopia Film Festival on October 14 and 15 was a big success. I heard many positive comments from attendees as I exercised my ridiculously cheap \$20 All-Access Pass to see many of the films on offer. The following are my thoughts on several of these interesting films:

The End of the Road (112 minutes documentary): In 1970, hippies from across Canada and the U.S. drifted to the far west town of Lund, Canada, on the Pacific Ocean. They settled on forest land outside of town, with no buildings, no electricity and no water and sewage service. They grew their own food and built amateurish homes. Though they initially had no skills, they compensated by smoking pot and running around naked. The film intersperses interviews of the hippies 40 years later with photos and home movies from the 70s and 80s. It was heartening to see how the hippies gave their children an ideal upbringing in spite of, or perhaps because of, the financial difficulties.

I Have Adopted a Father (7 minutes, fantasy): A young man sees an old man on the street

in India. The old man turns out to have partial paralysis but no money for the hospital. The young man adopts the old man, cares for him, and gets him some help. This film shows how some of us have an impulse to help those less fortunate.

Remember Everthing to Not Forget Anyone (3 minutes, documentary): A man wanders the Italian island of Lampedusa, reciting from memory the names of the many refugees who drowned trying to reach the island on a single day in October — 342 on that one day alone. This film was the only one I found disappointing.

Light Thief (6 minutes, fantasy): A photographer has a magic camera that makes a person disappear immediately after it takes the picture. The photographer has dozens of photos of these disappeared persons posted on her wall. But then her boyfriend takes her picture with the camera, so she disappears as well. It seems to be an allegory for just desserts for Latin American governments that "disappear" so

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by Leann Irwin

Utopia Film Festival completed its 13th year with two dramas from the U.S.A. *Swimming in the Desert* follows the serious issue of a drought with whimsy and intimate human relationships. A girl's voice narrates the film, in which a 10-year-old girl initiates a grand solution to a local problem. Using inspirational drawings and writings she motivates her grandfather to act for the Earth.

Filling In takes us into the night job of a rookie and veteran in an unusual business. With wings and a tutu, the rookie gains the necessary skills to fulfill his job as a successful Tooth Fairy.

An award-winning feature film out of Canada, *Union Leader* was inspired by a true story based in the state of Gujarat, India. Relationships are at the core of a drama that grips the heart; many layers of illness, corruption and murder appear. One man and his family, behind on rent payments, speak of their fears and hopes, with his son challenging the status quo. Workers in a noxious chemical plant must decide between keeping their jobs while continuing to go to funerals because of exposure, or standing together in a union with a hope of improving their lives. At one union meeting, the sound of harsh endless, coughing forces the listener to face the inescapable fact of disease. Hope grows as one man known for his compassion decides to accept leadership. An ad for the film states, "Activism that challenges the status quo, that attacks deeply

rooted problems is not for the faint of heart."

One of the special features of the Utopia Festival is the opportunity to meet with filmmakers. Bethany Morgan director of *True Colors*, answered questions about her film in which a scientist is intent on finding non-toxic options for toxic dyes used in cotton yarn and fabric production. *True Colors* carefully details some of the scientific and industrial issues facing cotton production. A compelling side story shows the relationship of the scientist to a victim of toxic dyes and pesticides. The director spoke about integrating this human element into the film.

A film that led to lively discussion near the ticket counter of the Greenbelt Arts Center was *The Writer with No Hands*. A British investigator and a British filmmaker present facts, interviews, hypotheses and questions about the death or disappearance of Hollywood screenwriter Gary Devore in 1997. DeVore wrote many screen plays, including *Raw Deal*, 1986, *Traxx* and *The Dogs of War*. The film presents bizarre and conflicting information and ends with a surprising twist leaving viewers with further divergent conclusions.

With thought-provoking films from many countries being shown, viewers undoubtedly walked away from the festival with new ideas. Utopia Film Festival also fulfills its mission by offering an opportunity to view films that are not readily found in typical theaters.



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match each dog, according to their website. The organization relies entirely on donations and volunteers.

“The guide dog training industry utilizes a highly-selective process so the dogs are generally very intelligent, well-behaved, and motivated to work,” said Tanja Owe, a local professional dog trainer with an M.S. in Companion Animal Behavior Analysis and Consulting. “The industry strives to achieve compatibility between each guide dog and human partner. If our society understood and valued compatibility in a similar way, then the rate of canine and feline euthanasia would not be as high as it is.”

For puppy raisers like Cooper and Marcavitch, Guiding Eyes covers medical costs and provides dog-sitting volunteers for vacations. Marcavitch says that the only personal costs she has incurred for Yasha have been for food, toys and gas driving to training classes.

Marcavitch’s son, seven-year-old Graham, said that he likes playing tug-o-war and fetch with Yasha.

His sister Beatrice said her favorite thing to do with Yasha is snuggle, and she likes “knowing she is going to help someone in the future.”

Marcavitch knows that the day her family has to part with Yasha will be difficult, but she is looking forward to giving back to someone else.

“Yasha will hopefully make someone’s life richer and allow someone independence that most of us take for granted,” she said. “This experience will stay with our family forever and I know this last year raising Yasha will be one of our proudest and fondest moments. I’m not sure who will be given the bigger gift.”

Cooper’s family also bonded over raising their puppy Alton for Guiding Eyes.

“Alton brought a lot of joy and laughter into our house. It

was a very good experience for us all to see how much time, energy and devotion it took to raise a dog,” she said.

Another Greenbelt resident, Ellen Noll, is a seasoned puppy raiser with Guiding Eyes.

She became involved with Guiding Eyes 14 years ago. Since then, Noll and her daughter Alice have raised a total of nine puppies for the program.

“These dogs are bred and born to work. That’s what they long to do,” Noll said.

Noll was one of the first volunteers in the area who raised puppies without a choke collar.

“It was at that point, about 2003, that they really started that whole positive reinforcement training which now is the standard,” she said.

Out of all the puppies Noll has trained, her current dog Jonas was one of the few who did not pass his test at the Guiding Eyes headquarters.

Jonas had kennel stress and refused to come out of his cage, so he was sent back to Noll in Greenbelt. “It was just circumstantial,” she said. “He would have been a great guide dog.”

Noll enrolled Jonas in Fidos for Freedom, an organization based in Laurel, to become a certified therapy dog. The team regularly goes to local hospitals and nursing homes – such as Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring, Hillhaven Assisted Living, Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Beltsville and Cherry Lane Nursing Center in Laurel – to brighten patients’ days.

Jonas did not like being a therapy dog at first, according to Noll.

“At first he hated it. He thought that people in wheelchairs were chasing him and he was like ‘this is not what I want to do with my life,’” she recalled.

But now after almost two years, he enjoys his visits and is not as afraid of people in wheelchairs.



Angie, the guide dog, directs Denna Lambert around Greenbelt.

PHOTO BY MARIA HERD

Noll’s background in education – she worked as a teacher for almost 20 years – compelled her to teach children about the American Disabilities Act. She took her guide dogs in training to Greenbelt Elementary School and other local schools for about 10 years to give presentations in classrooms and on Career Day.

“We still have a lot to learn about people with disabilities, and what can we do to help them to live their lives to the fullest,” she said.

Lambert says that one of her biggest challenges with Angie is when people on the street get excited to pet a cute puppy which can ultimately distract her guide dog.

