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## Churches, City, Others Provide For the Many Local Food Banks

by Melissa Sites

As food insecurity grows in Prince George's County, more folks have turned to food pantries. In Greenbelt, there are four main distribution points for food. First, the City of Greenbelt distributes food on every third Thursday at the Community Center from 1 to 3 p.m. and at Springhill Lake Recreation Center from 3 to 4 p.m. Second, the Restoration Church distributes food every Wednesday from its location at 115 Centerway in Roosevelt Center. Third, St. Hugh's Catholic Church makes food available from its pantry Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fourth, the Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ, supports the food pantry at Berwyn Presbyterian Church on Greenbelt Road.

The City of Greenbelt food distribution reaches 400 to 600 individuals every month. A large



Volunteers work at Restoration Church, with Ronke Bolutayo at left.

refrigerator truck brings produce and frozen food from the Capital Area Food Bank (CAFB) to the GAIL (Greenbelt Assistance In Living) office in the Community Center, part of the Greenbelt CARES social services program. Food is bagged by a crew of 16 to 18 volunteers. (To

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## Greenbelters Celebrate Thanksgiving With Both Old and New, Near and Far

by Erica Johns

In search of how Greenbelters celebrate Thanksgiving, the News Review visited Schrom Hills Park, the Greenway Center Safeway, the Co-op Supermarket, the Greenbelt Farmers Market and Greenbelt Station on Saturday and Sunday, November 23 and 24.

Malik Myles and Derrick Coffey were at Schrom Hills Park on Saturday when they talked with the News Review. Myles usually visits his grandparents in New York for Thanksgiving. He said "I'm Jamaican, so we make oxtail and curry. For dessert, sweet potato pie. That's my go-to." Coffey will spend time with his family in South Carolina. "I love them very much. The most special thing about Thanksgiving is spending quality time and the memories you have, because one day, you won't see them anymore. I'm grateful to spend time with my family."

Silvia Sagastume learned about Thanksgiving after emigrating from Guatemala. She and



Greenbelters Smish and Alex, with their children Maya and Avi, will celebrate Thanksgiving with friends and enjoy Japanese, Russian, Indian and Colombian food.

husband Erix Miranda, with children Katherine, Erix and Adriana, will have Thanksgiving dinner at their Greenbelt East home, to which they've invited two friends who live alone. Sagastume said

they will eat chicken or turkey, perhaps with rice and salad. She plans arroz con leche for dessert, which she and her children love.

Lisa Crawley said she will visit her family in New Jersey: her mom, sister, brothers, her whole family. When asked what they will eat, she said, "We have to have new cuisine, like my nephew's wife's oxtail, and traditional fare like turkey and candy yams and homemade pies and desserts."

Reina, originally from El Salvador, and her granddaughter Abrianna were at Safeway when they said Abrianna's aunt invites everyone for Thanksgiving every year. They will have turkey, pupusas, tamales and a Salvadoran sandwich of French bread, chicken, radishes, lettuce, mayonnaise and mustard. "It's so good!" said Abrianna. Desserts will include pan dulce and a chocolate flan – "choco flan."

Tammy Hurley remembers her

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### Native American Heritage

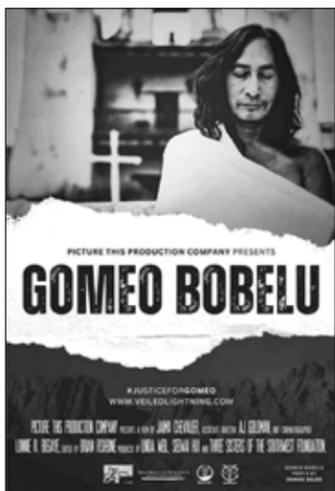
## Greenbelt Cinema Shows Award-Winning Film Highlighting the Missing, Murdered

by Sandy Rodgers

On Sunday, November 17, Greenbelt Cinema held a special showing of *Gomeo Bobelu: Lightning Unveiled* for National Native American Heritage Month, attended by a small but engaged audience. The 68-minute film tells the story of a Zuni man whose extraordinary story creates a profound portrait of resilience and artistic integrity that lights a path forward for the national Missing and Murdered Indigenous People crisis.

A member of Zuni Pueblo south of Gallup, N.M., where he was born, Bobelu was a silversmith, artist, social justice advocate, a U.S. Air Force veteran and a tribal elder. He was known for his gemstone-inlaid silver jewelry and considered his work to be a "tribute to the victims and survivors of suicide and domestic abuse on our Indian reservations," according to the Zuni Connection. He had several close relatives who were murdered and whose killers were never found; he had also been bullied as a gay man.

From Picture This Productions, the film was directed by Jaima Chevalier and Diné/Taos and Jemez Pueblo member AJ



Gomeo Bobelu film poster

interviews to create a powerful film in tribute to his life, garnering it a Best Documentary Short Award at the 2023 Santa Fe Film Festival.

The showing at Greenbelt Cinema was sponsored by Isadora Kaplan, who was on hand for the Q&A along with directors Chevalier and Goldman and Diné/Navaho tribal member Chastity Sandoval, co-chair, Data Subcommittee and victim/legal advocate for the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) Task Force. Goldman and Chevalier

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Goldman, who were both close friends of Bobelu. In the documentary, Bobelu's life story as a renowned artist battling adversity and discrimination at every turn is curated against the grand backdrop of New Mexico history. The project, begun with a series of taped interviews with Bobelu in 2015, was put on hold during the pandemic. Sadly, before it could continue, in 2022, Bobelu himself was murdered. Like so many others, the crime remains unsolved. The directors wove together the

### What Goes On

**Monday, December 2**  
No City Council Meeting  
**Wednesday, December 4**  
**7:30 p.m.**, Council Work-session: Ethics Ordinance/Preliminary Armory Feasibility Assessment, Municipal Building

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

## Requests to City Council Include Calls for JEDI Membership List

by Michael Zeliff

After its customary moment of silence to honor recently deceased Greenbelters, Greenbelt City Council began its November 18 meeting with a variety of petitions and requests.

### JEDI Membership List

Resident Bill Orleans complained that he had received a copy of a memo sent to council by the city's Justice, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (JEDI) Action Team that was signed by the team as a whole without listing its members. Orleans said that a search produced no list of JEDI members and so asked that he be sent this information. He also wished to know if all or some members of the JEDI Action Team were in agreement with the memo. Resident Stephanie O'Brien, joining online, backed Orleans in stating that she had requested a

list of members on the JEDI Action Team two weeks ago but had received no answer. City Manager Josué Salmerón said they were reviewing the Maryland Public Information Act (MPIA) requests

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Greenbelt Nursery School students Euan and Roman carry a basket of goodies for their Thanksgiving dinner while in the background Shiloh and Sylvie shop for items on their list. Read about the nursery school's Thanksgiving tradition on page 7.

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**Editorial**

**Carriers Bring Greetings Soon!**

The Greenbelt News Review December 5 issue will bring a cheerful holiday envelope that requests tips for carriers. Your gifts are positive feedback for the work ethic that carriers display all year long. See the December 5 issue for instructions for getting a gift to your carrier.

**Letters to the Editor**

**Many Thanks**

To our Greenbelt friends, neighbors and visitors, you never disappoint! On behalf of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary, we would like to thank you for another successful, fabulous indoor community yard sale we held at our firehouse on November 16. You made the last one of 2024 the best one yet! We will be looking forward to seeing you in April of 2025 for our next sale. Again, many, many thanks one and all. We are the success we are because of each of you. We are forever thankful for your continued support 365-24-7. May you have a wonderful holiday season and the rest of 2024. Until 2025 – take great care of yourselves and each other.

