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Fire Chief Presents Reallocation Need; Local Leaders Respond

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

On Thursday, November 14, the Prince George's County Council held a public meeting on the June 2024 county fire services reallocations. The seats in the chamber of the Wayne K. Curry Building were filled, with press standing at the back and some attendees at the sides.



From left, Greenbelt resident Peggy Higgins, City Councilmember Jenni Pompei and City Manager Josué Salmerón attend the County Council's hearing on the fire services reallocations.

Greenbelt residents turned out in force, along with City Councilmember Jenni Pompei and City Manager Josué Salmerón. The city provided two shuttle buses between Greenbelt and the county administration building in Largo, picking up residents at Green Ridge House, the city's senior Section 8 housing, where there was a delayed

response to a fire alarm in September.

The Staffing Need

Prince George's County Fire Chief Tiffany Green provided an overview of the need for staffing changes, saying the choice was to remove 50 career firefighters from four stations (Greenbelt,

Berwyn Heights, Bowie-Belair and Bunker Hill) or continue high levels of mandatory hold-overs and call backs at the end of shifts, risking firefighters' mental health, burnout and errors. Green described the department as "resource constrained," with the Advanced Life Support (ALS) component significantly understaffed and the Basic Life Support (BLS) nearly as chal-

lenged.

The reallocation has reduced overtime and callbacks by 77.88 percent, said Green, and has improved health, safety and wellness of personnel and reduced overtime spending.

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Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket Holds Annual Meeting

by Joan Estenson



The Co-op annual meeting was well attended.

An improving financial picture, two bylaw changes, two new board members, the awarding of the annual Jim Cassels award and suggestions from members were all part of the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative (better known as the Co-op) annual meeting, held on November

9. Of the 122 who attended the meeting, 101 were vested members eligible to vote on the bylaw changes and for board members.

Financials

As reported by General Manager Dan Gillotte and Board

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Greenbelt Remembers the Service Of Veterans, Honors Heroism

by Joan Estenson

On a fine fall day at Roosevelt Center, on the 11th day of the 11th month at 11 a.m., the same day and time the Armistice ended World War I (also known as the Great War), Greenbelt celebrated the service of veterans since the American Revolution.

The event was sponsored by American Legion Post 136 and the City of Greenbelt in honor of "those who have placed their love of God and country, their devotion to liberty and freedom, above even life itself," as Legion Post Commander Greg Gigliotti said.

Guests Maryland State Senator Alonzo Washington, Delegate Anne Healey and U.S. Representative Glenn Ivey were introduced.

Greenbelt Mayor Emmett Jordan introduced Greenbelt City Councilmembers and city employees in attendance and presented a proclamation to Commander Gigliotti and Auxiliary President Kathy Gigliotti before making brief remarks. Washington also presented a proclamation and gave some remarks.

Past Legion post commander Mike Moore, who serves as the vice chairman of the Maryland Veterans Commission, presented a proclamation to the citizens of Greenbelt and to American Legion Post 136 on behalf of Governor Wes Moore.



Greenbelt turns out to honor veterans.

In his speech Gigliotti said, "One responsibility that all Americans should carry is the remembrance of those who have made our freedom possible." He added, "Our message to America's veterans – past and present – is simple. We will never forget you."

Gigliotti told stories about veterans of two wars who died this year – Lou Conter and Roger Donlon – and their definitions of heroes.

Lou Conter, the sole survivor of the attack on the U.S.S.

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What Goes On

- Monday, November 25
No City Council Meeting
- Wednesday, November 27
No City Council Meeting
- Thursday, November 28
Thanksgiving, City Offices Closed
- Friday, November 29
City Offices Closed

See the city ad on page 5 or the meetings calendar on greenbeltmd.gov for more information.

Mid-Semester Loss of Science & Tech Coordinator Shocks ERHS

by Njeri Kamenwa and Johana Gonzalez-Cruz

On Monday, October 28, Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) students and parents received the October parent newsletter via email. In it, one piece of news shocked the community: "Dr. Donald Walker, our Science & Technology Program Coordinator, retired effective October 1." To support students during this transition, Principal Portia Barnes added that the STEM Office has introduced the Prince George's County Public Schools STEM supervisor Felicia Martin, who "visits the building several days a week to provide support to our Science and Technology (S/T) students and parents and staff." The ERHS administration is currently in the process of filling the vacancy, and will "keep the community updated" on the situation.

ERHS S/T students had a lot to say after Walker's departure. Sophomore Queenie Zhou wishes he had said goodbye to the student body and sympathized with the juniors and seniors

because "these are critical years for them," the years when juniors' grades and classes matter most and seniors are preparing to graduate in the spring. Senior Cecilia Argueta was shocked to find out the news, saying she didn't know Walker had retired. Argueta says his departure hasn't affected her directly in terms of graduation requirements or unresolved issues, but she does have advice for those not yet seniors

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Greenbelt's Jay Evans wins a Sammie. See story on page 8.

Letters to the Editor

Heartened by Response

I was heartened to read the multiple responses in last week's GNR (November 14) to Mr. Crenwelge's anti-reparations rant in the previous issue (November 7). While persons of various ethnicities have at times suffered in the United States as a result of our great nation's governance, and while I sympathize with the hardships endured by Mr. Crenwelge's family, few groups have been targeted so thoroughly and effectively as Black Americans. This reality has manifested in obvious ways – enforced segregation, anti-miscegenation laws, law enforcement abuses, redlining practices and so on – and subtler ones.

A bit of trivia I have often pondered: the very first film

shown inside the White House was *The Birth of a Nation* (1915), which depicts Black men (played by White actors in black-face) as savage rapists, explicitly champions voter intimidation as a means of suppressing Black participation in American governance and romanticizes the rise and resurgence of a murderous Ku Klux Klan.

One need only speculate about the prejudices of the president who organized that screening – and the populace that elected Woodrow Wilson in 1912 with a 435 to 88 Electoral College vote – to begin to grasp the extent to which the United States government and culture actively impeded the life, liberty and pursuit of happiness of so many Black Americans. The harms of these egregious and inconspicuous excesses endure to this day.

Wes Dennis

Thanksgiving Deadlines

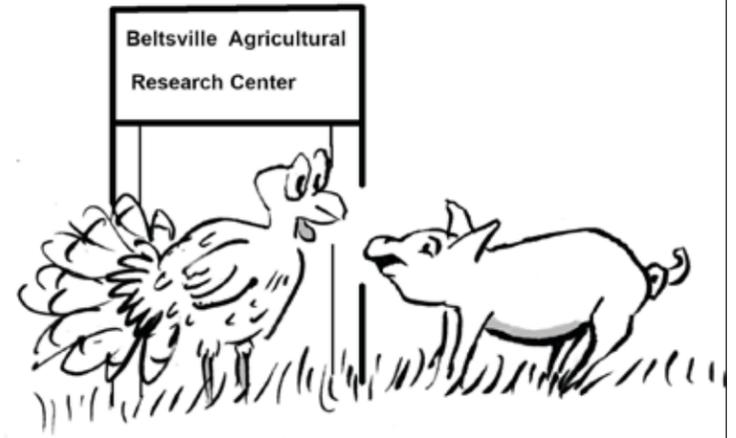
The November 28 issue falls on Thanksgiving. Our printer requires us to print a day early, which means advertising and editorial deadlines will be a day early for the coming issue. Advertisements: Camera-ready display ads, classifieds and any required payments are due by 6 p.m. Monday, November 25. Material needing hands-on attention should come in by Friday, November 22. There will be no office hours on Tuesday, November 26 and no ads will be accepted that day.

Submissions: To be considered for publication, articles over 700 words are due by Sunday, November 24 at 2 p.m. All letters to the editor (300 word limit) are due by Sunday, November 24 at 6 p.m. Articles under 700 words and photographs are due by 2 p.m. on Monday, November 25.

Don't be a turkey! Get your ducks lined up.



