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## Council Tackles Park Issues, Approves Lakeside Drive Study

by Diane Oberg

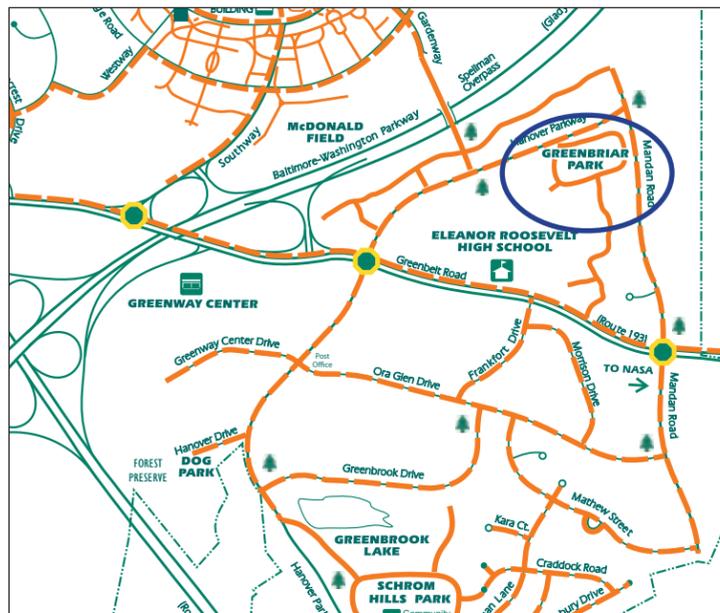
Parkland was a subplot at the September 13 Greenbelt City Council meeting as council added Greenbriar Park to the Forest Preserve, supported the Forest Preserve Advisory Board's (FPAB) proposed trail maintenance plans and rejected a proposed referendum that would require purchase of land adjacent to Greenbelt Station. In addition, council directed staff to conduct a traffic study of Lakeside Drive and received resident petitions.

### Greenbriar Park

Council unanimously approved, as recommended by the FPAB, adding Greenbriar Park to the city's Forest Preserve. The board's recommendation was modified on a 5 to 3 vote, to permit the city to continue mowing an unforested portion of the land. Greenbriar Park is a city park located at the intersection of Hanover Parkway and Mandan Road.

### Trail Maintenance

As requested at an August 23 worksession, FPAB provided additional information regarding the activities they are considering for the previously approved trail maintenance pilot. Board mem-



Council approved adding Greenbriar Park, located at the corner of Hanover Parkway and Mandan Road, to the city's Forest Preserve.

ber Bryan Bruns provided the information, noting that although the board had been given copies, they had not formally reviewed or approved it. The pilot is being conducted to inform the board in its development of the Forest Preserve Master Plan.

The activities being considered would address gully erosion and persistently muddy areas. The trail from Eastway/44 Court Ridge would see improvements to combat erosion, such as reshaping the trail to improve drainage or relocating sections of the trail to higher land.

The Pumpkin Walk trail has been subject to users creating their own trails and installing materials such as boards and wooden pallets to avoid muddy sections of the trail. In addition, there are several areas where fallen trees have blocked the trail. Users have sawed the downed trees to reopen the path, but the sawed logs may have damaged the trail or impeded drainage. The pilot would close off some user-created trails, reroute or reopen blocked trails and "selectively remove" brush encroaching on the trail, especially to keep the trail passable and reduce exposure to ticks, among other benefits.

The trail to the Northway Fields floods periodically, partially due to runoff from the raised athletic fields. The FPAB pilot would not attempt to prevent all flooding. Where runoff crosses

See **COUNCIL**, page 8

### What Goes On

**Monday, September 27**  
8 p.m. City Council Meeting  
**Wednesday, September 29**  
8 p.m. Council Worksession:  
TBD

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All meetings are virtual. See the meetings calendar at [greenbeltnmd.gov](http://greenbeltnmd.gov) for agendas and information on public participation in these meetings.

## "Let Me Tell You a Story" Artist Tells of Arab Family

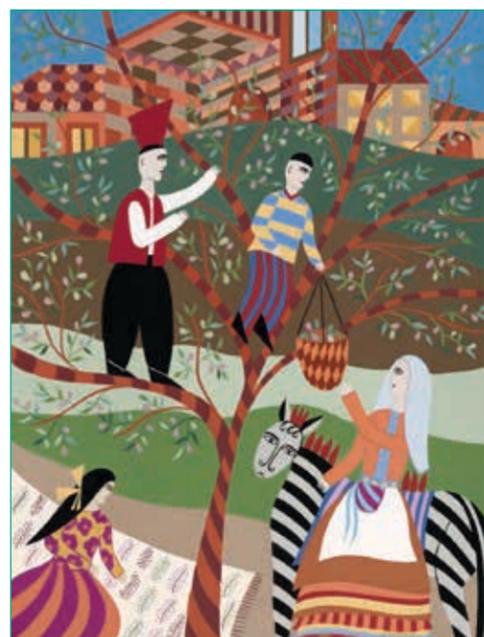
by Nicole DeWald

"My brother, sisters and I are fortunate enough to have our own 'hakawati,'" artist Helen Zughuib shares. "A storyteller, whose stories stem from his love for his children and a desire to both educate and entertain. 'Let me tell you a story.' And so it would begin. The noise around the dinner table would quiet down and we would all turn our attention

to our father."

The Community Center Art Gallery has reopened this month with a new exhibition entitled Stories My Father Told Me: The Art of Helen Zughuib. The show includes 21 paintings and prints from a series Helen created based on her father's stories of his youth in Syria and Lebanon. The period depicted in the 1930s and '40s, offering a glimpse of village life 5,800 miles away during Greenbelt's construction and early years.

Writer and curator Maymanah Farhat notes that the series transports the viewer "to a world of beauty and wonder" while narrating "the stories of a people who survive political turmoil and uncertain times with humor, grace and empathy – all rooted in unconditional love." Visually, Helen's work is richly colored, meticulously painted and vibrantly



Making Raisins and Drying Figs, painting by Helen Zughuib

See **ART**, page 12

### Election 2021

## 16-, 17-Year-olds Can Vote In Nov. 2 City Council Election

by Mary Moien

For only the second time, residents of Greenbelt who are 16 and 17 are eligible to vote in the Greenbelt city election on Tuesday, November 2. These teens as well as all adults 18 and over who want to vote must be registered in Prince George's County. There are only a few more days to register.

After several years of discussion, in January 2018 the Greenbelt City Council unanimously voted to approve a charter amendment to officially allow the younger residents to vote in city elections. In a referendum question during the November 2016 city election, 53 percent of voters supported lowering the age of eligibility. Forty-nine 16-year-olds and 106 17-year-olds registered to vote in the 2019 election.

### How to Register

To be registered to vote, applications must be received at the Prince George's County Board of Elections by Monday, October 4. The easiest way to register at this point may be to contact Greenbelt city offices and request the registration form. Forms can be picked up by appointment at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Call 301-474-8000 or email [elections@greenbeltnmd.gov](mailto:elections@greenbeltnmd.gov) to request forms or for more information. Prince George's County voter registration forms can also be accessed online at [princegeorgescountymd.gov/1980/Voter-Registration](http://princegeorgescountymd.gov/1980/Voter-Registration). Those students who are 15 but will turn 16 by November 2 should contact the city for more information.

### Election 2021

## Kristen Weaver, Silke Pope Have Filed for City Council

Kristen Weaver and Silke Pope, whose biographies appear below, have completed their nomination forms and been certified by City Clerk Bonita Anderson. They join challengers Ric Gordon and Matt Inzeo. Biographies are prepared by the candidates and are published in the order they are certified and received by this newspaper.

### Kristen Weaver

Kristen Weaver was born in Greeley, Colo. She earned a B.S. in computer science and psychology (2004), teaching certificate (2005) and M.A. in education (2006) all from the University of Denver. Kristen taught middle school science and mathematics in Denver Public Schools from 2005-2007. After reconnecting with her now-husband, A.J. Stephens, a friend from childhood, she moved to the D.C. area to teach middle school science in Montgomery County Public Schools from 2007 to 2013. In 2013 she started as an education and outreach specialist at Goddard Space Flight Center, first with Universities Space Research Association and currently with Science Systems and Applications, Inc.

