



Shaymar Higgs: Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen of 2021

by Kyla Hanington



PHOTO BY SHARON NATOLI

Congratulations to Greenbelt's 2021 Outstanding Citizen, Shaymar Higgs, the visionary leader behind The SPACE Free Art For All in Beltway Plaza, driven in the Labor Day Parade by Dea Zugby.

At the opening festivities of the Labor Day Festival on Friday, September 3, Shaymar Higgs was named as Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen to the jubilant cheers of his crowd of supporters. Bob Zugby, chair of the Outstanding Citizen Selection Committee, introduced Higgs in his trademark style, dropping teasers about who the chosen resident would be while weaving in important de-

tails about that resident's contributions and impact on Greenbelt.

Zugby acknowledged Higgs' tremendous contributions to Greenbelt, including "founding [The] SPACE (Sharing Positive Artistic and Creative Energies) in 2018, providing free art-making supplies, art workshops, classes ranging from sewing to

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Council, Staff Explore Uses Of American Rescue Funds

by Matthew Arbach

On August 30, the Greenbelt City Council and city staff held their initial discussion on how best to spend the \$22,881,666.47 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding that was provided to the city in July. In a memo presented to council, staff laid out the permitted uses and restrictions of the funds, as well as staff recommendations on how to use them, both in the short, as well as long term. The uses are based

for the moment on the Treasury Interim Final Rule, with the Final Rule in the works. Council and staff expressed the goal to make the most balanced decisions possible to help the greatest number of people and assist in the city's economic recovery. The spending will expire in 2024.

The memo presents the eligible uses, including: support

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PHOTO BY TASI TABASSUM

About 100 students gathered at Eleanor Roosevelt High School at 6:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 8, the first day of school, for the traditional (but unofficial) "senior sunrise." Pictured outside one of the temps, from left, are Anya Wilkinson, Avery Gardner, Odalis Arias, Divya Chappa, Mecca Lartigue and Evelyn Wiredu.

The Forest Preserve Proposes To Add a Site, Improve Trails

by Matthew Arbach

The Forest Preserve Advisory Board has advanced two proposals to the Greenbelt City Council to enlarge and enhance the city Forest Preserve. On Monday, August 16, the board presented their plan to include Greenbriar Park in the Forest Preserve, an idea with unanimous support from council. On Monday, August 23, the board shared its pilot trail management project, a start on their evolving Master Trails Plan.

By including Greenbriar Park in the Preserve, it would put this eight-acre site under the aegis of the Preserve's Stewardship Guidelines approved by council in December 2019, offering its protection and maintenance responsibilities.

On June 26, 2020, the board

presented a detailed report on the ecological attributes of Greenbriar Park and their recommendation for including it in the Forest Preserve. Located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Hanover Parkway and Mandan Road, Greenbriar Park "has been continuously forested since the founding of Greenbelt. The forest is very healthy, with an interesting assortment of plants."

Some of the unique assortment of plant species are ones "that are typically found in wetlands, such as sweetbay magnolia, cinnamon fern and swamp azalea, growing next to plants that grow in very dry soils, like white oak, Allegheny chinquapin and lady slippers."

Another unique feature is the

presence of sweet birch, which "has only been found in one other location in Prince George's County."

Botanist Michael Ellis declared Greenbriar Park to be "an absolutely pristine forest interior comprised of almost entirely native species. Because of the phenomenal ecology the site provides, I recommend this site be preserved and protected from undue harm and placed in a permanent conservation status."

Adding this parcel to the Forest Preserve would give Greenbelt East a valuable amenity it currently lacks, stated Councilmember Judith Davis.

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Tour de Greenbelt Festival Bikers Ride Around the Town

by Kyla Hanington

I got an invite over Facebook from Emmett Jordan to join in the Tour de Greenbelt, one of the Labor Day Festival activities. While I was pretty sure he invited everyone he knew, I started worrying he'd specifically invited me and I didn't want to let him down, so I mentally committed myself to going and to writing this for the News Review, which meant there was no getting out of it.

On Sunday morning I stood in my leggings and T-shirt, checking out the crowd. What I wanted to see were people who looked like me – large people, large people who perhaps, as I had, bought a new bike in April 2020 imagining spending the pandemic, however long it lasted, biking around the DMV, making new friends and possibly being invited to the Olympics. At no point during this bike purchase did they imagine the reality of what would happen, that they would then spend 16 hours a day for the next 16 months sitting in front of the computer eating their spouse's



PHOTO BY DANIEL R. HAMLIN

Kyla, center, sets off on the first leg of the Tour de Greenbelt. At right is Ify Okoye.

M&M collection, and not ride the bike at all.

I was in high spirits as we took off from Roosevelt Center and headed over to Greenbelt Station. For one thing, I had walked this route for the News Review not too long ago and it had been fine, so, like, how hard could it be on a bike? For another, I do love to cycle and it was a true pleasure to be back on a bike again. The folks on the ride were good-natured and encouraging, and it was, as advertised, a friendly ride at a slow pace.

When we got to Greenbelt Station, I checked my phone to see if the Olympics had called. Not yet. From there we headed over to Springhill Lake Recreation Center and that is where things, for me, began to go seriously wrong.

I can't tell you why, exactly, other than to say that there were a lot of uphill, and gravity and

I don't always get along. I knew exactly what was awaiting us as we left the Rec Center – an uphill to the bridge, an uphill to crest the bridge, a brief downhill before the turn to Ivy Lane (uphill), a slightly longer downhill to the lights at Kenilworth, and then the incline from there to Buddy Attick Park and beyond.

By the time we were passing the entrance to Buddy Attick Park, I was muttering to myself. As I was last, the only person around to hear me curse was Ify Okoye, who was acting as sweep. The sweep is the person who makes sure no one gets left behind, a role I appreciate. I came to appreciate it a lot more when she rode along beside me and said, "You can do this. Just a couple of little rollers left and we are there."

I looked at the horrifying hellscape that is Crescent Road

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What Goes On

Monday, September 13 8 p.m., City Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 15
 Yom Kippur, no council meeting

All meetings are virtual. See the meetings calendar at greenbeltmd.gov for agendas and information on public participation in these meetings.

Letters to the Editor

Cheers for CHEARS

Thanks to CHEARS for two incredible programs over the past two weeks. The poetry session led by Effie Levner at the Schrom Hills Park garden was a wonderful sharing of original poems by the poets presenting and an opportunity to meet new Greenbelters. It was uplifting and peaceful.

This past weekend at the Springhill Lake Garden overseen by Carolyn Lambright-Davis, there was a food demonstration. Shaymar Higgs introduced participants to a variety of fruits and shared their health benefits.

I really appreciated this educational session and thank Maggie Cahalan, chair of CHEARS, for fostering and supporting such great outdoor programs for all areas and residents of our city.

Lois Rosado

Thanks to Co-op

Last week when I was shopping at the Greenbelt Co-op, I left my wallet at the checkout counter. I realized that it was missing about an hour later when I got home. I immediately called the Co-op and found out it was "safe" in their safe. I quickly returned to retrieve it. Thanks to Kirstein, the checkout clerk, who tried to find me when she realized I left my wallet and turned it into the office for safekeeping and to Richard, who cheerfully returned my wallet to me. Their proactive actions and outstanding customer service are greatly appreciated. The Greenbelt Co-op staff are the best!

JoEllen Sarff



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SUN. 2:00 PM (OC)
MON. 5:00 PM

Service or Garden Side?



Sorry, the theater only allows one comfort animal per person.

