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## Help Unite Greenbelt, HUG Walks the Walk on October 10

by Shannon Clark



Robert Goldberg-Strassler organizer (far right) leads HUG walk participants, including Ric Gordon (center) and Vijay Parmeshwaran (left), as they walk around Schrom Hills Park.

The Help Unite Greenbelt (HUG) walk returned to Greenbelt on October 10. Kicking off in Greenbelt West on a cloudy Sunday afternoon, the walk spanned miles across all of Greenbelt, with multiple locations for residents to join or drop out. The event drew about 100 participants around the city.

"This is our home. Let's make it warm and welcoming," said

founder Robert Goldberg-Strassler.

A Greenbelt resident since 1977, Goldberg-Strassler has been active in creating a unified community in Greenbelt through Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness (RUAK) and now HUG. After attending Greenbelt's National Night Out in 2018, Goldberg-Strassler was inspired to create a unifying event after witnessing

division at community events.

"I was distributing for [RUAK] at the six National Night Out sites," said Goldberg-Strassler. "Imagine this little city had six places, because they were so divided. I heard these isms of people saying 'this neighborhood' against 'that neighborhood.' I'm going 'c'mon.' Let's embrace Greenbelt."

Now in its third year, the HUG walk has grown to 57 sponsorships from local organizations and community initiatives. At a no-cost commitment, HUG sponsors are responsible for helping spread the word about the walk.

HUG walk sponsor and leader of Greenbelt Climate Action Network, Lore Rosenthal, emphasized the walk's ability to connect Greenbelt residents.

"This is a visible way to pull people together," said Rosenthal.

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## County's Draft NCOZ Plans Meet with Mixed Reviews

by Matthew Arbach

According to Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) Master Planner Chad Williams, Greenbelt's Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zone (NCOZ) is "almost near the end of a long, not so strange road." At a Greenbelt City Council worksession on September 20, Williams and Director of Planning and Community Development Terri Hruby, gave a summary of the status of the NCOZ, primarily the revised standards and the final draft of the Greenbelt Neighborhood Study that were released by M-NCPPC on September 1. This session was in anticipation of the Prince George's County Council's review of these measures "for consideration as legislation," according to Hruby in a staff memo.

Williams, in his initial presentation, said that a NCOZ can provide additional or different design standards that could apply to new development or redevelopment, in areas like density, block sizes, yard depths and building setbacks, among others. Hruby, in a separate interview, described the Greenbelt NCOZ as "needed to protect historic Greenbelt and to provide development standards that would allow additions/expansions within Historic Greenbelt to progress through the county's permitting process." According to Williams, the NCOZ is focused on aspects like preserving green and open space and making sure new structures are "appropriate in size, height and scale with existing buildings."

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### Election 2021

## Bill Orleans Is the 10th Candidate to File for Council

Bill Orleans is the 10th candidate to run for city council. His nomination forms have been certified by City Clerk Bonita Anderson. Candidates' biographies are prepared by the candidates and are published as they are received by the paper.

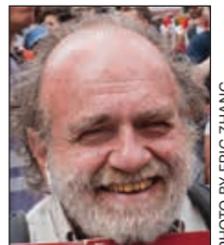
### Bill Orleans

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

At about age 8 or so, while walking the sidewalk in front of the apartments on Crescent across from Center School, he casually was bouncing a rubber baseball when he saw a single ant crossing ahead one pace, which ant was then killed by a thoughtless bounce, something akin to sport. Orleans had no right to end its life for sport. All God's creatures got value.

At 15, after one year at High Point, Orleans moved to Albany to live with his father; his life lessons continued. Enrolled in Albany High and still a new kid, he had occasion to defend a mentally disabled kid who was harassed in a classroom, class in progress.

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Bill Orleans

PHOTO BY ERIC ZHANG

### Election 2021

## Voters Can Still Request Mail-in Ballots from City

In a memorandum to City Clerk Bonita Anderson, City Solicitor Todd Pounds details methods of voting in the city council election.

In the City of Greenbelt there are three methods of voting: (1) voting on election day, (2) early voting and (3) mail-in voting. There are rules that must be followed for each method.

For election day and early voting the process is straightforward. Voting is all in person. For mail-in voting the voter must submit an application and they will be given a ballot to submit for their vote.

The Board of Elections is tasked to run a fair and just election for all of the candidates. The board is also obligated to run the election as efficiently as possible. The board in this election established a preliminary date,

September 27, for the submission of mail-in applications. This was to encourage as many people as possible to have as many votes as possible submitted as early as possible. However, any voter requesting a mail-in ballot after September 27 will be given an application by the clerk's office and, upon completion, be given a mail-in ballot.

Thus, while the Board of Elections has encouraged all voters to submit mail-in applications by September 27, under adopted board rules and procedures, voters can still submit applications and be given ballots after that date.

This process makes mail-in

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Proverbs Reggae Band performs at the Crazy Quilt music festival in Roosevelt Center on Saturday, October 9.

PHOTO BY JAMES MCKINNEY

### What Goes On

**Monday, October 18**  
8 p.m. Council Worksession - Armory Property Space Study  
**Tuesday, October 19**  
7 p.m. GHI-sponsored City Candidates Forum (via Zoom)

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

**Election 2021**

**Candidates Present Ideas**

In last week's News Review we asked three questions of the candidates for election to the Greenbelt City Council. This week's issue presents their responses. Below are the answers to Question 1. Responses to the other two questions appear throughout the paper.

**Question 1: What is the one thing the city council needs to accomplish in the upcoming term?**

**Alexander Zajac**

The City of Greenbelt has been allocated \$22 million from the American Rescue Plan. The council has only approved \$1.6 of this \$22 million to be spent over the next few months. These funds represent a once-in-a-century opportunity to reinvigorate and revitalize our city, but the council appears inclined to spread them across too many projects and spend them too slowly to make a meaningful difference. Our businesses need help so that they can participate in the economic recovery of our country, our renters need assistance to stay in their homes and our commuters need better transportation as they return to work. We have a chance to help our businesses, renters and commuters and to remake Greenbelt as a center of arts, dining and commerce if we release these funds faster and with less red tape.

**Colin Byrd**

My #1 priority for the next two years: addressing the housing insecurity that has been exacerbated by the Covid-19 pandemic. I plan to move the ball forward on expanding senior housing, property tax credits for seniors and stronger long-term protections for renters. I constantly hear from families having trouble keeping a roof over their heads, so I have long advocated for and helped spearhead the city council's efforts to provide and expand both rental and mortgage assistance for residents, in addition to assistance with HOA or co-op fees. I also introduced and passed legislation prohibiting rent increases and late fees. And, in 2020, I voted in favor of a proposed tax decrease. But, while housing is key, I am also committed to other priorities, like increasing access to recreation and the pool, increasing public safety, vaccines/boosters, increasing city employee compensation across the board, and diversity, equity and inclusion.

**Silke Pope**

We need to ensure that Greenbelt taxpayers receive the highest quality in city services for their money. The city has recently been unable to recruit and retain qualified personnel, particularly in the police department, because our compensation plans are not as good as nearby cities. We need to conduct an employee compensation study so that we can begin offering competitive wages, attract and retain qualified people, give our taxpayers the services that they deserve and keep Greenbelt safe, functional and beautiful city.

**Judith Davis**

What tragically has occurred during the past year and a half will dictate a major direction for council next term. Covid-19 has impacted most of what the city does – from worker shortages to financially distressed renters, businesses and homeowners. The new "normal" will be filled with pitfalls and consequences. The American Relief Plan Act was passed to help the city face this challenge. ARPA has provided the city an immense opportunity with a direct infusion of approximately \$22 million over two years. Council, with essential input from the community and staff, will decide on what and where to disperse these much-needed funds – a huge responsibility! Due to federally imposed constraints, careful thought and research will be required. Council must do this efficiently and strategically so that what is funded benefits all of our residents and businesses for years to come and lays the framework for even more progress.

**Matthew Inzeo**

There are currently three major real estate developments being built in the City of Greenbelt. The Beltway Plaza development, the new apartment complex being built next to the Greenbelt Federal Courthouse and a planned seniors only residence on Greenbelt Road and Westway. If elected, I will ensure these developers provide what is best for the citizens of Greenbelt and the community's best interests.

**Bill Orleans**

Numerous questions confront residents and council. To accomplish any one thing (or more), council needs change. The first priority for the city and council is to improve our practice of democracy in Greenbelt.

Incumbent council for years has talked of a city circulator to enable transit to and from the core; it has done nothing; talk, talk, talk.

Incumbent council for years has talked of the need for more affordable housing; it has done nothing, except to endorse three housing developments without any affordable element to them. (It is about to endorse a fourth!). Hypocritical talk, talk, talk.

As recently as two weeks ago, some of the incumbent council (running for re-election) indicated their desire to consider the Police Chief's General Orders after hearing from the FOP and PSAC rather than enunciating clearly city police policy which the general orders should reflect. Equivocate, equivocate, equivocate.

**Emmett Jordan**

Covid-19 recovery will dominate the upcoming council term. The health and welfare of our residents is uppermost in my mind. I have advocated for more funding and staff to help renters avoid evictions. I have taken the lead in pushing for assistance to homeowners to avoid foreclosure and to deal with deferred HOA and

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**Election 2021  
Candidate  
Biographies**

In a departure from tradition, the News Review will not be reprinting the candidates' biographies the week before the election. Rather, biographies will be readily available on our website beginning October 7. To date, the following biographies, which are prepared by the candidates, have been published in the indicated issues:

- Brandon Ric Gordon, August 26
- Matthew Inzeo, September 16
- Kristen Weaver, September 23
- Silke Pope, September 23
- Alex Zajac, September 30
- Judith Davis, September 30
- Rodney Roberts, October 7
- Colin Byrd, October 7
- Emmett Jordan, October 7
- Bill Orleans, October 14



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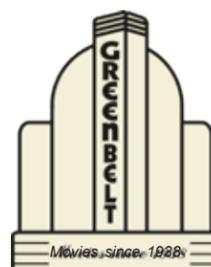
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# Community Events

## At the Library

Greenbelt Library is now open on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays from noon to 8 p.m.; Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. The Greenbelt Library currently offers unlimited browsing, computers for extendable one-hour sessions with no appointment needed, printing/scanning self-service, self check-out, staff assistance at the circulation and information desks, book drop for returning items with no quarantine, study rooms (five small, one group) available for two-hour sessions per day, and meeting room reservations for a fee.

