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## Wild Rumpus Halloween Celebration a Roaring Success

by Sandy Rodgers



PHOTO COURTESY CITY OF GREENBELT

Emilia Loo, dressed as Max from *Where the Wild Things Are*, presides over the Wild Rumpus, along with her father, Ken Loo.

The Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program invited families and children of all ages to the first in-person Halloween celebration in Roosevelt Center since the pandemic on Friday, October 28. Attendees dressed in Halloween or cosplay costumes joined in the creative transformation of Roosevelt Center into a Wild Rumpus.

This event drew inspiration from the classic children's book *Where the Wild Things Are*. Max, sovereign of the Wild Things, was there in her white wolf suit. When she was impressed by someone's costume artistry or spirited dance moves, she invited them to be knighted. If summoned, they were requested to kneel politely for the tapping ceremony. Maeve Wolfram and Carleigh Ezzell, 10-year-old

friends who were dressed as dead cheerleaders at the Wild Rumpus, said their favorite part was "the silent performances and the performers' cool costumes."

A Wild Rumpus of all kinds of characters trick-or-treated around the Center with the Greenbelt City Council, local merchants and nonprofit organizations. Participants included the Greenbelt Library, Greenbelt Arts Center, Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket, Cedars of Lebanon, Realty 1, Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, Generous Joe's, Mini Mart, Greenbelt Sunoco, Greenbelt Auto and Truck, Maria's Beauty Salon, Solar Nails, Beijing restaurant, Choice Clinical Services, Bee Fusion Yoga and additional Granite Building tenants.

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PHOTO BY ANNA BEDFORD-BILLOW

Wild Things parade at the Rumpus in Roosevelt Center.

## City's New Economic Development Manager Kevin Simpson Dives In

by Erica Johns

On September 12, Greenbelt Interim City Manager Tim George welcomed Kevin Simpson as the city's new economic development manager. He replaces Charise Liggins, who left in April. Simpson has worked for 15 years in municipal and county government, most recently as an economic development coordinator for Montgomery County and in Riverdale Park where, as its first director of development services, he established its Economic Development Program and enforced regulatory housing standards.

In his new position, Simpson leads the city's Economic Development Program, which liaises with businesses, offering them technical assistance for growth and linking them to county, state and federal resources, funds and partners to support Greenbelt jobs, amenities and quality of life.

"Kevin will build on the excellent work and programming started by Charise as we continue to expand our Economic Development toolbox and provide assistance to Greenbelt businesses,"



PHOTO BY CHONDRIA ANDREWS

Kevin Simpson displays the city's Maryland Economic Development Week Proclamation along with the Greenbelt Business Alliance at the October 24 City Council meeting. From left: Kap Kapastin, Beltway Plaza; Caitlin McGrath, Old Greenbelt Theatre; Kim Kash, Compass; Simpson; Michael Hartman, New Deal Café; Dan Gillotte, Greenbelt Co-op; Paul Ricketts, TrainACE; Susan Walker, GCDC; Eric Lent, Merrick Towle Creative (MTC); Jessica Wilson, CCI Health Services

wrote George. "... [We will be expanding] our reach, programming, workforce development support and other assistance to Greenbelt businesses in need." George also highlighted the city's

partnership with the Greenbelt Business Alliance, an initiative which he said Liggins began, but which wasn't fully established

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## The Library and The SPACE: A Collaboration That Works

by Melissa Sites

More books, more programs and more resources are available now at The SPACE in Beltway Plaza, through collaboration with the Greenbelt Branch of the Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS).

Shaymar Higgs, director of The SPACE, which stands for Sharing Positive Artistic and Creative Energies, works closely with librarian Rebecca Oxley, who has helped orchestrate several important donations and collaborations at The SPACE. For example, PGCMLS board member Toni Smith donated

three Chromebooks to The SPACE on behalf of her organization, In Reach, Inc., and took part in Free Comic Book Day by obtaining free comics for all 19 branches and The SPACE, provided by Third Eye Comics, the Annapolis-based comic book store now open in College Park. The Greenbelt Library has also donated several hundred children's books to The SPACE that have been "weeded" (removed from the collection due to circulation decline).

"I pick out the ones in good condition that I know will be popular," Oxley said.

In June, a new batch of books was purchased by PGCMLS for the Library Popup at The SPACE, including board books, picture books, books for teens and children, and books with BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Color) protagonists and stories. Friends of Greenbelt Library



PHOTO BY REBECCA OXLEY

Part of the library collection at The SPACE

(FOGL) has been very supportive of The SPACE, providing new shelves and planning to give a generous donation to provide a diverse collection of graphic novels for youth. The SPACE partnered with FOGL on a book drive in May, and collected over 4,000 books which were quickly given away. "FOGL is looking for new members," Oxley

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### What Goes On

**Monday, November 7**  
7:30 p.m., City Council Worksession: State Highway Administration (stakeholder), Municipal Building  
**Wednesday, November 9**  
7:30 p.m., Council Worksession: Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (stakeholder), Municipal Building

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

# Letters to the Editor

## Bikes and Traffic Calming

We can appreciate that traffic-calming strategies are required on Ridge Road between Southway and Westway, but were disappointed to see the type of speed bumps recently installed. The two bumps have very tight radii and extend from curb to curb, making it impossible for a bicyclist to pass without getting off the bike twice. A shallower radius and/or small breaks on both ends would still slow car traffic without impeding bicyclists. We hope the current arrangement is just temporary.

Nancy Solomon and Harry Schomberg

## Best Gift to Give For the Holidays

"If you knew what I know about the power of giving, you would not let a single meal pass without sharing it in some way."

– Buddha

Here come the holidays. Sharing special meals and gift exchanges are traditional activities during November and December. Too many people in our area wonder how they are going to feed their families. High inflation and supply shortages have exacerbated an already grave situation for thousands of our neighbors. The holiday season is especially difficult for those trying to make ends meet.

We at Greenbelt PORCH have the perfect solution, by en-

couraging individuals to donate to the upcoming Food Drives. PORCH collects canned, boxed and bagged non-perishables and nutritious food left out on "porches" and delivers to the St. Hugh Food Pantry. Everyone in need is welcome to get food from the Food Pantry.

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." – Aesop

Keep an eye out for future articles in this newspaper announcing where and when PORCH will be picking up. If your neighborhood isn't included, contact PORCH at spreadruak@gmail.com and a pick-up will be arranged.

"I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver." – Maya Angelou

Participating in Greenbelt PORCH could become your New Year's Resolution.

Steven Mirsky

## Pumpkin Festival Thanks All

The 33rd (sort of, pandemic-paused) Annual Pumpkin Festival was a huge success, encompassing three carvings and two walks throughout Greenbelt! Huge thank-yous are owed to the collaborative team that helped plan this year's event: Mona Atari, Jessica Blacksten, Kristen Maul, Heather Mortimer, Beth Novick, Lilly Novick, Jessica O'Roark,

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## Drop Us a Line!

Electronically, that is.