“Angie may look like she is standing there, and they may not know that she is on her job watching for traffic,” she said. “If someone is distracting her by trying to offer her food or playing with her or making noises to get her attention, that breaks the concentration that we have to have together as a team.”

Lambert said that these distractions can put her or others

who rely on guide dogs in danger.

“Asking to pet the dog is a big thing,” she said.

Tanja Owe has worked with Lambert in Greenbelt to provide additional training for Angie.

“With guide dogs like Angie, success is a matter of life or death for their human partners,” she said. “My experience with guide dogs is very limited, which is why I was both thrilled and nervous to work with them. In the end, I was mostly humbled by Angie’s discipline and awesome mission.”

Angie knows that she is supposed to be looking out for Lambert when her guide dog harness is on.

“It’s kind of like being on the clock or kinda like wearing business attire as we would for humans,” said Lambert. “But when she is out of harness, she is just like a regular dog.”

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

At the Library

Books at Bedtime, presented by the Prince George’s County Infants and Toddlers Program, Monday, October 23, 6:30 p.m., for ages newborn to 3, limit 20 people. Stop by the information desk to pick up free tickets on the day of the event.

Ready 2 Read Storytimes. Ages 3 to 5, Tuesdays (except November 21), 7 p.m. and Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m., limit 20. Ages 2 to 3, Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m.; Thursdays (except November 23), 4:15 p.m., limit 20. Newborn to age 2, Thursdays (except November 23), 10:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m., limit 15.

STEM for Families: Oh, Deer! Monday, October 23, 4:30 p.m., ages 5 to 12. All animals need food, water, shelter and space. Explore the four components of habitat and learn about the white-tailed deer that live in Maryland.

Maryland STEM Festival. STEM for Families: Construction for Kids, ages 5 to 12, Saturday, November 4, 10:30 a.m., Enjoy open and structured building with a variety of materials, including Lego and Duplo parts.

English Conversation Club, adults, Mondays, 6:30 p.m. Learning to speak English? Join the library club and practice speaking English in a friendly atmosphere with people from diverse backgrounds. Registration is recommended, as space is limited.

STEM-tastic: Crazy 8’s Math - Season 1, Grades 3 to 5, Tuesdays, November 7 and 14, 5:30 p.m., limit 15. Get fired up about math with Crazy 8s after-school math club. Registration required.

Fall 2017 African History & Culture Lecture Series, adults, Tuesday, October 24, 7 p.m. Warriors With Words: How the Early Black Press and the Freedom Narratives Fought Slavery and Won will be the next session in this audiovisual lecture series presented by historian C.R. Gibbs.



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√ Respect the Past

Greenbelt’s beginnings as a planned community serve as our guide when we make decisions today. The recommendations of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan and Sustainability Plan are examples and I will work to see these implemented. I advocated for and strongly support the community-focused programming at the Greenbelt Theater as it echoes our historic past and enhances the vitality of Roosevelt Center. I also urge citizens to vote yes on the referendum to permit the city to borrow funds to repair the dam at Greenbelt Lake.

√ Build the Future

Our future depends on people. The success of any development – whether short-term from new housing at Greenbelt Station or long-term from development at the metro station – depends upon how involved in Greenbelt our new citizens become. We must promote Greenbelt organizations, businesses, and services throughout the city and welcome new residents with open arms. We can also help build the future by voting yes on the referendum to give 16- and 17-year-old youth the right to vote in city elections.

Visit my web site, <http://www.themachs.net> to learn more.
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Senator Ben Cardin and his staff about the project and there was cautious optimism about securing the needed additional funding.

Ric Gordon:

There are many Greenbelters who were split on the FBI relocating to Greenbelt, with many feeling like it would compromise the uniqueness of Greenbelt, while others feel it was the next stage of growth for the City and would be a great asset. Now with the FBI currently being off the table, I feel we can find a common ground amongst Greenbelters and use that space for the betterment of all Greenbelters. I firmly believe that we can use the space for the creation of the New Roosevelt-Tugwell City Municipal Building, this can serve all of Greenbelt by housing new Council Chambers, Council Offices and Administration. The New Municipal Building can also be used to house various Advisory Board meetings as well, along the fact that it will create more space for those who want to attend council meetings. It can also increase the quality for those who work Greenbelt local television and install new equipment to enhance viewing experience. Also, this can create smart growth by having small businesses on surrounding property such as possible Deli, Small Restaurants that will also help flow money back into our economy and also create new jobs. I also believe that these businesses that land on the surrounding property must first look to Greenbelt residents for hiring opportunities first, being a part of my Greenbelt first Jobs Initiative program. I feel that this closed door can be the opening of a new opportunity for the new beacon of Greenbelt, with this new Municipal building being something all Greenbelters can benefit from and make their own.

Ed Putens:

The News Review apparently believes the opportunity to bring the FBI to Greenbelt has ended. I don't.

For sure, cancellation of this huge federal procurement was a setback, but it's almost certainly temporary. The Chairman of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works already has a commitment from the General Services Administration and FBI to return to the Committee with an FBI headquarters plan by the end of November.

There is no contradicting this: The FBI has to move. Its downtown DC headquarters is crumbling on the outside and functionally too small and a mess on the inside. Moreover, developers invested heavily in their proposals and won't just walk away. I believe that either the procurement will be re-issued by GSA or a new procurement issued. I also believe Greenbelt has so far offered the proposal that best serves the FBI's interests.

Even without the FBI, we have a new upscale housing development that has changed our definition of "Greenbelt West." Take a right turn off Greenbelt Road and drive through. You will be amazed at its progress and how many new Greenbelters already live there. These welcome new residents represent an expanded customer base for our businesses and many are already participating in Greenbelt public life.

Whatever the FBI decision, the site should be developed with as low a density as possible. Traffic and environmental concerns are the biggest priority. Any new plans will undergo environmental scrutiny from all levels. We'll have less traffic with the FBI than a shopping mall, however. As always, the County will make the final decision, based on its zoning authority, but Greenbelt,

as always, will participate aggressively.

Silke Pope:

Greenbelt does not own the North Core property, which means we cannot control exactly what happens with that site. However, there are some steps we could take. One would be to attempt to attract a company such as Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin, a space exploration company. With the Goddard Space Flight Center nearby, Greenbelt is a perfect location for such a business. And while STEM type businesses are an important potential source of new business for our city, we also must be open to exploring other strategies to stimulate economic growth.

While the city has a vested interest in the development of the North Core property, we need a comprehensive city-wide plan to insure continued economic growth of the city and the expansion of our tax base. It is imperative that the city find a way to obtain the services of an economic development advisor who has specific experience with small cities. Additionally, we should create an economic development advisory board that would leverage the experience and knowledge of our residents to advise the council on these issues. As a plan is developed, all city residents should be encouraged to provide their input concerning the type of economic growth they want to see in Greenbelt.

We must determine how to make our city more attractive to the types of businesses that we want to see locate in our city. We continue to have a high percentage of unoccupied office space in the city. We must find ways to fill these offices. And, we must determine what has caused businesses to leave Greenbelt. Unless we do this, we will never solve the problems we are experiencing now.

Susan Stewart:

The FBI isn't quite off the table, but we are in contingency mode, which we've not prepared for. The Metro parking lot remains a massive impervious surface and heat sink, and without the federal government to push for its redevelopment, there is little to engage WMATA.