### Storytimes

Ready 2 Read Storytime. Wednesdays, ages 3 to 5, 12:15 p.m., limit 15 people. Thursdays, ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 15 people. Come for stories, songs, finger plays and more. Pick up a ticket at the Information Desk. The sessions will be held outdoors by the upper-level entrance.

### STEM Festival

Celebrate the Maryland STEM Festival from October 15 to November 14. Featured events include STEM-tastic: Crazy 8's Math (Tuesdays in October at 4:30 p.m.) and Teen STEM Lab: The World in 3D (Tuesday, October 26 at 4:30 p.m.) with more to come in November. Visit the Library's events page for details.

## Candidates Sought For Co-op Board

Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative (GCC) is seeking candidates willing to serve on its board of directors. The Co-op will conduct its election at the virtual annual meeting on Saturday, November 6 at 10:30 a.m. Two board members will be elected to serve three-year terms. Incumbents Bill Jones and Joe Timer are running for re-election.

Members interested in serving as directors can download a nomination form at [greenbelt.coop](http://greenbelt.coop) or pick up a nomination form at the Co-op's customer service office. To be considered, a member must: (1) have a minimum of \$100 in their member capital account and (2) submit both a brief biography and completed nomination form that includes five signatures from other voting-eligible members by Sunday, October 17. Return the completed form with bio to the customer service office or email documents to [board@greenbelt.coop](mailto:board@greenbelt.coop). GCC does not accept nominations at the annual meeting.

## City Offers Rent, Utility Assistance

Through CARES, those who live within the city limits of Greenbelt are eligible to receive up to \$10,000 per household from the American Rescue Plan Act federal funds for emergency rental assistance. Applicants must show financial hardship due to Covid-19. Previous recipients of rental or utility assistance funds can apply but the previous balances count toward the total grant award allowed.

Email [Cares@greenbeltnmd.gov](mailto:Cares@greenbeltnmd.gov) or call 301-345-6660 to receive an application.

## Dog Training Test On Sunday, Oct. 24

Greenbelt Dog Training will be offering the Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Test and the Advance Canine Good Citizen Test developed by the American Kennel Club (AKC) at the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad Fire House at 125 Crescent Road on Sunday, October 24, from noon to 3 p.m.

Just got a new dog, during the pandemic? Or ever wondered how the dog would respond to distractions when walking in the community or what training might be needed to take the dog out and keep it safe? There is an easy way to find out – AKC has created tests, which take 15 minutes to complete and rate the skills of humans and their dog to safely navigate public spaces.

Allie W. Lee, owner of Greenbelt Dog Training and an AKC certified CGC evaluator, will conduct the testing. For additional information call 301-345-6999, email [info@greenbeltdogtraining.com](mailto:info@greenbeltdogtraining.com) or visit [greenbeltdogtraining.com](http://greenbeltdogtraining.com).

There is a fee for each dog test. All proceeds will be donated to the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad where Greenbelt Dog Training Classes are held. All Covid-19 protocols will be in use.

## Legion Post Hosts Health Screenings

Residents living in and around Greenbelt can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 will host this community event on Thursday, November 18.

Screenings can check for the following: (1) the level of plaque buildup in arteries, related to risk for cardiovascular disease, stroke and overall vascular health; (2) HDL and LDL cholesterol levels; (3) diabetes risk; (4) bone density as a risk for possible osteoporosis; (5) kidney and thyroid function, and more.

There is a fee for screenings; consultants will work with participants to create a package that is right for them based on age and risk factors. Call 1-877-237-1287 or visit the website at [lifelinescreening.com](http://lifelinescreening.com). Pre-registration is required.

## Dems Meet Friday

The Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club, which held its annual cookout this past weekend at Schrom Hills Park, will hold its first membership meeting of the fall on Friday, October 15 at 7:30 p.m. The focus will be on the rights and challenges of area residents of the LGBTQ+ community. The evening's speakers will be: Ashanti Martinez, a community activist and candidate for the Maryland House of delegates; Karen Kendra Holmes, a trans rights activist; McKayla Wilkes, community activist and candidate for Maryland's 5th congressional district; and Charlotte Lake, a LGBTQ rights advocate.

For more information, visit [Rooseveltclub.com](http://Rooseveltclub.com) or call Konrad Herling at 301-345-9369.

## GHI Hosts Candidate Forum on October 19

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. is hosting a virtual City Council Candidate Forum on Tuesday, October 19 at 7 p.m. This is an opportunity to meet the candidates as well as hear their thoughts on issues important to GHI members and their neighbors. This event is being sponsored by GHI with broadcasting support from Greenbelt Access Television. See ad on page 11.

## Garden Poetry Oct. 24 In Schrom Hills Park

There will be a poetry reading on Sunday, October 24 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Three Sisters Garden in Schrom Hills Park. Tour and relax in the garden before joining the poetry reading group. Bring a favorite poem to read or just enjoy listening to others. Bring a chair as seating may be limited.

## CDCG to Host Blind Awareness Sessions

In recognition of Blindness Awareness Month, the Center for Dynamic Community Governance is offering a no-cost, city-sponsored two-hour virtual Train the Trainer program on Tuesday, October 26 from 7 to 9 p.m. Join Aileen Kroll, John Buck, Denna Lambert and Rev. Ray Raysor for an interactive session focused on sharing specific governance tools for anyone (and their allies) in the community who is blind or living with any type of visual challenge to ensure that Greenbelt community meetings and businesses are inclusive for all.

This is the first of four sessions. Participants can join for one, two, three or four of the training sessions. In subsequent sessions, trainees can join breakout rooms so that the trainers can simultaneously provide basic and more advanced skills training. Trainees are urged to come with any questions, concerns and issues they are facing in their organization, community group or workplace (or family) so that trainers can use real-life examples. Trainers will also attend follow-up meetings with anyone who has participated in the trainings and would like additional support.

Contact Aileen ([aileen@dynamic-governance.org](mailto:aileen@dynamic-governance.org)) for the Zoom link and for any resources or support needed.

## County Broadens Indoor Mask Mandate

Prince George's County has expanded its indoor mask mandate to include children ages 2 to 5, effective immediately. Previously, that mandate only included anyone over the age of 5 in the county.

Now, residents and visitors over the age of 2 are required to wear masks in all indoor public venues and businesses in Prince George's County. Similar to past mandates, exceptions exist for eating and drinking, or those with a bona fide disability that prevents mask wearing.

## Reel and Meal: The PFAS Diaries



Shoreline with foam

On Monday, October 18 at 7 p.m. Reel and Meal will feature The PFAS Diaries, a series of short documentaries centered on the lives affected by exposure to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The documentary and discussion afterward will be streamed on Zoom. Registration is required at <https://tinyurl.com/ReelMealOct>.

The Greenbelt Climate Action Network selected this film to highlight the human and environmental impacts of exposure to these manufactured 'forever chemicals' that hit close to home. For decades PFAS have been used as firefighting foam, leaching into the soil and water and released into the air through incineration. They are found in soil and water samples all over the country, including Prince George's County. A discussion will follow the film led by Pat Elder, an investigative journalist who has worked extensively on how PFAS have impacted the environment and wildlife in Prince George's County.

The Co-op Supermarket will provide a vegan meal for a fee. The menu this month is Indian inspired with macro vegetarian samosa dumplings, chickpea masala, steamed cauliflower and rice. To order call the deli 301-474-0522 by 1 p.m. on Monday, October 18, for pickup between 4 and 7 p.m. Some meals may still be available on a walk-in basis if not pre-ordered.

Reel and Meal, a monthly film series focused on environmental, social justice and animal rights issues, is organized by the Utopia Film Festival and the Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition. For more information, contact Vijay Parameshwaran at [vijay.pwn@gmail.com](mailto:vijay.pwn@gmail.com).

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*In Memoriam*

# Remembering Marilyn Maryn

by Deanna Dawson

Marilyn Maryn Spiegel, who died in September, lived for only eight years in Greenbelt, but she maintained a connection with the city for the rest of her life. She moved here with her family in November 1937 when she was 10 years old, and immediately entered Center School as a fourth-grader. Marilyn was delighted that it was different from the previous schools she'd attended, saying in a letter that was published in the December 8, 1937, issue of the Greenbelt Cooperator: "There are no strict rules about getting in line straight or playing all the same games. The teacher is very nice and kind. We never stay after school unless we help the teacher. My mother never worries if I get home late, for it is safe through the underpasses. And I am very thankful to all who helped plan and build Greenbelt."



PHOTO BY MARAT MOORE

**Marilyn Maryn Spiegel visits Greenbelt for the 75th anniversary celebration in 2012.**

Marilyn also took dance classes and danced in a recital to benefit the Greenbelt Health Association in December 1938 and in a local talent show to benefit the Red Cross in August 1940. She was a costume mistress for the Greenbelt Puppet Club, and she recited an original poem, Meet Me Here, at the official opening in December 1944 of the Drop Inn Youth Center, which she helped to get up and running.

Marilyn departed Greenbelt in October 1945 to enroll in the University of Michigan. After her parents moved to Chicago in 1946, she transferred to Roosevelt College, which was chartered in 1945 as Thomas Jefferson College and renamed for President Franklin D. Roosevelt after his death in 1945. In her role as the paper's high school editor, Marilyn contributed many "From the Halls of GHS" columns and other news from Greenbelt High School until she graduated with the Class of 1945. She also served as editor of the Pioneer, the school's newspaper, during her senior year and was accepted as a charter member of the Greenbelt High School chapter of the international journalistic society Quill and Scroll on May 30, 1945.

But Marilyn wasn't only interested in journalism. She was a cast member in the Greenbelt

Players' production of the Betty Smith play What Are You Going to Be? in June 1938. John P. Murray's review of the play in the June 29, 1938, Cooperator (Children Steal Show, p. 4), said that Marilyn "already possesses the assurance and naturalness of an old trooper." The Our Neighbors column in the March 27, 1942, issue of the Cooperator included this item: "We have a potential dramatic genius among us, I understand, in Marilyn Maryn, thirteen-year-old member of the Greet Academy of Dramatic Art. She appeared as Hermoine in Maurice Greet's adaptation of Dickens' On the Road to Gretna Green, at Pierce Hall in Washington, D.C., Monday. Bravo, Marilyn!"

column in the March 27, 1942, issue of the Cooperator included this item: "We have a potential dramatic genius among us, I understand, in Marilyn Maryn, thirteen-year-old member of the Greet Academy of Dramatic Art. She appeared as Hermoine in Maurice Greet's adaptation of Dickens' On the Road to Gretna Green, at Pierce Hall in Washington, D.C., Monday. Bravo, Marilyn!"

