



Co-op Month

## Cooperative Roots Run Deep For GHI and News Review

by Cathie Meetre

In this third episode of our Co-op Month story, the largest co-op in Greenbelt (or at least the one with the most square-footage) and the only worker cooperative get their share of the limelight.

**Greenbelt Homes, Inc.**

GHI is a large cooperative housing organization (though dwarfed in size by the 35-building, 15,000-family behemoth in the Bronx, New York City). Operating as Greenbelt Homes, Inc., the cooperative is run by an elected board and numerous committees. It comprises around 1,600 dwellings with a mix of apartments, row houses and a few stand-alone houses.

The cooperative was formed when the federal government decided to get out of the rental business and, in 1952, divested itself of the three New Deal towns originally built in the late 1930s. Greenbelt residents formed a cooperative to purchase the homes – though it was a very divisive period that caused some residents to leave. Hindsight in-



PHOTO BY AMINA KHALIFA

Members attend the Greenbelt News Review Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 23.

dicates that it was an excellent decision: the rules of the cooperative are helping to support and stabilize an affordable housing community which has remained in good shape, even as the other towns did less well. The sale, though, was fraught with other consequences, as the land around the original city was in some

cases sold off to developers – a fact that has come back to haunt the pioneers' descendants.

During the 1980s, and provoked to some extent by rapidly rising oil prices affecting the costs of running an antiquated heating system, GHI initiated a controversial refurbishment of

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## Turner Resigns from District 4 For Short Representation Hiatus

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

On Saturday, October 22 Todd Turner, who has been Greenbelt's representative to Prince George's County Council since 2014, resigned. Turner stepped down after being nominated for the position of ex-



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**Todd Turner**

ecutive director of the Office of Ethics and Accountability (OEA) by County Executive Angela Alsobrooks, an appointment that the council would vote upon. On Monday, October 24, Turner was confirmed and will begin his new role on December 5.

Turner was not planning to run for re-election next month and Ingrid Harrison (D) is running unopposed to represent District 4. Newly-elected councilmembers will begin their terms on the first Monday in December following the election. In the meantime, it's unclear who – if anyone – will represent District 4 in coming weeks. County council staff directed inquiries about current and interim representation to Turner's Council Office, where

a representative said they were unable to provide any information.

Turner's appointment to lead the OEA is a controversial one. On October 22, the Washington Post reported concerns that

Alsobrooks was attempting to install a moderate political ally in the non-partisan position ahead of what is expected to be a more liberal council after the coming election and that the appointment of a longtime politician to lead oversight of his political friends and foes was drawing scrutiny. The Post quoted Councilmember Edward Burroughs III (D-District 8), who stated the appointment would discourage citizens from filing complaints and damage the credibility of the office, and Councilmember Jolene Ivey (D-District 5), who likened it to a fox guarding the henhouse (Pr. George's Council Member's Appointment to Watchdog Role Draws Scrutiny, Washington Post, October 22, 2022).

## School Boundary Changes Impact Greenbelt Elementary and Middle

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

On October 13, the Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) Board met at a work-session to discuss the School Boundary Initiative and hear the previously selected school utilization proposal from Chief Executive Officer Dr. Monica Goldson. The primary issue the initiative is seeking to address pertains to the over- and under-utilization of school buildings. Goldson emphasized that the current proposal represents the recommendation of the school system's Boundary Advisory Committee and the con-

sulting group hired by the school system.

Three proposals have been contemplated: the first addressed utilization at the most severely over- and under-utilized schools while redistricting as few students as possible; the second prioritized improving utilization as widely as possible, reducing temporary classrooms and consolidating elementary schools; and the third

sought to have as many students as possible attending updated and newer facilities, and removing all temporary classrooms except those in good condition. After community input, the proposal selected was the second. Most community respondents preferred the second scenario and reported most dissatisfaction with scenario one. Goldson also announced that

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PHOTO BY KATHY BARTOLOMEO

A spotted lanternfly jack o' lantern helps illuminate the trail for the annual Pumpkin Walk on Saturday, October 22. Damien Ossi carved the image of this scary invasive. See more pumpkin photos, page 16.

## Greenbelt to Commemorate Maryland Emancipation Day

by Lois Rosado

The Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee invites the community to hear a presentation given by Dr. Frank Smith, executive director of the African American Civil War Museum in Washington, D.C., and the auxiliary group, the Female Re-Enactors of Distinction. The presentation will be held Saturday, November 5 at 2 p.m. in the Community Center in recognition of Maryland Emancipation Day, November 1, 1864.

The emancipation of enslaved

people became a reality after a bloody and devastating Civil War that tore the country apart and where more than 800,000 individuals lost their lives. It is estimated that 290,000 free and enslaved Black soldiers participated in various scrimmages during the war, but on July 17, 1862, the Militia Act enabled free and formerly enslaved Black men to officially join local militias.

Black men represented 10 percent of the Continental Navy

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### What Goes On

- Friday, October 28**  
4:15 to 6 p.m., Wild Rumpus, Roosevelt Center;  
5 to 7 p.m., Trunk or Treat, Franklin Park
- Monday, October 31**  
No Council Meeting
- Wednesday, November 2**  
7 p.m., Reparations Commission Interviews, Municipal Building

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



PHOTO BY CATHIE MEETRE

Heading away from Eleanor Roosevelt high school at quitting time and surrounded by school buses

# Letters to the Editor

## My Fellow Greenbelters

I want to thank you so much for the love and support you have shown to Carla and me. Words cannot express what our beloved city means to us for bringing us together and finding each other here in our Emerald City. Thank you for coming out to support us at the New Deal Café showering us with all the Greenbelt love we could handle. You have proven that family doesn't always have to come from DNA. Greenbelt, you are our family and we love you!

Ric G. & Carla J.

## Aspirational Bike Lanes

I completely agree with the News Review's description in last week's issue of the new bike lane west of Kenilworth Avenue on Greenbelt Road. Our family rides bikes a lot. These new bike lanes are, within our family, termed "aspirational bike lanes." Someone aspires to have a bike lane, but unless a rider is unconcerned with personal well-being, no one is going to ride there.

These sorts of bike lanes are scattered all over Prince George's. The layout and marking of the Greenbelt Road bike lane practically screams improperly applied civil engineering specification somewhere in the Maryland State Highway Administration. The bike lane was clearly intentionally laid out following a set of guidelines but by an engineer or designer who has never ridden a bike.

It seems like the City of Greenbelt ought to be able to ask the SHA to justify and/or explain how they came up with such a crazy bad design. At the very least, perhaps the SHA designer could be invited to ride his or her bike to work.

Robert Kessel

## On Bike Lanes

I have to dissent from the tone of the story about new bike lanes on Greenbelt Road (Do Greenbelt Road Bike Lanes Add to City's Bike Friendliness? News Review, October 20, 2022).

After seeing the article, I tried

the new lane twice, on weekday afternoons. As an experienced cyclist, this lane is marked exactly where I would ride, even in the absence of a marked bike lane. (I don't think this lane is intended to spur novice cyclists to ride a section of road they would otherwise avoid.)

I know that having two-ton vehicles zooming up from behind can feel like they will hit you, but such accidents are rare. Statistics show that cars entering from the right or turning in front of a cyclist are many times more dangerous. The real danger would be riding too close to the right curb. This section of Greenbelt Road has a number of entry/exit points where a cyclist would conflict with traffic while also being much less visible.

The photo included with the article calls out several cars encroaching on the bike lane. But there are no bicycles in the photo. The bike lane is marked with dashed lines, which explicitly means that it is permissible for vehicles to cross – as long as it is safe to do so. I am confident that if there were a cyclist present, the drivers in the picture would have been positioned differently.

I am unaccustomed to defending motorists and traffic engineers. I have been a bicyclist for commuting, recreation and utility since the early 1970s. I don't even own a car. But when the highway department gets this right, I guess I should say so.

Jeffrey Jones

## Bus Driver Concerned

As a PGCPs Spec Ed school bus driver, my aide and I were curious and frustrated for weeks with the roadwork going on at the entrance to our Bus Lot on Greenbelt Road. But it was nothing compared to our complete shock when we saw the line placement for a new bicycle lane extending westbound from Edmonston Road, pass the busy Bus Lot where there are over 100 school buses coming and going from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., to the entrance to Beltway Plaza Shopping Center and beyond. They placed the bike lane between what used

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- Pete Reppert, News Review, October 24, 2019

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## On Screen at Old Greenbelt Theatre

### Tár

Set in the international world of Western classical music, the film centers on the fictional Lydia Tár (Cate Blanchett), widely considered one of the greatest living composer-conductors and first-ever female music director of a major German orchestra. At the height of her career, Tár is preparing both a book launch and much-anticipated live performance of Mahler's Fifth Symphony. Over the ensuing weeks, her life begins to unravel in a singularly modern way. The result is a searing examination of power, and its impact and durability in today's society. To prepare for the role, Blanchett had to learn multiple instruments, conduct a real orchestra and even perform driving stunts around Berlin's most famous intersection. From writer-producer-director Todd Field.

### Triangle of Sadness

In Ruben Östlund's wickedly funny Palme d'Or winner, social hierarchy is turned upside down, revealing the tawdry relationship between power and beauty. Celebrity model couple, Carl (Harris Dickinson) and Yaya (Charlbi Dean), are invited on a luxury cruise for the uber-rich, helmed by an unhinged boat captain (Woody Harrelson). What first appeared Instagrammable ends catastrophically, leaving the survivors stranded on a desert island and fighting for survival. James Verniere of the Boston Herald summed up the film like this: "Ship of Fools meets Lord of the Flies."

# Community Events

## Community Church Spaghetti Dinner Anew

The Greenbelt Community Church, located on the corner of Hillside and Crescent, welcomes all Greenbelters to resume (or begin) an annual tradition, the Fabulous Fominaya Family Spaghetti Dinner, on Saturday, November 5 starting at 5 p.m., followed by a very varied concert. Other dinner plans? Come afterwards and enjoy the concert, which will start around 7 p.m.

The concert will feature music, from classical to spiritual to top-10 hits, performed by musicians from professional classicists to accomplished (or at least enthusiastic) amateurs to (get ready for anything!) The Relics.

Experience the historic beauty and renowned acoustics of the sanctuary, with its classic post-war architecture, meticulously restored mural art and original lectern donated by the Jewish Community Center. Greenbelt's first purpose-built church opened its doors in 1951 and always welcomes everyone.

No admission will be charged, but free-will donations in any amount will be most welcome. All donations will go to local charities. The building is 100 percent accessible. Masks are encouraged where and when it makes sense to help protect our elderly.



## Goatman Will Haunt Greenbelt Park Saturday

Come enjoy a free campfire program under the stars at the Greenbelt Park campground on Saturday, October 29 at 6 p.m.