PETE REPERT



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Public Works Thank-you



PHOTO BY KAREN YOHO

Greenbelt Public Works welcomed donuts delivered by Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee volunteers on Tuesday, November 12. The Festival Committee wanted to say thanks to the hard-working crews that make the Festival possible each year. "We 'do-nut' do it without you," said Festival President Karen Yoho.

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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On Screen at Greenbelt Cinema

Wicked

Directed by Jon M. Chu, the film is the untold story of the two witches of Oz. Elphaba, played by Emmy-, Grammy- and Tony-winning powerhouse Cynthia Erivo (Harriet, Broadway's *The Color Purple*), is a young woman, misunderstood because of her unusual green skin, who has yet to discover her true power. Grammy-winning, multi-platinum recording artist and global superstar Ariana Grande plays Glinda, a popular young woman, gilded by privilege and ambition, who has yet to discover her true heart. The two meet as students at Shiz University in the fantastical Land of Oz and forge an unlikely but profound friendship. Following an encounter with *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, their friendship reaches a crossroads and their lives take very different paths. Glinda's unflinching desire for popularity sees her seduced by power, while Elphaba's determination to remain true to herself, and to those around her, will have unexpected and shocking consequences for her future. Their extraordinary adventures in Oz will ultimately see them fulfill their destinies as Glinda the Good and the Wicked Witch of the West.

Anora

Sean Baker's Palme d'Or winner, the film is an audacious, thrilling and comedic variation on a modern-day Cinderella story. Mikey Madison captivates as Ani, a young sex worker from Brooklyn whose life takes an unexpected turn when she meets and impulsively marries Vanya, the impetuous son of a Russian billionaire. However, when Vanya's parents catch wind of the union, they send their henchmen to annul the marriage, setting off a wild chase through the streets of New York.

The Thing From Another World

A UFO sighting near the North Pole leads to discovery of a wrecked spaceship and a humanoid creature frozen in the ice. The creature is accidentally thawed and begins wreaking havoc.



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Screen 2 - The Screening Room

Mon. 5:00 PM

Tues. 7:00 PM

Thurs. 12:30 PM

Screen 1 - Main Auditorium

Mon. 3:30 PM

Wed. 7:00 PM

Anora (R) (CC)

(DVS) (2024) (139 mins)

Screen 1 - Main Auditorium

Mon. 2:00 PM (OC)

Wed. 7:15 PM

Screen 2 - The Screening Room

Fri. 5:00 PM, 8:15 PM

Sat. 5:00 PM, 8:00 PM

Sun. 2:15 PM, 5:15 PM

Mon. 12:30 PM

Tues. 7:15 PM

Thurs. 12:45 PM

The Thing from Another World (NR) (1951) (87 mins)

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Screen 2 - The Screening Room

Mon. 7:00 PM

Community Events

At the Library

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. and Sundays 1 to 5 p.m.

Note that all Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) branches will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 27, and will remain closed through Thursday, November 28 for the Thanksgiving Day holiday. All branches will reopen on Friday, November 29 at 10 a.m. Passport acceptance service at PGCMLS branches will be suspended from Wednesday, November 27 through Saturday, November 30.

Storytimes

Friday, November 22, 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at pgcmls.info/event/11866468.

Wednesday, November 27, 12:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at pgcmls.info/event/11866387.

Passports

The Greenbelt Branch Library, along with five other PGCMLS branches (Accokeek, Largo-Kettering, Laurel, New Carrollton and Oxon Hill), serves as an U.S. Passport Acceptance Facility. Applications are accepted by appointment only; schedule a 30-minute appointment by calling 240-455-5451 or visiting pgmls.info/passport-services.

Greenbelt Chess Club Meets November 26

The Greenbelt Chess Club will meet on Tuesday, November 26 at the Youth Center from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. The club welcomes people of all ages and skill levels. To be added to the club's mailing list, go to tinyurl.com/ycy2nz4m and complete the brief form. Direct questions to greenbeltchessclub@gmail.com.

Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club invites all to join them online every first, third and fifth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The club provides a fun and friendly environment for anyone interested in improving their public speaking and leadership skills. Learn more at greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

Tugwell Collection Exploration at Library

On Wednesday, December 4, University of Maryland community archives seminar students will lead an exploration of the Greenbelt Library's Tugwell Collection, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. The collection features highlights of the concept and building of the green town of Greenbelt, which was led by New Deal "Brain Trust" leader Rexford Tugwell. This program is presented in collaboration with the University of Maryland College of Information and Center for Archival Futures. Light refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Greenbelt Library.

ASG Star Party November 23

Weather permitting, the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will hold a star party at the Greenbelt Observatory on Saturday, November 23 from 6 to 8 p.m. The observatory will be open to visitors to view the wonders of the heavens. People are also welcome to bring their own telescopes to set up for observation.

The event is open to members and nonmembers of all ages at no cost. It's a fun, family-friendly environment for learning about the universe and a great way to meet other astronomers in the community. And, for those new to the hobby, members are always willing to help one learn how to use a telescope.

Note: Due to the terms of insurance coverage, minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all ASG events.



Homebuying Seminar For Essential Workers

On Saturday, November 23 from 12:30 until 2:30 p.m., Lafayette Federal Credit Union will provide a seminar designed to provide essential workers with the information and tools they need to navigate the homebuying process. Covered will be exclusive mortgage options, financial resources and key steps to take when purchasing a home. This is a great opportunity for healthcare workers, teachers, first responders and other essential personnel to gain insights from industry professionals. Lunch is included.

Register for the event at lfcu.org or at 240-747-2471. Lafayette Federal Credit Union is located at 7537 Greenbelt Road, in the Greenway Shopping Center.

Astronomical Society Meets Thurs. Nov. 21

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 21 in Room 114 of the Community Center. Jay Lockman, Ph.D., principal scientist of the Green Bank Telescope, will speak on The Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence. The meeting is free and open to the public. Children should be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Lockman will be presenting remotely, with the lecture projected on the screen. Those unable to attend may join the Zoom session directly. The link will be posted before the event at greenbeltastro.org/events.

Poetry in the Garden

The community is invited to join the poetry reading group on Sunday, December 8 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the clubhouse at Schrom Hills Park.

The topic will be poems for the holiday season and festivals. All are welcome.

Bring a personal poem to read or come to listen and enjoy the power of poetry. For questions, call Effie at 443-415-1053.

Give Thanks for Bounty, Help Stamp Out Hunger

The impact of a fully stocked pantry is profound. Those who are thankful for their bounty can help stamp out hunger in Greenbelt. Greenbelt PORCH continues to collect nonperishable food in the month of November.

Sunday, November 24 – after 4 p.m. for the 9, 11, 12 and 13 Courts Ridge Road; by 5 p.m. for Lakeside Drive.

Français, s'il vous plaît: French at the Café

A group of people interested in speaking French meets at the New Deal Café every Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. All ages, all levels of fluency are welcome.

Breakfast with Santa

Greenbelt friends, neighbors, and children: come to the Greenbelt American Legion, 6900 Greenbelt Road, on Sunday, December 8 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a special breakfast with Santa. On the menu for breakfast are pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, muffins and a beverage. Children will have their picture taken with Santa and participate in an art and craft project. There is a small fee per ticket and children under 5 are free. Tickets are limited to the first 100 and may be purchased at the door. Both auxiliaries of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Greenbelt American Legion are proud sponsors of the first joint annual event.



Novel Endings

Novel Endings bookstore at the Greenbelt Library gladly accepts donations of gently used books. The bookstore particularly welcomes donations of popular adult fiction, children's books, sci-fi, fantasy, mystery, classics, non-diet cookbooks, science topics geared to the general public and vintage books.

Popular magazines and hobby magazines, especially those published within the past two years, are accepted. Vintage magazines are also welcome.

Books must be clean and pages not browned with age, torn or heavily marked and/or underlined with comments.

The bookstore cannot use books or magazines that are diet-themed, encyclopedias, technical, academic or professional, and audio CDs are not accepted.

Do not bring books that are moldy, sticky, smelly or missing pages/covers. Missing dust-jackets are not a problem.