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In her role as the paper's high school editor, Marilyn contributed many "From the Halls of GHS" columns and other news from Greenbelt High School until she graduated with the Class of 1945. She also served as editor of the Pioneer, the school's newspaper, during her senior year and was accepted as a charter member of the Greenbelt High School chapter of the international journalistic society Quill and Scroll on May 30, 1945.

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## David Rabuck

David Glenn Rabuck, Ph.D., died on April 13, 2021, in Silver Spring, after a long professional career. From 1964-2009, he was a professor in anatomy and physiology at universities and colleges in Illinois, Maryland, California and Wisconsin.

Dr. Rabuck was also a talented musician. He initiated and was the first president of the Arlington Heights Community Concert Band in Illinois, playing the euphonium from 1979-2010, and played with the Maryland Community Band from 2018-21. He also played trombone with the Bobby Sanders Orchestra in Illinois, 1987-93, and with the Goddard MAD orchestra in 2019. He sang and played with the Goddard Christmas Choir during the years 2011-19 and danced with Goddard Dance Club, 2012-20.

Dr. Rabuck enjoyed classical music, ballroom dancing, HAM radio, hiking, canoeing, sailing



PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

**David Glenn Rabuck**

with NIH sailing association, swimming and astronomy observing.

The funeral service will be held at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Silver Spring on October 26 at 2 p.m., and the Life Celebration event will be at a nearby restaurant at 3:30 p.m.



Our condolences to the family and friends of Dr. David Rabuck and to the Goddard MAD orchestra and other Goddard singers, dancers and musicians who have lost a spirited member of their community.

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



## Obituaries

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

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

"Trustworthiness is the greatest portal leading unto the tranquility and security of the people. In truth the stability of every affair hath depended and doth depend upon it. All the domains of power, of grandeur and of wealth are illumined by its light."  
— Bahá'u'lláh

**Greenbelt Bahá'í Community**  
www.greenbeltbahais.org

## Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors

Find us on [facebook.com/mowattumc](https://www.facebook.com/mowattumc)

301-474-9410

Reverend Rivera, Pastor

In-Person Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

Not a religion; a relationship.

The Bible Says...

Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.

1 Peter 4:8



**IN PERSON Sunday Worship Services**  
10a-11:15a @ Greenbelt Elementary School

**MCFcc.org**

## Mishkan Torah Congregation

10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
Rabbi Saul Oresky, Cantor Phil Greenfield



An unpretentious, historic, welcoming, liberal, egalitarian synagogue that respects tradition and becomes your extended family in the 21st century.

Friday evening services at 8:00pm

Saturday morning services at 10:00am

All services and activities are currently virtual

For further information, call (301) 474-4223 [www.mishkantorah.org](http://www.mishkantorah.org)

Affiliated with these movements: Conservative and Reconstructing Judaism

## Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi  
Phone: 301-937-3666 [www.pbuuc.org](http://www.pbuuc.org)



Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

October 17 10 a.m.

**Necessary Imperative for Black Sacred Space**

*Ebony Contreras*

Zoom video at <https://zoom.us/j/93495780708>

What is Black Sacred Space and why does it matter? As we experience a heightened sense awareness around belonging and inclusion of historically marginalized groups, we also see patterns and connections. How important are safe spaces to black, spiritual wellbeing? We will explore the intersections and similarities between the need for sacred, safe space and the impact of violations of this space from multiple minority perspectives. What can Critical Race Theory teach us about using white privilege for good? Reflecting on our 5th, 6th, and 8th principles, how might we take action to support the right of conscience, liberty, and beloved community?

**Greenbelt BAPTIST CHURCH**

Christ-centered  
Biblical  
& Reformed

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am  
Sunday School 9:15am  
Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00pm

101 Greenhill Rd. Greenbelt, MD  
[www.greenbeltbaptist.org](http://www.greenbeltbaptist.org)

**Greenbelt Community Church**

Whoever you are and wherever you are on your Spiritual journey, you are welcome HERE.

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
God is still speaking

**This Sunday's Sermon on Facebook Live Sunday at 10:15**

**What Is It You Really Want?**

[www.facebook.com/GCCUCMD](https://www.facebook.com/GCCUCMD)  
[www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org](http://www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org)

**ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

- Daily Mass: Mon-Fri 7:15am\*, Sat 9am\*
- Sunday Mass:
  - Sat vigil 5pm\*
  - Sun 8am, 9:30am, 11am
- Confessions Saturday 3pm - 4pm.

Masks for the unvaccinated encouraged.

**CELEBRATE WITH US**  
135 Crescent Rd.  
[www.sthughofgrenoble.org](http://www.sthughofgrenoble.org)

\*Live streamed on Facebook and available on our YouTube page later.

## Porch Greenbelt Food October Schedule

Porch Greenbelt Food Collection set a record for collecting food in the month of September – a total of 878.8 pounds. Upcoming October collection dates: between 2 and 4 p.m. on Sunday, October 17 for all of Boxwood Village; and between 9 and 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 23 for 14 and 15 Laurel Hill Courts.

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

Volunteers who would 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 may email Robert Goldberg-Strassler at spreadruak@gmail.com.

## Relics Concert For Food Pantry

Straight from the Labor Day Festival stage, The Relics will perform on Sunday, October 24 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Church, 1 Hillside Road, to benefit Help By Phone. The Relics are a local rock band who cover music from the 1960s and 1970s.

The all-outdoor event will be held with a rain date of Sunday, October 31. Concertgoers are encouraged to bring their own chairs and a monetary donation or non-perishable food item for the Help By Phone food pantry.

Suggested food items include boxes of cereal, pasta, pancake mix, oatmeal, cans of soup, stew, vegetables and fruit. For more information about Help By Phone, call 301-699-9009 Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Decluttering Donation Drive Oct. 23 and 24

Greenbelt Community Church (GCC) is accepting decluttering donations at the church from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, October 23 and 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, October 24.

Soft goods (such as clothing and bedding) should be placed in 30-gallon plastic bags. Hard goods, though not as desirable, are accepted and should fit into boxes if possible. GCC will load a trailer and take all donations to Value Village thrift stores. The stores would like advance warning of the number of bags being delivered. Email Gwen Vaccaro at gjvaccaro@gmail.com with the number of bags you plan to donate. Money earned will go to the charities supported by the church, including Greenbelt CARES. Donation receipts are available.



# 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.

### VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR OCTOBER 18–22

Monday, October 18 at 8:00pm, **WORK SESSION – Armory Property Space Study**, 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, October 19 at 7:00pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES**, On the Agenda: Review Past Meeting Minutes, Old Business, New Business

Wednesday, October 20 at 7:30pm, **PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**, On the Agenda: Approve Agenda and Minutes, Council Liaison Update, Recognition Group Policy, American Rescue Plan Act, Buddy Attick Lake Park – Water Ponding at LCD Entrance, Recreation Amenities in Greenbelt Station, Buddy Attick Lake Park Master Plan, Beltway Plaza Redevelopment, NRP Development Update, Recreation Department Update, Election of Officers, Meeting Dates and Meeting Location – In Person vs. Zoom.

In advance, the hearing impaired is 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](mailto: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](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov).

### INTRODUCTION TO BIRDING

Friday, October 29, 8:30am

Ever wanted to try birding, but don't know where to begin? Join environmental coordinator, Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll, for an introductory tour around Greenbelt Lake. We will go over keys to bird identification, choosing and using binoculars, as well as using different mobile apps in the field.

To register, contact [kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov)



### PICKLEBALL INFORMATION MEETING

Monday, October 18 at 6:30pm  
Braden Field Tennis Courts 7&8, 99 Centerway

The city is considering options to add pickleball amenities to our community. Join recreation staff and share your thoughts!

Email [pickleball@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:pickleball@greenbeltmd.gov), call 240-542-2194, or drop off comments at the Greenbelt Youth Center.



### SHREDDING DAY

Saturday, October 30  
9:00am–12:00pm (or until the truck is full)

COVID-19 safety procedures in place.

The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union will be shredding your documents in the parking lot behind the Credit Union at 112 Centerway.

Only 5 file boxes/person; must wear a mask. Personal records only (no business).

No contaminants, batteries, plastic binders and sheets. Abandoned boxes/bags will be put in the trash.

For more information, call the Public Works Office at 301-474-8004.

### CITY ELECTION INFORMATION

ANY REGISTERED GREENBELT VOTER MAY VOTE BY EARLY VOTING

EARLY VOTING DATES AND LOCATIONS

Greenbelt Municipal Building (25 Crescent Road)  
October 11–October 29:  
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 9:00am–5:00pm  
Tuesdays 9:00am–8:00pm

Schrom Hills Park Clubhouse (6915 Hanover Parkway)  
Saturday, October 16, 9:00am–1:00pm and  
Sunday, October 17, 11:00am–2:00pm

Springhill Lake Recreation Center (6101 Cherrywood Lane)  
Saturday, October 23, 9:00am–1:00pm and  
Sunday, October 24, 1:00am–2:00pm

Questions? Call the City Clerk at 301-474-8000, or email [elections@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:elections@greenbeltmd.gov)

#### SAMPLE BALLOT

<p>OFFICIAL BALLOT CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND ELECTION HELD ON November 02, 2021</p> <p>INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTER: To vote your choice, COMPLETELY FILL IN the box to the left of your choice. Use only a black or blue pen to mark your ballot. Use the same pen for all markings you place on the ballot.</p>	<p>COUNCILMEMBER VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN SEVEN (7)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> BRANDON RIC GORDON <input type="checkbox"/> RODNEY M. ROBERTS <input type="checkbox"/> ALEXANDER J. ZAJAC <input type="checkbox"/> JUDITH F. DAVIS <input type="checkbox"/> MATTHEW A. INZEO <input type="checkbox"/> COLIN A. BYRD <input type="checkbox"/> SILKE I. POPE <input type="checkbox"/> WILLIAM A. ORLEANS <input type="checkbox"/> EMMETT V. JORDAN <input type="checkbox"/> KRISTEN L.V. WEAVER</p>
<p>REFERENDUM QUESTION TO ESTABLISH A GREENBELT COMMISSION TO STUDY AND DEVELOP LOCAL REPAIRATIONS PROPOSALS</p> <p>"The City Council of Greenbelt should establish a twenty-one (21) member Council to review, discuss and make recommendations related to local reparations for African American and Native American residents of Greenbelt."</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES to Establish Commission <input type="checkbox"/> NO to Establish Commission</p>	

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

For more information call 301-474-8000

### FRIDAY NIGHT FAMILY FUTSAL – FREE!

Springhill Lake Recreation Center  
Fridays, 7:00pm–9:00pm

Futsal is the FIFA-recognized form of five-a-side (4v4 plus a goalie) indoor soccer. Outdoor soccer players around the globe play to refine and maintain their control skills and touch.

