



School Year Begins with Changes, Challenges, Resourceful Parents

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

The new school year began with changes for many Greenbelt students.

At Greenbelt Elementary School they welcomed the new year with a new principal, Latasha Dorsey (see the August 13 issue).

Greenbelt Middle School is still engaged in a search for their next principal to replace the beloved Marcellus Clement and begins the year with Camille Butler in the interim role (see the July 22 issue).

Springhill Lake Elementary (SHLES) students began classes in their temporary new home for the next two years: the old Dora Kennedy and, before that, the Greenbelt Middle School building, off Greenbelt Road and Edmonston Road. SHLES plans to return to a new building at their prior location for the 2028-29 school year (see the July 16 issue for the groundbreaking).

Meanwhile, Dora Kennedy French Immersion (DKFI) students began a new school year in a new location, the site that was their home over a decade ago and is a shared space with Robert Goddard Montessori. DKFI is now just outside the Greenbelt city limits in Seabrook.



PHOTO BY ANNA BEDFORD-DILLOW

Euan Bedford-Dillow prepares to board the school bus for his first day of kindergarten at Dora Kennedy French Immersion (DKFI) accompanied by sister, Emmeline, who is beginning 5th grade at DKFI.

Chipmunk Challenges

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) asked for patience with transportation during the first days of the school year but had been touting increased staffing and real time bus tracking. This year PGCPS opened the year with the bus tracking app Chipmunk, which they'd rolled out gradually over the last school year. Chipmunk replaced Stop-Finder, which parents had criticized and reported as unreliable or inoperable for years. A PGCPS announcement on Tuesday advertised the app as enabling real-time tracking and providing accurate ETAs and alerts. However, it was not working Tuesday morning for its first-day debut. At approximately 9 a.m. a message from

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City Council Discusses Greenbelt Cinema's Fiscal Needs, Outlook

by Matthew Arbach

At a worksession on August 12, Greenbelt City Council discussed the funding of Greenbelt Cinema. Caitlin McGrath was present in her role as its executive director.

McGrath stated that while the Cinema has made a healthy financial recovery from the pandemic, it still faces serious uncertainty as it deals with both inflation and the vicissitudes of the movie theater model in this age of streaming.

Financial Outlook

At a May worksession, ahead of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 budget adoption, McGrath had requested from the city \$15,632 to cover utilities and related operating costs, \$60,000 for a business stabilization and development plan and a \$25,000 increase in the city's subsidy, from \$75,000 to \$100,000 (see the May 27

issue). Ultimately, the city did not grant the requested \$25,000 in the FY 2027 budget, however, they included an additional \$16,000 utility reimbursement.

At the worksession McGrath presented several financial details of the Cinema. In 2018, box office sales were at \$237,173, while in 2025 they were just \$175,857. City support is currently 12.5 percent of the Cinema's budget, with the rest being: donations 26 percent; box office 23 percent; grants 18 percent; concessions 14 percent; memberships 11 percent; rentals 7 percent; advertising 1 percent; and merchandise 0.3 percent.

McGrath also shared information about the Cinema's special programming, a unique facet of what makes the Cinema such a

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Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Schedule for Friday, Saturday

by News Review Staff

At 6 p.m. on Friday, September 4, the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival returns to the town center. Here's a quick guide to getting the most out of this beloved summer-ending Festival. This issue covers the events for Friday and Saturday; next week's issue will focus on events for Sunday and Monday.

Friday, September 4

The Carnival Midway and booths open at 6 p.m. This year there is new, all-electronic ticketing for wristbands. Plan ahead to get ride tickets at a discount. Any four-hour block of unlimited rides is \$20 in advance and \$35 on the day and begins with the first ride. This is a change from set times for unlimited rides in years past. Ride-lovers will also be able to purchase an all-day pass for the first time for the cost of \$50 in advance or \$70 on the day for an unlimited day of rides. Those who only wish to get to the top of the Ferris wheel or try a couple of the midway offerings can purchase 14 credits for \$20 instead, with each ride costing two to five credits.

Bingo also starts at 6 p.m. on



PHOTO BY JEFFREY ALLEN JONES

Bingo tables at the 2023 Labor Day Festival

the Community Center lawn, this year sponsored by both Greenbelt Youth Baseball and the Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team. They'll also be collecting food donations to support St. Hugh's food pantry.

