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*Sparkle Mart*

## Artisans Offer Handmade Wares At Annual Art and Craft Fair

by Leah Cohen and Nicole DeWald

Sparkle Mart, Greenbelt Recreation's annual Juried Art and Craft Fair, will take place at the Community Center on Saturday, December 3 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, December 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with over 70 vendors participating. This year, visitors can shop and mingle with local fine artists, artisans and authors in the Ground Floor East, the gymnasium, first floor classrooms and on the third floor in the ceramic hand-building studio. Signs will be posted to guide visitors to rooms with vendors. All rooms are ADA accessible.

Sparkle Mart artisans will be offering a wide range of handmade wares to add beauty to your daily life or provide the perfect gift for any occasion. There will be pottery made by Greenbelt Recreation ARTS students, instructors and artists in residence, as well as carved wooden utensils and custom cookbooks. Browse among paintings, prints, letterpress cards, photography, soaps, candles, bags and cozy quilts. Try on mittens, hats and scarves and shop for jewelry made from fused glass, wool beads, resin, found objects, polymer clay and metalwork. Find children's clothing, hand-made



PHOTO BY AMANDA SPAID

Artwork by Amanda Spaid, one of the festival vendors and an arts instructor for the city

toys and children's books. Additional booths will feature merchandise from the Greenbelt Museum and Friends of Greenbelt Theatre.

Guests can enjoy live music on the gym stage each afternoon while they shop. On Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m., the Hot Club of DC will entertain with French jazz sounds in the style of Django Reinhardt. See **SPARKLE MART**, page 8

## Lifeguards Needed at GAFC To Serve Increasing Pool Use

by Susan Taylor

"Lifeguards are the key to the building. I got no lifeguards, I got no building. I can't open the pool," pleads Stephen Parks, Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center (GAFC) supervisor.

As the community begins to recover from the isolation of the Covid-19 pandemic, more individuals are engaging in new and former exercise routines. As the number of swimmers in Greenbelt increases, the GAFC needs more lifeguards.

### Recruiting Teens to Elders

Currently, there is a lifeguard shortage, regionally and nationally. Many parents held teens back from working outside the home for safety reasons in the past few years. The GAFC staff wants folks to know they are

eager to train and hire lifeguards from 16 through retirement age. Applicants can be 15½ to take the class but must be 16 years old to be hired by the city.

All GAFC employees gain a 1% raise. See **LIFEGUARDS**, page 11



PHOTO BY SUSAN TAYLOR

Lifeguard David Jesser watches over the pool.

## News Review Is 85: Serving Community ... & Cake

The News Review will be serving cake from its doorway, next to the gym inside the Community Center this Sunday. The event celebrates 85 years of continuous publication of this community's own newspaper.

As many small newspapers go under, the News Review is still proudly serving Greenbelt.

The cake service starts at 12:30 and runs to 1:30 p.m. (or as long as it lasts), at the same time as the Art and Craft show. Claim a slice before other voracious Greenbelters eat it all up. One slice per person.



## What Goes On

- Friday, December 2 7 p.m., Holiday Tree Lighting, Roosevelt Center
- Monday, December 5 7:30 p.m., Council Worksession: Franklin Park (Stakeholder), Municipal Building
- Wednesday, December 7 7:30 p.m., Council Worksession: Repairs Committee, Municipal Building

See the city ad on page 5 or the meetings calendar at [greenbeltmd.gov](http://greenbeltmd.gov) for more information.

## Council Hears Maglev Developments, Protects Green Ridge House Funding

by Diane Oberg

On Monday, November 21, the Greenbelt City Council heard updates on what has been happening (or not) with the proposed maglev train. The city had previously submitted comments on the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for the Washington to Baltimore portion of the project. Then in late August 2021, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), which is overseeing the environmental review, paused the project. But, more recently, there has been evidence that some review is occurring. Council then moved into a closed meeting to obtain legal advice regarding maglev.

### Special Meeting

But first, council held a special meeting necessitated by changes in the Department of Transportation's (DOT) See **MAGLEV**, page 8



PHOTO BY GLENN HARRIS

Frank Gervasi at the Farmers Market in May 2021, where Stop the Maglev organizers displayed an approximately 1:12 scale model of one of the maglev towers that would dot the landscape if the project becomes reality.

## Windsor Green Needs Carriers After Disruption in Delivery

by Cathie Meetre

Hopefully, Windsor Green residents are reading this in a newspaper that just arrived on their doorstep. A few weeks ago, door-to-door deliveries to the condominium townhouse community abruptly stopped when the carrier who had delivered them for almost 20 years resigned the day before publication. Because this carrier worked for the Home Owners Association (HOA), the newspaper itself has not delivered to the complex and couldn't react quickly enough to substitute, nor did it have permission from the HOA to do so. In fact, it was too late to stop the printing and 700 newspapers were recycled.

### Permission Granted

After some fast footwork by all concerned and much-appreciated cooperation from Windsor Green's HOA and management company (CVI, Inc.) the News Review now has permission to deliver door-to-door and has rapidly synched up to do so. Three substitute carriers from the current crew are distributing the papers for the first time this week with a rookie starting out for



next week. Writing this several days earlier, fingers are crossed for a successful venture.

### Calling New Carriers

The News Review would like to recruit carriers from Windsor Green or nearby in Greenbelt East to deliver to Windsor Green. It's simple to apply and each route currently pays \$10 per week. The complex will be divided into five routes, each taking between an hour and an hour-and-a-half to complete. Newspaper bundles are dropped off on Thursday mornings for delivery by Friday at 5 p.m., so carriers have some latitude in the actual time of delivery and can work around other commitments. Carriers can be of any age (our oldest was about 90 when he retired). To apply, contact [circ@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:circ@greenbeltnewsreview.com)

### Future-Proofing

Going forward, the News Review intends to continue deliveries to Windsor Green of a newspaper that is an important element in keeping our city a fine place to live. Not everywhere is

See **CARRIERS**, page 8

# Letters to the Editor

## Neither Snow nor Rain ... for 36 Years!

The note, hand delivered, came to many of us not totally unexpected. The word had gone out, plans were being made and it was just a matter of time. Yes, our mail carrier Tony was wrapping his career with the Postal Service. Day-in, day-out, he was on the job – serving our town. Just think of all that walking! And the weather – sheesh!

Dedication, with a dose of professionally friendly chatter. A music fan – with a sidebar into the singer-songwriters of our generation. The names of Buffet (Jimmy, not Warren), Jackson Browne and Eagles come to mind. Tony took care of us on his appointed rounds. Greeting cards, bills, medicines and music were all given priority in his neighborhood sort.

We will say “so long” to Tony on December 30, and wish him and his family glad tidings. Thank you, sir, as you sail “into the mystic.”

Mark Hanyok

## Piscataway Are Here

I appreciated Lois Rosado’s article Piscataway People of Maryland: The Original Greenbelters? and its publication at the time that many celebrate Thanksgiving. Every year I am conflicted about gathering with friends on that day, since it is a holiday built on a myth that obscures U.S. history of colonization and attempted genocide of indigenous peoples.

