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The cast of Motherhood Out Loud at Greenbelt Arts Center. See article on page 16.

Election 2019

Greenbelt West Again Leads In New Voter Registration

by Mary Moien

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The Tuesday, November 5, election in Greenbelt will find more than 1,000 newly registered voters in the city. This increase is driven largely by newly registered residents in Greenbelt West. This will be the second city election since Greenbelt Station was developed along the western edge of the city (although a few residents lived there and registered for the 2015 election). Equally important, but hard to quantify, is the fact that residents 16 and

17 years old will be able to vote for the first time in the city election. All seven incumbent city council members are running for re-election, along with William Orleans, who has been on the ballot a number of times.

As of early October, more than 13,800 residents are registered to vote. The total registration, as provided by Prince George's County, is 13,814, an increase of 8.1 percent since the 2017 election (see table, page 7). The 2017 election itself had an increase of 11.5 percent from See **REGISTRATION**, page 7

Beltway Plaza Development MOU Vote Splits Council

by Cathie Meetre

In a spirited debate during the Greenbelt City Council meeting of Tuesday, October 15, Councilmember Rodney Roberts characterized the proposed Beltway Plaza redevelopment as “a gross example of over-development.”

A motion to approve an already agreed upon memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the developers of Beltway Plaza ran into hot water during discussions among council. The MOU is binding on the developer (and any subsequent developer to whom the property might be sold in the future) and the city. The city has no power over zoning (a power held exclusively by the county) and Councilmember Judith Davis noted that this agreement, though not ideal, at least meant the developer had to pay some attention to Greenbelt's concerns. She saw it as a significant improvement over the stance taken by earlier developers within the city.

Roberts was deeply dissatisfied with the provisions for open

space in the preliminary planning document. With zoning for townhouses and apartments totaling nearly 3,000 units as well as retail and office space and parking, Roberts couldn't see how any space would be left for parkland and noted that the current plan had only some small lot areas defined.

Director of Planning and Community Development Terri Hruby explained that the planning was not yet at the stage where specific open space set-asides were identified and that there were two open space designations that occur in planning documents; first, the tot-lot provisions which were included already, but second – dedicated parkland – was still undefined at this stage. She noted that another recent city development, with around 350 units, had been required to set aside an acre of open space. The Beltway Plaza property is almost 54 acres with close to 0.2 miles on Cherrywood

See **BELTWAY PLAZA**, page 9

Theatre's McGrath Honored At Greenbelt Wall of Fame

by Callie Tansill-Suddath



PHOTO BY CALLIE TANSILL-SUDDATH

Joel Freeman, Mayor Emmett Jordan, Dr. Caitlin McGrath, Councilmembers Judith Davis and Leta Mach. (Not seen in this photo is Marc "Kap" Kapistan, Beltway Plaza general manager.)

In 2013, the Old Greenbelt Theatre was on the verge of collapse. Now, it thrives as the only nonprofit cinema in Prince George's County. Much of this success can be attributed to Dr. Caitlin McGrath, the theater's executive director, who was hon-

ored with her picture on the Greenbelt Wall of Fame at Beltway Plaza Mall on October 18.

McGrath moved to Greenbelt in 2011, after receiving a Ph.D. in cinema and media studies from the University of Chicago in 2010. In 2013, she was brought

on to revitalize the theater. Since then, she founded the Friends of Greenbelt Theatre (FGT) with 501(c)(3) nonprofit status and transformed the space into a See **MCGRATH**, page 16



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

Work continues on the dam at Greenbelt Lake. The project is expected to be completed by April 2020. See article on page 13.

Small-scale Investments Can Build Strong Towns

by Jeff Lemieux

On Tuesday, October 8, a coalition of Greenbelt community organizations and businesses sponsored a guest lecture and discussion with Chuck Marohn Jr., the founder of Strong Towns, a nonprofit research and educational organization based in Minnesota. A civil engineer and planner, Marohn is an expert in the sustainability and resilience of towns and cities.

The discussion started with Detroit, once one of the greatest cities in the world, now an economic ruin. Why did Detroit fail? Marohn noted that while there are plenty of superficial reasons, the underlying problem was that Detroit was the first American city to fully experience sprawl. The city built housing far from

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What Goes On

Saturday, October 26

9 a.m. to Noon Electronics, Styrofoam and Paint Recycling, Public Works Yard

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. National Drug Take-Back Day, Greenbelt Police Station

Monday, October 28

8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

Wednesday, October 30

8 p.m. Council Worksession, City Manager Update, Municipal Building, followed by Closed Meeting on Legal and Personal Matters

Letters to the Editor

Important Meeting

Over 250 signatures were collected by Councilmember Rodney Roberts over the Labor Day Festival weekend in a petition expressing opposition to the proposed relocation of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) in D.C. to the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC), commonly referred to as the Beltsville Farms, which is adjacent to our Greenbelt Forest Preserve.

Those opposed would like to preserve BARC as a research farm rather than opening the door for it becoming an industrial complex, which will have a deleterious effect on the environment and diminish the quality of life for humans and wildlife. The printing of paper currency will produce wastewater (50,000 gallons/day, according to BEP) that would be dumped into the Beaver Dam Creek and also produce emissions that will pollute the air. Heavier car and truck traffic will contribute to an increase in air and sound pollution. Security will necessitate a brightly lit facility throughout the night, which will be a source of light pollution.

Opposition to the proposed site on the Beltsville Farms will be discussed at city council's regular meeting on Monday, October 28 at 8 p.m., at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Rd. Please plan to attend!

Yoni Siegel

guessing. If an increase in rabies in wildlife is suspected, there are actions that can be taken to prevent the spread and protect pets and humans. The first step is knowing, not guessing, that rabies is present.

Mary Ann Hartnett

Update on Greenway Standing Water

The water leak was the responsibility of WSSC. Once WSSC came out to investigate the line they realized that it belonged to Starbucks. Landlord reached out to Starbucks Corporate. Starbucks has hired a contractor to have it repaired today [October 15].

Carolissa Smith
Property Manager

Thanks!

Just a note to say thanks for printing my photograph and article in reference to Ms. Beatrice McDay's Centennial Birthday (Greenbelt News Review, September 26, 2019).

Tish Ross

Clarification

The allegation of fraud by prosecutors against Tawanna Gaines was \$22,000. The specific charge of wire fraud was \$125.

Possible Rabies Alert

I was surprised to read in the Citizen Advisory article page 7 of October 17 issue that after a third report of a possible rabid raccoon in the city no testing had been done to confirm this diagnosis. Granted, no pet or human had been in contact with said animals, and a confirmation test is no doubt costly, still I feel this is against good public health practices. Preemptive actions require knowledge of what is present in a community, not

City Notes

A family fun event was held Sunday, October 20 at Springhill Lake Recreation Center and will be held again on the coming Sunday, October 27.

SHLRC hosted Story Explorers on Wednesday afternoon. Story Explorers, provided by Greenbelt Library, offers elementary school students an opportunity to read a story and enjoy crafts and activities to enhance the literary experience.

Letters Policy During City Elections

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

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

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

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



On Screen

Miles Davis: Birth of the Cool

The studio promotion for this documentary begins with this snapshot of the supremely talented musician's many sides: "Miles Davis: Horn player, bandleader, innovator. Elegant, intellectual, vain. Callous, conflicted, controversial. Magnificent, mercurial. Genius. The very embodiment of cool. The man with a sound so beautiful it could break your heart." The central theme of Miles Davis's life was his restless determination to break boundaries and live life on his own terms. It made him a star – it also made him incredibly difficult to live with, for the people who loved him most. This film explores archival photos and home movies shot by Miles and his colleagues, his manuscripts and Miles's original paintings, to explore the man behind the music. Featuring interviews with some of the most well-known musicians on the planet, including Jimmy Cobb, Lee Konitz, Herbie Hancock, Wayne Shorter, Ron Carter, Carlos Santana, The Roots and Flea of the Red Hot Chili Peppers.

Not rated. Running time: 115 minutes

- Sandy Rodgers

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SHOWTIMES

Oct. 25th - Oct. 31st

**MILES DAVIS:
BIRTH OF THE COOL (NR)**
(2019)(115 mins)
Fri. 2:00, 8:00 PM
Sat. 5:00 PM
Sun. 5:00 PM
Mon. 8:00 PM
Tues. 5:00 PM
Wed. 2:00 PM
Thurs. 5:00 PM

JUDY (PG-13)(DVS)(CC)
(2019)(118 mins)
Fri. 5:00 PM
Sat. 2:00, 8:00 PM
Sun. 2:00(OC) PM
Mon. 5:00 PM
Tues. 8:00 PM
Wed. 8:00 PM
Thurs. 2:00 PM

HARRIET (PG-13)(CC)(DVS)
(2019)(125 mins)
Special Sneak Peek
Thurs. 8:00 PM

SUMMONED: FRANCIS PERKINS (2019)(60 mins)
Sun. 8:00 PM - FREE!

Storytime on Screen
Held at the Greenbelt
Community Center
Mon. 10:30 AM - FREE!

**IT'S THE GREAT PUMPKIN,
CHARLIE BROWN**
(1966)(25 mins)
Sponsored by the Greenbelt
Recreation Dept.
Wed. 6:00 PM - FREE!

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Volunteers Welcome!

Contact editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com if you would like to volunteer for the News Review. Currently we are particularly in need of people with the expertise to help automate our systems using Visual Basic.

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Community Events

At the Library

The Greenbelt Library will be closed from November 25 to January 21 for the installation of new carpeting and shelves. During this time, customers will have to pick up holds and use library services at alternate locations, although the book drop will still be open at Greenbelt.

Requests for materials to be picked up at Greenbelt can be made through staff, by visiting or calling the branch during open hours. Staff will have to ensure that the material will be delivered before November 25. Online requests can be made for materials to be picked up at other branches.

Teen Board

Monday, October 28, 4 p.m., ages 13 to 18, limit 15 participants. Earn service hours while making the library a great place for teens. Enjoy snacks, meet new people, become a leader. Registration is required. For further information, contact the branch either in person or by calling 301-345-5800. TAB meets weekly on Monday afternoons.

