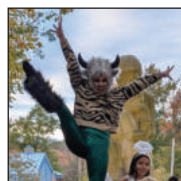




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City Council Candidate Bios

The News Review has received this biography from incumbent Rodney M. Roberts. Candidate biographies are prepared by the candidates and published in the order they are received by the paper.

Rodney M. Roberts

Rodney M. Roberts, 67, is a life-long Greenbelter. A 1975 graduate of the National Technical Institute, Roberts is sole proprietor of a small business that specializes in on-site repairs of various types of equipment and vehicles.

Roberts volunteers his professional skills to groups such as Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange (GIVES) and to individuals in need. Roberts successfully fought efforts to demolish two single-family homes in Greenbelt, using his own funds and labor to do repairs on one.

Roberts proposed and worked through to implementation a community policing program that included the city's first bicycle patrols.

Roberts was a leader in the citizen movement that resulted in the city's acquisition of 184 acres of woodland, part of the original Green Belt, leading to passage of a city ordinance creating the Greenbelt Forest Preserve. With Roberts as chair, the Committee to Save the Green Belt defeated city plans to use the Hamilton Gardens for a salt dome and public works yard, to build a 100-unit apartment building in front of the GHI offices and to build a

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Rodney Roberts

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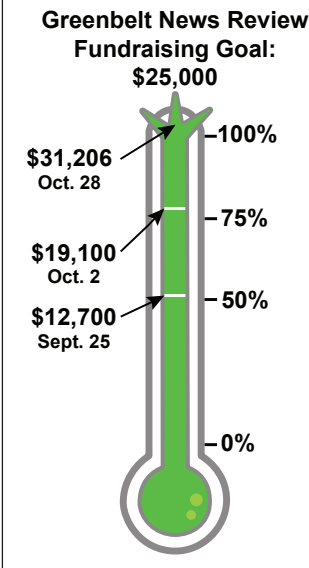
by the Greenbelt News Review Board

Thanks to the generosity of our readers, the News Review has exceeded our donation drive goal of \$25,000. Last week we were on the threshold and a large donation (from someone who wishes to remain anonymous) pushed us well above our goal. The total as of October 28 is \$31,206.33.

The outpouring of support from our community, in words and in money, has been deeply gratifying. You proved your support and generosity in a big way. We can't thank you enough for helping ensure a more stable financial future.

We will salute our donors by listing their names in our anniversary issue, launching our 89th year of weekly publishing, on November 27, appropriately the Thanksgiving issue. Any additional donors can be recognized if we receive their donation by close of business Monday, November 17.

Those who wish to donate and pick up their gifts can come



GRAPHIC BY SANDY RODGERS

Donations have now exceeded the goal set by the News Review.

to the office in the Community Center, Suite 100, Mondays and Tuesdays from 2 to 4 p.m. Use the News Review's outside door, up a few steps from the east parking lot (the door faces Cres-

cent Road), or our interior door in the short hallway to the left just beyond the stairs inside the east entrance.

All are welcome to come by, make a donation and receive a gift. Car magnets are available for any gift of \$10 or more. For a donation of \$52, you also have a choice of a mug or tote bag (these bags are great for the Farmers Market, we're told). And for a \$120 donation, you can receive all three items.

Thank you for supporting your local, independent newspaper, says Editor Mary Lou Williamson for the Board.



News Review gifts - Photos by Sandy Rodgers

Standpipe Issues of Lead, Noise Arise at Council Worksession

by Cathie Meetre



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE DORAN

The water tower as seen from the top of Lastner Lane on October 29.

At its October 15 worksession, Greenbelt City Council heard a Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) report on renovation of the current standpipe (also referred to as the water tower) at Lastner Lane and Ridge Road. With preliminaries complete and a contractor on board, WSSC now expects to move ahead in November. The tower dates from 1936 and is about 83' tall and 69' in diameter and holds approximately two million gallons. It will be stripped of previous coatings inside and out and recoated. Ancillary equipment and storage will be replaced and controls updated.

WSSC Project Manager Christopher DeHerde described the many steps so far, including the bond process, advertising for bids and a possible temporary tower for T-Mobile - which has now been deemed unnecessary. Draw-

ings and other information are shown in a presentation package at <https://tinyurl.com/24r5ezbk>.

Keeping Up Appearances

The water tower lot is owned by the city. The house at 241 Lastner Lane will be demolished (it was in foreclosure before being purchased by WSSC) and the site will become a landscaped area, including a pollinator garden, adjacent to Lastner Lane. Plants will include 69 bushes and other plants to screen the fence. Large trees are out due to potential damage and security concerns but smaller native trees are included.

Fencing will be installed when erosion and sediment control provisions are complete, at about 25' from the Lastner Lane sidewalk using black-coated chain link fence with no barbed wire for a

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Federally Employed Greenbelters Miss Their First Full Paycheck

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

It's been four weeks since the federal government shutdown - 22 work days at publication time. For many Greenbelters who are federal workers, that means one fully missed paycheck and one partial one.

"Disorienting" was how one Greenbelt resident who works for NASA described the experience of being furloughed. It's his fourth furlough since 2010. A lot of aspects of this furlough are familiar, he says: the mad scramble to forward-fund contracts and projects as far as possible in the frantic days leading up to the shutdown, and the day of putting away the computer and entering a communications void.

Uncertainty

Those first days involved a lot of nervous energy, he said, wondering how long it would last and if he had done everything he needed to "mothball" his projects.

But that has dissipated now.

Where this shutdown is different from earlier ones is its "extreme uncertainty," he says. There's uncertainty about the duration, back pay, further Reductions in Force (RIFs) and a whole host of outcomes. He, and other federal workers he knows who cannot work, are trying to keep busy, at home, volunteering, getting out of town or walking in the woods. Weeks in, missing their work and the purpose it gave them, some are "casting about for other things to do" at home and in the community. He's joined a Facebook group for furloughed Greenbelters forming a volunteer network. Its members have found some meaningful volunteer opportunities like a woodland clean-up and work at the Three Sisters Gardens.

"What I'm

feeling more acutely this time is that NASA tends to furlough 80-90 percent of its workforce," ordering them to stay home, he added. They strictly define what an essential employee is, which doesn't necessarily align with other agencies. There is some

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PHOTO BY ANNA BEDFORD-DILLOW

Signs in support of federal workers accompany Halloween decorations in Greenbelt this October.

Letters to the Editor

Ranked Choice Builds Consensus, Not Polarization

I am grateful that Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) is being discussed in Greenbelt and appreciate an opportunity to address concerns. RCV gives people stronger voices, diverse representation and more civil campaigns. At-large plurality voting, which Greenbelt uses now, dilutes voter power, encourages bullet voting and maintains incumbency.

Question 1 adopts RCV and eliminates the 40 percent rule. The rule was updated to reduce runoffs, but vote splitting, dilution and low turnout persist. In 2023, 17.8 percent of residents voted. Turnout was highest in whiter neighborhoods, resulting in a majority white council in a majority Black and Latino city. The Campaign Legal Center notes that at-large plurality voting dilutes votes, allowing a small group to elect all the seats.

Question 1 lowers the threshold and raises the bar for candidates to appeal to more voters.

Candidates who are negative or promote ideas misaligned with the community face headwinds with RCV. Stoking fears that fringe ideas or political divisiveness win over consensus and cooperation goes against how RCV works. Representative democracy means majority rule with minority voice.

Ranked choice voting centers the voices of voters to elect candidates through consensus and power-sharing.

Studies show women and people of color are more likely to run and win under RCV (see representwomen.org/brief_prcv_2023). Cities like Portland, Or., and Cambridge, Mass., use multi-winner RCV. Portland voters elected leaders who reflect diversity in age, geography, ideology and gender. Cambridge’s nine-member at-large council elections use a 10 percent threshold. Over 20 candidates run and ethnic and political minority groups can gain a seat at the table.

Try RCV with RCV Maryland’s pie poll (rcvmd.org/greenbelt_try_with_pie). You have many flavor options, and outliers (like mincemeat) won’t spoil the contest or your taste buds.

Michelle C. Whittaker
Executive Director, Ranked Choice Voting Maryland

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Thurs. 5:00 PM

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- News Review, October 24, 2019

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Community Events

At the Library

Greenbelt Library’s regular hours are Mondays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays 1 to 5 p.m.

Storytimes

Friday, October 31, 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at pgcmls.info/event/14464702.

Wednesday, November 5, 12:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at pgcmls.info/event/14907321.

Thursday, November 6, 10:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2. Register at pgcmls.info/event/14684033.

Ride and Read

Thursday, November 6, 11 a.m., ages 16+. Get some physical activity while at the library. Sign up for an hour ride on a stationary bike with great free apps from PGCMLS like Libby, Kanopy and Hoopla to enjoy while working out. Participants must be 16 or older, sign a waiver before beginning to ride and be wearing loose-fitting clothing and closed-toed shoes. Register at pgcmls.info/event/14697824.

Chamber Music Nov. 1 At the New Deal Café

Members of Greenbelt Community Orchestra will play string quartets and quintets at the New Deal Café on Saturday, November 1 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. All are welcome to come listen to music by Mozart and other classical composers. The program will include a performance of a recently-discovered trio by Mozart.

The next free concert by the full orchestra will take place on Sunday, November 16 at 3 p.m. in the Community Center gym.

Visit greenbeltorchestra.org for more information.



Greenbelt Park Campfires Suspended

The Saturday campfires at Greenbelt Park do not take place during the federal government shutdown. The campground is open, however, as are park trails (except for a portion of the Perimeter Trail) and the Sweetgum Picnic Area.

Seasonal Safety Reminder



PHOTO COURTESY GHI BICYCLE COMM.

Bicyclists, take care!

Fallen leaves might look picture perfect, but they can be slippery, especially when wet from rain or early morning dew.

The GHI Greenbelt Bicycle Committee reminds everyone to:

- Slow down on corners and descents covered in leaves.
- Check their tires for grip and pressure before every ride.
- Brake early and smoothly to avoid sliding.

Stay safe out there and keep enjoying those beautiful autumn miles in Greenbelt.

St. Hugh’s Bazaar Coming in November

St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church will hold its annual Christmas Bazaar on November 1 and 2 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be vendors, jewelry, food and baked goods. And, of course, a big Christmas section as well as white elephant items. Come enjoy great buys at 135 Crescent Road. Enter the bazaar from the rear parking lot of the church.

Senior Nutrition Program Luncheon

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

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

Emancipation Day Programs, Exhibits

The Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee invites the community to celebrate the 161st Emancipation Day in Maryland, the day when enslaved Africans were freed in 1864.

November 1

On Saturday, November 1, come and hear the award-winning poems of Kaylee Joge, the 2025 Youth Poet Laureate of Prince George’s County. Be inspired by the spiritual and gospel music of the Prince George’s County Choral Society at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

November 8

On Saturday, November 8 from 9 a.m. to noon, visit the Sankofa Mobile Museum in the Greenbelt Library parking lot and be treated to virtual reality interactive programs.

Exhibits

Our Own Liberators: The Butler Family’s Fight for Liberty and Justice. Long before the famous Dred Scott Supreme Court Case, Black Americans sued for their freedom and sometimes won. The Butler Family from Prince George’s County were among those who did just that. Explore the various ways enslaved people resisted oppression. Find out how the Butlers stood up against a Supreme Court Justice. (Recommended for ages 10 and up.)

To Make Her Own Way: A Free Black Woman’s Fight for Equality in Early America. Margaret Adams, a free Black woman, owned her own tavern in 1800s Prince George’s County. While most Black Marylanders were enslaved, she defied the slaveholding society and built a successful business. Explore the world of Margaret Adams and see how she resisted one of Maryland’s most powerful families. (Recommended for ages 12+.)

Program Sponsors: The Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee, Greenbelt Recreation Department, Greenbelt Museum and RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness).

Make Fall Leaf Art At Artful Afternoons



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A block print by Rachel Cross

Enjoy free, all-ages art workshops on Sunday, November 2, 1 to 2 p.m. and 2 to 3 p.m. at the Community Center, and on Sunday, November 9, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Use real leaves, block printing ink and brayers to create beautiful prints with Rachel Cross, artist in residence at the Community Center. Find leaves on the ground or use leaves provided by the Artful Afternoon staff. Fresh leaves work better than dry crumbly leaves.