The plans given for the FBI were a nice fit for the community, and with slight adjustments could still work—diverting car traffic by building on top of the

station, adding convenient parking garages, adding just enough retail to make the Metro stop comfortable to use. An office building with direct Metro access would attract many large businesses. Increasingly, successful businesses are looking for the convenience of nearby mass transit for their employees and clients, with Amazon and Marriott as just two examples. Meanwhile WMATA would see increased Metro use, with opportunity to fix security issues on site.

I argue for an economic director. We have spun our wheels talking about "economic development" for too long. What concerns us about hiring an economic development director is attracting development that doesn't suit us. That's the reason why we need one. If we leave this up to real estate speculators, we're certain to be unhappy.

The first step is for our community to gather together and decide what we want, and where we want it. More technology, green businesses, high-quality pediatric care, a bike repair store? Perhaps more music stores or art supply stores? Where do you want it? On top of the Metro station, at the mall, in Old Greenbelt? Definitely not on top of an existing forest. We need to establish our community needs, and desires, that match our demographics and values. Then the job for any "director" would be to do the actual footwork, to produce the economic vibrancy we deserve.

Colin Byrd:

No one councilmember should attempt to dictate any development matters in Greenbelt. I was concerned when one current councilmember took a secret meeting with a developer, seemingly trying to unilaterally cut a deal on the Lakeside North luxury highrise issue, and I was con-

cerned about how long it took the council to finally take a position on the issue. So there are five main governing principles that I will use on development issues: 1) transparency, 2) collaboration, 3) community input, 4) responsiveness, and 5) smart growth.

Two quick examples: First, the county is planning on having three "countywide" listening sessions on the zoning rewrite, but they scheduled none in Greenbelt. One of my priorities will be getting the county to hold another listening session in Greenbelt, because Greenbelters have a lot on their minds about the zoning rewrite. Second, a couple of weeks ago, some of our politicians made an aggressive pitch to bring Amazon's second headquarters to Greenbelt, but most Greenbelters did not hear about it, let alone get asked what they think about it.

As for the Metro Station, Greenbelt Station residents are tired of politicians ignoring their requests for a path to the Metro, so let's start there. And, as a general matter, I am open to things like mixed use development, public-private partnerships with the university and NASA to create jobs and internships for Greenbelters, an enhanced Greenbelt Road "Main Street" similar to what Hyattsville has, and partnerships with College Park involving ancillary technology development, but, above all, I first want Greenbelters to have their say on development matters, including Greenway Shopping Center and Beltway Plaza. Some of Greenbelt's establishment politicians don't want to hear the voice of the people. You can reach me at 301-957-5014, and if you vote Byrd, your voice will be heard.

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jurisdiction over finance and transportation matters. He was Mr. Black Student Union. And he won several accolades, including the James Otis Williams Award for Cultural Leadership and the MICA Award for Champion of Diversity. He also intends to obtain a master's degree in public policy.

Colin has made TV appearances on NBC4, Fox 5, ABC7, News Channel 8, and WUSA9.

Colin currently works for a security consulting firm and he is a sports enthusiast. He played basketball for the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club.

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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 cooperative wines, GCS&P

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
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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

Abbreviations: (GCA) Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance; (GMR) Greenbelt News Review; (GHI) Greenbelt Homes Inc.; (NDC) New Deal Café; (GCS&P) Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy; (GFCU) Greenbelt Federal Credit Union.

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Leta Mach:

The decision not to move forward with a new FBI headquarters is a disappointing one. The new FBI headquarters is sorely needed and crucial to the security of the country. We can cross our fingers and hope the decision-makers reconsider and, if so, Greenbelt is the best site for a new FBI headquarters.

But, that is not the situation we have. As we evaluate what should happen with the Greenbelt Metro Station site, we should recognize that substantial work has been done on plans that could turn the area adjacent to the station and the parking lot into a mixed-use, transit-oriented development. The FBI would have anchored this development. We should aim to find another anchor – perhaps another GSA facility or even headquarters for Amazon.

A major employer helps provide the incentive for necessary infrastructure improvements. The most important project is to make the Beltway interchange a complete interchange instead of the current half interchange that has ignored the needs of most of Prince George's County while providing access for areas to the west. Another necessary project is the completion of a pedestrian and bike trail between the homes at Greenbelt Station and the metro station.

The plan that has been proposed for a mixed-use, transit-oriented development at the metro station includes many opportunities for people to live, work and play with retail, offices, hotel and residential apartments, which I support. In supporting this development, I would insist on the latest environmental practices such as green roofs. Additionally, the replacement of a huge, concrete parking lot with a major employment center would benefit the environment when new stormwater management practices are used. Such a development could also help WMATA as it would include improvements to the station and provide an opportunity for a reverse commute to Greenbelt.

George Boyce:

Let's build the Leonardo Center, an extension of Greenbelt for exploration and innovation in art, science, and engineering. Leonardo would include three key elements:

- a performing arts theater surrounded by an enclave of artists' studios and shops

- a collaboration facility for advancement of computer science and cybersecurity technologies, and

- a rapid prototyping and manufacturing center with an incubator for new businesses.

Leonardo would include an extended stay hotel, an education and conference center, modern office space, a science and technology museum, an apartment community, and a small retail area. All built to the highest environmental and sustainability standards. The north and south core areas would be connected by a neighborhood road, walk, and bike path. Through traffic would be prohibited and redirected to Cherrywood Lane.

Keep in mind that any vision like Leonardo without a strategy to plan and execute is nothing but a dream. In this case, WMATA owns the development site, the county controls the zoning and plan approval, and the

state and federal governments are major stakeholders. Greenbelt's ability to see Leonardo materialize is limited without a strong commitment to take bold steps.

One approach would have council appoint a North Core special task force (NCSTF) reporting to a newly hired director for planning and community development, one with development experience. The NCSTF would be charged with hosting a community charrette to complete a vision statement, with engaging engineering resources to develop a conceptual site plan, with meeting stakeholders to form supporting relationships and a funding model, and with recruiting a partner to contract with WMATA to develop the site.

Leonardo is certainly not the only solution, but is one that demonstrates we have options beyond relocation of a massive federal agency or corporate headquarters, organizations that would do little to contribute to a Greater Greener Greenbelt.

Judith Davis:

The FBI headquarters proposal, though off the table now, is not entirely out of the picture. Greenbelt, however, cannot wait for those plans to re-emerge. Council and our citizens need to discuss what type of development would be both beneficial to Greenbelt and realistic in today's market. We need to do this now while there is time to do so. The site next to the Metro is prime property. Something will be built there eventually—Greenbelt needs to be proactive now in the process.

Shopping centers and malls are a thing of the past. We have enough office buildings, especially with there being almost a 30 percent vacancy rate. We also do not need more high-priced townhouses. Greenbelt needs good, appropriate development next to the Metro, not ugly warehouses or box stores.

Mixed-use, transit-oriented, green development is what is called for, one that has an advanced stormwater system to protect Indian Creek and a power grid based on alternative forms

of energy. A well-thought out plan would incorporate residences for all levels of income, retail, restaurants, offices for medical and other services, and parking within the buildings to eliminate seas of asphalt parking lots. Imagine pocket parks, space for community events, public art, and recreational opportunities all in one area. This idea could also work with a large government agency or corporate headquarters as its core.