*Kathy Reynolds  
Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary*

**More Thanks**

I offer hearty thanks to all who came to the Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 on Friday night November 8 and donated a whopping \$1,625 towards Hurricane Helene relief. Thanks as well to my Relics bandmates who willingly gave their time and talent, and to the Legion for their greatly reduced rate for the rental of the Sam Hoffman Events Hall. The News Review contributed as well by publishing notice of the event in three successive issues. Greenbelt is Great! If you missed it and still want to contribute, search “Beloved Asheville” online.

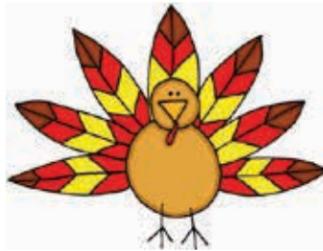
*Rick Ransom*



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**Wicked** (PG) (CC) (DVS)  
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Sat. 4:50 PM, 8:00 PM  
Sun. 5:00 PM  
Mon. 4:00 PM (OC)  
Wed. 7:00 PM  
**Screen 2 - The Screening Room**  
Sun. 1:45 PM  
Mon. 5:15 PM  
Tues. 7:00 PM  
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(110 mins)  
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Tues. 7:15 PM  
Thurs. 5:30 PM  
**Screen 2 - The Screening Room**  
Fri. 5:00 PM, 7:30 PM  
Sat. 5:00 PM, 7:30 PM  
Sun. 5:15 PM  
Mon. 12:15 PM, 2:45 PM  
Wed. 7:15 PM

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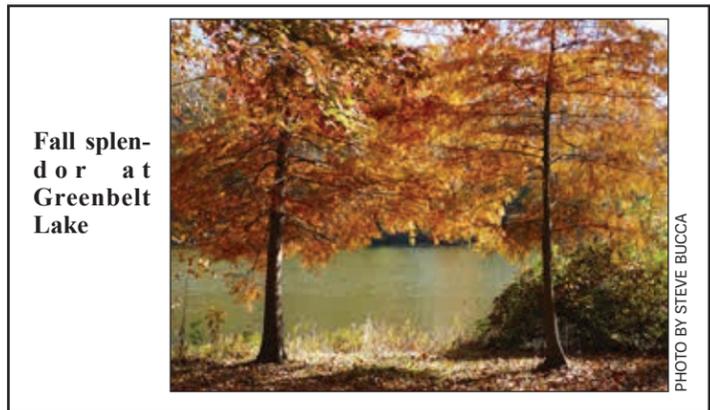
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Fall splendor at Greenbelt Lake

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**On Screen at Greenbelt Cinema**

**Wicked**

Directed by Jon M. Chu, this film is the 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.

**Heretic**

Two young missionaries are forced to prove their faith when they knock on the wrong door and are greeted by a diabolical Mr. Reed (Hugh Grant), becoming ensnared in his deadly game of cat-and-mouse. Said critic Candice McMillan of Seattle Refined, "There is no way to compete with the all-consuming and utterly mesmerizing performance of heartthrob-turned-unhinged-psychopath Hugh Grant."

**A Christmas Story**

Based on the humorous writings of author Jean Shepherd, this beloved holiday movie follows the wintry exploits of youngster Ralphie Parker (Peter Billingsley), who spends most of his time dodging a bully (Zack Ward) and dreaming of his ideal Christmas gift, a "Red Ryder air rifle." Frequently at odds with his cranky dad (Darren McGavin) but comforted by his doting mother (Melinda Dillon), Ralphie struggles to make it to Christmas Day with his glasses and his hopes intact.

# Community Events

## At the Library

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.

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.

### Storytimes

Friday, November 29, 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/11866469](http://pgcmls.info/event/11866469).

Wednesday, December 4, 12:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/12055755](http://pgcmls.info/event/12055755).

Thursday, December 5, 10:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/12055784](http://pgcmls.info/event/12055784).

### Books at Bedtime

Wednesday, December 4, 6:30 p.m., ages newborn to 3. Stories, music and activities for children with and without special needs. Presented by the Prince George's County Public Schools Infants and Toddlers Program for early intervention students and up to 12 community families. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/12056123](http://pgcmls.info/event/12056123).

### Upcoming Virtual Events

PGCMLS continues to offer virtual events for the public. A full schedule of upcoming programs may be accessed at [pgcmls.info/events](http://pgcmls.info/events), selecting Virtual Event as the Event Type.

## 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.

## Greenbelt Chess Club December Meetings

The Greenbelt Chess Club will meet on Tuesdays, December 10 and 17. The meetings will take place at the Youth Center from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. The club welcomes people of all ages and skill levels. Direct questions to [greenbeltchessclub@gmail.com](mailto:greenbeltchessclub@gmail.com). To be added to the mailing list, go to [tinyurl.com/yey2nz4m](http://tinyurl.com/yey2nz4m).

## American Legion Holds Craft Fair

Looking for a unique gift item? Support Maryland small businesses at the Greenbelt American Legion Auxiliary's Craft Fair on Saturday, November 30. More than 20 tables will feature mainly handcrafted items that are practical, decorative and giftable. Crafts from jewelry to apple butter, holiday style creations, as well as scarves, soaps, fudge, ornaments, table decorations and greeting cards. The fair will be held in the main hall of Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is no admission charge, so come on up, avoid the shopping center crowds, browse for that perfect gift, have a snack, a free cup of coffee and maybe win a door prize.

## CARES Needs Fund Donations

For the past three years, Greenbelt CARES has used federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money to help prevent evictions brought on by Covid. The ARPA money ran out in October. Once again, it is up to Greenbelt residents to help our neighbors. Evictions have decreased since the pandemic, but families are still facing eviction due to increases in rent, illness, death of a family member or a financial crisis.

The Greenbelt Emergency Assistance Fund continues to be a safety net for Greenbelters in a financial crisis. Those who are able can help by donating to the fund.

Make checks out to Greenbelt CARES, write Emergency Assistance Fund in the memo space and mail to Greenbelt CARES, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 (or place in the secure drop box at that address). Or, go to [GreenbeltMD.gov](http://GreenbeltMD.gov), click Pay Online at the top of the page and choose Charitable Donations. Complete the form, indicating the donation is for the Emergency Assistance Fund, and click submit; the payment page then will come up with a form to enter credit card or PayPal information.

## 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.

## Celebrate the Holidays With the Concert Band

The Greenbelt Concert Band will perform a concert of holiday favorites on Sunday, December 1 at 3 p.m. at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. Audience members are welcome to join the band in festive sweaters to enjoy the seasonal selections. A Tree Lighting Ceremony with their Brass Choir will occur on Friday, December 6 at 7 p.m. in Roosevelt Center, 131 Centerway.

On Monday, December 9 at 7 p.m. the band will perform at the Mormon Temple Visitors' Center, 9900 Stoneybrook Drive, Kensington. Admission is free to all events.



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

## 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.

## 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.



## 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 and all levels of fluency are welcome.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

## Golden Age Club December Plans

The Greenbelt Golden Age Club meets on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in Room 201 of the Community Center. Because of the December holidays, the schedule for this month is different. Greenbelt seniors are welcome to come as a guest, then pay dues and join the club.

Remember, the club does not meet when inclement weather delays or closes the Prince George's County Public Schools.

### December meetings:

- 4 – Business meeting
- 11 – Bingo
- 18 – Holiday Luncheon (members only), each member attending must bring a food to share
- 25 – Christmas/Hanukkah, no meeting

## 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.

## GIVES Needs Drivers

The Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization that helps adult Greenbelt residents with transportation and friendly visits, along with other services. More drivers are urgently needed to meet the increase in requests for services. To be a driver for GIVES, one needs to be a resident of Greenbelt, be a member of GIVES, have a valid Maryland license and insurance, and obtain a free background check. Membership is free. For information or an application, call 301-507-6580 or visit [givesgreenbelt.org](http://givesgreenbelt.org).