Artists of all ages are welcome, and no experience is needed. Guests are encouraged to sign up in advance at sugeni.us/e4Cl. Walk-ins are welcome as space permits. For more information about Greenbelt Arts programs, visit greenbeltmd.gov/arts. Programs are supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.

Spellman Overpass Sign-waving Fridays

Everyone is invited by Indivisible of the Route 1 Corridor and by other Greenbelters to do the following: Show up at the Spellman Overpass on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway every Friday from 4 to 6 p.m. (Walk east on Gardenway from Ridge Road or west from Hanover Parkway.)

Assert the importance of U.S. democracy, the rule of law and the belief that NO kings are welcome. Bring generous goodwill, noisemakers, signs and banners. Email k2e9u09mj@mozmail.com for questions.

Free Food Distribution

Saturday, November 8, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Berwyn Presbyterian Church, 6301 Greenbelt Road

Welcome to all in need due to economic challenges and the government shut-down.



Favor’s Table Offers Financial Class

A Wealth Creation, Protection and Wealth Transfer class will be offered November 1 from 3:30 to 4 p.m. at 6215 Greenbelt Road, Room 205 (tall building beside McDonald’s). This class is for adults and those who have not attended the class before. Text 202-468-2049 to sign up by Friday, October 31. Confirm you will attend so we can make bags of food for you. We will be giving away food, clothes, bras and shoes at the end of class.

Golden Age Club November Schedule

The Golden Age Club meets on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in Room 201 of the Community Center.

The following is the schedule for November.

November 5, Business Meeting

November 12, Fall Auction

November 19, November Birthday Potluck Luncheon

November 26, No Meeting (Thanksgiving Eve)

Volunteers Needed For Tool Library

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

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

More Community Events
are located throughout the paper.

This Week at the New Deal Café

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MON 11/03	TUES 11/04	WED 11/05	TH 11/06	New Deal Cafe
MONDAY MAUVESS KARAOKE w/ Mike Bennett INFINITE 6 - 9pm	S.A.W. Open Mic hosted by Lynn Hollyfield 6 - 9:30pm Sign-ups at 6p Featured act plays 8 8:30pm	The Campfire Session 7 - 9pm Featured artists: Eli Lev and Lucyann Dirksen	FRENCH CONVERSATION, 5:30p - 6:30pm Wolf's Blues Show & Sit-In Jam 7 - 9pm Big, bodacious boogie blues jam	DON'T FORGET TO TIP OUR PERFORMERS! That's the only way we pay them and we want them back!

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Obituaries



Ranked Choice Voting
More Representative

Your editorial in the News Review of October 23 raises the possibility under Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) of a candidate for city council being elected with as little as 12.5 percent of the vote.

One eighth of the electorate claiming one seventh of council seats isn't perfect. However, a fairer editorial would also have noted that under the current "40 percent approval" system up to 40 percent of the population could receive *no* representation at all on a seven-seat council.

Even a solidly Democratic city like Greenbelt has a minority of dissenters. Under the current "40 percent approval" system, residents who strongly disagree with the city's direction are effectively denied representation altogether. Systematically denying them a voice isn't the badge of honor or good governance the editorial seems to think it is. While not as egregious as the state-level gerrymandering seen around the country, a system that excludes minority views isn't a bastion of democracy.

Bernard Kelly

Ranked Choice Voting

I thank the editors of the Greenbelt News Review for sharing information on Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) and how it may impact residents of Greenbelt, a small city.

RCV appears to be occurring in many larger cities and each of us will have to decide what is best for the city of Greenbelt.

Lois Rosado

GHI Proposed Fee Increase for 2026

I am an avid attendee of the GHI Finance Committee meetings. For the most part, these meetings are educational. However, at the October 23 committee meeting the issue of an increase in GHI monthly fees was discussed. It was determined that for the masonry units the proposed increase for 2026 would be 4 percent and 1.8 percent for the frame units. These proposed increases come at a time when many federal workers and contract employees have lost their jobs. Other federal workers remain furloughed with neither group receiving salary.

Furthermore, many residents of GHI are retirees and living on a fixed income. These are difficult economic times for many of us. If adopted the proposed increases in GHI fees for 2026 could be a financial imposition on many residents living within GHI. This is especially true for those residents currently carrying a mortgage. This action if adopted could pose a potential financial burden on some GHI members and result in their possibly having to sell their unit. I urge interested members of GHI to voice their opinion at the upcoming November 6 board meeting.

Scott Legendre

Trash and Math

The numbers are in and it's not good. Contrary to the city's proclamation that "You have the power to save money!," everyone can expect to pay more for trash removal during the city's pilot "Save As You Throw (SAYT)."

Here's the math: There are 52 weeks in a year. We currently pay \$280 a year for trash service. For the pilot the city is reducing its base year cost to \$240.

1 small 8-gallon bag per week (52x0.80 = \$41.60+\$240 Total: \$281.60). Individuals with no children or pets and no household maintenance may be able to keep their yearly bill close to the current \$280.

1 medium 13-gallon bag per week ((52x1.25 = \$65+\$240 Total: \$305). This is the size bag I use in my kitchen trash can. Assuming I can get a week's worth of trash in it, I would be paying \$25 more than the current \$280. But I have a cat. Cleaning the litter box will set me back even more.

For now, large items will still be handled as a bulk pickup which is not part of the pilot. I see an additional cost for these pickups on the horizon.

1 large 33-gallon bag per week (52x2.00 = \$104+\$240 Total: \$344).

The city provides an alternative to participating in the pilot. You can opt out by paying a flat \$140 on top of the base \$240 for a total of \$380 annually. It doesn't give you unlimited trash disposal. You get to use three 33-gallon bags per week. No buying any special bags. That's a 50% increase from the current \$280.

If I use the 33-gallon bag, but only put it out every three weeks my cost would be \$34+\$240 = \$274, I actually would be SAVING money. Wish me luck.

Becky Duncan

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Yvonne Moore Morrison

Former Greenbelt resident Yvonne Lee Moore Morrison died at the age of 88 on October 17, 2025, at home in Palm Springs, Fla. She was the daughter of Edward and Mary Moore of 44

Court Ridge Road and daughter-in-law of Allen D. Morrison, mayor of Greenbelt in the 1940s. Yvonne is survived by her children Lynn, Mike, Ed and Dan; grandchildren Chris, Leah, Marylee and Daniel; and five great-grandchildren. Her grandson Michael predeceased her.



For Medicare, Medicare Advantage, Call SHIP

Last week's issue shared the concerns of some residents about changes to Medicare and Medicare Advantage plans. The choices Medicare/Advantage users are facing are complicated and personal ones that involve economic and health considerations. Those weighing their options should contact the State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) for free, personalized advice. The number to call is 410-767-1100. One can also visit aging.maryland.gov/Pages/state-health-insurance-program.aspx.

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.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Yvonne Moore Morrison who died on October 17 in Palm Springs, Fla. She was the daughter-in-law of Allen D. Morrison, mayor of Greenbelt in the 1940s.

Congratulations to Greenbelters Bruce Mangum (author) and Sofia Knaap (illustrator) for the publishing of their first children's book, "Siya and the Coral Reef Rescue." Sofia is a current art student at the University of Maryland and Bruce works at Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

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Exodus 20:16

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City Information & Events

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MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER 3-7

Monday, November 3, **NO MEETING - DAY BEFORE THE ELECTION**

Monday, November 3 at 7pm, **REPARATIONS COMMISSION**, On the Agenda: Discussion of plan for November 15 town hall

Tuesday, November 4 at 7pm, **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, On the Agenda: Review of PSAC October scams/fraud presentations, Department's community policing within context of recent shootings, Review of Department submitted updated General Orders Consideration of renaming of PSAC

Wednesday, November 5, **NO MEETING - DAY AFTER THE ELECTION**

Wednesday, November 5 at 7pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES**, Public Works Building, On the Agenda: Finalize wording for the plaque to be placed close to the Eleanor Roosevelt Memorial Tree near the Community Center and Library

Thursday, November 6 at 5:30pm, **BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

Thursday, November 6 at 7pm, **FOUR CITIES MEETING - (BERWYN HEIGHTS)**

Friday, November 7 at 1pm, **ETHICS COMMISSION**

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

TRANSPORTATION TO POLLING PLACES

On **Tuesday, November 4, 2025**, the Greenbelt Connection will provide free transportation to polling locations for City voters between the hours of 8:30am and 3:30pm. Voters who wish to use this service should call: **GREENBELT CONNECTION BUS @ 301-474-4100**

In addition, the city bus will make scheduled pick-ups at **GREEN RIDGE HOUSE** at 10:30am and 2:30pm and will return to Green Ridge House after the voters have cast their ballots at the Community Center.

PUBLIC SAFETY TOWN HALL

Thursday, November 13 at 6:30pm, Springhill Lake Recreation Center

The Greenbelt Police Department invites you to join a discussion about public safety in our community.

FREE NARCAN TRAINING FOR SENIORS

Friday, November 7 at 2pm, Greenbelt Community Center Room 202

Join us for a free Narcan training session designed to empower seniors with life-saving skills. Learn how to recognize and respond to an opioid overdose using Narcan (naloxone). This quick, easy training can help you protect loved ones and your community because knowing how to act in an emergency can save a life.

For more information contact Priya Gardner Lemieux at pgardner@greenbeltmd.gov or (240) 542-2056

LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE Fall 2025-2026

Week	Location	Holiday
November 3-7	Lakewood Greensprings I & II	
November 10-14	Boxwood	Veterans Day November 11
November 17-21	Woodland Hills	
November 24-28	Lakeside	Thanksgiving November 27 & 28
December 1-5	Lakewood Greensprings I & II	
December 8-12	Boxwood	
December 15-19	Woodland Hills	
December 22-26	Lakeside	Christmas December 25
December 29 - January 2	Lakewood Greensprings I & II	New Years Day January 1

CURRENT GAIL PROGRAMS

CARES is happy to provide the following programs **FREE** of charge. For more information, email Brendy Maddox at bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov or (202) 670-6497.

- OPEN COMPUTER LAB FOR ADULTS** 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. Weekly sign-up required.
- DEMENTIA WEBINARS** 11/6, 11/13 at 7 pm on Zoom.
- NAVIGATING DEMENTIA CARE FOR CAREGIVERS** in partnership with the University of Maryland: November 3, 10, and 17 (in-person), November 5, 12, 19 (Virtual)
- FREE MONTHLY DIAPER DISTRIBUTION** Greenbelt Residents Only. First time participants must provide proof of residency, state-issued ID, birth certificate (or copy) for each child.

ENVISIONING A NEW PARK AT INDIAN CREEK

Thursday, November 6 at 7 pm, Springhill Lake Recreation Center

The City of Greenbelt is seeking to convert the site along Indian Creek at Branchville Road into a park to provide new recreational amenities for the community.

Join us for an opportunity to share your ideas and hear about potential design strategies and concepts. Your feedback is important and will help our design team in planning a safe, sustainable park that meets the community's needs.

For more information, contact pcd@greenbeltmd.gov or (301) 345-5417.

A majority (or quorum) of Greenbelt City Council members may attend community organization meetings, but no official Council action will be taken at these meetings. Please note that meeting locations may change after being published. For information on how to join these meetings, contact the respective organization directly.

GREENBELT ELECTION INFORMATION

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION DATES & DEADLINES: 2025 CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

☒	First day to receive papers and file nomination petition	8/18
☒	Last day to file nomination petition (by 5pm)	9/22
☒	Date of drawing for placement on ballot – 7pm	9/22
☒	First Interim Campaign Contributions & Expenditures Report (by 12pm)	9/26
☒	First day to send out mail-in ballots	10/3
☒	Last day to register to vote (must be received by 4:30pm Upper Marlboro)	10/6
☒	Second Interim Campaign Contributions & Expenditures Report (by 12pm)	10/24
Early Voting begins .		11/1-11/2
Training session for Election Judges and Clerks		11/3
Election 7am-8pm		11/4
Mail-in ballots must be received by 6pm		11/4
Final Contributions & Expenditures Report (12pm)		11/7
Charter Meeting for swearing-in at 7:30pm		11/10

For additional information, contact Bonita Anderson, City Clerk, at (301) 474-8000 or e-mail banderson@greenbeltmd.gov.