- B. Glee

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John Campanile is astonished by the News Review at the beach in Ocean City, NJ.



PHOTO COURTESY JOHN MASON AND ELIZABETH GAINES

John Mason and Elizabeth Gaines take the News Review to Seattle.

Community Events

At the Library

Greenbelt Library open hours are Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesdays from noon to 8 p.m.; and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sidewalk service for held books is available outside the upper-level entrance (pickup reservation required), or requested books can be picked up on the shelves inside the library, as before. Study rooms are open but meeting rooms remain closed.

Appointments for one hour of computer use can be made up to seven days in advance at pgcmls.info/reopening or 240-455-5451; some computers may be available with no appointments. Shelved books are open for browsing without restrictions, no appointments required. The library is not accepting book donations for the foreseeable future but has a third-party book donation bin outside the lower-level entrance.

Mobile Printing, Hotspots

The library offers mobile printing to the public. The first 10 black-and-white pages are free. More information is available at pgcmls.info/mobile-printing.

Families can borrow mobile hotspot devices for up to nine weeks at a time. Adults aged 18 and older with library cards in good standing may request a SmartSpot through the curbside booking form. One device per household may be borrowed.

Learning Resources

Brainfuse HelpNow offers an array of additional learning resources for Prince Georgians, including SkillSurfer, a library of lessons, videos, tests and more, available year-round. The library also helps students prepare for standardized tests and writing college admissions essays through the EBSCO LearningExpress online resource. Check pgcmls.info/events regularly for related programming.

Hispanic Heritage

Tuesday, September 14, 7 p.m. Walter Dean Myers grant winner Jennifer De Leon discusses her collection of essays, White Space. The collection explores her experiences as a Guatemalan-American woman existing in two cultures. This virtual event is co-presented with the Prince George's County Office of Human Rights.

Toastmasters Meet Online Wednesdays

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club invites all to join them online or by phone on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesdays of every month at 7:30 p.m. Toastmasters provides a fun and friendly environment for anyone interested in improving communication or leadership skills. Find details for participating remotely at greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org.

Schrom Hills Garden Poetry Reading

On Sunday, September 12 from 5 to 7 p.m. enjoy a poetry reading at Three Sisters Garden-East in Schrom Hills Park. Tour and relax in the garden before joining the poetry reading group. Bring a favorite poem or just enjoy listening to others. Bring a chair as seating may be limited.

Firefly Sanctuary Cleanup Saturday

On Saturday, September 11 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. there will be a cleanup at the Firefly Sanctuary in Stream Valley Park. Volunteers will work with Public Works staff to remove invasive vines from native trees and pull other invasive plant species. Masks will be required at all times.

Volunteers must register in order to participate and the group will be limited to 25 volunteers. To register, email Greenbelt Environmental Coordinator Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll at kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov. Remember to bring a reusable water bottle and wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes. Students should bring their community service forms.

Festival of Lights Call for Artists

Artists, artisans, authors, illustrators and nonprofit groups are invited to apply through Friday, September 10 to participate in the Greenbelt Recreation annual Juried Art and Craft Fair. Conditions permitting, the show will be held in person at the Community Center on December 4 and 5, and also online from November 26 through December 19. Vendors may participate on-site, online or both. The show features original wares created by participating artists. Media typically span a wide range from wood, glass, ceramic and metalwork to wall art, fiber arts, toys, books and edible goods. Kit crafts and imported crafts are not permitted, and additional restrictions apply. Information and applications are linked at greenbeltmd.gov/arts.

One Community, Connecting

Connecting Across Greenbelt (CAG) is a multi-cultural, multi-racial and multi-generational group of Greenbelt residents who gather virtually to build relationships across neighborhoods and to learn about current challenges faced by all Greenbelters in various neighborhoods.

Join CAG to connect with neighbors. The group meets monthly to build understanding of one another, to encourage inclusivity, cultivate relationships and to determine the necessary actions to ensure that the city's resources and services are equitably distributed.

The next meeting will be via Zoom on Thursday, September 30 at 7 p.m. and will focus on community issues that can be shared with candidates running for the city council this November. Visit the website at connectingacrossgreenbelt.org and fill out an issues survey to ensure the community is heard and encourage neighbors to complete the survey. The survey (also available at bit.ly/ConnectingGreenbeltSurvey) is short and can be completed in just a few minutes. To find out about the group's monthly meetings, Connecting Across Greenbelt: Community Conversations, email communityconnectionsbg@gmail.com.

Porch Greenbelt Food Initiative Is Growing



PHOTO BY STEVEN MIRSKY

Robert Goldberg-Strassler shows off food collected in Boxwood.

Porch Greenbelt Food Collection continues to expand thanks to all the volunteer efforts. The collection dates for Front Porch pickup this month are: by 3 p.m. on Sunday, September 12 for Woodland Hills; by 11 a.m. on Sunday, September 12 for the 1 to 8 Courts Ridge, 1 to 8 Courts Crescent and 1 to 2 Courts Westway; between 2 and 4 p.m. on Sunday, September 19 for all of Boxwood Village; and between 9 and 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 25 for 14 and 15 Courts Laurel Hill.

As a reminder, place donations in a box or bag labelled PORCH or RUAK in a front porch or other location that can be seen from the road. Also, make sure to check the expiration dates on all food items.

Thank you to all the Greenbelt residents who have made donations and are making an important difference in the community. As Mother Teresa said, "If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one!"

Any volunteers who would like to expand Porch Greenbelt to additional neighborhoods in Greenbelt are welcome. Anyone with questions or who is interested in being a volunteer or starting a new neighborhood for monthly food collection with Porch Greenbelt, email Robert Goldberg-Strassler at spreadruak@gmail.com.

Kickstart One's Career This Fall with PGCMLS

Join the Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) four-part Career Kickstart series on Wednesdays in September from 6 to 8 p.m. to gain valuable skills necessary to achieve employment in the public workforce. Learn basic job searching skills, résumé writing, digital media literacy, as well as how to establish a growth mindset for immediate and future success in the workplace.

Here are the topics for the upcoming sessions:

September 15 – résumés and interviewing skills

September 22 – digital media literacy

September 29 – executive functioning and adopting a growth mindset.

Registration is required. Sessions can be attended individually; however, a certificate of completion will be sent to registrants who attend all sessions.



Mindfulness Meditation

Greenbelt Unplugged is happy to welcome back Lance David Bergeson, director and senior lay instructor at Drikung Dharma Surya Buddhist Center in Fairfax, Va. Bergeson will share the wisdom of his practice, which is from the Drikung Kagyu lineage of Tibetan Buddhism. The Zoom session goes from 1:30 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, September 12. For a link to the Zoom session, email events@greenbeltunplugged.org.

CHEARS Holds Garden Workshop

CHEARS Three Sisters Garden Workshop: Preparing for a Fall and Spring Vegetable Garden will be held on Saturday, September 11 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Three Sisters Demonstration Garden next to the flag pole behind the Community Center.

There are benefits to growing food in the fall and preparing for the upcoming spring. CHEARS volunteers will host a sprinkle-or-shine in-person workshop with Judy Walsh-Mellet, a Mount Rainier resident and life-long gardener/master gardener extraordinaire, who will share some tips about how and when to get started on steps that will make for a successful fall garden and, if there's time, how to prepare for next year's spring garden. A Q&A will follow if time allows.

Consider biking or walking to the Community Center. If driving, park at either the Community Center or the Roosevelt Center main parking lot. Since seating is at a minimum bring a chair or blanket and, of course, water. Moderate to heavy rains will cancel this event. For more details, email Joe Robbins at robbins629@msn.com.