English Conversation

Tuesday, October 29, 6 p.m. Learning to speak English? Join this club and practice speaking English in a friendly atmosphere with people from diverse backgrounds. The club meets weekly as a walk-in event on Tuesday evenings.

Weekly Storytimes

Tuesday, October 29, 7 p.m., ages 3 to 5, limit 30 people. Wednesday, October 30, 10:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2, limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3, limit 30 people. Thursday, October 31, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2, limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s).

French Club

Thursday, October 24, 5 p.m. Learning to speak French? Join this club and practice speaking French in a friendly atmosphere with people from diverse backgrounds. No registration required.

Storytime on Screen

Monday, October 28, 10:30 a.m., ages newborn to 5. Bring a baby, toddler or pre-schooler to the Community Center, Room 200 to listen to a story read from the big screen, see a short film and complete a craft. Popcorn will be provided. No registration required.

Books at Bedtime

Monday, October 28, 6:30 p.m., ages newborn to 3, limit 20 people. This is an opportunity for children under 3 with special needs, along with their family and friends, to participate in storytime, music and motor activities.

Kids Achieve Club

Thursday, October 31, 4 p.m., ages 5 to 12. Homework help and reading practice for students in grades 1 through 6. Ayuda con las tareas y práctica de la lectura para los estudiantes en los grados de 1 al 6. Service will be provided during half-hour sessions by appointment only; please call the branch to register at 301-345-5800 option 2.

STEM for Families

Instant 3-D Prints. Saturday, November 2, 2 p.m., ages 5 to 12. Futuremakers presents: Become a product designer and rapid prototype a robot face. Explore the process of thermos-forming to create foam 3-D designs to take home. No registration is required.

Halloween Calendar

Friday, October 25

5 p.m. Halloween Family Fun Event/Pumpkin Carving, Springhill Lake Recreation Center

5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Pumpkin Carving, Roosevelt Center

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Greenbelt Police Trunk or Treat, Springhill Lake Recreation Center

6 p.m. to 10 p.m. St Hugh's Haunted Farm, St Hugh's Church

7 p.m. Halloween Movie, Springhill Lake Recreation Center

Saturday, October 26

2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Fall Fest, Schrom Hills Park

2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Greenbelt Police Trunk or Treat, Schrom Hills Park

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Pumpkin Walk, Northway Fields

6 p.m. to 10 p.m. St Hugh's Haunted Farm, St Hugh's Church

7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Pumpkin Walk, Schrom Hills Park

Wednesday, October 30

4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Greenbelt Police Trunk or Treat, Roosevelt Center

4:30 p.m. Costume Contest and Parade, Roosevelt Center

6 p.m. It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown, Old Greenbelt Theater (free)

Thursday, October 31

4:30 p.m. Presentation: The Goatman: Is He a Myth? Greenbelt Park

Plant Swap Now On October 26

The Plant Swap at 1 Hamilton Place scheduled for October 20 was postponed because of the weather. The new date and time are Saturday, October 26 with set-up beginning at 10 a.m. and the event starting at 10:30 a.m.

It's always fun to add some variety to the garden. So bring overabundant plants, divisions, seedlings, seeds and bulbs to swap for neighbors' excesses. Bring tools that are in good working condition, gardening books, magazines, garden ornaments, etc.

For those who are just starting out and don't have any of these things, bring cookies to share. New gardeners can always garner a few tips as well as pick up some plants.

For questions, contact Lynne Slater at lgslater717@ iCloud.com.

Growing Greenbelt's Leadership Workshop

Join the Center for Dynamic Community Governance on Sunday, November 3 from 1 to 5 p.m. for the third and final workshop on Growing Greenbelt's Leadership through the use of dynamic community governance tools and strategies. The workshop is open to community organizers, local business people and anyone looking to grow their leadership and governance skills, with an emphasis on consent-based decision-making. One-on-one sessions are also available upon request.

The workshop will be held at the Schrom Hills Recreation Center, 6915 Hanover Parkway. The training is free. For more information and to reserve a space email Aileen@dynamic-governance.org.

The Greenbelt Community Foundation's support makes this program possible.

Free Movie Screening Tuesday, November 12

AARP members and guests are invited to a free screening of What They Had, sponsored by AARP and Dementia Friendly Prince George's County - North Sector on Tuesday, November 12, at the Old Greenbelt Theatre. Doors open at 12:30 p.m.

Starring Hilary Swank, Blythe Danner, Robert Forster and Michael Shannon, What They Had centers on a family in crisis. Bridget (Swank) returns home to Chicago at her brother's (Shannon) urging to deal with her ailing mother (Danner) and her father's (Forster) reluctance to let go of their life together.

Rated R for language, including a brief sexual reference.

Registration is required, with a limit of two tickets per guest. Call 240-542-2019 or go to bitly/DFAAARPMOVIESFORGROWNUPS. Note that the URL is case sensitive.

Haunted Farm October 25, 26

St. Hugh's youth group will host a Haunted Farm on Friday, October 25 and Saturday, October 26 from 6 to 10 p.m. Tours will begin in St. Hugh's school parking lot. Warning: this may be too scary for younger children. Donations support the youth group's annual retreat in Steubenville, Ohio.

TEA (Taking Effective Action) Time at Café

On the fourth Friday of every month, a group supporting women during their personal and professional development through positivity and progress meets from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the New Deal Café. The next meeting will be on Friday, October 25. All are welcome to attend to support one another and the Café.

Space Weather Talk

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will be holding its monthly meeting on Thursday, October 24 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 114 of the Community Center. Robert Dutilly will be speaking on the topic of space weather. All are welcome.

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, which provide at least one-third of Recommended Dietary Allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of October 28 are as follows:

Monday, October 28: turkey meatball with sweet and sour sauce, garden medley rice, California vegetables, whole-wheat roll, fresh fruit, cranberry juice

Tuesday, October 29: beef spaghetti sauce, whole-grain penne pasta, green beans, cherry cobbler, Italian bread, orange juice

Wednesday, October 30: oven-fried chicken, black-eyed peas, hot spiced fruit, mixed green salad, cranberry juice

Thursday, October 31: beef hot dog, potato wedges, hot spiced apples, coleslaw, whole-wheat hot dog bun, fruit punch

Friday, November 1: pork loin with gravy, mashed spiced yam, green peas, whole-wheat roll, applesauce, cranberry juice.

Star Party Saturday

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday evening, October 26 at the City Observatory, located at Northway Fields. Attendees can expect to see Saturn and deep sky objects (nebulae, star clusters and galaxies) currently high in the sky, viewed through our observatory telescope and astronomical camera. As always, visitors are welcome to set up their own telescopes on the hill.

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

At Greenbelt Park

Saturday, October 26, Ranger Talk: Chemistry of Autumn. As the leaves change with the fall season, learn about the natural chemistry that causes the colors of autumn in Greenbelt's forest and along the scenic Baltimore-Washington Parkway. Look at magnified leaf tissue under a microscope to see chlorophyll in the chloroplasts that make summer leaves green. Do you know what color carotene creates in leaves? Meet at the Park Headquarters at 11 a.m.

Thursday, October 31 at 4:30 p.m., The Goatman: Is He a Myth? As Halloween approaches, shiver with the frost on the pumpkin (or with fear of the Goatman?) and warm yourself before a fire, as a park ranger describes the myth (or is it?) of the Goatman, a bizarre creature sighted frequently in this vicinity. Beware, because the Goatman may be in the Greenbelt woods, and may be glimpsed in the firelight. The Goatman lives! Special Location: Hyattsville Library, 6502 America Boulevard, Hyattsville.

Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, October 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads. The group offers professionals, students, stay-at-home parents and retirees a supportive environment to improve skills in communication and leadership. For more information call 240-542-8625.



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7 am	Greenbelt News Reel Utopia FF Previews!
8 am	Democracy Now!
9 am	Classic Film: Jerry Warren Teenage Zombies*
11 am	Greenbelt Discussion
12 pm	Greenbelt News Reel Utopia FF Previews!
1 pm	Greenbelt Cooperatives
2 pm	Greenbelt News Reel Utopia FF Previews!
3 pm	Classic Film: Jerry Warren Teenage Zombies*
5 pm	Strata (Archaeology)
6 pm	Greenbelt News Reel Utopia FF Previews!
7 pm	Democracy Now!
8 pm	Classic Film: Jerry Warren Teenage Zombies*
10 pm	Democracy Now!
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*"It's not just BAD, it's TERRIBLE!"
- Bill Warren, Film Historian

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GREENBELT ARTS CENTER PRESENTS



Motherhood Out Loud

Conceived by Susan R. Rose and Joan Stein
directed by Rikki Lacewell

Fridays and Saturdays
Oct 25, 26, Nov 1, 2, 8, 9
at 8PM

Sunday matinees: Oct 27,
Nov 3 & 10 at 2PM

Ticket prices:
\$24 General Admission, \$22 Seniors/Military,
\$12 Student/Youth

There will be a talk-back with the cast following the November
3rd performance.

Coming Soon to the Greenbelt Arts Center
Sunday, October 27 - Greenbelt Arts Center General Meeting-5pm
November 15-17 - Utopia Film Festival

Obituaries

Joseph Sucher



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE FAMILY

Joseph Sucher

Longtime Greenbelt resident Joseph Sucher died Friday, October 18, 2019, at the Riderwood retirement community in Silver Spring. He was 89 years old.

He was a theoretical physics professor at the University of Maryland and the husband of former News Review editor and reporter Dorothy Sucher. As a

physicist he is best known for his work on the relativistic theory of many-electron atoms, the quantum theory of long-range forces and the foundations of relativistic quantum theory. The February 13, 1975, issue of the News Review makes note of Sucher receiving a \$64,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to support his research.

Born in Vienna, Austria, he and his family fled the Nazis following the Anschluss. His family eventually settled in Brooklyn, N.Y. After obtaining his Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1957, he and his family moved to Greenbelt, living for many years on Lakeside Drive.

He is survived by twin sister Erica of New York, son Gabriel of Rockville, son Anatol and daughter-in-law Ann Rasmussen of San Francisco, and daughter-in-law Carol Hausner and granddaughter Rachel of Montpelier, Vermont.