This year at the prompting of

an indigenous activist I follow on social media, I donated to four indigenous organizations. Recently I learned that the Cedarville Band of Piscataway Indians, which maintains a museum and cultural center in Waldorf, is calling for land-tax payments for those of us who live on the stolen lands that their people were stewards of.

They say, “Pay because it is part of atonement and the just thing to do for your continued occupancy of our lands.” Land-back is a movement to return indigenous lands to indigenous peoples. I’ve decided to pay monthly land tax to the Cedarville Piscataway people to support their work and their effort to get their land back.

Rosado ends her article by saying the Piscataway people are still here. They are here, and they are calling on us to make financial restitution. In addition to individual contributions, we should take collective action for systemic change as urged by indigenous peoples.

One major issue now is a Supreme Court case that threatens the Indian Child Welfare Act and tribal sovereignty.

Cynthia Newcomer



Post-Thanksgiving sidewalk sentiment



Canoers Joshua and Eli Rowe had perfect weather for paddling at Greenbelt Lake the day before Thanksgiving.

## On Screen at Old Greenbelt Theatre

### Guillermo del Toro’s Pinocchio

Academy Award-winning director Guillermo del Toro and award-winning, stop-motion legend Mark Gustafson reimagine the classic Carlo Collodi tale of the fabled wooden boy with a whimsical tour de force that finds Pinocchio on an enchanted adventure that transcends worlds and reveals the life-giving power of love. The critics’ consensus, according to Rotten Tomatoes: “The film delivers fully on its title – which is to say it’s a visually stunning adaptation that embraces its source material’s darkness.”

### Black Panther: Wakanda Forever

In this much-anticipated sequel to Marvel’s first Black Panther film, Queen Ramonda (Angela Bassett), Shuri (Letitia Wright), M’Baku (Winston Duke), Okoye (Danai Gurira) and the Dora Milaje (including Florence Kasumba) fight to protect their nation from intervening world powers in the wake of King T’Challa’s death. As the Wakandans strive to embrace their next chapter, the heroes must band together with the help of War Dog Nakia (Lupita Nyong’o) and Everett Ross (Martin Freeman) and forge a new path for the kingdom of Wakanda.

## Holiday Movies

See page 12 for a roundup of the upcoming holiday movies.

## Drop Us a Line!

Electronically, that is.

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**Guillermo Del Toro’s Pinocchio** (PG) (CC) (DVS)  
(2022) (117 mins)

Fri. 4:45 PM **Screen 1**

Sat. 5:00 PM, 7:45 PM

**Screen 1**

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

**Screen 1**

Mon. 3:30 PM, 6:00 PM

**Screen 1**

Tues. 6:15 PM **Screen 1**

Wed. 6:15 PM **Screen 1**

Thurs. 5:15 PM **Screen 1**

**Black Panther: Wakanda Forever** (PG-13) (CC) (DVS)  
(2022) (161 mins)

Fri. 4:30 PM, 8:00 PM

**Screen 2**

Sat. 4:30 PM, 8:00 PM

**Screen 2**

Sun. 1:30 PM, 5:00 PM

**Screen 2**

Mon. 1:30 PM (OC), 5:00 PM

**Screen 2**

Tues. 6:00 PM **Screen 2**

Wed. 6:00 PM **Screen 2**

Thurs. 6:00 PM **Screen 2**

**How the Grinch Stole Christmas!**  
(NR) (1966) (26 mins)

Fri. After the Roosevelt Center tree-lighting ceremony!

**MONDAY MATINEE: FREE Christmas in Connecticut**  
(NR) (1945) (102 mins)

Mon. 1:00 PM **Screen 1**

## The Old Curmudgeon



“Well, how is Mr. ‘I’ll Get A Flu Shot Later’ doing?”

- Izzy Parker, News Review, January 3, 2000 and December 8, 2016

## Letters Policy

Deadline for letters is 6 p.m. Monday. Submission does not guarantee publication. Letters should be no longer than 300 words (shorter letters are more likely to be published). Letters may be edited for clarity, grammar, civility and space constraints. The News Review may add a comment from the editor if deemed necessary. All letters must include the letter writer’s name, physical address, and telephone number. Only the name will be published; the News Review will consider requests for the name to be withheld.

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Office is currently closed to the public. Please phone or email.

GNR external office door mail slot is located up a few stairs 25 yards left of the Community Center’s east door near the municipal building.

# Community Events

## GIVES Membership, Holiday Party

Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) will hold its first in-person Holiday Party in several years on Saturday, December 10 after its quarterly membership meeting. The meeting starts at 10 a.m. and the Holiday Party starts at 11 a.m. in the Theater Rehearsal Room 202 in the Community Center.

GIVES members may bring a dish to share if they wish, but it is not necessary. Dishes could include, but are not limited to, salads, desserts, sandwiches, crackers and cheese or chips and dip. Drinks will be provided. We expect around 25 people.

Indicate by Tuesday, December 6 if you plan to come and what dish you will bring via email to [givesoffice@gmail.com](mailto:givesoffice@gmail.com) or call the office at 301-507-6580 and leave a message.

## Golden Age Club December Activities

The Greenbelt Golden Age Club meets on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in the second-floor meeting room of the Community Center. New members and visitors are welcome.

December will be a busy month. Dues collection for 2023 will start in December; a check is the preferred method of payment.

December 7 – Business meeting and election of officers for 2023

December 14 – Holiday Celebration and December birthday celebration. Bring finger foods to share for the holiday party.

December 21 – BINGO or other activity

December 28 – No meeting

## Toastmasters Host Virtual Open House

Greenbelt Toastmasters will host a virtual open house on Wednesday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m., with the theme of Comfort and Joy. The club provides a fun and friendly environment in which to improve communication and leadership skills. All are welcome. Visit [greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org](http://greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org) for more details.

## Writers Group Holds Holiday Party Dec. 16

All Greenbelt writers are invited to attend an informal get-together with the Greenbelt Writers Group on Friday night, December 16. Exact time and venue are still being finalized.

Attendees don't need to be members of the Greenbelt Writers Group. Members will be notified of details by email. Nonmembers who wish more information (or to get on the email list), contact Barbara Ford at [barb.ford@comcast.net](mailto:barb.ford@comcast.net).

## Racial Equity Alliance Meets Tuesday, Dec. 6

The Greenbelt Racial Equity Alliance (GREA) holds its next monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 6, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. through Zoom. Agenda items include tracking newly-approved American Rescue Plan Act programs to support equity, the Reparations Commission and encouraging staff to include equity discussions in the city's FY2024 budget.

For a link to the meeting, go to the GREA website at [greenbeltraciaequity.org/events](http://greenbeltraciaequity.org/events).

## Mentoring Groups Hold Open House December 10

On Saturday, December 10, from noon to 5 p.m. at the Youth Center, Boys to Men Mentoring Greater Washington and Girls to Women Mentoring Greater Washington will have an open house to sign up and share information about their programs. The holiday gathering will feature free food, gifts and games as well as useful information about this program.