Books labeled "not for resale" or soft-covered books missing their covers will be thrown away.

Concert Band Hosts Holiday Spectacular

Come hear the Greenbelt Concert Band perform holiday and classic favorites on Sunday, December 1 at 3 p.m. at the Community Center. This concert is open to the general public and free of charge.

On Friday, December 6 at 7 p.m., enjoy their Brass Choir at the city's Tree Lighting Ceremony at Roosevelt Center. And on Monday, December 9, the band will be performing at 7 p.m. at the Mormon Temple Visitors' Center at 9900 Stoneybrook Drive in Kensington.

The Greenbelt Concert Band is a volunteer adult musical organization dedicated to providing quality musical performances for the citizens of Greenbelt, Prince George's County and the surrounding areas. Learn more at greenbeltconcertband.org.

No Action Needed About WSSC Letter to GHI

Many members of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) have received a letter from WSSC advising them that their water service line may contain lead. GHI has sent an email to members informing them that GHI has requested WSSC to update their records to show that GHI's water service lines are copper, not lead.

Mahjongg Now Played Wednesday Afternoons

Those with some experience with American mahjongg are welcome to come play on Wednesdays from 1 to 4 p.m. in Room 109 in the Community Center.

For those who would like to learn the game, Abby Crowley will be offering a free four-week class in 2025. Look for more information in the Winter Activity Guide.

This Week at the New Deal Café

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FRENCH CONVERSATION, 5:30p - 6:30pm Charlie Owen & Pocket Change 7-9pm Sweet Soul and R&B	Moxie Blues Band 8-11pm Seven musicians and a great night of music! An NDC fav!	JAZZ JAM, 2-5pm Liz Springer & Built For Comfort 8-11pm Moves you with their own brand of sassy style	ASL BRUNCH, 10:30A-12NOON Kim's Grand Rounds 6-8pm Songwriters take turns performing & discussing their songs

MON 11/25	TUES 11/26	WED 11/27	TH 11/28	New Deal Cafe
NDC QUARTERLY OPEN BOARD MEETING 6:30-8:30pm In-person at the Cafe; all welcome	Open Mic w/ Carla Monardes 6:30-9pm Sign-ups at 6:15pm. Express yourself!	Drag Bingo with D'Manda Martini 7-9pm Unlimited bingo!	HAPPY THANKSGIVING! CAFE CLOSED	Tell us what you think of changes. Go to: NewDealCafe.com , Click on FEEDBACK

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Thanksgiving Programming
Join us this week for some seasonal selections in light of Thanksgiving!

TeaFairy & Friends Storytime Adventures
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Utopia Film Festival 2018 Selections
Four seasonally appropriate and delightful films from 2018's Utopia Film Festival: Shad Run, Thanksgiving is Insane, Laymun, and Tin Can.

Thanksgiving at Beltway Plaza Mall
Last year, Doll took us on an adventure around Beltway Plaza Mall, where we learned from shoppers, employees, and volunteers what we have to be grateful for, and how to continue to take care of our neighbors.

All this and more on the GATE channel this week! Check greenbeltaccessstv.org for the full broadcast schedule, and visit Greenbelt Access Television on YouTube for new video productions.

Obituaries

Stephen Donn



PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

Stephen E. Donn

Stephen E. Donn of Northway died on Friday, November 1, 2024, after being hospitalized for several months. He would have been 75 at the end of November. Steve was born in Boston and spent his childhood in Detroit and Chicago. He lived in Prince George's County most of his life. After graduating from high

school, he served as a paratrooper in the U.S. Army in the late 1960s. In recent years he worked in food service at Beltway Plaza. Steve was an avid sports fan and enjoyed word games and puzzles. He was a recent member of the American Legion and served as a bellringer for the Salvation Army.

He is survived by his brother Arthur and stepmother Marjory of Greenbelt; his sister Susan (Albert), of Ventura, Calif.; and half-brothers Jeff (Cindy), of Beltsville, and Allen (Jennifer), of Rock Hill, S.C. He is predeceased by his father and mother, Bertram and Mary.

Family and friends will gather to remember Steve on Sunday, December 1 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus, 9450 Cherry Hill Road, College Park. Those wishing to donate in Steve's memory may contribute to the Salvation Army or a charity of their choice.

City Notes

Economic Development attended the Maryland Black Chamber of Commerce Business Awards Gala and a Greenbelt Business Alliance networking event, and hosted the county's Municipal Economic Development Directors meeting.

Planning met with Friends of Greenbelt East Trail about grant opportunities and various departments attended a JEDI (justice, equity, diversity and inclusion) town hall meeting.

Streets crew installed five pedestrian crosswalk signs and Parks/Horticulture removed 55 Bradford pear trees. Shelter residents are two dogs and a cat.

The Community Center hosted the Co-op Annual Meeting, a blood drive, a Community Orchestra concert and a CHEARS Food for Life event.

Arts offered a workshop for Girl Scouts and an Artful Afternoon. The Youth Center hosted Kidz Connect and Teen Takeover, and Park Rangers supported numerous outdoor events.

The Museum facilitated an Emancipation Day program for 75 participants and received historic items donated by two Greenbelt households.

The CARES director attended a Maryland Behavioral Health Coalition Meeting about workforce shortages.

Senior Nutrition Program Luncheon

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunch for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at 11:30 a.m. Meals must be reserved two weeks ahead so that enough food is ordered. Participants must complete a registration form in person at the Community Center office, Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. There is a suggested donation. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215 with questions.

Two menu options, one vegetarian, will be offered for each luncheon. All meals, which provide at least one third of recommended dietary allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk.



Our condolences to the family, friends, fellow Legionnaires and Salvation Army members on the death of Steve Donn.

Congratulations to Jay Evans, USDA scientist and winner of the Summies People's Choice Award from the Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medals awards program for career federal employees. Evans was recognized for his discoveries in bee disease diagnosis and treatment and medicines to enhance bee health.

Congratulations to Greenbelt Middle School and its Science Bowl team members Timothy Hudson, Victoria Lee, Charles Allen and Samia Saeed and alternates Augustine Njowusi, Robert Said and Juniper Foreman, for winning the Prince George's County Public Schools Science Bowl. This was Greenbelt's third Bowl win. Go Greenbelt!

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

Community Giveaway At Mowatt Methodist

On Saturday, November 23, Favor's Table is giving away food, new shoes, clothes, diapers, bras, underwear, socks, sanitary pads, household items and other new and gently used items. Kids must be present to receive shoes. To receive diapers, parents or guardians should bring baby's birth certificate/health insurance card. Recipients are asked to bring bags.

The giveaway will take place at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Road, in the parking lot behind the church building.

Mishkan Torah Hosts Hanukkah Celebration

On Sunday, December 8, Mishkan Torah will hold a Hanukkah Concert and Celebration. Starting at 2 p.m., join in for crafts, nosh and the incredibly talented singers of Kol Sasson. Learn more and register on the website at MishkanTorah.org.



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The warm weather at the beginning of November brought out a number of butterflies including this American Lady butterfly on a zinnia flower on Lakeside Drive.

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.

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Streaming on PBUUC's Facebook page, on Zoom, and in person. Worship service held at University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, MD



City Information & Events

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

GREENBELT CITY CALENDAR
 Be sure to check out the City calendar for all up to date events at www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar.

MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER 25 - 29

Monday, November 25, **NO MEETING**
 Tuesday, November 26 at 7:30 pm, **GREEN ACES AND GREEN TEAM**
 Wednesday, November 27, **NO MEETING**

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

PUBLIC MEETING: PUBLIC ART PROJECT
Tuesday, December 17 / 7 pm

Public Art for the Braden Athletic Complex Community members who use the Braden courts, fields and pedestrian/bike path.

Participate in an Active Stakeholder Survey to help guide a new public art project! <https://bit.ly/3OglTcQ>.

Read more about the project: <https://bit.ly/3UTjrj>.

Sign-up to attend a virtual public meeting at 7 pm on Tuesday, 12/17 with artists under consideration at <https://bit.ly/40Ti7h3>.