As Halloween approaches, shiver with the frost on the pumpkin (or with fear of the Goatman?), and get warm before a fire, as a park ranger describes the myth (or is it?!) of the Goatman, a bizarre creature said to be sighted in this vicinity.

For more information, check the park's website at [nps.gov/gree](http://nps.gov/gree).

## Cancer Screenings In Greenbelt West

The African Women's Cancer Awareness Association (AWCAA) will sponsor two breast cancer screenings as part of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Women and men can get screened on Thursday, October 27 in the parking lot across from the Dora Kennedy French Immersion School on Greenbelt Road from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Another screening will take place on Saturday, October 29 from 1 to 7 p.m. at the Franklin Park Apartments across from the leasing office. Ify A. Nwabukwu, the executive director of AWCAA, explained that if breast cancer is caught early, individuals have an excellent chance of survival.

## Annual GVFD Indoor Community Yard Sale

Holidays are fast approaching and the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department Indoor Community Yard Sale is too. Come on down to the firehouse (125 Crescent Road) on Saturday, November 5 to see many tables of priceless treasures. Doors are open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Refreshments and homemade baked goods will be available for purchase. Bring family, friends and neighbors to help support the fire department. Reservations for vendors are still available. See the GVFD classified ad for contact information.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

## Artful Afternoon Fall Printmaking

Create autumn leaf cards with Artist-in-Residence Rachel Cross on Sunday, November 6 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All ages welcome; materials will be provided. The workshop will take place in the Community Center's ground floor east space; enter by the flag pole. Dress in comfortable art-making clothing. Participants are invited to collect and bring leaves that they can use to make prints. Additional leaves will be provided. This activity will occur in two shifts, 11 a.m. to noon and noon to 1 p.m. Sign up at [signupgenius.com/go/fallprintmaking](http://signupgenius.com/go/fallprintmaking).

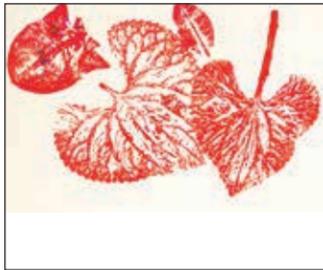


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Leaf print made with block printing ink by Amanda Demos Larsen

## GCDC to Hold Annual Meeting November 13

The Greenbelt Community Development Corporation (GCDC) will be holding its annual meeting (the first since the pandemic) on Sunday, November 13 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Community Center, Room 114. Kim Kash of the Greenbelt Business Alliance will give a presentation on this newly formed organization and talk about its mission. New members are welcome.

## GAC Presents Musical

Greenbelt Arts Center returns to the stage from November 4 to 19 with their first in-person resident production since 2020. The Last Five Years is a two-person musical by Jason Robert Brown, directed by Meg Nemeth and music directed by Rolanda Brown.

The play is an emotionally powerful and intimate musical about two New Yorkers in their 20s who fall in and out of love over the course of five years. Cathy, the woman, tells her story backwards while Jamie, the man, tells his story chronologically; the two characters only meet once, at their wedding in the middle of the show.

Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. There will be an audience talk-back after the Sunday matinees. Tickets can be purchased online at [greenbeltartscenter.org](http://greenbeltartscenter.org). The show is double cast; check the website for details. Audience warning: contains adult language.

## Astronomical Society Meets Thurs., Oct. 27

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will have a hybrid in-person/Zoom meeting on Thursday, October 27 at 7:30 p.m. ASG member Sue Bassett will give a talk entitled Don't Look Up! Comet and Asteroid Impacts. This meeting is free and open to the public. The in-person meeting will be in Room 114 of the Community Center. The Zoom link will be posted on the calendar of the Astronomical Society's website at [greenbeltastro.org](http://greenbeltastro.org).

## GHI Bicycle Committee Holds Open Discussion

The GHI Bicycle Committee will hold a meeting on Saturday, October 29 from 1 to 3 p.m. to discuss the planned bicycle and pedestrian improvements to Greenbelt Road. The event will be held outdoors at the GHI office at 1 Hamilton Place, adjacent to the recently installed bicycle repair station.

The GHI Bicycle Committee has invited representatives from the Washington Area Bicyclists Association and the East Coast Greenway Alliance to present the state's proposal and timetable for the improvement project, followed by a general question-and-answer session. Light refreshments will be served. It is strongly suggested that attendees wear masks to this event.

Anyone who is interested in transforming a dangerous Greenbelt Road into a safer, more inviting road for everyone is encouraged to attend.

For more information, email Committee Chair John Campanile at [jbelltower@yahoo.com](mailto:jbelltower@yahoo.com).



## Arts Advisory Board Meeting on Tuesday

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, November 1, at 7 p.m. on Zoom. Discussion topics will include city signage, the space study, an Arts Crawl recap and advisory board leaves of absence. For more information and to obtain the Zoom link, email [alarsen@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:alarsen@greenbeltmd.gov).

## Utopia Film Festival

The 18th Annual Utopia Film Festival begins on November 18 with an exciting line-up of new films and filmmaker discussion programs. Starting this week, you can watch some of our fine films from recent years on the GATe station.



Check our schedule below. We broadcast locally on cable TV (Verizon Channel 19, Comcast 77) or anywhere on our website at [GreenbeltaccessTV.org](http://GreenbeltaccessTV.org).



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8am	Democracy Now!	Yesterday's Syndicated Program
9am	Classic Movies Halloween	House on Haunted Hill • 1959 Vincent Price
11am	Greenbelt Newsreel	Community Programming
Noon	Democracy Now!	Today's Syndicated Program
1pm	PGCPS Science Bowl 2022-23	Accokeek Academy v. Kenmoor Middle
2pm	Music at the New Deal SEASON TWO	Zakke • Latin Fusion, Funk, Disco
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Saturday, 10/29, The U-Liners  
(Socially-Conscious Multi-faceted Roots-Rock), 8 - 11pm  
Sunday, 10/30, Professor Goldstein (COSTUMES ENCOURAGED! Pop, Punk, Ska & Dinosaurs!), 6 - 8pm

Monday, 10/31, Happy Halloween!  
Tuesday, 11/1, Songwriters Association of Washington Open Mic with Lynn Hollyfield, 6:30 - 9pm  
Wednesday, 11/2, The Campfire Sessions (Monthly Listening Room), 7 - 9pm  
11/3, Wolf's Open Blues Jam (Bodacious Boogie Blues Jam), 6:30 - 10pm

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# Obituaries



## Patti Brothers Stange



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Patti Stange

While in her husband's loving arms, Patricia Morris (Brothers) Stange, 68, died on Saturday, October 1, 2022. She had lost all her energy as she struggled with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS). Patti grew up in Arlington, Va., and moved to Greenbelt in her 20s, eventually settling on Lakeside Drive. She was very fond of the Greenbelt community, volunteering as needed, serving as the previous Labor Day Festival chairperson for many years, as well as volunteering as chair of the New Year's Eve celebrations and serving as Greenbelt's Animal Control Officer. She was chosen as the Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen in 2004.

Patti retired from federal government service as the lead assistant for the chief judge of the First Circuit of the Federal Appeals Court in 2005 and continued to sell Avon part-time for many more years. Her true passion was stray animals, in particular cats. Throughout the years, she fostered numerous cats, dogs and critters and kept several as personal pets. She was very active with Beltsville Cat Community, the cat habitat at College Park Petco and the daily feedings of the feral colony in Beltsville.

As she delighted in live entertainment, Patti ushered at

MGM near National Harbor, and would enthusiastically review the shows. For a few years, she ushered games at Nationals Park where she made many friends. Her excitement continued for the Redskins (never accepting the name change to Commanders); she ushered all home games at FedEx field until last season (2008-2021.) She was very proud of her elevator crew, of the sports celebrities she met and proudly showed anyone her Redskins tattoo.

Patti was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Luella Morris, and only sibling, her sister, Donna Cooper. Join her family and friends in a Celebration of Life for Patti on Thursday, November 3 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the American Legion, Post 136, 6900 Greenbelt Road. Donations can be made to the ALS Association or any animal rescue group.

## Zivko Grubisic

Zivko Grubisic of Greenbelt and of Danilo Gornje, Croatia, died peacefully in his sleep on Saturday, October 15, 2022, at his home. Zivko was very well known in the hearing-impaired community and achieved amazing things given he was born deaf and moved as a single man to the United States in his early 20s unable to speak English. Zivko managed to learn sign language and to read and write in English as well as communicate in his native Croatian language. He

worked as a baker for the Marriot Corporation and then for many years at the bakery at the Beltsville Costco, where he was very well liked and respected.

Zivko is survived by his brother and sister living in Croatia, Zvonko Grubišić and Anđelka Junaković, and by other family members. He is pre-deceased by brothers Bore Grubišić and Tomislav Grubišić and sisters Janja Škugor and Danka Barišić.

Zivko asked to be buried in his home town Danilo Gornje, Croatia, next to his beloved brothers Bore and Tomislav and his parents.

## Roger Brown

Former Greenbelter Roger Mansfield Brown, 82, of Martinsburg, W.Va., died on Sunday, October 23, 2022, at Hospice of the Panhandle. Born May 28, 1940, in Washington, D.C., he was the son of the late James L. Brown and Helen Virginia Brown. He grew up in Greenbelt and lived here for many years.

He was employed by the Prince George's County Library System as a mail clerk, and was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Mr. Brown was a Civil War collector.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Janet Straub Brown, and brother, Kenneth L. Brown. He was the last surviving member of his immediate family. He was

also preceded in death by lifelong friend Raymond Kearns.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, October 27 at 3 p.m. at Brown Funeral Home. Family will receive friends at the funeral home from 2 to 3 p.m. Interment will be in Ft. Lincoln Cemetery in Brentwood, Md.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of the Panhandle, 330 Hospice Ln., Kearneysville, WV 25430.

"Let us cross the river and rest under the shade of the trees." "Strike the tents!" "Long live interest in the civil war for those who still hear the cannons."

Online condolences may be offered at [BrownFuneralHomesWV.com](http://BrownFuneralHomesWV.com).



## Obituaries

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

You write it or we will if you prefer. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.

"However great the conqueror, however many countries he may reduce to slavery, he is unable to retain any part of these devastated lands but one tiny portion — his tomb!"

— 'Abdu'l-Bahá

[ read more at: <https://tinyurl.com/y5wcf74h> ]



## Greenbelt Bahá'í Community

[www.greenbeltbahais.org](http://www.greenbeltbahais.org)

## Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

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Pastor Evelyn Romero

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

Come as you are



The Bible Says...