In addition to the regular bingo on the lawn all weekend, anyone stopping by the Information Booth opposite the stage can pick up a Festival bingo card. Participate in fun activities around the Festival in this scavenger hunt-style bingo to win a special prize.

Special memorial games for bigger cash prize amounts will be announced during the games. These activities happen each day for the remainder of the Festival.

Also at 6 p.m., the book sale kicks off in the midway. This is your chance to get the first pick of this year's collection of thousands of used books. The sale is the major fundraiser of the year for Greenbelt Elementary School.

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Roman Telescope to Launch Sunday, Will Provide a Long-lasting Legacy

by Joan Estenson

If all goes well, a not so little piece of Greenbelt will be launched into space on Sunday.

The Roman telescope, built at Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) will launch from Kennedy Space Center after a June nighttime journey by boat from Baltimore to Florida. GSFC personnel coordinated the work of many partners across the U.S. and around the world and completed the project under budget nine months early.

Nancy Grace Roman was a NASA employee from the agency's inception and was the first Chief of Astronomy. After leaving her job at NASA headquarters in



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Roman was built in a clean room at Goddard. Here the telescope is being prepared for transport to Florida in CHARIOT - Conditioned Housing for Air, Road, Imaging optics assembly, and Observatory Transport.

downtown Washington, D.C., she worked at Goddard with many Greenbelters.

Shawn Domagal-Goldman, director, Astrophysics Division at NASA headquarters, said NASA missions "set out to do the impossible and achieve it. The Roman mission will be no different. In previous missions we found out how to locate asteroids that might be a threat to Earth." Some other impossible achievements became routine parts of daily life, such as medical imaging and cellphones, he said.

The mission includes three phases: launch, commissioning and science research.

The Numbers

The numbers for this mission are, well, astronomical. The science phase will begin once Roman reaches Sun Earth Lagrange point 2, about a million miles away from earth, where the sun's and earth's gravity balance out. It will take Roman 90 days to get there.

Jeremy Perkins, Roman

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What Goes On

Monday, August 31

7:30 p.m., City Council Work-session: Greenbelt Homes, Inc., Municipal Building

Wednesday, September 2

7:30 p.m., No Council Meeting.

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

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dynamic local entity, as attested by all present. These include specialty one-offs, educational programs and free screenings such as the School’s Out series and holiday classics. McGrath reported that the Cinema showed 265 films in 2025, compared to 26 in 2014, when it was a for-profit organization. McGrath said the Cinema is now at its programming limit, with the goals now to do things better and at greater financial efficiency. She said that a strategic plan is in the works (probably for October) which will analyze the existing situation and how best to proceed.

The Request

The Cinema is now requesting, as it did in May, an additional \$25,000 from the city in order to sustain its current number of special programs. McGrath stated that even with this influx of funds, the Cinema will still be at a sizable deficit due mainly to inflation.

The Cinema has made, on its own, many improvements to the site’s infrastructure, like seating and the screen, said McGrath. The more recently acquired adjoining property has also undergone significant renovations through a private contractor.

McGrath said that existing staff numbers 6.5, though eight is the minimum they can operate with. Her goal is to have staff focusing on a single area and not having to wear many hats.

Resident Support

Residents Michael Hartman, Diana McFadden, Randy Ontive-

ros and Bill Orleans all extolled the Cinema as an essential asset to the city and well worth any sort of investment. All noted its transformation since 2015 as amazing. Residents from Bladensburg and Bowie spoke as well, iterating these same sentiments, demonstrating the Cinema’s impact on the surrounding area.

Council Response

Mayor Emmett Jordan cited McGrath’s stewardship, remarking on the Cinema’s rare ability to bring people together in a time when many feel isolated, a feeling shared by all present.

McGrath said that the Cinema is at a crossroads and warned that its closure is a possible outcome, a fate many movie theaters across the county have faced. Councilmember Jenni Pompei noted there are only 250 nonprofit movie theaters in the nation, with community support being the lynchpin in their success. Greenbelt Cinema is the only nonprofit theater in Prince George’s County.