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Screen 1 - Main Auditorium, CAPPED AT 184

Screen 2 - The Screening Room, CAPPED AT 30

TÁR (R) (CC) (DVS) (2022) (158 mins)

Fri. 4:45 PM, 8:00 PM

Screen 1

Sat. 4:45 PM, 8:00 PM

Screen 1

Sun. 3:00 PM (OC), 6:15 PM

Screen 1

Mon. 4:00 PM, 7:15 PM

Screen 1

DECISION TO LEAVE (R) (CC) (DVS) (2022) (138 mins)  
Korean w/ English subtitles

Fri. 5:00 PM Screen 2

Sat. 8:15 PM Screen 2

Sun. 6:00 PM Screen 2

Mon. 2:00 PM Screen 2

TRIANGLE OF SADNESS (R) (DVS) (2022) (140 mins)

Fri. 8:15 PM Screen 2

Sat. 5:00 PM Screen 2

Sun. 2:45 PM Screen 2

Mon. 5:00 PM Screen 2

Monday Matinee: FREE  
IMITATION OF LIFE (NR) (1959) (125 mins)

Mon. 1:00 PM Screen 1

School's Out! Screening: FREE

THE BAD GUYS (PG) (2022) (100 mins)

Tues. 1:00 PM Screen 1

## 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 Todd Field)

### Decision to Leave

(Korean with English subtitles)

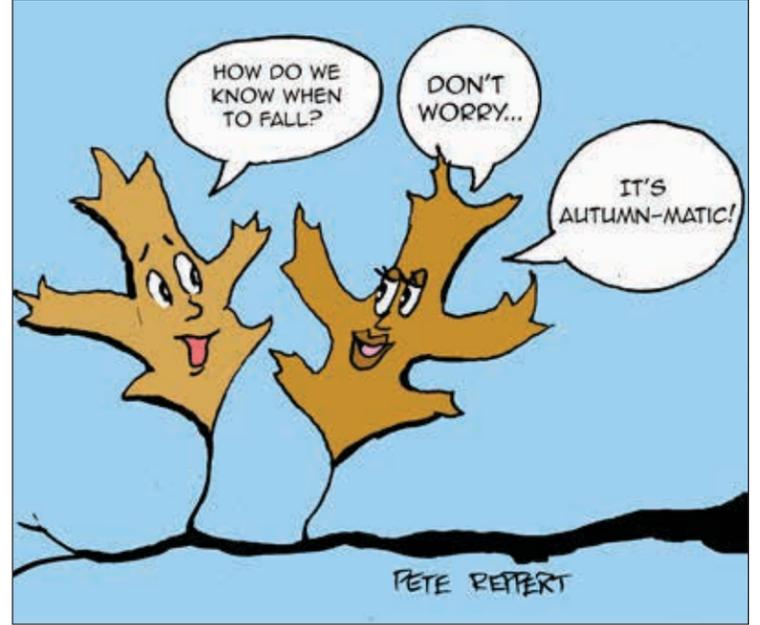
From a mountain peak in South Korea, a man plummets to his death. Did he jump, or was he pushed? When detective Hae-joon arrives on the scene, he begins to suspect the dead man's wife Seorae. But as he digs deeper into the investigation, he finds himself trapped in a web of deception and desire. "One of the smartest, most satisfying murder mysteries in years," said Adam Graham of the Detroit News.

### 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."

### Imitation of Life

Lora Meredith (Lana Turner), a white single mother who dreams of being on Broadway, has a chance encounter with Annie Johnson (Juanita Moore), a Black widow. Annie becomes the caretaker of Lora's daughter, Suzie (Sandra Dee), while Lora pursues her stage career. Both women deal with the difficulties of motherhood: Lora's thirst for fame threatens her relationship with Suzie, while Annie's light-skinned daughter, Sarah Jane (Susan Kohner), struggles with her African American identity.



## Clarification

Jeff Warner, candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives from the 4th District, asks to clarify that despite the declaration from his website (as of October 28, 2022) quoted in the News Review article of October 20, that "Prosperity cannot be achieved through government subsidies," he has "witnessed the need for civil government support for citizens. Whether food subsidies, energy and fuel subsidies, school vouchers and subsidies or other well-planned programs that enable families to thrive, I recognize that a part of government serving its citizens must include support programs." (Email to the News Review October 25, 2022)

## Letters Policy

Deadline for letters is 6 p.m. Monday. Submission does not guarantee publication. Letters should be no longer than 300 words (shorter letters are more likely to be published).

Letters may be edited for clarity, grammar, civility and space constraints. The News Review may add a comment from the editor if deemed necessary. All letters must include the letter writer's name, physical address, and telephone number. Only the name will be published; the News Review will consider requests for the name to be withheld.

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 6 - 8 p.m.

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

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

# Community Events

## Walk the Proposed Trail to Goddard

Join Delegate Nicole Williams and officials from the Md. State Highway Administration for a Community Walk along the right-of-way for a proposed two-way shared use trail between Eleanor Roosevelt High School and Goddard Space Flight Center. This proposed trail would run along the north side of Greenbelt Road. It would allow students and commuters a safe walking and biking route from central Greenbelt to the Goddard entrance and the neighborhoods across the road.

The meetup is at 2 p.m., Wednesday, November 9 at the high school upper parking lot. See [greenbeltnasatrail.org](http://greenbeltnasatrail.org) for more information and updates or contact Jeff Lemieux at 301-852-9795.

## Legion Post #136 Hosts Concert Band

On Sunday, November 13 at 2 p.m. the Greenbelt Concert Band will perform a program of popular selections, as well as some that are less-well known, at the Greenbelt American Legion, 6900 Greenbelt Road.

Admission is free. Access the Event Hall from the rear parking lot entrance, which is disability accessible.

## Golden Age Club November Schedule

Join the Golden Age Club now meeting in person on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in the Community Center, 2nd floor meeting room.

November 9, Annual Chinese Auction. Come and bid on new/like new items donated by members.

November 16, November birthdays celebration. Bring your own lunch and maybe a dessert to share.

November 23, no meeting as all are preparing for Thanksgiving.

November 30, BINGO.



## Three Greenbelters In Patuxent Exhibit

Three Greenbelt quilters, Ann Bauman, Christy Bailey and Pat Scully, members of the Southern Comforters of Bowie Quilt Guild, are among the artists whose works are currently on display at the National Wildlife Visitor Center at Patuxent Research Refuge. The quilts, some of which are for sale, celebrate wildlife in all its diversity and will be on display through November.

Also at the Visitor Center, on Saturday, November 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Friends of Patuxent will host their Wildlife Holiday Bazaar with opportunities for shopping, viewing birds of prey, such as a screech owl or an American kestrel, and other native animals as well as grabbing a snack or bake sale item.

Baldy's Bargains will offer wild and not-so-wild new and gently used treasures, including holiday ornaments and decorations; jewelry, toys and games; vintage and collectible items; and many books, including a large collection about the Civil War, mysteries, romances, thrillers, cookbooks and reference books.

Two dozen craft vendors will have herbs and herbal products, pottery, butterfly and bird houses, nature photos and coasters, quilted items, watercolor paintings, jewelry, note cards, tote and duffel bags and more.

## 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).



PHOTO BY AMANDA LARSEN



## GCC Spaghetti, Music To Fund Charities

The Fabulous Fominaya Family Spaghetti Fest returns to the Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent this coming Saturday, November 5, starting at 5 p.m. A classy-to-rollicking concert by local musicians will follow at around 7 p.m.

Everyone is welcome with free admission. Donations are welcome with all proceeds going to local charities, including the Help-by-Phone Food Pantry.