Woodlands Committee Hosts Workday Sat.



PHOTO BY LORI DOMINICK

Canyon Creek Trailhead

On Saturday, September 11, the GHI Woodlands Committee will host a Woodlands Workday on the Canyon Creek Trail. Those wishing to help should meet at 10 a.m. at the trailhead, between the 58 and 62 Courts on Ridge Road.

The work will entail controlling brush and improving trail tread drainage on the GHI section of the Canyon Creek Trail. This will probably include installing one or more "rolling grade dips" to divert water off steep sections of the trail susceptible to erosion. Depending on attendance and interest, volunteers might also work on removing invasive species along the trail.

The GHI Woodlands Committee will provide gloves and tools. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear and bring a water bottle.

Fall Ball for Youth


Greenbelt Youth Baseball Little League has opened up registration for fall ball. The league is aiming at having games for ages 5 to 14. Visit gyblittleleague.org for more information.

Monday Meet-Ups With Homeschoolers

Every Monday, Greenbelt homeschoolers will meet up from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Schrom Hills Park, weather permitting, beginning Monday, September 13.

These meet-ups offer free play and social support for families. Bring a bag lunch if desired. All are welcome.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.






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Obituaries

Patricia Charter



PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

Patricia (Pat) Charter and husband Daniel Buell Charter, Jr., on their wedding day

Mary Patricia (Pat) Naughton Charter, 81, died in Sicklerville, N.J., on August 29, 2021, with her family by her side.

She was born November 20, 1939, in Witherbee, S.C. Her father was a career officer in the Army and a WWII veteran. Subsequently, she lived in many places, including Germany, Canada and several states. She met her husband of 60 years, Daniel Buell Charter, Jr., in Williamsburg, Va., where she received a bachelor's degree from the College of William and Mary. They married in 1961. Her husband served as an officer in the United States Coast Guard and, as a result, Pat lived in numerous places as an officer's wife, including Virginia, Texas, Alabama, Maryland, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Louisiana and New Jersey.

Pat lived for the last 36 years in Marlton, N.J., where she was active in the Coast Guard Auxiliary. She worked for H&R Block and later opened her own tax business, Charter Tax.

Pat was active in the Green-

belt community for several years when she lived in Maryland. She chaired the planning committee for the city's Environment Day in 1970 and was a Bluebird Mother for the Camp Fire Girls. Both Dan and Pat were active in the Greenbelt Community Church. In New Orleans, Pat was the secretary for the Officer's Wives' Club and was responsible for their newsletter.

Most importantly, Pat was a wonderful wife, a loving mother and a caring grandmother. She loved all creatures and instilled a sense of fairness and compassion in her children and grandchildren. She had an exceptionally gentle heart, with no room in it for hate or malice. She personified the rule, "If you have nothing nice to say, say nothing at all." Despite having dementia, she retained her gentle nature until the end.

Pat is survived by her husband, Daniel Buell Charter, Jr.; children Anne Marie Charter Grunberg (Michael), Laura Charter Beckert (Erv), Michelle Renee Charter LePage, Kelly Jeanine

Charter and Marhya Leilani (Lani) Charter King (John); grandchildren Daniel Grunberg (Christina), Michael Grunberg (Mischa), Christopher Grunberg (partner Melissa Delcid), Clara Beckert Breault (Devyn), Maria Beckert, John (JP) King, Justin King and MacKenzie LePage; great-grandchildren Elijah Lockes, Oliver Grunberg and Silas Grunberg; and sisters Nancy Hooper (Parker) and Jane Weaver (Charlie).

She was preceded in death by her parents, Herbert and Mary Naughton.

Anyone who knew Pat and would like to participate in a memory of her life, email Anne Marie at annemariegrunberg@gmail.com for a Zoom link. The memorial will be remote due to the pandemic. To make a donation in her honor, consider the Alzheimer's Association or Holy Redeemer Hospice.



Obituaries

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

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

HUG WALK Returns

RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness) is again organizing the annual HUG WALK (Help Unite Greenbelt With A Little Kindness) to be held on Sunday, October 10, rain or shine.

1 p.m., gather at the Indian Creek Trail bridge at Greenbelt Station; 1:30 p.m., walk step-off; 2 p.m., walk continues from Springhill Lake Recreation Center; 2:30 p.m., join the walk at Buddy Attick Park; 3 p.m., join the walk at Roosevelt Center; 3:30 p.m., join the walk at Greenbriar Community Center; 4 p.m., join the walk at Windsor Green Community Center; 4:30 p.m., walk concludes at Schrom Hills Park.



Greenbelters were saddened to learn of the death of Denise Parker, wife of Chef Lou Parker, on Tuesday, September 7.

Condolences to the family and friends of Pat Charter who died on August 29. Pat and her family lived in Greenbelt for several years some time ago and were active in the Greenbelt Community Church.

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



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A hummingbird moth at blue lobelia

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In this life we share, to what are we called? This Sunday we continue our September theme of Transition, and we also begin a new congregational year with our traditional Ingathering and Water Communion. While being together in person for this special occasion is not yet possible, we will still gather, celebrate and bless this community and the new year. All are welcome.

Please have a stone and a small bowl of water with you, for our Joys and Sorrows ritual.

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The Bible Says...

But as many as received Him (Jesus), to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name (Jesus).

John 1:12

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Greenbelt Community Church

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Survey Seeks Citizen Priorities

Connecting Across Greenbelt is launching a short community survey to hear directly from neighbors about what issues most need attention in their communities. Greenbelt is big with diverse neighborhoods and communities. As the biannual city election for city council and mayor approaches, every resident has an opportunity to tell those running for office what issues are important to them. Complete the survey at bit.ly/ConnectingGreenbeltSurvey.

Besides being used to let candidates and elected officials know what the residents of Greenbelt want action on, the survey will also inform the work of Connecting Across Greenbelt and other organizations in the community.

The purpose of Connecting Across Greenbelt is to enhance the quality of life for all residents of Greenbelt by convening a series of grassroots cross-community, cross-neighborhood and cross-cultural conversations.

On Thursday, September 30 at 7 p.m., Connecting Across Greenbelt will host a community forum on Zoom to report the results from the community survey and to invite residents from all parts of Greenbelt to talk about priorities for their community.

To learn more about Connecting Across Greenbelt, to complete the survey and get the Zoom link for the September 30 Community Issues Forum, visit the website at connectingacrossgreenbelt.org.

City Notes

Labor Day activities included the Museum's Retro Town Fair, Animal Control's puppy-kissing booth and Recreation's many festive activities. Street Maintenance, Special Details and Building Maintenance set up lighting, risers, booths, bingo tables and much more Labor Day infrastructure.

Spraying for mosquitos began on Southway and Crescent. Park rangers surveyed parks and trails for storm damage, which was minimal. Complaints were received of flooding in rental units.

With an abandoned cat, and minus two adopted kittens, the Animal Shelter houses five dogs, six cats, two kittens and a rabbit. Forty Dog Park permits have been issued.

Horticulture/Parks beautified landscape beds at the Granite Building and throughout the Center.

Refuse/Recycling collected 31.83 tons of refuse and 11.64 tons of recyclables. Sustainability/Environmental mowed and trimmed around the Springhill Lake pollinator garden and food forest.

Preschool classroom setup began, with floors freshly refinished. Thirty-one seniors received meal delivery thanks to Therapeutic Recreation.