In 2015, Kristen and A.J. moved to Greenbelt, purchasing a townhome in the Greenbelt Station neighborhood for proximity

See **WEAVER**, page 6



Kristen Weaver

PHOTO BY HEATHER MORTIMER



Kids enjoy fresh fruit at the Greenbelt Farmers Market.

PHOTO BY ROBIN OLSON

# Letters to the Editor

## Protecting Voting Rights Throughout Greenbelt

I support residents' calls for the city's elections board to add drop boxes to expand early voting hours in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West.

Mayor Colin Byrd

## Bio Correction

I was reading the bio today and in the third paragraph it reads:

"I partnered with the Rite Aid Foundation and the Kids Safe Medication Disposal Program in installing a drug drop box now

located in front of the Greenbelt Police Station at 550 Crescent Road."

I would like to amend that paragraph. It should state that "while I was on the Public Safety Committee, the committee as a team completed this accomplishment together, as a team. It was a great accomplishment and I was happy to be a part of the team."

I don't want anyone to get the feeling like I did everything on my own. Sorry for the inconvenience and thank you for the opportunity to fix this issue.

Matthew Inzeo

## Tales of Gardeners

As a follow-up to the article on the history of Greenbelt's community gardens in the September 9 issue, I offer these tales about some of the gardeners. When the government sold Greenbelt, all the garden plots were sold, too, and became owned by outside private interests. But at the three remaining garden areas on Parcel 2, the gardeners just kept gardening. While the owners were aware of this, they did not interfere. Then the city bought Parcel 2 and the gardeners just kept on gardening. The garden club is separate from the city and what little official recognition it has received has been the result of creating the Forest Preserve.

The garden plots at the end of Hamilton Place were next to the historic Hamilton grave site, and it was claimed that one or more gardeners broke off pieces of the ancient headstones to weight down their plows. One of the young sons of Emory Harman, prominent resident and former postmaster under Eisenhower, came to me to express concern over the desecration of the grave sites. While sharing his concern, there was nothing legally we could do as the land, then, was privately owned. However, Director of Public Works Buddy Attick had the remaining grave-stones removed and taken to Public Works for safe keeping. In 1997, they were restored to the site and are on display in a case specially built by Public Works.

Jim Giese

## Greenbelt Museum Announces Retro Town Fair Winners

by Sheila Maffay-Tuthill

The Greenbelt Museum hosted the Retro Town Fair on the museum grounds on Sunday of Labor Day Weekend. Banners, bunting and mums decorated the space, and entrants dropped off their handmade and homegrown items to be judged.

Last year the Retro Town Fair was held virtually, so this year everyone was excited to be attending the fair in person. Judges took their responsibility very seriously and spent much time discussing the merits of the pies, cakes, needlework, jams and more. Ribbons were awarded to a large group of talented Greenbelters, and the public was invited to observe and enjoy all of the fine entries. Thanks to all who made the Retro Town Fair possible. Next year, 2022, will be the 10th Anniversary of this event. See you at the Fair!

### 2021 Winners

#### Baked Goods

##### 1st Place/Blue Ribbon:

Leann Irwin, Nepitelle Cookies  
JoEllen Sarff, Mandarin Orange Cake

Donna Peterson, Chesapeake Bay Cake

Lori Dominick, Raspberry Sandwich Cookies  
Ezekiel Kelley, Pecan Pie

##### 2nd Place/Red Ribbon:

Vijay Parameshwaran, Pecan Pie  
JoEllen Sarff, Chocolate Chip Blondies

Emily Ottens, Vanilla Cake

#### Needlework

##### Purple Grand Champion:

Jan Derry, throw

##### 1st Place/Blue Ribbon:

Marni Siegel, shawl  
Tara Wilcox, blouse  
Joyce Wineland, purse

Owen Kelley, paper craft book  
Gregory Perrine, embroidery in frame

##### 2nd Place/Red Ribbon:

Corrina Sonden, baby blanket  
Tara Wilcox, embroidered pendant  
Kelly Jones, shawl

Rene Stewart Furby, jewelry headpiece

##### 3rd Place/White Ribbon:

Michelle Bernard, dress with mask

Joyce Wineland, crochet mask  
Pragati Godbole, painted pot  
Joyce Wineland, lace mask  
Jan Derry, shawl

#### Canned Goods

##### 1st Place/Blue Ribbon:

Michelle Bernard, Blackberry Lime Jam

Marni Siegel, Jalapeño Pickles

##### 2nd Place/Red Ribbon:

Vijay Parameshwaran, Jackfruit Jam

##### 3rd Place/White Ribbon:

Carrie Dike, Scottish Marmalade

#### Flowers

##### 1st Place/Blue Ribbon:

Helen Sydavar, floral arrangement

Elizabeth Walker, floral arrangement

#### Vegetables

##### 1st Place/Blue Ribbon:

Jessica Blacksten, cucumber



Blue ribbon winner Donna Peterson shows off her Chesapeake Bay Cake.



Winning canned goods

Tara Wilcox won a blue ribbon for her blouse.

- Photos by Megan Searing Young



## Service or Garden Side?



It's interesting, but what does it say as a video call background?

- B. Glee

## Letters Policy

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 6 - 8 p.m.

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www.greenbelttheatre.org

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#### SHOWTIMES

Sept. 17th - Sept. 20th

Proof of COVID-19 vaccination  
OR negative PCR test  
(within 48 hours)  
AND matching photo ID  
required for admission.

For more information call (301) 329-2034  
or visit greenbelttheatre.org

THE EYES OF TAMMY FAYE  
(PG-13) (CC) (2021) (126 MINS)

FRI. 5:00 PM, 8:15 PM

SAT. 5:00 PM, 8:15 PM

SUN. 2:00 PM (OC), 5:15 PM

MON. 2:00 PM, 5:15 PM

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# Community Events

## At the Library

Greenbelt Library 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. 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](mailto:pgcmls.info) or 240-455-5451; some computers may be available with no appointments.

September is library card sign-up month. Sign up at [pgcmls.info](mailto:pgcmls.info).

### Hispanic Heritage

To celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, the Greenbelt Library will boogie and bop from 2 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 25, at an outdoor Bibliobop Dance Party featuring Spanish language and bilingual children's music. Registration is required at 240-455-5451 and Covid-19 precautions will be in place.

Other cultural and education programs celebrating Hispanic culture are being held through October 15 at other nearby branches and streamed online; visit [pgcmls.info](http://pgcmls.info).

### Learning Resources

Brainfuse HelpNow offers an array of additional learning resources, including SkillSurfer, a library of lessons, videos, live tutoring in Spanish and English from 2 to 11:55 p.m. daily, tests and more, available year-round.

ABCmouse helps young children build a strong academic foundation, with more than 10,000 learning activities in reading, math, science, social studies, art and music.

Novelist K-8 Plus helps readers find read-alikes, genre-specific books, nonfiction titles and more.

The library also helps students prepare for standardized tests and writing college admissions essays through the EBSCO Learning-Express online resource. Check [pgcmls.info/events](http://pgcmls.info/events) regularly for related programming.

### Pop-up at The SPACE

The new pop-up location launched Wednesday, September 8, with the addition of a specially curated diverse, multi-lingual collection for children ages 5 to 12 of 100-plus items to permanently be at The SPACE courtesy of the Prince George's County Memorial Library System. The non-circulating seed collection approach will be similar to both the successful Books for Barber-shops program and Little Free Library movement. Two laptops with peripherals were purchased to permanently be at The SPACE in order to provide critical digital access to this community and should be installed soon. The SPACE offers free WiFi care of a local ongoing grant. Located at Beltway Plaza, 6000 Greenbelt Road, Suite 13 (next to AMC Theater); open Mondays through Fridays, 3 to 7 p.m.; Saturdays, 1 to 7 p.m.

### Mobile Printing

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](http://pgcmls.info/mobile-printing). Families can borrow mobile hotspot devices for up to nine weeks at a time. Use the online curbside booking form.