SAMPLE 2025 ELECTION BALLOT

To view the sample ballot online, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/election.

Official City of Greenbelt, MD Election Ballot
Boleta Electoral Oficial de la Ciudad de Greenbelt, MD
November 4, 2025 / 4 de noviembre de 2025

Fill in the oval to the left of the name of your choice. You must fill the oval completely, and do not make any marks outside of the oval. Use the same pen for all markings on the ballot. Do not cross out or erase, or your vote may not count. If you make a mistake or a stray mark, ask for a new ballot from the election judges.

Rellene el óvalo a la izquierda del nombre que elija. Debe rellenarlo completamente y no hacer marcas fuera del óvalo. Utilice el mismo bolígrafo para todas las marcas en la papeleta. No tache ni borre nada, ya que su voto podría no ser válido. Si comete un error o una marca fuera de lugar, solicite una nueva papeleta a los jueces electorales.

To write in a qualified candidate who is not already on the ballot, fill in the oval and write the name of the person on the line.

Para incluir a un candidato calificado que aún no esté en la boleta, rellene el óvalo y escriba el nombre de la persona en la línea.

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Councilmember (Vote for not more than seven (7))

Miembro del Concejo Municipal (Vota por no más de siete (7))

☐ Frankie Santos Fritz

☐ Bill Orleans

☐ Kristen L. K. Weaver

☐ Silke I. Pope

☐ Emmett V. Jordan

☐ Rodney M. Roberts

☐ Kevin "Coach K" Lockhart

☐ Danielle P. McKinney

☐ Jenni Pompi

☐ Amy Knesel

☐ Write-In / *Escribir*

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Advisory Referendum 1: Ranked Choice Voting

Do you approve of the City using Ranked Choice Voting for all City Council Member elections and amending the City Charter's forty percent (40%) threshold criteria (Sec 31)?

With Ranked Choice Voting, voters rank candidates in order of preference. Votes are considered in voters' order of preference and are redistributed as winners are determined (based on a threshold related to the number of seats) and last place candidates are eliminated.

Referéndum consultivo 1: Votación por orden de preferencia

¿Aprueba que la Ciudad utilice el sistema de votación por orden de preferencia para todas las elecciones de miembros del Concejo Municipal y modifique el criterio del umbral del cuarenta por ciento (40 %) del Estatuto de la Ciudad (Sección 31)?

Con la votación por orden de preferencia, los votantes clasifican a los candidatos según su preferencia. Los votos se contabilizan según su orden de preferencia y se redistribuyen a medida que se determinan los ganadores (según un umbral relacionado con el número de plazas) y se eliminan los candidatos que quedan en último lugar.

☐ Yes / *SI*

☐ No / *NO*

Advisory Referendum 2: Council Term Length

Should the Charter be amended to change Council terms from two years to four years?

Referéndum consultivo 2: Duración del mandato del Concejo

¿Debería modificarse el Estatuto para cambiar el mandato del Consejo de dos a cuatro años?

If four-year terms are approved, should Council Members be subject to Voter Recall Petitions during their terms in office?

Si se aprueban mandatos de cuatro años, ¿deberían los miembros del Consejo estar sujetos a peticiones de revocación de mandato durante sus mandatos?

☐ Yes / *SI*

☐ No / *NO*

EARLY VOTING DATES AND LOCATIONS

(DROP BOX IS LOCATED IN FRONT OF EACH CENTER LISTED BELOW)

Greenbelt Community Center – (15 Crescent Road)
Saturday, November 1st, 10 am – 3 pm and
Sunday, November 2nd, 10 am – 3 pm

Schrom Hills Park Clubhouse – (6915 Hanover Parkway)
Saturday, November 1st, 10 am – 3 pm and
Sunday, November 2nd, 10 am – 3 pm

Springhill Lake Recreation Center – (6101 Cherrywood Lane)
Saturday, November 1st, 10 am – 3 pm and
Sunday, November 2nd, 10 am – 3 pm

ANY REGISTERED GREENBELT VOTER MAY VOTE BY EARLY VOTING
Questions? Call the City Clerk at 301-474-8000, or email elections@greenbeltmd.gov

GREENBELT CITY CALENDAR

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

* VOLUNTEER * VACANCIES * APPLY FOR A COMMITTEE OR BOARD TODAY!

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

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

Call (301) 474-8000.

GREENBELT EMANCIPATION DAY PROGRAM 2025

Saturday, November 1, 2-4pm
Greenbelt Community Center Gym
Performances by The Prince George's County Choral Society and 2025 Youth Poet Laureate Kaylee Joge

Saturday, November 8, 9am-12pm
Greenbelt Library Parking Lot
Sanfoka Mobile History Museum
Come experience time travel and meet an elder of the Piscataway Tribe, an 18th century female entrepreneur, 19th century freedom fighters and much more!

Presented by the Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee, Greenbelt Museum, RUAK, and Greenbelt Recreation

ARTS HAPPENINGS

Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts for more information and many other opportunities!

Sign up for ARTFANS, a weekly e-newsletter, at www.greenbeltmd.gov/list.aspx.

Artful Afternoons - FREE. Sunday 11/2, 1-3pm *Greenbelt Community Center; Sunday 11/9, 1:30-2:30pm* *Springhill Lake Recreation Center.* All ages welcome. Use real leaves, block printing ink and brayers to create beautiful prints with Artist in Residence Rachel Cross. Sign up: sugeni.us/e4Cl. Walk-ins welcome!

Pet Portrait Painting. Fridays, 11/7 & 14, 6-8pm *Greenbelt Community Center.* Capture the individual personality of your pet or of any animal in a unique painting. All experience levels welcome! Ages 16+. Registration required. See page 35 of the Activity Guide.

MORE ARTS HAPPENING SOON

- Sewing Hands-On History** 11/5-11/26, 1-3pm & 6-8pm *Greenbelt Community Center.* See Activity Guide p. 31.
- Sharpening Workshop for Greenwood Carving Tools** 11/8, 9:30am-12:30pm *Greenbelt Community Center.* See Activity Guide p. 39.
- Artist Talk with Julia Gould** 11/14, 6pm. RSVP: sugeni.us/e4w9. *Greenbelt Community Center.*

WILD RUMPUS THANKS! Greenbelt Recreation thanks participating merchants and community organizations for their support of the Wild Rumpus Halloween celebration (10/24) in Roosevelt Center: Cedars of Lebanon, ERHS Dance Department, Generous Joe's, Greenbelt Arts Center, Greenbelt Barber and Beauty, Greenbelt Branch Library, Greenbelt Cinema, Greenbelt Coop Supermarket and Pharmacy, Mini Mart, New Deal Cafe, Prince George's Community Federal Credit Union, Realty 1, Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness (RUAK), Solar Nail, Sunoco, and Sunrise! Thanks also to all volunteers and revelers for contributing to a joyful community gathering!

FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS

Thursday, November 13, 10am - 1pm,
6101 Cherrywood Lane

Screenings for Blood Pressure, Cholesterol, and Diabetes at Springhill Lake Recreation Center.
To RSVP Call 240-424-0302

FREE SPAY/NEUTER, RABIES SHOTS FOR PETS

Greenbelt residents are eligible for a free spay/neuter procedure and a rabies shot for their pet, through a Maryland Department of Agriculture grant until December 31. Control pet overpopulation and keep pets healthier at no cost.

To apply, contact Greenbelt Animal Services at animalservices@greenbeltmd.gov or call 301-474-6124. Don't wait and miss out at the end of the year during the busy holidays – make an appointment now. Let's have no unwanted puppies or kittens born in Greenbelt next year, or any year. There are already cats, kittens and dogs and puppies at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter waiting for good homes (like adoptable Nemo here!).

DISTRICT 4 COMMUNITY PARTNERS FOOD GIVEAWAY

Thursday, November 20, 1-3pm. Greenbelt Community Center

Council member Ingrid Watson has partnered with Greenbelt CARES to hold a community food giveaway. Come to Ground Floor East at the Community Center for a free food box. No reservations are required. Food boxes will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis while supplies last.

For more information contact Bria Archie at BAArchie@co.pg.md.us or (301) 952-3094

Government Shutdown

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disparity between agencies, he believes. “Frankly I would much rather be working for no pay than not working for no pay,” he said, expressing a keen wish to keep things progressing in his work life.

Working Without Pay

Another Greenbelter who is essential must report 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., five days a week without pay. For her that involves driving to Springfield, Va., every day, which is a trek with traffic and incurs gas expenses. In her 20s, one of the youngest workers who spoke with us, she has spent three years in her job and is experiencing her first shutdown. She currently lives with a parent, though plans to move soon, she said. Like others, savings provided a buffer this first month, reducing the immediate impact of paycheck loss. If the shutdown lasts until late November, she’ll feel the pinch, she said. “I am super conscious of spending, approaching the end of the year with holidays coming up and no real end in sight,” she said.

Another Greenbelt family with an essential worker is trying to manage on a single income. Credit is their friend at the moment, they said. They are contemplating one of the zero interest loans currently being offered to federal workers if the shutdown drags on. One of their expenses: tuition for their child who attends a school for children with learning differences. They hope that being essential and working through the shutdown means that back pay is more secure.

Back Pay

The Government Employee Fair Treatment Act of 2019, signed by Trump in his first term, requires that all essential and furloughed employees receive back pay. However, this month Trump suggested he might be able to select which employees receive back pay and has sought to carry out firings prohibited during a shutdown. “It really depends on who you’re talking about,” Trump said about back pay for furloughed workers. “But for the most part, we’re going to take care of our people. There are some people that really don’t deserve to be taken care of and we’ll take care of them in a different way.” Statements like this and bucking established procedures and laws is leading to more anxiety among the furloughed workers and the sense of unpredictability several spoke of. Some in Greenbelt are single-income households, including single parents now with no paycheck, or two-income homes of two federal workers.

Those furloughed and unable to work seem less certain they will receive back pay. We asked one about her confidence in back pay and she joked, “Flip a coin.” She said, “When we were furloughed for one pay period, I was less concerned and as this stretches on I’m more concerned, not just for myself but for my colleagues. I get less confident as this goes on and partly that’s just not knowing what people’s security pot looks like.” She finds herself contemplating the unusual position of applying for

other jobs while not yet unemployed, she said. There is also a lot of trepidation about entering a difficult and saturated job market. “I know several friends, including people who weren’t federal employees but were affected by federal cuts, who have been out of jobs for eight plus months now. These are intelligent people with multiple degrees – a mathematician, a data scientist, a conservationist.... They have had interviews but they’re still out of work.”

Outside Employment

More than one worker we spoke with was doing side work to generate some income. However, many federal agencies require prior approval through an outside employment procedure for civil servants, explained one furloughed worker. And the people who would clear that employment are not there to do so. So, it’s hard for people to get another job or at least one with a W-2, he said. There would need to be a blanket authorization to seek outside employment without using the regular process, for people to do other paid work during the shutdown, said the furloughed resident.

Reassessing Work

A sense of keeping busy with meaningful tasks was common among furloughed Greenbelters. Several were cleaning out attics or basements. One is scheduling doctors’ appointments and things they don’t have time for as a full-time worker, commuter and parent. That federal worker, in particular, while acknowledging how fortunate she is to have a spouse’s income to rely on for the moment, found the positive outcome of being furloughed is her ability to once again eat dinner with her family. She began teleworking almost 20 years ago, before having children, and became fully remote during the

pandemic. An executive order on the day of Trump’s January inauguration directed all federal agencies to end remote work. Now she commutes over an hour each way, adding over 12 hours away from home to her work week. “Being on furlough has given me a chance to reconsider,” she told the News Review. She is grateful to still have a job but would like to look for one closer to home. “I don’t want to leave the work I’m doing; I think it’s important,” she said, yet it’s also become very stressful because so many people have left. Institutional knowledge has been lost as some take retirement, voluntary separation and forks in the road, and there’s been a loss of young staff who had just a few years at work, with excitement about being a public servant. It’s been a stressful six months and her department has been talking about RIFs since May. While some court orders have stayed those actions, there is still great uncertainty about what an upcoming RIF might look like.