County Has Rent Help

Prince George's County is offering rent relief because of Covid-19. The county's 2021 Emergency Rental Assistance Program will help eligible applicants with payment assistance for rent and utilities. Landlords may also apply on behalf of their tenants. Applications will be accepted until funds are out. To apply and for more information visit hcd.mypgc.us and click "Emergency Rental Assistance Program."



City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING Monday, September 13, 2021 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

- Public Lands Day Proclamation
- National Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation

Petitions and Requests

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

Minutes of Council Meetings

- Statement for the Record - Closed Session, August 10, 2021
- Statement for the Record - Closed Session, August 24, 2021

Administrative Reports

Committee Reports

- PSAC Report on Police Reform Procedures of Greenbelt Police Department
- * APB Report 2021- 03: Request for Lakeside Drive Traffic Study

LEGISLATION

- Davenport - Proposed Financial Policies Adopted by Council

OTHER BUSINESS

- Food Trucks in Greenbelt
- Forest Preserve Report #2020-02 (Adding Greenbriar Park to the Forest Preserve)
- Forest Preserve Advisory Board Report #2021-02 (Interim Piloting of Trail Management Activities in the Greenbelt City Forest Preserve)
- American Rescue Act Plan Immediate Spending
- Eviction Notices
- Proposed Greenbelt West Park Referendum
- Campaign Signs on Public Property
- Extend Noise Ordinance Hours for Roosevelt Center
- Police Reform
- Council Activities
- Council Reports
- * APB Report 2021- 03: Request for Lakeside Drive Traffic Study
- * Reappointment to Advisory Boards
- * Resignation from Advisory Groups
- * Appointment to Advisory Board

MEETINGS

COUNCIL MEETINGS WILL BE VIRTUAL Cablecast on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996 and www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

Resident participation: Information will be posted on Meetings Calendar at www.greenbeltmd.gov

In advance, the hearing impaired are advised to use Video Relay Services (VRS) at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov.

VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 13-17

Monday, September 13 at 5:30pm, **YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE** *On the Agenda: Continuing Discussion, Advisory Committee Liaison Reports*

Monday, September 13 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**, *Virtual meeting will be shown on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv*

Wednesday, September 15: No Meeting-Yom Kippur

In advance, the hearing impaired are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov. This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000. For information on public participation for the virtual meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at www.greenbeltmd.gov.

WEED WARRIORS:

Invasive Plant Pull at the Firefly Sanctuary Saturday, September 11 from 10 AM – 1 PM

Be a part of the community effort to remove invasive plant species from the environment at the Firefly Sanctuary in Stream Valley Park. Volunteers will work with Public Works staff to remove invasive vines from native trees and to pull other invasive plant species. Masks will be required at all times.

Volunteers must register in order to participate and are limited to 25 volunteers

To Register: Contact Environmental Coordinator Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll at kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov



APPLY FOR A DOG PARK PERMIT

The dog park is for the use and enjoyment of all residents and non-residents of Greenbelt, with a valid permit only. You must pay a fee and submit a Dog Park Use Application before using the facility. All permits must be renewed annually, each application has an expiration date listed on the form.

For more information visit greenbeltmd.gov/dogpark



Fall Activity Guide Now Available Online!

Registration begins on Monday, August 23 for Greenbelt Residents. Classes begin the week of September 6, 2021

Explore our Activity Guide for lots of options for all ages and interests. We offer seasonal special events and varied recreation facilities and classes to provide opportunities for community celebrations, a chance to learn something new or improve your skills in an activity you enjoy, all while socializing and staying active!

For more information, please visit our Virtual Recreation Center online at greenbeltmd.gov/recreation or give us a call at 301-397-2200.

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION

ANY REGISTERED GREENBELT VOTER MAY CHOOSE TO VOTE BY MAIL

NO MORE EXCUSES!

Important Note: A recent change in the law requires the State Board of Elections and each local board of elections to refer to absentee ballots as "mail-in ballots" and absentee voting as "mail-in voting." Please note that this change in terminology does NOT change the process of mail-in voting.

This is the first municipal election in which any qualified voter of the City of Greenbelt may choose to vote by mail-in ballot in municipal elections. There is no longer any need to present an excuse for why you wish to be absent from your polling place on Election Day.

The purpose of the change is to give an additional option to voters and make it easier to vote in City elections. If you prefer to come to your polling place on Election Day, meet up with your neighbors, talk with the candidates, and use a voting machine, you may still do so, just as before. But if you prefer to vote early, or if you like the idea of voting by mail or using a paper ballot instead of a voting machine, you now have more choices. Just be sure to vote. No more excuses!

To request a ballot by mail, you may 1) pick up in the City Clerk's office, 25 Crescent Road, 2) request from the City Clerk by phone at 301-474-8000 or by e-mail at elections@greenbeltmd.gov, or 3) print from the City's Web site at <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov>.

Please note, each individual requesting a ballot must submit a separate, signed application form.

Military service members, their families, and other U.S. citizens abroad who are covered under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Mail-in Voting Act may also use the Federal Post Card Application (<http://www.fvap.gov>) to request a mail-in ballot for City election.

Applications to receive mail-in ballots will be received by noon on Monday, November 1, 2021. The completed ballot must be received by the City Clerk no later than 6 p.m. the day of the regular election, November 2, 2021.

No mail-in ballots will be distributed prior to October 8.

Return your executed mail-in ballot by 1) sending it through the U.S. mail in time to arrive by November 1, 2) hand-delivering it to the City Clerk's office, or 3) placing it in the locked drop-box at the east door of the Municipal Building at 25 Crescent Road. Questions? Call the City Clerk at 301-474-8000, or send email to elections@greenbeltmd.gov.

ELECTION CLERKS NEEDED

The City of Greenbelt Board of Elections is seeking several residents who would be willing to serve as election officials on November 2, 2021, from 6 a.m. until about 9 p.m. Clerks must also attend a training session on November 1 from 7:00 p.m. until about 9 p.m.

This is a rewarding experience for anyone who is interested in the political process and would like to play an active role in the local election. There is a stipend of \$175 plus a training fee of \$25.

There may also be a need for additional clerks to count mail-in and early voting ballots. This job would entail working for three to four hours in the late afternoon/early evening of November 2. No preliminary training is necessary. The pay for mail-in and early voting ballot clerks is \$50.

Application forms are available at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road by APPOINTMENT ONLY and on the City website www.greenbeltmd.gov. The deadline to apply is September 24, 2021. For further information, call or e-mail Bonita Anderson, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000 or elections@greenbeltmd.gov.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

There are currently vacancies on:

- Advisory Committee on Education
- Arts Advisory Board
- Board of Election
- Forest Preserve Advisory Board
- Park & Recreation Advisory Board
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee

For more information call 301- 474-8000

“Doors Opening” – Greenbelt Metro Returns

by Amy Hansen

The Greenbelt Metro Station reopened for business on Tuesday, September 7. The Greenbelt station and the College Park, Prince George’s Plaza and West Hyattsville stations were closed all summer for renovations.

“We’re excited to welcome customers back to safer and more convenient stations, all while offering more trains and buses, longer hours and lower prices,” said Metro General Manager/CEO Paul J. Wiedefeld.

The stations now have completely rebuilt platforms according to Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, with new slip-resistant tiles, brighter energy-efficient LED lighting and illuminated handrails. New stainless-steel platform shelters have charging ports and digital map and information displays.

However, the first thing Metro customers will notice are new



PHOTO BY LESLIE KASH

Greenbelt metro station reopens.

stainless steel faregates at all four stations which are expected to be faster and more reliable.