## The Ten Commandments

#9-You Shall Not Lie

Exodus 20:16



IN PERSON Sunday Worship Services

10a-11:15a @ Greenbelt Elementary School

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

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One Hillside Road

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Join Us Sunday

10:15 AM

for Worship and Church School

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

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135 Crescent Rd.

[www.sthughofgrenoble.org](http://www.sthughofgrenoble.org)

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



Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

October 30, 2022 10 a.m.

Service of Remembrance

Rev. Ann Kadlecik with Liturgists Leo Jones and Elizabeth Porter

In many traditions, the end of October is a time to remember those who were loved and lost. We choose this Sunday to join together in a communion of memory to honor those who have died and are on our hearts — intentionally engaging as a community with the interplay of love and grief that is this life.

Streaming to our [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/pbuc) page.

October's theme: Second Principle



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE @10am

VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY ON Tuesday @ 7:30pm  
Zoom ID: 874-0017-0242  
Password: 828469

FOOD BANK WEDNESDAY @11am-1pm  
Sunday | 2nd and 4th @ 12pm

THRASHING FLOOR @9pm on 2nd Fridays

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**MASS**  
Sundays 10:00 a.m.  
City Council Room  
25 Crescent Road  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**  
OR - Join us on ZOOM!  
For ZOOM link:  
[FDeBernardo@aol.com](mailto:FDeBernardo@aol.com)

**Greenbelt BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Christ-centered Biblical & Reformed  
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am  
Sunday School 9:15am  
Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00pm  
101 Greenhill Rd. Greenbelt, MD  
[www.greenbeltbaptist.org](http://www.greenbeltbaptist.org)

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**At the Library**

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

**Ready 2 Read**

Wednesdays, 12:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5 (register at [pgcmls.info/event/7234032](http://pgcmls.info/event/7234032)); Thursdays, 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/7234196](http://pgcmls.info/event/7234196).

**Books at Bedtime**

Wednesday, November 2, 6:30 p.m. Stories, music and activities for children ages birth to 3 with and without special needs. Presented by the PGCPIS Infants and Toddlers Program for up to 18 children. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/7234226](http://pgcmls.info/event/7234226).

**Teen Action Group**

Wednesday, November 2, 4:30 p.m., ages 13 to 18. Need to earn community service hours? Come make a difference in the community, gain friends from around the area, and speak up.

**Maryland STEM fest**

As part of the Library's program supporting and encouraging education in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, PGCMLS is organizing a variety of events to encourage participants to explore exciting science activities. Students will demonstrate a willingness to try new technology and processes, sharing strategies for problem-solving positively, such as building kits, robotics, circuits and basic coding. See full media release at [pgcmls.info/11727](http://pgcmls.info/11727).

**Student Art**

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

**City Notes**

Public Works delivered tables and barrels for Pumpkin Carving Night at Roosevelt Center and Fall Fest at Schrom Hills Park, and installed pedestrian corridors for the Pumpkin Walk. Park rangers facilitated two CHEARS classes at Schrom Hills Park.

Planning staff reminded landlords about Greenbelt's eviction ordinance. Sustainability/Environmental helped 16 local business volunteers remove litter. Refuse/Recycling collected 33.77 tons of refuse and 11.2 tons of recyclables. Fleet Maintenance repaired the Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program and Greenbelt Connection vehicles. Hot water issues closed the Pool, but Public Works quickly repaired the hot water tank.

Arts staff inspired community volunteers building Wild Rumpus props and, with the Arts Advisory Board, hosted an Art Crawl and banquet.

Girl Scouts, Concert Band, GAIL, Writers Group, Golden Age Club, Volksmarchers and Prince George's Peace & Justice Coalition met at the Community Center.

Therapeutic Recreation coordinated senior activities and meal delivery. GAIL distributed produce and CARES attended a conference on racial equity in youth services.



# 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.

**MEETINGS FOR OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 4**

Monday, October 31, NO MEETING

Tuesday, November 1 at 7 pm, **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, *On the Agenda: Presentation of Community Forums/ Survey Data, Crime in Greenbelt, Neighborhood Watch, Cell Phone Service, Bike Lanes, Firehouse Relocation, Committee Procedures, Timeline for Security Cameras Review*

Tuesday, November 1 at 7 pm, **ARTS ADVISORY BOARD**, *On the Agenda: Approval of October Minutes, Space Study: AAB Statement Draft, Summary Update on Signage, Arts Crawl Recap, Advisory Board Ability to Grant Leave of Absence*

Thursday, November 3 at 7:30 pm, **CLOSED SESSION - CITY MANAGER'S EVALUATION**

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



**MARYLAND EMANCIPATION DAY PROGRAM  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2PM,  
COMMUNITY CENTER 15 CRESCENT RD**

Questions? Email [blackhistoryandculturegb@gmail.com](mailto:blackhistoryandculturegb@gmail.com).

**TRUNK-O-TREAT  
OCTOBER 28, 5 - 7 PM  
LEASING OFFICE - 6220 SPRINGHILL DRIVE**

Join Franklin Park, the Greenbelt Police Department, Beltway Plaza, and Mission BBQ for an epic Trunk-O-Treat experience!

**Costume contest, candy, arts & crafts, and so much more!**

**OFFICIAL NOTICE**

In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, a closed session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Thursday, November 3, 2022, at 7:30 pm, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

The purpose of this meeting will be the Interim City Manager evaluation.

**\*The public may attend the Special Meeting of the City Council immediately prior to the closed session and observe the vote of the Council to move into the closed session on Thursday, November 3, 2022.**

Bonita Anderson, City Clerk

**VOLUNTEER TRAIL MAINTENANCE**

**NOVEMBER 5, 10 AM - 1 PM  
RIDGE RD / LAKESIDE DR PATH**

Be a part of the community effort to remove invasive plant species from the environment and restore understory habitat following the destructive events of the July storm. Volunteers will work with Public Works staff to remove invasive plant species and to install native shrubs and sapplings.

Register by email at [kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov).

**FREE MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING**

Greenbelt CARES currently has DAYTIME hours available, 9 am - 4 pm, for individual counseling for ages 16+ with a waitlist for evening hours starting at 5 pm.

Call (301) 345-6660 or email us at [cares@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:cares@greenbeltmd.gov).



**GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER IS SEEKING NEW TEAM MEMBERS!**

If you enjoy working with the public, please apply at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/jobs](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/jobs)

Recreation Assistants (Community Center)

Part-time, supportive culture.

**FREE COMMUNITY NURSING PROGRAM**

The City of Greenbelt's Assistance in Living Program (GAIL) in partnership with Bowie State & Washington Adventist University Schools of Nursing are proud to resume offering this program to Greenbelt seniors age 60+ or disabled adults 50+ residing within incorporated City limits.

For more information visit: <https://bit.ly/3OBoe19>

**FREE WOOD PALLETS**

Call Public Works at (301) 474-8004.

**Greenbelt ARPA Funds Assistance Programs Update (as of 10/10/22)**

Rent and Utility Assistance  
· 358 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$1,752,068.28

Mortgage and HOA fee Assistance  
· 15 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$53,791.06

**LEAF VACUUM SCHEDULE FALL 2022-2023**

The City Public Works Department will again collect loose leaves from the following areas from November 1, 2022 until January 13, 2023.

We remind residents to rake the leaves to the curb, but NOT into the street, and to remove all sticks and stones from the pile as these can damage the machinery. Areas to be collected will be posted as in years past. We also remind residents NOT to park in front of leaf piles.

**November 1-4**  
Lakewood, Greenspring I&II

**November 7-11**  
Woodland Hills

**November 14-18**  
Boxwood

**November 21-25**  
Lakeside

**November 28 - December 2**  
Lakewood, Greenspring I&II

**December 5-9**  
Woodland Hills

**December 12-16**  
Boxwood

**December 19-23**  
Lakeside, Greenspring I&II

**December 26-30**  
Lakewood

**January 2-6**  
All Areas

**January 9-13**  
All Areas

**SPONSOR THE 2022 GOBBLE WOBBLE 5K FAMILY FUN RUN & WALK**

Greenbelt Recreation is seeking local businesses and organizations interested in supporting the Gobble Wobble and its continued success.

Sponsorships range from \$100 - \$500. Depending on sponsor level, sponsorships may include logo placement on advertisements, on shirts, promotional materials, and more!

If your business or organization is interested in sponsoring this year's Gobble Wobble, please contact Recreation at (301) 397-2200 or [aphelan@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:aphelan@greenbeltmd.gov).

**All sponsorships must be received by Monday, October 31.**

**NEW TRAFFIC PATTERN COMING SOON TO GREENBELT STATION**

North Center Drive and South Center Drive will become one-way streets. This change in traffic pattern is being completed at the request of the community to allow for additional on-street parking.

- Work is scheduled to begin on October 24 and be completed within five (5) days, weather permitting.
- Expect parking and traffic circulation to be disrupted at times. Every effort will be made to minimize impacts.
- If necessary, updated will be posted on the City's webpage under "News" and on City social media channels.

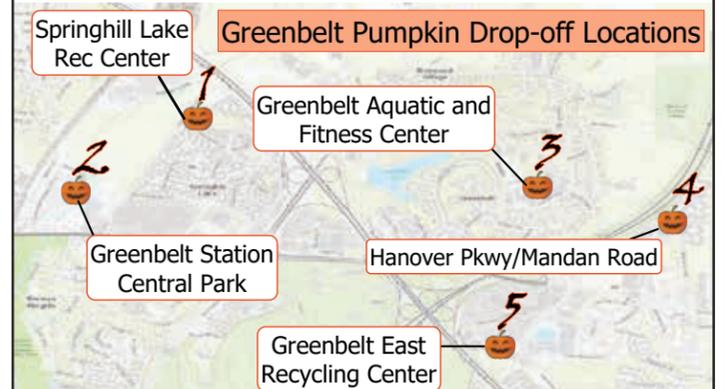
Questions? Call (301) 345-5417 or email [thruby@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:thruby@greenbeltmd.gov).

**PUMPKIN COMPOSTING**

**NOVEMBER 1 - 11**

Help reduce the Holiday waste stream by composting your decorative pumpkins and gourds! Five drop-off locations will be available throughout the City from 11/1 - 11/10. Residents are welcome to take their pumpkins to the Northway Compost pile by the Northway Ballfields. **Please do not put pumpkins into the Food Scraps Drop-Off bins by the lake.**

Questions? Contact Environmental Coordinator, Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll at [kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov).



# Buddy Attick Park Soon Will Have Greener Parking

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

The goal of the now near-complete Buddy Attick Park parking lot redesign was to increase both parking and green space. “We wanted to provide a more sustainable, green parking lot,” said Terri Hruby, the city’s director of planning and community development. “Due to the greening the renovations were able to be almost entirely funded through state and county grants.” The project received approximately \$480,000 through a grant from the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund and \$170,000 from Prince George’s County Storm Water Stewardship Grant Program.