## Golden Age Bingo At Schrom Hills Park

If the weather cooperates, Greenbelt Golden Agers will gather in person to play Bingo at Schrom Hills Park on Wednesday, September 29 at 11 a.m. Bring a folding chair if possible.

To join the Golden Agers email list and obtain Zoom information for virtual meetings, contact Becky Sutfin at [rsutfin@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:rsutfin@greenbeltmd.gov).

## Info on Cub Scouts At Farmers Market

The Greenbelt Cub Scouts, Pack 202 will have a table at the Greenbelt Farmers Market on Sunday, September 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be information available about the program and fun activities for kids.

Pack 202 is for boys and girls from kindergarten through 5th grade. For more information about Cub Scouts, email [greenbeltpack202@gmail.com](mailto:greenbeltpack202@gmail.com).

## Seniors to Host Open Forum On Saturday

On Saturday, September 25, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., Greenbelt's Senior Citizen Advisory Committee will hold its annual Open Forum. This year, in deference to the Covid-19 virus, the Open Forum will be a free virtual presentation on Zoom. Advance registration is required, at <https://bit.ly/38sjSFM>.

Greenbelters of all ages are invited to share their concerns about issues in the community and get direct feedback from city officials, including members of the city council and representatives of various city government agencies. Naturally, positive comments are also welcome and appreciated.

## GIVES Quarterly Meeting on Sept. 25

GIVES, the Greenbelt Intergenerational Voluntary Exchange Service, will have its virtual quarterly meeting on Saturday, September 25 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Zoom information will be emailed to the membership. Those without email can call 301-507-6580 for Zoom telephone information.

## 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](http://gyblittleleague.org) for more information. Registration closes on Friday, October 1.

## Free Monday Matinee At Old Greenbelt Theatre

The Old Greenbelt Theatre will show Top Hat at the free Monday Matinee on October 4 at 1 p.m. The audience is limited to 75 people; proof of vaccination is required. Tickets may be reserved online only at [greenbelttheatre.org](http://greenbelttheatre.org).

## Annual Blues Festival Happening Saturday

The 18th Annual Greenbelt Blues Festival will be held on Saturday, September 25, at Roosevelt Center from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Bring a chair to this community-based outdoor free Blues Festival and enjoy some great music and socially distanced dancing.

## Kickstart Your Career This Fall with PGCMLS

The final session in the Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) Career Kickstart series is on Wednesday, September 29, from 6 to 8 p.m. The topic is executive functioning and adopting a growth mindset.

Registration is required. A certificate of completion will be sent to registrants who attended all four sessions in the series.

## Dracula Radio Play Auditions at GAC

Greenbelt Arts Center will hold auditions over Zoom by appointment on Saturday and Monday, October 2 and 4 for October's Old-Time Radio Play: Dracula. Audition slots can be arranged by signing up before Thursday, September 30 through a link on the website [greenbeltartscenter.org/auditions](http://greenbeltartscenter.org/auditions).

In October, the Old-Time Radio Play series will feature Dracula. There will be virtual rehearsals, and the final recorded performance will be posted in time for Halloween.

Although the actors do appear in the video, these are radio plays and casting will be done based on vocal sound instead of age or appearance. All roles are open and everyone is encouraged to audition; this is a great opportunity for beginners who would like to try acting. Participation is entirely virtual.

More information and the recordings of previous radio plays are available at the website listed above. The September installment of the series was posted recently. Sterling Detective: Boston's Lone Wolf Terror tells the story of a suave gentleman burglar having fun rather uniquely in Boston.

## Composting Workday Volunteers Needed

This Saturday, September 25, anytime from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., join a composting work day at the three-bin hot composting station behind Roosevelt Center, alongside the Aquatic Center. Volunteers will help to build a compost pile and learn about how hot composting works. After chopping some 30 to 40 buckets of food waste donated from the Co-op grocery store, volunteers will mix food, water, shredded leaves and woodchips and pile it in one of the bins. Over the next few weeks, the pile will reach temperatures between 130°F to 150°F as it "cooks." After the cook, which destroys seeds and pathogens, the "yummy" mix will be fed to red wiggler worms living on the loading dock of the New Deal Café.

Red wigglers, *Eisenia fetida*, are a special breed of worm that processes food that browns into 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, join the composters. Email [NewDealWigglers@gmail.com](mailto:NewDealWigglers@gmail.com) to join the workday or for more information.

## Astronomical Society To Meet Sept. 30

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will hold their September meeting on Zoom at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 30. The speaker will be Dr. Tim Hamilton, professor of natural sciences at Shawnee State University, who will speak on the topic Using Gravitational Lenses as Natural Telescopes. All are welcome to attend. The Zoom link will be posted on the Astronomical Society website, [greenbeltastro.org](http://greenbeltastro.org), before the meeting.

## Bus Driver Job Fair On September 29

There is a shortage of more than 200 school bus drivers in Prince George's County. Prince George's County Public Schools is having a virtual bus driver job fair on Wednesday, September 29.

Salaries start at \$19.35 per hour with a comprehensive package of benefits, including health, dental and vision insurance, as well as retirement plans. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age with a valid driver's license and at least three years driving history and able to communicate effectively in English. For more information or to pre-register (required) for the recruitment event, visit [pgcps.org/drivewithus](http://pgcps.org/drivewithus).

## Dena Kohn Scholarship Fund Mini Golf Event

On Sunday, September 26 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Dena Kohn Theatre Lab Scholarship Fund will hold a miniature golf event as a fundraiser and celebration of the life of lifelong Greenbelter Dena Kohn, who died just before her 23rd birthday.

Each year, her life and spirit of giving are celebrated and commemorated by raising money for the Dena Kohn Memorial Scholarship. The fund provides scholarships each summer to teenagers in financial need to participate in The Theatre Lab's Musical Theatre Institute for teens.

The event will be held at Rocky Gorge Four Seasons Golf Fairway on U.S. Route 29 and Old Columbia Road, Laurel. Attendees can buy baked goods from a Greenbelt baker and original pottery by a Greenbelt potter at the fundraising event.

Those wishing to sponsor a hole, play a round, make a donation or ask questions, contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler at 301-345-8755 or [d-backs1@juno.com](mailto:d-backs1@juno.com).

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.



### Greenbelt Access Television

**Sep 24, Fri – Sep 30, Thu**

Verizon FIOS Channel 19 • Comcast 77  
(School Programming on Your Cable Guide)  
Streaming on [www.greenbeltaccessstv.org](http://www.greenbeltaccessstv.org)

THIS WEEK ON GATE • Your Community Access Station

7am	Greenbelt Newsreel	Local Community Programming
8am	Democracy Now!	Yesterday's Syndicated Program
9am	GATe Classic Film Drama/Romance • 1941	Penny Serenade Cary Grant • Irene Dunne • Buelah Bondi
11am	Greenbelt Newsreel	Local Community Programming
Noon	Democracy Now!	Today's Syndicated Program
1pm	PGCPS Science Bowl	Kenmoor v MLK Middle School
2pm	Music at the New Deal	CAZ • Soul Rock Reggae
3pm	GATe Classic Film Drama/Romance • 1941	Penny Serenade Cary Grant • Irene Dunne • Buelah Bonds
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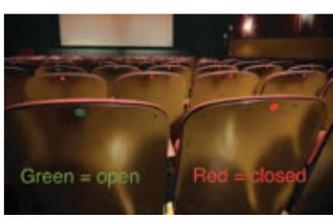
Monday Oct. 4th - 1pm

Top Hat



Old Greenbelt Theatre  
129 Centerway  
Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-329-2034

Audience limited to 75 people.  
Reserve tickets online ONLY -  
[greenbelttheatre.org](http://greenbelttheatre.org)



Green = open

Red = closed

Distanced seating throughout.

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# Obituaries

## James (Jimmy) Drake

Former Greenbelter James (Jimmy) Drake died September 2, 2021, at the age of 83. Jimmy was known for his love of hunting and he was a waterman. He served his country as a member of the Army Special Forces, where he made 49 parachute jumps. He was a life member of the Greenbelt American Legion.

Jimmy is survived by his wife of 62 years, Gloria (Shelton); two daughters, Lynette and Brenda; two sons, Bill and John; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. A private service is being planned by the family.