## 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.

NASA Goddard's Music and Drama Club presents:



## Around the World in 80 Days

by Jules Verne and Adolphe D'Ennery  
a staged reading directed by Jon Gardner



Live Online: Saturday, November 5 at 8pm

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

Free to View, Donations Appreciated

## 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. You can watch some of our fine films from recent years on the GATe station.



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

**In person!**

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## The Last Five Years

by Jason Robert Brown  
directed by Meg Nemeth, music directed by Rolanda Brown

Fri - Sun, November 4 to 19. Tickets: \$14-\$27  
[greenbeltartscenter.org](http://greenbeltartscenter.org)

Coming Soon: The Chromatics, "Returning Presence", December 10 - 17.



## Greenbelt Access Television

Nov. 5, Sat. – Nov 11, Fri

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7am	Greenbelt Newsreel	Community Programming
8am	Democracy Now!	Yesterday's Syndicated Program
9am	Utopia Film Festival Selections	Suppressed the Fight to Vote • 2019 Brave New Films
11am	Greenbelt Newsreel	Community Programming
Noon	Democracy Now!	Today's Syndicated Program
1pm	PGCPS Science Bowl 2022-23	Andrew Jackson v. Judith Hoyer Middle
2pm	Music at the New Deal SEASON THREE	The Fuss • Ska, Rocksteady, Reggae
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## THIS WEEK AT THE NEW DEAL CAFE!

The ONLY venue in Greenbelt with BOTH dinner and a show!  
Happy Hour! Monday - Friday, 4 - 7pm: \$1.00 OFF BEER & WINE!

11/3, Wolf's Open Blues Jam (Bodacious Blues Jam), 6:30 - 10pm

Friday, 11/4, Kiti Gartner & the Drifting Valentines (Western Swing, Rockabilly & Jump Blues), 8 - 11pm



Saturday, 11/5, COMMUNITY DRUM CIRCLE with Katy Gaughan, Drums provided or BYO!, 3:30-5pm

Returning to the New Deal Cafe:

La Unica (Latin and Irish with a Fusion of Rock & Soul), 8 - 11pm

Sunday, 11/6, Patsy's Honky Tonk Torch & Twang, with emcee Mark Opsanick (Classic Country & Lots of Patsy Cline), 6 - 8pm



MONDAY, 11/7, KARAOKE RETURNS TO THE NEW DEAL CAFE!

The Monday Mawveness Karaoke Night, 6 - 9pm

Sing with tracks, a capella, or with a LIVE BAND! Hosted by Mike Bennett.

Tuesday, 11/8, Open Mic with Tom Woycheck Gleason, 6:30 - 9pm

Wednesday, 11/9, The Seth Kibel Quartet (High Energy Jazz - a must see!), 7 - 9pm

Thursday, 11/10, Bob Schwartz Quartet (Straight-ahead Jazz), 7 - 9pm

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# Obituaries

## Monica Pantaleoni



PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

### Monica Pantaleoni

Monica Pantaleoni died at Casey House in Rockville on July 2, 2022. She was born in Moca-naqua, Pa., where she completed high school and married Anthony Pantaleoni. She took pride in her intelligence and thoroughness and put them to use during her career with General Electric where she worked in accounting. As a resident of Old Greenbelt for 32 years, she loved the small town feel and the people.

Monica enjoyed games and spent many hours playing cards with her friends at the Community Center and frequently played Bingo at the Greenbelt Fire Station. She had great faith in God and never missed Sunday Mass at St. Hugh of Grenoble Church.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, Anthony Pantaleoni, and her daughter, Joyce Abell. She is survived by her grandson, Shaun Abell and her great-granddaughter, Mina Abell.

A funeral service will be held on Monday, November 7 at 10 a.m. at St. Hugh of Grenoble Church.



## Elizabeth Anderson



PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

### Elizabeth "Beth" Anderson

Elizabeth "Beth" Anderson, 69, died in her home in Greenbelt on July 25, 2022. Beth was born in North Carolina in 1953 to Elizabeth "Betsy" Rominger and Howard Anderson. She worked for the U.S. Government for much of her career with positions in both the Department of Agriculture and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), where she used her Ph.D. in soil and plant sciences to make the world a healthier place. Beth retired from the EPA in 2016, a year noted by her and her daughter as the same year the elephants retired from the Ringling Brothers Circus.

Beth loved living in Greenbelt and, as a longtime resident, she was involved in and enjoyed classes at the Community Center as well as the Aquatic & Fitness Center. In her retirement, she increased the time spent on her many hobbies. Beth loved knitting, spinning, making baskets, reading, and writing and researching her family history. As a life-long learner, Beth regularly pursued classes and reading books to continue learning more about her interests and hobbies. She spent a lot of time in her garden and found peace among the plants and flowers. She regularly walked

on the walkways through Old Greenbelt and around the Lake at Buddy Attick Park.

As a spiritual Quaker, Beth was also an active member of the nearby Adelphi Friends Meeting. Throughout the years there, she participated in youth programming, spiritual formation groups and a long-running women's group. Beth touched and enriched the lives of many individuals through the various facets of her life and will be loved, missed and remembered fondly by many.

Beth is preceded in death by her parents as well as her brother John "Jocko" Anderson. She was a loving friend and family member and is survived by her son, Robert; her daughter, Angelica; many beloved siblings, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and -nephews; as well as friends who made up her chosen family.

A memorial service will be held at Adelphi Friends Meeting on Saturday, November 12 at 2 p.m. All attendees are asked to wear masks. The windows in the meeting house will be opened for increased airflow. A short reception will follow.

The service will also be accessible virtually via Zoom at this link: [us02web.zoom.us/j/87395887103?pwd=QXRLV0hpcUNQYUJpBMFBWUUhHVHFZdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87395887103?pwd=QXRLV0hpcUNQYUJpBMFBWUUhHVHFZdz09).

### Obituaries

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

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

## Letters continued

Stacy Stewart and Lei Zong and the City of Greenbelt for their generous funding.

We also extend our gratitude to: Greenbelt Rotary Club, Greenbelt Recreation, Franklin Park, Beltway Plaza, CHEARS, Greenbelt HONK! Situation, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, the incredible team at Public Works, all of our volunteers, and of course the enchanting and anonymous Forest Friends!

We hope that all enjoyed the festivities, and encourage you to enjoy Greenbelt's namesake woods, trails and green spaces throughout the year.

With a twinge of sadness and an overwhelming sense of relief, I hereby resign and coronate the wonderfully talented Stacy Stewart as Pumpkin Queen. All hail! She's already got some great ideas in store for next year!

Amy Knesel



Our condolences to the family and friends of Monica Pantaleoni who died on July 2. She resided in Greenbelt for 32 years and loved playing cards and bingo.

Our sympathies to the family and friends of Elizabeth "Beth" Anderson who died on July 25. After retirement from a long career in the federal government, she enjoyed many hobbies and activities in Greenbelt.

Condolences to the family and friends of Sonia Garin, who died on October 31. She was on the staff of the Greenbelt Cooperator (now the Greenbelt News Review) for several years.

Send details of your news to [editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com).



## Sonia Garin

Sonia Garin, long-time resident of Greenbelt, died October 31, 2022 at the age of 102. She was born in Germany in 1920. As a child she escaped the Holocaust to what later became Israel and then later emigrated to the U.S. She moved to Greenbelt in 1949 where she and her husband Robert Garin were among the founders of Mishkan Torah synagogue. She was on the staff of the Greenbelt Cooperator (now the Greenbelt News Review) from 1949 to 1953. The city flag is at half-mast in remembrance of her.