Residents could live, shop, play, and even work within a walkable, bikeable distance. This concept is realistic and forward thinking. It has already been developed and constructed in other cities across the nation. While attending conferences, I have toured these projects and thought Greenbelt would benefit from this type of development in appropriate places. The Metro site is just such a place.

Danielle Celdran:

Nothing for now. I am open to the possibility of mixed use development. I want to hear what the residents want and need and where they want it (quoting Susan Stewart's sentiment).

Aaron Marcavitch:

I believe strongly that a GSA use of the site is not off the table. It may be moved far back for now, but I do not believe it is off the table. I do not necessarily support the Amazon proposal currently, but would need more information to understand why this would be a benefit. I would like to see a plan to double deck the parking, potentially reducing the amount of pavement on site. I would like to see the parking lot have better rainwater management. I would hope that WMATA can find a way to rework the station to be a user friendly, modern, well-lit station with good wayfinding to Greenbelt's many amenities. I would hope that the site is reworked in anticipation of a new project to come, but I would reserve judgment on what type of project might be best for the region.

Bill Orleans:

The FBI consolidated relocation may not be entirely off the

table; WMATA has extended its Joint Development Agreement with Renard LLC, to a date not certain. GSA is committed to returning this fall to the Senate Environment & Public Works Committee with an update on its search for a site for that relocation. I continue to believe the North Core of Greenbelt Station is an inappropriate site, its footprint would crowd out much potential for mixed uses of that site, its security requirements would impede the enjoyment of both Indian Creek and the state Forest Conservation Area. While I also would continue to appreciate the opportunity to tell the FBI where to go, I know that it's not my decision – or Greenbelt's – that will determine its ultimate relocation.

The city should actively initiate a conversation with GSA about alternate agency uses of Greenbelt Station and preferably with a smaller footprint than the FBI would require, allowing for more residential and commercial and recreational uses. One agency was present at the Business Coffee (10/11), in the Municipal Building, scouting Greenbelt for its purpose.

Whether a federal presence ultimately occurs, it is in WMATA's interest, as well as the state's, county's, and city's interest that the site develop. The full Beltway interchange should be constructed, structured parking, both for WMATA and the site's other uses, should be con-

structed, and then we all should be about improving and refining the practice of Democracy in Greenbelt, our region, our nation, and around our world. (We shouldn't wait).

Rodney M. Roberts:

I believe we need to make sure any development that comes to the Metro station site makes maximum use of the Metro system, and the thousands of people who use it everyday. We have talked about transit-oriented development since the Greenbelt Metro Station opened its doors more than 20 years ago. Instead of constantly chasing some mega-development, maybe we should think about a more modest development that doesn't require a 3,000 car, \$100 million parking garage. How about something that will actually serve the needs of the people who use the Metro station; such as a nice Starbucks, a drycleaners, some nice restaurants. Start small and let the market place work.



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- J promoted Greenbelt to once again earn a Sustainable Maryland Certified City designation
- J pushed for installation of electric vehicle chargers in City parking lots
- J suggested the Greenbelt property tax credit that piggybacks on the State's program, thus lessening the impact of property taxes for qualified applicants
- J also urged establishing a Greenbelt Renters Tax Credit that piggybacks on the County's program
- J supports the right for 16 and 17 year olds to vote in City elections
- J instituted regular meetings with important City Stakeholders, such as GEAC, GHI, PEPCO and WMATA
- J was instrumental in convincing the State to set aside the forested wetland area, 1/3 of the Greenbelt Metro site
- J urged that Fire Department be added to Police Station directional signs
- J brought the idea to hold a Naturalization Ceremony in Greenbelt

Questions? Concerns? Contact J at jfintakdavis@aol.com

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December deadline for comments.

Community Questionnaire

Council approved a motion to add a two-part question to the questionnaire regarding whether residents think the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and the Capital Beltway should be widened. The question was spurred by Governor Larry Hogan's proposal to widen those roads by two lanes (one in each direction). Councilmember Rodney Roberts objected noting that no specific details of the governor's plan are yet available so that residents would be making a blind judgement. Councilmember Judith Davis countered that by putting the question on the survey, council will be helping to make sure that residents are aware of and thinking about this proposal. There will, however, be no mention of the governor or his plan in the survey.

Maglev

Roberts had requested including the proposed maglev train on the agenda to discuss concerns about its impacts. However, given that a worksession was scheduled for October 11 with the company hoping to build the project, council took no position at this time. Roberts concurred with this decision.

Bus Changes

Council approved, without discussion, sending a letter to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) board of directors explaining the city's concerns about the impact the proposed changes to the G12 and G14 routes will have on users of the timed transfer and to advocate that WMATA work with the Maryland Transit Administration to reinstate seven-day express bus service to Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport from the Greenbelt Metro Station.

Petitions and Requests

Mayor Emmett Jordan read a petition received from Elizabeth

S.C. Maglev Meetings

Additional open house events for residents to learn and share their input on the potential train are coming up this month:

October 16 in Gambrills
October 18 in Washington D.C.
October 24 in Laurel
October 25 in Baltimore

Information about the meetings is available at: <http://baltimorewashingtonscmaglevproject.com/index.php/public-involvement/upcoming-meetings>.

Bird Walk Offered At Wildlife Refuge

On Wednesday, October 25 from 8 to 10 a.m. the Patuxent Research Refuge offers a bird walk for those ages 16 and older. Search for fall migrants in various refuge habitats on this guided hike; binoculars are highly recommended. Walk begins at the Visitor Center.

Public programs at the refuge are free although advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887. The Visitor Center is on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 197.



Gaines asking that Greenbelt not obtain military equipment for the police department. She argued that Greenbelters are more likely to seek help from police if it does not appear that officers view the residents as an enemy. The petition was referred to various advisory boards, committees and staff for comment.

Colin Byrd asked council to write to President Donald Trump asking him to support banning bump stocks, which allow semi-automatic weapons to fire similar to fully-automatic weapons. Such devices were used in the Las Vegas attack. Byrd also asked council to see if any actions could be taken at the city or county level regarding these devices.

Other Actions

Jordan administered the oath of office to new city police officer Rakibur Rahman, who transferred from the Town of Edmonston.

Jordan presented a proclamation declaring October Cooperative Month in Greenbelt. Representatives of Greenbelt's seven cooperatives were present to accept the proclamation. These were Greenbelt Homes, Inc., the New Deal Café, Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative, MakerSpace, the Greenbelt Cooperative Nursery School, the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union and the Greenbelt News Review.

Jordan also presented a proclamation recognizing October as Adopt-A-Dog Month in Greenbelt.

Hiker/Biker Trail Takes Steps To Connect to Metro Station

by Kathleen Gallagher

On Monday, September 18, the Greenbelt City Council met in a worksession with city staff and representatives of the developers of the residential South Core of Greenbelt Station for the next chapter on the assessment of progress on plans to create a hiker/biker trail between the South Core and the Greenbelt Metro Station in the North Core.

In addition to city staff and several representatives from the Woodlawn Development Group, Malcolm Augustine, the Prince George's County representative on the board of directors of the Washington Metropolitan Authority Transit Authority (WMATA), was present for the meeting. The audience numbered about 20, many of whom were residents of Greenbelt Station.