Questions? Contact 240-542-2189.



### FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

Thursday, October 21  
1:00pm–3:00pm  
Greenbelt Community Center

### ELECTRONICS, STYROFOAM & PAINT RECYCLING

Saturday, October 23 9:00am–12:00pm  
Public Works Yard, 555 Crescent Road

Accepted items: CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, laptops, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, fax machines, wires, and power cords.

NO MORE ALKALINE BATTERIES OR TUBE TVS ACCEPTED.

Yuck Old Paint – Paint Recycling – \$5 per container.

Questions? Greenbelt Public Works at 301-474-8004.

For more information visit [greenbeltmd.gov/electronicrecycling](http://greenbeltmd.gov/electronicrecycling)



### WEED WARRIORS: INVASIVE PLANT PULL

October 16, 2021, 10:00am–1:00pm  
Near Greenbelt Community Center

Help remove invasive plant species from the environment along the walking trail by the Community Center. Masks required. Volunteers must register in order to participate. Limited to 25 volunteers.

To register, contact [kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov).

### 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.



**The Bus**  
Seniors, Children with School ID  
and Customers with  
Disabilities **RIDE FREE**

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condo association fees. Action is needed to make the homeowner and condo associations, GHI housing cooperative and other property owners whole again. Loans or grants for suspended evictions/foreclosures may be needed. Our commercial property owners and tenants must also get more focus for our city to prosper going forward. Greenbelt will receive over \$22 million in federal ARPA assistance for Covid relief and decisions must be made to prioritize the actions of city staff and get this money to the people who need it. Leadership will be important in building consensus around the creative approaches required.

**Ric Gordon**

So many things to accomplish in the upcoming term but I feel we need to strengthen our renters and homeowners still recovering from this pandemic, with so many dealing with the loss of employment and small business hurting. We need to continue to make sure we use ARPA money from the federal government to assist those who are severely struggling and have no means to handle such bills as rent and mortgages currently. I feel that is the basis of all because if residents can't afford to stay in their Greenbelt home be it rented or through ownership, they may move away to another town or city and we shouldn't allow one Greenbelter to feel they have to leave the town they love. It's so much I want to accomplish with council as a member but I feel it's important we take care of the most important asset we have in our beloved Greenbelt and that's the everyday, hard-working and tax-paying Greenbelter.

**Kristen Weaver**

One of the first items on council's agenda will be allocating federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act. Immediate needs related to the pandemic (rental/mortgage assistance, support for small businesses and nonprofits) have already been approved for disbursement, although more may be needed in that regard. In addition to short-term needs, council has an opportunity to also address long-term needs. One such need is preparing for the impacts of climate change. An allowed use of these federal funds is stormwater management. This could be an opportunity to address areas of Greenbelt known to be prone to flooding after heavy rainfall. The city could also get an expert assessment of other areas likely to be at risk for similar problems with the expected increase in intensity of storms. Community engagement about other priorities is already planned and will be a key topic during the first few months of the new term.



PHOTO BY ROBIN OLSON

From left, Kathleen McFarland, Mary Ann Baker, Nancy McAllister and Erma Butcher play Bingo with the Golden Agers at Schrom Hills Park.

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Said Williams, what a NCOZ cannot do is: delegate approval authority or establish local design review committees; prohibit development; mandate specific development types or business entities; and regulate demolition.

The Greenbelt NCOZ was created to replace the original Residential Planned Community (RPC) Zone which was part of the county's previous, and long-standing, zoning ordinance. The NCOZ surpasses the RPCZ (which limits only residential density) in that it "allows for close collaboration with communities to calibrate design standards for the needs of a community," and offers a "more streamlined process and clearly resolves longstanding issues that have worked against the intent of the city and community to preserve the New Deal community," according to Williams, in a separate interview.

Said Williams, revisions to the NCOZ Neighborhood Study include: added information on prior historic district designation efforts and new dates, corrected names and other clarifications; a definition of Roosevelt Center for the purposes of the study; and updated maps and photographs.

Some of the major NCOZ Draft Development Standards Revisions that were discussed were: a change from minimum land area to minimum percentage of developed land; increased allowable additions/expansions to single-family detached, townhouses, two-family and three-family dwellings from 40 to 60 percent; and reduced height of new multi-family development from 50 to 40 feet; other dwellings reduced from 40 to 30 feet. Commercial or mixed-use buildings reduced from 40 to 30 feet.

The city requested a zero-density cap at Roosevelt Center, both the North and South Forest Preserve and the GHI Woodlands. In response, M-NCPPC has put forth a maximum of eight dwelling units (du) per acre at Roosevelt Center, 2 du/acre at the North Preserve, and 0.2 du/acre at the South Preserve and the GHI Woodlands. Council expressed concern with these provisions in a desire to curb

development in those areas.

Regarding the woodland areas, Williams said setting a zero density is close to implementing a "taking," or a governmental ban on residential development and requiring a constitutional pretext, making it problematic.

Regarding Roosevelt Center, arguments on both sides addressed the idea of the adding of residential units. Councilmember Rodney Roberts said that such an expansion would ruin the uniqueness and enjoyability of the site, citing the numerous residential developments that already exist around the site. Williams said that mixed-use development is the prevailing trend nationwide, with studies showing that commercial-only sites often experience struggles to survive.

Hruby said that city ownership of the surrounding parking provides a measure of protection to the area from further development there as the city "would have to be supportive of a project that requires additional parking and the city has control over Departures."

Roberts was skeptical of relying simply on that provision, with Hruby acknowledging that it was not a perfect protection.

Williams noted that the NCOZ can be amended or changed in the future, either through a text amendment, if there is a wording issue, or through a council bill, regarding a zoning boundary or standards issue.

This plan was presented by M-NCPPC staff and stakeholders to county council on September 28. The council's Committee of the Whole will be convened at a future date to review it fully. The bill is available to the public at Prince George's County Council-Reference No. CB-104-2021 (princegeorgescountymd.registar.com).



## October 15th Grant Application Deadline



[greenbeltfoundation.org](http://greenbeltfoundation.org)

# RE-ELECT ROBERTS

To all Greenbelt residents and voters. I want everyone to know that I will be answering the Greenbelt News Review election questions via paid advertisement. I am doing this because the last GNR question that I answered in 2019 was censored by the then editor – both the words and the meaning of what I wrote were changed. I am more than willing to answer any question honestly and to the best of my ability, but I will not allow anyone to put words in my mouth or to misrepresent my position on any issue. I take my service to the residents and the City of Greenbelt very seriously and I encourage everyone to take part in the City Council election.

If anyone has a question, please feel free to call me on my cellphone at 240-375-4947 (email is really not my thing). Thank you.

Sincerely, Rodney M. Roberts

Election 2021

## Candidates Present Ideas

In last week's News Review we asked three questions of the candidates for election to the Greenbelt City Council. This week's issue presents their responses. Below are the answers to Question 2. Responses to the other two questions appear throughout the paper.

**Question 2: How would you weigh the benefits, risks and costs of the city acquiring the former National Guard Armory?**

**Kristen Weaver**

**Benefits:** Additional space for staff offices and other needs to provide services to residents.

**Risks:** The building has been sitting vacant for some time, and while I'm sure an assessment of its condition will be done before the property is conveyed, there is always a risk that hidden problems are uncovered once work begins, causing unexpected increased costs.

**Costs:** In addition to the upfront costs for remediation and remodeling to suit our needs, adding another facility to the city's portfolio will necessarily increase maintenance costs to Public Works and potentially other departments. These costs will need to be accounted for in future budgets.

Overall, based on the information I have now, it seems like the benefits of increased, and perhaps more suitable, space for city services probably outweighs the costs, but I would need a lot more detailed information before coming to a final decision on the matter.

**Ric Gordon**

I believe the former National Guard Armory has potential and many benefits for our city such as office space for various city departments and possible community indoor spaces for residents to use for various official gatherings, i.e., board meetings. I feel that we can expand council chambers which would allow more Greenbelters to attend council meetings in person without crowding, especially during special meetings and occasions such as Charter Meetings. I would work with council to have city staff look at the possible repair costs to bring the building to code if purchased for city use, through studying the risks factors which are the most important things to be aware of first, and bring the report back to council, with a full financial breakdown of cost to our city along with potential maintenance and upkeep once purchased and repairs are done, such as water, electrical, etc.

**Emmett Jordan**

Greenbelt must move quickly on acquiring the Armory, regardless of our other long-term plans. Assessing potential environmental and safety hazards in advance will enable us to require the state to fix such problems before the city moves ahead. The location and visibility of the site makes the land very desirable. We have pressing space needs for our Fire and Police departments, and our social services, but money for extensive renovations is not in the budget. A public/private partnership could pay for the renovations, however, if the city uses only part of the site. Working with a real-estate development firm, we could create a mixed-use project with government, commercial and residential space. With the

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voting easier and more available for the public. These are the additional rules and procedures established for mail-in voting, and voters who are unable to follow the mail-in process can still vote by early voting or on election day.

If the Board of Elections had not established the September 27 date, the clerk's office staff would possibly be overburdened with substantial last-minute votes, and that would adversely affect the efficiency of board and clerk's office staff in their work determining the results of the election. This is especially true since the application and ballot are available to every voter, upon request, even if they fail to submit the application by September 27.

Mail-in voting, early voting and election day voting were established by council and the Board of Elections to facilitate voting on a broad scale. If the board or clerk's office are notified in any way prior to election day that a voter cannot comply with any of these methods, then accommodations will be sought. However, the three voting methods now available offer voters as wide a set of options as feasible to allow as many as possible to vote by election day.

Greenbelt's mail-in process, having voters receive an application and then a ballot prior to election day, makes voting simple. The September 27 date constitutes guidance by the Board of Elections, is not mandatory and does not in any way foreclose a voter's rights or ability to use the mail-in method.



Election 2021

## Early Voting Locations, Times

**Center City**

Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road  
October 11 thru October 29: Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, 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.



PHOTO BY JENNIFER STERLING

Greenbelt City Clerk Bonita Anderson stands with the man who installed the ballot box at Springhill Lake Recreation Center. There are also ballot boxes by Schrom Hills Park Clubhouse and the Greenbelt Police Station. The boxes are being monitored by security cameras.



### 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](http://greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org).