Funeral services were held November 3 at Mishkan Torah.



PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

### Sonia Garin

Family will be observing Shiva at the home of Eva Garin on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, November 3, 5 and 6 from 7 to 9 p.m.

## Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

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## Greenbelt Bahá'í Community

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November 6 at 10 a.m.

Find a Stillness

Rev. Ann Kadlecek with Worship Associate Jacqui Walpole

This month our theme is our Third Principle, in which we commit to acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations. What is this spiritual growth of which we speak, and how might we encourage it in our lives and in this congregation?

Streaming to our Facebook page.

November's theme: Third Principle

**CATHOLIC COMMUNITY of GREENBELT**  
**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)

The Bible Says...  
**The Ten Commandments**  
**#10-You Shall Not Covet**  
(Covet-Not Being Content With What You Have)  
Exodus 20:17  
**MCF COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
**IN PERSON Sunday Worship Services**  
10a-11:15a @ Greenbelt Elementary School  
**MCFcc.org**

**Greenbelt Community Church**  
One Hillside Road  
We are an Open and Affirming Church  
**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**Join Us Sunday 10:15 AM for Worship and Church School**  
[www.facebook.com/GCCUCCMD](http://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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[www.sthughofgrenoble.org](http://www.sthughofgrenoble.org)

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

**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).

Face masks are recommended for all customers and staff over the age of 2 at Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) buildings.

**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).

**Maryland STEMfest**

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.

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



**City Notes**

At the Wild Rumpus, Arts staff, park rangers, Roosevelt Center merchants, local nonprofits and councilmembers welcomed revelers. Springhill Lake Recreation Center also hosted Halloween hijinks and the Museum displayed vintage Halloween decorations.

Horticulture/Parks planted trees on Lastner Lane, Greenhill Road, Rosewood Drive, Prince James Way and White Birch Court.

Refuse/Recycling collected 29.40 tons of refuse and 10.20 tons of recyclables. At the Sustainability/Environmental Trail Maintenance Workday, 10 volunteers removed invasives and prepared the Pumpkin Walk. Building Maintenance performed annual elevator and fire alarm inspections at city facilities.

The Community Center welcomed Greenbelt Astronomy, Greenbelt Unplugged, Concert Band, Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program, Golden Age Club, Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts. Aquatic & Fitness Center staff toured the facility with Public Works and IT, planning for a proposed keyless entry system.

Therapeutic Recreation held a Senior Citizen Advisory Committee meeting and delivered weekly senior meals. Park rangers facilitated a CHEARS poetry event in the Schrom Hills Park community room.



# 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 NOVEMBER 7-11**

Monday, November 7 at 7:10 pm, **ADVISORY BOARD INTERVIEW**

Monday, November 7 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION - STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (STAKEHOLDER)**

Wednesday, November 9 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION - BELTSVILLE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH CENTER (BARC) (STAKEHOLDER)**

*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).*

**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

**GREENBELT NURSERY PROJECT**

This **FREE PROGRAM** is available to families living in the city limits of Greenbelt, newborn to 2 years old, children who wear pull-ups. Services include: Monthly diapers, formula, baby accessories; baby wellness nursing assessment; baby milestone progress review; information & resource linkage; healthy eating education

For more information, call Katherine Farzin at (240) 542-2019 or via email [kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov)

**FREE HOLIDAY FOOD BOX ¡GRATIS! DISTRIBUCION DE VERDURAS**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE**  
Friday, November 18

**REGISTRESE ANTES DE**  
viernes, 18 de noviembre

**CONTACT**  
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or  
<https://forms.gle/bX8oFBxvaRJma5x86>

**LLAME**  
Katherine Farzin (240) 542-2019  
o  
<https://forms.gle/bX8oFBxvaRJma5x86>



**FOOD PICKUP ON**  
Monday, November 21  
11 am - 1 pm

**DETALLES DE ESTE EVENTO**  
martes, 21 de noviembre  
11 am - 1 pm

**SPRINGHILL LAKE RECREATION**  
6101 Cherrywood Lane

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**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).



**ACTIVE PARENTING OF TEENS**

Dates: December 5, 12, & 19  
6 - 7:30 pm, VIA ZOOM

Learn the basics of parenting a teen. Plus in-depth discussion of today's hot topics including 'what's going on in my teen's head?', 'how to open lines of communication', encourage cooperation & responsibility', & 'how to discipline effectively'.



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

**Follow the City of Greenbelt on Facebook and Twitter @cityofgreenbelt! For City information and events visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)**

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

City Offices will be closed Friday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day.

**The GREENBELT CONNECTION will not be operating.**

**REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE**  
Week of November 7

Monday Route – Collected Monday  
Tuesday Route – Collected Tuesday  
Wednesday Route – Collected Wednesday  
Thursday Route – Collected Thursday

There will be no appliance, metals, hard plastics, or yard-waste collections on Friday, November 11 due to the holiday.

**COMMUNITY NOTICE**

**NEW** 2-hour parking signs in the area near the dog park on Hanover Parkway.

**TEMPORARY SPEED BUMP FEEDBACK**

We would like to know your thoughts about the speed bumps on Ridge Road. Please take a few minutes to complete our survey at <https://www.greenbeltmd.gov/feedback>.

If you have any questions, please call (301) 345-5417.

**COMMITTEES & BOARDS VACANCIES:**

- Advisory Committee on Education
- Advisory Planning Board
- Board of Elections
- Community Relations Advisory Board
- Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability
- Park and Recreation Advisory Board
- Public Safety Advisory Committee
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (301) 474-8000

**PRESCHOOL PROGRAM IN HISTORIC GREENBELT**

Check out Greenbelt Recreation's pre-school program Greenbelt Littles Preschool (*formerly Mom's Morning Out*). Greenbelt Littles Preschool is a licensed traditional preschool program that focuses on social development, fine and gross motor skills, listening, and following instructions. Greenbelt Littles has a heavy emphasis on learning in a fun way!

We offer our program Monday through Friday at the Youth Center. Financial aid is available for eligible Greenbelt residents. Registration for fall is now open.

For more information, please visit our Virtual Recreation Center online at [greenbeltmd.gov/recreation](http://greenbeltmd.gov/recreation) or give us a call at (301) 397-2200.



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

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

**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).



# Economic Development, Street Parking, Space Occupy Council

by Deb Daniel

On October 24, the Greenbelt City Council approved legislation reducing the time a vehicle can park in the same location, authorized the purchase of 15 police vehicles and modified its procedures for handling applications for telecommunications transmission facilities. On a split vote, it also authorized the city manager to begin work on a proposal for a second space plan.

## Economic Development

After the city's Economic Development Manager Kevin Simpson accepted the Maryland Economic Development Week proclamation, he discussed plans to support the city's businesses. The plans include American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) incubator support, organization development guidance, and planned events and conferences. Simpson then introduced the members of the Greenbelt Business Alliance: Michael Hartman of the New Deal Café, Kim Kash of The Granite Building in Roosevelt Center, Kap Kapistan of Beltway Plaza, Susan Walker of Greenbelt Community Development Corporation, Caitlin McGrath of the Old Greenbelt Theatre, Paul Ricketts of Greenbelt's local IT training TrainACE, Eric Lynn of Merrick Towle Creative, Dan Gillotte of Greenbelt Cop Supermarket, and Jessica Wilson of CCI Health Services. Wilson's presentation emphasized the Alliance's commitment to supporting Greenbelt's growth, sustainability and community. For more about Greenbelt Business Alliance, visit [greenbeltbusinessalliance.org](http://greenbeltbusinessalliance.org).