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MON 12/02	TUES 12/03	WED 12/04	TH 12/05
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**THIS WEEK on GATE • Your Community Access Station**  
Featured Program (9am, 3pm, and 8pm)  
**Emancipation Day Perspectives Panel**  
To commemorate Emancipation Day in Maryland, the Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee organized a special panel. The speakers discuss what it means to be "emancipated", the various definitions of reparations, and how to stay meaningfully engaged in the current political climate.

New This Month  
**Celebrate Winter with the Greenbelt Concert Band!**  
Cozy up in all your seasonal finery, and join the Greenbelt Concert Band for a series of wintry concerts all taking place in early December. You can see these dates on [GreenbeltConcertBand.org](http://GreenbeltConcertBand.org)

All this and more on the GATE channel this week! Check [greenbeltaccessstv.org](http://greenbeltaccessstv.org) for the full broadcast schedule, and visit [Greenbelt Access Television](http://Greenbelt Access Television) on YouTube for new video productions.

# Obituaries

## Dorothy "Dottie" Spivacke



PHOTO BY ERIC ZHANG

Dottie Spivacke at the 2012 Festival of Lights Art and Craft Fair

Dorothy "Dottie" Anne Spivacke of Ora Glen Court died August 23, 2024, after a brief illness. Dottie died peacefully with her friend and Windsor Green neighbor, Kathleen Pape, at her side. She was 85 years old. She is survived by a brother, Alfred Swersky, and a nephew, Andrew Swersky, both of Alexandria, Va.

Dottie was the daughter of the late Nathan Swersky and Annette Diamondstein Swersky. She attended Maury High School in Norfolk, Va. Ultimately, she met her life's mate, the late Joseph "Joe" Spivacke, whom she married. On September 29, 1980, Dottie and Joe relocated to Greenbelt, purchasing a townhouse on Ora Glen Court in Windsor Green where each of them remained for the rest of their lives. They did not have children.

After a distinguished 25-year career with the Internal Revenue Service as a collection agent, Dottie spent much of her retirement time, along with Joe, involved in community affairs. In the 1980s, Dottie and Joe were very active members of the Windsor Green Homeowners Association, participating and volunteering for many community events. When Windsor Green

launched both a static and patrol Neighborhood Crime Watch, Dottie and Joe were regular fixtures in Crime Watch and Greenbelt Police crime prevention activities. At one point, both Greenbriar and Windsor Green had roving crime watch patrols, and Dottie and Joe participated in both as a joint venture. Dottie was also a long-standing member of the elections committee for the Windsor Green HOA. Dottie's love for Greenbelt and her love for the Police Department were unmatched. Except, perhaps, for her love for her two cats, Inky and Baby, who were her guardians and constant companions.

Some of Dottie's other activities included volunteering at Doctors Community Hospital, support of the Greenbelt Theatre and Friends of Greenbelt Theatre (now Greenbelt Cinema), and the Greenbelt Arts Center. Whatever the community needed, Dottie and Joe were at the ready to volunteer.

A Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday, December 10 at 10 a.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Silver Spring, located at 10309 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring. All are welcome. Donations in Dottie's memory can be made to the Greenbelt Animal Shelter or any area cat rescue organizations.

- Patrick J. McAndrew



## The SPACE: Free Art For All Fall Programs

Join in commemorating five incredible years and a host of new community partners at The SPACE: Free Art For All.

Mondays, Fiber Folks Meetup, 4 to 7 p.m.

Third Tuesdays, Reel Inspiration, 4 to 7 p.m. Watch an art-themed movie and then create artwork inspired by the film. For those age 13 and older.

Wednesdays, Beginners Music Classes in Ukelele and Keyboards, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Fridays, FAFA (Free Art for All) Game Night, 5 to 7 p.m. Level up your game at open game night. Play for fun and gear up for monthly tournaments. Space Family Band Jam Session, 7 to 9 p.m. Rainbow Joe is back. Bring an instrument or borrow one from The SPACE and jump into the jam.

Saturdays, Yoga with René Hood, 10 to 11:30 a.m.; Expressive Art Workshops, 2 to 4 p.m.

Sundays, Sewing Classes, 1:30 to 3 p.m. Open to all skill levels. A limited number of sewing machines is available; participants can also bring their own.

All classes are not only enriching but also free and open to the public. The program extends a warm welcome for donations to support its community initiatives.

The SPACE is located upstairs in the former Big Lots space at Beltway Plaza, 6000 Greenbelt Road. Details on upcoming events can be seen on Instagram or Facebook @ TheSPACEFreeArtForAll. For questions call 240-244-6115.

## City Notes

Public Safety and Community & Economic Development representatives attended an open house at The SPACE in Beltway Plaza. Code Enforcement inspected 21 rental properties.

Public Works met with contractors about an EV charging station at the Community Center.

The Community Center hosted a food distribution, assisted by the Public Works Street Crew. Residents of the Animal Shelter are two dogs and a cat.

Springhill Lake Recreation Center hosted the Learn 2 Earn program and approached local businesses about future Learn 2 Earn resources.

The Aquatic & Fitness Center conducted Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED training. CARES provided de-escalation skills training for 25 staff members. Pool staff repaired the hot tub and a Public Works contractor cleaned the Fitness Wing carpets.

Park Rangers inspected and took photos for the playground inventory.

At Springhill Lake Elementary's Family Fun Night, CARES Community Education/Workforce Development Coordinator presented information and resources to help parents support children's math and reading skills.



Our condolences to the family, friends and neighbors of Dorothy "Dottie" Anne Spivacke of Ora Glen Court, who died in August. She had been active for years in the Windsor Green community, among other things.

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

## Obituaries

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

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

**Every Story Tells a Picture**  
Take event photos for us.

www.greenbeltnewsreview.com

"The interdependence of the peoples and nations of the earth, whatever the leaders of the divisive forces of the world may say or do, is already an accomplished fact."

- Shoghi Effendi, 1941



## Greenbelt Bahá'í Community

www.greenbeltbahais.org

### The Bible Says...

## Happy Thanksgiving!

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; For His lovingkindness is everlasting."

Psalms 118:29



**Sunday Worship Services**  
10a-11:15a @ Greenbelt Elementary School (66 Ridge Rd.)

MCFcc.org

## Mishkan Torah Congregation

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



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

Friday evening services at 8:00pm  
Saturday morning services at 10:00am  
Offering hybrid services, online and in-person activities  
For further information, call (301) 474-4223 www.mishkantorah.org  
Affiliated with these movements: Conservative and Reconstructing Judaism

## Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

Postal address: P.O. Box 676, Laurel, MD 20725  
Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org



Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community



December 1, 2024 at 3:00 pm  
**Out of Many, One**

Anthony Jenkins with Worship Associate Sue Bollens

Through a post-election lens, one thing many Americans appear to fear is diversity - while also hoping for unity. In the spirit of our December theme (Pluralism), we'll shine some light on our country's eternal "coexistence complex" - the singular (one America) vs. the plural (many different kinds of Americans).

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

## Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

Open hearts, Open Minds, Open doors

Find us on facebook.com/mowattumc

301-474-5410

Pastor Evelyn Romero

Worship Service, Sundays 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.  
Celebrate hope with us.