Sculpture at Motiva

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed on Thursday & Friday, November 28-29, in observance of Thanksgiving holiday
THE GREENBELT CONNECTION WILL NOT BE OPERATING.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of November 25

- Monday Route – Regular Schedule
- Tuesday Route – Regular Schedule
- Wednesday Route – Regular Schedule
- Thursday Route – Refuse Collected Wednesday, No Recycling Collection

There will be no appliance, odd metals, hard plastics, or yard waste collections on Friday, November 29.

FALL/WINTER ARTS FOR ALL AGES

See the current Greenbelt Recreation Activity Guide at www.greenbeltmd.gov/activityguide for information about workshops, classes, meet-ups and events for all ages! For additional arts information, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts and follow greenbeltrecreationarts on Facebook and Instagram.

Highlights this winter include:

- Sparkle Mart: Greenbelt's Juried Art and Craft Fair** December 7 (10 am - 5 pm), December 8 (10 am - 4 pm), Greenbelt Community Center. Shop for original fine crafts and artwork, direct from about 80 local makers! Enjoy live music both days, 1 - 3 pm.
- The Snow Queen: a Greenbelt Dance Studio Production.** Saturday, December 14 (3 pm), Sunday, December 15 (11 am and 3 pm), Greenbelt Community Center. Enjoy an imaginative retelling of Hans Christian Andersen's tale through ballet, jazz, contemporary, ballroom and tap. Tickets: \$5. Advance sales (highly recommended), starting 11/18: (301) 397-2208.
- Secret Circus: the 2025 Greenbelt Youth Musical** Saturday, March 1 (7 pm), Sunday, March 2 (3 pm), Saturday, March 8 (2 pm & 7 pm). Greenbelt Community Center. As the tide of fascism rises in 1930's Europe, a traveling circus races against time to smuggle a disabled girl named Anya to safety. Tickets: \$5. Advance sales (highly recommended), starting 2/4: (301) 397-2208.

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Thank you for being so supportive and generous!

The Greenbelt "Shop with a Cop" fundraiser challenge coin is now available for \$20.

Each year, the Greenbelt Police Department proudly participates in "Shop With a Cop," fostering community spirit and support. To raise funds for this heartwarming event, a challenge coin has been created in the shape of an ornament, showcasing the Greenbelt Police Department badge adorned with lights on one side and the year of the event on the back.

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VISION ZERO ACTION PLAN 2025-2030
 PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR INPUT TODAY!

Prince George's County is seeking residents to share their perspectives and concerns about traffic safety in the County. This short "Public Input Survey" is the first opportunity for County residents to participate in the 2025-2030 Vision Zero Action & Implementation development process. Results will be shared in the finalized Action Plan.

Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8QGV72>.

LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE
 Fall 2024-2025

Week	Location	Holiday
November 25-29	Lakeside	Thanksgiving November 28 & 29
December 2-6	Lakewood Greensprings I & II	
December 9-13	Boxwood	
December 16-20	Woodland Hills	
December 23-27	Lakeside	Christmas December 25
December 30 - January 3	Lakewood Greensprings I & II	New Years Day January 1

PROPOSED COUNCIL VACANCY PROCESS

The proposed Council Vacancy Process legislation will be introduced for a first reading on **December 9**. A public hearing on the proposed Council Vacancy Process will be held on **January 13, 2025**.

The Greenbelt Board of Elections has proposed two options for the Council to consider in the event of a vacancy on City Council. If "Option 1" is chosen, legislation will need to be drafted to amend the Election Code. Alternatively, if "Option 2" is selected, legislation will need to be drafted to amend the City Charter. Both options will follow the proposed timeline for filling the vacancy as follows:

1. VACANCY OCCURS (REASON: DEATH, RESIGNATION, INCAPACITY, OR FAILURE TO PARTICIPATE):

- Determine the timing of the vacancy in relation to the next election

2. MORE THAN 180 DAYS BEFORE NEXT ELECTION:

Special Mail-in Election:

- Candidates must file nomination papers.
- Ballots are mailed to voters.
- Voters have 30 days to respond.

3. BETWEEN 60 AND 180 DAYS BEFORE NEXT ELECTION:

Council Majority Vote:

- Seat filled by majority vote after a public hearing.

4. Within 60 Days of Next Election:

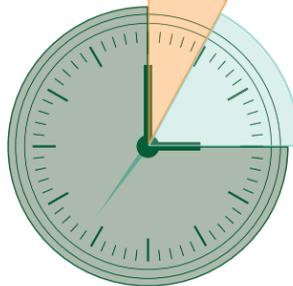
Council Discretion:

- The seat may remain vacant or may be filled at the Council's discretion.

5. SIMULTANEOUS VACANCIES:

- If three or more vacancies occur simultaneously, a special election is required.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/elections

OR scan the QR code below



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- Donate \$750 to sponsor 15 children
- Donate \$1000 to sponsor 20 children.

Please make checks payable to the City of Greenbelt and add "Feed a Family" or "Winter Wonderland" on the memo line. You may schedule an appointment with Katherine Farzin to drop-off donations by emailing kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov or (240) 542-2019.

SANTA PAWS

Saturday, December 14 / 11 am - 1 pm
 Schrom Hills Park, 6915 Hanover Parkway

PLEASE JOIN US FOR PHOTOS WITH SANTA PAWS!

Bring your pets to get a digital photo with Santa! All photos are \$10 each. All proceeds benefit the City of Greenbelt Animal Shelter. *Police K9 are free of charge*



GOBBLE WOBBLE

Thursday, November 28, 9 am

Join us for the Gobble Wobble Family Fun Run & Walk, a Thanksgiving morning community tradition! Bring your family, friends, and neighbors. Participants meet at the Greenbelt Youth Center and the course takes them on the Buddy Attick Park Lake path. Get some exercise and have fun before your Thanksgiving feast!

Participants receive a Gobble Wobble shirt, medals for top finishers, and medals for youth participants. Online registration ends November 27 at 5 pm. For registration assistance, call (301) 397-2200 or email aphelan@greenbeltmd.gov.

Early registration ticket prices: Individuals \$20; Family 4-Pack \$70. Day of race tickets: Individuals \$25; Family 4-Pack \$90.

Register at <https://bit.ly/gobblewobble24?r=q> or visit www.greenbeltmd.gov. Race packet pick-up is Wednesday, November 27, 9 am - 8 pm at the Youth Center.



PUBLIC STATEMENT REGARDING PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FIRE/EMS SUMMER STAFFING PLAN FOR GREENBELT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Greenbelt, MD - The City of Greenbelt is disappointed in the County's decision to reassign 24 career personnel from Greenbelt Station 835 on July 1, resulting in the removal of all career personnel from our Station. County Fire Chief Tiffany Green and County leadership ordered the redeployment of 55 career firefighters from Berwyn Heights, Greenbelt, Bunker Hill, and Bowie Station. We are gravely concerned with the impact in response times of emergencies in Greenbelt and our surrounding areas.

Greenbelt will continue to work in tandem with College Park and Berwyn Heights alongside County leadership in addressing our concerns and fighting for the City of Greenbelt.

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At-LargeMemberHawkins@co.pg.md.us
 (301) 952-2195

County Council Member District 4

councildistrict4@co.pg.md.us
 (301) 952-3094

Letters of Support to keep/return career staffing to Greenbelt Station 835 can be sent to:

City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 or council@greenbeltmd.gov.

EMERGENCY DIAPER DISTRIBUTION

Parents must present proof of Greenbelt residency displaying parent's name and residential address, state-issued photo ID, each child's birth certificate.

To register: <https://forms.gle/mkmAzJf6toZ6Xuhg8> or call Brendy Garcia Maddox at (240) 424-0302.

COMMITTEES & BOARDS VACANCIES VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Volunteering for City of Greenbelt Committees & Boards is an excellent opportunity to engage with your community and make a difference. Choose from a number of committees & boards such as the **Advisory Committee on Trees, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, the Youth Advisory Committee, or the Advisory Committee on Education, Arts Advisory Board, Board of Elections, Community Relations Advisory Board, Employee Relations Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, or the Park and Recreation Advisory Board** and make a difference in Greenbelt!