The reopening of the Green and Yellow Line stations means the project improvement plan has finished 17 of 20 platforms. Next summer, the reconstruction of Cheverly, Landover and New Carrollton stations will be completed in the project’s final phase.

FRA Again Pauses Maglev

On August 25, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) paused its review of the permit and draft environmental impact statement for the proposed Baltimore-Washington high-speed maglev train. The maglev would go through or under Greenbelt as well as disrupting other parts of Prince George’s County.

The post on the permitting dashboard for federal infrastructure projects says: “FRA has paused the project to review project elements and to determine the next steps.”

In addition, on August 30, Baltimore City Circuit Court Judge Kendra Ausby denied the maglev builder’s attempt to condemn property in the Baltimore

neighborhood of Westport, property that is critical to all versions of the planned maglev connection between Washington and Baltimore. The maglev builder, Baltimore Washington Rapid Rail, promised to appeal the decision.

To view the federal permitting dashboard visit permits.performance.gov/permitting-projects/baltimore-washington-superconducting-maglev-project.

Council Debates Coexistence For Gardens, Forest Preserve

by Matthew Arbach

A spirited discussion took place on August 23 on the future well-being and existence of the city’s community gardens at a Greenbelt City Council worksession. Members of the Greenbelt Community Garden Club (GCGC), joined by members of the Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB), shared their concerns and updated council on the status of the city’s efforts to alleviate shading of a portion of the garden plots, which in some cases has rendered them incapable of producing crops. The city committed itself to providing an eight-foot buffer around the Gardens and cutting back tree limbs that were causing shade. Yet, the problem persists in some areas despite these efforts, leading to a debate on how the Gardens and the Forest Preserve can coexist in a way that preserves them both as a valuable amenity and a symbol of Greenbelt’s founding legacy as a green community.

A joint proposal from the FPAB and GCGC, submitted seven months ago, determined after an exhaustive six-month study that, among other things, a significant cutting of over 170 trees along the garden borders is in order to fully address the shading issue. Both groups were in complete agreement on this plan as the best way to ensure the health of the gardens and the Forest Preserve, a point brought up several times during the meeting by members of FPAB and GCGC, when claims of division between the groups were made.

GCGC President Martha Tomecek read a statement that while the city has made many of the strides it promised, “there are many more limbs that overhang the Gardens and garden borders that were not trimmed.” She asked council “to adopt the FPAB’s action plan so that it

could be implemented as soon as possible.”

Assistant Director Public Works-Parks Brian Townsend informed council that the work has been completed on the buffer and the limbing of trees, but acknowledged that some limbs were too high to be safely removed.

For Councilmember Rodney Roberts, the cutting of any trees was unacceptable. He stressed that the Forest Preserve has already dwindled significantly, beginning at 800 acres, and now at 200. Further threats like the proposed maglev project and the possible relocation of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center will cause more devastation to the city’s green space, he said. He suggested that gardens could be placed at many other open, treeless locations in the city, saying that the stakes are none other than the “future of the planet.”

Councilmember Emmett Jordan was reticent to revisit the issue, but said that if work still remained undone and problem areas remain, further scrutiny was needed, a point concurred with by Councilmember Silke Pope, who said that new arrangements may need to be made.

Councilmember Judith Davis said she could not support the action plan without further compromise. Yet, she acknowledged that it was council’s responsibility now, as the action plan was the final word from both FPAB and GCGC.

Mayor Colin Byrd supported the action plan as it exists.

GCGC member Edward James laid out a “domino theory” perspective, whereupon shaded plots become useless and are abandoned, leading to further tree growth, leading to more shade. He pleaded for a sharing of re-

sources, stating that the health of the gardens and the Forest Preserve are of importance to all involved, and that both were conceived to coexist at their inception. He predicted that if council does nothing, it will “kill the gardens.”

GCGC members Bonnie Schrack, Stacey Cumberbatch and Stephanie Warner asserted that the gardens are not just a hobby activity, but provide food security. Cumberbatch said at least 300 people, and Warner estimated that 25 to 30 percent of the Gardenway gardeners, rely on it for a sizeable percentage of their daily food intake. Schrack said that the gardens represent a sustainable approach to future food production, as it removes the need for fossil fuels to deliver food from long distances.

Cumberbatch said that the demand for plots was high with limited plots, with 23 now on the waiting list and 37 new applicants this year so far. Warner revealed the racial inequity in favor of white gardeners in existing plot usage and calculated that another eight acres of gardens or 200 plots were needed to incorporate more people of color who represent 70 percent of the city’s residents.

The goal of reaching “common ground” was repeated throughout the meeting on an issue that remains unresolved, with passionate voices on each side seeking to determine the city’s ecological future.



Library Has Hispanic Heritage Specials

A NewSouth Books virtual event in partnership with the Prince George’s County Memorial Library System will feature a talk at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 14 with Jennifer De Leon about her new essay collection *White Space: Essays on Culture, Race, and Writing*. Set a reminder to join in at youtube.com/watch?v=cDMWwzHwH6l.

PG Parks Holds Weekend Events

Marietta House Museum has programs on Saturday and Sunday, September 11 and 12 dealing with the lives of enslaved peoples. PG Parks will also host a variety of performances from September 10 to 12 as part of the Celebrate Africa Festival. These will take place at Bladensburg Waterfront Park and virtually. For more information, visit www.pgparcs.com.



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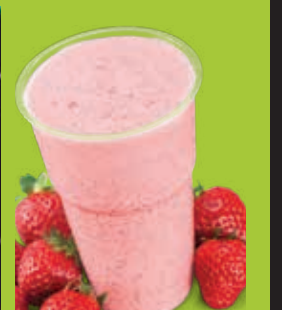
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Davis requested that the board look at making sure the trail through Greenbriar Park is kept clear of litter and made safe, without making any drastic alterations to its natural state, as it is of frequent use, especially by students at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The board president Damian Ossi said that an amendment to the guidelines could be made.

Resident Susan Gregerson, who was a member of the original task force that oversaw the Forest Preserve, said she was pleased that “the thinking has changed” on its original decision (which she opposed) to not include the parcel, as it was of possible use for future recreation needs.

Trail Maintenance

According to a report from March 25, 2021, the board would like to initiate a pilot trail maintenance plan as a way “to gain some experience with maintenance activities or try out options and inform preparation” of the Master Trails Plan being developed. The focus, through the use of the Public Works Department and trained volunteers, will be on the Pumpkin Walk trail and the trail leading from 44 Ridge Road to the southwest corner of the Northway athletics field. This area is outside the site proposed for the maglev project.

The issues to address would include: improved drainage of eroded or muddy sections of trail through the use of low invasive approaches like reshaping and minor realignments or waterbars; cutting of fallen trees that ob-

struct trails or rerouting around them “with an attention to aesthetics and minimizing impacts”; and controlling brush along the side of trails in selected areas. In addition, the board wants to create a “process for public reporting and suggestions related to the trail” and is committed to any alterations being virtually invisible.

Another major problem is the creating of new trails by hikers who are trying to move past obstructions, thus causing potential damage to areas that need special protection. Some users have taken it upon themselves to cut down fallen trees without city permission, which is both unsafe and invasive.