## St. John's Episcopal Church

11040 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20704  
301-937-4292 www.saintjohnsbeltsville.org

Welcomes you each Sunday for  
Worship & Sunday School  
at 10:00 AM

## Greenbelt Community Church

One Hillside Road

We are an  
Open and Affirming  
Church



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Join Us Sunday

10:15 AM

for Worship  
and Church School

www.facebook.com/GCCUCCMD  
www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org

## ST. HUGH OF GRENABLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Masks for the unvaccinated encouraged.

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

CELEBRATE WITH US  
135 Crescent Rd.  
www.sthughofgrenoble.org

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF GREENBELT MASS

Sunday 10:00 a.m.  
City Council Room  
25 Crescent Rd

ALL ARE WELCOME!

OR - Join us on ZOOM!  
For ZOOM link:  
CCG1985+owner@groups.io

cathcomgreenbelt.org

## Greenbelt BAPTIST CHURCH

Christ-centered  
Biblical  
& Reformed

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am

Sunday School 9:15am

Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00pm

101 Greenhill Rd. Greenbelt, MD  
www.greenbeltbaptist.org





# 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](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar).



### MEETINGS FOR DECEMBER 2 - 6

Monday, December 2, **NO MEETING**

Tuesday, December 3 at 5 pm, **DISTRICT 22 MUNICIPAL LEGISLATIVE DINNER**

Tuesday, December 3 at 6:30 pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, On the Agenda: Annual PTA Presidents Meeting**

Wednesday, December 4 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION – ETHICS ORDINANCE/ PRELIMINARY ARMORY FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT**

*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](mailto:banderson@greenbeltmd.gov). This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call (301) 474-8000. For information on public participation for the meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar).*

### CURRENT CARES PROGRAMS

CARES is happy to provide the following programs FREE of charge:

- Healthy Living for Your Brain & Body** *Thursday, November 14, 7 pm.* Join Evans Favor, a Howard University student pursuing a Bachelor of Science and a passionate advocate, for a discussion focused on strategies for healthy aging in four key areas.
- Greenbelt Nursery Project.** Our Greenbelt Nursery project is dedicated to supporting families with young children. We provide 6 Home Visits that offer personalized care and resources. To register call (240) 424-0302 or email [bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov).
- Produce Distribution** at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, Lower Level Parking Lot, 25 Crescent Road  
*Upcoming Dates: November 21, from 1 - 3 pm*
- Produce Distribution** at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Ln (*Greenbelt West Residents Only*)  
*Upcoming Dates: November 21, from 3 - 4:15 pm*

For descriptions and information, visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov/CARESprograms](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/CARESprograms) and see ads on this page!

### PUBLIC ART PROJECT For Braden Athletic Complex

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/3OqITcQ>.

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

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

### SHOP WITH A COP FUNDRAISER

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.

We welcome donations and all proceeds go directly to the Greenbelt Police Department's "Shop with a Cop" program which supports families in the Greenbelt community. We couldn't do this without your support. Donations can be made online by visiting <https://ow.ly/mg6h50TZs6P> or by emailing [rdennis@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:rdennis@greenbeltmd.gov).

### ZERO WASTE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

#### AT THE COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING EVENT ON DECEMBER 6 AT 7 PM

Roosevelt Center

This year's Community Tree Lighting will be another zero waste effort by the City of Greenbelt and we need your help to make it happen! Volunteers will help community members sort their waste between recycling, compost, and landfill materials and provide holiday cheer for properly sorted items.

Signup genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F49AA92BA6FCC34-53463527-city>.

For more information, email [kdricoll@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kdricoll@greenbeltmd.gov).

### 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/8QGKV72>.

### LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Fall 2024-2025

Week	Location	Holiday
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:

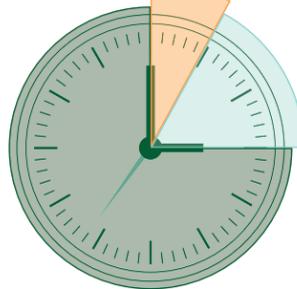
##### Council Discretion:

- 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.

Two (2) Year City Election Cycle Clock



#### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov/elections](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/elections)

OR scan the QR code below



### 2024 HOLIDAY SPONSORSHIPS WITH CARES

#### FEED A FAMILY

Every family deserves the opportunity to celebrate the holidays. We can help alleviate some of this burden and ensure that families can celebrate the holidays with dignity and comfort.

- Donate \$100 to support 2 families
- Donate \$250 to support 5 families
- Donate \$500 to support 10 families

#### WINTER WONDERLAND

Children deserve to experience the joy of opening a gift during the holidays!

- Donate \$250 to sponsor 5 children
- Donate \$500 to sponsor 10 children
- 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](mailto: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\*



### FALL/WINTER ARTS FOR ALL AGES

See the current Greenbelt Recreation Activity Guide at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/activityguide](http://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](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts) and follow [greenbeltrecreationarts](https://www.facebook.com/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 Anderson'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.

### 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.

#### WHO CAN I CONTACT?

**Office of the County Executive**  
[countyexecutive@co.pg.md.us](mailto:countyexecutive@co.pg.md.us)  
(301) 952-4131

**Office of the County Fire Chief**  
[tdgreen@co.pg.md.us](mailto:tdgreen@co.pg.md.us)  
(301) 883-5200

**At-Large County Council Member Hawkins**  
[At-LargeMemberHawkins@co.pg.md.us](mailto:At-LargeMemberHawkins@co.pg.md.us)  
(301) 952-2195

**County Council Member District 4**  
[councildistrict4@co.pg.md.us](mailto: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](mailto:council@greenbeltmd.gov).

### 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.

### DANCE PERFORMANCE: THE SNOW QUEEN

December 14 at 2 pm  
December 15 at 11 am & 2 pm  
Greenbelt Community Center

Greenbelt Recreation's Dance Performance Club presents an imaginative telling of the classic Hans Christian Andersen tale. Enjoy ballet, jazz, contemporary, ballroom and tap performances by dancers ages 6 to adult. Tickets on sale now at the Greenbelt Community Center business office: (301) 397-2208 (\$5).



# FOOD BANKS continued from page 1

volunteer, contact Flora Li, [fli@greenbeltd.gov](mailto:fli@greenbeltd.gov).) Often the long line of cars reaches all the way out to the intersection of Crescent and Southway. The transportation of food to Springhill Lake Community Center is limited by the amount that can fit into the city van. All who live in Greenbelt are eligible to receive food and must fill out a simple form to register. Katherine Farzin, GAIL outreach coordinator, states, "Our program is constantly growing." (In addition to food support, GAIL also has a program to provide nursing support for newborns, and works with the Greater DC Diaper Bank.)



PHOTO BY MELISSA SITES

**Volunteers bag food for the distribution near the Community Center on Thursday, November 21.**

District 4 County Councilmember Ingrid Watson distributed 250 holiday boxes on November 26 at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, by preregistration. Another such distribution is planned for December, with preregistration opening on December 1; contact Brendy Garcia at [BGarcia@greenbeltd.gov](mailto:BGarcia@greenbeltd.gov) or 240-424-0302 to get all the information. Forty turkeys were given away on November 16, sponsored by Weber Solutions and the Kat Kares Foundation.

Restoration Church, with around 240 members, relies partly on CAFB and also purchases food from nearby stores. Volunteers collect five to six pallets of food from CAFB with one van and two SUVs, bringing back 3,930 pounds of food in a recent week. Ronke Bolutayo, an attorney by profession, works flextime from the church on Wednesdays to help with the distribution, stating, "It's about commitment and passion." The city supports their program with a grant from the CARES office, used to buy dry foods or grocery store gift cards earmarked for Greenbelt residents. Undocumented residents don't qualify for this form of assistance because they must be a recipient of SNAP, Medicaid or some other form of government assistance, or have a qualifying income. The church writes detailed monthly reports; this October, they served 119 families and 468 individuals. Restoration

Church will support Thanksgiving at Franklin Park with gifts and raffle items like toiletries, clothing and small household appliances.