Take the first step towards making a positive impact and apply for one of these committee vacancies today!

Call (301) 474-8000.

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Treasurer Amy Drew, in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, which was an 11-month year (see bylaw change below) the Co-op had a net loss of \$250,895. FY2025 will be better, as the first quarter is already showing. The Co-op was helped financially last year by the increase in vested memberships, a patronage refund from the Co-op's membership in the National Cooperative of Grocers, a city grant, a bequest from a member, energy savings from solar panels and 119 new members. One change which will help finances is no longer printing a weekly sales flyer, which cost \$500 a week. The new sales flyer is currently only available digitally, but that may change.

Elections

Incumbent Bill Jones chose not to run for re-election. Jones had served on the board since 2012 and has been board chair since 2019. This year there were more candidates than there were open seats, with four candidates for two seats. Incumbent Joe Timer was re-elected along with Amber Hennessy. Timer, a Greenbelt resident since 1971, has served on the board for 40-plus years. Hennessy moved to Greenbelt in 2016 but has shopped at the Co-op since 2009. Her two goals for board service are to improve the Co-op's messaging and communication to the entire Greenbelt community and to assist with data analysis guiding decision making. She is a survey statistician for the U.S. Census Bureau.

Other candidates were Phil-

lip Lake, a national operations manager at the USDA, from which he would bring many useful skills, and Aaron Mengel, the owner of Generous Joe's, as he pointed out a "pivotal point" in Roosevelt Center where he is day and night. All four candidates had support from members. (See box for election results.)

Bylaws Changes

The first change added specific wording to the board's ability to borrow money and make financial commitments by adding the words "including member loans and other fundraising mechanisms." The board accepted member loans during the Rays on the Roof campaign; the new wording makes other such campaigns possible. This change was approved 94 to 6.

The second bylaw change was to officially change the fiscal year end from July 31 to "the Sunday closest to June 30th." This makes all quarters 92 days long, making comparison of quarters simpler. This year's financials reflect this change, with FY2024 only 11 months long, and members voted 97 to 2 to approve this change.

Cassels Award committee members Donna Hoffmeister, Jeff Cassels and Steven Bernheisel (also board vice president), presented the 2024 Jim Cassels award to Greenbelt Makerspace, which also won the award in 2013, the year Makerspace opened. This year's award was accepted by Robert Candey, who said it will be used for consumables and advertising. Robert Goldberg-Strassler, founder of last

year's winner, RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness), reported how the funds supported RUAK's pre-K bilingual story time. In the last four months 40 children have attended the monthly event. In addition to hearing stories the children receive books and small toys to take home, and parents and caretakers learn of helpful resources and new experiences and opportunities for their families.

Brainstorming

Attendees gathered in groups to brainstorm the question, "What role can members individually and collectively play in helping us to move forward to a positive thriving future at Co-op?". In answering the question groups were to consider the challenging economic conditions independent businesses face, the low traffic counts in Roosevelt Center compared to other local retail locations and how to maintain relevance to newer generations of potential shoppers and members.

Among the responses was to let prospective shoppers and members, both in and outside of the store, know the benefits of membership, such as through yard signs, having one designated action item per week, elevator speeches, more events and inviting people to existing events such as wine tastings, flyers in grocery bags and more social media. Signage and flyers should be multi-lingual. Contests could be held among members, such as who can get the most new shoppers in the store or the most new members.

Outreach should not only be to Greenbelters but to nearby cities, via ads in local publications, tabling at events and signage on Greenbelt Road and Kenilworth promoting the Co-op. A member from Silver Spring said he promotes the whole Roosevelt Center experience, starting with the Co-op and including other Roosevelt Center businesses and events.

Another suggestion is gift certificates for friends, neighbors and

Election Results

Timer	74
Hennessy	51
Lake	36
Mengel	28

those who need food assistance. For questions or concerns about the Co-op, email Gillotte at dan.gillotte@greenbelt.coop or the board of directors at board@greenbelt.coop.



From left, Co-op Manager Dan Gillotte, Cassels Award committee members Jeff Cassels and Donna Hoffmeister, and board vice president and committee member Steven Bernheisel present the 2024 Jim Cassels award to Robert Candey of Greenbelt Makerspace.







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School News

Fall Band and Choir Concert Offers Many Audience Favorites

by Li'l Dan Celdran

Students from Eleanor Roosevelt High School presented their Fall Choral and Instrumental Concert on Thursday, October 24, to a packed auditorium of students, families, friends and school staff. With Harmony Yang accompanying on piano, Janna Ryon directed the Women's Choir in a lovely arrangement of America the Beautiful. The Chamber/Concert Choir performed Requiem, a song of sorrow written after the Asian tsunami in December 2004, and Your Soul is Song, composed by Jake Runestad based on a poem by Germán Aguilar about how a song's strength can help during difficult times.

Sing!

When the seams burst,
and the traps ensnare,
and your body breaks,
and the light flees—
Sing then!

For then, your soul is song.

— Germán Aguilar

(From jakerunestad.com/store/your-soul-is-song)

Featuring soloists in each selection, the Gospel Choir sang Goodness of God as recorded by

CeCe Winans, along with Jireh, meaning "God will provide," and Your Spirit, a "powerful worship anthem that reflects on the importance of relying on the Holy Spirit for strength and guidance in one's life" (from songtell.com/tasha-cobbs-leonard-ft-kierra-sheard/your-spirit). Singers were accompanied by their fellow students expertly playing piano and drums.

Director Cullen Waller conducted the Concert Band, many of whom are new players, in Dark Adventure, a spooky and mischievous piece perfect for this time of year. The Symphonic Band played Wednesday, the theme song from the popular Netflix series of the same name. Complete with special effects from a smoke machine, sparklers and red lighting, the audience was delighted to hear Thriller, the song made famous by Michael Jackson. Audience members could be seen tapping their feet and nodding their heads to the beat of this popular tune.

The band will present a Winter Holiday Concert in December.

Greenbelt Middle School Repeats As Science Bowl Champions

by David Zahren



PHOTO BY GEORGE CRAWFORD, PGCPs

Greenbelt Middle School's Science Bowl champions display their gold medals on the set. Front row, from left: Samia Saeed, Timothy Hudson and Victoria Lee. Back row, from left Robert Said, Charles Allen and Augustine Njowusi

Greenbelt Middle School, the reigning Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) Science Bowl Champion, convincingly won this year's crown on Tuesday, November 12, over Kenmoor Middle School, a traditional powerhouse with 10 prior championships of its own.

Starting with 16 middle schools back in September, the Bowl's Final Four in the Bonnie F. Johns Media Center television studio were Accokeek, Greenbelt, Kenmoor and Martin Luther King, Jr.

Greenbelt's team members all earned gold medals and bragging rights for another year. They correctly answered questions on topics that ranged from Taylor Swift's concerts triggering earthquake-measuring Richter Scale

readings, to the extra mitochondria in heart cells that explains why heart muscle never tires, to the 340-degree range of vision that lets an "eagle's eye" never miss a thing.

This is Greenbelt's third championship in the Science Bowl's 39-year history, having won last year and also in 2016.

Greenbelt's team members are Timothy Hudson, Victoria Lee, Charles Allen and Samia Saeed, with alternates Augustine Njowusi, Robert Said and Juniper Foreman. The coaches are teachers Gonzalo Pitpit and Manuela Pagunsan. The proud principal of Greenbelt Middle School is Marcellus Clement.

David Zahren is the producer and host of the Science Bowl for PGCPS.

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who will deal with the consequences of Walker's departure. The S/T freshmen are given a checklist at the start of the school year, so Argueta advises them to "hang on to it, and make sure that [their] schedule is based on the checklist."