A memorial service is planned for sometime in the future.

- by Anatol Sucher

Remembering Joe Sucher

by Sandra A. Lange



PHOTO BY COURTESY OF ANATOL SUCHER

At the 1972 Labor Day Festival, Joe Sucher played simultaneous games of chess against all comers to raise money for the Greenbelt CARES.

We remember our friend Joe Sucher as an interesting, intelligent, kind and generous person. We especially remember him as a chess wizard. As a teenager, Joe learned to play chess at the Marshall Chess Club in New York City. There he met many chess greats including Larry Evans and L. A. Horowitz. As Joe's teaching and research career grew, as well as his family of four children, he gave up playing chess. However, from 1972 to 1975, and again in 1979, Joe conducted a Chess Marathon at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival. He challenged all comers, first come-first served. The first few marathons were sponsored by Greenbelt CARES, but the 1979 marathon benefited the Prince George's County Chapter of the National Organization for Women. Initially, in 1972, he played 16 games simultaneously, both in the afternoon and evening. In subsequent years, he pared down to one

evening Chess Marathon, playing 10 or 12 games simultaneously. This feat has been unmatched in Greenbelt's history.

In 2012, at the News Review's 75th anniversary dinner, Joe announced the establishment of the Dorothy Sucher Memorial Fund which would commemorate the life and work of his late wife Dorothy. The Greenbelt Museum and the Greenbelt News Review would each receive a \$1,000 annual award to be given to deserving interns.

Dorothy Sucher's Letter to See SUCHER, page 16

Our Neighbors

The News Review family is saddened by the death of Joseph Sucher, University of Maryland physicist and husband of the late Dorothy Sucher, a long-time stalwart member of the paper's staff. Our condolences to the Sucher family. The Suchers were longtime residents of Greenbelt.

Our condolences to the family and friends of former Greenbelt Jay Coleman who died on October 3, 2019 at his home.

Congratulations to Greenbelt Noni Silas, who participated in the Misericordia University 2019 Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF). In the 10-week program Silas worked with her faculty mentor, Rebecca Steinberger, Ph.D., professor of English. They focused on the research topic titled: There's Rosemary, That's for Remembrance: Remembering Barbara Soyka and the Shakespeare Garden.

Many thanks to ERHS student Jeremy Phillips-Mincey who, along with his sister Jessica Phillips, stepped up to stop a dog attack and administer first aid on October 14, as reported by NBC and ABC.

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

Slavic Food Fest Coming November 2

St. Gregory of Nyssa Byzantine Catholic Church will hold its annual Slavic Food Fest and Bake Sale on Saturday, November 2 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with door prizes every half hour.

Eastern European ethnic foods including holupki, pirohi, halushki and kolbassi with sauerkraut will be available for eat-in and carry-out.

The bake sale features five types of kolachi: walnut, poppyseed, lekvar/prune, apricot and raspberry. Also available will be a wide selection of cakes, pies, cookies and other sweet treats.

St. Gregory's is located at 12420 Old Gunpowder Road Spur, Beltsville. Phone 301-953-9323. See ad on page 12.

Singers Needed For Christmas Concert

Is it Christmas already? Call for singers. Any age, any range. Come join in Thursdays from 7 to 7:30 p.m. to get ready for Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church's Christmas musical celebration. Leave a message at the office (301-474-9410) for more information.



Never put a period where a comma should be . . .

Greenbelt Community Church



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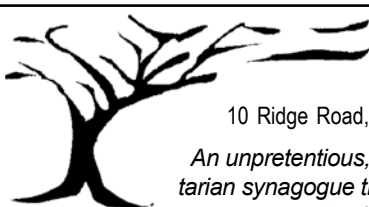
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Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

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Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
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October 27 10 a.m.
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City Information & Events

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING Municipal Building, Monday, October 28 2019, 8:00 p.m.

ORGANIZATION

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

- Bat Week Proclamation
- Non-Profit Awareness Week

Petitions and Requests

(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

Minutes of Council Meeting

Administrative Reports

* Committee Reports

LEGISLATION

- A Resolution commencing renewal proceedings under the Federal Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 and confirming authority to conduct proceedings and to take such actions as are appropriate to collect information and otherwise comply with the requirements of the Federal Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984

OTHER BUSINESS

- Draft State Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP), FY 2020-2025
- Opposition to Bureau of Engraving and Printing facility at Beltsville Agriculture Research Center (BARC) site
- County Legislation - CB-46-2019 (Animal Control Ordinance)
- Council Activities
- Council Reports
- *- Renewal of Fire Station Lease
- *- Letter of Support - Municipal Collaboration
- *- Resignation from Advisory Groups

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

OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) and (7) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, a closed session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Wednesday, October 30th, 2019, immediately following the City Manager Update Work Session in the Planning Office of the Community Center, to: 1) discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; 2) to consult with legal counsel regarding outstanding legal matters.

The purpose of this meeting will be: 1) Pending personnel matters; 2) To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on pending legal matters.

*The public may attend the Work Session of the City Council immediately prior to the closed session and observe the vote of Council to move into closed session.

Bonita Anderson, City Clerk



PUBLIC NOTICE Greenbelt Lake Trail Closure

A segment of the trail around Greenbelt Lake in the vicinity of the dam project will be closed from 10/28/19 through 11/10/19 to accommodate construction activities

NATIONAL DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

Greenbelt Police Department, 550 Crescent Rd
October 26th from 10:00am-2:00pm



The Greenbelt Police will again partner with the DEA to collect unwanted/unused medications. We will be offering a convenient drive-up option so you don't even need to leave your car! Help fight the opioid epidemic and prevent water contamination by disposing of your unwanted medications properly.

MEETINGS FOR OCTOBER 28-NOVEMBER 1

Monday, October 28 at 8:00pm **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

Monday, October 28 at 6:30pm **GREENBELT CART** at Police Station, 550 Crescent Road On the Agenda: Standard Operating Procedures, Open House and Recruitment Planning

Monday, October 28 at 7:30pm **GREENBELT CERT** at Police Station, 550 Crescent Road On the Agenda: Meeting Review, Review of Officer Elections, Tabletop Exercise Planning

Tuesday, October 29 at 3:30pm **SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road On the Agenda: Meeting Approvals, Old and New Business

Tuesday, October 29 at 7:00pm **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES** at Public Works, 555 Crescent Road On the Agenda: Review Past Meeting Minutes, Old and New Business

Wednesday, October 30 at 8:00pm **WORK SESSION City Manager Update** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

Wednesday, October 30 following above Work Session **CLOSED MEETING Legal and Personal Matters** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. See Official Notice.

This schedule is subject to change. For meeting confirmation please call 301-474-8000.

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION

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

SAMPLE BALLOT
Judith F. Davis
Emmett V. Jordan
Edward V. J. Putens
Rodney M. Roberts
William A. Orleans
Silke I. Pope
Colin A. Byrd
Leta M. Mach

EARLY VOTING DATES AND LOCATIONS

Greenbelt Municipal Building – (25 Crescent Road)
October 14th – November 1st:
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Tuesday 9:00 am – 8:00 pm

Springhill Lake Recreation Center – (6101 Cherrywood Lane)
Saturday, October 26th, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and
Sunday, October 27th, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

COSTUME CONTEST AND PARADE

Prizes will be awarded to contestants with the most innovative costume in their category:
Funny, Spooky, Original, Pets, Superhero/Comic, Princess/Fairy, Group/Family, and Space!

**ROOSEVELT CENTER
OCTOBER 30 4:30PM**

FREE EVENT! Parade lineup starts at 4:00pm. Movie Begins at 6pm
For more information visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation

HALLOWEEN MOVIE & FAMILY FUN EVENT IN FRANKLIN PARK

**OCTOBER 25TH
SPRINGHILL LAKE RECREATION CENTER
6101 Cherywood Lane**

Activities start at 5pm
Movie starts at 7pm

For additional info call 301-397-2212

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Pumpkin Carvin & Decorating * Community Group Info Tables
Moonbounces & Inflatables * Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department
Trunk or Treat * KidCare ID's by Greenbelt Police Department

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 * 2-5PM
SCHROM HILLS PARK, 6915 HANOVER PARKWAY**

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Ethics Commission, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and Youth Advisory Committee
For more information: 301-474-8000

DONATION DROP-OFF

Green Drop Charitable Donations
<https://www.gogreendrop.com/acceptable-items/>
Saturday, October 26, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon or until the truck is full
Parking lot between City Office and the Community Center
Every second (2nd) and fourth (4th) Saturday of the month
Info: City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308

ELECTRONICS, STYROFOAM, AND PAINT RECYCLING Saturday, October 26 9 AM – 12 NOON Public Works Yard, 555 Crescent Rd

Accepted items include: CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, laptops, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, fax machines, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, batteries taped on one end. No more tube TVs accepted. Yuck Old Paint - Paint Recycling cost is \$5 per container. DO NOT mix paint in other containers. In order for paint to be properly used, the contents on the inside need to match the label on the outside.

Questions? Greenbelt Sustainability Office 240-542-2153

Election 2019

City Council Candidates' Ideas Help Greenbelt Be More Green

In lieu of a candidate forum, the Greenbelt Progressive Candidate Forum Committee opted to use four questions for the candidates for city council. Here are the answers to question one.

Our great city has a wonderful history of being progressively green, but much of the resources and projects have focused on “historic” Greenbelt. Specifically, how would you identify, focus attention, and commit resources to ensure the inclusion of East and West Greenbelt in future green projects, and would you be in support of a Greenbelt-only shuttle or “circulator” that uses electric or hybrid mini-buses or vans? How would you turn that support into positive actions?