St. Hugh's Church has offered a food assistance program for at least 20 years, and does not rely on CAFB. St. Hugh's pantry is bolstered by shoppers who donate bags of food from the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket. "You can also buy additional items to donate, such as peanut butter, and leave it in the green bin near the dog food donation bin," coordinator Mary Ann Tretler suggests. In line with the other pantries, Tretler testified to community members' increasing need for food: "Before the pandemic we would give out 20 to 25 bags in a week. During the pandemic, it was 50 to 60 bags a week. We thought things would ease off, but now we're up to 60 to 70 bags each week."

St. Hugh's provides a variety of food, including canned goods like tuna, chicken and soup, cereal, pasta and sauce, snacks for kids, pancake mix and other non-perishables. St. Hugh's parishioners buy discounted groceries directly from a nearby grocery store warehouse, and also donate funds directly. American Rescue Plan Act funds supported the food pantry during the pandemic, and will continue to provide some money through 2025 for the purchase of grocery store gift

cards. Greenbelt Nursery School and Dora Kennedy French Immersion School are planning food drives in December to support the St. Hugh's program.

While Greenbelt Community Church first hosted Empty Bowls in 2005, St. Hugh's hosted the event this year for the first time, raising over \$6,000 for their food pantry. For a \$30 ticket, diners selected beautiful handmade bowls and their choice of homemade soup, entertained by talented Greenbelt musicians.

Members of Greenbelt Community Church have worked for many years to support a local nonprofit, Help By Phone, which runs three food pantries in Prince George's County, including the one at Berwyn Presbyterian. Help By Phone was initially founded around 1967 by Lois Jones, and connected to the Community Church through church member Marsha Voigt. The only eligibility requirement for people who need assistance is that they live in Prince George's County. The church funds its charitable efforts by holding special events, such as a spaghetti dinner, Shrove Tuesday dinner or a Christmas concert, and holds a quarterly collection of goods which they sell by the pound to Value Village, with the proceeds going where most needed. In 2024 so far, the church has donated \$3,000 to Help By Phone.

# Young Activist Greenbelters Help Others at Thanksgiving

by Erica Johns

On Saturday, November 23, Greenbelter Tidjani Sow and friends hosted an event at Schrom Hills Park that may become an annual event. Sow said the final exam for his Leadership Development class at Prince George's Community College was to lead a team to organize a community service event. The Thanksgiving Throwdown: Sports Medley invited participants to play kickball, dodgeball and basketball, paying admission fees of either \$10 or five nonperishable food items. This year's event benefited HIPS (Honoring Individual Power and Strength), D.C.'s Harm Reduction Home organization, which promotes the health, rights and dignity of individuals and com-

munities impacted by sexual exchange and/or drug use due to choice, coercion or circumstance. Learn more at [hips.org](https://hips.org).

Friends helped Sow organize the event, including Jada McLean promoting the event through social media and Malik Myles organizing attendees and equipment. McLean said the 20-person turnout was good, considering the 55-degree temperature. They are accepting donations until Friday, December 6 via Zelle (2408258295) and Cash App (@Stidjanisow). Sow would like to hold the event again next year and attract more attendees by holding it earlier in the month for warmer weather and by adding some Olympic sports.



**The November 23 Thanksgiving Throwdown: Sports Medley at Schrom Hills Park benefited D.C.'s HIPS Harm Reduction Center and filled a leadership development class requirement for organizer Tidjani Sow of Greenbelt. Attendees, from left, are Bryan, Chieme, Caleb, Akinlolu, Leeroy, Tobi, Tidjani Sow, DJ, Malik Myles, Aiden, Jada McLean, Ylana James and Abishola.**



- Photos by Erica Johns

**Participants play basketball at Schrom Hills Park.**



**PRELIMINARY AGENDA**  
Meetings of the GHI Board of Directors  
on December 5, 2024

GHI Closed Meeting – starts at 7:00 p.m. - closed to members and visitors

- a) Approval of Minutes 9-19-2024
- b) Matters with the Attorney/Case Load

GDC Closed Meeting – starts after GHI Close Meeting- closed to members and visitors

- a) Approval of Minutes 4-4-2024
- b) 2025 Water Treatment Contract
- c) Boiler Maintenance Contract

GHI Open Meeting – starts at 7:30 p.m. - open to members and visitors

- a) Statement of Closed Meeting Held on November 21, 2024
- b) Statement of Closed Meeting Held on December 5, 2024
- c) Approval of Minutes 9-19-2024
- d) Exception Request
- e) 2025 Insurance Renewal
- f) Pipe Replacement Program – Next Steps
- g) YARDI Task Force Survey Request
- h) Motion to Hold a Closed Meeting on December 19, 2024

GDC Open Meeting – starts after GHI Open Meeting- open to members and visitors

- a) Approval of Minutes 6-13-2024
- b) Approve 2025 GDC Operating Budget
- c) Approve 2025 Property Management Agreement Between GHI & GDC

Members and visitors who wish to attend the Open meetings must register in advance via the following link:  
[https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwtd-uuqzoiG9XHGq9rswP\\_N9LZj33gbi9r](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwtd-uuqzoiG9XHGq9rswP_N9LZj33gbi9r)

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

**THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT**  
Thanks to those who joined us for our annual fundraiser for the **Michael D. Maxwell, Jr. Foundation For Mental Awareness**

Consider a donation this Giving Tuesday, December 3



Thanks to Scorpion Rose, Maryland Country Caterers, the Face Painting Lady, Sherri Grove & Heavenly Well




<https://www.mdmaxwellfoundation.com>



A 501(C)(3) organization  
**Mission Statement:** To assist individuals suffering from mental illness in obtaining treatment.

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grandmother making oyster dressing for Thanksgiving. When asked if she makes it, she said, "No. No, no, no, no." These days she avoids family on Thanksgiving Day, and over Thanksgiving weekend treats herself to an Eastern Shore hotel stay while visiting other family in the area. This way, she said, "Instead of being in a room full of people I don't really want to talk to, I can see the people I want to see."

Suzanne Sligh said her son is coming from Georgia for Thanksgiving in Greenbelt with her and her daughter. "So it will be my daughter, my son, me and the dog," she said. Sligh said they may have fish instead of turkey for dinner. She plans to make a cheesecake for her son's birthday on the day after Thanksgiving, because "it's his very favorite dessert in all the world."

Lauren was at the Greenbelt Farmers Market with her small children Finnegan and Clyde and new boyfriend Jason. She said "our own little tradition, keeping it in the family," is Thanksgiving dinner in Bowie with her aunt who raised her. This year, Jason will come along to meet her family.

Starr and son Ian were also at the Farmers Market. Ian sketched customers' faces at a produce stand while Starr said there must be macaroni and cheese and collard greens at their quiet family Thanksgiving.

Melissa Ehrenreich said on Thanksgiving she, her husband and their three sons choose which of them they will gift to at Christmas by picking names out of a hat. The gifts must be ones of time or experiences. They consider experiences the recipient would appreciate doing together, write the experience in a card to be opened on Christmas and give one year to redeem it. Their tradition began as a gift that even a child can give. Ehrenreich said it's harder than you might think to give only time, instead of buying something to do together. She warned against making it complicated. Last year the family gifted making a cake together, 24 hours total playing time of soccer, watching Breaking Bad and making a three-course meal. Plus, her husband gave one son the gift of teaching him to reliably shoot a free throw (they didn't succeed, but gained time together and memories). Another previous memorable experience was when she wanted her youngest son to swim but he didn't want to and she gave him the experience of being allowed to opt out of swimming.