The crux of the discussion was on how to strike a balance between trail usability and preserving a natural, untouched forest experience. Councilmember Rodney Roberts was strongly in favor of as little intervention as possible, with both Roberts and Davis emphasizing that learning how to traverse a real woodland, with all the challenges, is part of the experience. Board member Bryan Bruns felt that it is acceptable that some trails could be wider and easier to maneuver and others left more natural, with most of council in favor of this approach. The consensus of council was that they are ready to approve the pilot program as long as they get a more detailed report on the specific approach to be used at each location chosen.

Council plans to vote on these two initiatives at their next meeting.



A path enters the Forest Preserve from Northway.

PHOTO COURTESY FPAB

From the Archives

Community Gardens Were A Part of the Original Plan

by Deanna Dawson

Garden areas for residents were a part of the plan for the new town of Greenbelt. The 1936 preliminary plan drawn up by the Resettlement Administration – reprinted on the end-sheets of Greenbelt: History of a New Town, 1937-1987 (M. L. Williamson, general editor) – included large areas of allotment gardens just outside the residential areas. The new town followed through, establishing garden areas for residents in Greenbelt’s first spring.

The March 16, 1938, issue of the Greenbelt Cooperator (the Greenbelt News Review’s predecessor – read this and other issues of the papers at greenbeltnewsreview.com/archives) announced the availability of 50’ x 50’ plots: Greenbelt Gardens Dirt Cheap – Free in Fact! Three areas close to residential sections were plowed and fertilized for garden plots, and 106 applications were quickly received.

Garden Pests

The garden areas were located largely on abandoned farmland, and insect pests must have been ready and waiting. At one of the first monthly meetings of the Greenbelt Garden Club, which formed in the fall of 1938, more than 100 gardeners crowded in to hear the state entomologist speak on insect control. One measure that was advocated was to burn garden waste after the growing season. However, waste burning by gardeners – who were told to do so or be charged by the town for cleanup – resulted in numerous brush fires that had to be put out by the local fire department.

Another problem for gardeners was thievery and vandalism. The Cooperator took a tough stance on these petty crimes, announcing in its May 2, 1941, issue that it would do “everything in our power to curb and prevent any form of vandalism” in the gardens, including printing names and photos of offenders. The paper also offered to pay \$5 “to the person or persons securing an arrest and conviction of anyone stealing or destroying garden vegetables, flowers or any other property raised or cultivated by Greenbelt residents.”

Garden Program Grows

Over the next several years, the locations of garden areas and the number of plots varied. Some plots were located near the American Legion house, but the main area was the former Crabbe property, across Ridge Road from the D block (the section of houses between Gardenway and Eastway). The town piped water to this site, which the gardeners could obtain from hydrants.

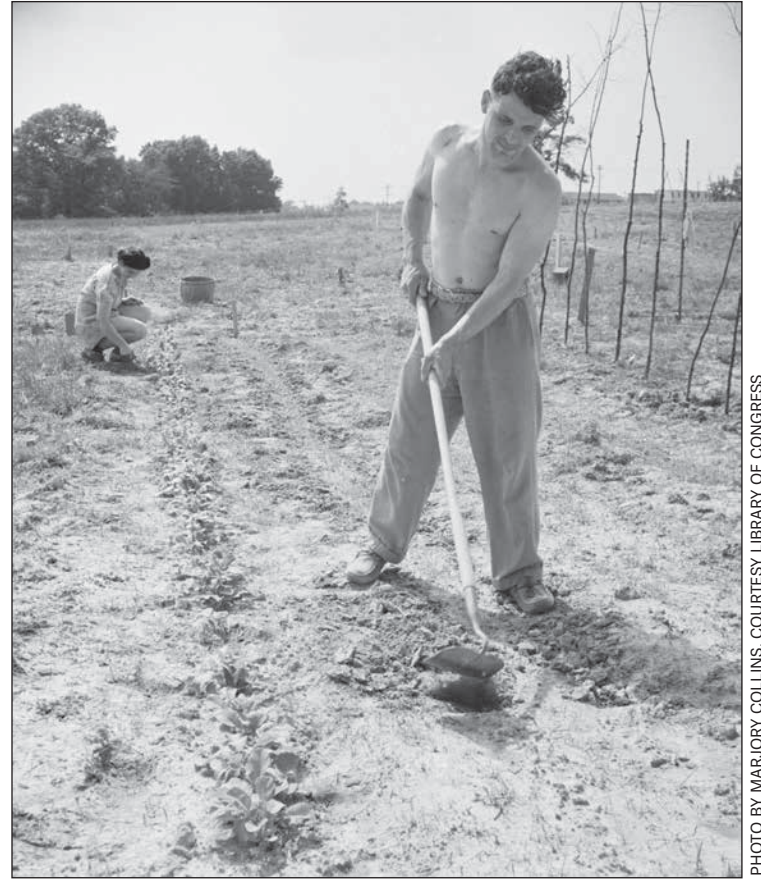


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A Greenbelt couple works their plot in one of the community garden areas in 1942. Some of the rowhouses are visible (barely) on the horizon at the right.

The town’s population swelled as families moved into the newly built defense housing in December 1941, and the next spring new garden areas were added across from the C block (between Gardenway and Southway), at the end of Northway Extended and beside Schrom Airport.

In the March 27, 1942, Cooperator, Angus MacGregor, Greenbelt’s head gardener, encouraged residents to participate in the Victory Vegetables campaign that was being launched nationally, and the plots were known as Victory Gardens through the war years. Only 203 applications had been submitted by the March 30 deadline for the more than 600 plots that had been marked out, but by the end of April, Assistant Town Manager Arthur Rysticken, who’d been designated as the head of the gardening program, reported that 375 residents had claimed garden plots.

The garden program expanded further for the 1943 gardening season, with a new tract open near the water tower and 50 more plots added near the Legion house. By late March, over 1,000 requests had been made for plots, including 123 requests for two plots. The town scrambled to come up with some more, and gardeners willing to share their plot were asked to notify the administration. Rysticken advised residents that they could plant vegetables in the flower beds by their homes but they were not

allowed to spade up the sod in their yards.

Wartime Constraints

Gardeners were “on their own” for the 1944 growing season, and many fewer requests for plots were made. Rysticken had taken a leave of absence from his Greenbelt positions – he also served as commander of the local Civilian Defense Corps – to accept a commission with the U.S. Navy, and because of the shortage of labor and material, plowing and fertilizing could not be offered. Many Greenbelt men had been drafted into the military or were away on special assignments, and women with children at home – some who also held jobs outside the home – had little time or energy for gardening. And, according to the April 28, 1944, Cooperator, the local rationing board had ruled that gas for driving to gardens could only be obtained if driving pools were formed, which didn’t suit time-limited gardeners with plots beyond easy walking distance. The number of plots assigned was about half that of 1943, and in mid-April the town announced that gardeners could apply for up to three plots each.

Program Declines

Interest in gardening dwindled further after World War II ended and the years went by, and as Greenbelt and the region grew, garden areas were soon

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Election 2021

Voting by Mail or In Person

by Kathleen Gallagher

Greenbelt has a new voting method that is making its debut this year for the November 2 city council election. Because of the pandemic, both the county and the city have strongly recommended taking advantage of mail-in voting as a safe and easy way to cast a vote.

All Greenbelters who are registered to vote at a residential address within the city limits should soon receive an application to submit in order to acquire a mail-in ballot. Once requested, the mail-in ballot is the method that the voter must use to vote in the 2021 election.

Although everyone is encouraged to vote by mail, some people will not be eligible to do so, and others may simply prefer another method. Those who are not eligible would include, for example, those who missed the deadline for requesting a mail-in ballot or those who have not yet registered to vote in Greenbelt but who expect to do so by the October 4 deadline.