The S/T staff is just as shocked as their students about Walker's retirement. Sean Brady, who teaches multiple S/T subjects — research practicum, biology, microbiology and anatomy/physiology — said, "There wasn't much discussion leading up to it." The ERHS staff were informed about Walker's retirement two weeks before October 1, which realistically wouldn't be enough time for administration "to put a plan in place," he reasons. But, when the new S/T coordinator arrives and has a plan for current and future S/T students, Brady hopes that they are "highly organized, involved with the students, and acts as a facilitator between the students, parents and administration."

Walker's departure has left the Roosevelt community concerned about the future of the S/T program, a key component of the school's reputation. While the presence of an interim coordinator offers reassurance, this transition continues to leave concerns about maintaining order in a

highly respected program. Despite the turmoil, there's hope that a new hire will soon take the position. Students and staff eagerly await a new coordinator who will uphold the program's standards and continue to effectively lead and support students throughout their high school years.

Njeri Kamenwa and Johana Gonzalez-Cruz are students at ERHS. This article first appeared in the school's student-run paper, the Raider Review.



Kids Discovery Center At Patuxent Refuge

The Discovery Center at the Patuxent Research Refuge offers learning activities and crafts for children ages 3 to 10 with an adult, Wednesday through Saturday. Sessions start at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon, lasting 35 minutes. November's theme is Beavers and December's theme is Raccoons and Skunks.

Registration is strongly recommended. Call 301-497-5760. Visit fws.gov/refuge/patuxent-research/patuxent-visitor-center for more information.



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Sammies People's Choice Award Winner: Greenbelt's Jay Evans

by Amanda Sinofsky

Jay Evans has always had an inclination toward science.

Growing up on the West Coast, the research entomologist at the Agricultural Research Service in the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) was surrounded by nature. Camille Getz, Evans' mother, attributed his extensive scientific career to his "early experiences close to nature."

"Jay, his twin Jon, older brother Eric and sister Julie moved from Seattle to a piece of beach property with their dad and me for at least 10 summers. It was pure freedom," Getz said. "For a curious kid like Jay, every day was filled with new animals and plants to observe and study ... and that continues to this day."

Today, Evans is an award-winning scientist, lauded for his discoveries in bee disease diagnosis and treatment and medicines to enhance bee health. He was named a 2023 Fellow by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) (see the April 25 issue). Most recently, Evans won the Sammies People's Choice Award, an award that is part of the Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medals, a premier awards program for career federal employees.

But working with bees wasn't always the plan.

Evans attended Princeton University for his undergraduate degree and the University of Utah for graduate school. Through that time, he said that he loved ecological studies and was doing a lot of work with ants. "I was studying animal behavior and genetics, but I wasn't really planning at that point to do something with agriculture," Evans said. Later, he learned more about honeybees from a beekeeper and decided that working with honeybees had a "societal benefit" that he wanted to be a part of.

Now, Evans works on a team at the USDA with five scientists, high school students, college students and visiting scientists from Thailand and China. "People are a little bit specialized on different tasks," he said, "but all the team members work together."

Evans, along with his long-standing colleague Judy Chen, was nominated for the Sammies People's Choice Award for his work that "developed therapies to reverse colony collapse and revolutionized bee disease diagnostic systems by introducing in-



Jay Evans with his colleague Judy Chen

PHOTO COURTESY JAY EVANS

novative molecular and genomic technologies into the search for treatments," according to the award's website.

Evans has worked with Chen for 22 years. Chen's expertise in viruses and Evans' in bugs was a perfect match. "[Evans] has a creative mind and remarkable vision for bee research," Chen said. "[His] ability to see a big picture while also focusing on practical aspects of the research has inspired all of us on the team."

The two were nominated for the award by a senior scientist on their campus, and from there, a panel sorted through the nominations and came up with finalists in different categories. Evans and Chen were in the Science and Technology category, he said.

The finalists for the award

were invited to a ceremony at the Kennedy Center, where Evans had the opportunity to interact with the other nominees.

"There's people just doing phenomenal things that directly help people right now," he said. "I think it was really fun just to meet them and hear their stories." Receiving the People's Choice Award, said Evans, was humbling. "I think we were there largely because of passionate beekeepers and people who like bees," he said. "They work really hard at it ... it's not the easiest job in the world."

Beyond his advanced knowledge and expertise in the bee realm, Chen said that Evans is "an incredibly generous and kind individual."

"What I enjoy most about working with Jay is his unwavering collaborative spirit and deeper dedication to advancing research," Chen said. "He has a real ability to bring people together."

Amanda Sinofsky is a student at the University of Maryland's Philip Merrill College of Journalism writing for the News Review.



Curbside Food Scrap Program Marks Milestone with Delivery

by Tom Taylor

The Greenbelt Pilot Curbside Food Scrap Pickup program achieved a milestone in late October when the first delivery of finished compost to Greenbelt was completed.

The delivery of 40 cubic yards of compost to Greenbelt community gardens marked the official accomplishment of a key component of the program, closing a food loop. In this case, the loop closing means that food waste that formerly went to the landfill now returns to Greenbelt as a high-quality soil enrichment resource.

The finished compost was delivered by Compost Crew, a locally owned food scrap recycling business that has partnered with the city to pick up and process food scraps into compost. The compost was split between the three garden areas – Gardenway, Hamilton Place and Henry's Hollow – that make up the Greenbelt Community Garden Club. Gardeners are using the compost to add nutrients to the soil in their garden plots. The Garden Club's mission is to promote gardening in the community, foster and share knowledge of gardening techniques and sustainable practices, and promote a love for gardening among amateurs.

Compost Crew picks up food scraps weekly from participating Greenbelt households and processes them at their local composting facility, named Compost Outpost, at Trinity Assembly of God Church on Good Luck Road. Trinity Church also is a partner in the program.



PHOTO COURTESY LUISA ROBLES

Luisa Robles, Greenbelt sustainability coordinator, receives delivery of finished compost from Tim Jenkins of Compost Crew at Hamilton Place Community Garden.

The compost delivery last week is the first installment from the composting process. Another delivery is scheduled for spring 2025.

The primary goal of the project is to demonstrate increased food waste recycling and processing capability in a localized manner that will increase diversion of food waste from landfills.

Supporting objectives include expanding Greenbelt's food waste diversion program, increasing local compost production, assisting food production in community gardens, improving soil health, demonstrating the benefits of returning a valuable recycled resource to the community and reducing the city's greenhouse gas emissions.

High-quality compost is a key factor for the soil improvement and food production components of the project. The compost

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Incident Summary

Greenbelt Police reported three domestic incidents, one with an arrest; three mental health diversions, one involving attempted suicide; one sexual assault and two deaths.

On November 14 at 10:49 p.m., three vehicles were involved in an accident on Md. Route 193 at the entrance to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. The Prince George's County Fire Department responded to treat injuries, but no one went to the hospital.

Assault

On November 11 at 10:40 a.m. near 6019 Springhill Drive, a man was assaulted by one of his roommates; charges are being filed.

On November 13 at 12:29 a.m. near 6600 Capitol Drive, two men got into a physical altercation in front of a store.

On November 15 at 2:28 p.m. near 9124 Edmonston Court, two neighbors were involved in a physical fight; one of them forced their way into the other's house and was arrested.

Theft/Breaking and Entering

On November 13 at 3:31 a.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, three men broke into a store after hours, stole several items and fled in a blue vehicle.

On November 16 at 5:51 a.m. near 6120 Greenbelt Road, someone forced entry into a store and stole cash, the safe and cell phones.

Fraud

On November 15 near 7200 Hanover Drive, a man received an alert from the bank that someone was making transactions on his account.

Shoplifting

On November 12 at 4:42 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a man stole merchandise.

On November 13 at 3:05 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a man seen stealing items was detained and banned from the property.

On November 14 at 3:41 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a man stole an item and fled on foot and at 5:07 p.m. a previously banned shoplifter was caught trying to steal items; he was arrested and charged with trespassing and theft.

On November 15 at 8:07 a.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a woman with green hair and white pants stole makeup and fled.