One of the key green features of the new parking lot is the bio-retention area, which is centrally located in the median with the intention to capture and then filter and clean runoff. It incorporates certain soil media within it as well as some drains. In addition, the pathway along the edges of the parking lot and park is built with Flexi-Pave, a flexible, porous pavement that provides a permeable surface and also cleans water that passes through it, removing soluble phosphates and nitrates. Visiting Buddy Attick, one can identify the Flexi-Pave surfaces by their dark green color. Numerous shrubs and trees were also added to the parking area, which was previously lacking greenery. The city worked with local Greenbelt landscape architect Sharon Bradley, who lives in GHI and is the founder of Bradley Site Design. Over the next couple of weeks, finishing touches and final items will be taken care of and the six-month renovation will be complete.

The project began in the spring and it was initially hoped to be completed in July, but weather and supply-chain issues pushed the timeline into the fall. Despite the lengthy renovation period, the parking lot closed only briefly. By structuring renovations in phases, keeping part of the lot open while other sections were under construction, Hruby says the city was able to keep the parking lot available through most of the project, and to continue to provide access to the recycling center. It had to close a few times for asphalt striping and



The new parking lot at Buddy Attick Park is almost complete.



The new design includes bike racks.

other construction activities.

Although not part of the original plan, during the early stages of the project the Planning Department was directed by the Greenbelt City Council to work with Public Works to consider electric vehicle (EV) charging. Unfortunately, the project did not have the funding to add EV charging stations but, according

to Hruby, the city will be able to incorporate the infrastructure to service EVs in the future. The completed renovations amount to seven additional parking spaces, according to Hruby, taking the lot from 92 to 99 spaces. Hruby says it also formalizes the entrance to the park, enhances ADA accessibility and adds bike racks.



PHOTO BY ANNA BEDFORD-DILLOW

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from 1775-1783 during the American War for Independence. They were then subsequently banned from serving in the Navy in 1798, recruited again during the War of 1812 and have been allowed to continue to serve in the Navy to this day. When the Civil War broke out in 1861, Black men were already serving in the Navy but not allowed to serve in the U.S. Army.

African descendant men were not permitted to join the Army or Marine Corps until after the Emancipation Proclamation was passed in 1863 and President Lincoln issued a field order to commanders to receive Colored men in all branches of the infantry and cavalry forces. Keep in mind that at the time Black men and women were not yet American citizens. Citizenship came when the 14th Amendment was passed in 1868.

In order to recruit free and enslaved Black men, leaders such as the great orator and abolitionist Frederick Douglass issued a call: “Men of Color to arms, to arms. A war undertaken and brazenly carried on for the perpetual enslavement of colored men, calls logically and loudly for colored men to help suppress it. If we would forever silence the tongue of Calumny, of Prejudice and Hate, let us Rise Now and Fly to Arms.”

The Bureau of U.S. Colored Troops was established on May 22, 1863, with general order 143. The first successful battle that engaged Black troops was

at Port Hudson, La., in 1863. It was at the Battle of Fort Wagner in Charleston Harbor, S.C., also in 1863, that the 54th Massachusetts regiment proved the mettle of Black fighters. Although that battle was lost, Black men fought bravely and with distinction. For a modern-day depiction of this historical battle see the movie *Glory*.

Sgt. Major Christian Fleetwood was one of 15 Black soldiers who received the Medal of Honor for their service in the Virginia theater. In 1864, New Market Heights was captured with regiments of Black soldiers closing in on Richmond, the capital of the confederacy. As part of the XXV Army Corps, Black soldiers participated in the final capture of Richmond.

After reviewing the Third U.S. Colored regiment in Mississippi, a Union military inspector general stated that the superiority of that regiment was the reason that Colored troops should be part of the Armed Forces of the U.S. permanently. The U.S. Colored troops from Maryland served in the 4th, 7th, 9th, 30th and 39th Army Corps. (Hari Jones, African American Civil War Museum.)

Freed and enslaved Black men, along with countless numbers of supportive Black women who served as nurses, fought for the emancipation of four million enslaved individuals, for reunification of the country and for what they hoped would be freedom, justice and social equality for all. That is still the hope.



PHOTO BY ROBIN OLSON

Helen Assad, Carol Gordon, Joyce Bailey, and Marie Davenport-Schneider reenact the lives of nineteenth-century African American Women at the February 13, 2019, meeting of the Greenbelt Golden Age Club.

Auxiliary of the Glenn Dale Fire Association, Inc. is holding a

### Vendor Show

Saturday, November 5  
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM



11900 Glenn Dale Blvd  
Glenn Dale, MD 20769  
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Hourly Door Prize Drawings



## ADVANCING THE FRAME: PREVIEW

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Old Greenbelt Theatre



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our upcoming seminar  
for girls grade 10-12

When: Wednesday, Nov 9 @ 5:30pm  
What: Films by, for, and about women; exploring gender, race, rights, and representation



**FREE!**

[greenbelttheatre.org/advancing](http://greenbelttheatre.org/advancing)  
to register!

## Greenbelt Community Church SPAGHETTI DINNER

Saturday November 5th  
5-6:45 pm

Church Social Hall,  
1 Hillside Road

Followed by a  
Musical Extravaganza  
7:00 – 8:15 pm  
featuring

Spiritual Church and  
Contemporary Favorites  
with a sprinkle of Classical

Freewill offering (\$) with all proceeds going to local charity(-ies)

All are invited



## Festival Retro Town Fair Winners for 2022

The Greenbelt Museum offers many thanks to everyone who entered, volunteered, judged and visited the 10th Retro Town Fair during the Labor Day Festival. The full winners list is below, along with photos of a sampling of entries.

Sadly, the Fair didn't receive any entries in the vegetable category this year, so veggie gardeners, plan to enter next year.

In the following list of winners, the grand prize in a category is a purple ribbon, first prize is blue, second prize is red and third prize is white.

### Category 1: Baked Goods (Cakes and Pies)

**Purple:** Amy Rutledge, Orange Olive Oil Cake

**Blue:** JoEllen Sarff, Coconut Cake

**Red:** Emily Ottens, Jam-Tastic Victorian Sponge Cake; Jenn Malpass, Pumpkin Loaf; Vijay Parameshwaran, Pecan Pie; Donna Peterson, Ashley's Almond Cookie Cake

### Category 2: Baked Goods (Cookies and Brownies)

**Purple:** Lori Dominick, Eleanor Roosevelt's Honey Drops; Judy Parker, Fudge Brownies

**Blue:** Dana Cocchiarella, White Chocolate Cranberry Cookies

**Red:** Eleanor Cooper, Oatmeal Chocolate Chip Cookies

**White:** Isabel Martin, Cocoa Drops (Flourless); JoEllen Sarff, Vegan Zucchini Brownies

### Category 3: Canned Goods

**Purple:** Marni Siegel, Peach Corn Salsa

**Blue:** Marni Siegel, Bourbon Peach Jam

**Red:** Vijay Parameshwaran, Jackfruit Jam; Melanie Scion, Fig Chutney

### Category 4: Crafts

**Purple:** Danielle Murphy, Dino Stuffed

**Blue:** Tara Wilcox, Porcelain Jewelry; Beth Chandler, Sock Kitten; Pragati Godbole, Hand Painted Terracotta Pot

### Category 5: Floral Arrangement

**Purple:** Elizabeth Walker, Floral Arrangement

### Category 6: Needlework

**Purple:** Marni Siegel, Knitting; Pat Scully, Quilt

**Blue:** Tara Wilcox, Embroidered Brooch; Eleanor Cooper, Weaving; Minchun Hou, Quilt

**Red:** Eileen Sutker, Embroidery on a Saxon Overdress (Costume); Pat Scully, Knit Baby Sweater; Leeann A. Irwin, Framed Embroidery; Kelly M. Jones, Embroidery; Anna Dahlen, Embroidery; Julia Griffin, Crocheted Blanket

**White:** Melanie Schori, Baby Blanket; Julia Kender, Embroidered Stockings; Danielle Murphy, Knitting; Penny Martin, Knitting; Jenn Malpass, Lloyd the Nautiloid (Knit); Anna Bedford-Dillow, Fully Reversible Fox Dress



PHOTO COURTESY GREENBELT MUSEUM

Some of the ribbon winners at the Retro Town Fair

# Council Hears Plan to Expand Anacostia Trails Heritage Area

by Cooper Fojas

At a Greenbelt City Council worksession on August 24, Meagan Baco, executive director of the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area (ATHA), presented the nonprofit organization's plans for expansion, saying it is looking at late 2023 for state approval of its first major expansion since it was established more than 20 years ago.

Currently, the nonprofit's boundaries encompass the northernmost fifth of Prince George's County, including Greenbelt. The plan, if approved, would stretch all the way down to Eagle Harbor, near Aquasco, effectively quadrupling the area in which it can operate.

"The organization has recognized that there's a need for our services and we've got a good record of success," said Baco. "We have something that other towns and nonprofits in the county could really benefit from."

More territory is just the first big step for ATHA, which believes that more funding and influence will make them the premier grant resource for all heritage tourism projects in the county. According to its website at [anacostiatrials.com](http://anacostiatrials.com), ATHA's "work supports municipalities, business and property owners, and visitors and residents alike by promoting the arts, culture, nature and history across the region." The plan is certainly ambitious, and Mayor Emmett Jordan shared a word of caution from his experience of organizations being stretched too thinly. "We're very, very interested in trying to have

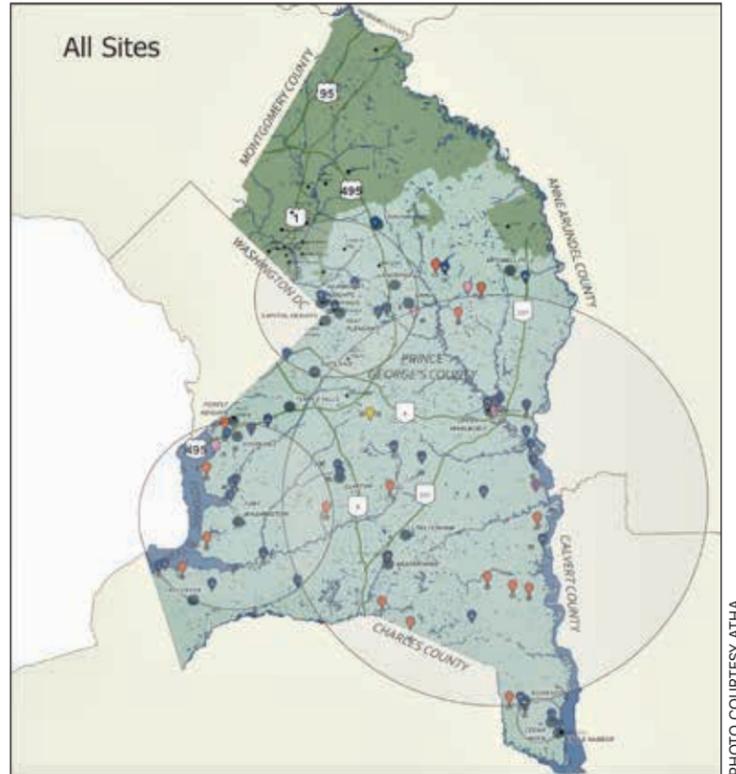


PHOTO COURTESY ATHA

The green shaded region of north Prince George's County is ATHA's current jurisdiction. The circles encompass areas it plans on expanding to.

more people come and visit and spend some time in Greenbelt," said Jordan during the meeting. "But our staff is so stretched that sometimes, the grant opportunities sort of just roll by."