Register early by text at 240-814-5659 or email at [shjpos@aol.com](mailto:shjpos@aol.com).

## Greenbelt Chess Club

The chess club will meet Monday, December 12 at the New Deal Café from 6 to 8 p.m. All ages and skill levels are welcomed. Teaching will be provided as needed. Bring a chess set if possible.

## Democratic Club Swears Board Members Dec. 9

The next Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club's membership meeting will occur Friday, December 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Building, 7600 Hanover Parkway. The guest speaker will be Delegate Alonzo Washington, who will comment about the coming 2023 state legislative session and its goals under consideration. Washington will also swear in the newly elected Executive Board of Directors.

The new president will be Ric Gordon. The club's four vice presidents will be Matt Inzeo, Pat Wickersty, Ashanti Martinez and James Williams. Serving as the Club's treasurer will be Emmett Jordan, and as the membership chair, Fatima Jones. The new secretary will be Kurt Walter. The Roosevelt Club's corresponding secretary will be Ryan Bradley and its new sergeants-at-arms, Jet Guerrero and Jenni Pompei.

Nonvoting members of the Board will be the immediate past president Konrad Herling, club historian Judith Davis and past president Nicole Williams. The programming director, though not a voting member, will be Katy Pape. Lending technical expertise to the club's marketing will be former sergeant-at-arms Vince Wilding.

The club will be exploring new ways to increase its membership and attract younger members as well. It looks forward to the input of all of its members.

For any additional information or questions, call Konrad Herling at 301-345-9369.

## GAC Holds Auditions For Stoppard's Arcadia

The Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) will hold auditions for Tom Stoppard's Arcadia, directed by Randy Barth, on Monday and Tuesday, December 5 and 6, at 7 p.m. in the GAC lobby. Callbacks, if needed, will be Thursday, December 8.

Additional details about the parts to be cast, audition sides, GAC's audition and COVID policies, and an online form are available at the website: [greenbeltartscenter.org/auditions](http://greenbeltartscenter.org/auditions).

## GHI Asks Comments On GM Transition

In preparation for the retirement of Eldon Ralph, the current GHI general manager, GHI members are invited to review and comment on a draft position profile to be used to invite applications from candidates. This draft is available at [ghi.coop/content/transition-and-search-committee-3](http://ghi.coop/content/transition-and-search-committee-3). Members may submit comments on the draft to [ghitransitionandsearch@ghi.coop](mailto:ghitransitionandsearch@ghi.coop) and are invited to attend the Transition and Search Committee meeting on Monday, December 5 at 7 p.m. on Zoom in which the draft profile and member input will be discussed. The Zoom link is available on the GHI website calendar, and registration in advance is required. Members may contact Karen Eppard in Member Services at 301-474-4161 if accommodations are needed for providing comment or attending the meeting.

In additional news, the committee has hired a transition and search consultant to work with GHI in the planning, searching for and hiring of the next general manager.

## Museum Welcomes All At Deco the Halls

The Museum is pleased to welcome everyone back to the historic house at 10-B Crescent Road on Friday, December 2 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. for Deco the Halls, the Greenbelt Museum's annual holiday open house. There will also be a pop-up gift shop in 10-A Crescent next door. No tickets or pre-registration is required for this event, which immediately follows the city's tree lighting at Roosevelt Center.

## At the Library

The Greenbelt Library's regular hours are: Mondays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m. In case of inclement weather or other emergency, real-time updates to the Library's schedule are posted at [pgcmls.info/alerts](http://pgcmls.info/alerts).

### Author Talk

Best-selling author and Bowie resident Rabia Chaudry will discuss and sign her new book *Fatty Boom Boom: A Memoir of Food, Fat and Family* on Tuesday, December 6, at 6 p.m. in person at the Greenbelt Library. The event will also be available virtually.

### Weekly Storytimes

Wednesday, December 7, ages 3 to 5, 12:15 p.m. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/7390918](http://pgcmls.info/event/7390918). Thursday, December 8, ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/7390894](http://pgcmls.info/event/7390894). Come for stories, songs, fingerplays and more.

### Student Art

The student art exhibit *Expressing Your Superpower Through the Arts* is on display through Friday, December 16 at the Greenbelt Library, showing works of art created by local students, grades seven through 11.

The artwork, curated by the Harbor City Maryland Chapter of The Society, Inc., reflects each student's strong representation of self-power inspired by a powerful role model or through nature. The art pieces were judged by three creative arts subject-matter experts.

Auditions for Arcadia  
Mon & Tue, Dec 5 & 6



## The Chromatics

*Returning Presence*

3 shows: December 10, 11 & 17. Tickets: \$12-\$24

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

Coming Soon: The Rude Mechanicals present *The Belle's Stratagem*, Feb 3-11.



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**Friday, 12/2, Fast Eddie & The Slowpokes (Blues Blend), 8:00 - 11:00pm**

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**Sunday, 12/4, Great Northern (Grateful Dead Tribute Band), 6:00 - 8:00pm**

**Monday, 12/5, The Monday Mauveness Karaoke Night, 6:00 - 9:00pm**

**NEW DEAL CAFE ZOOM BOARD MEETING - All are welcome! 6:30pm**

**Tuesday, 12/6, Songwriters Association of Washington Open Mic, 6:30 - 9:00pm**

**Wednesday, 12/7, The Campfire Sessions**

(Monthly Listening Room Showcasing Local Songwriters), **7:00 - 9:00pm**

**Thursday, 12/8, Jim Morrison's Birthday Tribute with InToneNation,**

(Greenbelt author Mark Opsasnick discusses Morrison's high school years), **7:00 - 9:00pm**

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11am	Greenbelt Newsreel	Community Programming
Noon	Democracy Now!	Today's Syndicated Program
1pm	PGCPS Science Bowl 2022-23	Charles Carroll v Robert Goddard
2pm	Music at the New Deal SEASON THREE	Global Warming Band • Crooning, Rhythm & Bass
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# Community Thanksgiving Dinner Returned to St. Hugh's Parish Hall

by Christopher Irwin

When Cathy Taylor was asked by the St. Hugh Knights of Columbus to provide salad for the parish's annual Thanksgiving Day dinner, she didn't hesitate. Taylor grabbed two very large salad bowls and returned to the church with both bowls filled with tasty greens and other salad fixings.

The Covid-19 pandemic had kept many St. Hugh's parishioners from enjoying the annual Thanksgiving Dinner over the past couple of years, but not this year. The annual event was enjoyed by more than 50 people who gathered together to feast on four turkeys, two hams, marshmallow-sweet-potato casserole, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad and bread. As if this weren't enough, attendees capped their meals with a slice from one of the six enormous pies.