At this point, the purpose of the trail is to provide an interim direct connection for South Core residents to the Metro station since it is unknown when development of the North Core may begin. The absence of such a connection is a cause of great concern for the residents of Greenbelt's newest neighborhood, many of whom purchased their homes in large part because of the advertised proximity to the Metro station. Currently the best transportation to the subway is being provided by a shuttle bus funded by the developers, but residents are wary about what

will happen if there is still no direct access at the time the developers' existing commitment ends.

The limited options for location of the path are dictated by the area's many environmental constraints as well as the topography of the land. As a result, a significant portion of the path would have to be constructed on WMATA-owned land. Its design will require WMATA approval, and a legal agreement must be reached between WMATA and the city governing the operation and maintenance of the trail.

The trail was delayed over recent years because of development plans related to the potential relocation of the FBI headquarters, for which Greenbelt had been a major contender. With GSA having pulled the plug on the procurement process last spring and the time frame for any development of the North Core once again up in the air, WMATA agreed to proceed with review of plans for the trail and provided preliminary comments and a draft legal agreement for the city's consideration.

Scope and Cost

Community Planner Jessica Bellah said city planning staff are working with Woodlawn to formulate responses to both documents but still have a way to go. She suggested that attention be focused on the big issues at this meeting.

Mayor Emmett Jordan commented that it looked like the project had doubled in cost in response to WMATA's comments but Bellah said that was all a matter of what would be included. She noted the original figure in the agreement with Woodlawn was \$516,000, which had crept up closer to \$700,000 depending on what amenities were included. Given the comments from WMATA, it now appears to be headed toward \$1.2 to \$1.5 million.

The biggest question mark in the cost now involves the power fee and the source of the power, which are quite hard to estimate and depend upon inclusion of items such as security cameras, call boxes, lighting and, most importantly, whether or not it is necessary to include a traffic light, which staff believes is not necessary. Another expense factor is that Pepco maintains it will have to run the electricity from Greenbelt Road because it cannot tie into other feeds it uses at the College Park end. Nonetheless, according to Bellah, the traffic light is "the biggest deal."

Bellah presented information on alternatives to a full-blown traffic light, including the type of pedestrian crossing the city is using on Crescent Road near St. Hugh's. She said staff would like WMATA staff to come and

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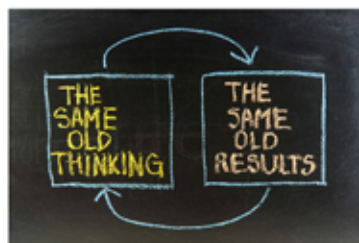
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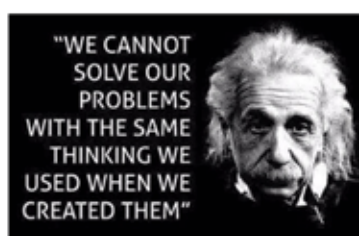


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Demonstration Stormwater Project Starts at 20 Ridge Rd.

by Tom Taylor



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Work starts on the stormwater management project at 20 Court Ridge Road.

Construction began October 12 on a project to improve stormwater management by channeling water into a new rain garden. The project at 20 Court Ridge Road is designed to reduce runoff, directing the flow to where it can infiltrate slowly into the ground. The improvements are also designed to intercept rain water that has sometimes leaked into the crawl spaces under units A to D.

The new system will capture water running off the hill between the street and the units and from the parking lot, channeling it into the rain garden, located behind the parking lot. The work includes installation of a stone diaphragm near the bottom of the hill and around the parking lot perimeter, a new grass swale and new drains.

The project is funded through a grant that Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) received from the Chesapeake Bay Trust (CBT) for a demonstration project utilizing best management practices for treating stormwater runoff. Best management practices in this project include the rain garden and stone diaphragm.

The work is being overseen by the GHI technical services department in collaboration with the GHI Storm Water Management Task Force established in 2016 by the GHI board of directors to study runoff issues and recommend improvements.

McDonnell Landscape won the bid to perform the work. Design work was completed by Ecosite, with landscaping consultation provided by Urban Biology. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of October.

CBT funding was awarded through its Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program, which supports "on-the-ground restoration activities that improve communities and water quality and engage Prince George's County residents in the restoration and protection of the local rivers and streams of Prince George's County," according to the CBT website. The project will benefit Still Creek in Greenbelt Park by reducing the flow of sediment and polluting substances into the stream.

The grant also provides funding for community outreach and education. As part of its work, the Storm Water Management Task Force undertakes community education efforts to increase the level of citizen awareness and knowledge about stormwater

runoff and appropriate actions to reduce its negative impacts.

The basic problem is that rain results in runoff from rooftops, driveways, lawns, sidewalks, streets and parking areas and, along the way, collects sediment and toxic pollutants such as pesticides, motor oil, pet waste and plastic materials. The runoff flows into storm drains that discharge polluted water into local streams that eventually drain into the Anacostia River and Chesapeake Bay.

This runoff is a major contributor to the well-documented problems of pollution, unsafe water quality and diminished habitat for aquatic life in the Anacostia and Chesapeake. Runoff also diminishes the quality of local streams. Improper runoff can be a factor in water collecting in crawl spaces and basements of homes as well, an issue that has affected some GHI homes, including in 20 Court Ridge.

The rain garden feature of the 20 Court project also is one of the best practices that Greenbelt residents can implement on their own through the Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate Program. This program provides applicants the opportunity to receive a partial reimbursement for installing approved stormwater

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look at it, since it's a new feature that is not widely known. She added that whether a traffic light is needed is usually a decision for an engineer.

Councilmember Edward Putens asked about other options for the design. He questioned whether the city needed to hold to its original plan. Bellah noted that because of the primarily south-to-north orientation of the path, the main constraints are environmental ones. It is very difficult, she said, to find ways to avoid them that are not at least as expensive.

Councilmember Leta Mach intervened to say that she likes the existing plan, which the city has been talking about for years, and wants to see it carried out to the extent possible. She agreed with staff that a full traffic light should be unnecessary.

Augustine strongly urged council and staff to take an approach that would incorporate what the city can do rather than being too concerned now about what it cannot do. He said he believed the comments were a product of their staff's review and were not cast in stone. He emphasized that WMATA would work with the city on it and that not all standards are equally tight.

"If \$1.5 million is not in the budget," he said, "just say this is what we can do." Jordan replied that the city is more than willing

to do what it can do.

Councilmember Judith Davis suggested that the city take a hard look at what was actually needed in an interim trail.

"Why put in a Cadillac trail that may be ripped up if there is ever development?" she asked,

Putens agreed, saying he wanted to hear ideas about what people can actually use that can be accomplished soon. Bellah added that the goal for the interim trail is to move people from A to B effectively and that it does not have to last forever.

Buses

The remainder of the meeting was largely devoted to discussing continuing transportation to and from the Metro station while waiting for the interim trail. Bellah had said it would take about two years to complete the trail, depending on when agreements were reached, while the agreement by the developer to continue the shuttle runs only through December 2018. At least eight

residents of Greenbelt Station spoke – some quite vehemently – as did residents of other parts of town about the need to get the trail built. Several explicitly supported Davis's suggestion that what is needed is an interim biking/walking trail, not a Cadillac.

Woodlawn representatives would not make a commitment to continuing the shuttle bus after next year if the trail is not finished. On the other hand, there was no explicit refusal either and they stated several times strong support for the building of the trail. It might not be unrealistic to conclude that for the developers to make such a commitment at this time would do little to accelerate the city's process for designing and building the trail.