Aside from the point made by the mayor, the consensus at the worksession was a feeling of excitement and hope for ATHA to continue to grow. Councilmember Rodney Roberts recalled that

the group has overcome some struggles to reach a point where it's not only successful but ready to expand: "I can remember a time when it was touch and go as to whether ATHA was even gonna make it and survive," said Roberts. "It's amazing how far you've come."

*Cooper Fojas is a University of Maryland journalism student writing for the News Review.*



### PRELIMINARY AGENDA Meetings of the GHI and GDC Boards of Directors on November 3, 2022

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

- Contract for Employee Medical Insurance Benefits - 2nd reading
- Approve Minutes of the Closed Meeting Held on September 15, 2022
- Contract for Life/Accidental Death and Dismemberment, Disability, and Dental Insurance Benefits for Employees - 1st reading
- 2023-2025 Contract for Tree Maintenance Services
- 2023-2025 Contract for Landscape Maintenance Services
- Member Financial Matters
- Member Complaint Matters

#### GDC Open Meeting - starts at 7:45 p.m. - open to visitors and members

- Approve Minutes of the Open Meeting Held on September 1, 2022
- Approve Minutes of the Open Meeting Held on September 15, 2022
- Review Preliminary GDC 2023 Operating Budget

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

- Statement of a Formal Hearing Held in a Closed Meeting on October 27, 2022
- Statement of Closed Meeting of the Board of Directors Held on November 3, 2022
- Approve Minutes of the Open Meeting Held on September 15, 2022
- Review 2023 GHI Operating Budget - 1st reading
- Proposed New Outline for the Member Handbook
- Legislative Government Affairs Committee Letter re: Reverse Mortgages
- Motion to Hold a Closed Meeting on November 17, 2022

Members and visitors who wish to attend the Open meetings must register in advance via the following link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZytdOCupjkiHNHBW-7JuZzsFTQ5Nxx3r7lZ>

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

**Community Reporter Writing Class!**  
Saturday November 5,  
9:30 to 11 a.m.



**"Write Here!"**

At The **GREENBELT News Review**

Class Signup thru 11/2/2022. Limited slots.

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## School News

# School Pickup and Drop-off Highlight Pandemic Challenges

by Stephanie Quinn

John Appiah-Duffell greets parents in cars lined up on Edmonston Road in the afternoons, using a mobile app to notify teachers inside Dora Kennedy French Immersion School (DKFI) which students to send out for pickup.

Appiah-Duffell, 38, who works from home in Greenbelt for a Washington, D.C., nonprofit, has been providing this service to DKFI long enough that he recognizes most parents.

“For the most part, I know them on sight. I know their kids’ names, and I send them in,” said Appiah-Duffell. “If I happen not to recognize them, then I’ll ask.”

The Covid-19 pandemic changed parents’ work habits, kept students out of school for a year and demanded new regulations to limit the spread of the virus.

Two months into Prince George’s County’s second full school year since the pandemic began, Covid’s long-term impacts are still coming into focus.

In the first weeks of the school year, lines of cars choked off roads in front of DKFI and Greenbelt Elementary School (GES). With more parents driving students to school, DKFI and GES have introduced traffic measures and assigned parent volunteers and staff to guide students and parents before and after school.

School pickup and drop-off lines – and the procedures schools have put in place to get students to classrooms and after-school transportation safely – show what has changed for parents and students since spring 2020. They also highlight ongoing challenges.

“The thing I’ve been saying since before I had kids is, ‘I will never sit in that line,’” said John Zale, 37, of Greenbelt, who works for the federal government. “And we haven’t yet.”

Zale bikes with his son to GES most days. When he drives his son to school, he parks a block away and walks his son to the door, which he said the school encourages parents to do.

“The real disaster happens when a parent leaves the car in the line,” Zale said.

Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) provides bus transportation for students living more than 1.5 miles from school. But not all households who are eligible for bus service use it.

Springhill Lake Elementary School Principal Trena Wilson said her school had mostly avoided problems with pickup and drop-off lines, since most students walk to school.

GES Principal Joel Nelson said, “I think that post-Covid there is a heightened awareness or need of many parents to make sure their children get to the front door.”

Virtual instruction earlier in the pandemic meant that younger students missed out on opportunities to learn school routines and overcome fears about going to school for the first time.

“This is probably one of the



Vehicles wait in the school pickup line on Greenbelt Road approaching Dora Kennedy French Immersion School.

most important points,” said Nelson. “Every elementary school, Greenbelt being one, you have 30 percent of students who have not been in the building before.”

Jasmine Giddings, 34, instructional lead teacher at GES, manages morning traffic by opening car doors, greeting students, answering parents’ questions and guiding students to their specific grade level entrances.

“In terms of the long lines, I think it’s really just our primary kiddos,” said Giddings. “Their parents just want to make sure their kids are getting into their spots safely.”

Parents of students at GES and DKFI cited teleworking and interruptions stemming from the nationwide shortage of bus drivers to explain why more parents are driving their children to school. In addition to the pickup app used by teachers and parent volunteers, DKFI dismisses grades 1 to 3 and 4 to 6 from different exits to dilute traffic and prompts parents to turn on their hazard lights while stopped in the street.

Jamie Krauk’s daughter, a sixth grader at DKFI, rides the bus to school and gets picked up in the afternoons. Krauk, 46, a senior executive at NASA headquarters, said that although morning buses have been more reliable this year, riding the bus home is impractical for her daughter, a busy gymnast with practice immediately after school.

“She usually doesn’t make it on time as it is,” Krauk said. “She would never make it on time if we had to wait for the bus to get home.”

Kateri Baker, 39, a PGCPS special educator, said her children used to ride the bus, but she started driving her children to DKFI after in-person teaching resumed.

Baker said one of her children is young enough that, if they used the bus, she or her husband would have to wait at the bus stop.

“My husband’s still completely virtual, and I have a flexible schedule, so it takes us less time or the same amount of time to just drive them in, rather than wait at the bus stop if the bus is running late,” said Baker.

Baker added that the suspension of aftercare at DKFI since the pandemic has meant more parents are picking up their children at the same time.

Keysha Kerdock, 31, an instructional assistant at a private pre-K, described a different reason some parents might prefer to drive students to school. “These kids are carrying around hundreds of dollars’ worth of electronic equipment in their backpack,” said Kerdock, referring to the school-owned Chromebook her daughter, a walker, brings to and from GES almost every day.

While most parents said that traffic flow around Greenbelt schools has improved, others cited underlying issues such as overcrowding.

Appiah-Duffell said that the school system is “way overburdened and they’re doing the absolute best they can with what they’ve got.”

One parent, who wished to remain anonymous, said that Old Greenbelt parents sometimes grumble about parents driving students in from other parts of the municipality, even though the children are districted for GES.

Parents and school staff are looking ahead to long-term solutions.

Nelson described the success of Greenbelt’s recent Walk to School Day and expressed hope that more families would consider walking.

“If you’re walking, you’re definitely not driving,” he said. “I’m definitely supportive of more walk days.” Appiah-Duffell recalled the fear and frustration DKFI parents experienced last year in the early days of the transition back to in-person teaching.

Sending their children back to school and faced with decisions whether to use buses amid continued community transmission of Covid, Appiah-Duffell recalled, parents waiting in pickup lines voiced frustration that they couldn’t see their children for up to an hour or more.

“I thought, ‘This is insane.’ I called the office and said, ‘Is there anything that parents can do to help?’” he said. “I just figured, you know, I had to be part of the solution,” said Appiah-Duffell.

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they have decided to focus on elementary and middle schools first.

### Impact on Greenbelt

In Phase 1A, for school year 2023-2024, the impacted schools include Greenbelt Elementary and Greenbelt Middle School, as well as Magnolia Elementary, located in Lanham but also serving Greenbelt. Under the proposal, 64 students currently attending Greenbelt Elementary School will be reassigned to Magnolia, impacting students who reside in the area east of the Beltway between Greenbelt Road and Good Luck Road. Meanwhile, 204 students currently attending Greenbelt Middle School will be reassigned – 200 will go to Buck Lodge Middle School and four will be within a new catchment area for William Wirt Middle School. Areas of Hollywood and College Park will no longer be zoned for Greenbelt Middle. To check if one’s zoning has changed under the new proposed boundaries, visit [wxyplanning.com/pgcps-boundary-tool-phase2](http://wxyplanning.com/pgcps-boundary-tool-phase2) and enter an address.

A welcome impact from these boundary changes will be some alleviation of the overcrowding that has been plaguing Greenbelt Middle School. This will mean fewer students in the buildings, but parents may be disappointed to hear that it will not necessarily mean smaller class sizes. This is because the reallocation of students will be accompanied by a reallocation of teachers. Goldson explained, “We base our staffing on enrollment. So, if a school loses a hundred students, then

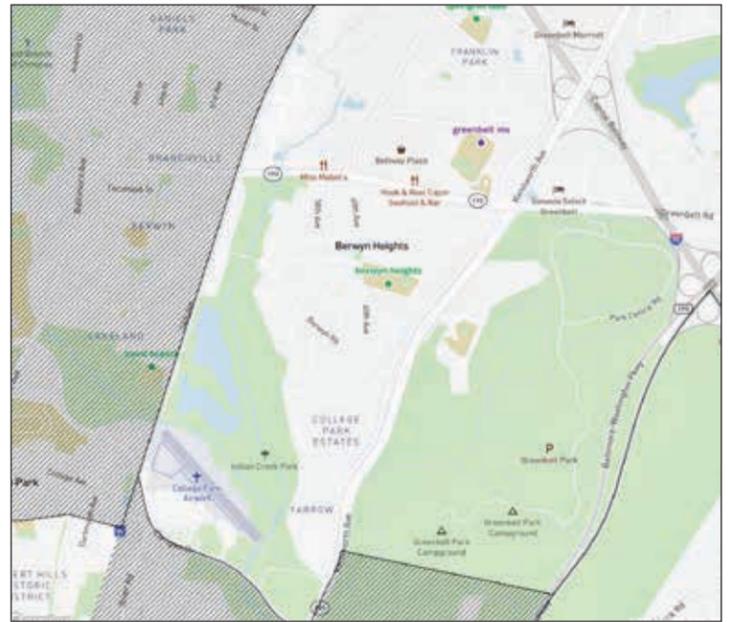
they also will lose those teachers. But do we lose those teachers from the district? Definitely not. Teachers follow students. So as one school loses a hundred students another school gains those students and, so, those teachers will be needed at another site.” Goldson said that, in the case of consolidation of schools, teachers would be reallocated to fill vacancies throughout the school system and, in addition to continued recruitment efforts, the boundary changes might help to “begin to plug some of those gaps.”