For those who either have chosen not to vote by mail or who have no other choice, voters may use in-person voting by early voting or in-person voting on Election Day at their usual

precinct. Early voting sites are listed below; precinct information will be listed closer to Election Day.

Early Voting Sites

Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road

Saturday, October 9, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunday, October 10, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

October 11 thru October 29:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Greenbelt East, Schrom Hills Park Clubhouse, 6915 Hanover Parkway

Saturday, October 16, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunday, October 17, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Greenbelt West, Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane

Saturday, October 23, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunday, October 24, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.



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and groaned. "I'm not going to make it."

"You're going to make it," she said, riding me in. "Just a little roller here."

I made it.

There was a second leg of the journey, which left shortly afterwards from Roosevelt Center to Schrom Hills Park and back again, and I absolutely did not have the gas in the tank to do that ride. I wasn't sure I had the gas in the tank to get home. But seeing my daughter Anja, who also had biked the first leg, get ready to join the second



PHOTO BY IFY OKOYE
Ify Okoye takes a picture as she helps Kyla up the rollers on Crescent Road.

group, I thought "what could possibly go wrong?" and jumped back on my bike to do it, too.

We rode over the Spellman Overpass and through the parking lot at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, where we were stopped by a red light at Route 193 and Frankfort Drive. When the light turned green and I tried to mount, my leggings tangled in the front of my bike seat and I had a sort of awkward dance as my bike went down with my pants caught in the seat. Jordan literally stopped traffic so I could cross Route 193, now on foot and pushing my bike, ego slightly bruised. I stopped checking for texts from eager cycling teams.

By now I was very much at the rear and City of Greenbelt Park Ranger Patrick Mullen, the sweep for that section, kept me company. We talked about the National Park Service because it is clearly my destiny to work there one day, and he kept me safe and un-run-over. When we

got to the hill on Hanover Parkway alongside Eleanor Roosevelt High School on our way back to the Spellman Overpass and I said, "I'm not going to make it," he said, "You're almost at the crest." Which was a bald-faced lie and I loved him for it. Okoye was waiting there at the crosswalk and she rode with me the rest of the way. We were dead last, me and the two sweeps. The two encouragers.

The Tour de Greenbelt is a yearly event with the Labor Day Festival, presented by Greenbelt Recreation and hosted by Jordan and Greenbelters Laurie and Jeff Lemieux of Proteus Bikes. I can't tell you I loved the whole thing, but I love that I did it, and I am already looking forward to doing it next year. There is no way I would have finished it without Mullen and Okoye, however. If there is a gold star for moral support, they should each get one. Thanks, new bike friends.

Heard About the Jim Cassels Community Service Award?

by Donna Hoffmeister

For the past 15 years the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket has awarded \$1,200 annually for a project to benefit Greenbelters. These grants, the Jim Cassels Community Service Awards, named for a much admired founder of the Co-op, have focused mostly on children. Who can forget the endearing animation video that kids created in 2010 to celebrate Greenbelt's 75th anniversary or the concerts by young musicians on the Roosevelt Center stage in 2005. In 2008, the award paid for tennis instruction and tennis rackets for 35 children ages 7 to 13 years of age. Fifth grade classes in the Greenbelt Elementary School studied watersheds and learned how to protect local streams in 2012. Eleanor Roosevelt high schoolers had an art show in the New Deal Café and performed on the Roosevelt Center stage in 2017. Fourth graders at Greenbelt Elementary School created shadow puppets and staged an enchanting puppet show for about 600 children in school and for the public at the New Deal Café in 2018. In 2015 six remarkable workshops helped children and their parents identify and deal with their pet's distress signals and those of unknown



JIM CASSELS

PHOTO BY FRED CASSELS

spunky dogs off leash.

Occasionally, the award has been used to purchase equipment: a microscope to sample micro-invertebrates for stream monitoring (2006), tools for the Greenbelt Repair Café (2013), raised handicapped garden tables in the Community Center garden (2011), workbooks for two climate action discussion groups (2007) and recycling containers at Buddy Attick Park for unusual items such as toothpaste tubes and Brita filters (2016). A radiant dance performance by the alight dance theater about the role of women in the War of 1812 (2015) and two well-grounded workshops about how to defuse

conflict in the community (2020) are the two events that catered mostly to adult participants.

You do not need to be a non-profit or a 501(c)(3) organization to apply. An individual or group with an upbeat idea and a budget of about \$1,200 suffices. The award can be considered "seed" money for a project that becomes self-sustaining. People who applied in the past are encouraged to submit a new proposal. Even those who have won in the past are eligible to apply anew. Keep in mind that there was no award in 2019 because no appropriate proposals were submitted. The impact on the Greenbelt community is the prime criterion.

For more information about the service award program, email donna.hoffmeister@verizon.net. It is preferred that proposals be submitted online at the Co-op website at greenbelt.coop/cms/community/jim-cassels-award. Hard copy proposals can be submitted at the public service desk of the grocery store. The deadline is Friday, October 15. Seize the day. Be inspired. Submit a proposal.

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COMPASS

First Day of School



PHOTO BY AMANDA LARSEN
A crowd of parents and students wait outside Greenbelt Elementary School for the doors to open at 9 a.m., on Wednesday, September 8.

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lost to development. The defense housing eliminated some plots, as did construction of the new Legion house and, later, the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. No new garden areas have been added, and all that remains now of Greenbelt's once-large community garden program are fewer than 100 plots spread across three garden fields that are being encroached on by the surrounding forest.

To Obtain a Plot

The Garden Club manages the assignment of garden plots, as it has since 1953, following the federal government's sale of the town to the Greenbelt Veterans Housing Corporation. Longtime gardeners can retain their plots

year after year, but each year some plots become available. For information on how to acquire a garden plot for the 2022 growing season, visit the Greenbelt Community Garden Club website at greenbeltgardenclub.com.

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Police Blotter

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

Arson

August 30, 8:22 p.m., 6207 Springhill Court. Two people set fire to a dumpster. Prince George's County Fire Department responded and an investigation is underway.

Carjacking

August 28, 1:42 a.m., 8150 Lakecrest Drive. A man was lured to this location by a dating app and his vehicle was hijacked at gunpoint. It is a blue 2009 Pontiac G6 with license plates Georgia TBX 3858.

August 30, 10:33 p.m., 9338 Edmonston Road. A blue 2013 Toyota Camry with Maryland tags 4BD4230 was hijacked at gunpoint.

Robbery

August 29, 1 a.m., 9116 Springhill Lane. A man approached a group of three people and robbed them at gunpoint.

Assault

August 28, 11:46 a.m., 121 Centerway. Three men were involved in a verbal altercation at Roosevelt Center when one man verbally threatened the other two and implied he had a gun.

Theft

August 26, 5:12 p.m., 6000 Greenbelt Road. A gold necklace was stolen from a vendor at Beltway Plaza.

August 30, 3:15 p.m., 5805

Cherrywood Terrace. Personal property was taken from a person's room.

August 31, 11:16 a.m., 7595 Greenbelt Road. An unattended wallet near the pharmacy area at Safeway was stolen.

Burglary

August 31, 7:49 p.m., 9246 Edmonston Road. A person entered a neighbor's residence without permission. One arrest was made.

Vandalism

August 30, 2:15 p.m., Greenbelt Station Parkway. A sidewalk was defaced with chalk.

Vehicle Crime

Three vehicles were stolen. A 2019 Jeep Grand Cherokee SRT with Maryland tags 2ET7292 was taken from 5900 Cherrywood Lane.