Ed Putens

Greenbelt has a history of being “green” – it was known as the belt of green. It was one of the first municipalities to invest in its own separate recycling vehicles and equipment and a history of community gardens, green spaces, parks, and a forest preserve. Though we live in different areas of the City, we have a stake in all three areas. Accomplishments in any one area are funded by tax revenues collectively from all three areas. Each area has different needs and must be treated accordingly, which does not imply special treatment. We are looking at major infrastructure needs, regardless of the area. We are invested in preserving our green spaces including our parks. For example, extensive work is needed to our lake dam. It's expensive, but it must be done and it's in Greenbelt's historic area. Work is also planned to make Cherrywood Lane safer for pedestrians and bicyclists, which is in the western part of Greenbelt. Efforts are being made to help the Greenbelt Station neighborhood be more easily accessible to Metro and the rest of Greenbelt. In the eastern part, we most definitely need better walkability and safe bicycle lanes. A shuttle bus that goes directly to and from the Metro station in the morning and afternoons would be nice, but it's expensive to purchase a bus to operate and maintain such a system and hire and train a staff to operate it. This most likely would require a tax increase.

Judith Davis

Green projects have been incorporated throughout Greenbelt, not just in Center City. Greenbelt East has a designated part of the Forest Preserve. Council has permitted two watershed improvement projects. Energy-saving lights were installed at Schrom Hills Park. I have suggested that an electric charging station be placed there. I will support the bicycle/pedestrian improvements planned for Hanover Parkway. In Greenbelt West, a stream valley trail was built and a bicycle/pedestrian trail from Greenbelt

Station to the Metro will be constructed. Solar panels were installed on the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. I will certainly support seeking funds to complete the approved Cherrywood Lane Complete and Green Street project. I was instrumental in persuading the state to set aside the forested wetland between the Metro and Greenbelt Station. I would be in favor of establishing a circulator bus system utilizing electric or hybrid mini-buses if enough funding can be found. As a commissioner for the Regional Transportation Agency, which includes bus routes from Greenbelt to Laurel, I'm very aware of the huge cost there is to run a bus line, even a small one. To be effective, more than one bus is needed along with several certified drivers, which are very difficult to find, train, and retain, and an expanded maintenance yard with skilled mechanics. One bus running a limited number of shifts and hours to cover all of Greenbelt will not be adequate nor satisfactory. I will continue to gather best green practices whenever I attend conferences and incorporate them wherever possible.

Colin Byrd

First of all, climate change is real, and we need to be acting like it. We need to be channeling the energy, research, and information on this issue from Al Gore and Greta Thunberg but also from local climate activists right here in Greenbelt and throughout the county. Climate change was not a hoax invented by China. It's very simple. Every Greenbelter, regardless of address, should be able to experience the full greatness of Greenbelt, and that includes when it comes to “green” projects that relate to environmental sustainability. Since I was sworn into office, the city has made major progress on the solar project at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, and I sponsored and passed a measure to provide funding to the Greenbelt Co-op's Rays on the Roof solar capital fundraising campaign. I have also op-

posed the governor's highway widening proposals. There are great community-based projects like the three-bin composting at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Another thought is community gardens in Greenbelt East. One form of transportation we currently have is the Greenbelt Connection bus, and yes – I'd also support an electric/hybrid shuttle/circulator, if it can be done in an affordable, financially prudent way for the people of Greenbelt. Finally, the last time Greenbelt received its Sustainable Maryland certification, we ranked second in the state, behind Takoma Park, so one of my goals is to get us to number one in the state. And I will support policies and initiatives to get us there

Silke Pope

In recent years we accomplished quite a few green projects in Greenbelt West. The Springhill Lake Recreation Center now has solar panels on the roof, permeable paving in the parking lot and a composting site next to the building. There is an ongoing complete green street project underway along Cherrywood Lane. Springhill Lane underwent a green street project a few years ago. These projects have or are currently being funded by grants.

In Greenbelt East, we installed LED lighting at Schrom Hills Park in the parking area which dims when the park is not being used. Could we do more, I am positive the answer is yes, but the financial aspect is always the biggest challenge. We must strive to identify possible new green projects in both East and West Greenbelt with the guidance of our advisory boards, committees and our residents. Our goal is to identify, fund and complete green projects in an equitable and inclusive manner.

Additionally, I am in favor of a circulator bus. And, I would support a circulator bus in the city, if it is determined that the city is able to financially support this program.

See GREEN, page 10

Election 2019

Bill Orleans Is the Eighth Candidate to File for Council

Bill Orleans is the eighth candidate for city council to submit a biography to this newspaper. His nomination forms have been certified by City Clerk Bonita Anderson. Candidates' biographies are prepared by the candidates and will be published as they are received by the paper.

Bill Orleans

Bill Orleans is a jerk, and indeed a candidate for Greenbelt Council. He has never been more of a jerk than when he agreed to a silly and totally unnecessary compromise to be determined sufficiently compliant to be certified as a candidate. Orleans was born in Greenbelt in October 1947 and lived most of his life here.

He began his lifelong pursuit of life's lessons right here in town. At about 8 or so, while walking the sidewalk in front of the apartments on Crescent across from the elementary school, he casually was bouncing a rubber baseball when he saw a single ant crossing ahead one pace, which ant was then killed by a thoughtless bounce, something akin to sport. Whatever might have been that ant's fate, Orleans had no right to end its life for sport. “All God's” creatures “got” value and no life should be taken so casually. This was one of many lessons learned throughout his childhood.

At the age of 15, after one year at High Point, Orleans moved to Albany to live with his father and his Aunt Jewel; his life lessons continued. Early on, enrolled in Albany High and still a new kid in town, he had occasion to defend a mentally disabled kid who was harassed in a classroom, class in progress. After a fist fight with the perpetrators the harassment stopped.

At 17 Orleans enlisted in the Marine Corps, and was discharged in January 1969. During the same time period, he confronted firsthand the segregation in this country. In the summer of 1968 as he was driving in the South he found himself on old country roads. The first time he stopped, he was confronted by “colored” and “white only” signs and Wallace (and Nixon) for President signs, and KKK imagery alongside the roads. The last weekend before the election he spent in Raleigh and seeing a Humphrey-Muskie sign above a Democratic Party office, on impulse he crossed against traffic into its parking lot, and put a Humphrey-Muskie bumper sticker on his car. Sometimes incremental change only one step forward is better than two or more steps backward.

Discontented and failing at PGCC, he left Greenbelt again in the spring of '69 for New York, where he worked a variety of jobs until getting his license to drive a taxi, work which he engaged in on and off for 30 years. He would still identify as a New York City cab driver.

He enrolled also in the New York School of Hard Questions, with a major/minor in no pretense and no bullshit; and later in labor college.

Later he was received into a second faith, the one true secular faith, democracy.

Most important to his fully understanding life lessons was his mentoring from an old taxi driver who felt he had been betrayed by his union.

Over a strike barrel one cold, snowy winter night in '71 (I had stayed late, he had come early), just he and I, in a sense I graduated, with his instruction, “Orleans,” he said, “Bill, I have just one thing to say to you: Never pat yourself on the back, ever ask of yourself more and harder questions, and, Orleans, Bill, never give in to the bastards”.

This is Orleans.

This biography has been edited by staff to conform to the length standard.



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Greenbelt Community Foundation Showcase 2019

Sunday, October 27 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Greenbelt American Legion Banquet Hall, 6900 Greenbelt Road

Enjoy dance, music, movies, art, light refreshments.

Tickets are \$15.00 per person available on
greenbeltfoundation.org

Election 2019

Affordable Taxes vs. Needed Expenditures: A Balancing Act

This is the final week in which the News Review will publish the city council candidates' answers to questions posted by the paper. This week's question is: Greenbelt currently has one of the highest municipal tax rates in the area. As additional expenditures may be required, how should council balance the desire to maintain or increase programs and services against the need to keep taxes at an affordable level?

We have limited answers to 250 words. The answers are listed randomly. Again, not all of the candidates provided answers.

Colin Byrd

The budget can't be adequately explained in 250 words, so I'll answer this in terms of principles rather than line items.

I understand there are residents that are concerned about the property tax rate here in Greenbelt and thus feel the city should be spending less on programs and services. On the other hand, there are residents that feel that the city should spend significantly more. Many want more spending and lower taxes.

Of course, these two desires are largely pulling in opposite directions, so everyone with an opinion on this topic should first keep in mind there are usually tangible trade-offs to major changes in the city's spending/taxation levels.

That does not mean, however, that the status quo is acceptable. I am supportive of seriously exploring lowering taxes. That starts with the next budget, where my focus will be:

- Encouraging and listening to public input throughout the process
- Thoughtfully considering Greenbelters' wants/needs
- Determining priorities
- Analyzing the city's finances
- Working with my colleagues on a budget that both reflects the people's values and that reflects a genuine, efficient effort to reduce the city's tax rate in the short-and/or long-term.

Beyond that, we have to improve our procurement process so that we get lower bids and better accountability from whoever does business with the city.

Also, the current city treasurer is retiring, and we're in the process of hiring a new one. So I expect all of this will be part of that conversation as well.

Silke Pope

Greenbelt offers many programs, amenities and services. Our mission is to provide excel-

lent municipal, public safety, educational, recreational, social and other needed services for all. Many of these services are provided at low or no cost. We strive to offer the best quality of life experience for all of our residents in an equal, fair and inclusive way. The result of this level of service comes with a price tag that does result in a higher than average municipal tax rate.

The majority of our budget goes toward public safety. We have a nationally accredited police department that provides services to all of our city residents. We are fortunate to be able to provide many police services that surrounding municipalities do not offer.

We support our city's historic theater which is currently undergoing needed renovation. The outflow dam at Buddy Attick Park is currently undergoing State mandated and City funded repair. Even if you budget wisely and carefully, unexpected things can happen that need immediate attention.

As your representative on council, I must ensure that we manage our assets, your tax dollars, efficiently and wisely, and we must do so in a transparent way. I will be frugal, vigilant, and honest and, I will engage and listen to residents on what they need and want. I do not

See QUESTION, page 11

REGISTRATION continued from page 1

City Voter Registration (as of October 9, 2019)								
	October	October	October	October	Increase	number of new registrants	distribution of new registrants	distribution of all registrants
Precinct/ Voting Place	2013	2015	2017	2019		2017-2019		
03-Comm. Center	2,837	2,656	2,799	2,968	6.0%	169	16.3%	21.5%
06-Police Station	2,249	2,154	2,199	2,286	4.0%	87	8.4%	16.5%
08-Greenbelt West	1,993	2,045	2,886	3,421	18.5%	535	51.5%	24.8%
13-Greenbriar	2,519	2,422	2,585	2,732	5.7%	147	14.1%	19.8%
18-Schrom Hills Park	2,543	2,177	2,306	2,407	4.6%	101	9.7%	17.4%
TOTAL	12,141	11,454	12,775	13,814	8.1%	1,039	100.0%	100.0%

2015. After a number of years of relatively static registration, it has been increasing in all segments of the city starting in 2017, not just in Greenbelt West. Greenbelt Station and Franklin Park form the Greenbelt West precinct.