Next steps involve city staff's going back to the grindstone of review of the WMATA documents. Council thanked Augustine for his suggestions and his promise of advocacy with WMATA.



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Talk on Ash Magnolia

The Beltsville Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, October 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail, Beltsville. Please join us for a program titled, Magnolia ashei: Understanding the Need for Conservation. Kevin Conrad will talk about the Ash Magnolia tree, an endangered species endemic to the Florida Panhandle.

Refreshments will be served after the talk. To learn more about the Beltsville Garden Club, visit beltsvillegardenclub.org or [facebook.com/beltsvillegardenclub](https://www.facebook.com/beltsvillegardenclub).

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VOTE on Tuesday, November 7th, 2017!!

By Authority of: Kris White, Treasurer

Questions?/Comments: Pope4Greenbelt@gmail.com

Get Free Digital Devices For High School Students

Prince George's County high school students may receive a device or high-speed data for up to four years while they are in high school from the 1Million Project. The program aims to connect one million students to the internet by giving away free smartphone, tablets, hotspot devices and data to high school students over the next five years. On Wednesday, October 18 it was announced that nearly 3000 students in Prince

George's County public schools will receive one of these benefits, a portion of the 180,000 students receiving such benefits. The goal is to "promote academic success and help eliminate the 'Homework Gap'" says the organizations' materials. A statistic from their website claims that over seventy percent of teachers assign homework online and that 5 million students do not have internet access.

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management practices.

Residential property owners can receive a rebate of up to \$4,000 for installation of a rain garden or one of the other eligible practices under the Rain Check program. The other practices are rain barrels, tree planting, pavement removal, permeable pavement installation and green roofs. These practices are designed to reduce the amount of runoff flowing into storm drains and allow for greater absorption of rain water into the soil to naturally filter out polluting substances and keep the water table

replenished.

Up to a \$20,000 rebate for the same practices can be received for institutional properties, commercial properties, multi-family dwellings, nonprofit organizations, homeowner associations, condominium associations and civic associations. Individual members of GHI may apply for rebates under the residential category.

Further information on the rebate program, eligibility requirements and application process is available on the CBT website (cbtrust.org/prince-georges-county-rain-check-rebate).

City Notes

Public Works staff worked on a solar RFP for the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability staff attended an awards ceremony for the city's re-certification to Sustainable Maryland Certified.

Facility Maintenance crews continued to work on the HVAC project at the Community Center and on the boiler project at the Aquatic & Fitness Center.

Arts staff welcomed a Parkdale High School senior, Sunita Ketum, as a classroom assistant for two homeschool arts classes: Around the World through Music and Art and Ceramic Handbuilding.

Currently on view through October 27 at the Community Center Art Gallery – Superblocks: A Drawing Installation by Amanda Burnham, presented as part of the Greenbelt Legacy 80th anniversary celebration.

Congratulations to Greenbelt Pottery Group on the success of its Empty Bowls fundraiser. Coordinated in partnership with the Greenbelt Community Church and the Mishkan Torah Synagogue, the event raised over \$4,000 for Help By Phone, which operates food pantries in Prince George's County.

New Wellness Center Features Telemedicine

Doctors Community Health System opened a Wellness Center in the Safeway at Bowie Town Center. This new program combines personalized medical care with advanced telemedicine technology.

Patients will be evaluated and treated using advanced videoconferencing technology in addition to specially trained medical personnel.

The Wellness Center is open Mondays to Fridays, noon to 8 p.m.; Saturdays, noon to 7 p.m.; and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Walk-in appointments are available and each visit costs \$49, which is covered by many insurance plans.

Follies Brings Glamour, Magic To NASA Goddard Theater

by Lauren Ward

This year, the Music and Drama Club at Goddard Space Flight Center brings the magic and mystery of Steven Sondheim's *Follies* to the main stage. Actors, dancers and musicians from the Washington metro area give life to flamboyant and grandiose live theater, set against the backdrop of old showbiz glamour.

Based on the Ziegfeld *Follies*, the musical numbers in the show capture the styles of leading Broadway composers from the 1920s and 30s, transporting the theater audience to decades past. Orchestra violinist Helen Sydavar and actress Penny Martin number among the Greenbelt residents featured in the production.

In many ways, *Follies* seems to be the antithesis of Goddard and its future-focused science and engineering. Not so, says Musical Director Kim Weaver who is also an acclaimed astrophysicist in Goddard's x-ray astrophysics lab. According to Weaver, it's a story about ambition, reflection and redemption – a personal struggle to which people can relate.

"There's something for ev-



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Katrina Jackson and Stephen Leete, theater showgirl and Master of Ceremonies, give *Follies* a glamorous flair.

eryone," says Weaver. "*Follies* is a charming and challenging story about transformations told through the lens of musical theater. The show has an amazingly talented cast, terrific dances, fantastically beautiful songs, gor-

geous costumes and a new and creative use of our rec center. I believe you will truly enjoy our staging of *Follies*."

Follies runs from October 27 through November 11. For more information, visit madtheater.org.

MAGLEV Train Could Impact Greenbelt

The company Baltimore Washington Rapid Rail (BWRR) has proposed the construction and operation of a high-speed superconducting magnetic levitation (MAGLEV) train system between Baltimore and Washington D.C.

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) are preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the potential impacts of the MAGLEV train system. There will be six open house meetings in October to solicit comments from the public.

Greenbelt City Councilmember Rodney Roberts attended the open house meeting held in Bowie on Saturday, October 14, 2017. According to Roberts there are now three routes under consideration and two of these routes pass through Greenbelt.

Where does the Greenbelt City Council stand on this project?

The Greenbelt City Council held a work session on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 to discuss the MAGLEV train system. The title used was Baltimore-Washington Rapid Rail. According to Roberts only a few residents attended this meeting. We know there is strong public interest in this project and contend that the low turnout was the result of a misleading title and lack of an agenda (An agenda is required by the Maryland Open Meetings Act).

We oppose the proposed construction of the MAGLEV train system because of the possible adverse impacts it would have on Greenbelt.

If you have concerns about the proposed MAGLEV train project contact the Greenbelt City Councilmembers to let them know.

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Send snail mail to 25 Crescent Road Greenbelt, MD 20770

Contact Brian or Donna Almquist for information at:

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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.

Impersonating a Police Officer

October 11, 2:14 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Drive. A 45-year-old resident was arrested and charged with impersonating a police officer after he was stopped for a traffic violation and identified himself as such. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner and for service of an open arrest warrant.

Assault

October 8, 9:23 p.m., 6100 block Cherrywood Lane. Three men assaulted a person who was walking down the street. They then got into a vehicle described as black in color and fled. The person was transported to Prince George's Hospital Center for treatment of a head laceration.

Theft

October 5, 7 p.m., 6600 block Lake Park Drive. A package was taken from the front stoop of a residence.

October 8, 1 p.m., 14 Parkway. Two packages were taken from the front stoop of a residence.

October 10, 12:24 p.m., Breezewood Drive near Edmonston Road. A purse was taken from a park bench on October 5.

Malicious Destruction

October 4, 6:04 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. A 31-year-old resident was arrested and charged with possession of phencyclidine (PCP) and malicious destruction after officers responded to a report of a possible burglary. He had used a fire extinguisher to break out the glass entry door of an apartment building and was also observed in a physical confrontation with another person. He was transported to Doctors Community Hospital for a checkup and was found to be in possession of a quantity of suspected PCP. A criminal summons was then issued.