### Car Auction

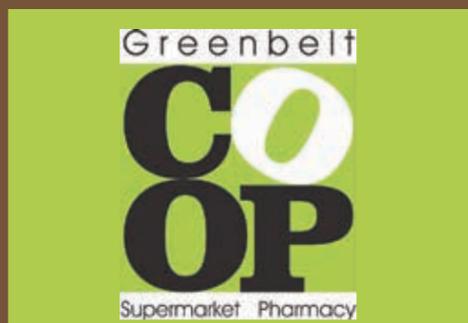
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## CO-OP MONTH! AMAZING CO+OP SAVINGS FOR ALL!

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On Sale October 13 - November 2, 2021

**2/\$5**  
Alter Eco Organic Chocolate Bar  
2.65-2.82 oz., selected varieties

**10/\$10**  
Annie's Homegrown Mac & Cheese  
5.5-6 oz., selected varieties

**5/\$5**  
Larabar Fruit & Nut Bars  
1.6-1.7 oz., selected varieties

**2/\$4**  
Blue Diamond Almondmilk  
32 oz., selected varieties

**2/\$7**  
Pacific Foods Organic Soup  
32 oz., selected varieties

*producer co-ops and community resiliency*

This Co-op Month, we thank you for standing with us and smallholder farmer co-ops!

<b>2/\$5</b> Equal Exchange Organic Chocolate Bars 2.8 oz., selected varieties	<b>2/\$6</b> Equal Exchange Organic Tea 20 tea bags, selected varieties	<b>4.49</b> Equal Exchange Organic Chocolate Chips 10 oz., selected varieties	<b>6.99</b> Equal Exchange Organic Coffee 10 oz., selected varieties
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city as the developer, we can require that a portion be set aside for senior-citizen or other affordable housing units. Revenue from the private side would offset the cost of operating the government side of the development.

**Bill Orleans**

I understand that incumbent council already has determined to accept the property and have long determined its future use: that being the site for a new firehouse and station. That determination was largely arrived at in closed session, individual conversation and private communication resulting in a long-standing assumption. Whether to accept and for what purpose council has not opened to public discussion. The benefit is clear, Greenbelt would determine the site's repurpose and not some private entity who would buy from the state. A new firehouse might be its preeminent use or not; all Greenbelt residents should have the opportunity to help to decide. The risks and the costs would depend on its use but the benefit outweighs same.

**Alexander Zajac**

The Armory is a building with incredible history that should be preserved. However, restoration and preservation of the building is going to be a difficult and costly task. I think the best solution is to charter a foundation that can raise private funds and contract with experts to restore and care for this wonderful building. However, I am committed to listening to residents, and so I would proceed only after obtaining and considering extensive feedback from the residents of Greenbelt.

**Colin Byrd**

I support the immediate acquisition of the Armory Building. The city can and should assess the costs and options for renovating and maintaining the building, but that should be done concurrently with – not in lieu of – actually acquiring this valuable property for free. For free. At the very least, the property could and should be used for a new fire station, but there's so much space there that some of it could be used by Greenbelt CARES, public works, recreation and/or other city departments. But, the longer the city waits to acquire the building, the higher the eventual maintenance and renovation related costs will be, along with the risk that the property may ultimately end up in the wrong hands and be used to serve merely private interests rather than the interests of the people of Greenbelt. Do I support analysis? Yes. Do I support paralysis by analysis? No.

**Silke Pope**

Acquiring the former National Guard Armory would be high reward/low risk. The Armory site could be an improved relocation for the Greenbelt Fire Department because it is a large, centrally located property within the city and has good access to major roadways. This property could also provide much needed additional space for other city departments or could even serve as a new city hall building. The city would be receiving the property at essentially no cost; any costs would primarily come from renovating the property. Any risks would primarily involve hazardous materials in the Armory such as lead or asbestos. To reduce costs to city taxpayers, we could look at using ARPA funds. I feel that the benefits outweigh the risks and costs in acquiring this property.

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# Connecting Across Greenbelt Hosts Election Issues Forum

by Dorrie Bates and Lois Rosado

Education, equity, reparations and representation were some of the top concerns shared by members of a community forum sponsored by Connecting Across Greenbelt (CAG) on Thursday, September 30. Six panelists from the three neighborhoods of Greenbelt, joined by approximately 25 audience members, answered questions designed to highlight issues important to Greenbelters of all ages, ethnicity and economic status.

After introductory remarks by CAG Co-chairs Tom Adams and Lois Rosado, moderator Vijay Parameshwaran asked each panelist what they thought is the number one issue needing attention now in Greenbelt. Access to education and recreation activities were important to panel members Carolyn Lambright-Davis of Greenbelt West and Denna Lambert of Central Greenbelt. "Our city government needs to be actively involved with the Prince George's County school system especially where resources are sent and staffing levels in schools," said Lambert.

Representation on city council and community-wide engagement also were of concern to panelists. LaWann Stribling, Greenbelt East, felt that the community has to be more involved in the politics in the city and understand how important their vote is. Noting that approximately 9,000 of the 24,000 people in Greenbelt live in Franklin Park, Rev. Ray Ransom called for a system of wards or districts in local elections.

Panel member Robin Gorsline of Central Greenbelt felt that equity is the number one issue facing Greenbelters, pointing out that this means recognizing

that each person has different circumstances and different needs. "There should be nobody in Greenbelt that is left without the resources to lead a good and whole life," said Gorsline. Stribling expressed similar concerns as she identified reparations as something that impacts other issues, e.g., education, redlining and better opportunities for people of color.

Iona King, Greenbelt East, mentioned that seniors were very concerned with vehicular traffic not stopping at stop signs and there seems to be a problem parking cars on streets where there are buses, e.g., Westway.

Other issues mentioned in the hour-long discussion included climate change, the environment, transportation issues and community engagement. When asked what concrete steps could be taken to address some of these concerns, panelists suggested more early voting places, more programs that are accessible in Spanish, passing a referendum to create a reparations commission and enhancing understanding of the interrelationships of these issues – and any decisions made in response.

After the panel discussion concluded, CAG member Kristen Weaver presented the interim results of a community-wide survey conducted by the group. Of the nearly 130 responses to date, about three quarters of which came from Central Greenbelt, the top issues were public safety, the environment and housing costs, school, racial equity and equal access to community resources. The survey will remain open for approximately another month and can be accessed by going to bit.ly/ConnectingGreenbeltSurvey.

With the time remaining, Rosado, in response to a chat question, suggested that interested community residents review the city council minutes on the topic of using the \$22.88 million American Rescue Plan funds it will receive: \$11.44 in 2021 and \$11.44 in 2022. (Allowable uses for this money include expenditures for health and related Covid-19 mitigation, economic support for households and local businesses as well as premium pay for essential workers.) Adams asked councilmembers to comment on this issue. Councilmember Emmett Jordan, who was one of several councilmembers attending the conversation, said that initially half a million will go toward housing relief, half a million toward mortgage assistance and half a million for economic recovery for business. Councilmember Judith Davis said that the city has been giving rental assistance through the Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association. Mayor Colin Byrd added that money will go to nonprofits focused on food access, equity and mental health. While council will be the ultimate decider on how the money is spent, it is going to reach out to the community for input on how the funds should be used.

Connecting Across Greenbelt is a community group whose mission is to increase community engagement, understanding and appreciation of all our residents, neighbors and neighborhoods while building communication and improving interpersonal relationships across our city. For more information about their activities and upcoming events, go to [connectingacrossgreenbelt.org](http://connectingacrossgreenbelt.org).

**Hyattsville Exhibit Features Hispanic Art**

The Department of Parks and Recreation in Prince George's County, part of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, is hosting programs this fall at Publick Playhouse in Hyattsville.

Through Thursday, October 28, an art exhibit featuring artists María Luisa Benavides and María Brito celebrates Hispanic heritage and culture. Benavides, also known as Maripi, is inspired by the biodiversity and culture of her home country, Costa Rica. She creates colorful paintings, often in mandala forms, that feature vivid color and intricate designs. Brito's paintings are inspired by the vitality of plants and living nature, often recalled from her home country of Venezuela. Gallery hours are Mondays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Hello Greenbelters! In last week's News Review, I shared a few of the issues I think are important for us to address as a city (you can also see the list on my website, plus expanded details for each of the points).

I've also been knocking on doors to hear from residents about what you are concerned about this election cycle. However, I know I won't get to anywhere near everyone that way, and I would like to hear what your most important issues are.

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This is a valuable piece of real estate and should not be lost to other development interests.

**Judith Davis**

Acquiring the Armory and its adjacent property would provide the city with needed city office space, recreational facilities and land for a new fire station which our Volunteer Fire Department has wanted for some time. The city would partner with the county for funding and has already asked the county to place this new station on its capital projects list.

However, before the city accepts the Armory, an assessment is needed to determine what environmental hazards might remain from its previous use. Depending on the results, mitigation might be required before final transfer of ownership.

Similar to the Community Center project, grants and bonds will be needed to cover the cost for renovation of the Armory building. Maintenance and operating costs for the city portion of this multi-use facility will be annual budget items. The old fire station site could provide several uses, such as a location for senior housing.

**Matthew Inzeo**

The city should invest in acquiring the former National Guard Armory. The city could use the area to build a new state of art fire station, replacing the outdated station currently being used. The RISK is that if the council fails to invest in the Armory, the city will miss out on an opportunity to better safeguard its citizens. As the City of Greenbelt does not have control over the city's zoning rights, the cost of not investing in the Armory will be the real negative cost.

# More Than You Ever Wanted To Know about Cooperatives

by Leta Mach

October is Co-op Month – a time to recognize and celebrate cooperatives. This year's Co-op Month theme is Cooperatives Build a Better World, which highlights the many ways co-ops are making an impact in their communities and around the world to ensure a better future for everyone.

Cooperatives have been working on behalf of their members and communities since 1844 when the Rochdale Equitable Pioneers Society opened a consumer co-op store in England. The success of the pioneers came from the practices and procedures under which they operated. These practices have been updated through the years by the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) and they form the basis for today's cooperative principles.

In 94 countries around the world, 750,000 cooperatives serve over one billion people. In the U.S., one in three Americans is a member of a cooperative. American cooperatives annually generate \$514 billion in revenue and more than \$25 billion in wages, according to a study conducted by the University of Wisconsin Center for Cooperatives.

Greenbelt's many cooperatives are part of this strong tradition and have committed to serving Greenbelt while upholding co-op principles and values. The ICA Statement on the Cooperative Identity notes, "Cooperatives are based on the values of self-help, self-responsibility, democracy, equality, equity and solidarity. In the tradition of their founders, cooperative members believe in the ethical values of honesty, openness, social responsibility and caring for others. The cooperative principles are guidelines by which cooperatives put their values into practice."