James Drake

PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

## Cookies at the Bridge Seeks More Volunteers

Another school year has begun and the highly successful Cookies at the Bridge project will be continuing. The project needs volunteer assistants to safeguard Eleanor Roosevelt High School students as they walk home from school in the afternoon.

Cookies at the Bridge began several years ago after rumors of violence and gang fights on or near the Spellman Overpass were noted after school let out. Spearheaded by Mowatt United Methodist Church (MUMC), the project of handing out cookies and having a friendly adult presence near the bridge has helped prevent violence and bullying.

Teams have been composed mainly of volunteers from MUMC, College Park United Methodist Church, Greenbelt Community Church, Greenbelt Safety Patrol and Greenbelt City Council. Volunteers form groups of two or more adults who meet at Spellman Overpass once a



PHOTO BY MARY WADE

Robert Goldberg-Strassler, seated, and Mary Wade are two volunteers for Cookies at the Bridge.

week from 3:25 until around 4 p.m. to smile and hand out cookies to students crossing into Old Greenbelt. Those interested in helping just one afternoon per week or on an on-call basis, call 301-474-9410 and leave a name and telephone number.



## HUG WALK Returns October 10

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.

All Greenbelters are invited to participate in this event, joining the walk in any of the Greenbelt neighborhoods noted below and continuing through the city. RUAK requests that any and all groups and individuals from the community co-sponsor this event. There is no cost except the energy and spirit of each individual joining in with their neighbors from across the city.

### Walk Schedule

The walk begins in Greenbelt Station. 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.

Parking will be available at Beltway Plaza in the lot behind the mall, next to the Shell sta-

tion on Cherrywood Lane. The Greenbelt Connection will provide shuttle service from each of the join-in locations as needed. Non-perishable food items can be dropped off at each join-in location for the St. Hugh's Food Pantry. Walkers will need to adhere to local Covid-19 guidelines in place at the time of the event.

The walk currently has about 60 co-sponsors – individuals and social, civic and religious organizations – many of whom will have informational tables at the end of the walk.

To co-sponsor, contact RUAK at spreadruak@gmail.com or Robert Goldberg-Strassler at 301-345-8755 by Sunday, September 26.

All Greenbelters are invited to participate in the HUG WALK in whatever way they choose: as a walker or by cheering on neighbors as they walk by. Walkers can show their city pride by wearing Greenbelt apparel such as a Greenbelt is Great shirt, a Greenbelt sports team uniform or other item.

## Porch Greenbelt Food Initiative Is Growing

Porch Greenbelt Food Collection continues to expand thanks to all the volunteer efforts. The remaining collection date for Front Porch pickup this month is between 9 and 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 25 for 14 and 15 Courts Laurel Hill Road.

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.

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.

## Obituaries

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

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John 3:16

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– ‘Abdu’l-Bahá

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# 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 27, 2021 at 8:00pm

### ORGANIZATION

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

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### Presentations

- Quarterly Council Crime Presentation

#### Petitions and Requests

##### \*Minutes

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

#### Administrative Reports

##### \*Committee Reports

### LEGISLATION

- A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of Election Services with Electec Election Services, Inc. for the 2021 City Election
- Eviction Notice Ordinance
  - 1st Reading

### OTHER BUSINESS

- Celebration of Centenarians Policy
- Community Gardens Shading Issues
- Economic Development Advisory Committee
- Advisory Committee Geographic Diversity
- Sign Language Interpretation
- Replacement Vehicle Purchase – Animal Control
- Issuance of a Request for Proposals – Financial Management System Replacement
- Community Questionnaire
- Council Activities
- Council Reports
- \* Reappointment to Advisory Boards
- \* Resignation from Advisory Groups

### MEETINGS

#### Meetings

#### Stakeholders

**COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE VIRTUAL** Cablecast on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996 and [www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv)

Resident participation: Information will be posted on Meetings Calendar at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)

In advance, the hearing impaired is 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](mailto:banderson@greenbeltmd.gov).

## CITY ELECTION INFORMATION NOMINATIONS FOR 2021 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

In accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter, a regular election will be held in the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, to elect the seven members of the City Council.

Any qualified voter of the City may be nominated for the office of Member of Council upon filing a nomination petition with the City Clerk (signed by not fewer than 50 Greenbelt resident voters), a written acceptance of the nomination, and other statements that are required by the City Charter or by law. Required forms and information are available in the City Clerk's office, 25 Crescent Road, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Nominations will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 27, 2021.

### DRAWING FOR ORDER OF BALLOT PLACEMENT

Drawings to determine the order of candidates' names on the ballot for the November 2nd election and the order for placement of campaign signs on public property will take place in the Council Chambers on the 2nd floor of the Municipal Building on Monday, September 27, at 7:00 p.m. DUE TO LIMITED SPACE, ONLY CANDIDATES OR THEIR DESIGNEE WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS. THE PUBLIC IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE VIRTUALLY. For more information, call Bonita Anderson, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000, or send an e-mail to [elections@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:elections@greenbeltmd.gov).

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## 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
- Park & Recreation Advisory Board
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee

For more information call 301-474-8000

## VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 27-OCTOBER 1

Monday, September 27 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](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv)

Tuesday, September 28 at 3:30pm, **SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, On the Agenda: Call to Order, Introduction of Guests (if any), Approval of Agenda – September 28, 2021, Approval of Minutes – August 31, 2021, Old Business, New Business, Announcements

Tuesday, September 28 at 7:00pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**, On the Agenda: Approval of August Minutes, Labor Day Parade, ACE Grant Application for 2021-22; Status of Grant Program, Administrators and Educators Survey of Programs, Planning for PTA Presidents Meeting, AOB, Next Meeting – October 26.

Tuesday, September 28 at 7:00pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES**, at Public Works Building, 555 Crescent Road. On the Agenda: Call to Order, Review Past Meeting Minutes, Old Business, New Business, Adjourn. Masks will be required for attendees.

Tuesday, September 28 at 7:30pm, **GREEN ACES/GREEN TEAM**, On the Agenda: New Greenhouse Gas Emissions Goals, New Pollinator Habitat Proposal, Recommendation for More Stringent Building Codes, Pollinators Participation in Anacostia Watershed Society Festival.

Wednesday, September 29 at 8:00pm, **WORK SESSION – TBD** Virtual meeting will be shown on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and Streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv)

Thursday, September 30 at 7:00pm, **FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**, On the Agenda: Opening Round, Approve Agenda, Approve Minutes, MAGLEV Update, Pumpkin Walk Update, Hamilton Tract Trail Pilot Project, Discuss Results of Recent Council Meetings and Work Sessions, Review Trail Master Plan Sections, Invasive Plant Management Control Youth Citizen Request, Update Stewardship Guidelines, Re: Greenbriar Tract, Next Meeting Oct. 28, Closing Round.

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## Fall Activity Guide Now Available Online!

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, visit [greenbeltmd.gov/recreation](http://greenbeltmd.gov/recreation) or call 301-397-2200.

## NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY:

### Invasive Plant Pull at the Firefly Sanctuary Saturday, September 25 from 10:00am–1:00pm

Join the City of Greenbelt Department of Public Works for a conservation stewardship event in recognition of National Public Lands Day. Volunteers are needed to remove invasive plant species and install native plants along the forest edge of the Firefly Sanctuary.

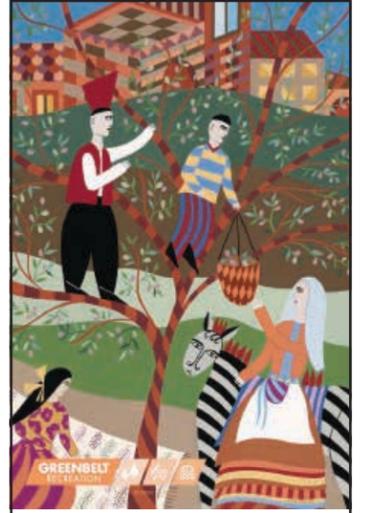


#### Reminders:

- Bring a reusable water bottle
- Wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes
- Students: Bring community-service forms
- Face masks must be worn and social distancing protocols must be followed at all times
- Volunteers must register in order to participate

To register, contact Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll at [kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov).