Councilmember Amy Knesel ended the meeting by reminding the city’s residents of their ultimate responsibility in keeping the Cinema alive.

There is not yet a planned vote on additional funding for the Cinema. Council’s next regular meeting is scheduled for September 14 and the agenda was not finalized by press time. Councilmember Kristin Weaver told the News Review that Cinema funding could be added to the agenda and noted any councilmember can request an item to be added.



Story & Photograph Submissions

We welcome your stories and photographs about all things Greenbelt. While publication is not guaranteed, your submissions help us cover more of what goes on. Stories will be copyedited. Remember to include captions and identify people in photographs. See the information box on this page for publication deadlines and how to submit materials.

On Screen at Greenbelt Cinema

Marching Band

A world-famous orchestra conductor discovers the brother he never knew he had — a school cafeteria worker who plays trombone in a local marching band. Detecting his brother’s exceptional musical talent, he takes it upon himself to rectify the injustice of fate. An equally hilarious and affecting crowd-pleaser, the film premiered at Cannes and became a French box office sensation starring Benjamin Lavernhe (My Donkey, My Lover & I) and Pierre Lottin (The Stranger). Said New York Times critic Lisa Kennedy, “The Marching Band builds to a conclusion that is solemn and celebratory, with a flourish that is winkingly martial and unexpectedly tender.”

Tony

Nineteen-year-old Anthony Bourdain (Dominic Sessa) stumbles into the chaotic world of a restaurant kitchen, setting off a summer that shapes the course of his life. Said critic Justin Chang of The New Yorker, “It’s a youthful romance, a goofball gross-out, and a Karate Kid fable rolled into one. You might get so caught up in the comedy, familiar beats and all, that you forget you’re watching a biopic.”

A Matter of Life and Death

British Air Force pilot Peter Carter (David Niven) is on his way home to England from a World War II bombing mission in a badly damaged aircraft. Before he bails out of the plane into the ocean, he contacts June (Kim Hunter), an Allied radio operator with whom he shares what he believes to be his final moments on Earth. But Peter survives, finds June and they fall in love. A problem arises when a divine messenger (Marius Goring) arrives to escort Peter to heaven to rectify his wrongful survival.

Correction

In our previous reporting of past New Deal Café (NDC) vendors (in the January 29 and July 16 issues), we stated that toward the end of their contract the Moons, who operated Pianta at the NDC, focused on their catering business while reducing the Café’s hours.

Pianta’s hours of operation were reduced beginning in December 2019, with NDC Board approval, due to low foot traffic on weekdays and concerns for the long-term fiscal health of the Café.

Art Studio Open House & Sale

The Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program will host an Art Studio Open House and Sale on Sunday, October 4 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Community Center. Tour the studios of the center’s eight artists in residence and mingle with Greenbelt Recreation arts instructors; several artists will have work available for purchase. Visit the art gallery and participate in free hands-on activities for all ages. See details as they are announced at greenbeltnmd.gov/arts.



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www.greenbeltcinema.org

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Before 5 PM:
general admission \$8, kids \$6

OC = Open Captions
CC = Closed Captions
DVS = Descriptive Video Service

SHOWTIMES:
AUGUST 28th - SEPTEMBER 3rd

Marching Band
(NR) (2024) (103 mins)
French with English subtitles

Screen 1 - Main Auditorium

Fri. 5:00 PM, 7:40 PM

Sat. 5:00 PM, 7:40 PM

Sun. 4:30 PM

Mon. 4:00 PM, 6:30 PM

Wed. 6:15 PM

Screen 2 - The Screening Room

Sun. 6:40 PM

Tues. 6:45 PM

Thurs. 7:40 PM

Tony (R)
(CC) (DVS) (2026) (106 mins)

Screen 1 - Main Auditorium

Sun. 7:00 PM (OC)

Tues. 6:15 PM

Screen 2 - The Screening Room

Fri. 5:20 PM, 8:00 PM

Sat. 5:20 PM, 8:00 PM

Sun. 4:10 PM

Mon. 4:20 PM

Wed. 6:45 PM

Thurs. 5:15 PM

A Matter of Life and Death
(PG) (1946) (104 mins)

Film in Focus

Screen 2 - The Screening Room

Mon. 7:00 PM



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Community Events

Help Us Tell His Story



Emory Harman Sr. poses with a cake that commemorated Greenbelt's 60th anniversary.