A gray 2006 Acura RL with New York tag KHK6856 was taken from 7839 Hanover Parkway.

A silver 2013 Volkswagen Passat with Maryland tags 5DG1606 was taken from 7300 Frankfurt Court.

Two sets of rims and tires were taken, one from 8150 Lakecrest Drive and the other from 17 Ridge Road.

A red front bumper was taken from a 2015 Honda Civic at 6160 Springhill Terrace.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Call 1-866-411-TIPS. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 240-542-2145.

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of public health expenditures; support for negative economic impact due to Covid-19; replacing lost public sector revenue; providing premium pay to essential workers; and investing in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure.

The ineligible uses include: offsetting of the reduction of net tax revenue due to a change in law from March 3, 2021; funding of pension funds; debt service; legal settlements or judgments; or depositing to financial reserves.

Staff recommends an immediate use of funds, mainly around rental and business assistance. The suggested amount for each to be set aside is \$500,000, both to be dispersed through the city and Greenbelt CARES. Another \$125,000 is suggested for other immediate uses. This represents 5 percent of the entire ARPA funding.

City Treasurer Bertha Gaymon calculated that the city's lost revenue up to December 2020 was \$2.2 million, mainly from cut-backs in services due to Covid-19 and the closing of facilities. On December 15, 2021, Gaymon plans to reassess the amount of lost revenue.

Economic Development Coordinator Charise Liggins stressed that Greenbelt businesses continue to struggle. This second round of business assistance now includes nonprofit organizations, as well as an expanded list of expenses such as rent, utilities,

advertising, employee hiring and recruitment, employee training and onboarding, personal protective equipment and outdoor space build-out or expansion.

Details of the business recovery plan still await development before final council approval. Certain ideas are being discussed by staff, like a \$20,000 grant total and the ability for businesses to apply again for city assistance.

Greenbelt CARES Director Dr. Liz Park reported that the rental assistance program will be solely for Greenbelt residents who have undergone hardship due to the pandemic. She said it may be possible for residents to apply again, with a total cap of \$10,000 being set. For example, if someone received \$5,000 before, they would only be allowed an additional \$5,000. Residents must choose whether to use city or county funds. Last time, Greenbelt CARES dispersed \$400,000, with 98 percent of applicants serviced.

This time the city will be providing mortgage assistance. Park said that the city awaits the guidelines for the state's Homeowner Assistance Fund, established on March 11, 2021, in order to devise the city's program, as it will provide an effective blueprint.

Councilmember Emmett Jordan stressed that another need for residents will be help with homeowners association and condo fees.

Spotted at the Festival



PHOTO BY SHARON NATOLI

Joe Kennedy, Jr. performs during the Drum Circle after Friday night's Opening Ceremonies of the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival.



PHOTO BY JON GARDNER

4th grader Maeve Waters encourages people to go to the book sale on Friday evening.



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ERHS National Honor Society volunteers Simone Thom (left) and Mecca Lartigue coordinate communications during the Parade.



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Life-long Greenbelt resident Sheila Maffay-Tuthill sings the national anthem at the opening ceremony.



PRELIMINARY AGENDA
GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, September 16, 2021

A. GHI Closed Meeting – begins at 7:00 p.m. (closed to visitors and members)

- Approve Minutes of the Closed Meeting Held on August 12, 2021
- Consider Approval of the Following Contracts:
 - 2021 Contract for Building Envelope Improvements for Larger Homes –2nd reading
 - Contract for Repairs to a Unit Assigned to GHI -2nd reading
 - Contract for Fall Concrete Repairs - 1st reading
 - Contract with a Recruiting Firm to Fill Senior Management Positions
- Complaint Matters
- Financial Matters
- Employee Matters

B. GHI Open Meeting begins at 7.45 p.m. (open to visitors and members)

- Statement re: Closed Meetings Held on September 2nd, 7th, 9th, and 16th, 2021
- Approve Minutes of the Open Meeting Held on August 12, 2021
- Review Report from the Website Task Force
- Discuss Next Steps re: Proposed Solar PVES Pre-paid Power Purchase Agreement
- Request by an External Organization for a Contribution

To deter hacking, GHI requires persons who wish to attend the GHI Open meeting on September 16, 2021, to register in advance by accessing the following link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/UUpdeCrrj8rHN3M_Ja18TqR-pAFkwkUApN

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



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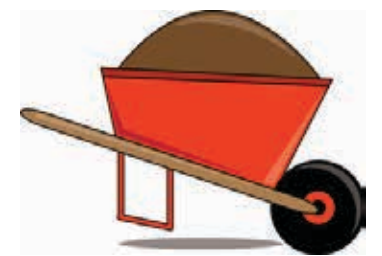
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Balloon toss



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computer programming and web design, and a free market for the exchange of clothing and other necessities." Cheers of support from Higgs' friends and volunteers at The SPACE erupted as Zugby continued his introduction. "[Higgs] is a member of the Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board and the editorial board of Greenbelt Online and the art gallery coordinator for the New Deal Café," said Zugby. Upon the announcement of Higgs as the Outstanding Citizen for 2021, the crowd at large joined in the cheering.

Mayor Colin Byrd described Higgs as a "true man of the people," as he presented Higgs with a proclamation from the city. County Councilmember Todd Turner warmly congratulated Higgs on his selection and presented a proclamation from the county. Delegates Nicole Williams, Anne Healey and Alonzo Washington were also enthusiastic as they shared words of support and made their presentation to Higgs.

During his speech, Higgs thanked Quantum Companies no fewer than three times, for believing in him and his vision and for providing him the free space inside Beltway Plaza for The SPACE: Free Art For All, and he acknowledged Kap Kapistan, general counsel for Quantum, who was in attendance. Higgs also thanked volunteers and family and "everyone who believed in my crazy vision. No man can do it by himself," he said. As he made his way from the stage, people ran to him to offer their joyful congratulations.

During his introductory remarks Zugby also paused to ac-



Shaymar Higgs

PHOTO BY GLENN HARRIS

knowledge previous outstanding citizens who had died and held a moment of silence in remembrance of them. He also thanked sponsors and supporters and acknowledged all of those "who joined the front lines in our battle against the pandemic, including medical professionals, essential workers and especially the many volunteers who produced and distributed thousands of masks and other protective items, and who distributed food and essentials to those in need. Even without the formal title," Zugby continued, "these are indeed Outstanding Citizens and deserve our applause."

Zugby also had a message for all Greenbelters, reminding those who had not yet nominated anyone for Outstanding Citizen, "I will never give up on you. I look forward to seeing your nomination next year."

To learn more about Shaymar Higgs and The SPACE: Free Art For All, visit freetartforall.org.



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Greenbelt Labor Day Festival 2021



Food trucks participate in the Festival for the first time.

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The New Deal Café brings a colorful spectacle to the Parade.

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The Greenbelt Elementary School PTA holds a hybrid book sale, both in the Center and in people's yards around Old Greenbelt.

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A pink fire truck promotes breast cancer awareness in the Parade.

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Bingo takes place only on Monday at the Festival.

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Bob and Cathi Geier of Silver Spring ride in their 1903 Model R Oldsmobile in the Parade. Having participated in many parades, this is their first time in Greenbelt.

PHOTO BY SHARON NATOLI



The Craft Fair is held on Sunday at the Festival.

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A cicada greets the crowds in the Parade as part of the Septendecimal Cicada Society Celebrating Recrudescence Subsequent to Societal Suspension.

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