Steven Bernheisel said his parents passed the Thanksgiving baton to him and his wife Sarah, and they expect 18 people this year. They hope to run the Gobble Wobble, unless prevented by predicted rain. He said Sarah would like to be more adventuresome, but they've continued the traditional fare of turkey, dressing and mashed potatoes to appease his parents. Bernheisel said they may try turkey breast and something different someday "to wean people away from the traditional."

Greenbelt Farmers Market Manager Julie Clare is starting a new tradition this year. She



PHOTO BY ERICA JOHNS

**Laila, Kristian and Hannah Jackson will visit their Indiana grandparents for Thanksgiving, where they play a lot of family games that their grandmother makes up.**

bought "all the cranberry sauces I could find" and some frozen cranberries. "We're going to do a taste test to see which we like the most."

For the last 30 years Co-op Supermarket General Manager Dan Gillotte has enjoyed making a vegan Thanksgiving feast and "not at all feeling deprived but in fact delighted!" This year his family plans to make their own seitan "turk'y" with a yuba wrap. They'll also enjoy a couple of pies and all the sides.

Farmers Market produce vendor Pat Hochmuth of Delmar, Md., said he, his son and his son's children will visit a cousin in Secretary, Md., where the table will have turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and ham. His late wife's grandmother always made oyster dressing, which this year his wife's niece will make. For him, Thanksgiving is a time to relax.

Friends Kevin, Andrew, Adam, Clay and Anthony were tossing a football around at Greenbelt Station on their November 24 pre-Thanksgiving Friendsgiving. Kevin said, "Football is on, there's food, the Steelers lost, the Ravens will lose tomorrow, the Eagles will lose tonight and the Cowboys finally got a win. All is right in the world."

Siblings Laila, Kristian and Hannah Jackson were in Greenbelt Station's Central Park, when Laila said their family will visit their grandparents in Indiana. Laila said her grandmother makes a whole bunch of food, and "we play a lot of family games. She makes up games. Then we play and a lot of our other family come over." Kristian didn't want to be in a photo - he wanted his shoe tied - until Laila told him she wouldn't tie his shoe unless he smiled for the newspaper.

Smish and Alex were also in Central Park with their toddlers Avi and Maya when Alex said they have a nontraditional family. "Smish is from India, and I grew up in New York in a Ukrainian family, so we create our own traditions." Smish said "We have Friendsgiving with our friends who are Japanese-American, and we're each bringing traditional dishes from our countries with Japanese, Russian, Indian and Colombian food." Avi also wasn't interested in a photo. "He's in a funk," said Alex, until told the photo was for a newspaper, after which he ran to participate and smiled for the photographer. "Unbelievable!" said Smish.



## Feeling Grateful

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# Greenbelt Nursery School Students Enjoy Their Own Thanksgiving Feast

by Anna Bedford-Dillow



PHOTO BY ANNA BEDFORD-DILLOW

**GNS students Calvert, Roman, Victoria and Nevin wait excitedly for their groceries to go through the checkout.**

Students at Greenbelt Nursery School (GNS) have held a Thanksgiving feast each year (with the exception of those impacted by Covid) for as long as anyone can remember, said Director Lisa Meyer. The school opened in 1942 and when it was housed in the Greenbelt Community Church (from 1959-1995) they had space to invite families to join the feast. The tradition has continued for the students since the school moved to the Community Center in 1995.

Students began their preparations some time in advance, painting pumpkins for their centerpieces and making other table decorations, before shopping and then cooking.

The Friday before Thanksgiving, some of the 3- and 4-year-

old students took a trip to the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket in preparation. They helped locate items on the shelves, asked for assistance, loaded items in their baskets and then checked out with their teachers. They then walked back to the school, a short distance from the grocery store.

On Monday, students baked and prepared the dishes that they would enjoy together on Tuesday, the final school day before their Thanksgiving holiday.

*The author is the mother of a child who attends Greenbelt Nursery School.*



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# Council Approves Funding Storm Drains, Fields, Crosswalks, More

by Michael Zeliff

At its November 18 meeting, Greenbelt City Council discussed guidelines for installing Little Free Libraries on public property and funding for many city projects.

### City Manager Updates

Among administrative reports, City Manager Josué Salmerón discussed continued work regarding the proposed new FBI building, while realizing that election results may bring some changes. Eight new electric vehicle recharging stations are planned for the Community Center and Library parking lot that council will finalize at its next meeting. Three finalists have been chosen for designing the city's new website. A podcast has been developed and produced by economic development manager John Mason and his team on Greenbelt's economic development. Council heard a report on the county council hearing where residents, along with Councilmember Jenni Pompei, were in attendance, about the reallocation of county firefighters and emergency medical personnel, which saw all career firefighters removed from Greenbelt on June 30. Mayor Emmett Jordan thanked Pompei for testifying at the event and reiterated that Greenbelt seeks a collaborative solution that ensures these services will be maintained at a high level. (For more on the county hearing see the November 21 issue.)

### Storm Drains

Among other actions, council approved spending \$59,962 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding "to expeditiously complete all the easement related work needed [at 15 sites mostly in Greenbelt Center] to get all public storm drain systems accepted by the county." This expenditure will help determine if the city needs to devote substantial resources so that 41 more systems in Greenbelt will qualify to receive capital improvement funding. Asked about the site that runs through the underpass between the gas station and apartments on Crescent Road, Director of Planning and Community Development Terri Hruby answered that reducing the flow of water there could require a million dollar solution and so the city is looking elsewhere for answers.

### Little Free Libraries

After discussing a recent request to place a Little Free Library (LFL) on public property with Assistant Director of Planning Jaime Fearer, council approved an application and permit

process that will enable city staff to work at no cost to applicants to follow uniform guidelines on designing, installing and maintaining LFLs.

### Crosswalks, Roadworks

Council also approved spending a total of \$36,950 for paving with asphalt the path now covered with gravel between Greenbrook Drive and Schrom Hills Park along Hanover Parkway and for constructing two raised crosswalks on Ridge Road. Council authorized Salmerón to spend \$191,221 provided by Prince George's County for roadworks improvements at Cherrywood Lane.

### Recreation Fields

Council also approved ARPA funding to improve Greenbelt's ballfields, which includes \$350,000 for new maintenance equipment, \$1,169,489 for resodding Schrom Hills Park's multipurpose field with Bermuda grass, plus adding an irrigation system, and for installing a new soil mix on two Braden baseball infields.

New LED lighting at both Braden fields will cost \$394,835, whereas new fencing along with new dugouts at each at the two Braden fields will cost \$164,700. Total expenditures of \$2.35 million in ARPA funds will significantly improve and maintain conditions at these sport complexes. These improvements are needed, Jordan noted, as some teams have begun to play elsewhere on better fields. Director of Recreation Programs Greg Varda estimated that work will start in March and take a year. Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) are available at the nearby Youth Center and in police and emergency vehicles but not on the fields due to problems with outdoor enclosures.

With regard to shade structures for Greenbelt Station's Central Park that will cost over \$86,154, Councilmember Danielle McKinney thanked Varda and his team for keeping this project on track since trees in this relatively new area are still young and summer heat can become very intense.

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and explained that city staff have 30 days to respond and will do so accordingly. O'Brien wanted to know why it took so long to get a list of names and why members of committees weren't listed online. Councilmember Rodney Roberts supported Orleans and O'Brien, stating no one would give him the information either. Roberts said he had tried and failed so far to get documents from the city relating to being "put on trial" presumably at the next council meeting on December 9, for a complaint filed by the JEDI Action Team that Roberts had verbally abused staff at one or more previous council meetings. (See two articles in the November 7 News Review about this allegation.)

A member of the JEDI Team speaking with the News Review expressed trepidation about the call for their names to be released and fear of harassment.