Public News of Shutdown

“This shutdown seems to be taking much longer to garner public attention,” said one of the furloughed Greenbelters. He was surprised how little media attention it has received, overshadowed by other news, including Gaza and the White House demolition. Several people were afraid to speak to us because they have been ordered not to talk to the press. One Greenbelt federal worker, currently categorized as essential and working without pay, withdrew from an interview because they received a stern warning against talking to the press this week and fear it might arise in their polygraph. The government can prohibit employees from sharing confidential information or speaking on behalf

of an agency, but blanket gags on speaking with the press are illegal. Federal employees still have First Amendment rights. However, a climate of fear, job insecurity, and illegal directives makes them afraid to exercise them.

Helping Furloughed Neighbors

One furloughed worker foresees the shutdown continuing until mid-November or December. He said “There’s quite a bit of concern,” saying “I know there are resources out there from financial institutions, payment companies, utilities.”

“Our union has been advocating for us to keep calling congressional members,” another furloughed employee told us. “Even though there is a large number of federal workers in our district that they’re probably hearing from, you can have friends call

The State of Maryland has compiled resources for federal workers at response.maryland.gov/federalpublicservants.

Many financial institutions are offering interest-free loans and other assistance. If you are financially impacted by the shutdown, ask your bank or mortgage company how they can assist.

in other areas and just ask Congress to do its job,” she said. She also recommended Capital Area Food Bank as a trusted group her family supports, one she knows many federal employees have relied on. Supporting that food bank “through treasure, talent or time” would be helpful, she suggested. See capitalareafoodbank.org or call 202-644-9800.

Prolonged Government Shutdown Could Disrupt Schools’ Programs

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

According to Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) their approved Fiscal Year 2026 federal grants budget is projected at \$137 million. Of that, \$98 million is allocated to “entitlement programs” such as Titles I–IV, which support low-income students, English language learners, academic enrichment and student support programs, along with IDEA Part B which supports special education. “Approximately 85 percent of these funds are pass-through

awards from the Maryland State Department of Education [MSDE],” said PGCPS Senior Public Information Specialist Lynn McCawley.

“At this early stage of the federal government shutdown, there has been minimal impact and services remain fully operational. We are in regular contact with MSDE for updates on funding and program support,” McCawley told the News Review.

See **SCHOOLS**, page 10



Holy Redeemer Catholic Church

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<https://parish.holy-redeemer.org/>

Fall Vendor Sale



The Auxiliary of the Glenn Dale Fire Association is having a Vendor Show

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Glenn Dale, Maryland

Contact Marie at 301-452-1107





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Government Shutdown

The Show Must Go On! Goddard Performers Persist Through Shutdown

by Melissa Sites

Each year the members of MAD, Goddard Space Flight Center's Music and Drama Club, put on a large-cast musical production at the Barney and Bea Recreation Center on the Goddard campus, sometimes doing as many as 16 performances in the run-up to Thanksgiving. This year's performance is Irving Berlin's *White Christmas*, directed by Eliot Malamuth, and involves 76 people in a double-cast production, with an orchestra. It was scheduled to open next week. Its members are determined to rise above the challenges of the government shutdown.

With the shutdown looming, the production crew knew they would not be able to rehearse on the Goddard campus, so they sprang into action to find alternative places to prepare for the show. They've been valiantly pushing ahead with rehearsals in a variety of spaces generously provided to them for free or at a steep discount, all the while not knowing whether they'll be able to get back into Goddard to put on the show as planned, said orchestra member Anne Gardner.

For most of October, rehearsals were held at Greenbelt Community Church on Mondays; Greenbelt Community Center on Tuesdays and Wednesdays; and Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Laurel on Thursdays, while the production's orchestra rehearsed at Proteus Bikes and Brews in College Park on Thursdays and at the Community Center on Saturdays. "One of the French horn players ended up buying a bike from Proteus," Gardner noted.

Malamuth has directed seven musicals and four other plays for MAD, and acted in the musical almost every year since 1994. "The biggest problem is not having access to [the Rec Center] where we would work on putting together stage pieces and props," he said, but he is certain the show will be "very entertaining when we do get a chance to



PHOTO BY SEAN MORTON

White Christmas cast members hold a pose at the end of a dance rehearsal at the Community Center. From left are Spencer Ying, Maura Campbell, Taylor Gleason, Wanyi Ng, David Solomon (in the back), Sean Payton, Bernard Kelly, Keshav Swaminathan, Richard Richardson and Sherry Mitchell.

perform."

"From finding rehearsal space to constant communications with the company to adjusting performance schedules, this shutdown has been a major annoyance," producer Alysha Bayens said, but added, "When I am at rehearsals, all of the logistics I have to deal with as producer melt away. I am having so much fun being in the show that I forget about all the fires I have to try to put out as producer until I get home and open my laptop! The company has been really great at being flexible. Their dedication and desire to put this show on in spite of everything is very admirable. We might not know when *White Christmas* will go on, but we know, as far as we can control, that it WILL go on!"

Bernard Kelly, cast as Bob, said, "The shutdown has definitely made things harder, but we've had great support from community spaces to compensate. Rehearsals are part of the fun, so every inconvenience has some joy mixed in."

The show's first weekend (October 30, November 1 and 2) will be rescheduled. The full performance schedule will be finalized and announced once the government re-opens (see mad-theater.org). All tickets to the show, which are not usually refundable, can be exchanged or

refunded. Attendees should double-check the list of cast members who will be featured at the performance they attend.

As a special interest club at Goddard, MAD is supported by the Goddard Employees Welfare Association. In addition to their large-cast musical production every fall, they often offer additional shows in winter and spring.

Irving Berlin's *White Christmas* is a stage version from the early 2000s, based on the 1954 film. Berlin's hit song won an Oscar for Best Original Song, in a different movie in 1942.



PHOTO BY ANNE GARDNER

James Pildis (Phil) and Aly Bayens (Judy) rehearse at the Community Center.

City Plans to Continue Services If Federal Funds Are Interrupted

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

Greenbelt anticipates over \$1.5 million in federal grants in their Fiscal Year 2026 budget revenue. The largest line items include \$726,500 for police protection, \$260,000 from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), \$160,200 for Successful Aging Supportive Services (SASS) and \$140,000 for school resource officers. Another \$91,800 in federal money is earmarked for the service coordinator at Green Ridge House. The News Review asked the city how the federal government shutdown is affecting their services, operations and funding.

"We continue with programming with the expectation that we will be reimbursed," City Manager Josué Salmerón told the News Review. "That includes SASS, HUD voucher payments for Green Ridge House and the service coordinator."

The service coordinator grant at Green Ridge House has in fact been interrupted by the shutdown, confirmed Christal Batey, assistant director and Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) resource advocate. However, the SASS grant, which is funded through the Maryland Department of Aging has not been interrupted to date, Batey said on Thursday, October 23. That grant provides a variety of support and services to qualifying Green Ridge House residents, including produce and meals; mental health support such as onsite therapy, group counseling and referrals to external providers; fall prevention in the form of weekly chair yoga, safety and ambulation assessments; in-home care support sessions such as bathing, laundry, cleaning and meal preparation; cognitive sup-

port with monthly Arts for the Aging programs, stronger memory classes and memory screenings; and incontinence care with free monthly product delivery from community partners.

This week the city is expecting HUD voucher payments. Last week they were unsure whether they would receive them but on Tuesday, October 28, Greenbelt CARES Director Liz Park said Green Ridge House should receive the funding by November 1.

"Regarding the HUD voucher payments for Green Ridge House, we are prepared to advance the necessary funds from reserves to continue paying staff, contractors and bills required to operate the property and its programs," said Salmerón on October 23. "At the moment, I do not anticipate putting any program on hold. However, we are monitoring the federal government shutdown for potential impacts that may necessitate adjustments to our programming and services," he told the News Review.

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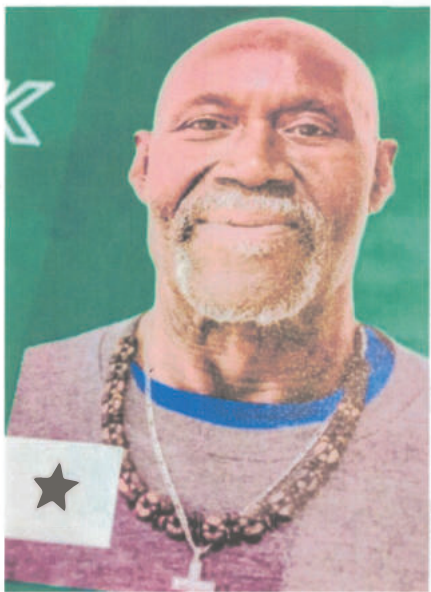
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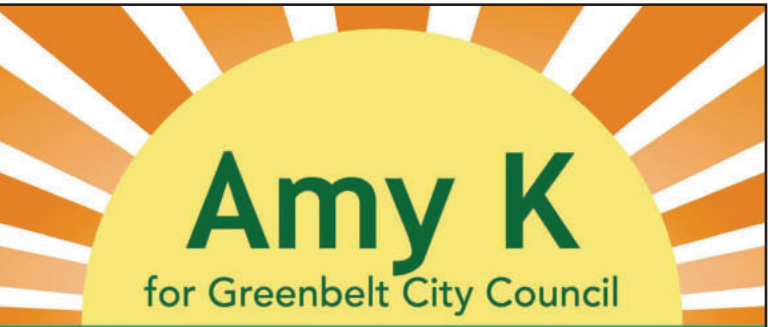
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Mary Murchison-Edwards at the Port Head Light in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, on October 15



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Greenbelter Dan Solomon on his way to a family reunion in Golden, Colorado

Election 2025

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Two Advisory Referendum Questions on This Year’s Ballot

There are two advisory referendum questions on this year’s ballot. The first relates to Ranked Choice Voting and a change to the threshold in the City’s Charter. The second asks about changing the length of terms for council members.

Their text is as follows:

Advisory Referendum 1: Ranked Choice Voting

Do you approve of the City using Ranked Choice Voting for all City Council Member elections and amending the City Charter’s forty percent (40%) threshold criteria (Sec 31)?

With Ranked Choice Voting, voters rank candidates in order of preference. Votes are considered in voters’ order of preference and are redistributed as winners are determined (based on a threshold related to the number of seats) and last place candidates are eliminated.

Advisory Referendum 2: Council Term Length

Should the Charter be amended to change Council terms from two years to four years?

If four-year terms are approved, should Council Members be subject to Voter Recall Petitions during their terms in office?

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massive ballfield complex off of Northway.

Roberts represented the city on the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Transportation Planning Board for 28 years. Roberts found legal representation to help the city fight the maglev train.

In 2022, Roberts filed a NEPA suit against the U.S. Treasury Department to fight the proposed industrial development of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. Because of his suit, Treasury abandoned plans to dump 120,000 gallons of wastewater daily into Beaverdam Creek.

Election 2025

Voting Dates

Early Voting

Saturday, November 1 and Sunday, November 2, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Community Center, 15 Crescent Road
Schrom Hills Park Clubhouse, 6915 Hanover Parkway
Springhill Lake Clubhouse, 6101 Cherrywood Lane

Election Day

Tuesday, November 4, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Community Center, 15 Crescent Road
Greenbelt Police Station, 550 Crescent Road
Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane
Greenbriar Community Building, 7600 Hanover Parkway
Schrom Hills Park, 6915 Hanover Parkway

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An Enduring Creepy Urban Legend

by Matt Neufeld

With attention focused on the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) due to the Trump administration plan to shut down the acclaimed scientific research facility, and with Halloween season in full swing, it seems like a good, spooky time to revisit an enduring urban legend centered around BARC: the Goatman.

As with all similar urban legends, the Goatman story doesn't make much sense and runs counter to intelligence, common sense, rationality and the real world of facts, credibility and science. That's precisely the fun of urban legends, campfire stories and ghost stories, isn't it?

As with all similar urban legends, there are varying background, legacy, foundation and historical aspects of the Goatman story.