Appointed At-Large Board Member Curtis Valentine asked the board not to take for granted that teachers will stay within the district if they lose their place at a school. He pointed out that teachers may really like their school and the parent groups and school leaders they know. “We’re a very competitive region in the district,” Valentine emphasized, suggesting teachers may not follow students or choose to stay with PGCPS and he called for the administration to prioritize communication with teachers affected by the changes.

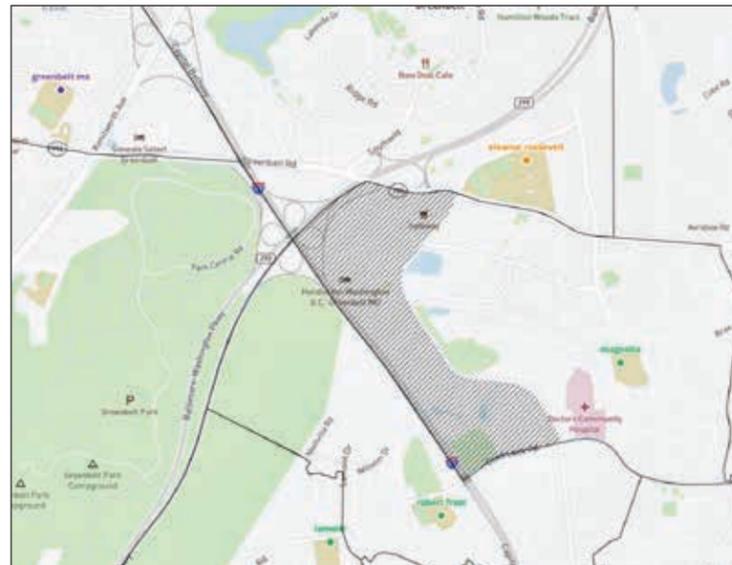
Greenbelt’s out-going School Board Representative Joshua Thomas was not present at the worksession and did not respond to questions from the Greenbelt News Review.

Goldson recently held two community listening sessions, on October 20 and October 25.

The final proposal will be introduced at the PGCPS Board meeting on Thursday, October 27, for a first reading.



New middle school zones



New zoning for Magnolia Elementary School

- Images from PGCPS Boundary Tool

# Trip to Greenhills, Ohio

GreenbeltOnline's Susan Harris traveled recently to Greenhills, Ohio – Greenbelt's New Deal sister city. She returned with photos that show the striking and sometimes now long-gone similarities to Greenbelt. See the full article and more pictures at GreenbeltOnline.org/blog.



The Greenhills school is reminiscent of Greenbelt's (now the Community Center) but without the bas reliefs.

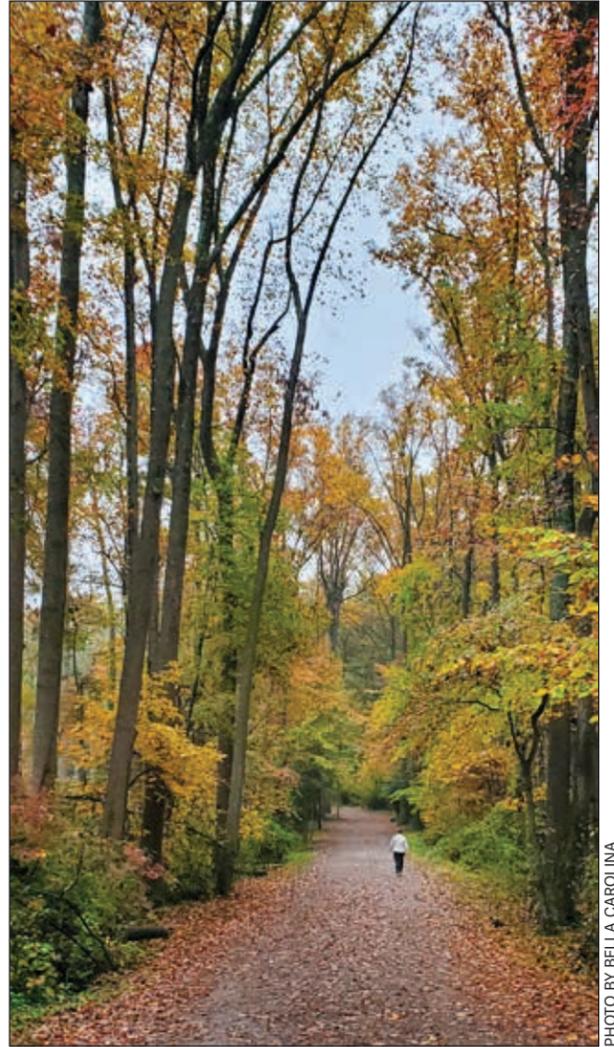
- Photos by Susan Harris, courtesy GreenbeltOnline.org



Greenhills, Ohio, Mayor David Moore holds a copy of the Greenbelt News Review at the entrance to his New Deal city.



Fancy a dip, anybody? The Greenhills pool today has the same three portholes that many will recognize from early Greenbelt photos and which are still featured at today's pool.



Morning walk, Greenbelt Lake

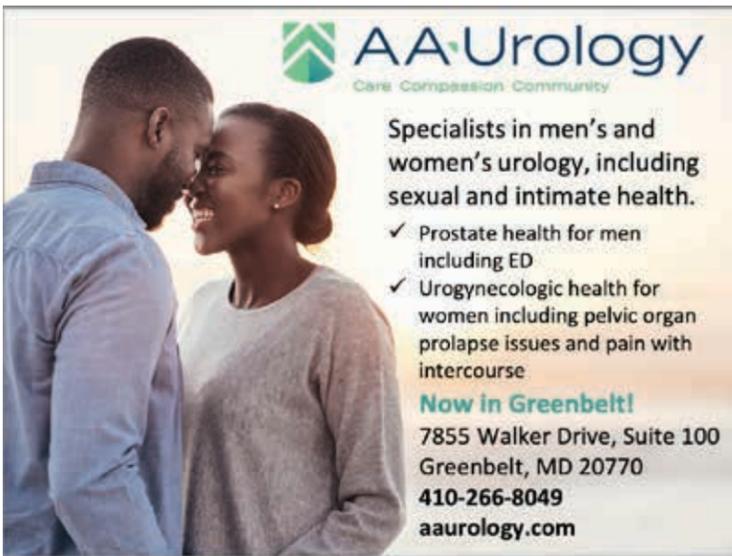
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to be two functional lanes. Do they honestly think people are going to pay attention to a closed off vehicle lane? Whoever devised this vehicular nightmare needs their head examined. As a seasoned traveler on the roads in Greenbelt, I believe this is a tragedy waiting to happen. And to top it off, there are no designated bicycle lanes going eastbound, did they forget that side?

I implore the SHA or whoever made this decision, please reconsider. At least put the offending bike lane closer to the curb. I know redoing it will be an inconvenience to all of us but it must be done for the safety of everyone.

Donna Peterson

## Council Disappoints

For my first year in Greenbelt, I have relied on the Greenbelt News Review for its weekly reports of the city council meetings.

On October 11, I finally decided to attend a council meeting in person because of my interest in the following three items on the agenda: (1) Native American Day Proclamation, (2) Plastic Bag Presentation and (3) Advisory Committee on Trees Report #2022-1.

(1) Following the 2021 referendum on creating a commission to discuss the issues of reparation for African Americans and Native Americans I had naively envisioned a progressive October 10th Indigenous People Day acknowledgment from council. A proclamation that perhaps could have been instructed by the fact that, within City of Greenbelt boundaries, lies one of the largest seasonal Native American resource-gathering sites dating to the Archaic Period (Indian Creek V Site - 18PR94). A well-preserved, short-term habitation from the Early and Late Archaic Periods, used during the annual settlement migration in Maryland and Pennsylvania.

(2) Dr. Ainsworth, a leading figure of the Maryland Sierra Club Chapter Zero Waste Team, made a distressing presentation of a survey that recorded levels of plastic bag use from our Greenbelt grocery shops. Greenbelt systematic-collected data was in sharp contrast with similar data collected in places such as the City of Baltimore or Easton (Maryland Eastern Shore), two municipalities which have adopted strong policies to successfully reduce plastic bag negative impact. The comments and questions from our councilmembers clearly displayed a worrying state of apathy, if not a disparaging attitude towards Greenbelt residents who spend countless hours to make our city a more sustainable environment.

(3) Finally, council did not discuss the Advisory Committee on Trees report related to roadside trees. As recently experienced through past severe storms, the public right-of-way between roads and private properties is a very sensitive area shared by natural elements such as trees, often in conflict with electrical/internet infrastructure. To best prevent disagreement or negative consequence, it would be better to engage in responsible maintenance management, starting with an informed, environmentally-educated council.

Xavier Courouble

## Feral Cat Policy

I was surprised to read in the Greenbelt News Review (October 13, 2022, City Notes section) that four feral cats had been trapped but then released into the community.

The Greenbelt Homes Communicator (May/June 2010) says that free-roaming cats nationwide kill several hundred million songbirds and more than a billion small mammals and other wildlife annually, and that it is against county, city and GHI regulations to let cats roam outdoors.

Bill Garren

## City Lacks Ordinances On Excessive Trash

We have so many ordinances in the city and yet there seems to be a continued gap in trash, and ultimately pest control, when it comes to the apartments near Roosevelt Center. It has been particularly bad the last several months, which may also be indicative of increased evictions. Is the property owner ever held

accountable for this amount of trash always overflowing their trash cans and partially enclosed trash area? It seems to only reach a new normal of excessive trash that is never removed.

Johanna Goderre

## Library Essential Help

For the last few weeks, my neighbors on Laurel Hill Road and I have organized and implemented a Shakespeare Reading Group. On Sunday afternoons at 4 p.m.; we sit in the park, adjacent to 10 Court, pick parts at random and take turns reading.