Theft

On November 11 near 7513 Greenbelt Road, an electric bicycle was stolen.

On November 12 near 1 Westway, a box went missing during the move to a new residence.

On November 14 at 2:26 p.m. near 6156 Springhill Terrace, after a disagreement, an acquaintance stole several of a man's belongings.

On November 16 at 10:33 a.m. near 6040 Greenbelt Road, someone parked a white box truck behind the business and stole approximately 1100 pounds of oil from the drums.

On November 17 at 4:33 p.m. near 6108 Breezewood Court, a bicycle was stolen from the park.

Trespass/Arrest

On November 14 at 2:09 a.m. near 5707 Cherrywood Lane, officers witnessed a previously banned subject on the property; he was arrested and charged.

Vehicle Crimes

Stolen Vehicles

Six vehicles were stolen: on November 13 near 6206 Breezewood Drive, a gold 2000 Chevrolet Tahoe (Va. TWT6181), and near 4 Parkway, a 2001 Chevy Suburban (Md. 6BC0042); on November 14 near 9113 Springhill Lane, a 2024 off-road scooter (Md. AT79768); on November 15 near 6231 Springhill Drive, a 2022 Ram van (Md. 4FE5360), and near 9320 Edmonston Road, a 2011 Infiniti G37 (Md. 3FF7167); and on November 16 near 8106 Greenbelt Station Parkway, a 2021 blue Honda Accord (Md. 7FF5757).

Attempted Theft of Vehicles

On November 13, two vehicles had ignition damage: near 6164 Springhill Terrace (also window damage) and near 12 Parkway.

Recovered Stolen Vehicle

On November 16 near 7401 Greenbelt Road, officers conducting premise checks located a vehicle reported stolen in Montgomery County.

Theft from Auto

Three vehicles had all four wheels stolen: on November 12 near 7730 Hanover Parkway; and on November 14, two Toyota Camrys near 7810 Walker Drive.

On November 15 near 5241 Stream Bank Lane, a vehicle window was broken and items were stolen. On November 17 near 9160 Edmonston Road, a cellphone was stolen from a vehicle.

Attempted Theft from Auto

On November 14 at 4:42 p.m. near 5811 Cherrywood Terrace, a man was walking to his vehicle when he saw an unknown suspect inside, who fled after being discovered.

Vandalism to Auto

Vehicle windows were broken on November 11 at 12:06 p.m. near 5909 Cherrywood Lane, and November 12 near 7704 Hanover Parkway. On November 13 near 436 Ridge Road, a vehicle was scratched. On November 14 near 7810 Vanity Fair Drive, a vehicle had the sunroof damaged.

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delivered is registered by the Maryland Department of Agriculture and exceeds all acceptable standards. Lab test results showed high quantities of valuable nutrients contained in the finished compost, and it was rated as having reached ideal maturity.

"The compost was of excellent quality," Eric Raun, coordinator for Henry's Hollow community garden, wrote in an email. "All the gardeners who I talked to in Henry's Hollow were very pleased and are looking forward to another delivery in the spring of next year. It's great to have a program whereby the community enriches the gardens of Greenbelt."

Currently, 320 households participate in weekly food scrap pickup. Registration for an additional 90 households will begin in February, but Greenbelt residents can join a pre-registration waiting list now on the Compost Crew website at this link: customers.compostcrew.com/subscribe. Pickup service in this pilot project is offered free of charge. There is a one-time cost to purchase the collection bin.

The program is a partnership of the City of Greenbelt, Compost Crew and Trinity Assembly of God. Funding is provided through a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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Arizona that brought the U.S. into WWII, died at age 102 on April 1.

"People call us heroes," Conter said at the 75th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack. "We're not the heroes. The 1,177 who went down with the ship are the heroes. You have to remember we got to go home, get married, have children and grandchildren, and we've lived a good life. Those who didn't get to do that should be called the heroes."

Roger Donlon endured multiple and severe wounds, and continuously exposed himself to great danger, administering first aid and saving the lives of fellow soldiers during a five-hour pre-dawn battle with the Viet Cong in Vietnam. President Lyndon Johnson presented him with a

Medal of Honor for his actions. An online obituary quoted Donlon's definition of heroism. "In my situation and every other situation that leads to the Medal of Honor, there is absolutely no input from the recipient. It's all done by observers," Donlon said. "Heroism is a product of what other people see."

Wreaths from the city, the Legion, the Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion were placed at the memorial on the hill erected in honor of the 14 Greenbelters who died in World War II, near the second memorial erected by the Auxiliary in honor of the 17 who died in Korea and Vietnam.

The ceremony concluded with a rifle-fire salute and the playing of Taps.



Wreaths are placed at the World War II memorial.

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New at Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy

by Kim Kash and Honora Banko

The Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy recently welcomed new Grocery Manager Tammy Carter. With years of experience as a CVS manager and deep roots in the retail industry, Carter is excited to become a part of the Co-op staff. "I'm very outgoing and love to learn new things," she said. She hopes to bring fresh energy and the perspective gained from her years of retail experience to the Co-op.



PHOTO BY VERA PEREIRA

The first patron sits at the new tables at the Co-op supermarket.

Raul Baptiste, who most recently served as the manager of the New Deal Café's food and beverage operations, is returning to the grocery store as front-end manager. "Being part of a team that values local, sustainable and healthy food is very exciting to me," Baptiste said. "I want to make sure our guests feel welcomed and greeted when they come shop with us! Additionally, I'd love to promote awareness of the Co-op's mission, encouraging cashiers to engage with customers about local products and sustainability initiatives. Ultimately, I want to create an atmosphere where customers feel valued and connected to the Co-op, reinforcing the sense of community that defines us."

Over the past year, shoppers have seen some significant upgrades in the store. Most recently, the long-awaited and much-requested bulk foods section was added. With a healthy and thrifty selection of beans, grains, granolas (and, of course, chocolate chips), the bulk section is an environmentally friendly and cost-effective way to stretch the food dollar.

In addition to a bulk department, the store has been preparing for even more new offerings. Expect a self-service soup bar,

espresso drinks, smoothies and bagels. Coffee lovers can add Co-op to their morning commutes. Starting at 7 a.m. Monday to Saturday and 9 a.m. on Sundays, coffee will be available (and bagels to go with it).

Kim Kash is secretary of the Board at the Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy and Honora Banko is their marketing and membership coordinator.

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Jeff and Dawn Warner in Aruba with the News Review

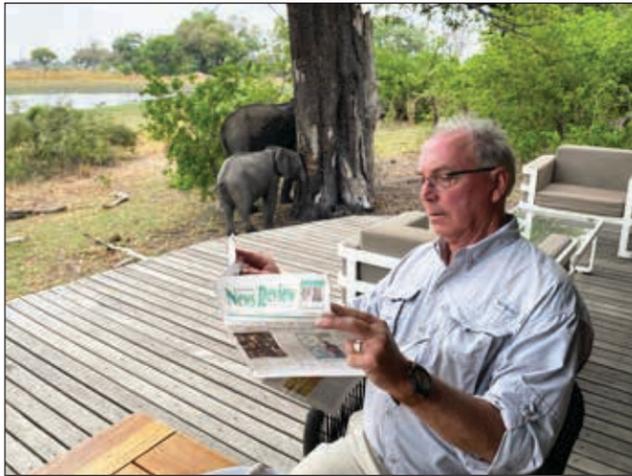


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Daniel Hamlin reads the Greenbelt News Review in the Okavango Delta, Botswana on November 8. The elephants are not interested.



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Greenbelt Residents Speak Out At Fire Department Hearing

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

Residents from several areas spoke at the County Council hearing on November 14 (for more on that meeting see page 1). No community was better represented than Greenbelt.

Kimberly Potts, community director of Green Ridge House, spoke on behalf of residents of that community. Prior to the loss of Greenbelt's career fire personnel, the community enjoyed swift response times and a sense of security, she said. "Greenbelt is a unique city. Addresses can be hard to find if you're not familiar with the area," said Potts. "Swift response times can be the difference between life and death." Potts highlighted the delayed response to the fire alarm at Green Ridge House on September 23 and the failure in response that it indicated.