"I think it's wonderful to see our parish come together as a family again to celebrate Thanksgiving," says Taylor. "It's good to see people enjoy a meal together in fellowship." Taylor recalled how difficult things were during the pandemic for many of the elderly. She reflected on the period when people were leery of coming to church, relegated to watching services online, and how life is slowly returning to normal. "I think it's really good and really nice, especially for some of the older folks, to get that socialization again."

"It shows that the parish is strong and has a good community spirit and [that] this church has a lot of good character and a lot of people who work together to make that happen," Taylor added.

She acknowledged how this spirit of community begins with leadership at the top, exemplified by parish priest Rev. Walter Tappe. "He is a constant inspiration," said Chris Irwin, chancel-



Many came to participate and enjoy the Thanksgiving Day meal as St. Hugh's Catholic Church resumes its annual tradition.

- Photos by Chris Irwin



Jimmy and Cathy Taylor attend St. Hugh's Thanksgiving dinner.

lor of the Knights of Columbus at St. Hugh. "Father Tappe has chosen what I think is the best way to lead and motivate, which is by example." Irwin credits Father Tappe with motivating him to get involved with the Knights of Columbus. Taylor says she was motivated to get involved with the "Walking with Purpose" Catholic women's Bible studies and encourages others to join her and her husband Jimmy at the

monthly movie nights, summer bingo and the Christmas bazaar, all of which have been returning to their pre-pandemic levels of engagement.

Including October's Youth Group Haunted House and December's Christmas Bazaar, the Thanksgiving Day dinner is one of many community-oriented events that has been put on by the St. Hugh parish this year.

# Restoration Center Church Celebrates International Day

On Sunday, October 16, Restoration Center Church, located in Roosevelt Center, held an International Day celebration with the theme "Unity in Diversity." The celebration showcased different cultures, ethnic groups and tribes. Attendees came in their traditional dress. Songs in diverse languages, cultural dances, ethnic dishes and shared stories of the countries represented were

the highlight of the day. "This event revealed the similarities and uniqueness that make us one in the sight of God," said Minister Ify Ogra.

The mission of the Restoration Center Church is to restore hope and transform lives in our community and around the world. Everyone is welcome, regardless of personal history, family background, ethnicity or gender.



From left, Price Serfour, Frank Ikponmwen, Nicholas Costen, Joseph Williams, Mebrat Manna and Udoka Ogra take part in the October 16 event at Restoration Center.

- Photos by RC Media Team



Ethan Okotore, Valerie Makanjuola and Abigail Makanjuola dress up for the celebration.





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Send details of your news to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

### Community Church Christmas Festivities

Greenbelt Community Church will host an outdoor Christmas Festival on Sunday, December 11 from 3 to 5 p.m. Activities will include Christmas crafts, games, cookie decorating, story-book readings, caroling, a holiday photo booth and an audience-participation Nativity play.

The church will also be collecting donations of new mittens, gloves, hats and scarves during the festival for their Mitten Tree Project, to be distributed to area schools for children in need.

On Sunday, December 18 at 4 p.m. a Christmas concert will feature classical and contemporary Christmas standards during the first half and a rock 'n roll Christmas with local band, The Relics, during the second half. Baked goods and hot beverages will be sold during intermission, with proceeds going to various charities supported by the church.

### Hanukkah Party At Mishkan Torah

Join Mishkan Torah for an in-person Hanukkah Party on the first night of Hanukkah, December 18, 5 to 7 p.m. The event will feature a community candle lighting, latkes with fixings and gelt, and a Hanukkah play by Karp Family School students. All ages are welcome, and members and guests are welcome to attend. An RSVP is appreciated at mishkantorah.org/learning/childrens-education.

### City Notes

Recreation staff welcomed around 200 participants in the Thanksgiving Gobble Wobble. Park rangers supported a CHEARS poetry reading and Animal Control's Santa Paws photo event. Street Maintenance/Special Details hung Sparkle Mart banners and prepared salt spreaders. Horticulture/Parks installed holiday lights at the Municipal Building and on the big evergreen at the Community Center, and moved 15 loads of curbside leaves to Northway Fields. Refuse/Recycling collected 28.67 tons of refuse and 8.56 tons of recyclables. Sustainability/Environmental and 39 volunteers removed approximately 400 pounds of litter along Hanover Parkway. Building Maintenance installed solar lights on bus shelters at Greenbelt Road, Hanover Parkway and Cherrywood Lane.

Springhill Lake recreation staff hosted a Thanksgiving party for their after-school program and Therapeutic Recreation served seniors with classes and weekly food delivery. CARES Holiday Food Box event offered 200 boxes to Greenbelt families, including 14 delivered to homebound residents; 24 families received Thanksgiving gift cards thanks to Greenbelt donors.



# City Information & Events

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## MEETINGS FOR DECEMBER 5-9

- Monday, December 5 at 7:10 pm, **ADVISORY BOARD INTERVIEW**
- Monday, December 5 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION - FRANKLIN PARK AT GREENBELT STATION (STAKEHOLDER)**
- Tuesday, December 6 at 7 pm, **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, *On the Agenda: Security Camera Review, Review of Forums/Survey Responses, Receipt of Revised General Orders*
- Tuesday, December 6 at 7 pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**, *On the Agenda: Minutes of October 2022, Planning for Principals' Meeting, Grants Program Discussion, Update City Education Scholarship Program, Educator Awards and Student Awards 2023, AOB*
- Wednesday, December 7 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION - REPARATIONS COMMISSION**

*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. 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 meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at greenbeltmd.gov.*

## FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION ¡GRATIS! DISTRIBUCION DE VERDURAS

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### Greenbelt ARPA Funds Assistance Programs Update (as of 11/21/22)

- Rent and Utility Assistance  
· 383 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$1,887,014.31
- Mortgage and HOA fee Assistance  
· 16 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$56,478.17

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- Advisory Committee on Education
- Advisory Planning Board
- Arts Advisory Board
- Board of Elections
- Community Relations Advisory Board
- Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability
- Park and Recreation Advisory Board
- Public Safety Advisory Committee
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
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**GOOD SAMARITAN FUND:** This fund provides financial assistance to Greenbelt residents facing food insecurity and financial difficulty in paying for utilities (Electric, Phone, Internet, Water and Gas). This program receives funding from generous individuals, as well as Greenbelt faith communities and other civic associations. During the Coronavirus Pandemic, the Good Samaritan Fund is collecting monies to support the St. Hugh's Food Pantry and residents struggling to pay their utility bills.

**EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND:** Established to accept and disburse donations received to assist Greenbelt residents to pay rent to avoid possible eviction. Approximately a dozen individuals receive assistance from these funds each fiscal year.

**GREENBELT RECREATION:** Greenbelt Recreation receives contributions from various sources. The monetary donations are used to support camp scholarships, special events and other designated programs as specified by the donor. Monies are transferred to the General Fund to offset the program as appropriate.