Speaking with the News Review on Monday, November 25, Assistant City Manager Tim George said the city is still within the timeframe to respond to the MPIA requests they've received and are consulting with their lawyer about how best to proceed. They want to make sure they act in the best interests of their employees, said George.

### New Van

Resident Michael Hartman asked if staff will consider an electric vehicle when purchasing the new van with 12 removable seats for \$54,267 and if this van will accommodate wheelchairs and accessibility needs. Salmerón explained that an electric vehicle was not an option in this case where its primary user will be Building Maintenance and the van will secondly serve as backup for Greenbelt Connection vehicles that come with a lift for passengers with special needs. The item was pulled from the consent agenda to allow for additional discussion.

### Litter, Raises for Council

Resident Germaine Timmermans presented council with several requests, including, first, that city staff be sure it responds to phone calls either in person or to voicemails and, second, that increased littering be addressed, particularly the ramp from Route 193 to Route 201, suggesting a camera and fines. Timmermans also requested that bulbs she's willing to donate be planted at a particular bus stop location and that council recognize Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month with a proclamation. Finally, Timmermans requested council consider giving its members a raise since they each earn currently about \$12,000 per year and they fulfill many functions in representing the city. Based on inflation, Timmermans estimated that councilmembers should be paid \$14,210 now but thought it fair that this figure be rounded up to \$15,000. Mayor Emmett Jordan expressed thanks but reminded Timmermans she had exceeded her time allowance and it would be unjust to allow her to go on, particularly talking about a raise for council.



## Volunteers Needed For Tool Library

The Greenbelt Makerspace seeks volunteers to staff the tool library and organize classes and other events. People are asking for more open hours. Help is needed for the tool library to expand. Sign up for shifts at [signup.com/go/UNkLnqk](https://signup.com/go/UNkLnqk) or email us at [staff@make125.org](mailto:staff@make125.org) if interested in other times or jobs.

The Greenbelt Makerspace is accessed via the exterior stairs on the west side of the Granite Building at 115 Centerway.

## Eastway Party



PHOTO BY JEFFREY ALLEN JONES

Eastway had a block party on October 20. Around the table from left are Lynne Slater, Casey Stoyell-Mulholland, Jeannette Grotke, Amy Knesel, Xiahong Deng and Julie Winters. (Joy Shulman has her back turned.)



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# Police Blotter

The Police Blotter was not available at the time of press. Readers can view it at [greenbeltnewsreview.com](http://greenbeltnewsreview.com) or scan this QR code. It will also be printed in next week's issue.



## New Police Officer



PHOTO COURTESY GREENBELT POLICE

In November Greenbelt Police welcomed Officer Kendall Graham, center, to the department. She was sworn in by Councilmember Jenni Pompei, left. At right is Police Chief Richard Bowers.

## Greenbelt Teen Charged With Murder by Firearm

A Greenbelt teenager is one of three individuals charged with murder for the shooting of 23-year-old Jordan Swan of Bowie, on Greenbelt Road in late July 2024.

The 17-year-old male from Greenbelt, along with a 17-year-old male from Hyattsville and 22-year-old Samuel Nnam of Upper Marlboro are all charged as adults for the murder.

On July 29, at approximately 1:55 p.m., officers responded to the shooting in the 8500 block of Greenbelt Road. They located Swan in an apartment building parking lot suffering from gunshot wounds. He was taken to a hospital where he was pronounced dead a short time later.

The preliminary investigation revealed Nnam and Swan knew each other and the suspects shot Swan during a robbery.

All three suspects are charged with first- and second-degree murder and related charges. They are in the custody of the Department of Corrections on a no-bond status.

Anyone with information on this case who would like to speak to a Homicide Unit detective may call 301-516-2512 and may remain anonymous. Refer to case number 24-0044154.

Information for this article was drawn from a Prince George's County Police Department press release.

## Three Juveniles Wanted For Shooting Saturday

On Saturday, November 23, at 4:01 p.m. officers were on the scene of a shooting in the rear parking lot of Beltway Plaza. The victim was transported to an area hospital. The shooting is believed to be the result of an attempted armed carjacking.

The armed suspects are all described as juveniles and were last seen fleeing on foot toward Berwyn Heights, wearing black

pants, black hoodies or jackets and black ski masks.

If anyone can identify or comes into contact with the individuals, contact Detective Rodas Flores at 240-542-2137, [orodas-flores@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:orodas-flores@greenbeltmd.gov) or the Greenbelt Police at 301-474-7200.

Information for this article was drawn from Greenbelt Police Department press releases.

## Stop Sign Camera Program To Expand; Eventual Fines

by Michael Zelif

At its November 18 meeting, Greenbelt City Council discussed and acted on the city's stop sign cameras pilot program.

Council received an update from Police Chief Richard Bowers on the stop sign cameras program. Now being tested but not enforced, this program has found "significant levels of non-compliance, with violation rates ranging from 63 percent to 93 percent" and, so, the pilot phase will expand to six more Greenbelt intersections.

Cameras can only be used within a half-mile of public schools. That includes, for example, the Ridge Road and Southway intersection, which lies just inside this specified distance from Greenbelt Elementary School. Motorists who fail to stop fully will eventually be fined \$40 per citation. Civilian employees of the city will review and approve stop sign and traffic light cita-

tions alike.

Councilmember Silke Pope asked Bowers where the public can offer input and asked that this feature be made clear on the program's website. She also asked if rules might be adjusted for motorists who slow down and roll through intersections.

Mayor Emmett Jordan inquired about cameras used in College Park that measure the time pedestrians need to cross various intersections. City Manager Josué Salmerón answered that some traffic cameras have AI components that enable various functions to be turned on and off.

Council will hold a worksession to discuss the program further on December 11.



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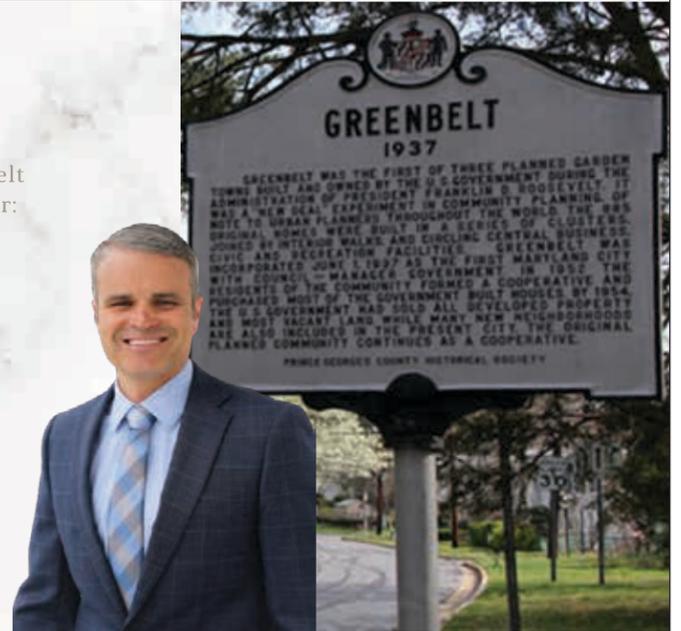
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# November Is Municipal Government Month; Council Shares Highlights

by Michael Zeliff

At the November 18 Greenbelt City Council meeting, Mayor Emmett Jordan announced that November is Municipal Government Month. Jordan observed that “municipalities represent the most responsive level of government, allowing citizens to have direct access to their elected officials” and that Greenbelt seeks to “enhance its residents’ quality of life by providing a full range of services and programs, including police, public works, social services, recreation, planning and community development, administration and finance.”