**Cooperation**

By working together in the Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance, Greenbelt cooperatives carry out one of the most important principles, cooperation among cooperatives. Each year, alliance members organize activities for October Co-op Month. For example, Alliance members will be featured in the Greenbelt Library display case during October. Co-op trivia will also be featured at the Old Greenbelt Theatre and the New Deal Café. The Alliance kicked off Co-op Month in Greenbelt on October 11 with a proclamation from the city council.

**Community**

Greenbelt cooperatives also strongly support Concern for Community, a principle that was

added in 1995. The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union annually sponsors two shredding days, many other community events, collects school supplies and provides financing for co-op housing in the community. The Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy offers free space to the Greenbelt Elementary School for the collection of books prior to the Labor Day Festival and to other nonprofit groups for bake sales and other fundraisers. Members of the Greenbelt Nursery School find that they build life-long friendships that build their community. The New Deal Café provides a gathering place for many groups including a monthly Poetry Slam, a weekly New Parent Meet-up and a Music Makers Jam Session, as well as a weekly Sunday Brunch where deaf, hard of hearing and hearing individuals meet for conversation and discussion of issues important to the deaf community. Greenbelt Makerspace Cooperative engages people in activities related to science, technology, arts and crafts. Greenbelt Homes Inc. committees are focused on many community issues and the Greenbelt News Review provides information on civic and community organizations' news and events, and is an outlet for divergent views in its Letters to the Editor.



## Golden Age Bingo



PHOTO BY REBEKAH SUTFIN

The Golden Agers gather at Schrom Hills Park on Wednesday, September 29 to play Bingo.

**Virtual Lecture: Greenbelt for Blacks**

On Thursday, October 21 at 6 p.m. (note the early start time), the Greenbelt Museum will host a virtual lecture on Aberdeen Gardens, a New Deal community for Black families formerly known as Newport News (Va.) Homesteads. Built by the Resettlement Administration around the same time as Greenbelt, Aberdeen Gardens was specifically built "by Blacks, for Blacks," unlike Greenbelt, which was only open to White families although both Black and white laborers were involved in its construction. Aberdeen Gardens was designed by Black architect Hilyard Robinson and everyone involved in the project was Black. Margaret Wilson, Aberdeen Gardens resident and historian, will speak.

Participants must register for this free event by 3 p.m. on the day of the event; a link will be emailed by 4 p.m. The event will not be recorded so will not be available at a later date.



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### Candidates Present Ideas

In last week's News Review we asked three questions of the candidates for election to the Greenbelt City Council. This week's issue presents their responses. Below are the answers to Question 3. Responses to the other two questions appear throughout the paper.

**Question 3: Council meetings are routinely running past midnight and are frequently marred by council bickering. Is this acceptable to you? If not, what can be done to resolve these issues?**

**Matthew Inzeo**

The council's bickering has been tough to watch. I have been attending meetings for the past year and found the council's inability to come to common ground as an impediment to necessary problem solving. If elected, I plan on listening as the first half of communicating with my fellow council members.

**Judith Davis**

The current council meeting situation is unacceptable. Meetings that run late are unfair to our residents wishing to participate and to our staff who must work the next day. Council should abide by its own Standing Rules. Agenda management, such as prioritizing items, needs to be applied by staff and council members themselves. Many agenda items were not properly vetted, explained or deliberated beforehand in worksessions or by a city committee or board. Council uses worksessions to go into greater depth on issues with all viewpoints presented, along with public and staff input. Council could then reach consensus before placing an important issue on the agenda for final action. This would eliminate lengthy back and forth debate during a regular council meeting. Lateness of hour and resultant fatigue of all involved lead to incivility and intolerance. The new council should hold a retreat soon to discuss additional solutions.

**Kristen Weaver**

No, I do not find this acceptable and it is part of my motivation in seeking a seat on council. Long, unproductive meetings discourage civic participation, and the current tenor of many council meetings is not welcoming to residents. Additionally, there is ample scientific evidence that decision-making capability is reduced when fatigued, which four-plus-hour meetings will certainly do. Specific ideas:

- Training on conducting effective meetings for all council members.
- Better prioritization of agenda items within meetings.
- Improved mechanisms for on-the-record public input outside of council meetings, to be incorporated into deliberations.
- Allow lead time for background information to be provided, reviewed and perhaps even a round of questions asked and answered in writing as part of the agenda packet. Only true emergency items should be added at the last minute.
- Use worksessions for most discussion and debate and regular council meetings for final deliberation and voting.

**Alexander Zajac**

I don't think that meetings running past midnight are acceptable to anyone. However, the solution must be both institutional and political. Institutionally, the council doesn't appear to understand its own parliamentary rules, which delays motion making and vote taking. Accordingly, the next council should consider a better set of parliamentary rules that will avoid confusion. Additionally, councilmembers sometimes like to speak multiple times on the same motion, so the next council should consider limiting time for debate on each motion from councilmembers. Politically, the residents of Greenbelt need to elect leaders who listen more, talk less and respect each other if they would like a responsive council that does not drag its own meetings past midnight and bicker on a regular basis.

**Bill Orleans**

Three incumbents: Davis, Jordan and Pope should be unelected!  
See QUESTION 3, page 11

## MAD Theater Presents Three A.A. Milne Comedies Online

NASA Goddard's Music and Drama Club (MAD Theater) will present three short comedy plays by A. A. Milne, live online Saturday, October 16 starting at 8 p.m.

Milne is best known as the creator of Winnie-the-Pooh, but he also wrote dozens of plays. MAD has chosen to present three one-act comedies. In *The Princess and the Woodcutter*, the king and queen set a test to determine which of three princes will marry their daughter. But the princess and her friend, the woodcutter, have a different plan. In *Wurzel-Flummery*, a member of the British Parliament receives a bequest of 50,000 pounds, with a very unusual condition attached. *The Red Feathers* is an operetta in one act, in which a traveling group of musicians comes across a country home where a young woman is singing.

Director Jon Gardner said, "These A. A. Milne classics are not often produced, but they have the delightful whimsical humor of Milne's other writing. While NASA is closed to in-person events, MAD continues to explore what can be done online. The cast is having fun with these plays and we hope to communicate that sense of fun to the audience."

The performance can be viewed live via a link that will be posted at madtheater.org. There is no charge, but voluntary donations will allow the club to continue to produce online plays.



Greenbelters appearing in the plays are: above, from left, Anne Gardner (fiddler) and Jim Pasquale (singer) in *The Red Feathers*; below from left, Penny Martin (Red Prince, Blue Prince and Yellow Prince) and Mila Shapiro (Princess) in *The Princess and the Woodcutter*; and bottom, Mary Lou Fisher (Robert Crawshaw) in *Wurzel-Flummery*.



- Screenshots courtesy MAD Theater



### 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](http://hcd.mypgc.us) and click on "Emergency Rental Assistance Program."



PRELIMINARY AGENDA  
**GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
Thursday, October 21, 2021

- A. GHI Closed Meeting – begins at 7:00 p.m. (closed to visitors and members)**
  - Approve Minutes of the Closed Meeting Held on September 16, 2021
  - Approve Minutes of an Informal Hearing Held on September 30, 2021
  - Consider Approval of the Following Contracts:
    - Contract for Underground Storm Drain Repairs at 9 Court Ridge Rd 1st reading
    - Contract for Repairs to 69-K Ridge Rd – 1st reading
    - Contract for Repairs to 4-H Ridge Rd – 1st reading
    - Contract for Repairs to 60-H Crescent Rd – 1st reading
    - Contract for Repairs to 7-C Crescent Rd Due to Tree Damage 1st reading
    - Contract for 5-year Lease of a Copier for the Management Office 1st reading
  - Discuss Next Steps for Negotiating with WSSC re: Replacement of Water Pipes for Masonry Units
  - Member Financial Matters
- B. GHI Open Meeting begins at 7.45 p.m. (open to visitors and members)**
  - Statement re: Closed Meeting Held on October 21, 2021
  - Approve Minutes of the Open Meeting Held on September 16, 2021
  - Selection of a Board Member to Fill a Vacant Board Position
  - Woodlands Committee Proposal re: Coordination of Woodlands Trail Maintenance Activities between GHI and the City of Greenbelt
  - Task Force Recommendations re: Boat /RV Lot Policy
  - Proposed Acquisition of a New Van for the Maintenance Department
  - Review Status of 2021-2022 Board Action Plan
  - Motion to Hold a Closed Meeting on November 4, 2021

To deter hacking, GHI requires persons who wish to attend the GHI Open meeting on October 21, 2021, to register in advance by accessing the following link:

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- **FOREST PRESERVE AND COMMUNITY GARDENS** - Continue to foster and support our green spaces
- **NEW GREENBELT FIRE STATION** - Acquire the old Greenbelt MD National Guard Armory site to use for a new facility



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My hope is that the new council: Byrd, Roberts, Gordon, Weaver, Zajac, Inzeo and Orleans would come to appreciate that council belongs to the residents of Greenbelt and not to the seven elected to it.

And:

Council meetings should last as long as is needed to complete its adopted agenda. Without the endless round of comments and questions, many of which with incumbent council are inane; without council giving in to their need to defend themselves from the comments and questions of others (also inane), the agenda would flow more smoothly, even accounting for an increased participation from residents. The “bickering” intrudes on the agenda to the point that council, on several occasions, has given up on its agenda adopted only hours earlier.

The agenda should not be packed before adoption; adhered to once adopted.

**Silke Pope**

Our current late-night city council meetings are unacceptable and unnecessary. Long running times hinder citizen involvement and are disrespectful to their time. We should have clear and manageable meeting agendas that contain a reasonable number of topics and time limits. Many topics that make it on the meeting agendas have already been discussed in numerous previous worksessions, so I find it unnecessary to rehash each topic before voting on them. I think that we should stick to our meeting rules instead of ignoring them or only following them when it is convenient. The constant bickering is also unacceptable and must stop. It is embarrassing to me, to our citizens and to our city. If we look at our neighboring municipalities, we can find great examples of professional meetings and how they are supposed to be conducted.