Burglary

October 6, 6 p.m., 7800 block Hanover Parkway. Two televisions, a video game player, tablet computer, jewelry and money

were taken. Two men possibly involved were seen getting into a taxi with a television.

Vandalism

October 10, 9:21 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. A bedroom window was broken out of a residence. The person who possibly did this is known to the resident and an investigation is ongoing.

Vehicle Crime

One vehicle was stolen from 21 Court Ridge Road, a white 2000 Ford Econoline E350 van with Md. tags 30R274.

An attempt was made to steal a vehicle in the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace by tampering with the ignition assembly.

A 2000 Dodge Caravan reported stolen September 9 from the 7200 block South Ora Court was recovered October 10 by D.C. Metropolitan police in the 1300 block Savannah Street, S.E.

On October 9 in the 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive, three thefts from vehicles and one attempted theft were reported and all involved breaking out windows to gain access. Taken were a jacket; watch; clothing and sneakers. Nothing was taken from one car after it was rummaged through. In the 400 block Ridge Road a leather bag and identification badge were taken after two windows were broken.

Five acts of vandalism were reported. Paint was scratched in 22 Court Hillside; spray painting occurred in the 100 block Westway; a front door lock was damaged on Research Road near Greenhill Road; and both side view mirrors, the rear mirror and hood ornament were broken off in the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace.

A man threw a rock that damaged a door panel in the 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive. He is described as of Middle Eastern descent, approximately 20 years old, 5 feet 9 inches tall, 150 pounds, wearing a grey hooded sweatshirt with the words York College on the front.

Retro Town Fair Results

The Greenbelt Retro Town Fair took place on the grounds of the Museum house at 10B Crescent Road on Sunday, September 3. Ribbons were awarded for the best entries in a number of categories, including flowers, vegetables, baked goods, canned goods and needlework/sewing.

The awardees and names of their entries follow.

Flowers:

Best in Show: Summer's Last Hurrah, Liz Walker

1st place: Bloomin' Round our Corner, Eileen Sutker, with contributions from Katrina Boverman, Teddy Primack and Anne King

2nd place: Helen Sydavar
 3rd place: Michael Reinsel



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"Summer's Last Hurrah" Liz Walker

Vegetables:

Best in Show: Assorted Herbs, Liz Walker

1st place: New Zealand Spinach, Michael Reinsel
 2nd place: Squash, Michael Reinsel
 3rd place: Horseradish, Michael Reinsel

Cookies:

Best in Show: Molasses Gingerbread Cookies, Lori Dominick

1st place: Cardamon Walnut Cookies, Vjay Parameshwaran
 2nd place: Scottish Shortbread, Peter Meyer
 3rd place: Fig Newtons, Eileen Sutker and Mary Fleming; Almond Joy Cookies, Kathy Labukas; Anzac Cookies, Peter Lomax

Pies:

1st place: French Apple Pie, Bill Lamberson

Cake:

1st place: Chocolate Mayonnaise Cake, JoEllen Sarff; Patriotic Cake, Donna Peterson
 3rd Place: Lemon Poppysed Cake, Vjay Parameshwaran

Canned Goods

1st place: Salsa, Sara Bernheisel; blackberry jam, Karen Pederoli
 2nd place: Neighbor Mary's Fig Preserve, Eileen Sutker, Mary Fleming
 3rd place: Pickled hot pepper, Michael Reinsel; canned tomatoes, canned peaches, Sarah Zygmunt; pickled oyster mushrooms, Anna Chulaki

Crafts

1st place: Wooden bowls, Michael Reinsel
 1st place: Woven basket, Elizabeth Anderson
 2nd place: Jewelry set, Colette Zanin

Needlework

Best in Show: Tara Roberts, goldfish embroidery
 1st place: Where are the Bees? Cross stitch, Sarah Zygamunt
 2nd place: Girl reading Petit Point, Suzanne Q. Lomax

Sewing

1st place: Sundress, Tara Wilcox
 2nd Place: Boudoir pillow, Fiona McCracken

Knitting and Crochet

Best in Show: Beaded purse, Cindy Cummings
 1st place: Crochet shrug, Joyce Wineland; knit shawl, Cathy Jones
 2nd place: Lace shawl, Ginny Jones
 3rd Place: Doll clothes, Kimberly Keyes; knit blanket, Dorothy McGee, grandmother of Julia Kender

Autumnal Activities At Greenbelt Co-op

by Joe Gareri

Fall has arrived at the Greenbelt Co-op, and with it the celebration of annual autumnal activities. The produce department is filled with the fall harvest, the candy aisle is stocked with Halloween necessities and one can practically hear the oom-pahs from the beer aisle brimming with Oktoberfest and Märzenbier.

The Co-op has scheduled its next annual meeting for Saturday, November 4 at 10:30 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the Community Center. Two board members will be elected to serve three-year terms. Two incumbents, Barbara Ford and Linda Ivy, will be running for re-election. Members interested in serving as directors should contact the Nominations & Elections Committee: Jon Bell, 301-486-1779 or Joe Timer, 301-474-6775. Nomination forms are available at the Co-op's customer service window. Completed nomination forms and a brief bio must be returned to the Co-op by October 23. Nominations from the floor are not accepted at the annual meeting.

Also on the calendar, Wednesday, October 25 is monthly Patron Appreciation Day where everyone receives 5 percent off all purchases all day. There will also be a wine and food tasting from 4 to 7 p.m. Stop by the Co-op and sample some cran-apple buckwheat salad made with ingredients from other cooperatives. There will also be a final opportunity to enter into the Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance's Co-op Month gift basket raffle. No purchase necessary. The drawing will be held at a free co-op movie screening at the Old Greenbelt Theatre on October 26 at 8 p.m.

On October 26, the Co-op will be hosting a one-day meat sale featuring incredible values, door prizes, tastings and product samplings throughout the day. Check the store for details.

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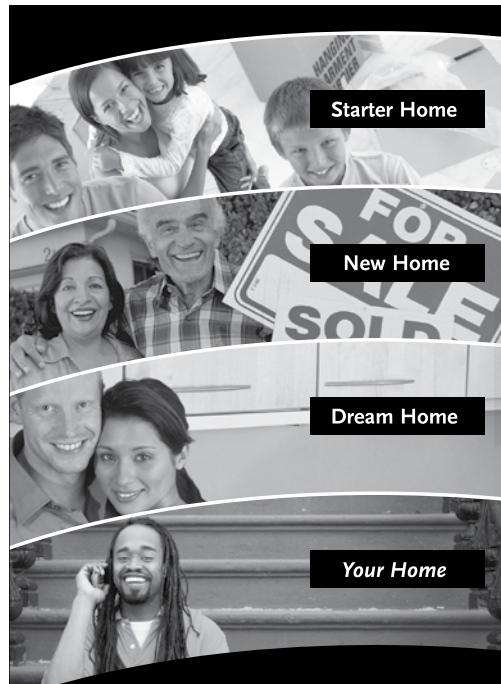
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many of their own citizens.

Scheherazade (25 minutes, documentary): A woman producing a documentary on an effective anti-poverty program in Columbia meets a girl who was kidnapped at age 16. The girl was used as a sex slave but escaped after just a few days. She interviews the girl at that time and also a year later, after the girl's baby is born. I was overjoyed to see that the abused girl learned to be a survivor, not a victim.