For city information, meetings, events, services and more visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)



## Greenbelt Studio and Gallery Open House

Sunday, October 3, 1:00pm–4:00pm

Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. Masks required.

Visit with the Center's Artists in Residence and additional community artists. Shop for fine arts and functional wares.

See the new exhibition in the art gallery: *Stories My Father Told Me: The Art of Helen Zughab*. Meet the artist during the first half of the event.

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## Pre-School Program in Historic Greenbelt



Does your pre-school aged child enjoy helping you cook, like exploring, and love to learn? Then check out Greenbelt Recreation's pre-school programs Mom's Morning Out and Pre-School Enrichment and Fun. Mom's Morning Out is a licensed traditional pre-school program that focuses on social development, fine and gross motor skills, listening, and following instructions. The Pre-School Enrichment and Fun program focuses on group games, sports skills, cooking classes, nature walks, science experiments, and much more. Both programs have a heavy emphasis on learning in a fun way!

For more information, visit [greenbeltmd.gov/recreation](http://greenbeltmd.gov/recreation) or call 301-397-2200.

## TEEN TAKEOVER!



Every Friday from 6:30pm–8:30pm, starting on October 1 Youth Center Gym

Enjoy organized group activities like handball, kickball, or dodgeball!

Ages 13–17, free with membership. Masks required.

No registration required. Contact AJ Sesay at 240-542-2198 with questions.

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both to her work and to the Metro for his commute downtown. She was also drawn to Greenbelt's history and cooperative ethos. Kristen soon began attending city council meetings to learn more about the planning of the walking path from the Greenbelt Station neighborhood to the Metro station. Events such as the Labor Day parade and Festival brought back fond memories of July Fourth festivities in her hometown, where neighborhood gatherings were frequent. After years of living in apartments and barely knowing neighbors by sight, Kristen was excited to find in Greenbelt the sense of community she had known growing up.

Not long after moving to Greenbelt Station, in 2016 Kristen volunteered for the new homeowner's association Activities Committee. She initially served as secretary, then chair, a position she still holds. Kristen began to look for opportunities for involvement in the larger Greenbelt community and was appointed to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board in the spring of 2018. Simultaneously, she joined a new composting initiative at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, progressing to a leadership role in the Greenbelt Neighborhood Composting group. Working with the composting group, as well as attending other local meetings and events, helped Kristen meet people from all sections of Greenbelt, a process she has continued by joining the Connecting Across Greenbelt organization starting in late 2020 and becoming active on their planning committee.

These activities have helped Kristen focus on what she loves about Greenbelt, but also identify ways Greenbelt can be better. As a member of Greenbelt City Council, she hopes to be part of bringing neighborhoods together and building a stronger sense of community for all city residents.

### Silke Pope

Silke Pope served on the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) for nine years until election to council in 2009. During her tenure leading PSAC, the city saw improvements in safety including installation of security cameras at the Spellman Overpass, emergency call boxes on Metro Drive and in Franklin Park. Silke is council liaison to both the PSAC and the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee and she continues to be a strong supporter of public safety and quality of life initiatives.

Silke has served on state and national committees including the National League of Cities Public Safety and Crime Prevention Steering Committee and the Small Cities Council, which she chaired in 2016.

Silke earned a fellowship from the University of Maryland's Academy for Excellence in Local Governance. This provided Pope with a thorough understanding of the functions of local municipalities and a strong understanding of governmental policy and ethics. Additionally, Silke completed workshops at the University of Maryland's Academy for Excellence on Leadership and Human Cognition; Economic Development and Leadership; and

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Silke Pope

PHOTO BY SHARON NATOLI

### Election 2021

## Citizens Meet, Greet Candidates For Council at Roosevelt Center

by Donna Hoffmeister

About 35 people gathered in Roosevelt Center Saturday afternoon to meet the candidates for the fall election for Greenbelt City Council. It was billed as a Rally for Common Ground and was organized by Ric Gordon. Gordon, whose 39th birthday it was, asked Konrad Herling to introduce the candidates. Herling talked about how important Roosevelt Center was for bringing people together. To that end he himself had helped found the Greenbelt Arts Center, located nearby. He told people that in the mid-1960s, the Ku Klux Klan had gathered in Roosevelt Center to get people to oppose the Fair Housing Act. In light of that history, it is all the more important, in his opinion, that people work together to improve the quality of life of all Greenbelters.

Herling said he had asked each candidate to tell him what to stress about their contributions to Greenbelt. These were some of the things Herling learned:

Ric Gordon works as vice president of Greenbelt Access Television and emphasizes his efforts to raise awareness of the needs of kids. Judith Davis helped create the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES) and Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) and was a strong supporter of civil rights, women's rights and sexual orientation rights. Colin Byrd is an advocate of civil rights and labor rights. He supported the solar energy roof of the Co-op grocery store and sought ways to fund Covid-19 relief for renters and mortgage holders. Ed Putens helped create the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee. Emmett Jordan

has focused on transportation; he helped to create bike lanes and install bike rental racks. He also worked to attract new businesses to Greenbelt, which has the highest vacancy rate in the county. Kristen Weaver tries to involve Greenbelt Station residents in activities around town and to expand recreational opportunities in Greenbelt West. Silke Pope's focus has been on public safety, economic sustainability and connectivity. She helped get security cameras installed at the Spellman Overpass. Leta Mach is a strong supporter of co-ops and has been the liaison to the Advisory Council on Education for many years. Rodney Roberts worked to establish the Forest Preserve and led the effort to install a commercial kitchen in the New Deal Café. Matt Inzeo helped put up the mile safety markers around Buddy Attick Park in his role as a Prince George's County police officer and also helped install a drug drop box in front of the Greenbelt Police Station.

Gordon then invited those present to find common ground by discussing issues with one another with an open mind. People had the chance to talk to some challengers (Weaver, Alex Zajac, Bill Orleans and Gordon) and some current councilmembers (Byrd, Jordan, Davis and Pope). With so few opportunities for people to be with one another in person during the pandemic, those gathered seemed glad for the chance to mingle and talk to friends. Music added to the celebratory mood.



### City Notes

Horticulture/Parks repaired the greenhouse and received fall plants. Street Maintenance/Special Details supported the Greenbelt Assistance in Living produce distribution program and delivered 10 aluminum picnic tables and a grill to Greenspring I.

Refuse/Recycling collected 24.39 tons of refuse and 9.75 tons of recyclables. Sustainability/Environmental and four volunteers removed invasive plants from the Firefly Sanctuary.

The Animal Shelter hosts four dogs, five cats, a rabbit and a ball python.

Recreation and Public Works met at Greenbelt Station to plan an outdoor fitness zone. Springhill Lake Recreation Center's Eagle VISION program provides weekday after-school enrichment. Therapeutic Recreation began in-person fall classes for seniors.

The Community Center hosted a full-capacity American Red Cross Blood Drive, and in the Art Gallery, a new exhibition depicts Syrian and Lebanese village life and immigration. Museum and Old Greenbelt Theatre directors toured the new theater space, planning history exhibits.

Park rangers supported a kickball tournament and a Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS) poetry event at Schrom Hills Park.

### NCOZ Comment Deadline Nears

The opportunity is drawing to a close for public comment on the ongoing zoning process for the Greenbelt Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zone (NCOZ). The final NCOZ neighborhood study and the latest draft of the design standards are available at [zoningpgc.pgplanning.com](http://zoningpgc.pgplanning.com).

The public can submit written testimony until the close of business on Wednesday, September 29, via the eComment portal at [pgccouncil.us/Speak](http://pgccouncil.us/Speak), by emailing [clerkofthecouncil@co.pg.md.us](mailto:clerkofthecouncil@co.pg.md.us) or by fax to 301-952-5178.

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**Election 2021**

# Where Does the Time Go? Election Deadlines Looming

by Kathleen Gallagher

It may seem that we just started to talk about the November 2, 2021, city council election a few weeks ago, but in fact both voters and candidates will soon find themselves facing some deadlines.

Monday, September 27. The last day for anyone wishing to run for city council to submit all the necessary forms and signatures by 5 p.m.