Most versions of the story generally align with the most popular Goatman background: one or two reckless BARC scientists decided to conduct some out-of-the-box on-campus experiments focused on fusing human and goat DNA. Of course, the experiments went haywire, took a nasty twist and one or both scientists turned into freakish half-man, half-goat creatures.

From here, the story gets better (or worse, depending on your viewpoint). The newly-created BARC-birthed Goatman creature escaped the sprawling BARC grounds and went on a crazed, horrifying reign of terror decapitating dogs, jumping on cars, swinging axes, accosting people and scaring the living daylights and nightlights out of adventurous teens partying in the woods.

And where, you ask, did the Goatman decide to focus his mysterious reign of terror? Why, on none other than the plain, nothing-special Fletchertown Road and further south in Governor's Bridge in Bowie? Yes, of course, you say, that makes plenty of sense. Actually, that makes no sense.

However, that would be the simple end of it, if not for a much-discussed, much-maligned and much-criticized Washington Post story published in November 1971 about local sightings of, and attacks by, the Goatman. A similar Goatman story was published in The Prince George's County News a month later, according to Ghosts of DC, a website focused on Washington, D.C. area ghost stories and urban legends. Ghosts of DC published a quite definitive and well-researched story on the Goatman on November 3, 2023.

With newspaper stories promoting the Goatman legend, the goat was out of the lab, so to speak. Reports of face-to-face encounters with a frightening Goatman creature in Bowie, Upper Marlboro, Forestville and College Park were everywhere, with people reporting seeing the Goatman pounce on cars, carrying an ax, screaming like a demon and attacking people and animals and generally engaging in a campaign of Prince George's County backwoods B-movie horror.

It was all enough to inspire a wave of newspaper, magazine and website news stories; radio and television stories; television shows and movies; documentaries; book chapters; academic papers; songs, of all things; and campfire stories and folktales that



PHOTO BY ANNA BEDFORD-DILLOW

An image of the Goatman carved into a pumpkin that was among those in Greenbelt's North Woods during the Pumpkin Walk on October 18, 2025. A shadowy figure and den purportedly belonging to the Goatman can sometimes be glimpsed during the annual Pumpkin Walk.

took the Goatman here, there and everywhere. The urban legend grew until it became a big story – a big, nationally known story.

There are stories about the Goatman everywhere. Besides the excellent 2023 Ghosts of DC story, read about the Goatman in the University of Maryland Folklore Archives; the website Onlyinyourstate.com; The Cultural Badlands Tour; All That's Interesting; the College Park, Md., Patch; Medium.com; The Prince George's County News; The Washington Post; Hikingamerica.com; Monsters of Maryland: Mysterious Creatures in the Old Line State; Maryland Legends: Folklore from the Old Line State; Modern Farmer; Monsters, Giants and Little Men From Mars: An Unnatural History of the Americas; and other works.

Alas, as with all similar urban legends, there is a catch. There is absolutely no verifiable, credible evidence that any of this ever happened.

Through the past 40 years, this reporter has asked dozens of Prince George's County police, fire, public safety, political, governmental, judicial, educational, community and business officials about the Goatman. Not one of them said they have ever seen any credible evidence of the Goatman and they don't believe there is such a thing. I once even asked a bemused Parris Glendening, when he was county executive, if he believed in the Goatman. He laughed, shook his head and defiantly said, "No!"

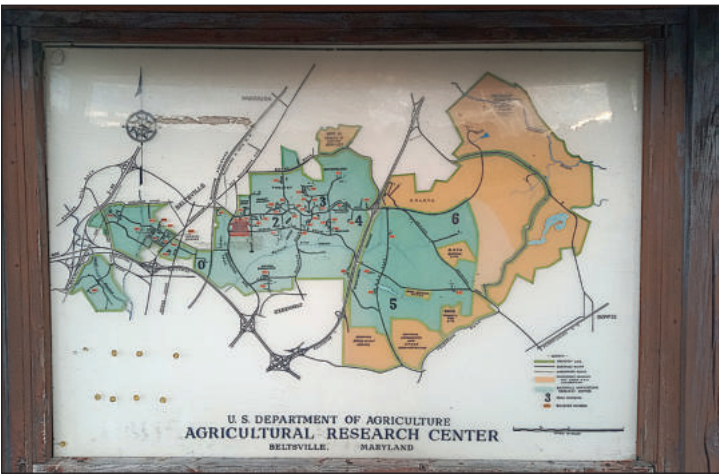
Calls to the office of Bowie Mayor Tim Adams and the main administrative office of BARC were not returned.

That said, a recent sunset visit to Fletchertown Road and the wildlands of BARC, both within 10 minutes of Greenbelt, in the early evening of October 22 prompted some naturally spooky vibes. In the upper portion of Fletchertown Road, there remain to this day some dark and spooky woods. In the lower portion of the road, though, the only scary things are sprawl, overdevelopment, cookie-cutter suburbia and speeding drivers. Over at BARC acres and acres of expansive and largely deserted fields and woods, including a crumbling office building and an old pay phone, stretch into the creeping night.

Standing in these spooky spots



A road sign marking Fletchertown Road, on October 22, 2025



A map of BARC on a sign in the facility



Still scary woods on Fletchertown Road in the Bowie area, on October 22, 2025

- Photos by Matt Neufeld

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School News

Parents Voice Skepticism, Optimism, Concerns at PGCPS Listening Session

by Stephen Lotz

Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) leaders faced a mix of optimism and skepticism from parents during a listening session on October 14 at Dora Kennedy French Immersion School, where Interim Superintendent Shawn Joseph outlined priorities for improving student performance, staffing and communication across the district.

The meeting, hosted with Board of Education Vice Chair Jonathan Briggs, who is also District 2’s representative on the school board, drew families from Greenbelt and surrounding communities for an update on district initiatives and school relocation plans.

Joseph, speaking on his 77th day as superintendent, said he intends to take the system “back to basics” by focusing on literacy, mathematics, chronic absenteeism, special education and school culture. He noted that while the district still trails state averages, Black and Latino students in Prince George’s County outperform peers statewide in several categories.

“We have to better tell our story,” Joseph said, emphasizing the need for transparent data and new tools for families. Joseph said the district is working to make academic data more transparent, allowing parents to see how their child, their school and the district are performing in reading and math.

Staffing shortages were another major theme. Joseph acknowledged that last year’s vacancies, especially in special education, left some students without consistent teachers. School websites now list open positions publicly, and he said the system is “creating a sense of urgency” to fill them.

One Greenbelt parent Alex Barnes, speaking on that topic, said his child was supposed to have a one-on-one aide but went without one for most of last year because the county “can’t hire anyone to fill that position,” citing low pay and no benefits.

Move to Robert Goddard

Officials confirmed that Dora Kennedy French Immersion (DKFI) will move to the Robert Goddard Montessori school for the 2026-27 school year and beyond because of their current building’s aging infrastructure. Ahead of the move, a new 18-classroom modular addition will expand Goddard’s capacity to 1,448 students.

The current DKFI building housed the middle school before their new building opened and before that was the city’s original high school (see the May 29, 2024, issue for more on its history and historic designation). The school building, once vacated by DKFI, will temporarily house Springhill Lake Elementary while its new school is constructed under the county’s Blueprint P3 program. Officials said the arrangement avoids busing issues for Springhill Lake students, most of whom walk to school.

Weekly newsletters from both principals and new advisory com-



PHOTO BY ANNA BEDFORD-DILLOW

Parents fill the hall at Dora Kennedy French Immersion school in Greenbelt for the last of Interim Superintendent Shawn Joseph's Listening Sessions, which were scheduled in each district.

mittees of parents, staff and students will keep families informed throughout the transition, said Dana Edwards, associate superintendent for middle and K–8 schools. She said the goal is to ensure the relocation is collaborative and transparent.

Communication and Trust

Parents repeatedly raised concerns about district communication. Latanza Wilson, a DKFI parent, said families often learn of major changes late or through social media. When the Greenbelt News Review first reported the district’s plans to move the school even its principal had not been informed (see the February 1, 2024 issue). “It’s going to be very important moving forward [that we improve communication],” Wilson told officials.

Joseph agreed, saying the district must “really engage families” and make that engagement more explicit. He and other officials said committee openings and other opportunities for parent involvement will be posted on the district’s website.

Some parents, however, said the district still struggles with accessibility. “There’s always room for improvement,” said Barnes,

who added that he could reach the transportation department by phone at one time but doubts he could now.

Community Skepticism

Several parents said they were impressed by Joseph’s presentation but remain cautious. Jessica O’Roark, a Greenbelt substitute teacher and parent, said Joseph “has big ideas” but that real change “takes time,” noting that his interim status makes it hard for parents to feel confident about long-term consistency.

Barnes shared that sentiment, saying he is “skeptical” after reading reports about Joseph’s previous tenure as superintendent in Tennessee (see the June 19 issue). However, he also said Joseph gave a favorable impression at the meeting and that the relocation plan “makes a lot of sense.”

Broader Concerns

Parents also questioned the fairness of lottery-based schools, arguing they draw engaged families away from neighborhood schools, among other concerns. Joseph said the district values choice but aims to ensure that “every comprehensive school

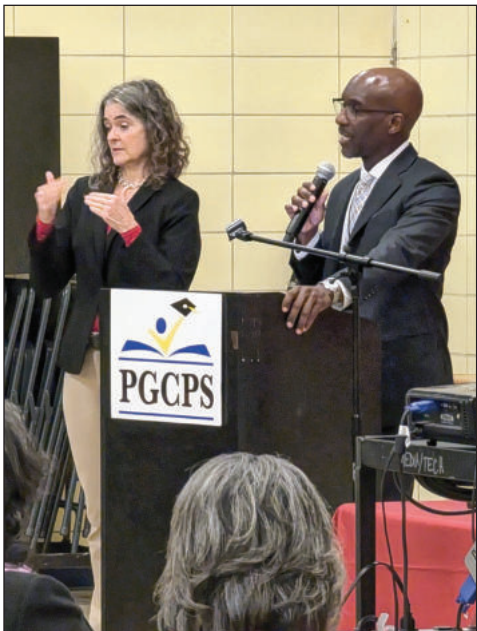
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“However, a prolonged shutdown could delay reimbursements, disrupt service coordination and limit technical assistance. This would significantly affect local budgets, application approvals, amendments and cash flow,” she said.

The federal government shutdown began October 1. The Supplemental Nutrition and Assistance Program (SNAP) will run dry on November 1 and no SNAP benefits will be available in November, making the free and reduced-price meals (FARMS) available at schools more important than ever.

Families impacted by the federal shutdown are encouraged to apply for school meal benefits. All families whose household income changes – including changes due to a furlough or other employment adjustments – may apply for FARMS for their child. They may also access additional benefits, including waived testing and activity fees, discounted internet service and access to community programs and resources. Families may complete the application online (www.myschoolapps.com) for the quickest processing, or request a paper form from their child’s school.



PGCPS Chief Operating Officer Charoscar Coleman speaks at the listening session on October 14 at Dora Kennedy French Immersion school.

- Photos by Anna Bedford-Dillow



Interim Superintendent Shawn Joseph, left, and District 2 Board of Education Member Jonathan Briggs are pictured at the listening session in Greenbelt on October 14.

CONCERTS

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Fall Color at Greenbelt Lake



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Fall colors and still waters at Greenbelt Lake in October

Contemplative Prayer Group Meets Tuesdays

A contemplative prayer group meets on Tuesdays at the Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ, 1 Hillside Road, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. This gathering is a time to pray in silence for oneself, others and the world. It nurtures inner and outer peace and reinforces the oneness of all people and creation.

The format for this group is an opening introduction, 30 minutes of silence and then some sharing. All are welcome to attend from all denominations and faith traditions. For more information, email Patience Robbins at patience.robbins@gmail.com.

GIVES Needs Drivers

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

Cookies on the Bridge Seeks More Volunteers

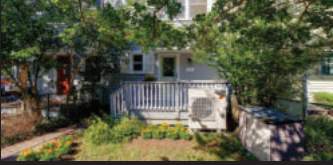
It's time for some sweetness for the students. This is a call for volunteers who are looking for something fun and worthwhile to do: consider joining Cookies on the Bridge. On weekdays from 3:15 to 3:45 p.m., volunteers meet at the Spellman Overpass to offer cookies (and carrots) to students coming home from Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The goal is to ensure the safety of the students as they make their way home.