Greenbelt's Grant Coordinator Cary Eure was introduced. Eure comes from the South County Arts Lab where she was one of the founders of the organization and helped establish the grant program including ARPA grants.

## Parking

Police Chief Richard Bowers discussed the proposed ordinance that would amend Section 11-52 of the city code to reduce the amount of time vehicles may be legally parked in one location on city streets. Currently vehicles may remain up to 30 days. With this proposed change, the number of days will be reduced to 14 days.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts questioned why no public worksession had taken place. Councilmember Judith Davis asked if police would issue temporary long-term parking permits for people taking a long vacation. Bowers assured her that temporary long-term permits are part of the plan. Davis also suggested placing notices annually in the Greenbelt News Review. Bowers also mentioned a transition period to get Greenbelt residents used to the new rules. Councilmember Kristen Weaver concurred on the need for temporary long-term permits.

Councilmember Silke Pope emphasized that long-term car repair operations and oversized truck parking are not eligible for long-term permits. Councilmember Ric Gordon suggested posts on official social media sites. Mayor Emmett Jordan recommended a tolerable period of transition. Council approved the adoption of the proposed amendment by a vote of 6 to 1 with Roberts voting nay due to a lack of a public worksession or public hearing on the topic.

## Police Vehicles

Council granted the purchase of 15 Dodge Durango Police Package Vehicles (PPV) for a total of \$646,020 or \$43,068 per vehicle using a combination of Fiscal Year 2023 general fund and ARPA funding. To convert the Dodge Durango to a PPV costs approximately \$15,000, which will come from ARPA funding.

The Police Department's fleet of vehicles is five to seven years old (average life span is around eight years) and 10 to 12 vehicles are now defunct. The waiting period for new vehicles is currently eight to 10 months. Bowers explained that the need for a diversified fleet which the police department will have with this purchase (vehicles from two different manufacturers) is balanced against maintaining the department's own parts inventory. Davis asked about the wait time for the four cars ordered last year and Bowers said they had waited 14 months. Bowers noted that the safety equipment for the cars will be the same as other police cars, in answer to Weaver's question. For Jordan's question

on whether these vehicles were hybrids, Bowers said the vehicles have some hybrid-like capability (charging battery when stopped) but they are not hybrids because the police station needs charging stations before hybrid vehicles can be purchased. Council unanimously approved the purchase of the 15 Dodge Durango vehicles.

## Transmission Facilities

Director of Planning and Community Development Terri Hruby presented two applications for modification to existing telecommunications transmission facilities that are pending review by the Prince George's County Telecommunications Transmission Coordinating Committee. The authority to approve lies with the county but the city has the right to submit comments for consideration in the review.

Both applications involve work on private, not city, property and are handled by a lease to the property owner. Alex Miller from Smartlink joined the council meeting remotely to discuss the Glen Oaks facility (ATT, Mandan Road) and said that telecommunications coverage would be greatly improved for NASA, first responders and Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Similar applications of this nature will be handled differently. Davis moved that future applications be reviewed on a staff level if on private property unless staff wants council review. For city property, council would review the applications. The motion passed unanimously.

## Space Plan

Interim City Manager Tim George sought approval to begin preparing a proposal for an architecture firm to assess options for constructing new space to accommodate expanding city services and staff growth. The current space analysis only addresses use of existing space and some rental facilities but does not examine options for new space to house city staff. In addition, as Motiva and other developments come on line, more space for increased staff will be required. George estimates the cost of the

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# Murder Trial Set for August 2023

Two suspects in the January, 2020 slaying of Greenbelt resident Billy Owens Smith will stand trial in August, 2023. According to Maryland Judiciary Search ([casesearch.courts.state.md.us](http://casesearch.courts.state.md.us)), Kai Angel Sudama and Ishmail Wurie Jabbie, both 22, are scheduled to be tried in Prince George's County Circuit Court on August 7, 2023, for multiple charges related to the case, including first-degree murder, home invasion and robbery.

Their co-defendant, Grayson Iran Espinal, 23, pleaded guilty to first-degree murder, home in-

vasion and robbery on July 22, 2022. Espinal's sentencing hearing is scheduled for September 7, 2023, also in Prince George's County Circuit Court.

Smith, 41, was a well-loved fixture in Greenbelt. For the last decade and a half, he coached hundreds of Greenbelt children in football and basketball. See the January 23, 2020, issue of the News Review ([greenbeltnewsreview.com/issues/GNR20200123.pdf](http://greenbeltnewsreview.com/issues/GNR20200123.pdf)) for more about Smith and his contributions to the community.

— Linda Lucas

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noted. Books in the library seed collection at The SPACE, provided courtesy of PGCMLS, are available to borrow for free and without a library card; when they are returned, the patron can check out more books. Higgs stated, "We regularly

have people come through now to browse the collection which is really beautiful. The kids get excited to see Paw Patrol, Captain Underpants and El Hombre Perro" (DogMan in Spanish).

The SPACE highlights free resources and services available at the Greenbelt Library, including Career High School Online, Immigrant Proud, passport services, Books From Birth and, at their weekly Teen Action Group (TAG) program, service hours opportunities for teens. The Library conducts monthly outreach in Spanish and English at Beltway Plaza on first Saturdays, focused on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) skills. The SPACE also provides free art kits, such as a set of acrylic paints with a brush. English and Spanish story times for ages 3 to 5 occur twice monthly, emphasizing greater literacy learning and empathy. On fourth Mondays, STEM-tastic programs help kids ages 5 through 12 craft, construct, engineer, make hypotheses and test things

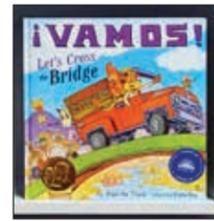


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## A book from the library collection at The SPACE

out. In September the "Brazo-Bot!" program honored Latina astronaut Elena Ochoa by building a robotic arm. On October 24, in honor of Alan Turing for LGBTQ+ History Month, kids learned about analog computational thinking through the specialized Turing Tumble kit, which encourages kids to use tactile skills and think through the problem.

Oxley takes time at The SPACE to "devote a couple hours a month hearing what's working and what isn't, who's coming and what they like." She praised the Library's collaboration with The SPACE, pointing out that, "Shaymar is a wonderful partner for the Greenbelt Library and the system at large. He embodies the values and shares the same goals in helping out historically marginalized communities, with enrichment, engagement and opportunities for black, brown and queer communities in Greenbelt that might have difficulty getting to the main branch in Old Greenbelt."

Anyone wishing to support the mission of The SPACE can visit [freeartforall.org/donate](http://freeartforall.org/donate). The SPACE Free Art For All is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization registered in the State of Maryland, so donations are tax deductible.



**ADVANCING THE FRAME: PREVIEW**

Presented by  
Old Greenbelt Theatre

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!



Come see  
**HALF THE PICTURE**  
and chat with us about  
our upcoming seminar  
for girls grade 10-12

## 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  
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# The Last Five Years Musical Opens at GAC this Weekend

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

Said Nemeth, "The Last Five Years has been one of my favorite musicals since I was in college. I love plots that play with time, but the relationships and characters are what really speak to me. I think our audience will see a beautiful story with complex characters presented to perfection by our phenomenally talented cast. Our musicians, actors, set crew, artists and tech crew have woven an intriguing story that will leave the audiences reflecting on their own relationships."