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# Council Discusses Timeline; Interviews; Hears Proclamations

by Deb Daniel

During the November 14 Greenbelt City Council meeting, council discussed the city manager search timeline and Reparations Commission interviews. The America Recycles Day Proclamation led to a wide-ranging discussion on plastic use in the community. Interim City Manager Timothy George noted that City Treasurer Bertha Gaymon and her team are implementing new financial management and payroll systems that will help the city automate processing. Council and George discussed traffic fatalities on Kenilworth and Greenbelt Road.

## City Manager Search

The city is working with its contractor Baker Tilly on the search for a new city manager. Council reviewed materials for the search and worked to finalize a survey by which residents can have input in the qualities needed for the new city manager. Councilmember Kristen Weaver presented the City Manager Narrative Final Draft, the City Manager Kick-Off Memo and the City Manager Timeline. The timeline states that a community survey should occur October 26 through November 8 and the city should review the narrative brochure on November 14 through November 18. The 14th step of the timeline states that in the week of February 27, 2023, an employment offer will be extended to the selected candidate. Dawane Martinez, director of Human Resources for the city, said that, while sticking close to the timeline of Baker Tilly would be best, some leeway for adjustment is possible.

Councilmember Judith Davis suggested working with Greenbelt resident Edward Fallon on the distribution of the survey. Fallon, who had discussed his academic experience with questionnaires earlier in the meeting, could offer some insight into distributing the survey. The survey might be a link on social media or distributed through the mail. Mayor Emmett Jordan mentioned surveys should go to the homeowner and condominium associations as well as apartment complexes. Weaver suggested covering all of Greenbelt's demographics and neighborhoods as well as businesses. Jordan will have suggestions on the narrative draft statement ready by Friday, November 18. Weaver and Jordan will talk with Baker Tilly the same day. The Community Stakeholder's Survey is available in the agenda package available on the city website: click the Municipal Access TV button on the home page to access the meetings page.

## Reparations Commission

Jordan noted that 30 interviews for the Reparations Commission have gone well. The candidates have no preconceived notions and many candidates have specific skills to contribute to the commission, according to Jordan. Weaver presented demographic charts comparing the applicants to the Greenbelt 2020 Census data which showed an even distribution across geography. Four candidates will be from Greenbelt East, four from Greenbelt Center and four from Greenbelt West with nine candidates from businesses, boards and churches.

Comparing racial composition to census data, more candidates identify as African American. Comparing gender and age to census data, more candidates generally are female and older.

On Tuesday November 22, council will put the Reparations Committee together with 21 persons. Jordan suggested having a "back bench" of the remaining candidates who can attend and follow the meetings. Councilmember Rodney Roberts suggested just having a commission with all the successful candidates. Davis thought 30 persons would be unwieldy and 21 persons a substantial number.

## Recycling Proclamation

According to the America Recycles Day Proclamation, Greenbelt has a recycling rate of 62 percent through its curbside recycling, Styrofoam recycling, paint recycling, lumber recycling, backyard composting, food scraps drop-off and yard waste composting. John Lippert, chair of the Green Team, accepted the proclamation and thanked the city for its recycling of wood waste into useful woodchips and thanked Greenbelt Recreation for use of compostable material for the Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Lippert also mentioned that the city Sustainability Coordinator Luisa Robles and Interim Assistant City Manager Debi Sandlin have written a grant for a pilot program on curbside compost pickup. Davis mentioned the difficulty in training citizens to use recycling bins correctly, particularly not to put items for recycling in plastic bags. Roberts noted that microplastics, caused by plastic decomposition, are entering the world's waters, soils and animals.

Lippert addressed these concerns about plastic recycling by noting that he and his committee are reviewing material on banning plastic bags and a detailed, thorough review is necessary before proposing legislation for Greenbelt. Such a review takes time. Jordan noted that legislation is important and would be more effective if adopted by the Four Cities Coalition consisting of College Park, Berwyn Heights, New Carrollton and Greenbelt.

## Military Family Proclamation

Councilmembers Silke Pope and Davis, members of Greenbelt Post 136 American Legion Auxiliary, recounted how the American Legion has provided strength and support to their families. Military families experience stress as their family members face the rigors of military service, often abroad.

Receiving the proclamation were members of Greenbelt Post 136: Lenny Werth, squadron commander of the Sons of the American Legion, and Kathy Gigliotti,

president of the American Legion Auxiliary. Also in attendance were Jerry Darnell of Sons of the American Legion, Elizabeth Rice and Dora Hamm of the American Legion Auxiliary and Sandi Dutton, past national president for 2004-2005 of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Gigliotti discussed working with Rolling Thunder Maryland Chapter 1 on a program to feed 75 families Thanksgiving dinner on November 19 at Greenbelt Post 136. She said donations and contributions are welcome.

## Legislative Priorities

Jordan explained that every year before the Maryland legislative session begins, council talks with our senators and delegates on the state level and representatives on the county level about Greenbelt's four or five most important legislative priorities. Jordan recommended scheduling meetings in early December. Meetings are usually a dinner at the Crowne Plaza.

Davis suggested establishing the top priorities at a subsequent meeting. Jordan suggested Armory acquisition and a plastic bag ban as top priorities. Davis noted that some of the Maryland Municipal League priorities might be included.

## Administrative Reports

Gaymon and her team will go live with a new financial management system on December 1 and a new payroll system on January 1. These systems will eliminate some manual processing and provide efficient digital record-keeping. Martinez has been keeping up with the compensation studies with Baker Tilly and George expects to receive preliminary numbers on comparable salaries by Thanksgiving week and provide recommendations to council.

Davis requested that committee reports be tracked with a next action so that the committees know what happens to their reports. George will have reports tracked in that manner.

Councilmember Silke Pope inquired about the letter sent to Springhill Lake Elementary School six weeks ago about the broken sign since that sign has not been fixed. She suggested a "nudge" to the school.

Jordan expressed concern about pedestrian fatalities happening on Greenbelt Road and noted that the county had taken over the investigation. George replied that the Police Department is keeping contact with the county investigation but the city does not have homicide or accidental death investigative powers. George noted that city police will be stepping up drunk-driving checkpoints as the holiday

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# Supporters Walk Proposed Bike Trail from ERHS to Goddard

by Jeff Lemieux

On Wednesday afternoon, November 9, Delegate Nicole Williams and staff from the State Highway Administration (SHA) met at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) to walk the route of the proposed bike trail from ERHS to Goddard Space Flight Center. They were joined by Greenbelt Mayor Emmett Jordan, Councilmember Kristen Weaver and representatives of the following organizations: Prince George's Department of Parks, Anacostia Trails Heritage Area, Maryland Delegate Alonzo Washington's office, the East Coast Greenway, the Capital Trails Coalition, Washington Area Bicyclists Association, the Glenn Dale Citizen's Association, Proteus Bicycles &

Brews, Proteus Velo Club, Jafe Cycling, about a dozen staffers from Goddard and a host of local bike riders. Approximately 30 people made the walk.

The advocates' objective is to promote a safe, curb-protected bike- and walkway between ERHS past Goddard to Good Luck Road, where walkers and cyclists could cross Md. 193 to get to DuVal High School.