**Ric Gordon**

I believe that once we establish true common ground amongst colleagues, we can focus on what’s most important and that’s our residents. Once we start fully sticking to the given agenda, we should minimize additional comments, hence why the meetings run for hours and have plenty of residents having listening fatigue. Council should minimize same day additions to the meeting. Blindside additions should stop, because council needs to be made aware of what will be brought during meetings. When colleagues

See **QUESTION 3**, page 12

# Greenbelt Arts Center Plans Annual Membership Meeting

by Jon Gardner

The Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) will hold its annual membership meeting on Sunday, October 17 at 5 p.m. over Zoom. To attend the meeting, register at [greenbeltartscenter.org](http://greenbeltartscenter.org) no later than Saturday, October 16 at 5 p.m.

GAC has been a Greenbelt-based nonprofit organization dedicated to the performing and visual arts since 1980. At the meeting, the board of directors will summarize the online plays and the digital art gallery that the theater has produced over the past year, while celebrating the dedicated volunteers who have made it happen.

This is the first full year in which GAC has had a formal arrangement with The Rude Mechanicals to be a company in residence. The board also appointed two youth liaisons, Meca Lartigue and Anya Wilkinson, who produced a set of short anti-racist plays last spring. Another highlight of the year has been a monthly series of classic radio plays from the 1930s, 40s and 50s. Much of the online content is still available for viewing on GAC’s website.

GAC’s bylaws were last substantially revised in 2004. The board has completed a full revision

to meet several goals: adding inclusivity as an objective of the organization, clarifying the roles of the officers, allowing for electronic communication and making the bylaws consistent with the latest guidance from the IRS for 501(c)(3) organizations. The revised bylaws will be presented to the membership for vote. The revision must pass with a two-thirds majority to be valid.

Five positions on the board of directors are open this year for election by the members. Pamela Northrup, Jon Gardner and Wes Dennis are running for re-election as vice president for programs, treasurer and director at large, respectively. Penny Martin and Ryan Willis are leaving the board as their terms end. To replace them, the nominations committee has nominated Alex

Adams to run for secretary and Julie Hawk to run for director at large. Adams is currently GAC’s assistant technical director and Hawk is the drama teacher at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Both are Greenbelt residents who have participated in GAC shows in the past.

Non-members are welcome to attend the meeting to learn about GAC. A one-year membership option is available on the website, and includes free and discounted tickets and the ability to vote at the meeting.



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### Donate Sneakers For People in Need

The Board of Congregational Life at Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ (GCC) is collecting athletic shoes by partnering with GotSneakers. This sneaker recycling program helps to keep sneakers out of landfills, where they have harmful effects on the environment, and will send the sneakers to countries where the poor often go barefoot out of necessity. For more information about GotSneakers, go to their website at [GotSneakers.com](http://GotSneakers.com).

A donation box is located outside the Fellowship Center (the small building behind the church) for people to drop off sneakers at any time. GotSneakers will pay GCC a varying amount for name-brand and off-brand laced-up sneakers with no tears inside or outside. The company even pays for cleaning and shipping – all GCC does is collect sneakers.



**City Council Candidate Forum**

Greenbelt Homes Inc. is hosting a virtual City Council Candidate Forum on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. This is an opportunity to meet the candidates as well as hear their thoughts on issues that are important to GHI members and our fellow neighbors. This event can be accessed live via GATE’s Facebook page as well as GATE’s YouTube Channel. In addition, the forum will be re-broadcasted on GATE’s public access channel leading up to the November 2<sup>nd</sup> Election.

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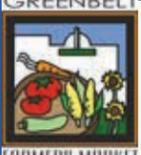
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begin to have a dialogue before council meetings that will lower tension. The input of community residents is what should be one of our guiding lights. Written testimony means that residents are not forced to stay in multi-hour meetings where their particular issue may not come up in a timely order. I will also ensure that any legislation I seek to introduce is written in advance and has been discussed with all my colleagues.

**Emmett Jordan**

We should:

1) Streamline meetings by requiring the support of at least two councilmembers to place an item on the agenda. I proposed this in 2017. Issues placed on the agenda by one member are typically symbolic or for the sake of controversy.

2) The Petitions & Requests agenda section is often used as a platform for individual grievances. It has become a question and answer period instead of an opportunity to make formal requests. Let's move Petitions & Requests to 7:30 p.m., before council meetings, strictly adhering to the time limits on comments.

The pandemic-imposed Zoom format for meetings would be more efficient if the on-screen participants were limited to council, necessary staff and other required participants. The "Hollywood Squares" format is contributing to the overall problem.

**Colin Byrd**

The duration of some city council meetings is a problem, as is the intermittent bickering, but we should be wary of overly shallow takes on this. It's easy to oppose 'long meetings' in the abstract, but shortening meetings is often code for 'limiting public input and kicking the can down the road on substantive items' - like public safety, senior housing, the community gardens, maglev opposition and green infrastructure - that urgently impact real people. We should be doing more - not less - for the people. I plan to collaborate with the next council on: 1) moving the meeting start times from 8 p.m. to 7 p.m.; 2) increasing the frequency of regular meetings; and 3) team building exercises. Issues facing cities everywhere have significantly grown in severity, quantity and controversy, but, unfortunately, we're still holding on to the pipe dream of stuffing 30 days of work into one or two hour-long meetings a month.

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After a fist fight with the perpetrators, the harassment stopped. At 17, Orleans enlisted in the Marine Corps, and was discharged in January 1969. He then confronted first-hand the segregation in this country. In the summer of 1968 he was driving in the South and was confronted by colored and white only signs, Wallace (and Nixon) for President signs and KKK imagery alongside the roads. The last weekend before the election and seeing a Humphrey-Muskie sign above a Democratic Party office, on impulse he put a Humphrey-Muskie bumper sticker on his car. Sometimes incremental change only one step forward is better than two steps backward. He left Greenbelt again in the spring of '69 for New York, where he worked a variety of jobs until getting his license to drive a taxi, work which he engaged in on and off for 30 years.

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

Over a strike barrel in '71 "Orleans," a friend said, "Never pat yourself on the back, ever ask of yourself more and harder questions, and, Orleans, never give in to the bastards."

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

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death. Marilyn taught school in the Chicago area for more than 30 years before moving to Kensington, Md.

She returned to Greenbelt for high school reunions and participated in a panel discussion of Greenbelt pioneer children at a Community Center open house in May 2001. She attended Greenbelt's 75th anniversary gala in 2012, and was interviewed by News Review reporter Marat Moore for the October 18, 2012, issue. In her last visit to Greenbelt, in June 2018, Marilyn was the honored guest at a performance of What Are You Going to Be?, 80 years to the day after her original performance in the play.

*The information in this article was extracted from digital issues of the Greenbelt Cooperator and News Review, available at greenbeltnewsreview.com/archives and archive.org/details/greenbelt-news-review.*



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Marilyn Maryn Spiegel (right) at a Greenbelt High School reunion in 1994, with other Greenbelt pioneers who grew up together in 58 Court of Crescent Road. From left, Mary Louise Lemire Schwab, Lois DeJager Chesser and Lorraine Mullen Nuzzo



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At right, a Sphynx Moth caterpillar at the Lake

Far right, a Black Swallowtail Caterpillar feeds on parsley.



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# Walk to School Day



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Greenbelt Police assist with Greenbelt Elementary Walk to School Day on October 6.



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Greenbelt Police pose with their HUG walk sign on Sunday, October 10.

# Police Blotter

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

### Carjacking

October 2, 2:01 a.m., 9100 block of Springhill Lane. A man was robbed at gunpoint by three men and his white 2021 Jeep Compass was taken. The man was not harmed.

October 5, 1:03 a.m., 9226 Edmonston Road. Two men approached a man who was exiting his vehicle and stole it at gunpoint. It is a black 2017 Toyota RAV4 with Maryland tags 5EE0246.

### Non-contact Shooting

October 2, 12:38 p.m., 9300 block of Edmonston Road. Two apartment units were struck by bullets. No one was injured during the incident. A witness reported they observed a blue sedan fleeing the scene moments after shots were heard.

### Assault

October 3, 10:29 p.m., 6002 Greenbelt Road. A firearm was pointed at an employee when two men fled a restaurant without paying for their meals.

October 3, 6:40 p.m., 6460 Capitol Drive. A man refused to

complete any field sobriety tests during a DUI traffic stop and assaulted officers as he was taken into custody.

October 4, 1:34 a.m., 6460 Capitol Drive. A man refused to complete any field sobriety tests during a DUI traffic stop and assaulted officers as he was taken into custody.

### Theft

October 1, 12:30 p.m., 6000 Greenbelt Road. An individual approached another person and snatched a gold chain off their neck.

### Vehicle Crime

Thefts from three vehicles occurred when windows were broken to gain entry. Personal property was taken from 7619 Greenbelt Road, 7800 block of Mandan Court and 7200 Hanover Drive.

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2. Work With Greenbelt Police to Advance Community Relations & Continue to Improve Police Protocols
3. Work With Council for Smart Development Opportunities for Job Creation to Grow Economy
4. Seek The Creation of Ward/At-large Council Mixture.
5. Work with School Board Representative to help increase educational resources for our children.
6. Protect Historic Greenbelt & Forest Preserve from damaging development in those areas.
7. Work with Council To Increase & Improve Recreation Spaces throughout City
8. Work with Council to created a stronger Intercity transportation system to better connect Greenbelt!

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# Sports

## Comebacks, Commanding Wins: Raiders Reach Heart of Season

by Patrick Gleason



PHOTO BY BILL SWART

**Freshman Leia Barton (13) and Arianna Casalini (21) continue to apply pressure during a convincing Roosevelt victory.**

Twelve minutes into their contest against the Charles Herbert Flowers Jaguars on September 30, the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Raiders girls soccer team found themselves in an unfamiliar situation against a county opponent, trailing by a goal. After winning possession in the mid-field, Flowers quickly countered with a cross through the box, headed into the net before goalkeeper Isabela Martins could react. With two easy victories over Wise and DuVal, the Raiders had yet to be tested in league play. But junior Ariana Phillips ensured Roosevelt responded to the adversity accordingly. About 10 minutes later Phillips redirected a cross, from freshman midfielder Jada Savage, past the Flowers' goalkeeper to even the score.

Though the Raiders threatened several more times in the first half, they were unable to successfully navigate the overly defensive Jaguar formation. Senior striker Sophie Swart opened the second half with another good look, but her shot sailed high as the pressure for the Raiders to score mounted. But not too much later, Phillips dissipated any Roosevelt concern. After receiving a pass from Swart, Phillips took the ball to a near impossible angle before slipping it inside the near post, producing an effusive celebration from her teammates. Juniors Julia Beckmann and Charlesima James continued to test the Flowers' defense for the remainder of the afternoon, while Martins and steady centerbacks Victoria Obisesan and Grace Zack ward off any threats the Jaguars mounted.