Precincts

Greenbelt is represented in five county precincts; registration data by precinct are summarized in the table. Precinct numbers are established by the county and names often refer to the voting

location. In 2017, for the first time, Greenbelt West, voting at Springhill Lake Recreation Center, had the largest number of persons registered to vote: almost 23 percent of the total registration. This remains true for 2019 with Greenbelt West now having one quarter (25 percent) of the city registration.

However, the city is not usually described by voting precincts, but by the location of residents. People often think of Greenbelt

as being in three sections, not five. Center City includes precincts 03 and 06; Greenbelt East includes precincts 13 and 18; and Greenbelt West is precinct 08. With that grouping in mind, Center City and Greenbelt East have virtually identical percentages of the registered voters – 38 and 37 percent respectively. Greenbelt West has 25 percent, up 2 percentage points from the last election. Thus although Greenbelt West has the largest number registered, it does not outweigh the other two sections of the city. Greenbelt West has also traditionally had a very low turnout but the number of voters increased somewhat in the 2017 election when more participation was reported. It will be interesting to see if voting turnout continues to increase in this precinct.

Art Drop-in

The Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program invites guests of all ages to make a found object mosaic at a Community Art Drop-in on Sunday, November 3. In addition, contribute to a collaborative piece. Artist-in-residence Rachel Cross will be leading the workshop, teaching a modified version of the technique she uses to create her own mesmerizing assemblages. Materials will be provided; guests are encouraged to contribute any old beads or broken jewelry they may have on hand. The event takes place at the Community Center. Admission is free, but reservations are recommended. Follow the link at greenbeltmd.gov/arts to sign up for a 1 or 2 p.m. start time. Guests will also be welcome on a walk-up basis for both time slots as space allows.

Greenbelt Pottery Hosts Empty Bowls

On Sunday, November 3 at 4:30 p.m. and again at 6:30 p.m. the Greenbelt Pottery Group, in partnership with the Greenbelt Community Church, is hosting an Empty Bowls fundraiser to raise money for Help-By-Phone. The dinner event will be held at the Greenbelt Community Church at 1 Hillside Road.

A ticket will get you a seat at a dinner of homemade soups and desserts and an original ceramic bowl made by one of the many potters who work at the ceramic studios at the Community Center.

The Greenbelt Potters are raising money for Help-By-Phone.

Tickets can be purchased at the Greenbelt Community Church or by calling Judy Goldberg-Strassler at 301-345-8755.

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November 5th

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Vacancies, Rights of Way & Captioning Aired in Council

by Cathie Meetre

Council's meeting on Tuesday, October 15, was well attended by the public. Several issues came up that were contentious and the meeting ran late into the night.

Of particular note was a long wrangle on changing the city charter to codify how a vacancy would be filled. The apparent impetus for this motion was a report in the Washington Post that Mayor Emmett Jordan would be one of the three names proposed to the Maryland governor for appointment to the seat vacated by Tawanna Gaines. As reported last week, Jordan called this "rumor" and affirmed his commitment to the city.

Council Vacancies

Councilmember Colin Byrd had proposed special election as the method to fill any seat which had at least 14 months to run (of a two-year term), but other councilmembers pointed out that elections were expensive and that it wasn't clear whether council had the authority, under its current charter, to make such a provision. Ultimately, the matter was referred to the city solicitor for research on a wider range of possible approaches, but not before Byrd had noted that the long service of several council members implied that there might well be upcoming mid-term vacancies. Amid humorous outcries of "ageism" from the more senior councilmembers, Councilmember Judith Davis flopped forward on

the podium jokingly announcing that she was having a heart attack. Byrd hastily retrenched, noting that long service didn't necessarily mean a person was old. He observed that by the time he, Byrd, achieved 15 years on the council, he'd still be under 40 – though this perhaps only deepened the hole he had dug for himself, leaving his elder colleagues little appeased.

GHI and Rights of Way

City Director of Planning and Community Development Terri Hruby reported that the last few minor edits to the agreement, long in the making, between Greenbelt Homes Inc. and the city on how to handle city rights of way running through GHI were in process and agreement was expected soon. She noted that the effects of these recent edits were minor. Edward James, a GHI board member summoned to the podium by Jordan, was at pains to point out that he wasn't representing GHI as this was not a role permitted to the board. He commented, however, that GHI wasn't keen on the word 'encroachment' to describe where GHI property and city rights of way conflicted, given that the city had arbitrarily drawn rights of way through GHI, including (in one case) through the middle of a member's living room. Nonetheless, he said that the document represented a good outcome and, in his personal opinion, was

likely to be accepted by the GHI board.

Captioning Services

A motion to authorize the purchase of captioning services for council meeting and worksession videos engendered a surprising amount of discussion. Although the system has already been purchased and installed, some speakers from the floor were concerned that the captioning, done in real time by computers and not by a person, would catch parenthetical asides from open mikes – or miss information from individuals not speaking directly into the mikes or whose mikes weren't working well. It was also noted that literacy was required. Ironically, Councilmember Silke Pope's microphone misbehaved the entire session, giving point to the objection and prompting requests from council for attention to the equipment.

In response, resident Lore Rosenthal pointed out from the floor that the sign language box on the current videos was so small that it was almost impossible for deaf people to follow the sign language interpreter anyway. She remarked that if council were in the small box on the screen and the interpreter was full screen it would be much easier to follow the signing. This innovation, though not accepted, was received with fairly vocal enthusiasm by both council and the audience.

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Lane and roughly 0.4 miles on Greenbelt Road.

Roberts was concerned that there was no provision in the document that required funding for schools, which are already overcrowded in the area. He also felt that the city would be unable to stretch its services to cover so many more households satisfactorily, noting that residents of the newly-completed Greenbelt Station had expressed dissatisfaction with the services and amenities the city provides. Roberts also stated his disappointment at the lack of provision for either affordable housing or housing for seniors.

Mayor Emmett Jordan agreed with Roberts' concerns, but was at pains, as were others, to re-

mind Roberts that the city has no power to insist on anything. Jordan said there are no regulations that can be imposed regarding developers providing funding for schools and that north county area schools were under significant pressure as a result of population growth, not just in Greenbelt. Jordan noted that it's not just a city concern and encouraged interested citizens to attend the related Planning Board hearing at the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission offices on Kenilworth Avenue on December 12.

Although the motion to formally approve the MOU carried, both Councilmember Colin Byrd and an unmollified Roberts voted against.

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Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance Celebrate Co-op Month 2019 in Greenbelt

Co-op Month will be celebrated throughout October with a GCA banner strung across some Greenbelt roads, a display in the Greenbelt Library, Co-op trivia slides shown in the Old Greenbelt Theatre, interviews with local co-ops aired by GATE and articles and event calendar in this paper.

Thursday October 24

9 am-9 pm One Day Meat Sale (GCS&P)
7-10 pm Candidate Forum in Municipal Center (GHI)

Friday October 25

4-7 pm Members Favorite Wine Tasting (GCS&P)

Thursday October 31

10:30 – 11:30 am Radio Show (NDC)

Abbreviations:

- (GCA) Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance;
- (GCS&P) Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy;
- (GFCU) Greenbelt Federal Credit Union;
- (GHI) Greenbelt Homes Inc.
- (GMS) Greenbelt Maker Space;
- (GNS) Greenbelt Nursery School;
- (GNR) Greenbelt News Review;
- (NDC) New Deal Café.

Election 2019

Colin Byrd and Silke Pope On Increasing Civic Life

Due to a technical issue, two of the candidates' (Colin Byrd and Silke Pope) answers to question 3 were inadvertently omitted from the October 17 edition of the News Review. We publish below those two answers to the question: How would you increase civic participation in city government?

Silke Pope

Greenbelt strives to promote community activism and it is exemplary in its volunteerism. Overall, I believe that current volunteers involved in our city government come from all parts of Greenbelt. The city council tries very hard to attract and select our advisory board and committee members both fairly and equitably when filling vacancies.

I do believe, however, that we need more people interested in volunteering for all our various community groups. We currently provide a discount for membership to the Aquatic and Fitness Center to all advisory committee and board members. Maybe other incentives could be used to help increase the participation on these committees and boards?

In specific regards to the city council, we need to determine how to encourage more candidates to run for council. The city is growing and the amount of time it takes to attend all council meetings, as well as many other committee meetings is growing as well. We must consider what structural and organizational changes could be made to encourage younger candidates to run for council. The current structure of meetings discourages candidates with young families due to the large time commitment.

I believe that better intra-city transportation options would provide greater opportunities for community participation. We must carefully evaluate this idea to see if it is financially possible for our city to offer such a service. With residents and council being concerned about our increasing taxes, we have to carefully listen and check the financial impact this would have on our residents.

Colin Byrd

Let me say four things about civic engagement:

First: between, the (referendum-backed) new voting age and the amount of time we allow for early voting, Greenbelt's voting protections related to this topic are already among the most generous in the U.S.

Second: I explain to people their lives are impacted by taxes, public works, police, recreation, parks, planning, code enforcement, economic development, and social services that the city offers through Greenbelt CARES, and elections can make those things better or worse.

Third: multimodal engagement of residents. I am a very accessible and responsive councilmember. You can reach me by phone 301-957-5014, by mail, by email colinabyrd@greenbeltmd.gov, or on Facebook @votecolinbyrd, where I discuss important, relevant Greenbelt matters.