Nemeth chose to double-cast the show as a creative way to handle the complications of presenting live theater despite the



PHOTO BY STEPHEN YEDNOCK

Matt Wetzel plays Jamie Wellerstein and AnnaBelle Lowe plays Cathy Hiatt in *The Last Five Years* at Greenbelt Arts Center.

pandemic. "Managing a double cast has been complicated but very rewarding," said Nemeth. Both of our casts bring fresh takes to the characters of Jamie and Cathy. They all have worked tirelessly to develop complete, detailed and endearing characters. It is as if I am simultaneously directing two incredible shows! Our audiences need to come back and see both casts."

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). Check the website for details about the double cast. Audience warning: contains adult language.

# Greenbelt Cub Scouts Prepare to Scout for Food

by Barrett Bedford-Dillow



PHOTO BY ANNA BEDFORD-DILLOW

Greenbelt Cub Scouts gather with some of the food collected during Scouting for Food last year, when they were unable to go door-to-door due to covid.

Scouting for Food is an annual effort of the Boy Scouts of America – one that has been ongoing since 1985. Many are familiar with the appearance of Scouts on neighborhood streets and doorsteps collecting non-perishable food for local food banks in November. Although it is now a well-established national program, it is also one that has a great local impact for those in need in this community.

This year, as in others, Green-

belt Cub Scouts Pack 202 will be Scouting for Food in Greenbelt. Over the next week a sticker will be left on doors (no more plastic bags) with information on the upcoming collection.

On Saturday, November 12, Cub Scouts will visit doorsteps to take up donations. Last year 710 pounds of food were collected for local pantries. This year, there is even greater need.

Please donate only non-perishable food items. No glass or

items past their expiration date. Greenbelt's generosity is appreciated.

Barrett Bedford-Dillow is Cubmaster of Greenbelt Cub Scouts, Pack 202.

## 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  
For information call  
(301) 452-1107

Hourly  
Door Prize  
Drawings

## Friends of Patuxent

### Wildlife Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 5, 2022 9AM to 3PM



National Wildlife Visitor Center  
10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop  
Laurel, MD

- Baldy's Bargains
- More than 20 local crafters
- Bake sale & lunch available

The Greenbelt Community Development Corporation's Annual Meeting (the first since the pandemic) will be held on Sunday, November 13, 2022 from 2:00-4:00 pm in the Greenbelt Community Center, Room 214. All are welcome! Kim Kash of the Greenbelt Business Alliance will speak about their mission and vision. Please join us to hear about this exciting new organization.



## St. Gregory's

### Kolachi Carry-Out Event

Traditional East European Sweet Bread

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## Greenbelt Listings



14T Laurel Hill  
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Giant screen porch overlooking the deep woods of the Greenbelt Forest Preserve. Opened up kitchen with plenty of counter space and storage. 2br 1 bath.



12E Plateau  
\$178,000

Welcome to this freshly renovated co-op townhome backing directly into Old Greenbelt's Forest Preserve, tucked at the end of quiet Plateau Place.



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before her departure.

Simpson said the city's Economic Development Program strives to help existing Greenbelt businesses and employees thrive while also attracting new businesses to the city, all of which benefits consumers and employees in Greenbelt and beyond. He described economic development as contributing to "business climate, job retention and growth, the tax base and overall quality of life."

### ARPA Funds

Simpson's short-term focuses include distributing \$1.5M in economic development funds to local businesses from the city's overall American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Covid recovery funds and engaging with local businesses to address their needs. He said longer-term activities will include connecting businesses to local, county, state and other business assistance funding, providing guidance to address their needs and to begin documenting economic development results (including from \$400,000 in city ARPA funds already provided to businesses).

Simpson expects to implement the \$1.5M ARPA funding processes in early 2023. He said business engagement will be a continuous activity beyond ARPA funding to identify businesses' challenges and solutions.

Thriving Greenbelt businesses serve residents both with products and services, and by contributing to the tax base which funds city services. Simpson said business engagements are revealing needs that business owners can find challenging amidst daily operations, such as post-pandemic restaffing, navigating landlord and government regulations while improving signage and facades for visibility to customers as well as workforce training.

Results so far include connecting businesses to workforce training services from Employ Prince George's and helping them navigate signage regulations. He said there is a wide range of resources available, such as 1) Employ Prince George's Rapid Re-Employment grants to restaff businesses with Prince George's County residents; 2) the Prince George's Housing and Community Development Department's Restaurant-Intensive Training Program for restaurant staff; 3) Exelon's (Pepeco's parent company) Racial Equity Capital Fund for minority-owned businesses; and 4) State of Maryland Project Restore grants to businesses opening in properties vacant for at least six months.



Simpson accepts the city's Maryland Economic Development Week Proclamation from Mayor Emmett Jordan.

greenbeltmd.gov/government/departments/economic-development.

### New Role

Simpson sees his new role as an opportunity to use his expertise to make a difference in a community he is familiar with, having lived in Greenbelt before. He described himself as a public servant, passionate about government and economic development. "I was displaced by Hurricane Katrina and that experience shaped me firsthand to understand the importance of economic resilience," he said. "That experience is what I bring to the table."

PHOTO BY CHONDRIA ANDREWS

Jessica Wilson, Greenbelt Business Alliance member and chief strategy officer of CCI Health Services, told city councilmembers, "It's already been great working with Kevin. He's going to do big things for this city. I just know it, I feel it in my bones!"

While the city's ARPA funding is temporary, the city intends to establish significant ongoing economic development funding for local businesses. Simpson is already building relationships and planning activities with small and large businesses and collaborating with organizations like the Greenbelt Business Alliance and the Greenbelt Community Development Corporation. For more details about the Economic Development Program, visit

## Greenbelt Rd. Changes Plus Proposed Trail to Goddard

Thanks to Elliott Caldwell of the East Coast Greenway Alliance and Jeff Lemieux of Proteus Bicycles, the GHI Bicycle Committee's Greenbelt Road Improvements presentation was a success for the attendees wanting to know about the status and scope of the state's project. Anyone who was not able to attend but would like the informational handouts that outline follow-ups and contacts can send a message to John Campanile at jbelltower@yahoo.com.

And speaking of follow-ups, be aware of a community walk from Eleanor Roosevelt High School to Goddard Space Flight Center on Wednesday, November 9 at 2 p.m. State Delegate Nicole Williams and staff from the State Highway Administration will be there. Meetup is at the ERHS east parking lot. For more information, visit GreenbeltNASATrail.org.

- John Campanile



Graham Squire provides a demonstration of the bicycle repair station.

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architecture study would be \$50,000 to \$60,000. George pointed out that no new city buildings had been built in 25 years. Davis felt that another worksession should be held on new construction and council has many projects at this time. Weaver disagreed and moved that a new study should give council more options with details and costs for a timely resolution of the staff spacing problem. Roberts argued that the city should go rent additional space for staff now. Any new building would be years away, he said. Gordon agreed that the city will need more space in the long term and that council should start the process. Pope pointed out that rental space is not cheap and council needs more facts and options. Davis said the new study must include costs. Weaver's motion passed 4 to 3, with Davis nay (premature action), Roberts nay (no dollar costs) and Jordan nay (not enough background information).