2 x 2 (15 minutes, fantasy): A Turk and an Armenian are fighting when a spaceship lands and announces it is an ark to take away pairs of animals, because the Earth is about to be destroyed. The animals are to be taken two-by-two, but only as breeding pairs. In a Chaplinesque pantomime, the two men agree that one of them dresses as a woman so they can get aboard. Once aboard, it looks as if they are about to be discovered when they notice that another pair of humans has come aboard, two women where one is dressed as a man. They make the obvious swap in another Chaplinesque pantomime, so all's well that ends well.

An American House (22 minutes, documentary): A church group runs a shelter for just-arrived illegal immigrants in El Paso, Texas with food and a place to sleep for a few days until they move on. The film highlights the plight of two of these illegals, and we see how fraught with terror are their lives.

Mannequin Midnight (8 minutes, animation): At midnight, mannequins come to life and start turning human beings into mannequins. Clearly an anti-apocalyptic allegory, in contrast to The Walking Dead, since here the mannequins win and the world is a better place. Also, less gore.

Greenbelt Park Events

On Saturday, October 21, the last Volunteer Trail Crew Day of 2017. Join the Greenbelt Park volunteer corps to improve the park through stewardship projects. This is a great opportunity to get outdoors and pay it forward while working on a trail maintenance project. Meet at the Ranger Station at 8:45 a.m. (3 hours).

Saturday, October 21, Ranger Talk: Chemistry of Autumn. As leaves change with the fall season, learn about the natural chemistry that causes the colors of autumn in Greenbelt's forest. Look at magnified leaf tissue under a microscope to see chlorophyll in chloroplasts that make summer leaves green. Find out what color carotene creates in leaves. Meet at Ranger Station at 11 a.m. (1 hour).

Saturday, October 21, The Urban Forest Wildlife. Greenbelt Park is home to a wide variety of animals in the midst of this urban forest. This presentation will discuss the characteristics and needs of birds and small animals. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area at 2 p.m.

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Prince George's County to Get \$25 Million Grant for Schools



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U.S. Senators Ben Cardin and Chris Van Hollen present a check to Prince George's County Schools at Greenbelt Middle school on October 16.

U.S. Senators Ben Cardin and Chris Van Hollen joined Greenbelt and Prince George's County officials and students at Greenbelt Middle School on Monday, October 16, to announce a three-year, \$25 million grant for Prince George's County Public Schools. The grant will bolster the county's Great Teachers, Great Leaders, Great Schools project under the Teacher Incentive Fund Program. The grant will invest in Prince George's County students by investing in teacher and principal effectiveness at eight high-needs county schools, including Greenbelt Middle School. The grant will go to attracting the best possible candidates, providing teacher development and fair evaluative methods and establishing career pathways.

"Public education is America's great equalizer, ensuring that all students have the chance to expand their horizons and succeed in life," said Senator Cardin. "These federal funds will make a real difference in the lives of our educators and our students. We're making an important investment in spreading best-practices so that teachers in Prince George's County can deliver for our stu-

dents with first-rate learning opportunities."

"Teachers in Maryland are among the best in the nation – and they are the backbone of ensuring that all of our kids have the best education possible," said Senator Van Hollen. "By investing in educators, we are investing in students, future jobs, and our entire economy. I'll keep fighting to invest in all of the schools across the state and make sure all children have the chance at a bright future."

"I believe this critical investment in the development and retention of our teachers and school leaders will lead to sustained growth in student achievement," said Dr. Kevin M. Maxwell, CEO, Prince George's County Public Schools. "We greatly appreciate the confidence of our federal partners and this invaluable contribution to success of our students."

Prince George's County Public Schools is one of the nation's 25 largest public Pre-K through 12 school districts and the second largest in Maryland, serving a diverse student population from urban, suburban and rural communities.

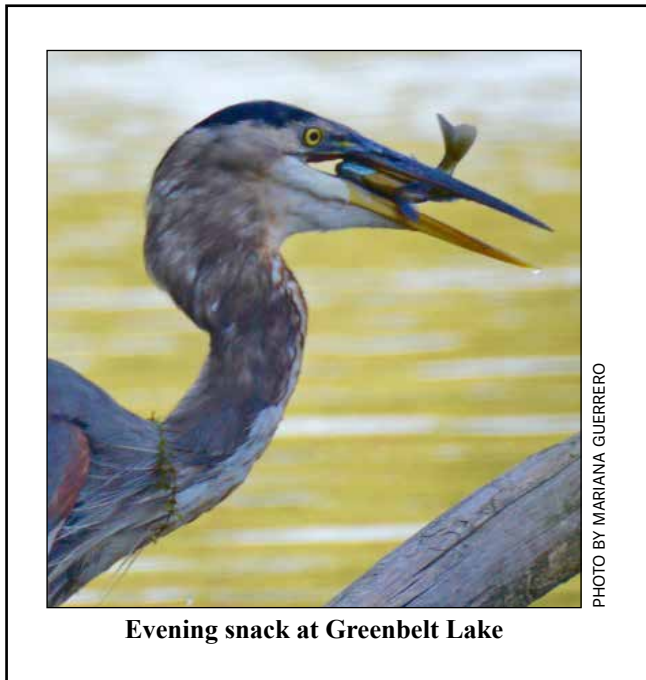


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Evening snack at Greenbelt Lake

Fall Fest at Schrom Hills Park

by Stephanie Selzer

Cloudy skies could not keep the crowd away for the annual Fall Fest at Schrom Hills Park last Saturday. Families made their way to the park to enjoy an afternoon of fall friendly activities hosted by the Recreation, Public Works, Police and Fire Departments.

To get into the fall spirit, many attendees visited the pumpkin patch where Miss Greenbelt and Junior Miss Greenbelt helped pick the perfect pumpkins.

This was the second year that Lakeisha Boyd and her daughter Bria, 2, attended the festival. The pair enjoyed decorating their pumpkins with silly faces and stickers provided. Nearby, kids stood in line to have their own faces painted with whimsical designs.

For those looking for a little more adventure, there was the mechanical bull. This wasn't Kaylah Porter's, 9, first rodeo. She had ridden the bull before. Her personal best is 30 seconds. "It's fun to try to stay on and hold on for the most time out of everyone else," she said.

As guests strolled around the park, they heard the sounds of musical duo Just Us. With vocals and guitar, the pair delighted the crowd with soulful covers of classic tunes from Otis Redding and the Doobie Brothers.

The festival gave several local groups the chance to meet the community and recruit new members. Recreation Coordinator Andrew Phelan said the festival typically invites all City of Greenbelt recognition groups to set up information tables at the event. This year's participating groups included Greenbelt Senior Softball, Greenbelt Community Foundation, Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) and Greenbelt Climate Action Network.

Food and beverages were sold by the Greenbelt Babe Ruth organization and the Greenbelt Soccer Alliance. According to Phelan, both organizations use the event as a fundraising opportunity.

The fall festivities continue this month with several upcoming events including pumpkin carving at Roosevelt Center on October 27 and the Pumpkin Olympics at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center on October 28.

This year also marks the 80th anniversary of Greenbelt's first costume parade. This year's contest and parade will take place at Roosevelt Center on October 30.

Stephanie Selzer is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism writing for the News Review.



Community members enjoy the annual Fall Festival at Schrom Hill on Saturday, October 14.

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