Fourth: being there for all Greenbelters. Some politicians that merely want to be re-elected have exploited voter turnout numbers by ignoring certain parts of the city. My approach has been yes, work hard for Old Greenbelt. But also, regardless of whether they vote or not, work hard for Greenbelt East. Work hard for Greenbelt West. Work hard for people of all racial and economic backgrounds. Just think about how you get home from work – whether you get home by foot, by bike, or by taking Southway, Kenilworth, Edmonston, Cherrywood, Hanover, Mandan, or Greenbelt Station Parkway – Councilman Byrd is here for you.

That's my view on boosting civic participation: putting the people of Greenbelt first – all of them. Vote Byrd. Your voice will be heard.

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Emmett Jordan

A common narrative in Greenbelt involves three distinct sections of the city, with the east and west evolving from the historic core across Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. The single-family homes in the Greenspring2 neighborhood have as much in common with the Glen Oaks Apartments as the homes on Lakeside have in common with GHI. The new townhouses and upscale apartments in the new Greenbelt Station neighborhood contrast sharply with the Franklin Park community. However, there are disparities between neighborhoods in Greenbelt. Most of Greenbelt's public spaces and recreational facilities were part of the original Greenbelt Plan. Those good land use decisions were possible because the Federal government owned the land and could control zoning and planning. I have strongly advocated for additional programming and amenities for Greenbelt Station and Franklin Park. I plan to start a dialog with Council and residents about expanding the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. There will also be opportunities to add active recreational areas along the entrance to the Indian Creek trail at Branchville Road. I have also worked with Prince George's County Public Schools

and Greenbelt staff to finalize a MOU to provide the city with access to the Middle School athletic fields. In the east, council will work the home and condominium owner associations to partner on upgrading recreational facilities and improving landscaping in shared areas. A plan to install security camera in parts of Greenbelt east is moving forward. I also support expansion of the dog park and improving the adjacent recycling center.

Leta Mach

Greenbelt does indeed have a wonderful history of being progressively "green." It may seem that much of the focus has been on historic Greenbelt. However, this is a function of history in that originally the center of the city was all there was until the large apartment complex was built in the west and homes and condominiums in the east. Since the city has expanded so too has our support of green initiatives. For example, a forest preserve has been created in east Greenbelt from the Sunrise tract and joined the original Forest Preserve in the center of Greenbelt. We are starting work to make walking and biking in east and west Greenbelt safer. A highlight is the plan to make Cherrywood Lane a complete and green street. To continue the work and ensure the inclusion of

all parts of Greenbelt, I would consult with our citizens and our advisory boards. In particular, I would look to the roadmaps our advisory boards have created with the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan and the Sustainable Land Care Policy. These policies and plans include all of Greenbelt. An electric or hybrid Greenbelt circulator is an interesting idea for many reasons – most of all for its ability to connect all our residents and help them explore all Greenbelt neighborhoods. I would support a circulator, however, it is a costly project. To make it a reality, we need to explore grants and set aside funds in the annual city budget.

Bill Orleans

This question is presumptuously phrased. That aside, the people in Greenbelt have an inherent right (even if lacking statutory rights) to guide development and/or redevelopment within the city's corporate limits, and with the people of adjacent incorporated and unincorporated communities to guide development and/or redevelopment beyond.

When the impetus of those controlling the state apparatus is economic growth, quantitatively not qualitatively, then that apparatus will always favor property rights and the interests of "owners" of property over the interests of the people.

Even in Greenbelt, our potentially less-than-wonderful future is personified by the pursuit retrogressively of greenbacks or gold if we were on another standard.

Past development, west and east, was motivated by the pursuit of profit not community. There is sufficient land, west and east, to house more people, maintain equivalent commercial space, retail and office, provide more space for educational purpose, more programmable open space, and more open space generally for quiet purpose.

The land, west and east, is used badly.

The continued pursuit of profit by its "owners" won't change Greenbelt for the better. The more community conversation about a vision for the appropriate use of all Greenbelt space and the redevelopment of much, should be a continuing function of council, city staff, residents, and our mostly out of town commercial property class.

For more than 10 years, in annual budget discussions and in transit worksessions, I have agreed, when one member of council has raised each year an intra-city circulator, but council would not fund it.



Halloween decorations along the Lake path.

PHOTO BY KATHRYN BEARD



PHOTO COURTESY POPE AND BYRD

Normally, the News Review would never publish a photo like this unless it were a paid advertisement. However, because the News Review had a technical difficulty last week that caused us to inadvertently leave out Councilmembers Byrd and Pope's response to question 3, and because this photo demonstrates teamwork between competing candidates, we are making an exception and printing the photo. The paper is non-partisan and does not support any candidate over another.

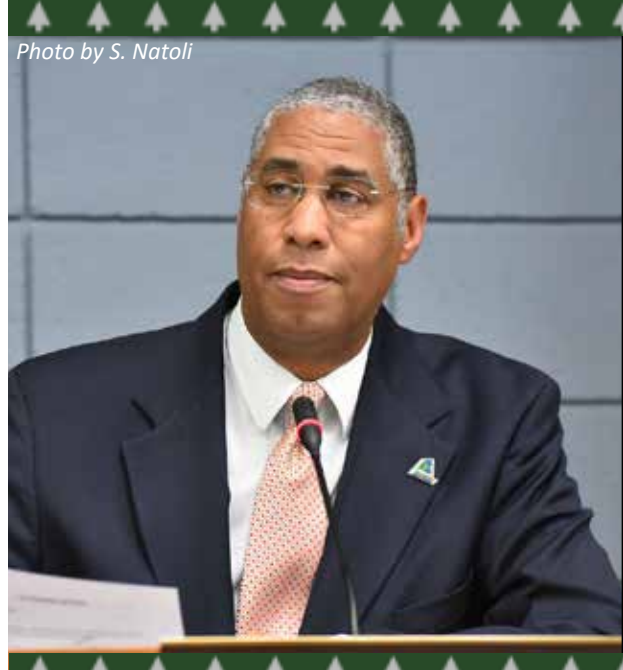


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know how the economic climate will affect us in the future. But I promise that “Working Together to Make Difference” is a motto that I will continue to follow.

Leta Mach

People in Greenbelt want and enjoy the many services Greenbelt provides. Our recreational programs and our professional and competent police and public works departments, as well as the services we provide through Greenbelt CARES, enhance the quality of life in Greenbelt.

The first step in balancing programs and services with affordable taxes is to survey our residents. As I have gone around the city and surveyed our citizens, I have asked if there is any unnecessary service that Greenbelt offers. For the most part, people reply that our services are great and there is not anything that they can identify that is not needed.

We do recognize that taxes can be a burden on some of our residents. That is why we have piggybacked on the state and county programs with a city property tax credit and a rental tax credit for those who qualify. We must continue to provide these for our residents who need them.

We can also partner with businesses to provide services such as the recent donation of computers at Springhill Lake Recreation Center from Paradyme Management. We can also work with developers to have them provide services such as the offer of NRP Group to fund and/or construct Cherrywood Lane in front of the proposed development into a complete and green street following the city’s plans.

We have many needs including maintaining our infrastructure. It is time to have a conversation about capital financing and a

bond referendum as such financing may be less costly.

Bill Orleans

Are we taxed too much? No. Are we taxed fairly? No. Are taxes affordable? It depends.

It will vary, but what is the cost of a gallon of milk, or a pound of this or that food staple? We rarely question the cost of necessities provided to us for profit by their manufacturer and/or their distributor. We should.

In a democracy, a form of governance, of, by and for the people, which exists not to profit from, but to serve the needs of the people, revenues to do so are derived from the people. We complain about our taxes. We should, only when the derivation is unfair and the burden is too disparate.

Greenbelt home owners, for the most part, do not seek to profit from their residence. Greenbelt’s commercial property class, owners of apartments, office and retail space, mostly from out of town and state, do seek to profit. When they profit insufficiently because of an inadequate business model and also their own mismanagement, they seek abatements on their assessment from property taxes already paid. Who in Greenbelt reimburses these commercial property owners? Greenbelt residents do. Why? Why does not Greenbelt challenge requests from commercial property owners seeking abatements? Council has refused in the past to even consider the question.

That is something we should complain about.

(By the way, we ought to talk about how much profit is sufficient – or even legitimate – for any profit seeker. I suggest that is a conversation Greenbelt Council could initiate.)

Judith F. Davis

The council’s responsibility is to approve a balanced budget based on the city’s goals, the needs expressed by our citizens, and a realistic expectation of income. Managing resources involves more than “not spending.” It’s very easy to say “no” to everything. It is much harder to assess needs, set priorities and do the required research to decide where the money should go. I have offered concrete proposals covering a wide range of immediate needs while mindful of our goals to not eliminate staff nor to burden our residents with unnecessary tax rate increases.

Increasing productivity, lessening utility use through energy-saving programs and closely overseeing supply purchases will improve efficiency and reduce expenses. Fees could be raised. Applying for advantageous grants is important, but not if this results in a large cost for staff to maintain required reports. Council needs to work with the state and the county to find other sources of revenue.

Some projects could be deferred, but delaying infrastructure repair/renovation, roadwork or equipment purchase could result in greater expense when the project is finally completed or when an opportunity is lost to purchase a more fuel-efficient vehicle. Cities save by preventing infrastructure deterioration.

Council must decide how to provide core services, what can be done with less, and what needs to be eliminated. I will ask the tough questions during budget hearings. I will listen to our residents and our hard-working employees. I will present well-researched proposals that maintain essential services and programs, especially those unique to Greenbelt.

Ed Putens

Once again, I invited residents to provide their input to the question as it impacts them.

Greenbelt East: Condos and HOAs should get a tax credit for providing their own recreational facilities much like the city gets a tax differential for police and recreational programs.

Greenbelt Center: Council and staff must consider increasing fees to folks from outside of Greenbelt for our recreational services.

Greenbelt West: We pay a lot in taxes to the city, we would appreciate some attention to our needs.

We still face a difficult financial situation because the recession-related reduction in property assessments continues to impact tax revenues. The revenue shortage is slowly diminishing, but my priority is keeping faith with city employees and maintaining city services. This council has been prudent in its spending and has made cuts when needed and we’ve work hard to acquire grants totalling more than \$2 million.

Specifically, we continue to look for opportunities for a second senior living facility. Green Ridge House has been at capacity for a long time and has a waiting list, mostly Greenbelt residents. In whatever location we can find, this priority must be addressed.