Ultimately, the goal is to continue the trail further eastward alongside Md. 193 all the way to the Glenn Dale Splash Park, which has a connection to a much longer set of trails toward Baltimore and Annapolis, the soon-to-be expanded WB&A trail network.



Delegate Nicole Williams thanks the State Highway officials for joining the group at Eleanor Roosevelt High School for the walk to Goddard along Greenbelt Road.



Greenbelt Councilmember Kristin Weaver leads the group back from the walk along the proposed trail's right of way.

- Photos by Jeff Lemieux

Laurie Lemieux of Proteus Bicycles rides on the new Kenyon Street protected bike lane in Washington, D.C.



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# Veterans Day Remembrance at Peace Cross

by Butch Hicks

Each year at the Greenbelt War Memorial, Veterans Day ceremonies feature American Legion, city, county and state leaders commenting on the day's importance. The event honors veterans who died and veterans who served or continue to serve their country. This year Veterans Day had particular significance for Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 and, by association, the Greenbelt community. Post 136 Commander Greg Gigliotti said the rededication of the World War I Peace Cross memorial at Bladensburg again tied the Greenbelt community and its veterans together because the Post was established by WWI veterans who lived in Greenbelt. "Our veterans' recognition ceremonies each year emphasize the post's birth through the efforts of Greenbelt WWI veterans and our continuing ties to the community," he said.

The 40-foot-high Peace Cross went up 97 years ago to memorialize 49 Prince George's County men who died in France in WWI. Its base reflects their service in the words Devotion, Valor, Courage and Endurance.

After numerous court hearings brought by opponents of the Peace Cross who said there was an issue with the First Amendment's separation of church and state, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the message of the Peace Cross was not unconstitutional and it could remain in its location.

Post 136 collaborated with organizations such as the Rolling Thunder riders, other Legion Posts and citizens in raising funds to rehabilitate the memorial for the rededication ceremony led by Maryland Governor Larry Hogan. Emphasizing his support for the Peace Cross memorial, Hogan said, "And so on this Veterans Day, as we rededicate this Bladensburg Peace Cross, we also rededicate ourselves to continue honoring the sacrifices of the 49 heroes immortalized here and all of the brave Marylanders who have ever worn the flag of our nation on their arm and who put their lives on the line to protect the rights and the freedoms that we all hold so dear."



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Maryland Governor Larry Hogan and representatives of The American Legion were joined by Rolling Thunder members, state and local government leaders and hundreds of citizens at the rededication of the Peace Cross World War 1 memorial in Bladensburg.



Mayor Emmett Jordan, on right, presents the Veterans Day proclamation to Elizabeth Darnell, Post 136 Auxiliary Unit and Brian Fletcher, Sons of the American Legion Squadron 136.

- Photos by Butch Hicks



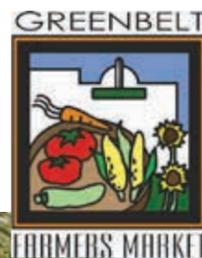
From left, Greenbelt American Legion and community service representatives, Mayor Pro-Tem Kristen Weaver; Pvt. Aaron Lethery, Greenbelt Police Dept.; Richard Dutton, Post 136; Brian Fletcher, Sons of the American Legion, Sq. 136; and Elizabeth Darnell, First Vice President, Auxiliary Unit 136, salute during the national anthem during Veterans Day service at the Legion's Post 136.

Photo below, Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 commander Greg Gigliotti presents checks from Post 136 American Legion family and Greenbelt Fire Department to Anna Gibbs of Rolling Thunder RTMD1 for more than \$2,500. The funds supported the annual Thanksgiving turkey distribution by the Rolling Thunder riders and American Legion volunteers to military members as they arrived at the post parking area to collect the frozen birds, pies and associated fixings.



From left: Julie Patterson, Assistant Manager Post 136; Greg Gigliotti; Anna Gibbs; Tommy Bryant, Southern Maryland Region Commander; and Mike Moore, Post 136 Adjutant

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partment of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) SAM (system for award management). Despite Green Ridge House (GRH) having received HUD funding since 1979, the department was now demanding evidence that GRH is a city entity. So, council suspended its rules to pass a resolution declaring that GRH is indeed a city entity. Without this resolution, the city's funding from HUD could be endangered, according to Interim City Manager Timothy George. Suspension of the rules was needed to provide time to accommodate any potential problems by the HUD deadline. The resolution passed unanimously as did suspension of the rules.

### Maglev

The city has received no official reports of maglev-related action. Andrea Gelatt, of Jill Grant and Associates, the city's law firm handling maglev-related issues, reported that a condemnation trial involving land needed for the Baltimore terminus of the system, which had been expected to start soon, had been postponed by order of the court. No revised trial date was available.

Jill Grant reported that the Maryland Court of Special Appeals had determined that Baltimore-Washington Rapid Rail (BWRR) had a railroad franchise and, as such, has a right to exercise eminent domain. Grant has not yet researched what would be involved in doing so, as BWRR has not yet proposed to exercise that right against any Greenbelt land. She opined, however, that BWRR would likely have to demonstrate that any taking would be in the public interest. She said that the company would need permission from Baltimore.

### Unknowns

There are several unknowns regarding maglev. The city will have a new congressional representative, Glenn Ivey, and new governor, Wes Moore, and their views are not yet known, although Moore had indicated that maglev was not a priority for him. Grant noted that the new Transportation law favors certain infrastructure projects, but that there have been so many maglev project problems in other jurisdictions that it is hard to know how the government now views the project.

Dr. Owen Kelley, who referred to himself as an adjunct of the Maryland Coalition for Responsible Transit (MCRT), reported on a colloquium at Goddard Space Flight Center with BWRR. At that meeting, Ian Rainey, a senior vice president of BWRR, expressed confidence that the system will be built and that an environmental statement would be issued. Kelley said that during the symposium Tomoaki Seki, general manager of the Maglev

Systems Development Division of the Central Japan Railway Company, described the complexities of the system and that they are seeking to redesign the entire method.

Kelley described his conversation with two colloquium participants, one of whom was excited by the prospect of being able to ride on the system, the other who expressed concern that the system was too complex to be financially viable.

Pat Jackman, current treasurer and one of the founding members of MCRT, said that they are anticipating that a supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be issued soon, replying to the comments submitted regarding the DEIS. Jackman also reported that the Anacostia Watershed Community Advisory Committee had found out that the Maryland Department of the Environment is preparing a Tier II water analysis of Beaver Dam Creek that is being paid for by BWRR.

### PR Efforts

Several speakers reported that BWRR and its sister company Northeast Maglev are participating in a number of public events and distributing promotional items plugging the system. Councilmember Ric Gordon noted that they have a strong presence on social media building support by promising jobs.

The Northeast Maglev Facebook page provides several examples including a turkey give-away and an event in South Baltimore where "we raced mini-Maglevs and taught about superconductivity using liquid nitrogen."

After about an hour of discussion, council went into closed session to discuss maglev-related legal issues with its attorneys.