Those interested, particularly those who can volunteer on Mondays or who have questions should contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler, RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness), at spreadruak@gmail.com or 301-345-8755 and leave a message.

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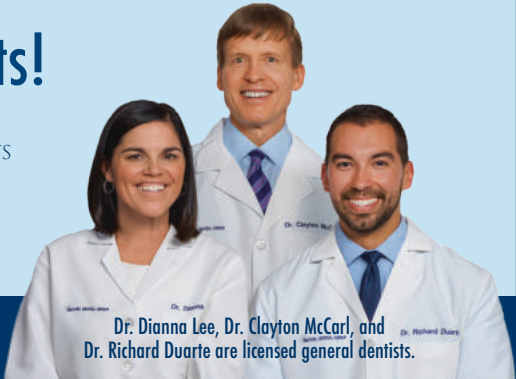
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2025 Pumpkin Festival Success Thanks to So Many Volunteers

by Stacy Stewart

The 2025 Greenbelt Pumpkin Festival came to an end on Friday, October 24 with a carving event that was part of the Trunk or Treat hosted by the Greenbelt Police Department and Franklin Park property management. At 5 p.m. participants rushed eagerly into the area behind Beltway Plaza where community organizations had set up elaborately decorated cars to dispense treats. While some children first made the rounds collecting candy, others grabbed pumpkins and got right to work carving. When they were finished, they could choose an LED or traditional candle to take home and light up their jack-o-lanterns. One hundred seventy-five pumpkins were claimed in less than an hour.

In 2018 the Pumpkin Festival in Old Greenbelt was expanded to include events in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West. The Festival depends on the support of the entire community working together. All pumpkins, candles and carving supplies are purchased with donations, and events over three weekends are planned and staffed by volunteers, including high school students earning Service Learning Hours. The Festival receives outstanding support from the Greenbelt Recreation Department and Public Works; both departments do a lot of the heavy lifting and went above and beyond this year when seven Park Rangers showed up on short notice to move a truckload of pumpkins from the Greenbelt Co-op to Beltway Plaza for the October 24 event.

Greenbelt Rotary Club is the fiscal sponsor of the Pumpkin Festival, handling all finances and making it possible for the Festival to accept digital donations.

Stacy Stewart is the Pumpkin Festival Coordinator.



Unloading goes quickly with so many hands to help!



A happy carver shows off her art.



One hundred seventy-five pumpkins were carved at the third carving of the Pumpkin Festival, held at Beltway Plaza.



- Photos by Stacy Stewart

A first-time participant in a pumpkin carving event holds aloft their jack-o-lantern.



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Photo: S. Natoli

If you can support Silke's campaign, donations can be sent to cash.app at silkepope@outlook.com

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By Authority of: C. Backstrom, Treasurer

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Wild Rumpus in Greenbelt



Giant puppets dance with the crowd at the Wild Rumpus.



Giant puppets join the crowd enjoying the performers.

A joyful crowd of costumed creatures gathered in Roosevelt Center at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 24 to join in a Wild Rumpus. There were performers, puppets, trick-or-treating at the stores and center organizations, music, dancing and a free festive movie at the Greenbelt Cinema.



Children enjoy the performers' spectacle during the Wild Rumpus.



Oscar Gayken, left, and Nathaniel Wesley-Hunt dress as characters from the movie Ratatouille.



Rosanne Douglas dresses as Marge Simpson at Maria's Beauty Shop.



John Henry Jones and his daughter Corita Waters offer candy to the trick or treaters at the center from their car.

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- In 1995, Rodney repaired and welded the head back on the Schrom Hills Park deer that had been vandalized, saving the City \$7,000.
- Rodney built 16 Labor Day booths from 1988 through 2003 for the Committee to Save the Green Belt to raise money for Pumpkin Walks and other educational events.
- Rodney worked with a small group of volunteers to install a commercial kitchen for the New Deal Cafe, doing the welding and install of the range hood and fan system, keeping the Cafe alive.
- Rodney saved two single-family homes from demolition in the Lakewood subdivision, by volunteering his building skills.
- Rodney gave tours of the Greenbelt forest every Saturday for three years before being elected to City Council.
- Rodney helped many Greenbelt seniors as a GIVES volunteer.

PAID AD

By authority of candidate

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more residential vibe.

First Steps

The project will first demolish the house and sheds and replace fencing and piping. There will be structural steel upgrades and foundation repairs, and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) upgrades to railings and ladders.

Then the standpipe surface will be abrasively blasted and a series of coatings applied to prevent corrosion, as will the tank interior.

Work hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. with potential Saturday work with WSSC approval but not regularly, and deliveries will be made outside school pickup and drop-off times. No impact is expected to customer water supply except at reconnection (see below).

Methodology

As shown in the two photographs of a similar tower undergoing the same process, the standpipe cylinder is first encased in rigid scaffolding and sealed into a flexible covering to contain the sandblasting environment. Debris and dust are removed via a vacuum system that draws clean air in one side and sucks the dirty air out through filters to trap particulates. It's like working inside a giant vacuum cleaner. Worker health and safety is to comply with state and federal OSHA standards.

Noise Concerns

DeHerde, answering a question by Mayor Emmett Jordan, agreed that sand blasting is loud and, in answer to him and Councilmember Jenni Pompei, explained that because the process is weather-dependent (dew point, humidity, temperature) each of the two sandblasting work phases (exterior and interior) would likely spread over two months.

Waste Disposal

In response to Councilmember Rodney Roberts' question about debris, the contractor representative replied that the disposal site for sandblasting waste would depend on whether it is classified as hazardous. If hazardous, it would be disposed of in accordance with hazardous material regulations. If not, it could go to any landfill.

The existing exterior coating has been sampled and likely contains lead, but typically the coating on the interior of the tank does not contain lead. Waste streams are separated, documented and handled accordingly.

Demolition of the house at 241 Lastner Lane in front of the tower involves both lead paint and asbestos abatement which will conform with county and city requirements. Contractor Titan Industrial Services is a qualified lead abatement contractor with all required local and national certifications and will employ a local subcontractor to perform the demolition.

Paint Finishes

The tank exterior is then painted. The first coat is a zinc-based primer which acts as a "sacrificial coating" (Roberts remarked that it was like zincing the hull of a boat). If moisture were to get through to it, the zinc layer would corrode before moisture got past it, extending the life of the steel tank beneath. Titan Project Manager Nick Moshoniotis noted that this was a highly-engineered paint system and he expects it to last 20 to 25 years or longer.

Paint designs for the refurbished tower are green-oriented, and Jordan mentioned the possibility of polling residents to choose, though Councilmember Kristen Weaver noted that the tower is barely visible from the street. Sketches are provided in the presentation material at <https://tinyurl.com/t5pmwkde>.

Water Pressure

WSSC Systems Control Group Division Manager Karen Wright, responsible for water supply countywide, responded to resident Melanie Cantwell's question about water pressure – which residents on Julian Court, close to the tower, consider poor. Wright explained that the pressure was set across a wide area by the overall elevation of the water source and the water supply is not dependent on the standpipe. Refurbishing the standpipe does not impact its geometry and will not change the water pressure which is lower at higher elevations.

Wright said the water tower is only one storage element in a much wider context, which the water supply for Greenbelt is integrated with, at the same pressure as approximately half of Prince George's County. Greenbelt's water might come from any source available to the county. Domestic water pressure is balanced to provide at least the minimum statutorily required pressure at the highest points in the county without flipping faucets off facilities further downhill. Greenbelt's water may even come from the Potomac River. Roberts smilingly expressed a deep aversion to Potomac water.

Project Schedule

The project is expected to start this fall and complete in early February 2027. Demolition of the house comes first, in early to mid-November. Cantwell – the water tower is right behind her house – spoke on behalf of herself and her neighbors. She wondered how weather-dependent the project schedule would be. Moshoniotis replied that weather considerations are built into the schedule; coating application is weather-dependent, but the multitude of things to be done means that when they can't coat, there are other activities that can be done to use the time efficiently.

Water Shutoffs and Information

Cantwell also asked whether the indication of only one likely eight-hour day of water shut off was realistic. DeHerde replied that was what is expected, although it is possible there would be a second day if there were

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National Cooperative Month



PHOTO BY MICHAEL HARTMAN

On Monday, October 27, the Greenbelt City Council celebrated October as National Cooperative Month and issued a proclamation focusing on the value of cooperatives and honoring the City's legacy since its founding in 1937. Representing six of Greenbelt's cooperatives, in front of the City Council are, (left to right) Prince George's Community Credit Union President/CEO Diane Brown, Greenbelt Nursery School Board Member Anna Bedford-Dillow, Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative (the Co-op) Manager Dan Gillotte, Greenbelt Homes Incorporated (GHI) Finance Director Joe Perry, New Deal Café Secretary Lisa Milani and Greenbelt News Review President Pat Scully.



PRELIMINARY AGENDA
Meetings of the GHI Board of Directors
on November 6, 2025

- GHI Closed Meeting – starts at 7:00 p.m. - closed to members and visitors
- a) Approve Minutes of the GHI Closed Meeting Held on October 2, 2025
 - b) Legal Matters
 - c) Contract Matters

- GHI Open Meeting – starts after GHI Closed Meeting - open to members and visitors
- a) Approve Minutes of the GHI Open Meeting Held on October 2, 2025
 - b) Statements of Closed Meetings Held on October 16, 2025 & November 6, 2025
 - c) NCB Stock Options
 - d) Finance Committee Budget Recommendation
 - e) 2026 GHI Budget - First Reading
 - f) Member-to-Member Assistance Program
 - g) Woodlands Report – Firewise Program Recommendation
 - h) 2026 Board Meeting Schedule January-May 2026
 - i) GHI Member Handbook and Board Policies Standardization Task Force Final Report
 - j) Dissolution of the GHI Member Handbook and Board Policies Standardization Task Force
 - k) Motion to Hold a Closed Meeting on November 20, 2025

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

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwtd-uugzoiG9XHGq9rswP_N9LZj33gbi9r

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

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Authorized by: C. Backstrom, Treasurer

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two valves that must be dealt with separately. He confirmed that WSSC would communicate with affected residents in advance of any shutdowns and mentioned there will be a webpage coming soon on which the schedule can be viewed. Any water shut off would be for eight hours during the work day, De-Herde explained (as also noted by Wright) that the tower is one of many sources of water to Greenbelt and it would, in fact, be kept empty throughout the refurbishment. Any temporary shut off would likely occur when it was being reconnected to the main supply.

WSSC has scheduled an online pre-construction project outreach meeting for Wednesday, November 12, at 6:30 p.m. via Microsoft Teams. The link was not yet available at press time.



Stages in the proposed rehabilitation process

- Photo courtesy WSSC with text added by Greenbelt News Review



Lead Abatement

Nick Moshonisiotis, project manager for Titan Industrial Services, WSSC’s contractor for the water tower rehabilitation, explained that the lead containment level for the project is set at 2A – the highest category. Enforcement is performed by an onsite independent contractor in accordance with environmental regulations.

In addition to monitoring within the containment cylinder where the sandblasting happens, there will be several sampling stations around the site periphery to suck in air through a filter. These go to a lab at the end of each day for a weekly report for comparison with a reference series taken prior to work starting.

Residents Melanie Cantwell and Thomas Zeller brought up concerns about possible lead contamination. Zeller was concerned that weekly reports on lead at the site periphery will be too slow to prevent potential exposures. Both Moshonisiotis and the city’s Director of Planning and Community Development Terri Hruby explained to Zeller that this system was not designed for real time warnings because of the necessary lab analysis.

Moshonisiotis added that the samples are for confirmation only, with an independent industrial hygienist constantly monitoring the lead abatement process. The process relies on sealing the containment vessel so that a negative pressure system funnels all the air in the containment area through filters before it returns outside. Moshonisiotis said that the exterior cladding of the containment zone is visibly sucked inwards when negative pressure measures are in operation and the hygienist checks the operation constantly. All air exiting the containment area passes through filters. The large pipes for the vacuum system are visible in the photographs.