Green Ridge House resident Marcia Downs testified about her fear and distress during the fire alarm and delayed response time. The residents needing assistance to leave the building were left stranded in their apartments, Downs told the council. Molly Rubinstein, who lives in Green Ridge House, argued that the cuts to career firefighters ought to be spread through the county more evenly and shared her distress during the fire alarm at Green Ridge House when she had to wait outside for 23 minutes and didn't know what had happened to her cat.

Greenbelt resident Melissa Ehrenreich focused on transparency in her comments, saying it has been frustrating for residents. "All of us are linked together and we all deserve this information. This data is ours," said Ehrenreich. "Our community is ready to rally behind," she said, but they are not being told what the plan is. In addition, increased "response times" are "increased risk of death," said Ehrenreich, saying "we just need to own that across our county."

Daniel Siebert of Greenbelt said the 13 percent coverage by the city's volunteer fire department was a "horrifying" number to hear that night. He was also unhappy to hear the standard response times. "I don't feel like eight minutes is very fast when lives and homes are on the line. And if we say that's our minimum standard – that's the worst acceptable amount of time – which in school is the equivalent of getting a D. It might be a passing grade but I sure don't want my mom to find out about it," said Siebert, calling it "bad news" and not something to celebrate. Siebert argued that the fire department's use of average response times enables the fire department to "fold in" the mistakes so that they appear as a few seconds differential in the aggregated data of hundreds of response times. Siebert also asked "if the real issue is going to take longer, then don't tell us it's just for the summer. That doesn't serve anyone."

Hopi Auerbach said it was disconcerting to see different data from the fire department and what the community has gathered itself and that her confidence had been shaken.

Tom Jones said there were no



PHOTO COURTESY PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY GOVERNMENT
Melissa Ehrenreich created an online petition at Change.org to bring back Greenbelt's firefighters and has led advocacy efforts.



PHOTO BY ANNA BEDFORD-DILLOW
Residents, many from Greenbelt, fill the room for the public meeting.



Green Ridge House Community Director Kimberly Potts reminds the county council that swift response times can be the difference between life and death.



Daniel Siebert tells the audience that meeting eight-minute response goals isn't anything to celebrate.

- Photos courtesy Prince George's County Government

signs these cuts were ever intended to be temporary. "From the start, we've learned PGFD is not transparent and since then PGFD has refused to respond to our city council, stonewalled our community newspaper ... and even failed to respond to their official public information act requests in a timely manner," said Jones. Local responders knew the significance of 22 Ridge Road and that a fire at that address meant far greater risk for dozens of vulnerable seniors in the Section 8 senior and disabled housing. "Local responders with local knowledge matter," he stressed. He added that the community doesn't find the numbers being used to "justify eliminating vital services" trustworthy. "Greenbelt has learned we can't trust PG County numbers," said Jones. "PG County Fire Department is also giving us the impression they want to eliminate ready and willing volunteers to rely on career firefighters alone. If you shoot yourself in the foot, you shouldn't complain that it's hard to walk and that's what it sounds like here tonight," he said. Jones also highlighted the case of Steve Edmonds, whose life was saved when police responded to his medical emergency (see the September 12 issue). "PG County

Fire Department is counting on our police officers to provide medical care even though they claim that they are seeking to have only qualified responders," he said.

Bill Orleans argued that efficiency in operations should not be the determinant measure when life and even property is in the balance. "In the 21st century, in a jurisdiction of nearly a million people, we should not be reliant on volunteers to provide this necessary service," said Orleans.

Velma Kahn spoke of "an amazing amount of lack of collaboration." The health and work life balance of firefighters is important to everyone, said Kahn, but there's been "frustration and animosity." "If you'd taken our town government along we would have come along too, you know, because we trust them. But our trust is really broken," said Kahn.

Residents from surrounding neighborhoods, especially Berwyn Heights, echoed the frustration of Greenbelters with the lack of transparency and information and concerns about increased response times.



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Response times continue to meet benchmarks as predicted, averaging 8 to 10 minutes on most calls, said Green. Volunteers are available for service as anticipated, including for Greenbelt, which is now in service 13 percent of the time, Berwyn Heights in service 89 percent of the time, Bladensburg 78 percent of the time, College Park in service 100 percent, Hyattsville 95 percent and Bowie in service 24 percent of the time. However, a considerable staffing deficit continues despite the reallocation, said Green. The Fire and Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Department needs 1,224 personnel to be fully staffed, she said. They are currently budgeted for 1,142 but have only 1,004 sworn employees.

Despite what Green described as an aggressive recruitment campaign, due to attrition the fire department has increased by only one sworn staff member this year. In 2020 it had an attrition rate of 28 staff members. So far this calendar year it has lost 66 sworn staff members. Green also said Prince George's County Fire Department struggles to be competitive, with the region's lowest starting annual salary of \$54,000. "As students graduate and personnel become available, we will be going back into some of these stations," said Green. She also highlighted the two EMS units stationed at Greenbelt. "This placed more EMS resources in Greenbelt and the Greenbelt community than it had before the reallocation of career firefighters and paramedics," said Green, "and we are utilizing system status management to deploy a fire suppression resource to the area of Berwyn Heights and Greenbelt," she said.

Deputy Fire Chief James McClelland said in Greenbelt, since the reassignments of career firefighters, there have been 722 incident responses, with an average response time of six minutes and three seconds. The majority of calls were EMS- or BLS-related. McClelland said that using dynamic unit placement and moving resources around, units go where they are needed. "They are now no longer just community resources. They are county resources and we move them where the demand is," he said.

Firefighter Leaders Respond

Grant Walker, president of the Professional Fire Fighters of Prince George's County expressed concern with the data and the standards used. He pointed out that the fire stations look to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) for their guidelines. "The NFPA standard says the first on-scene units should be there in four minutes not eight. Prince George's County meets this standard 30 percent of the time," said Walker.

Donald Wells, president of Prince George's County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, gave remarks in which he noted they have fewer volunteers to day than two

years ago. Volunteers are being "left out of the loop" on training standards and lack of access to classes to reach benchmarks, Wells complained.

Local Politicians Respond

Danielle Carter, a town councilmember from Mount Rainier, called for the hiring of basic EMTs to staff ambulances rather than requiring they also be trained firefighters. Hiring basic EMTs would lead to trained personnel to staff ambulances in weeks instead of months, she argued. Bladensburg Mayor Takisha James expressed her deep concerns about the reductions in Greenbelt and stations like it, the impact of which reverberates through surrounding communities, she said. She added that Bladensburg stands in solidarity with Greenbelt and others.

Mayor Fazlul Kabir of College Park expressed concern and frustration saying the two fire stations in College Park are facing greater pressure and experiencing longer response times since the reallocations from neighboring Berwyn Heights and Greenbelt. Kabir wanted to know not just average response times but how many calls exceeded standard response times and wanted access to detailed individual response time data. He pointed to other agencies publishing data publicly, saying the lack of shared data had eroded public trust. He also noted Chief Green had never come to their community to talk with them.

Greenbelt Councilmember Jenni Pompei spoke on behalf of the City of Greenbelt. She noted rapid development in the area had come without a corresponding increase in infrastructure. The community has historically invested in their local fire station and is now left with decreased services, said Pompei. She called for data transparency, regular community engagement, immediate plan adjustments and the creation of a task force. The reliance on volunteers is unsustainable and volunteers are reaching burnout, she warned.

Berwyn Heights Mayor Tiffany Papanikolas said their response times have increased by nearly two minutes, something that can be the difference between life and death. "We understand that eight minutes is acceptable as a standard to our fire chief, however, mediocrity should never be the goal; excellence should," she said. Papanikolas also called for full transparency with clear and shared data, a taskforce and a more collaborative approach.

In addition to local leaders and representatives, numerous citizens spoke about their experiences and concerns. For more on the community response see the other story on this page.



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Prince George's County Fire Chief Tiffany Green