On Monday, October 4, it was Swart's turn to fuel the Raider

offense as she turned in a hat trick in an 8-1 home win over Laurel, while adding an assist on a corner kick, which Beckmann headed home. Savage added two goals of her own, while junior fullback Sarai DeSouza scored her first goal of the season, along with a highlight reel goal from James, assisted by senior Genesis Richards after fine footwork from Sadie Swart to jumpstart the play. The Raiders ended the first week of October with a 4-1 victory over Parkdale.

### J.V. Team

Meanwhile, the junior varsity team has turned in a series of impressive victories. They entered last week on a high after traveling to Alexandria to defeat Episcopal 1-0 thanks to a second half free kick goal from Cora Moore. Then, they followed the varsity victory by controlling the Jaguars from the first whistle with an early goal from freshman midfielder Arianna Casalini en route to a 4-0 win. Freshmen Alena Beckmann and Alyssa Casey also scored, while Olivia Gills added another goal after a Jaguar handball in the box earned the Raiders a penalty kick, which the sophomore calmly placed in the left corner of the goal.

The Raiders continued their winning streak with a dominant victory over Laurel on October 4. Freshman Gabriella Martinez started the scoring for the Raiders, while Beckmann, Moore and freshman Keiry Salmeron added to the 5-0 final. Before their matchup with Bowie, the Raiders also had a rematch with Episcopal, looking to add to their 3-1-1 record as they reached the heart of the season.

## Franklin Park Resident Trains, Competes in DC Spartan Race

by René Sewell-Rayson

Apartment living makes you aware of your neighbors' living patterns. There are the early morning dog walkers. The shout of kids saying goodbye on their way to school. So, when new sounds started coming from overhead, I thought my neighbor was moving furniture. A text a few days later explained it: "Covid has moved my training indoors. Is it bothering you?"

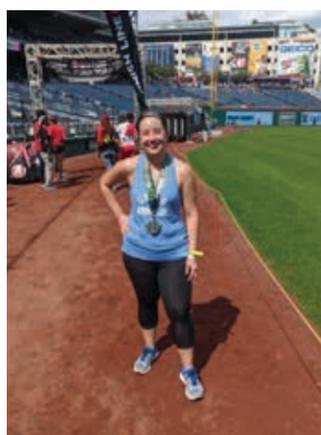
Tara Smith, a two-year resident of Franklin Park, had begun training for the Spartan Obstacle Course Race. This region's Spartan was held at Nationals Ball Park on September 11. It is running and overcoming obstacles and is a metaphor that Smith lives daily. She is a student at the University of Maryland Global Campus and works in career services for students to support herself. She'll graduate in January with a degree in accounting.

A co-worker worked out daily and told Smith how it reduced anxiety. She saw that Covid-19 had raised everyone's anxiety level so she was open to giving it a shot. It allowed her to focus on her inner self and her mental health. She trained at a local gym and found lifting a great stress reliever. "I can't lift a lot, but my form is really good," she laughs.

The DC Spartan had advertised itself as a good beginner's race. "I have a love/hate relationship with running, but I love a challenge," she said. The fact that the proceeds were going toward the military and first responders was important. It was an homage to her grandfather who had served in the Air Force, went on to become a D.C. cop and had raised her.

Plugged into her earbuds, she uses her playlist to get into her zone. She reluctantly shares it. "I listen to rap and hip-hop for warmups - Cardi B and Megan Thee Stallion; then it's Heavy Metal for the core of my workout and concludes with Latino music."

Covid-19 had dictated certain proscriptions for the race.



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**Tara Smith participates in the Spartan Race.**

There was a timed check-in and Covid-19 protocols were followed. Men and women competed simultaneously; kids competed separately. There was even a guy running with a stroller. The stadium seating was used to create obstacles. There were 20 obstacles and they varied - from carrying a bag of sand up a flight of stairs, to hurdles, to rope climbing, to scaling a 7-foot wall. An entrant was required to do 10 of the 20 obstacles or do 10 burpees - a squat, thrust, stand - at the ones that were skipped.

"I was so amazed by the support. I was struggling over the wall and spectators and participants were urging me on," said Smith.

As the saying goes, Smith walked away with a medal and the T-shirt, but most importantly, it solidified her dream of becoming a personal trainer. She especially wants to focus on women who have experienced trauma. "Focusing on the inner self and mental health is so important. It has helped me. I want to share that."

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# HUG WALK continued from page 1

“People are all visiting places [in Greenbelt] they haven’t been to before.”

Donning hand-written signs and purple HUG T-shirts, residents, police officers and candidates for city council hit the streets on Sunday afternoon to connect with one another and their home.

“During this pandemic we have seen us become separated,” said walk participant and State Delegate Alonzo Washington. “I think this is a great opportunity for us to come together and be able to connect with one another and understand each other’s issues in different neighborhoods. We are separated so many different times, but we are all one Greenbelt.”

In the wake of conversations about racial inequality across the United States, Goldberg-Strassler noted the HUG walk has served as a “simple antidote” to embracing the differences of our neighbors.

“It doesn’t make a difference at the HUG walk what your politics are, or your race, or your ethnicity,” said Goldberg-Strassler. “We all want a warm and welcoming place, because it makes the city richer.”

As a HUG walk sponsor, Dr. Lois Rosado, chair of the Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee, noted the walk serves as an unconventional outlet for unification.

“The walk serves as a proponent of community. It is a creative outlet for greater understanding,” said Rosado.

In addition to promoting community, this year’s HUG participants picked up litter while on the route, as the walk was committed to being a zero-waste event.

As the HUG walk plans to continue annually, Goldberg-Strassler remains steadfast on keeping a mindset of “there’s no way it fails.”

“People ask me ‘So, what are your expectations?’ Whoever shows up, that’s it,” said Goldberg-Strassler, “It’s about one person meeting another person, and they have a moment to share a smile. That’s an act of affirmation, that kindness. And that’s wonderful.”

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From left, Vijay Parmeshwaran, State Delegate Alonzo Washington and Mayor Colin Byrd participate in the HUG walk on Sunday, October 10, starting at Springhill Lake Recreation Center.



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From left, Kristen Weaver and Ric Gordon, both candidates for city council, stop in Roosevelt Center as part of the HUG walk.



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HUG walk participants celebrate at Schrom Hills Park after traversing the city. Foreground from left: Rebecca Lemus on clarinet and Melissa Sites on guitar. Background from left: Michael Hartman, Laura Bonkosky and Bob Rand



# Logistics, Not Pandemic Means No Pumpkin Walk This Year

by Janice Wolf

The city’s popular pumpkin carving and walk events have fallen victim to the pandemic for a second Halloween. This year, however, it was due to the coronavirus’ effect on the advance planning – which starts in May – and not to the gathering restrictions and lack of a vaccine that effectively squashed the 2020 event.

Planning starts with an early-season call to Farmers Market vendor Karl Shlagel, who supplies nearly 1,000 pumpkins, explained Amy Knesel, who has run the event since 2017. At the time, vaccines for the coronavirus had just become authorized for persons 16 and older, according to information available on the Prince George’s County website. A vaccination site had also just opened at the Greenbelt Metro Station, and residents were hunting down, lining up for and/or sharing the jab’s availability on social media in sometimes frantic efforts to gain an edge over the coronavirus.

Putting in an early order for the pumpkins for three sites, at a time of lingering uncertainty, wasn’t so straightforward this year, Knesel said. Neither was coordinating with the city, Greenbelt Recreation and the Forest Preserve Advisory Board for the space, permits and logistics, she added. By August things were looking better, although Covid-19 cases were reported on the rise in the 20770 zip code. With all the unknowns, it was just too late to get the ball rolling for three carving and walking events in three different parts of the city. The event is not funded by the city, but relies on sponsorships, an occasional grant and largely by donations at the event, Knesel explained.

The Halloween extravaganza began as a Children’s Pumpkin Walk at the ballfields off Northway Extended, hosted by the Committee to Save the Green Belt. It marked its 30th year in 2018 and also mushroomed, thanks to a grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation, to include carving and walking events in Schrom Hills Park and at Springhill Lake Recreation Center. “In 2018, I delivered 200 pumpkins to Schrom Hills, nearly 100 to Springhill Lake and 600 to Roosevelt Center,” said Knesel. The largest attendance is recorded in the Center city, and the two tracts of the Forest Preserve

with a combined 226 acres, saw 1,800 walkers in 2018, she said.

“It really needs a committee nowadays,” Knesel noted. After ordering the pumpkins – which must be grown over the summer – on a guesstimate of attendance, she then joins the Forest Preserve Advisory Board meetings to plan the best route and to ensure that the forest ecology is not disturbed. What follows is reserving space and securing permits: the city manages the Forest Preserve and Roosevelt Center, while the Greenbelt Recreation Department deals with permits for Schrom Hills Park and the Springhill Lake Recreation Center as they are park property. And there is much coordination with the city’s public works department, which gives a great deal of in-kind assistance, Knesel said.

Her team also tries to coordinate with other planned Halloween events, as they did in 2018 at Springhill Lake. That year, it piggybacked on a city Trunk or Treat event, allowing Knesel to hire a band and otherwise host a much larger event. Sometimes the dates for different Halloween happenings don’t align, she said, and that can and does affect the size of the party. “I like to be able to give an equal experience to all of the city,” she said, adding that is probably the most difficult part of the job.

And the best part? “Being the last person to walk the wooded path, to blow out the candles, leaving a wake of darkness behind. That empty black space is so spooky, and so cool.”



## What does the future hold for Greenbelt?

“In Greenbelt elections, there are always voices who “root for the underdog” and push for new folks on Council. I definitely have some of that in me as well. However, I’m here to tell you that experience counts.

It takes persistence and patience to serve on City Council. It takes time to understand our “Council-Manager” form of government: to set budgets; to know when new ordinances and policies are appropriate; and to hold our City Manager accountable for operations of the City.

Further, It takes a time to build impactful relationships with our external partners. I have worked hard to build meaningful relationships with municipal, county, state, and federal leaders. This allows me to effectively advocate on behalf of Greenbelt.

I have represented Greenbelt on the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Board of Directors and the regional Transportation Planning Board for several years. I strongly opposed new toll lanes on the I-495 Beltway and fought to have the Greenbelt Metro Station classified as a “High Capacity Transit Area”, so we can qualify for new planning grants.

As a consistent and steady voice on Council, I remain committed to the Greenbelt’s legacy while focusing on our future.” - Emmett V. Jordan

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