Councilmember Kristen Weaver noted that this technology is similar to the highly effective clean room technology used by NASA where negative pressures and filters are used even more stringently to remove particulates.

Moshonisiotis confirmed that while refurbishing many similar standpipes and other work with lead contamination risk, Titan Industrial Services had never once had an unacceptable level of lead released into the environment.

Fielding a question on the sturdiness of the containment structure, Moshonisiotis said the materials are rated up to 45 mph winds and weather, including wind, is always a consideration in sandblasting schedules.

Demolition of the house will be carried out by a local certified contractor and lead and asbestos will be removed prior to the demolition.



Kristen Weaver

for City Council



Bridging Neighborhoods Building Community

I hope you will re-elect me to City Council to continue to be a voice to help bridge neighborhoods and to build community across all Greenbelt. As a city, we need to:

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By authority of Kristen Weaver for City Council, HallyAhearn, Treasurer



Mahjong Group Meets Weekly on Wednesdays

The Greenbelt Mahjong Group meets Wednesdays at 1 p.m. in the Senior Game Room in the Community Center. Instructional classes are offered periodically. Check the Fall Recreation Guide for details.

Toastmasters Meet

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

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

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



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Trash Tax on Families

The City of Greenbelt's new "Save As You Throw" trash policy is nothing short of a tax on families. While I support reducing fees for individuals who produce less waste, this plan unfairly punishes larger households already struggling to make ends meet.

As a mother and the wife of a government employee, I already feel the strain of rising costs.

Under this new system, I'll pay a \$240 base fee plus \$1.25 per special city trash bag. As a family of four using three bags a week, that's about \$3.75 weekly – or nearly \$200 a year – three times the cost of regular trash bags. Altogether, my annual trash cost would jump from \$280 to roughly \$435. And what happens when we host a birthday party or have family visiting? Should we tell guests to take their trash home?

The city cites landfill fees and "fairness," yet this policy shifts financial and logistical burdens onto residents – especially families, seniors and those without storage space for composting.

Even worse, four of the seven city councilmembers who approved the policy won't be affected because they have private trash service.

If the goal is to reduce waste, Greenbelt should use incentives, not penalties – offering tax breaks or lower fees for those who recycle and compost more, rather than raising costs for families raising the city's future change-makers.

Demetria McAndrew

Hateful Sign in Greenbelt

A member of the Greenbelt Resistance Network shared a disturbing picture with our coalition. It showed a hateful sign taped to a public bench in our community that read, "ICE is coming for U Latinos! Leave now!" This message is not only threatening but also meant to intimidate and dehumanize members of our community based solely on their ethnicity and perceived immigration status. Such words echo the worst chapters of our history and have no place in a city that values diversity, safety and dignity for all.

Regardless of anyone's political views on immigration, it is unacceptable to use fear and xenophobia as weapons against our neighbors. Many Latino families here are long-time residents, essential workers and community builders. They deserve to live without harassment or the terror of hateful messages in public spaces.



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We commend the Greenbelt council for holding Know Your Rights training sessions and look forward to further training that the City of Greenbelt will hold for both citizens and immigrants. We also commend local businesses that have committed to protecting their staff and patrons by implementing a policy to not allow Immigration and Customs Enforcement into their businesses without a warrant, as is their right.

We urge city officials, community leaders and residents alike to take this seriously: investigate these incidents, remove such threatening messages immediately and speak out loudly against this kind of hate. Silence only emboldens those who wish to divide us.

We must ensure that every person in our community – regardless of background – feels safe, welcome and valued.

Chrissy Wilkin and John Campanile on behalf of The Greenbelt Resistance Network

The sign was seen on October 18, 2025, taped to the bench when exiting the Crescent Road underpass in front of Roosevelt Center.

Unsafe Conditions At Apartments

As a former Crescent Pointe Apartments resident in Greenbelt, I want to raise awareness about unsafe and deteriorating conditions affecting many Greenbelters.

In the past year, residents endured nearly two months without heat. But that is just the big headline. Despite repeated requests by my neighbors during my tenancy, maintenance was pretty much nonexistent. My apartment flooded so severely I couldn't open my front door past 2 feet for three months.

Most concerning, however, were the building entrances,

which never had locks. Management refused to install them, allowing individuals seeking shelter – many unhoused and in need – to enter freely and sleep in trash areas. While I deeply sympathize with those experiencing homelessness, this created unsafe and unsanitary conditions, especially for young women living alone.

But it also raises the question of safety for the community. Multiple times these individuals verbally harassed me, even from right outside my front door. While there are many reasons for those in need to be in Greenbelt, like the library, food distributions, community events, etc., it was clear that the majority of them came to the area to sleep, do laundry or eat from leftover trash in the apartments' basement.

These buildings are part of Greenbelt's historic fabric. As a young professional who came here to put down roots, I had hoped to stay and contribute long-term to the community by buying in GHI. But ongoing neglect and safety concerns pushed me and my new fiancé to look for a home elsewhere.

Organizations like GHI have an opportunity to step in (not as owners, but as community leaders) to advocate for safer, better-managed housing. If Greenbelt is to thrive for the next generation, all housing must be safe and welcoming.

Thank you for your attention to these critical local issues.

*Juliana Walter
Former Resident,
Crescent Pointe Apartments*



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offers high-quality programs."

Safety also surfaced amid recent violence near Greenbelt schools (see the October 9 issue). Some parents said they noticed more police near schools after two homicides earlier this month, while others said the presence had not changed. Several parents also mentioned traffic congestion and vehicle drop-offs as ongoing safety concerns.

Parents said they appreciated Joseph's tone and willingness to listen but remained cautious about whether his promises will lead to change. "He said nice things," said O'Roark, "but we need time to actually see what happens."

Stephen Lotz is a University of Maryland student at the Philip Merrill College of Journalism writing for the Greenbelt News Review.



The Ukulele Ladies of Greenbelt perform such favorites as Vampires Just Wanna Be Loved, the theme from The Addams Family and the Monster Mash, plus other eerie delights, for families coming to the Pumpkin Walk.



Carol Slatin reads the News Review at Teddy Roosevelt's cabin in North Dakota and checks off her 50th state.



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Police Blotter

Incidents reported here occurred October 20-26, 2025. 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@greenbeltmd.gov. Times provided are when the incidents were reported.

Incident Summary

Greenbelt Police reported one death involving suicide. On October 25 near 5510 Cherrywood Lane, a car caught fire and was destroyed; the Fire Department determined the fire was mechanical in origin.

Attempted Carjacking

On October 26 at 3:36 a.m. near 7702 Hanover Parkway, two men in a silver Honda Civic approached a man's vehicle. They were unaware that he was inside when they attempted to break the windows. Once they realized the owner was inside the vehicle, they fled toward Princess Garden Parkway.

Assault

On October 21 at 8:52 p.m. near 6720 Springshire Way, a woman knocked on the door of a residence asking for help, stating that she had been assaulted and drugged, and then taken to a hotel in Lanham. Prince George's Police Department was notified.

On October 22 at 7:35 a.m. near 5919 Cherrywood Terrace, a man's argument with his brother escalated into a mutual assault; neither party wished to pursue charges.

On October 23 at 9:17 a.m. near 7601 Hanover Parkway, a high school student was assaulted by another teen when he got off the bus.

DUI Arrest

On October 26 at 2:27 a.m. near Greenbelt Road and Kenilworth Avenue, a driver was arrested for DUI.

Fraud

On October 20 near 7565 Greenbelt Road, a bank employee reported a check fraud scheme.

Theft and Shoplifting

On October 20 at 10:57 a.m. near 7483 Greenbelt Road, a woman became disorderly toward staff after a disagreement, and began picking up miscellaneous items and vandalizing them. Upon leaving, she took merchandise and fled.

On October 22 at 11:03 a.m. near 7595 Greenbelt Road, a man stole several food items before fleeing. A short time later, a man matching his description was again trying to shoplift in another store and was arrested.

On October 22 at 2:56 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, two women stole several items before fleeing; at 7:34 p.m. near 6440 Cherrywood Lane, a package was stolen after delivery.

On October 23 at 11:48 a.m. near 7595 Greenbelt Road, a man stole food and fled; at 4:58 p.m. near 121 Centerway, two boys

stole sandwiches and fled.

On October 24 at 5:26 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, two girls and a boy were apprehended and banned for theft; at 3:33 p.m. near 7573 Greenbelt Road, someone stole items under \$100 and fled.

On October 25 at 12:44 p.m. near 7607 Greenbelt Road, two men stole multiple items and fled; at 3:35 p.m. near 5403 Stream Bank Lane, packages were stolen.

Trespassing Arrest

On October 24 at 10:04 a.m. near 7537 Greenbelt Road, a man who is banned from a place of business was seen there by employees. Officers found him sitting outside and arrested him.

Vandalism

On October 21 at 12:26 p.m. near 7607 Greenbelt Road, a woman, upset after learning her prescription was not ready, struck and damaged a photo machine monitor before leaving the store.

Vehicle Crimes Stolen Vehicles

Five vehicles were stolen: On October 20 near 7800 Hanover Parkway, a blue Lexus RX 350 (Md. 9FJ6392), and near 5909 Cherrywood Terrace, a blue 2020 Yamaha R1 motorcycle (Md. 766Y62); on October 23 near 6938 Hanover Parkway, a 2015 white Ford van (Md. 7GK0023), and near 7541 Greenbelt Road, a silver Toyota Corolla. On October 24 around 8 p.m. near 6101 Cherrywood Lane, camera footage showed someone stealing a vehicle (Va. TDW5101) with a handgun inside.

Located Stolen Vehicle

On October 23 at 11:11 a.m. near 9334 Edmonston Road, a Hyundai Sonata reported stolen was recovered. Video footage showed juveniles getting out of the vehicle.

Theft from Auto

On October 23 wheels were stolen near 404 Ridge Road from a 2021 Toyota Corolla, and near 7810 Walker Drive from a 2022 Corolla. On October 24 at 2:05 a.m. near 8111 Mandan Terrace, a witness observed suspects stealing rims and tires from a Honda truck and fleeing in a black Audi. Officers combed the area with negative results.

Vandalism to Auto

On October 20 near 6632 Lake Park Drive, a Jeep had a

window damaged; at 6:05 p.m. near 108 Lastner Lane, someone saw young men breaking into a car; they fled just before the officer arrived.

On October 23 near 7903 Mandan Road, a vehicle was vandalized.

Shooting Near Greenway Center

Shortly after 4 p.m. on Tuesday, October 28, there was a shooting incident near Greenbelt Road, close to Greenway Center.

Witnesses reported that a juvenile male opened fire near a bus stop and a second juvenile male then discharged his weapon.

At time of press, no injuries had been reported.

Anyone who has any information regarding this incident may get in touch with Greenbelt Police at 301-472-7200.

City Notes

Arts and Recreation hosted the Wild Rumpus, wrangled by Park Rangers and attended by a large crowd.

Public Safety and Community met with county fire department representatives about staffing. Economic Development attended two county business development events. Finance hosted the annual financial audit and Planning inspected 23 rentals.

Constituent Services and Public Safety hosted the City Manager, Recreation and Police to brainstorm violence interruption strategies in Greenbelt West.

Animal Shelter residents are six cats and three dogs after two adoptions. The 27 active dog park permits include 23 residents and, of 60 spay/neuter vouchers, 37 are redeemed. Shelter staff facilitated a county microchip clinic at Franklin Park.

Horticulture/Parks built two Roosevelt Center welcome signs and Streets Maintenance installed seven thermoplastic bicycle lanes on Crescent Road.

Aquatic & Fitness Center's fitness wing closed for three days to install five treadmills, four ellipticals and four recumbent bikes.

The Community Center and Therapeutic Recreation hosted Golden Age Bingo.

Bystander Training

On Friday, October 24, Greenbelt's Legislative District 22 Delegation held a Town Hall Bystander Training for ICE encounters - know your rights. Speakers from CASA and the ACLU shared strategies for these kinds of encounters. Also participating were County Councilmember Wanika Fisher and representatives from the offices of Congressman Glenn Ivey and County Executive Aisha Braveboy.



From left, Senator Alonzo Washington and Delegates Ashanti Martinez, Anne Healey and Nicole Williams attend the training session.