September 27. Voters who wish to take advantage of the new mail-in voting should send in their application form to request a ballot by September 27. The ballot will be sent by mail, but be aware that no mail-in ballots will be sent out prior to October 8. If a ballot is requested, that must serve as your voting method for the election.

Monday, October 4. There is still a little time in which anyone who is not currently registered to vote in the City of Greenbelt can do so if they live at an address within the city limits, are American citizens and are at least 16 years old. Visit the Prince George's County Board of Elections at princegeorgescountymd.gov to check online to see if you are registered. If not, you can register online at the same site.



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Negotiation, Government and Civility.

Pope has experience in international business relations and banking where her bilingual ability, attention to detail and organizational skills were critical. Pope has been employed by Prince George's County Public Schools for 21 years, first at Greenbelt Middle School and currently at Springhill Lake Elementary.

Silke Pope has lived in Greenbelt for 23 years. She came to Greenbelt with her family from Germany after her husband, Joseph, retired from the United States Army. She originally lived in Springhill Lake (now Franklin Park) and currently resides in Belle Point. Her natural tendency is one of engagement and activity in the community, taking on numerous volunteer roles and accruing accomplishments in Greenbelt over the past 23 years. When not attending council meetings and events, Silke walks her Greenbelt Animal Shelter dogs, Chip and Bambi, around the lake, and spends time with her grandchildren.

Before proudly earning U.S. citizenship in 2006, Silke became involved in several community groups in Greenbelt. A member of St. Hugh of Grenoble Church since 2000, Silke has been involved in numerous fundraising efforts, the most notable being the annual Oktoberfest where she is best known for her authentic German dishes. She served on the Belle Point Homeowners' Association from 2006 to 2019 and joined the Charlestown Village Condominium Association in 2019. She is also a member of the American Legion, Post 136 Ladies Auxiliary.

# New Police Officers



PHOTO COURTESY GREENBELT POLICE

Mayor Colin Byrd swears in new officers at the Greenbelt Police Department on Tuesday, September 7. The officers are, from left, Jean-Paul Dang, Eric Thomas, Xiomara Wynkoop, and Oscar Rodas-Flores.



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# Council Deliberates Shading Issue at Community Gardens

by Matthew Arbach

The Greenbelt City Council has largely concluded its deliberations on the shading issue at the city's community gardens, with a vote likely in the near future. Members of the Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB) and the Greenbelt Community Garden Club (GCGC) met with council at a September 8 worksession to advocate for their action plan which would address the shading of the garden plots, allowing them to flourish at their optimum level, as well as ensure the diversity and long-term health of the Forest Preserve. Those present were mostly in consensus that the problem has been debated enough, with the onus now on council to make a decisive move toward alleviating this long-standing situation.

Public Works is scheduled next week to cut back limbs in the eight-foot buffer area abutting the Gardenway area of the community gardens. This is the final step in the action that was last approved by council. Invasives remain a persistent threat to the gardens and the Preserve and require a concerted strategy to address them.

Council was mostly of the mind that while the action plan (which was six months in the making, employing a panoply of experts and unanimously approved by both groups) was well-conceived and thorough, it could not be completed in one step, requiring years and several phases. The concept was to start small and build upon successes or regroup when an attempt failed.

Members of the FPAB and the GCGC were amenable to this approach, but emphasized

that a vote was needed to get the process started. They were committed to the work, eager to lend their expertise and energy to an end product that was "financially and environmentally responsible," said garden coordinator Ellen Bastio.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts reiterated his strong exception to any further cutting down of trees in the Preserve. He cited the potential devastation to the city's green spaces from the maglev train proposal and the possible relocation of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center grounds. He stressed the looming catastrophic threat of climate change to not only the city, but the entire state and the planet as a whole. Roberts said that other alternatives could be found, mainly the creating of additional gardens at other open locations in the city.

Dr. Bryan Bruns, in regard to the Preserve, responded that "to protect it, you must do more than neglect it." The cutting of specific trees was only one step in this effort that entails many other applications focused on improving the forest's diversity and health.

GCGC members spoke on the many benefits the gardens provide, these being sustenance to hundreds of residents, and their environmental asset as green spaces. They expressed their high regard for the survival of the Preserve and stressed their desire to simply share in the bounty that the area provides.

The consensus of the GCGC members was that to do nothing regarding the shading of the plots would mean the likely end of the community gardens.

Mayor Colin Byrd stated that he saw "light at the end of the tunnel" on this issue, acknowledging the great desire for a swift resolution and the need for compromise. He asked the community to "bear with us" in order for the council to find a way that "works for all."

## 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](https://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 [connectingacrossgreenbelt.org](https://connectingacrossgreenbelt.org).

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the trail, the report says that it "may be necessary and wiser to accept temporary flooding." In addition, some of the trail may be reshaped and logs obstructing drainage may be removed, as may boards and other outside materials.

Board Chair Damian Ossi said that FPAB is moving more toward stewardship of the Preserve rather than keeping it totally natural. This shift in emphasis, he said, was approved by council when it updated the city code.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts objected to the plan. The whole plan of trail maintenance, he said, goes against the grain of the natural area that the Forest Preserve was set up to be. Councilmember Judith Davis, however, argued that the city has almost loved the Forest Preserve to death. If we do not correct some of these issues, the trails will deteriorate further, plus the city needs to address invasive species in the Preserve, she said.

Councilmember Leta Mach's motion to support the plan passed on a 6 to 1 vote with Roberts opposed.

## Referendum Proposal

In a somewhat unusual move, Roberts presented a petition calling for council to initiate a referendum to require the city to use state Project Open Space funds along with other funds to acquire land and materials for the creation of a Greenbelt West park and recreation area. Specifically, he would like the city to acquire the scrapyards adjacent to Greenbelt West for this purpose. His motion to direct the city solicitor to draw up the appropriate documents to put the question on the November ballot failed on a 2 to 5 vote with Roberts and Mayor Colin Byrd voting aye. This land is just outside the city limits in the town of Berwyn Heights.

Roberts framed the issue as one of equity, as the western section of the city has fewer recreation options than the core of Greenbelt. He said the referendum was needed because this lack of recreation facilities has been going on for 30 years, and if the city does not acquire the property now, it will be purchased by developers.

Among the issues raised by his colleagues was whether the scrapyards was the best property to acquire. Davis argued that the wooded property along Cherrywood Lane would be a better choice. (Roberts later said he wanted to acquire that property as well.) She pointed out that Berwyn Heights might not support the city acquiring the scrapyards, which is currently in its tax base. Several councilmembers voiced contradictory opinions as to whether the owners were even interested in selling. Also at issue was whether a referendum, which could drive up the cost of the land, was the best approach and the likelihood that the property, besides being the site of "a concrete mountain," is likely highly contaminated after years of industrial use.

## Other Actions

On a 6 to 1 vote with Councilmember Silke Pope opposed, council passed a motion by Byrd to require landlords to provide the city with notice whenever

er they file an eviction action against a Greenbelt resident.

As part of the consent agenda, council directed staff to engage a professional traffic engineer to conduct a traffic study on Lakeside Drive, which has been the scene of several recent serious car accidents. The study is to review options such as reducing the speed limit; installing speed reduction measures such as speed humps, stop signs and rumble strips; and study the feasibility of installing sidewalks or reducing pedestrian use of the roadway.

## Petitions

Lore Rosenthal requested that ballot drop boxes be established in all three areas of the city, that postage-paid envelopes be included with mail-in ballots and that weekday early voting locations be established in Greenbelt East and West.

Bill Orleans called upon the city to obtain the list of units set for eviction from the county sheriff, saying that not every tenant facing eviction knows that.