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season approaches. Davis said she thought the police did have homicide investigation powers in the city but Greenbelt Road and Kenilworth Avenue are not city property so the county takes over for homicides there. George will talk with the police chief to clarify the issue and get back with more information.

### Petitions

Greenbelt resident Bill Orleans requested that the Ethics Commission report be reviewed by the city solicitor. Davis added the item to the council meeting's agenda and moved that the city manager ask the city solicitor to review the city ethics ordinance and disclosure form so that they

meet state requirements. The motion by Davis passed unanimously.

### Visitors

Members of Greenbelt's Cub Scout Troop Pack 202 led council in the Pledge of Allegiance. These scouts are working toward the Arrow of Light award, which is the highest Cub Scout award.

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Throughout the show on Saturday, guests can enter a free raffle to win \$50 in "Art Bucks" gift certificates which can be spent at the fair or applied to a winter Greenbelt Recreation visual or performing arts class registration. Ballots are available at the arts table in front of the stage in the gym.

The Community Center is

located at 15 Crescent Road. Ample free parking is available, including the lot near the swimming pool and another lot behind the library. Admission is free. Masks are encouraged, but not required. All booth spaces for this show are booked; prospective vendors for next year's show are invited to provide their email address to Anne Gardner at agardner@greenbeltmd.gov. City of Greenbelt arts programs are supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.



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### Armed Robbery

On November 21 at 1:41 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, victim was approached by a man wearing all black in a parking lot. He pointed a black handgun at her and demanded money. He took cash and ran toward the Shell Food Mart.

### Shooting

On November 24, officers responded to the intersection of Mathew Street and Ora Glen Drive for the report of a shooting with injuries. A 16-year-old male was taken to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

### Break-in

On November 26 at 8:16 p.m. near Woodland Way, rear basement door window smashed, personal property stolen from residence.

### Fraud

On November 21 at 2:48 p.m. near 6700 Springshire Way and on November 22 at 10:57 a.m. near 7800 Hanover Parkway, EBT fraud.

### Hacked Account

On November 27 at 6:11 p.m. near 550 Crescent Road, unknown individual leaked explicit photos of underage girl after hacking social media accounts.

### Missing Person

On November 22 at 8:01 p.m. near Greenbelt Road and Southway, adult male reported missing, later located. On November 25 at 5:21 p.m. near 6100 Springhill Terrace, unattended child located twice in one day.

### Suspicious Persons

On November 24 at 12:42 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, two adult males were given criminal citations for possession of a controlled substance and were banned from the property.

### Theft

On November 22 at 3:08 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, commercial theft. On November 22 at 3:14 p.m. near 7500 Greenbelt Road, commercial theft. On November 22 at 3:31 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, commercial theft. On November 22 at 7:02 p.m. near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace, former roommate took victim's property while moving out. On November 23 at 6:20 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, commercial theft. On November 23 at 7:24 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, commercial theft. On November 25 at 7:21 a.m. near 9000 Breezewood Terrace, firearm reported missing from residence. On November 27 at 4:04

p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, attempted commercial theft. On November 27 at 6:26 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, commercial theft.

### Threats

On November 21 at 9:47 a.m. near 9100 Edmonston Road, construction workers threatened by resident for making noise; resident displayed black gun but did not point it at the workers. Officers located the resident and a black BB gun was taken for evidence.

### Trespassing

On November 22 at 1:44 p.m. near 7500 Greenway Center Drive, adult male arrested for trespassing and burglary after refusing to leave a vacant unit.

### Vandalism

On November 22 at 1:05 p.m. near 6200 Springhill Court, front passenger-side window broken, personal property taken.

### Vehicle Crimes

#### Autos Stolen

On November 21 at 2:20 p.m. near 8000 Mandan Road, 2020 Hyundai Elantra (Md. plate 7CK2803) stolen; on November 23 at 2:45 p.m. near 7800 Mandan Road, 2019 silver Kia Optima (Md. plate 9EY3807) stolen; on November 24 at 8:33 a.m. near 9100 Edmonston Road, 2007 gray Honda Odyssey (Md. plate 7EC3604) stolen; on November 25 at 4:26 p.m. near 9100 Edmonston Road, black 2020 Honda Civic (R.I. plate JN499) stolen; on November 27 at 3:17 p.m. near 200 Lakeside Drive, gray 2020 Hyundai Elantra (Md. plate 1EP2282) stolen.

On November 25 at 5:21 p.m. near 100 Westway, stolen vehicle located with extensive damage. On November 25 at 7:38 p.m. near 6100 Breezewood Court, Door Dash driver's 2018 gray Dodge Journey (Md. plate

4DP7880) stolen after vehicle left running.

### Auto Vandalism

On November 23 at 1:22 a.m. near Cherrywood Terrace / Breezewood Court, front passenger-side window broken. On November 23 at 7:11 a.m. near 9100 Edmonston Road, driver-side window broken, car rummaged through; nothing taken. Second vehicle had driver-side window broken and vehicle rummaged through. Third vehicle had driver-side window broken and personal property taken. On November 23 at 1:56 p.m. near Breezewood Court and Cherrywood Terrace, driver-side window broken. On November 24 at 8:49 a.m. near 9100 Edmonston Road, driver-side window broken, car rummaged through; nothing taken. On November 26 at 8:17 a.m. near 6100 Breezewood Court, driver-side window broken, vehicle searched. Second vehicle passenger-side window broken, personal property taken. On November 27 at 5 p.m. near 9100 Edmonston Court, front driver-side window broken; nothing taken.

### Theft from Auto

On November 21 at 11:37 a.m. near 9100 Edmonston Road, front passenger-side window broken, personal property taken. Second vehicle had front passenger-side window broken, vehicle rummaged through. On November 21 at 2:24 p.m. near Ridge Road, EZ PASS transponder missing from inside a vehicle. On November 22 at 12:04 a.m. near 5800 Cherrywood Terrace, steering wheel airbag stolen from 2019 Honda Civic. On November 22 at 6:32 a.m. near 9100 Edmonston Road, passenger-side window broken, personal property stolen. On November 22 at 8:05 a.m. near 5200 Rock Quarry Avenue, four rims

and tires stolen from 2020 Honda Accord. On November 22 at 9:48 a.m. near 9100 Edmonston Court, driver-side window broken, personal property stolen. On November 23 at 9:52 a.m. near 9100 Edmonston Road, passenger-side window broken, personal property stolen. On November 23 at 2:27 p.m. near 5800 Cherrywood Lane, car impounded after stolen license plate was found. On November 27 at 10:32 a.m. near 5900 Springhill Drive, driver-side window broken, personal property stolen. Second vehicle driver-side window broken; nothing taken. Third vehicle front driver-side window broken, personal property stolen.

### Indecent Exposure Arrest Tuesday

A man was charged with indecent exposure after two women reported that he exposed his genitalia in a public spot.