The Greenbelt Library has been essential toward the success of this effort.

This week however, the Greenbelt Library has outperformed itself.

In advance of our reading Much Ado About Nothing the Library was tasked with locating and securing at least 10 copies of the play by Friday, October 21. I received a phone call from the Library that nine of the copies had arrived today, including a copy from the Oxford University Press, which, frankly, I had specifically requested.

Additional copies of the play, so I am told, will arrive by Friday.

What began as a diverse group of neighbors, i.e., racially, academically, politically and professionally, is proof of the truth that Americans are not as divided as some may wish to portray.

And we're growing!

As to the Greenbelt Library, "I can no other answer make than thanks, and thanks, and ever thanks. ..."

Lawrence Hawkins



Butterfly photos by Letty Bonnell

Gray hairstreak butterfly on aster



Painted lady butterfly on butterfly weed



Pearl crescent butterfly in front yard



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Trash on Parkway: this should not be the "new normal."



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# Police Blotter

Incidents reported here occurred from October 17 to 23. Readers are encouraged to contact the police if they have information that may aid in an inquiry. Call the non-emergency number 301-474-7200 or email [pd@greenbeltnmd.gov](mailto:pd@greenbeltnmd.gov). Note that the times provided are when the incidents were reported.

### Fatal Hit and Run

On October 19 at approximately 2 a.m., officers responded to the 6200 block of Greenbelt Road for a collision involving a pedestrian. A man was found in the roadway and pronounced dead. The driver did not remain at the scene. The Prince George's County Police Department is leading this investigation. Anyone with information on this incident is asked to call Prince George's County Crime Solvers at 866-411-8477 or [p3tips.com/TipForm.aspx?ID=266#English](http://p3tips.com/TipForm.aspx?ID=266#English). Report can remain anonymous.

### Robbery

On October 19 at 7:59 p.m. near 99 Centerway, a juvenile was robbed by two juvenile males wearing dark clothing outside the Youth Center. No weapons were used.

### Assault

On October 22 at 7:17 p.m. near 5900 Cherrywood Lane, a dispute between children turned physical.

On October 22 at 10:24 p.m. near Crescent Road and Gardenway, a vehicle drove by and shot paintballs at a group of people. One victim was hit, leaving paint on the victim's clothes. The group could not provide a description of the vehicle.

### DUI arrests

On October 19 at 12:34 a.m. near Greenbelt Road and Lakecrest Drive; October 21 at 1:37 a.m. near Kenilworth Avenue and Greenbelt Road; and at 12:10 a.m. near 7800 Hanover Parkway.

### Theft

On October 17 at 4:07 p.m. near 550 Crescent Road, personal property was taken after the owner put it down.

On October 18 at 2:55 p.m. near 9100 Springhill Lane, personal property was stolen after it was placed outside the residence by management.

On October 19 at 3:30 p.m. near 7400 Greenbelt Road, a woman was arrested on an active warrant after a dine-and-dash.

On October 20 at 4:34 p.m. near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace, personal property was stolen from a residence. A patio sliding glass door was opened with no signs of forced entry.

On October 20 near Plateau Place, mail check fraud.

On October 22 at 4 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, suspect asked the victim to donate money for charity, but when the victim pulled out their wallet, the suspect grabbed all of the victim's cash and ran.

Commercial thefts, October 18 at 13:27 a.m. near 7600 Greenbelt Road, and October 20 at 6:04 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road.

### Vandalism

On October 20 at 3:22 p.m. near 9200 Edmonston Road, residence window shattered; nothing taken. On October 22 at 9:55 p.m. near 200 Lakeside Drive, residence window shattered by paint ball pellet.

### Stolen Vehicles

On October 18 at 6:51 p.m. near 7600 Greenbelt Road, a 2014 Toyota minivan (Md. tag 2BW3530) was stolen when the driver stepped out of the vehicle to vacuum it. On October 20 at 9:21 a.m. near 6200 Spring-

hill Drive, a black 2017 Infiniti QX60 (D.C. plate GL4027) was stolen. On October 22 at 12:21 a.m. near 7900 Lakecrest Drive, a 2012 blue Honda Civic (Md. plate W00SHA) was stolen. On October 23 at 12:22 a.m. near 8100 Mandan Terrace, a gray 2017 Hyundai Elantra (Md. plate 9EP7316) was stolen.

### Theft from Auto, Vandalism

On October 21 at 4 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a man attempted to steal the wheels from a 2011 Honda Accord. The man was described as a Black man about 45 to 60 years old, about 5'10" weighing approximately 200 pounds, wearing dark clothing. The man fled in a gold sedan. The victim's car was damaged.

All four rims and tires were stolen on October 20 near 6400 Cherrywood Lane from two vehicles, both 2022 Honda Civics; and October 23 near 8000 Mandan Road from a 2022 Nissan Altima.

On October 21 near 9100 Edmonston Road, 19 vehicles in a residence parking lot were scratched by a sharp object; the next day, another vehicle was also found scratched.

Windows were shattered and property stolen on October 17 near 6100 Breezewood Drive, October 18 near 9100 Springhill Lane and October 22 near 6100 Breezewood Drive.

On October 18 near 6000 Springhill Drive, front and rear license plates were stolen. On October 22 near 9100 Edmonston Road, an attempted catalytic converter theft, damaging the catalytic converter. On October 17 near 400 Ridge Road, vehicle rummaged through; nothing taken.

On October 20 near 6800 Damsel Court, four tires of a car were flattened.

### Money Found

An undisclosed amount of cash was found at the site of the Greenbelt Pumpkin Walk that took place this past weekend. If you think it's yours, contact the Lost & Found at the Greenbelt Police Department and provide a description of the lost sum. Call 240-542-2128 or email [jguy@greenbeltnmd.gov](mailto:jguy@greenbeltnmd.gov).

- Photos by Anna Bedford-Dillow

## Police Visit Cub Scouts



On Thursday, October 20, Corporal Carlos Torres and Officer Rakibur Rahman of the Greenbelt Police Department visited the Greenbelt Cub Scouts. Scouts from the youngest two dens – the Lions (kindergarten) and Tigers (first grade) – have been learning about community service, people to turn to in an emergency and civic duty. They were excited to welcome special “community helpers” during their den meeting and were able to ask questions of the officers, check out their cars and operate the sirens. Pictured above: Corporal Torres lets some Cub Scouts explore his police car. Lion Scout Allen Fulcher takes the wheel.



Corporal Torres and Officer Rahman pose with Pack 202's Lions and Tigers.



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## Co-op Month

# Manager Gillotte Meets Co-op, Greenbelt, Covid in Spring 2020

by Lois Rosado

Dan Gillotte, the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy manager, arrived at a new job, in a new city, just as Covid-19 struck the country. What ensued was a nationwide pandemic with little information or understanding about this new plague. Not only did he have to meet and try to forge relationships with Co-op personnel during a pandemic, Gillotte had to keep everyone safe – his employees, who were designated essential workers, and the customers.

The other challenge: the supply chain. Suppliers the Co-op normally used were unable to supply the store with certain items, such as toilet paper. Gillotte arranged with a janitorial company to purchase excess supplies because their staff were not working during the shutdowns.

A mask mandate was instituted at the Co-op, plexiglass barriers were installed between cashiers and customers to protect them during the checkout process and floor markings assisted patrons in maintaining safe distances while in line. Ever-changing state/county guidelines had to be implemented. Curbside pick-up was instituted the second week of the pandemic. Fortunately, a plan to do just that was already being discussed.

Gillotte saw his role as helping staff to maintain stability, continue to provide the best customer service possible and manage the fear that Covid brought to everyone. He had to secure the Co-op for the future, arrange safe meetings and set expectations. He credits his staff with being supportive, accepting of the restrictions imposed by the pandemic and working together to assist the Greenbelt community move through this extremely stressful time. The first all-staff meeting Gillotte held was just one month ago, two years after the onset of Covid.

As Covid vaccines were made available, Gillotte felt that Greenbelt, as the rest of the country, was turning a corner for the better. Then in 2021, there were new setbacks, a surge in Covid cases and challenges again with the supply chain resulting in some empty shelves.

## Café Food Service

In 2021, the Co-op grocery store took over the food concession for the New Deal Café. Gillotte's vision for expanding the reach of the Co-op, part of a strategic plan, began to be realized. Prior to this becoming a reality, Gillotte had to hire reliable cooks and counter staff. A full menu is now offered, cooked in the Café kitchen with the Co-op supplying baked goods. An initial soft opening offered limited food choices and hours at the Café. However, everyone looked forward to the summer of 2021 when people would begin to dine out again and bands begin to play at least six nights a week. Then another wave of Covid struck, delaying plans to fully open the Café. By the spring and summer of 2022, people finally began to feel comfortable enough to venture out for food and listen to various music offerings at the Café.



New Co-op General Manager Dan Gillotte, left, is greeted by outgoing manager Bob Davis in March, 2020.

Gillotte pointed out that bands rely on tips, as well as the servers. He also stated that his approach to managing the Café was to ensure that workers received the same pay and benefits as workers in the Co-op. Workers receive \$14.40 per hour plus tips, which are shared between servers, dishwashers, cooks and other staff members.

## Store Improvements

Gillotte and the management team at the Co-op are always seeking ways to improve the shopping experiences of customers. The reorganization of products in the store was done to ensure better shopping flow, even if it is a little challenging to veteran shoppers who are used to items being found in a particular aisle. Gillotte hopes that the veteran shoppers will appreciate attempts to improve the shopping experience for everyone. The Co-op is striving to connect with local producers to offer foods that are of interest to current and new shoppers. The biggest challenge is to offer foods for the younger demographic moving into Greenbelt, without alienating seasoned shoppers. The Co-op must think about the long-term viability of the institution and work to help sustain it into the future. "That is the balance that we are trying to strike," Gillotte says.

The weekly email notices from the Co-op serve to educate patrons regarding offerings in the store and to inform shoppers of what items are not available that week with suggestions for alternatives. Educating and communicating with members is a

Co-op principle.

When asked about how the roof solar panel project helped the Co-op with overall expenses, Gillotte stated that while that project occurred before his appointment, it offered great benefits – no more roof leakages and lower electric bills.

The pharmacy is highly regulated and an area that Gillotte had to learn about. The services are very important and benefit the community in many ways. He and the pharmacist are also seeking ways to improve services and help educate citizens about their various prescriptions.

In the next five years, Gillotte hopes to replace aging equipment with more energy-efficient appliances, complete some renovations to the front of the store and improve food service with more house-made food items. The hope of Co-op management and staff is for the store to become a destination shopping site where people come from all over because of the great offerings.