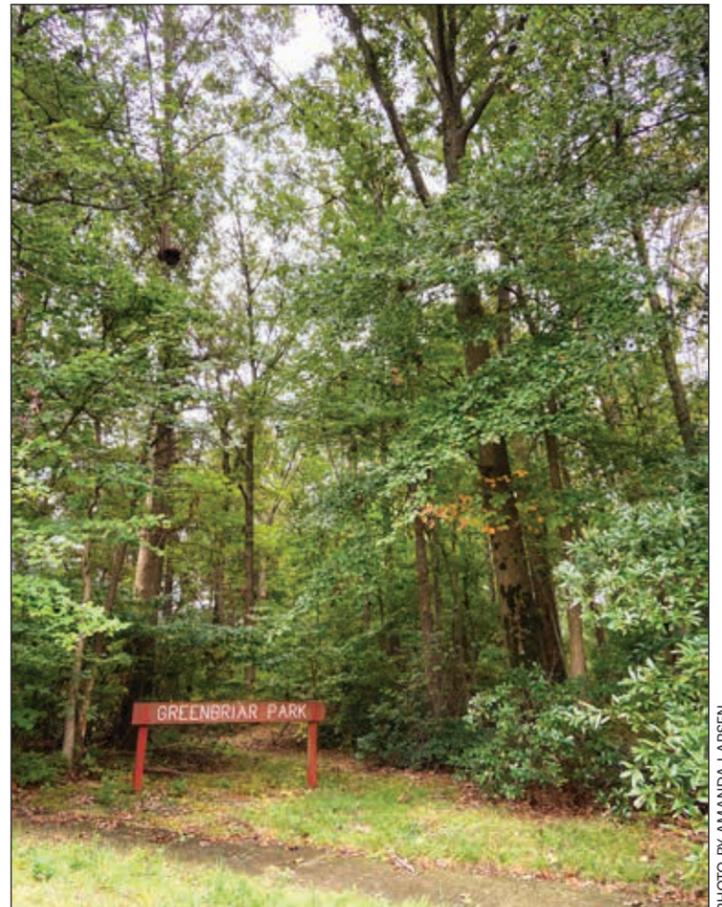


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Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

### Theft

September 12, 2:35 p.m., 6000 Greenbelt Road. Four men wearing ski masks snatched purses.

### Robbery

September 13, 7:43 p.m., 6100 block of Breezewood Court. An ice cream truck was robbed at gunpoint by two individuals. They are described as Black males between the ages of 18 and 22 years, approximately 5 feet 6 inches, one wearing a black sweater and one wearing a black hoodie.

September 15, 10:54 a.m., 7400 block of Greenbelt Road. Officers responded to a report of a theft at Planet Fitness, where an individual broke into a man's locker and stole his wallet and personal property. He then used the man's credit cards at businesses in the area. Security camera footage caught him on camera, and identified him as the same person suspected in a string of similar locker thefts at numerous Planet Fitness gyms around Maryland. He is known to use stolen Planet Fitness cards to enter the gym under a false identity.

### Vandalism

September 9, 11:03 p.m., 9000 block of Breezewood Terrace. An apartment window was broken.

### Vehicle Crime

Personal property was taken from an auto at 6200 Breezewood Court and from the 9100 block of Springhill Lane, including credit cards, both on September 10. The passenger side window was broken in a 2016 Toyota Corolla at 6000 block Springhill Drive. A black Nissan Altima with Virginia tags AEW5016 was stolen from 7500 block Mandan Road and a stolen vehicle was recovered in a parking lot in the 200 block Lakeside Drive.

The front and back passenger side tires and gas tank were damaged and the rear window was broken on a 2008 Nissan Versa in the 6000 block Springhill Drive on September 13.

The windshield of a black Mercury Sable at Lakeside Drive near Lakecrest Drive was damaged, as was the rear tailgate of a 2008 silver Mercedes Benz in the 7700 block Hanover Parkway, both on September 14.

Tires were stolen from a 2009 gold Cadillac and 2021 silver Nissan in the 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive on September 15. The driver side door of a 2014 Ford Fusion in the 6200 block Breezewood Drive was damaged.

### Traffic Alert

As the school year starts up, drivers should avoid Greenbelt Road and Edmonston Road around Dora Kennedy School from 3:30 to 5 p.m., unless they are picking up a student. Instead, use Cherrywood Lane to enter and exit Franklin Park. Officers are now assisting the schools with traffic control to help mitigate problems.



### NASA Parkway Bridge Struck by Truck

NASA Goddard's Employee-Only Baltimore-Washington Parkway bridge was struck on Thursday evening, September 16, by a flatbed transport vehicle. The roadway became blocked by fallen-earth moving equipment and caused traffic to stall for hours. The Employee-Only Parkway entrance both inbound and outbound will be closed indefinitely. Engineers with the Federal Highway Administration will assess the condition of the bridge and identify needed repairs. Beginning September 17, NASA will reopen the North Gate entrance until the Employee-Only entrance is approved to reopen.

# Police Reform Document Advocates for Community

by Matthew Arbach and Amy Hansen

After months of work, a report from the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC), new state policies, and many discussions at rallies and in neighborhoods, Mayor Colin Byrd presented the Greenbelt Police Department reforms document to the Greenbelt City Council at their meeting on September 13.

A motion was made to discuss it at the October 4 work-session, with a probable vote on October 11. While Byrd expressed frustration at the delay, the majority of council felt the issue needed an in-depth scrutiny in light of its importance. In addition, the Greenbelt Police Department provided a list of police reforms suggested by PSAC that could be implemented immediately as the department awaits further guidance on the new state legislation.

Byrd acknowledged in the proposal's cover letter that Greenbelt has a "multitude of officers who have done a lot of fine work over the course of its several decades of existence." And the reform, he stressed, is being sought because "in order to build even broader trust in the department, we must take action to reduce the likelihood that our residents and visitors experience the worst in policing." Byrd cited the tragic deaths of George Floyd, Breonna

Taylor and William Green, and the "calls nationwide and even in Greenbelt to defund or abolish the police." He added that "supporting the police department should remain a top priority of city leadership as we work to make Greenbelt a safer community."

The proposal's reforms are a mixture of alterations to the department's General Orders as well as new policies. These provisions cover a variety of police concerns, including: de-escalation and use of force; duty to intervene; civil liberties; transparency; militarization; hiring; training; stop and frisk; and other topics, such as traffic stops.

In general, the provisions increase police accountability, curb police actions unless completely justified, require detailed documentation of things like traffic stops and all complaints, and emphasize a mindset of "protect and serve" rather than a warrior "law and order." Ongoing training is proposed that would call attention first and foremost to officer and civilian safety. A memo from Chief of Police Richard Bowers came in answer to a request from council on May 5 which asked for how the ideas from the original PSAC report could be implemented in the department's General Orders at the present

moment.

Some of the major recommendations addressed are: vital importance of de-escalation; a red flagging of officers who have a history of excessive force or whose actions lead to a fatality; a requirement in a "no-knock warrant" situation for officers to identify themselves as officers; the proper use of stop and frisk (or Terry stop, as defined by the department); and, to make efforts, perhaps through a recruiting outreach program, to make the Greenbelt Police Department workforce "reflective of the city population."

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# Sports

## Expectations and Enjoyment: Varsity, JV Raider Girls Soccer Season

by Patrick Gleason

With only one returning player from their last junior varsity soccer season in 2019, the Eleanor Roosevelt High School girls junior varsity soccer team has had a lot to learn under new head coach Ian Gleason. But with the leadership of the one returnee – and now captain – Kamilla Yokley along with newfound leader and sophomore defender Nuri Guevara, the Raiders are starting to find their footing.

They opened the season with a scoreless tie at Oakland Mills, though the Raiders threatened throughout the game thanks to the speed of freshman forward Alena Beckmann. Freshman midfielders Arianna Casalini and Alyssa Casey have steadied the Raider midfield for a team that graduated nine players to the varsity squad this year. Though last week they suffered their first defeat since the fall of 2017 during their home opener against Mount de Sales, the JV team is confident that they will soon meet their self-imposed expectations. Coach Gleason believes he has a “good group of players,” but the coaching staff is still working on getting them “up to speed with the expectations of the program.” The Raiders have plenty of time to prove themselves. After opening the week with a 5 to 0 victory over Northwestern, their schedule this week includes matches with private schools Georgetown Day and Episcopal before returning to county play at Charles H. Flowers on September 30.