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NOTICE

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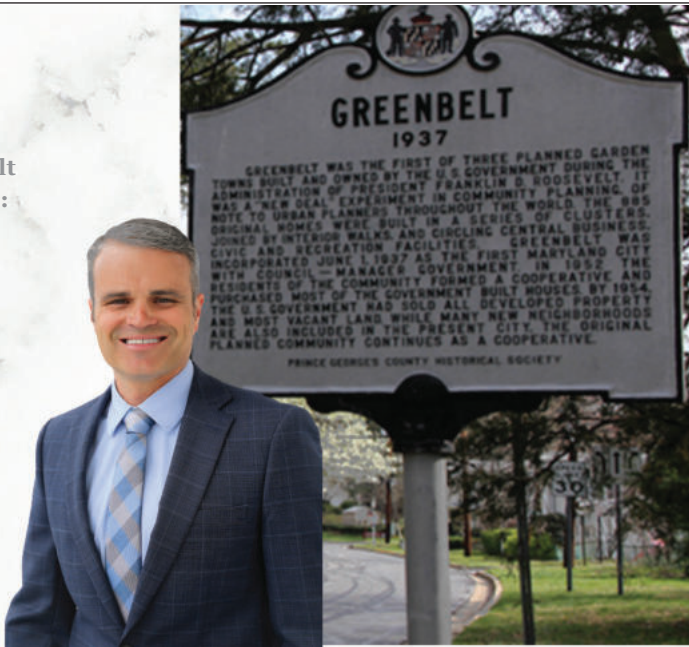
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Sports

Roosevelt Raiders Race to Region Finals With Resounding October Semifinal Win

by Patrick Gleason

The goals came early and often for the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) Raiders in their region semifinal victory over the Laurel Spartans on Friday, October 24. After several impressive saves from the Spartans in the opening minutes, junior Claire Alolga initiated the Raider scoring by slipping a low shot between the left post and the outstretched arms of the keeper. By the night's end, Alolga had secured a hat trick and the Raiders had advanced to the region final with the Montgomery Blair Blazers. Alolga tallied her second two scores in the second half when sophomore Morgan Parks also notched two goals, the second of which she placed in the upper right corner of the near post. Junior Bayleigh Galie added another impressive goal to



The Eleanor Roosevelt Raiders prepare prior to their October 24 victory over the Laurel Spartans.

- Photos by Ethan James

the Raider haul by taking advantage of a Laurel foul roughly 30 yards from goal. Galie's shot ascended into the autumn sky

before descending on the perfect parabolic trajectory into the back of the net. Leading scorer Autumn Freeman, an American University commit, accounted for the other Raider goal on a night where the Roosevelt keepers touched the ball only a handful of times. Freeman now has 18 goals to her name this season.

Blair defeated High Point 8-0

on October 25, setting up the region final matchup.

Boys Soccer

Meanwhile, the ERHS boys upset the Northwestern Wildcats 2-0 on October 24 and have advanced to their second region final in three years. The boys will host the High Point Eagles, who defeated the defending state champion Blair Blazers. The Raiders will look for a double state quarterfinal appearance; victories in the region finals would lead to state quarterfinal games on either Halloween or November 1.



Bayleigh Galie and Morgan Parks celebrate with teammates after Galie's goal in an emphatic Roosevelt victory.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Residency - Type

☐ Apartment

☐ Townhouse

☐ Condominium

☐ GHI

☐ Detached Single Family Home

2. Residency - Neighborhood

☐ Greenbelt East *(East of Baltimore-Washington Parkway)*

☐ Greenbelt West *(West of Kennilworth Avenue)*

☐ Center City *(Between Kennilworth & B-W Parkway)*

3. Do You?

☐ Own

☐ Rent

4. Age

☐ Under 18☐ 30-44☐ 61-74

☐ 18-29☐ 45-60☐ 75+

5. How Many Years Have You Lived in Greenbelt?

☐ Less Than 1 Year☐ 6-10 Years☐ 21-30 Years

☐ 1-5 Years☐ 11-20 Years☐ More than 30 Yrs

6. Employment Status *(Check All That Apply)*

☐ Full-Time☐ Part-Time☐ Unemployed

☐ Retired☐ Stay at Home Parent☐ Work From Home

☐ Student☐ Multiple Jobs

7. Where Do You Work?

☐ Greenbelt☐ Prince George's County

☐ Baltimore☐ Washington, D.C.

☐ Montgomery County☐ Other

8. Which of the following best describes your racial identity?

☐ White☐ Other Pacific Islander

☐ Black or African American☐ American Indian

☐ Latino/Hispanic☐ Alaska Native

☐ Asian☐ Other Racial Identity:

☐ Native Hawaiian

8. What is your gender identity?

☐ Male☐ Prefer not to say

☐ Female☐ Another gender identity:

☐ Non-binary

NEW QUESTIONS FOR 2025

1. Which of the three (3) options for the development of the Greenbelt Armory site do you prefer?

☐ Municipal center/mixed-use

☐ Residential/mixed-use

☐ Fire/EMS station

2. Should Greenbelt provide a city-wide circulator bus service?

☐ Yes☐ No

If yes, do you support raising taxes to cover the cost?

☐ Yes☐ No

PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Please rate your satisfaction over the last 2 years with the following services. *(5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)*

☐ Police Presence☐ Police Responsiveness☐ Dispatcher Responsiveness☐ Overall Police Performance☐ Overall Police Employee Competence☐ Police Attitude & Behavior Towards Residents☐ Animal Control☐ Traffic Control☐ Fire & Rescue☐ Parking Enforcement

2. Do you have any concerns about safety and security within Greenbelt? If so, please list:

3. If you have contacted the police in the last two (2) years, was the employee polite & courteous? ☐ Yes ☐ No

4. Did the police employee assist you satisfactorily? ☐ Yes ☐ No

5. Please list any suggestions for improving police services under "GENERAL COMMENTS - #5. Other Comments" *(located on far right)*.

PUBLIC WORKS

1. Please rate your satisfaction over the last 2 years with the following services. *(5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)*

☐ Street Maintenance☐ Street Lighting☐ Street Cleaning☐ Snow Removal☐ Sidewalk Maintenance☐ Crosswalks☐ Park Maintenance☐ Bike Lanes☐ Refuse Collection☐ Recycling☐ Mowing/Flower/Tree Planting☐ Building Maintenance☐ Bus Stops☐ Greenbelt Connection

2. If you have contacted Public Works in the last two (2) years, was the employee polite & courteous? ☐ Yes ☐ No

GREENBELT CARES/SOCIAL SERVICES

1. Have you or your family utilized any of the services listed below (#3) in the last two (2) years? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Did you know the City provides the services (#3) below?

☐ Yes☐ No

3. If yes, please rate your satisfaction with the services. *(5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)*

☐ Counseling *(Individual, family, or group)*

☐ Crisis Intervention Counseling

☐ Tutoring

☐ GED

☐ Job Bank

☐ Babysitting Workshop

☐ Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program

4. If you plan to remain in your home as you age, which of the following might you require:

☐ Online Advice & Support☐ Home Modifications

☐ Activities for Homebound☐ 1st Floor Bathroom

☐ Other:

5. How soon would you need these services?

☐ Now☐ 1-3 Years☐ 4-7 Years☐ 8+ Years

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT / CODE ENFORCEMENT

1. Have you had contact with City Community Development/ Code Enforcement Staff *(Inspection, Permit, Tall Grass, Structure Complaint, etc)?* ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Was the Community Development/Code Enforcement employee polite & courteous? ☐ Yes ☐ No

3. Did the Community Development/Code Enforcement employee assist you satisfactorily? ☐ Yes ☐ No

EDUCATION

1. If you have school age children, please rate the schools they currently attend. *(5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)*

☐ Greenbelt Elementary☐ Springhill Lake Elementary☐ Dora Kennedy French Immersion☐ Magnolia Elementary☐ Greenbelt Middle School☐ Eleanor Roosevelt High School☐ Home Schooling☐ Other:

2. Using the same scale in #1 above, please rate the Prince George's County School System overall: ☐

3. Please rank the following statements. *(5=Strongly Agree, 4=Agree, 3=Neutral, 2=Disagree, 1=Strongly Disagree)*

☐ The City should continue to provide grants to Greenbelt schools/educators

☐ The City should continue to advocate that Greenbelt students attend Greenbelt schools if they so choose.

RECREATION

1. Please rate your satisfaction with any City facilities which you or your family have used. *(5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)*

☐ Aquatics & Fitness Center☐ Community Center☐ Springhill Lake Recreation Center☐ Youth Center☐ Skate Park☐ Youth Center☐ Playgrounds☐ Parks☐ Athletic Fields☐ Trails☐ Other:

2. Please rate your satisfaction with any City activities which you or your family have attended. *(5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)*

☐ Fitness Classes☐ Pre-School Classes☐ Youth/Adult Classes☐ Camp Programs☐ Visual Art Programs☐ Senior Programs☐ Performing Art Programs☐ Aquatic Programs☐ Special Events *(Artful Afternoons, Fall Fest, July 4th, Winter Lights Festival, Celebration of Spring, etc)*

☐ Other (Please Specify):

3. Please check any programs which you or a member of your household ae likely to attend within the next two (2) years. *(Check all that apply)*

☐ Pre-School Activities☐ Children's Afternoon Activities☐ Children's Weekend Activities☐ Children's Drop-In Activities☐ Home School/School Enrichment Activities☐ Family Recreation Activities - Weekend☐ Adult Classes or Leagues☐ Senior Activities☐ Drop-In Activities☐ Special Events *(Examples #2 above)*

PUBLIC INFORMATION

1. How would you prefer to receive information about City programs and services? *(Please rate your use from 1-10, 1=top preference)*

☐ Greenbelt TV☐ Greenbelt News Review☐ Mail☐ City Newsletter☐ Email☐ Facebook☐ Greenbeltmd.gov☐ YouTube☐ Washington Post☐ WTOP *(Radio)*☐ Local TV News☐ Posters/Flyers☐ Other:

2. Please rate your satisfaction with Greenbelt's efforts to publicize and broadcast official information and City events? *(5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor):* ☐

3. Do you use the City's website at www.greenbeltmd.gov?

☐ Yes☐ No

If so, what for?

☐ Watch Meetings☐ Calendar☐ Watch Videos

☐ Documents☐ Other:

4. What services would you like to see on the City website?

5. Have you used the video streaming/on-demand section of the City website? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6. Have you watched any of the programming, including Council meetings, offered on the City's Municipal Access channel over the past 2 years? ☐ Yes ☐ No

7. Do you watch the public access channel known as Greenbelt Access Television? (GATe) ☐ Yes ☐ No

CITY SERVICES AND TAXES

1. How do you rate the value of City services and programs for your tax dollars? *(5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)* ☐

2. Are City services fairly distributed throughout Greenbelt?

☐ Yes☐ No

3. The City has limited ability to raise revenues other than through property taxes or fees. In light of this fact, would you support a tax rate increase in order to:

☐ Maintain current City services/programs☐ Yes☐ No

☐ Increase City services/programs☐ Yes☐ No

☐ Provide fair compensation to employees☐ Yes☐ No

☐ Participate in green initiatives *(greenhouse gas reduction, solar power, battery powered equipment, etc)*☐ Yes☐ No

4. In general, should City services be *(choose one)*

☐ Kept at the Same Level☐ Reduced☐ Increased

5. If the City had to reduce services/programs, which ones would you suggest and why?:

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

1. What barriers are there to attending City events, including council meetings? *(Check all that apply)*

☐ Time☐ Location☐ Too Many

☐ Childcare☐ No bilingual services

☐ Other:

2. In your opinion, City services provided to the Greenbelt community have improved over the last two (2) years.

☐ Strongly Agree☐ Agree☐ Neutral☐ Disagree☐ Strongly Disagree

Why?

3. If you need bilingual services, what language do you prefer?

☐ Spanish☐ French☐ Yoruba

☐ Afrikaans☐ Other:

4. Do you feel safe in the following areas of the City?

☐ West☐ Center City☐ East

GENERAL COMMENTS

1. Describe what you like most about the Greenbelt Community.

2. Describe what you like least about the Greenbelt Community.

3. Other Comments:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INPUT!