Gillotte's pitch for co-ops: The Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy has been here since 1937 and in 1984 community residents put the money and time into ensuring that this vital service remained an important part of city life and services.

Co-ops are essential and it is truly up to the people of Greenbelt to support and sustain existing co-ops. They are an enduring legacy and Gillotte feels very lucky and fortunate to be able to be a part of such a historic city and institution.

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the property, with a similar if less radical makeover in the last several years. This has helped retain the viability of what might otherwise have disintegrated.

Today, its homes continue to retain their value while still being affordable. Now, though the homes are more often inhabited by older residents and retirees and its playgrounds are no longer teeming with the children of the 1930s and 1940s, it remains a vibrant and valid community.

## Greenbelt News Review

Last in the list but not in the collective heart, is this newspaper, originally the Greenbelt Cooperator. It is Greenbelt's only worker cooperative. When first registered as a business in the District of Columbia in 1941, four years after its inception, and long before GHI came into being, the original filing stated that it was a nonprofit cooperative. Maryland has no similar designation, which is perhaps why the News Review remains registered in D.C. to this day.

## Why a Cooperative?

There are some advantages to being organized as a worker cooperative, apart from democratic spirit. Because all the members are owners, they don't have to be paid minimum wage when they work – or in fact anything at all if the paper makes no money. Profits (if any) are distributed as dividends to the members or used for community purposes. If the News Review had to pay even minimum wage to all its staff, it would go belly-up in no time flat. In fact, over half today's members decline their dividends (which work out to around a princely \$2.50 per hour or less). Members are semi-volunteers. The inescapable costs of the paper include printing, layout, rent to the city for the office, insurance against being sued for libel or other legal liabilities and the office supplies (which include a generous allowance for candy, a major office perk).

The newspaper is funded almost completely from its advertising revenue and thanks the businesses and nonprofits for their continuing investment. Over the years, when there has been some money to spare, the News Review has contributed additionally to the city and beyond.

## Community Contribution

In addition to almost-inadvertently documenting the history of the city as it happens in real time, the News Review has also contributed to its everyday culture and wellbeing. Its carriers learn a work ethic, its members enjoy a sense of wellbeing and fulfillment, its institutions have trans-

parency to the population they serve and residents (within limits) have a voice on its letters page.

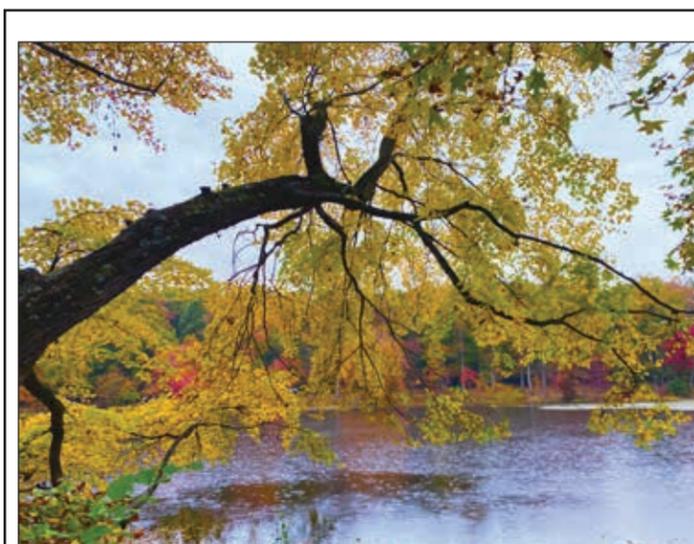
The newspaper also sponsored the 2018 production by Greenbelt Susan Gervasi of the film *Defending Utopia* (available online and in the Co-op Grocery Store) which documented the role the newspaper has played during the city's lifetime. And, of course, the singular victory in the 1970 Supreme Court decision upholding freedom of speech.

## The Challenges

As a newspaper, it continues to face challenges and overcome them. The overall decline of community newspapers nationally is also a threat to the News Review as people look to the internet for news. But the internet is global in its reach – not on Greenbelt's scale – and its content often of dubious provenance. The Greenbelt News Review will continue to buck this trend as long as it can and its organization as a cooperative allows the community to participate in sustaining it. Perhaps the newspaper is not the vital means of communication it was in 1938, but it remains an enduring symbol of community life and consciousness – and it will be a sad day for the city if it disappears.

The Greenbelt News Review came into life on November 24, 1937, as the Greenbelt Cooperator, put together by members of the Greenbelt Journalistic Club. Plagued by frequent staff turnovers, the club soon decided to operate as a producer cooperative (though we now think of it as a worker cooperative), giving workers a portion of each month's profit (initially 50 percent) in proportion to the number of hours worked (see [greenbeltnewsreview.com/issues/coop19380330.pdf](http://greenbeltnewsreview.com/issues/coop19380330.pdf), page 7).

By 1940, the club again considered the paper's organization, and deemed that operating the paper on a cooperative basis was the best option. In July 1940, the Journalistic Club disbanded and formed the Greenbelt Publishing Association. The State of Maryland had no laws on cooperatives at the time, and the paper eventually was incorporated by the District of Columbia in September 1941 as the Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association, under whose auspices the paper is still published today. It was believed at the time that this was the first producer cooperative to operate a newspaper, giving Greenbelt another "first" (see [greenbeltnewsreview.com/issues/coop19410926.pdf](http://greenbeltnewsreview.com/issues/coop19410926.pdf)).



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# Out and About in Greenbelt



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Residents of Courts 9, 11 and 13 Ridge Road enjoy a cheerful fall potluck.



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Greenbelt Unplugged sponsored kite decorating and flying at Northway Fields on Saturday, October 15.



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Pink Ribbon Rally at Luminis Health Doctors Community Medical Center



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The Ukraine Vigil continues Sundays, 1 to 2 p.m. at the Farmers Market. From left, David Shapiro, Donna Hoffmeister, Marj Donn, Kathleen Bartolomeo, Michael Travis, Nick Nelson, back row, Bill Orleans



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# Sports

## ERHS Girls Soccer Team Defeats Bullis, Oxon Hill; Earns County League Trophy

by Patrick Gleason

Two assists from sophomore Jada Savage and two goals from senior Julia Beckmann gave Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) girls soccer team two victories over Bullis School in two years. First, in the October 20 contest, Savage slipped a ball past the Bulldog defensive line, allowing Beckmann to force the Bullis keeper out of position as Beckmann cut around her and calmly finished the job. As the first half continued, Roosevelt applied more pressure, and Bullis reciprocated. But yet again Savage attacked, this time with a defender aggressively challenging. About 20 yards out from goal, Savage took a violent cut to her right and whipped a cross into the box, where Beckmann waited. This time Beckmann completed the job with her head, scoring a beautiful goal resulting in an eruption from the Roosevelt bench.

However, the 2-0 lead wouldn't last as Bullis halved their deficit less than six minutes into the second half. After a Roosevelt turnover in the midfield, Bullis quickly counterattacked and slipped a shot inside the near post, barely beating senior goalkeeper Mia Hamilton. The intensity heightened for the remainder of the half, especially after midfielder Sadie Swart left the game with a bloodied forehead following a Bullis foul. With 15 minutes remaining, Jada Savage nearly provided an insurance goal for the Raiders after forward Gabriella Martinez corralled a pass from Sarai DeSouza and dropped to Savage. Unfortunately, the post remained resolute and Savage's shot ricocheted away from goal, leaving the score where it would

finish: 2-1.

As the game ended for the Raiders, the sky remained a gentle blue wisped by thin clouds above the surrounding pine trees, hopefully signs of good fortune with playoffs starting on Friday, October 28. Roosevelt will host the winner of the Suitland-Wise matchup at 5 p.m. The Raiders' 9-2 regular season earned them the Prince George's County 4A League trophy, resulting in an appearance in the county championship game on Tuesday, October 25 where they defeated Oxon Hill High School 7-1 behind two goals from senior Alexis Casey.



Senior goalkeeper Mia Hamilton had seven shutouts in the Raiders' 9-2 regular season. Playoffs start Friday, October 28.



Sisters Alena and Julia Beckmann celebrate the Raiders' second goal in their 2-1 victory on Thursday, October 20.

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# Roosevelt Center Art Crawl

Greenbelters gathered on Sunday, October 16 for the first Roosevelt Center Art Crawl, hosted by the Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board. Those in attendance were able to tour the Greenbelt Arts Center and the New Deal Café and watch short films in the Old Greenbelt Theatre. Greenbelt Access Television, Utopia Film Festival, Friends of New Deal Café Arts and the Greenbelt Arts

Advisory Board also set up tables in the Center and shared information about their programs. Music was provided by Greenbelt Honk! Situation, The Pandemic Sisters & Dave, and Melissa Sites. The event attracted a vibrant crowd on a beautiful fall day, perfect weather for an outdoor event.

- Photos by Chondria Andrews



The Greenbelt Honk! Situation entertains the crowd at the start of the Roosevelt Center Art Crawl. From left, Jeremy O’Roark, Dan Gillotte (behind), Rebecca Hoop, Jen Laemmer, Tiffany Papanikolas, Mark Cheater and Dave Eubanks



Vijay Parameshwaran decorates the sidewalk in Roosevelt Center with the help of some young locals. Parameshwaran is a member of the Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board and helped Chair Tom Leamond and other members organize the Roosevelt Center Art Crawl.



The Pandemic Sisters & Dave strum familiar songs during the Roosevelt Center Art Crawl. From left, Jan Morrow, Rachel Milligan, Dana Phares, Dave Meng (seated), Sally Davies, Judy Kendall and Laura Bonkosky

# Pumpkin Festival and Walk



Pumpkin carvers at work

PHOTO BY MARY MOIEN

All of the picnic tables and sidewalk space at Roosevelt Center were filled as children large and small carved pumpkins on Friday, October 21. The weather was great and many of these pumpkins became part of the Pumpkin Walk the next night.



Susan Barnett dresses up for the Pumpkin Festival.

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The Spooky Ukulettes entertained both kids and adults as they made their way through the North Woods for the 33rd annual Pumpkin Walk on October 22. The kids loved the skeleton and the adults loved singing along to songs like the Addams Family, I Told the Witch Doctor and Love Potion Number 9. Guests and musicians, from left, Donna Peterson, Mary Moien, JoEllen Sarff, Carol Ready (on ground), Ellie Clark, Lisa Millisetta, Kathy Bartolomeo and Lore Rosenthal

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Greenbelt Public Works employee Tony Fendlay made all the jack-o'-lanterns disappear the Monday after the October 22 Pumpkin Walk. Here, he holds one up for a quick photo before it goes to the Land of the Great Pumpkin.

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Phoebe McFarb and John Campanile answer questions at the Greenbelt Access Television (GATE) information table.