On November 29 at approximately 9 a.m., Greenbelt Police officers responded to the parking lot of Buddy Attick Lake Park. The suspect was no longer there, but the caller was able to give a detailed description of the suspect and the car he was driving. A short time later, officers located the car and initiated a traffic stop. The driver, 45-year-old Jamie Lee White of Hyattsville matched the description, was positively identified and arrested.



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- Photos courtesy City of Greenbelt



Top male finishers pose with the Turkey: from left, John Ausema (2nd place), Taylor Koebler (Turkey), Paul Leisham (1st place) and Patrick Gleason (3rd place).

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free membership to the facility, as well as their paycheck. New lifeguards are required to take the Red Cross training course to be certified, which is offered at the GAFC. Once someone is hired and has served as a guard for a while, the GAFC will refund the cost of the course.

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# The Holiday Farmers Market Has Fine Foods and Festivity

by Cathie Meetre

The Farmers Market celebrates the first year since 2020 when things have been anything like normal. Though many wear masks, just as many don't, and the access control, tape and fencing of 2020 and 2021 were mercifully absent. With music, crepes and kids in the market this year, it began to feel like Greenbelt again.

This coming Sunday, December 4, heralds the final market of the season. The Holiday Market runs during the Art and Craft Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is the last chance for vendors to show off their wares and Greenbelters to stock up. With more latitude than the regular market, farmers who also produce craft items bring them to the market – and many is the item you can buy and freeze for upcoming winter celebrations.

## The Daily Round

Barnola's organic and inventive granolas are the perfect start for brekkie. And for those with a sweet tooth, Simple Pleasures Ice Cream, Strib'ble Treats, Martha's Jams, Mel's Munchies and Night Owl Vegan have all they need.

Balancing self-indulgence with yummy for the tummy fruit and veggies, there's Fajardo's Produce, King Mushrooms, Pat Hochmuth Farm, Shlagel Farms, Woodland Harvest, Three Springs Fruit Farm, Owl's Nest Farm and Metro Microgreens – it's a cornucopia!

The Farmers Market, let it be said, does not eschew the proteins! Representing this vital and delicious food group are Ferguson Family Farm, St. Michaels Oysters and Two Oceans True Foods/Carriage House Farms. Greenbelters are assured of three delicious courses prepared in their own kitchens.

## Grab and Go

But sometimes, there's a need for speed – and this is where the prepared food vendors are ready for action. Plan a pizza? Try Tag Team Kitchen's pizza kits for a quick at-home meal with a delicious crust and homemade sauces ready to bake.

Pop-up Patisserie and Stone Hearth Bakery play a vital role on the side plate with fresh and frozen breads, pies and croissants. El Piquin's patient line of those looking for freshly made-on-the-spot crepes stays constant almost the whole market, and Roy and RT's Kitchen & Garden features delicious curries and Indonesian fusion dishes ready to take home or eat on the spot for lunch.

## Libation Nation

But what to drink? The Market has it covered. Jubilee Fermentations' firkins of beer offers different brews to sample while Elk Run Winery never fails to prove that Maryland's no piker when it comes to wines. And to round it all off, what better than a delicious cup of coffee and a supply of beans for the larder from Zeke's Coffee.

Then after a lovely meal, stretch out and relax with an aromatherapy experience. Surin Aromas nurtures wellness with candles, wax melts, soaps and body oils.

## Regifting Opportunity

The participating community group is Greenbelt Buy Nothing,



Volunteers Melissa Sites and Ian Blackwell Rogers pose at the 2021 Holiday Market.



- Photos courtesy the Farmers Market

The Holiday Market of 2013 provided a seasonal frosting of snow.



Painted gourds offer a cheery display at the 2021 Holiday Market.

which will have a 'regifting table' where market-goers may donate or select items suitable for giving, perhaps earlier received as generous but off-target gifts.

## If Music Be the Food

Perhaps the most fun thing about the market will be the Pandemic Sisters and Dave. Few communities worldwide have their own ukulele band (though one of the Sisters' major competitors, The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain, is performing Tchaikovsky at Strathmore

in May, and for that one must pay). Greenbelt, however, is fortunate. With verve, panache, rhythm and wreathed in smiles, the group covers a variety of musical genres focusing this time on carols and holiday tunes, especially those requiring a minimum of chords and a maximum of spirit. And it's free.

The event is sponsored through the generosity of the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy.

## Old Greenbelt Theatre Shows Holiday Movies



by Debra Cope

Three upcoming holiday flicks at the Old Greenbelt Theatre are sure to please, starting this Friday night, December 2.

### How the Grinch Stole Christmas

In collaboration with Greenbelt Recreation at the Annual Tree Lighting in Roosevelt Center, a free showing of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* will begin after Santa's visit.

Based on the children's story by Dr. Seuss, this movie features a mean, green, revenge-seeking grouch intent on cancelling Christmas for the citizens of Whoville. Knowing their love for the holiday, the Grinch steals gifts and decorations from their homes on Christmas Eve. Watch how the Grinch's heart opens to the true nature of giving with the help of a little girl.

Showtime: Friday, December 2, following Santa's visit in Roosevelt Center. Annual tree lighting begins at 7 p.m. Free.

### Christmas in Connecticut

Starring Barbara Stanwyck and Dennis Morgan, this 1945 holiday comedy is one not to miss. As the story goes, the famous food columnist Elizabeth Lane (Barbara Stanwyck) writes under the persona of a hard-working farmer's wife and mother with fabulous cooking skills. In reality, she's a single, childless journalist living in New York City who can't boil water.

The table turns when her unsuspecting publisher Alexander Yardley (Sydney Greenstreet) sees the opportunity for a publicity stunt by inviting the returning war hero Jefferson Jones (Dennis Morgan) to her country home for a traditional family Christmas. Now, Elizabeth must scramble to hide the truth. Enjoy the hilarity at her "husband's" farm where Elizabeth assumes the guise of loving wife and doting mother, a complete novice in such roles.

Showtime: Monday, December 5 at 1 p.m. Free.

### Elf Brings Snowball Fight to Greenbelt

What if as a toddler one had been transported to the North Pole and raised among Santa's elves? In the 2003 feature film *Elf*, that's precisely what happened to Buddy (Will Ferrell). After discovering his origins, the adult Buddy heads to New York City in search of his real father – in full elf uniform!

With DNA proof of parenthood, the cynical businessman Walter Hobbs (James Caan) reluctantly agrees to begin a relationship with his guileless son Buddy with uproarious results. Frequently listed among the greatest Christmas films of all time, this American Christmas comedy will delight all.

And the snowball fight? Warm many hearts by donating new gloves, socks and hats for those who are un-homed in Baltimore. During the snowball scene in the movie, movie-goers will be prompted to hurl donations around the theater. After the movie, OGT staff will collect them to be donated to #HashtagLunchbag in Baltimore. This nonprofit empowers everyday people in their local communities to spread love and fill hungry stomachs by providing kits with food, water, and necessities for those in need.

Showtime: Saturday, December 17, late morning (time TBD). Regular ticket pricing applies.



The Old Greenbelt Theatre is lit up for the holidays.

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