With all the other things happening, let’s ensure continued support for our volunteer organizations. They serve our children and our seniors; support the arts and our historical heritage; carry our concerns for those less fortunate and sustain Greenbelt’s leadership in protecting the environment.

The city wants to hear from residents about what programs and services are the most im-

portant.

Emmett Jordan

A 2019 MD DAT listing shows Greenbelt at #14 among municipalities statewide (0.8275 tax rate). We have more buildings, recreational areas and offer more services than most cities our size. This is what makes Greenbelt special and attractive to residents who pay a bit more to share the cost of these assets and services.

Many building and capital projects, like movie theater renovations, the dam repairs, and the Greenbelt Station neighborhood connecting path to the Metro, are underway. Serious belt-tightening is needed to complete these projects without tax increases.

Municipalities such as Greenbelt exist because they can provide services better than the county, state or private sector. If we cannot provide a higher quality, more cost-efficient service, then we should not be in the business of providing that service. I think the cost and quality of county services is a benchmark we should use to measure our success.

We need to invest the proper amount of resources and time into our economic development activities. These efforts were overdue and will ultimately yield many benefits. Retaining and building our tax-base will relieve some of the stress caused by an over reliance on the residential tax-base.

Greenbelt is a community of associations: HOAs, COAs, the Co-operative, and several apartment developments. The city must work closely and creatively to support the health of these entities. The city should partner to secure more investments from county, state and federal programs to help these organizations achieve the goals of their residents and members.



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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. In respecting our rich heritage and preserving our community, I will continue to oppose the ridiculous proposals to widen the Beltway, transfer the rest of the BW Parkway from the federal government to the state and build a MAGLEV.

√ **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. I also will help build the future by continuing to advocate and work to see that all Greenbelt children can attend Greenbelt schools.

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Halloween Celebrations Have A Long Tradition in Greenbelt

by **Fatemeh Paryavi**

Halloween is around the corner and going through the News Review archives, one gets an insight as to how the holiday has been celebrated at Greenbelt throughout the decades.

Early Halloween festivities in the city date back to 1938 with events ranging from dances in 1938, to parties in 1939, to the much more recent 2003 Halloween strolls in which participants sipped hot cocoa and checked out the many jack-o-lanterns adorning front porches.

The November 2, 1939 issue of the paper (chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn89061521/1939-11-02/ed-1/seq-4/) reported on a masquerade party arranged by Jane and Ina Jones that started with a parade and included kids being awarded prizes for costumes, bobbing for apples and singing, and enjoying festive food and drink.

The November 5, 1959 News Review reported on Halloween highlights such as window painting and a costume parade which resulted in boys and girls in newborn to 4, 5 to 7 and 8 to 12 age groups awarded prizes for wearing the prettiest costumes or being the funniest among a group of contestants.

From masquerade parties to window paintings, the city has kept the holiday celebrations going and residents have been active participants of the Halloween traditions throughout the decades.

Online Newspapers

Greenbelt newspapers – the News Review and its predecessor, the Greenbelt Cooperator – are available to readers online. Currently, nearly all past issues can be accessed on the News Review Archives webpage, greenbeltnewsreview.com/archives/, though pdfs for issues prior to 2002, which are based on microfilm images, can be hard to read and photo quality is poor. Better quality versions of many of the early Cooperators – from the November 24, 1937 first issue into 1943 – can be viewed on the Library of Congress Chronicling America website: chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn89061521/.

Newsprint originals for issues from 1943 through early 2002, when ‘born digital’ papers came into production, are being scanned as part of the Greenbelt Archive Project (GAP). New digital issues for 1964 through 1984 are now posted on the Internet Archive (archive.org/details/greenbelt-news-review), and more will be posted there and on the News Review server as the work progresses. GAP aims to have a comprehensive fully readable and searchable digital archive on both sites by Fall 2020 – in time for next Halloween. See greenbeltarchive.org for progress updates or to learn more about the project and the paper.

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PHOTO BY JEFF LEMIEUX

Community members and organizations hold a discussion on October 8 with Chuck Marohn, founder of Strong Towns.

the city center and crisscrossed the landscape with commuter highways. The costs of the sprawl were small at first and the benefits of the suburban growth were large. Detroit remained a thriving “Motor City.”

But by the 1980s, the inefficiency of those extra miles of pipes and asphalt and street lights and sewer lines had made Detroit financially fragile. After a few bad leaders, poor decisions and unlucky breaks, Detroit couldn’t pay for basic public services. With declining public services came private disinvestment and economic collapse. In a sense, Detroit was an early adapter of the sprawled-out development pattern, in both its growth and decline phases. Detroit’s experience should be a warning, Marohn said, not seen as an anomaly.

How can communities avoid the sort of fragility that brought down Detroit? Marohn described how suburban communities chase growth and sprawl development, often at the expense of their long-run stability. He displayed research on which parts of towns and cities were financially self-sustaining – that is, they brought in more tax revenue than they cost to keep up. Surprisingly, the studies showed that it was usually the older, sometimes shabbier sections of towns that were more economically viable, even after accounting for education, police, fire and other public services.

Finally, Marohn distilled the

Strong Towns approach for communities like Greenbelt. The key ideas are to avoid major new public investments, such as highways or road expansions, that don’t bring in more tax revenues than they would cost to maintain in the long run. He ridiculed typical highway department claims that road expansions would save millions in reduced commute times. Not only is that outcome rare, he stated, but towns can’t pay for public services in time savings – they need real money.

Instead Marohn suggested small bets. These smaller scale investments can be done cheaply, evaluated quickly and duplicated if successful. Small projects, such as sidewalks, crosswalks, bus stops, street trees, bike lanes or trails, can leverage more private confidence in the neighborhoods and prevent a cycle of disinvestment. He suggested that towns should be allowed to grow incrementally, because some growth is needed and can be beneficial. However, neighborhoods should be protected from radical change.

The event was sponsored by the Greenbelt Community Development Corporation, Maryland Milestones/Anacostia Trails Heritage Area, the City of College Park, Beltway Plaza and Proteus Bicycles. The Greenbelt lecture was preceded by a reception and book signing at Proteus Bicycles in College Park.

Mayor Emmett Jordan and College Park Mayor Patrick Wojahn welcomed the Strong Towns team to Prince George’s County. A follow-up article will feature Greenbelt at StrongTowns.org in the coming weeks.

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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.

Indecent Exposure

October 10, 7:30 a.m., Ridge Road near Westway. A teen reported that on October 3 between 6 and 6:30 a.m. a man exposed himself to her while she was waiting at the bus stop at the intersection of Westway and Ridge Road. She said she saw him again sitting across the street staring at her on October 10 at about the same time. He is described as black, in his mid-40s with a heavy build and a medium complexion, hair in an afro and a gray beard. She said she frequently sees him in the area and sometimes sees him jogging.

Theft

October 11, 7:49 p.m., 6200 block of Greenbelt Road. A woman inside the Hook and Reel restaurant sat with her wallet inside her jacket which had been placed over her chair behind her. A person from the table next to her asked to borrow her menu. Later she discovered that her wallet had been taken from her jacket. She then began receiving notifications from various locations that someone had been attempting to use the credit cards in her missing wallet. The people sitting beside her are all described as being black and in their 20s. One woman had a heavy build and was wearing a black shirt with white trim; the other woman had a thin build and was wearing a burgundy shirt and a hat; and one man was wearing a white shirt.

October 15, 3:30 p.m., 8300 block of Greenbelt Station Drive. Lumber was taken from a construction site.

Burglary

October 9, 8 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. Clothing, shoes, a television and money were taken after a residence was entered by way of an unsecured bedroom window.

October 11, 9:30 a.m., 8400 block of Canning Terrace. The front door of a residence was forced open and a paint brush was taken.

Vandalism

October 11, 5:59 p.m., 14 Court Ridge Road. The front door frame of a residence was damaged.

Vehicle Crime

A 27-year-old nonresident was arrested on October 10 and

charged with motor vehicle theft and two counts of malicious destruction after officers responded to a report of a motor vehicle accident in the 6800 block of Megan Lane and found that one of the vehicles, a 2019 Dodge Charger, had been reported as being a stolen rental vehicle. Witnesses observed the driver exit the vehicle and flee. He was located with the help of a K-9 officer and was found to be in possession of the vehicle's key. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

A 2011 Kia Sorrento SUV reported stolen from the 100 block of Westway on October 14 was recovered the same evening by Prince George's County police at an undisclosed location in Lanham. Tags on the vehicle at the time of theft, Virginia UVH8407, were not recovered and are still out as stolen.

Four tires and rims were taken from each of two vehicles, one in the 6800 block of Megan Lane and the other in the 100 block of Westway. A windshield was broken out in the 100 block Centerway on October 15.

Loose change was taken in 5 Court of Laurel Hill Road from a possibly unlocked vehicle on October 11.

A bag containing a laptop computer, two iPads and cables was removed after a window had been broken out in the 7200 block of Hanover Drive and a suitcase containing a wallet and credit cards was removed.

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

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Critical Missing Person



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Zion Miguel Fernandez

The Greenbelt Police Department is seeking assistance in locating critical missing person Zion Miguel Fernandez (pictured above). Fernandez, 14, was last seen October 21 at 11:47 p.m. in the area of Market Lane and Springhill Lane. He is described as black, 5'9", 160 pounds, with brown eyes and black hair. He was last seen wearing a black Nike hoodie, black jeans and multi-colored shoes. His young age is the only critical vulnerable factor. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Greenbelt Police Department at 301-474-7200.



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Dam Project Stops Walkers Walking Around the Lake

by Fatemeh Paryavi



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For about two weeks, residents will not be able to circumnavigate Greenbelt Lake due to the ongoing work being done to complete the current phase of the dam project.

A public notice states that a segment of the lake path will be closed from Monday, October 28 through Sunday, November 10.

Phase 2A, the current phase

of the dam project, includes the clearing and preparation for the installation of sediment controls in order to keep eroded construction-soil in its place.