### Other Issues

Davis reported receiving com-

plaints about the temporary speed bumps installed in the current pilot program on Ridge Road. She said that George had previously proposed speed humps rather than speed bumps.

George said that he had selected speed bumps based upon the success New Carrollton had. In addition, as humps are wider, they can cause streets to deteriorate faster, though he noted that the Public Works Department does not share this concern. Pope mentioned that school buses were having difficulty with the bumps. George noted that the pilot program will be ending soon.

Davis and Jordan asked if George could investigate the loudspeakers at Eleanor Roosevelt High School as the speakers are very loud and appear pointed in the wrong direction.

Jordan mentioned that Todd Turner has resigned from Prince George's County Council to head the county ethics office.

Diane Oberg contributed to this story.



Elliott Caldwell and Jeff Lemieux lead the presentation and discussion on Greenbelt Road improvements on Saturday, October 29.



Twenty-four residents attend the presentation.

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# Police Blotter

Incidents reported here occurred from October 24 through October 30. Readers are encouraged to contact the police if they have information that may aid in an enquiry. 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.

## Assault

On October 27 at 9:15 p.m. near 7900 Mandan Road, a juvenile victim reported another juvenile pointed a gun at them. The suspect was known and charged.

## Break-in

On October 24 at 12:08 p.m. near 6000 Springhill Drive, a victim arrived home from vacation and noticed a hole from her bathroom wall to an abandoned laundry room; a bent metal bar showed someone attempted to force their way into the unit unsuccessfully. On October 29 at 12:18 p.m. near 7500 Greenway Center Drive, an employee observed an unknown man sleeping under a coworker's desk. When asked to leave, the man did and was gone by the time officers arrived. He had gained entry to the business through an unlocked door.

## Disorderly Conduct

On October 25 at 3:15 p.m. near 7500 Greenbelt Road, a man was banging on windows, yelling, and throwing chairs inside a business; he was gone by the time officers arrived.

## DUI

On October 25 at 4:27 p.m. near Greenbelt Road/Hanover Parkway, a DUI arrest. On October 27 at 8:56 p.m. near Greenbelt Road/63rd Ave, a DUI arrest. On October 28 at 11:52 p.m. near 7800 Hanover Parkway, a driver was arrested for DUI after striking multiple parked cars. On October 29 at 4:58 a.m. near 7500 Greenbelt Road, a DUI arrest.

## Fight

On October 24 at 3:40 p.m. near 6100 Breezewood Drive, a fight between adult men became physical; one was arrested.

## Fraud

On October 26 at 10:35 a.m. near 6200 Springhill Court, a victim's EBT card information was used fraudulently out of state. On October 26 at 7:04 p.m. near 8000 Mandan Road, a victim's credit card information was used fraudulently out of state. On October 28 at 1:21 p.m. near 7900 Mandan Road, gift card fraud.

## Illegal Substances

On October 30 at 10:08 a.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, an adult man was arrested after a distribution level amount of illegal substances was located in his vehicle during a traffic stop.

## Missing Person

On October 24 at 3:37 p.m. near 6000 Springhill Drive, Rickco Damien Ford (DOB: 8/93) was reported missing. Reporting party has not seen or heard from Ford since October 18. Due to his age, Rickco is not considered critical, and he does not suffer from any serious medical conditions or mental disabilities.

## Theft

On October 29 at 4:50 p.m. near 7400 Greenbelt Road, commercial theft. On October 30 at 1:37 p.m. near 7500 Greenbelt Road, commercial theft. On October 30 at 1:56 p.m. near 7600 Greenbelt Road, commercial theft. On October 30 at 5:14 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a purse was snatched out of a shopping cart and then dropped by the suspect as he ran. The victim received her property back. Officers located the juvenile suspect; the victim did not want to press charges and the teenager

was released to a guardian.

## Theft and Auto Theft

On October 28 at 8:12 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a purse was snatched out of shopping cart by 4 to 6 males, all wearing black clothing and black ski masks. Keys to a 2018 Acura MDX (D.C. plate: FB2353) were in the purse and the victim's vehicle was stolen.

## Vandalism

On October 24 at 7:36 a.m. near 9000 Breezewood Terrace, a front windshield was smashed in the passenger-side corner. On October 27 at 6:05 a.m. near 5900 Cherrywood Lane, a back windshield was broken; personal property taken. On October 27 at 9:18 a.m. near 400 Ridge Road, a thrown football struck the victim's windshield, cracking it on the right side. On October 28 at 7:53 a.m. near 6200 Breezewood Drive, a driver-side window shattered; nothing taken. A second vehicle had damage to the stereo system and left passenger door. On October 29 at 3:24 p.m. near Ridge Road, a resident noticed their residence window was shattered, a hole had been made through the wall of the bedroom, and there was a small projectile fragment.

## Vehicle Crimes

### Auto Theft

On October 24 at 3:52 a.m. near 100 Westway, a 2007 Nissan Murrano was reported stolen. On October 28, the vehicle was located by PGPD. No arrests made. On October 24 at 8:11 a.m. near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace, a red Honda CRV (Md. plate: 2DL8640) was stolen. On October 24 at 2:01 p.m. near 7700 Hanover Parkway, a 2019 silver Hyundai Elantra (Conn. tag: AW28419) was stolen. On October 24 at 6:08 p.m. near 7200 Morrison Drive, a red 2019 Hyundai Elantra (Md. plate: 1DT1303) was stolen. On October 25 at 5:57 a.m. near 9100 Edmonston Road, a red 2021 Dodge Charger (Md. plate: 7ER1275) was stolen. On October 26 at 8:56 a.m. near 7500 Mandan Road, a 2018 black Hyundai Elantra (Md. plate: 9ES9520) was stolen. On October 26 at 9:32 a.m. near 7800 Mandan Road, a 2020 black Hyundai Elantra (Md. plate: 6ET1120) was stolen. On October 28 at 9:01 a.m. near 7900 Mandan Road, a beige 2017 Hyundai Elantra (Md. plate: 2DW4860) was stolen. On October 28 at 9:22 a.m. near 7700 Hanover Parkway, a gray 2020 Hyundai Elantra (Md. plate: 2EH8796) was stolen. On October 28 at 10:23 a.m. near 7800 Mandan Road, a 2002 silver Volvo S60 (Md. plate: 8EY0733) was stolen. On October 28 at 10:10 p.m. near 7700 Hanover Parkway, a 2016 red Hyundai Sonata (Md. plate: 8CJ2932) was stolen. On October 29 at 9:49 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road a stolen vehicle being tracked by Enterprise Rent-A-Car was located in Greenbelt. The adult driver was arrested. On October 30 at 10:50 a.m. near 9000 Breezewood Terrace, a 2008 Mercedes Benz (Md. plate: 66502CF) was stolen. On October 30 at 8:28 p.m. near 9100 Edmonston Court, a 2004 gray Ford F-150 (Md. plate: 6FD7234) was stolen.