### Varsity

The varsity squad established itself last Tuesday with an efficient 7 to 0 defeat of the Wise Pumas. Freshman Sadie Swart opened up the scoring, followed by three more Raider goals before 12 minutes had elapsed. Even starting goalkeeper Isabela Martins tallied a score after junior Mia Hamilton took over goal-keeping duties in the second half. The Raiders now focus on hosting the DuVal Tigers this Thursday at 3 p.m., but face a more challenging schedule in the second half of the season with Bowie, Parkdale, Bladensburg and Northwestern all scheduled in mid-October.

The Raiders sport a youthful central midfield with sophomore Kaia Booker joining the freshman duo of Swart and Jada Savage. Sophomore Victoria Obisesan continues to impress as a stalwart centerback, adding to a defense returning Sarai DeSouza and Grace Zack, both juniors who earned starting roles as freshmen.

Both JV and varsity are toiling to make up for lost time while, most importantly, attempting to enjoy the process. Even though



Freshman Jada Savage (center) is one of two freshmen starting for the Roosevelt varsity team.

senior Meegane Konchou “was kind of nervous” about how the team would mesh given the layoff, she looks forward to each practice and game, because “we all have the same goal – to play Roosevelt soccer.” Each day the Raiders renew themselves by, in Konchou’s words, “pushing each other to be our best.”



Senior Sophie Swart maintains possession as teammate and sister Sadie looks on.



Senior Ameena Khan drops to junior Mia Hamilton during the Raiders 7 to 0 triumph over the Wise Pumas.

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**Senior Living** 55+ Community 2Br 2Ba con w/ patio & more. Remodeled w/ **SOLD** baths, sunlit enclosed patio, new carpet & paint.



**Boiler Room Addition** GHI townhome with 2-story family room/loft. Full bath & laundry on lower level. Remodeled thru-out; 3 levels of hardwood flooring.  
**Brick Townhome with Addition** Full bath on main level. Remodeled kitchen & bath. Central A/C, refinished hardwood flrs., shaded & fenced backyard.  
**Large floorplan w/addition** Half bath on main level. Masonry townhome w/ fenced backyard & brick patio. Zoned HVAC system, 11' x 17' master br.

**Townhome with 2 additions** 2 bedroom GHI home on fenced corner lot. Large front porch, addition back, extra storage in front. Central HVAC. **SOLD**

**4 Bedroom 3 Level Townhome** Master bedroom & full bath on main level. Opened remodeled kitchen, fireplace in lr. Backs to protected woodlands.

**Charlestowne Village** Single-level 1-br condo in Greenbelt - no stairs! Parquet flooring throughout. Remodeled kit. With Stainless Steel appliances.

**Addition - Backs to Woodlands** Completely remodeled throughout; half bath on main level. Zoned HVAC system. Fenced yard, shed & raised deck.

**Brick Townhome** 2 Bedroom GHI townhome w/ hardwood throughout. Modern kitchen w/ granite & stainless washer. Hardwood flooring on both levels. **SOLD**

**Upper Level One Bedroom** GHI home with full sized washer and dryer in separate room. Hardwood finished hardwood flooring throughout. Nice! **SOLD**

**2 BR Townhome** Remodeled GHI home w/ new carpet fresh paint & ceramic bath. Don't miss this one!

**Full Attached Inlaw apartment** 5 BR, 4 Bath home w/ lot of space. Elevator to basement. 2 Full kitchens, generator, fireplace & more. **SOLD**

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patterned. Her complex compositions reflect diverse influences including Henri Matisse, Arab decorative artists and Jacob Lawrence's Migration Series.

As generous as Helen's father Elia Zughuib was with his stories around the dinner table, writing them down was another matter. This required stretching the boundaries of his sense of family privacy and overcoming his skepticism that the stories would be of interest to a wider audience. It was only through the intervention of Helen's mother, Georgia Zughuib, that Helen's request was granted – and Elia's stories reached the page. Helen received them one at a time – 25 in all, over a span of 12 years.

Helen's paintings and Elia's stories are reproduced in the book *Stories My Father Told Me* published in 2020 by Cune Press. The book was recently honored with the Evelyn Shakir Non-Fiction Award from the Arab American National Museum in Detroit. Synopses are posted with each of the images in the exhibition, with quotations from Elia's original text.

A copy of the book is also available in the gallery for guests to enjoy during their visit. Digital content is in development, including a video interview and audio recordings of Helen Zughuib reading and commenting on select stories; once posted, these recordings will be accessible in the gallery with a smart phone or with links posted at [greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://greenbeltmd.gov/arts). The artwork and stories are appropriate for all ages.

Elia's stories include fond recollections of times that he and his sister spent with their grandparents in their mountain village; working in the orchards, planting olive trees or harvesting figs seemed to bring every bit as much joy as the games they played and the poetry they recited in the evenings. Many of the stories subtly imparted an education in civic values – neighbors helping neighbors, each generation supporting the next. Other tales recall the chanting of peddlers and itinerant entertainers in the streets of their hometown, spectacular community celebrations and the captivating power of an auntie using coffee grounds to tell fortunes. Some of Elia's stories recall the harder times as well, times of war, leading to the evacuation of their beloved town on foot and his family's immigration to the United States in 1946.

As a naturalized citizen, Elia Zughuib served in the U.S. foreign service and was posted back in Lebanon, from which his family had fled. Helen Zughuib was born there, growing up in Lebanon and other posts in the Middle East and Europe. She arrived in the United States for the first time at age 16 as an American citizen, yet faced with tremendous "culture shock."

Like her father's journey to America, her own transition also occurred against a backdrop of war in Lebanon in 1979. And, like her father, Helen has become an international bridge builder. She has served as cultural envoy to Palestine, Switzerland and Saudi Arabia. Her work has been included in Art in Embassy State Department exhibitions abroad, including Brunei, Nicaragua, Mauritius, Iraq, Belgium, Lebanon and Saudi Arabia. The Kennedy Center/REACH selected



Charity and Compassion, painting by Helen Zughuib

- Photos courtesy Oldtown Editions



Coming to America, painting by Helen Zughuib

Helen for their 2021 Inaugural Social Practice Residency. Her paintings have been gifted to heads of state by former President Barack Obama and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

"I don't feel like I ever fit in. Ever," Helen shared in a recent interview. "I feel like one toe here and one toe there ... and I've grown to sort of like that place. It used to bother me ... and I now appreciate ... that I can see both sides of things." She has leaned into that liminal experience and found it to be a very productive place, both artistically and with respect to her values. "As an Arab American," Helen writes, "I hope through my work to encourage dialogue and bring understanding and acceptance between the people of the Arab world and the West, especially since 9/11, the wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, and the more recent revolutions and crises in the Arab world resulting from the 'Arab Spring' that began in late 2010, leading to the current war in Syria and the massive displacement of people seeking refuge in Europe, the Middle East and America."

"My work is ultimately about creating empathy," she continues. "Creating a shared space for introspection and dialogue. I ask the viewer to see through someone else's eyes, to walk in another's shoes. To accept the 'other.' To reject divisiveness. To promote acceptance and understanding and to reject violence and subjugation of anyone anywhere. To give voice to the voiceless, to heal, to reflect in our shared humanity."

*Stories My Father Told Me* will be on view at the Community Center through early November. The gallery is open Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and

Sundays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Masks are required. Visitors should use the historic entrance facing Crescent Road, where they will undergo a quick health screening upon entry. An Art Studio and Gallery Open House will be held on Sunday, October 3 from 1 to 4 p.m. Visitors can meet Helen Zughuib in the gallery during the first half of the event. Arts programs of the City of Greenbelt are sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.

Nicole DeWald is the Arts Supervisor for Greenbelt Recreation.



PHOTO BY BASIL KIWAN

Helen Zughuib works in her studio. Her artwork is currently on display in the Community Center gallery.



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On September 16, Greenbelt city employees safely capture a ball python that had been abandoned in Buddy Attick Park. The rescue was a joint effort by Police, Animal Control and Public Works. The snake was turned over to Animal Control.



PHOTO BY MARY LOU WILLIAMSON

Two caterpillars munch away on a parsley plant. They will turn into Monarch butterflies.



PHOTO BY STEVE KEMP

Greenbelt Rotary Club celebrates World Peace Day with a picnic at Buddy Attick Park on Saturday, September 18.