At its recent conference the Maryland Municipal League (MML) awarded Greenbelt the Municipal Achievement Award for its summer camp inclusion program. Assistant Director of Recreation Programs Anne Oudemans explained how, before camp begins, interviews with parents, staff inclusion training, behavioral management strategizing and support from the Autism Society and more produce great success for about 300 campers at any

given time during the summer. This training in fact takes place year round as staff also work with children and their families in Greenbelt public schools. “It’s an honor to be recognized for a passion that we have here in Greenbelt,” said Oudemans.

Beyond camps and schools, Public Information Officer Chondria Andrews cited the Gobble Wobble Family Fun Run & Walk on Thursday, November 28 at 9 a.m. and the tree lighting ceremony scheduled for Friday, December 6 as other examples of local government initiatives. Near the end of this council meeting, Councilmember Jenni Pompei, along with Jordan and Councilmember Danielle McKinney, listed attendance this fall at the MML conference in Cambridge, Md., and the National League of Cities conference in Tampa Bay, Fla., as extremely worthwhile venues for sharing information on topics such as community gardens as a way to alleviate food insecurity within communities.

# Mayor E. Jordan Receives 2024 Public Policy Leadership Award

by Bonnie Schrack

Mayor Emmett Jordan is the 2024 winner of the Phyllis Campbell Newsome Public Policy Leadership Award from the Center for Nonprofit Advancement. The award honors four public officials each year, one each from Prince George’s and Montgomery counties, the District of Columbia and Virginia. The center says the award highlights the work of elected and nonelected officials who have gone above and beyond in partnership with the nonprofit sector to ensure more vibrant communities.

Jordan said that the award was a surprise to him, and previous plans prevent him from attending the award ceremony. “I am deeply honored and humbled

to accept the Phyllis Campbell Newsome Public Policy Leadership Award,” he said. “While I regret not being able to attend in person ... I want to express my profound gratitude to the Center for Nonprofit Advancement for this recognition.... I share this honor with the many dedicated nonprofit leaders and community advocates who work tirelessly to improve lives across our region. Your commitment inspires me to continue fostering partnerships that create lasting positive change. Thank you again for this meaningful recognition, which will further motivate my ongoing work to support and amplify the essential role of nonprofits in public policy.”

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talked about their deep friendship and respect for Bobelu, his talent and his support and advocacy for MMIP. Sandoval talked about the crisis of Native American and Alaska Native rates of murder, rape and violent crime, which are all higher than national averages.

Statistics show, the MMIP website says, “that approximately 1,500 American Indian and Alaska Native missing persons have been entered into the National Crime Information Center throughout the U.S. and approximately 2,700 cases of Murder and Nonnegligent Homicide Offenses have been reported to the federal government’s Uniform Crime Reporting Program. In total, Bureau of Indian Affairs estimates there are approximately 4,200 missing and murdered cases that have gone unsolved.” Sandoval is working on a doctorate studying ways to improve data collection for the missing and murdered.

Sandoval suggested that those who would like to help with this crisis can donate to 4Corners K-9 Search and Rescue, <https://4ck9sar.org>, an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that has as its mission to “locate, rescue and recover lost and missing persons on Native American Tribal Lands [and] ... to serve victims and families with empathy, compassion and respect.” The organization uses dogs, volunteers on foot and on ATVs, and drones to carry out search and rescue efforts.

For more information about MMIP, visit [bia.gov/service/mmu/missing-and-murdered-indigenous-people-crisis](http://bia.gov/service/mmu/missing-and-murdered-indigenous-people-crisis).



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# Public Art Installed at Motiva

by Nicole DeWald

Residents and visitors at the Motiva apartment community located at 6420 Cherrywood Lane can now experience a joyful burst of color in a pedestrian plaza by the entrance. On October 30, representatives of the Washington Glass Studio (WGS) installed a new sculpture for permanent display. The piece was designed by lead artist Erwin Timmers of WGS, based in Mount Rainier.

Consisting of two curving green stems bearing abstract blossoms, the piece is titled Beauty in a Garden Comes from More than One Flower. Timmers notes that the piece is "about diversity and inclusion." The sculpture was inspired by a 1720 ballad written by English poet John Gay about a young maiden named Black-eyed Susan who goes onboard a ship in the harbor to find her lover, Sweet William. It is thought that the name of the state flower of Maryland originated with this ballad. Sweet William is a European flower that has very similar blooming times as the black-eyed susan and they are often grown together.

The sculpture was constructed with powder-coated steel and inset panels of recycled bottle glass. The bottles were crushed by many enthusiastic participants in three community workshops at WGS and fused in a kiln. The participants used stencils and colored powders to create designs on the clear glass, which was then refired.

The sculpture was commissioned by Greenbelt Apartments, LLC (owner of Motiva) in partnership with the City of Greenbelt. It was privately funded with a budget of \$35,000. It is anticipated that the owners will add a plaque to the installation and that they will announce a public dedication event at a later time. The sculpture belongs to Greenbelt Apartments, LLC which bears responsibility for its maintenance going forward.

The commission of this artwork fulfills a commitment made by Motiva's developer, the NRP Group, LLC to the Greenbelt City Council, which had encouraged the inclusion of public art when the overall project was in the planning stage. With support from the city's Department of Planning and Community Development, the Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program facilitated the project on behalf of the city, coordinating the artist selection process with public input, participating in contract development and coordinating the community workshops at WGS. From the issuance of the initial Request for Qualifications to the date of installation, the commission process unfolded over the course of about a year and a half. The Arts Program hopes that this piece will provide an uplifting and enduring monument to the spirit of collaboration, the ethic of reuse and the vibrancy of the Greenbelt community.



This public artwork is now installed at the Motiva apartments. It is entitled Beauty in a Garden Comes from More than One Flower and is made of steel and recycled glass.



Lead artist Erwin Timmers on installation day



A worker at Washington Glass Studio

PHOTO COURTESY WASHINGTON GLASS STUDIO

# Public Art Project Announced For Braden Athletic Complex

by Nicole DeWald

Greenbelt Recreation has announced a new project to commission art for the Braden Athletic Complex, located behind the Youth Center at 99 Centerway. This project is being undertaken as part of a planned renovation of the athletic fields and associated amenities, all made possible through American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. The artwork will mark the renewed dedication of the complex to Roy Braden, Greenbelt's first town manager. The project is intended to convey a warm welcome to all visitors and celebrate the positive benefits of the sports being played at the complex, such as fitness, social connection, teamwork, personal development and, above all, the shared joy of active play.

Community members who utilize the facility are invited to complete a short survey for active stakeholders by Sunday, December 1. These would include individuals who use the complex's courts and fields as well as those who use the central paved pathway to access the lake park or for general pedestrian/bike travel. The survey is avail-

able online at [bit.ly/3OglTcQ](https://bit.ly/3OglTcQ). Respondents will be able to share input that may shape the themes and images explored by artists who are interested in this project. The Greenbelt Tennis Association, Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club, Greenbelt Youth Baseball and Greenbelt Babe Ruth Baseball have been contacted to invite members' input.

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is now open, inviting interested artists from Maryland, Virginia, the District of Columbia and Delaware to share examples of their past work and initial thoughts regarding the Braden project. The RFQ is available online at [bit.ly/40TGqLY](https://bit.ly/40TGqLY). Select artists under consideration for the commission will be invited to present their portfolios at a virtual public meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, December 17. To receive a link for the meeting, sign up online at [bit.ly/40Ti7h3](https://bit.ly/40Ti7h3). The design of the artwork for the complex will be developed in a later phase of the commission process by the artist selected for this project.

- Photos by Nicole DeWald



Greenbelt Nursery School student Maria stirs the filling for the pumpkin pies that will be served at the nursery school feast. See story on page 7.

- Photos by Anna Bedford-Dillow



A squirrel enjoys a feast outside the Community Center.

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