## Theft from Auto

On October 24 at 12:26 p.m. near 200 Lakeside Drive, a front passenger-side window was broken; personal property was stolen. On October 24 at 3:10 p.m. near 6000 Springhill Drive, a front tag was stolen. On October 24 at 6:12 p.m. near 8200 Canning Terrace, attempted catalytic converter theft from a Toyota Prius; no damage. On October 25 at 5:53 a.m. near 5800 Cherrywood Lane, steering wheel airbags were stolen from three Honda Accords and six Honda Civics. On October 25 at 3:54 p.m. near 7500 Greenway Center Drive, both license plates were stolen from a vehicle. On October 27 at 4:19 p.m. near 7600 Mandan Road, a passenger-side rear window was broken; steering wheel column tampered with. On October 27 at 4:26 p.m. near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace, personal property stolen from a vehicle; no signs of forced entry. On October 28 at 12:25 p.m. near 9300 Edmonston Road, a steering wheel airbag was stolen from a Honda Civic. On October 28 at 1:22 p.m. near Springhill Drive/Cherrywood Terrace, a steering wheel airbag was stolen from a 2021 Toyota Corolla. On October 29 at 10:24 a.m. near 6200 Greenbelt Road, both license plates were stolen from a vehicle. On October 29 at 10:50 a.m. near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace, personal property was stolen from an unlocked vehicle. On October 29 at 1:51 p.m. near 5800 Cherrywood Terrace, tools were stolen from the lockbox of a truck bed. On October 29 at 5:44 p.m. near 6200 Springhill Court, personal property was taken from an unlocked vehicle. On October 29 at 8:41 p.m. near Crescent Road, a rear temporary tag was stolen. On October 30 at 12:02 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a disability placard was stolen.



## Homicide Investigation



PHOTO COURTESY GREENBELT POLICE

Darryl McRae

The Greenbelt Police Department is investigating the murder of 20-year-old Darryl McRae.

On June 24, 2022, at approximately 1:46 p.m., officers responded to the 5800 block of Cherrywood Lane for a report of a shooting. Upon arrival, the victim was located with multiple gunshot wounds. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Anyone with information in this case is asked to call the Prince George's County Crime Solvers Anonymous tip line at 1-866-411-TIPS (8477). Tips may also be submitted online at [pgrcrimesolvers.com](http://pgrcrimesolvers.com) or via the P3 Tips mobile app (search "P3 Tips" in the Apple Store or Google Play).

A cash reward of up to \$2,500 is offered for the tip leading to the arrest and indictment of the suspects responsible for this crime.

## Crime Trend Alert

Five newer model Hyundai Elantras were stolen over the past week. For owners of this type of vehicle, police recommend being extra vigilant with locking the vehicle and parking in well-lit areas. Adding a steering wheel club lock will also serve as a deterrent and protect the car.

## Driver, Vehicle Sought In Fatal Hit and Run

Prince George's County Police Department's Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Unit is investigating the October 19 fatal pedestrian hit-and-run in Greenbelt. The victim has been identified as 22-year-old Zarek Lynch of Annapolis.

On October 19 at approximately 1:55 a.m., patrol officers were called to the 6300 block of Greenbelt Road where they discovered Lynch unresponsive in the roadway. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

The preliminary investigation revealed the involved driver struck the victim in the eastbound lanes of Greenbelt Road. The striking driver did not remain on the scene. Investigators believe the vehicle is a 2002-2006 Cadillac Escalade dark in color or black. The vehicle is suspected to have heavy front-end damage on its passenger side and missing portions of its passenger-side headlight. It appears that previous unrelated repairs were made to the front passenger portion of the vehicle and were ultimately repainted using a black spray paint.

Anyone with information on this case is asked to call the Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Unit at 301-731-4422.

Callers wishing to remain anonymous may call Crime Solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS (8477), or go online at [pgrcrimesolvers.com](http://pgrcrimesolvers.com), or use the "P3 Tips" mobile app search "P3 Tips" in the Apple Store or Google Play to download the app onto a mobile device. Refer to case number 22-0050597.



An image of the kind of vehicle sought in the hit and run (not the actual vehicle)

## Trunk or Treat



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# Sports

## ERHS Girls Varsity Soccer Team Earns Finalist Spot

by Patrick Gleason



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Jada Savage possesses the ball as teammate Grace Zack looks on for the county champion Roosevelt Raiders.

The playoff journey for the Eleanor Roosevelt girls soccer team began with a resounding 9-0 victory over the Wise Pumas on October 28. Sophomore Jada Savage opened the scoring less than a minute into the game en route to a three-goal, two-assist performance. Classmates Gabriella Martinez and Alena Beckmann also scored, along with two goals from freshman Claudia van der Have as the Pumas offered little resistance.

With the outcome well in hand, the Raiders enjoyed a relaxed second half that allowed centerback Victoria Obisesan and goalkeeper Mia Hamilton to score their first goals of the season. With a free kick, Obisesan pinged the inside of the post and the ball ricocheted in. Then, Hamilton – relieved in goal by sophomore Nicole Lilja – capped the scoring

with a well-placed finish. Both goals resulted in joyous celebrations from the usual cornerstones of an increasingly stingy Raider defense. The victory earned the Raiders a spot in the Tuesday, November 1 regional final against the Bowie Bulldogs.



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The trick-or-treat route ended back at the central plaza, where guests enjoyed free spooky short films at the Old Greenbelt Theatre. After two years without a Halloween celebration in the Center, everyone was especially happy to see the children and costumes return and a good time – and perhaps too much candy – was had by all.

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**Eliana Young-Wilson enjoys shorts at Old Greenbelt Theatre.**

- Photos by Anna Bedford-Dillow



**Kaleb Lambert dances into the Old Greenbelt Theatre.**



**Raul Baptiste is dressed as an angel.**

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**Wild Things appear at the Rumpus, created by Michael Lamason of Black Cherry Puppet Theater, who is teaching puppet workshops for Greenbelt Recreation this fall.**

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**Amina Khalifa poses with Edgar Allen Poe (Ian Blackwell Rogers) at the Farmers Market on October 30.**

PHOTO BY HEBBA TOULAN



# Chalk Art, Candles, Sweets Part of Celebration of Diwali

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

On Saturday, Vijay Parameshwaran, whose chalk art has been widely enjoyed in Greenbelt, welcomed members of the community to celebrate Diwali with him. They gathered on the sidewalk outside the apartments on Crescent Road, opposite the Library, to chalk together. Children and adults alike took up the glitter chalk and created art on the ground.

Parameshwaran has fond memories of his mother creating art with chalk when he was a child. Yet, it was only after moving from California to Greenbelt that he found himself with more time on his hands and began to make chalk art himself, something his mother was happy to encourage.

The spot was where Parameshwaran first lived when he moved to Greenbelt, at Thanksgiving 2015. He now lives in the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. housing cooperative but prefers to come back to the sidewalks outside of the apartments, close to the Center, where he can share his art with more people.

On Saturday evening, Parameshwaran also offered sweet treats like donut holes in celebration of Diwali. Diwali is a festival of lights and Parameshwaran invited the group to help him light his candles so they could not only enjoy them but participate in the creation of light. The process and the results were beautiful.



**Vijay Parameshwaran, left, lights a candle on a chalk peacock with Ole Larsen for Diwali.**

- Photos by Anna Bedford-Dillow



This creepy guy lurking in the bushes on Hillside Road shows that it's easy to have Halloween decorations on a budget, without using store-bought decorations made of plastic that eventually end up in landfills, woodlands or waterways. All it took to make this guy was some old clothes, garden gloves and imagination. What environment-friendly outdoor decorations will creative Greenbelters come up with for Thanksgiving and Christmas?

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