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Sports

ERHS JV Soccer Girls Have Perfect Season; Varsity Good

by Patrick Gleason

A year ago, the Eleanor Roosevelt Raiders' junior varsity soccer team went undefeated but had one blemish on their record: a single goal allowed in a victory against Laurel. This year's squad, however, achieved perfection, ending the season 10-0, while shutting out all 10 opponents and scoring 49 goals along the way. Last Thursday, the Raiders visited Wilde Lake of Howard County for their stiffest test of the season. After a scoreless first half where the Raiders nearly conceded a goal in the first three minutes, the Raiders proved – as they have all season – that they are a second-half team. As the wind strengthened so did the Raiders' performance; the intensity peaked on a short corner kick where Mia Hamilton crossed the ball into a crowded box. Wilde Lake attempted a clearance, but leading goal scorer Ariana Phillips redirected a shot that ricocheted off the corner of the goal. Sophomore midfielder Ameena Khan pounced on the rebound, giving the Raiders a 1-0 lead accompanied by a jubilant celebration from the Raider bench. With a squad 24 players strong, Roosevelt wore down a smaller Wildecats team, opening the door for Amari Muhammad's perfectly placed shot a few minutes later. Keeper Anjolaoluwa Oludayo was challenged more than usual, but didn't have to dive on the evening, guiding the Raiders to another clean sheet.

In the finale versus Bowie, Phillips left no doubt that the Raiders would once again be the best team in the county. Despite Bowie's overly defensive formation, Phillips tallied a goal in the game's first three minutes. Junior

centerback Princess Olubuse-Omisore controlled the center of the field for the Raiders in a game – much like the season – where the Raiders were rarely tested. Phillips added a second goal in the second half before subbing for Oludayo in goal, allowing the keeper to play time at forward, where she nearly scored her first-ever goal. A second half of dominant possession turned into a celebration of a perfect season for this team. The numbers speak for themselves.

The junior varsity's success will sustain a varsity program set to graduate 11 seniors this year, but the varsity still has more work to do. In a busy week, the Raiders defeated Northwestern last Monday before falling to Wilde Lake, 3-0, on Thursday. However they rebounded quickly on Friday when they delivered



Freshman Mia Hamilton takes a corner kick for the undefeated ERHS junior varsity soccer team.

Bladensburg their second loss of the season. Senior Madison Endres' second-half goal secured the victory in a sloppy matchup that earned Roosevelt the Prince George's County 4A league championship for the seventh straight season. The victory also solidified their spot in the county championship game versus the 3A/2A/1A champion Oxon Hill

Clippers, whom the Raiders dispatched 14-4 this past Monday night. But the Raiders have their sights set on improving upon last season's state semi-final appearance. They will host a playoff game versus Wise or Suitland on Friday, October 25 at 4 p.m. With a victory, they will likely welcome the rival Bowie Bulldogs next Tuesday, October 29.



ERHS junior varsity soccer team. Top row, from left, Jerrold Joyner, Patrick Gleason, Katia Cavigelli, Larissa Olson, Mia Hamilton, Charlesima James, Kamilla Yokley, Azinwi McKinney, Ariana Phillips, Sala Davis, Alexis Casey, AJ Sesay, Ian Gleason. Middle row: Chinedum Chike, Ameena Khan, Genesis Richards, Meegane Konchou, Divya Chappa, Blessing Nwoke, Man Lun, Lisa Olabanji, Ashley Tadikonda. Bottom row: Princess Olubuse-Omisore, Kalila Jenkins-Culver, Ana Lazo, Anjolaoluwa Oludayo, Rodiat Sanni, Nicole Campos, Amari Muhammad, Amanda Schroeder.

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NASA Music and Drama Club Presents Drowsy Chaperone

by Katrina Jackson



PHOTO BY ELIOT MALUMUTH

Janet van de Graaff (Goddard employee Christa Kronser) sings a song that's really lovely if you ignore the lyrics about monkeys.

The Music and Drama club at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center presents as this year's fall production a show that is both a parody of 1920s musical comedy and a reflection of how we enjoy musical theater. The Drowsy Chaperone, the winner of five Tony Awards in 2006, features a show-within-a-show as the audience is taken on a guided tour of the cast album of a fictitious 1928 musical. Goddard astrophysicists Kim Weaver and Eliot

Malumuth are double-cast as the show's narrator, Person in the Chair. "She is a lover of romantic fantasy and often loses herself in her favorite music," Weaver states. Malumuth expands, "When he feels blue, the character likes to retreat into listening to a show. I, too, have a go-to when I get in a mood like that. For me it's watching the movie Breakfast at Tiffany's."

First-time director Ben Rollins says, "I wanted to stage a

show that is intended, at its heart, for the pure enjoyment of the audience." Chaperone started off as a gag produced by friends of the groom Bob Martin and bride Janet van de Graaff for their stag party before it was adapted into a full-length Broadway production. It's a show created by musical theater lovers for musical theater lovers about a musical theater lover.

More than 60 people from the Goddard and Greenbelt communities have been working hard over the past several weeks to assemble the costumes, props, stage, set pieces, lights and sound, and learn their lines, music and choreography. Says producer and actor Christa Kronser, "Our cast is full of creative actors with a ton of energy – exactly what we needed to pull off this show!"

Their efforts come together this weekend for the opening of the production on Friday, October 25. The Drowsy Chaperone runs through November 10, including a discounted performance on Halloween. Visit madtheater.org for more information and tickets.

Greenbelt Arts Center Presents Motherhood Out Loud



PHOTO BY KRISTOFER NORTHRUP

The cast of Motherhood Out Loud at Greenbelt Arts Center

Greenbelt Arts Center will present Motherhood Out Loud, directed by Rikki Howie Lacewell. This collection of short stories portrays a journey of motherhood, told through the eyes of mothers at all stages of their lives: those that are, those that could have been, those that wish to be and those that are in spirit. What results is a joyous, moving, hilarious and altogether thrilling theatrical event.

Utterly unpredictable, Motherhood Out Loud shatters traditional notions about parenthood,

unveils its inherent comedy and celebrates the deeply personal truths that span and unite generations. It will make the audience cry, look inside, look outside and laugh out loud to the stories told by the actors on the joys, trials and tribulations of motherhood.

The play runs from Friday, October 25 through Sunday, November 10. There will be a talk-back with the cast following the November 3 performance. For more information and tickets visit greenbeltartscenter.org.



Help Red Wigglers At the New Deal Café

A group of volunteers helps the New Deal Café recycle their food scraps – an average of 430 pounds a month! The work involves carrying buckets of food scraps, learning about and helping with composting and with feeding the "red wigglers" who live in three big round worm wigwams on the back deck of the Café.

Red wigglers are a special breed of worm, *Eisenia fetida*, who eat food scraps and produce a highly-valued, rich compost. Anyone who likes the idea of keeping food scraps from the landfill – where they produce methane, one of the worst greenhouse gases – and is interested in learning more about composting is encouraged to participate.

Learn about hot composting and about how to feed the New Deal Café's red wigglers. Email NewDealWigglers@gmail.com to be shown the ropes ... er, buckets, wigwams, compost thermometers, shovels and fun fall mornings working together.

MCGRATH continued from page 1

community arts hub.

Friends, family and residents of the city gathered to celebrate McGrath's contributions to the local arts community and the city at large. The ceremony, led by Marc "Kap" Kapastin, included remarks by a number of public officials, some of whom know firsthand the extent to which the revitalization of Old Greenbelt Theatre has energized the community.

Kapastin said the decision to honor McGrath by adding her photo to the Wall of Fame was easy, describing her as "an outstanding role model and an inspiration to others." He acknowledged her creative drive in spearheading endeavors like the Beyond the Screen Initiative and Save Me a Seat Campaign, which, he said, have "led to the development of the unique enclave Greenbelt represents today."

Minister David Harrington, a previous recipient of a spot on the Wall of Fame, opened the event by reading from scripture and offering a blessing to McGrath's family. Mayor Emmett Jordan offered congratulations and recalled being present for McGrath's initial proposal of forming the FGT. He also spoke on the Beltway Plaza Mall's deep roots in the Greenbelt community.

Dr. Joel Freeman, an award-winning motivational speaker and author, offered an inspiring call to action, encouraging the audience to channel McGrath's commit-

ment to service when navigating everyday life.

Councilmember Judith Davis spoke with admiration about McGrath's takeover of the Old Greenbelt Theatre. Initially, she said, the local government "had very little idea of the large impact that she would make with a whirlwind, energy and passion." During the hiring process, when McGrath introduced her business proposal to transform the theater into a community creative hub, Davis said, "It blew everyone else out of the water." Economic Development Coordinator Charise Liggins rounded out the opening comments by citing the economic impact OGT has on the city; it averages about 40,000 visits per year.

After brief remarks from her children, Iris and Oscar, McGrath took the stage to accept the honor. She spoke on the achievements of the theater since her coming aboard – including the launch of its pop-up microcinema – and future goals for the theater. She encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming grand reopening of the main auditorium at the Old Greenbelt Theatre on Saturday, November 9. After unveiling her portrait on the Wall of Fame, McGrath told the Greenbelt News Review, "I like the focus to be on the work of the theater, and our role in the community. I like to see this award as a recognition of that, and I'm honored Kap chose me."



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Autumn erupts at the Community Center.

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the Editor of the News Review in 1972 began a decades-long dialogue over the establishment of a museum. Commemorating the city's 50th anniversary, the Greenbelt Museum came into being in 1987 largely due to her early efforts. Three Dorothy Sucher-funded interns have worked at the Greenbelt Museum over the last few years. They have assisted the museum director and the education-and-volunteer coordinator with the planning and execution of educational programs, collections care and cataloging, maintenance of the historic house, historical research, and administrative tasks.

Dorothy Sucher was an impor-

tant player in the News Review for most of her life in Greenbelt. The newspaper likewise has benefited from the intern program funded by the Sucher family. News Review interns report on council worksessions, they attend baseball games, they are at art openings, and, if needed, they go to the pooch plunge. They also join the copy editing and proofing teams, learn to pitch stories and get to know Greenbelt. At the News Review, our interns see the paper from the beginning to the end. They have a chance to really learn what it takes to create a good local paper, a piece of knowledge that should be useful for the rest of their careers.



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