The University of Maryland holds a large collection of photographs, documents and memorabilia belonging to Emory A. Harman Sr. This fall, a UMD class is working to organize and catalog the collection, and they need help understanding what's in it.

If you knew Harman, recognize anyone in his photographs, or have stories or context about his life and his role in the Greenbelt community, they would love to hear from you. Video submissions sharing your stories are also welcome and encouraged.

Email charman@greenbeltmd.gov or ehung124@umd.edu and include "Emory Harman" in the subject line.

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

Tuesday, September 1, 12:15 p.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at pgcmls.info/event/16918620.

Wednesday, September 2, 12:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at pgcmls.info/event/16918578.

Thursday, September 3, 10:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2. Register at pgcmls.info/event/16918711.

Ride and Read

Thursday, September 3, 11 a.m., ages 16+. Get moving and have fun 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/16999568.

Upcoming Virtual Events

Prince George's County Memorial Library System continues to offer virtual events for the public. A full schedule of upcoming programs may be accessed at pgcmls.info/events.

Arts Advisory Board

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, September 1 at 7 p.m. on Zoom. Discussion topics will include an upcoming arts mixer, public art opportunities and new recruits. Greenbelt residents who may be interested in joining the advisory board are encouraged to attend. For more information and to obtain the Zoom link, email alarsen@greenbeltmd.gov.



Discounted Wristbands For Festival Rides

Buy wristbands in advance and enjoy discounted prices for the Labor Day Festival rides. Advance sales are now open and are available through Thursday, September 3 at bit.ly/GLDFTickets. There are four-hour unlimited ride options which can be used starting any time on any day of the festival, as well as all-day unlimited ride wristbands. Purchasers will receive a code to scan at the dispensing machines on the festival grounds to collect the wristbands.

Visit greenbeltlaborday.com or email greenbeltlaborday@gmail.com for more information.

Bring Furry or Scaly Friends To Pet Show

Is your pet special? Girl Scout Troop 23007 invites Greenbelters to bring a pet to the annual Labor Day Festival Pet Show on Saturday, September 5. Dogs, cats, rabbits, hamsters, lizards, guinea pigs, rats, snakes and more — all types and sizes of pets are welcome. Meet on the Community Center lawn, rain or shine. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Presentations to share what is wonderful about your pet start at 10 a.m., with award certificates for everyone to follow. Give your special friends the recognition they deserve.

Bicyclists Invited to Join Labor Day Parade

The GHI Bicycle Committee invites cyclists of all ages to participate in this year's Greenbelt Labor Day Parade on Monday, September 7, 9 a.m., meet-up location TBA.

In addition to the Parade, on the day before, Sunday, September 6 beginning at 1 p.m., the committee will sponsor a bike decorating party at the GHI building, 1 Hamilton Place. Decorations will be provided or bring your own. Then show off your decorative skills in the Parade.

To get an idea of how many cyclists they'll have, email bmangum@ghi.coop.

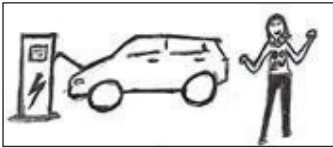
This is the first time the GHI Bicycle Committee will participate. Make it a great showing of cyclists, young and young-at-heart. Sign up today and prepare to saddle up.

Be advised that all participants must wear helmets.

Used Books Sought For PTA's Book Sale

The Greenbelt Elementary School PTA is collecting used books to sell at the annual Labor Day Festival used book sale. Drop off book and media donations at St. Hugh's Parish Hall on Saturday, August 29 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. All books will be accepted (except manuals, encyclopedias and dictionaries), as well as CDs, DVDs, records, puzzles and games. Email booksalegespta@gmail.com or visit sites.google.com/view/gespta/events/laborday-book-sale.

Calling All Owners Of Electric Vehicles



LOGO COURTESY JOHN LIPPERT

The Greenbelt Green Team invites owners of battery-electrics, plug-in hybrids and electric bikes and scooters to the 5th annual EV Event at the Greenbelt Library parking lot on Sunday, September 13 from noon to 3 p.m.

Tell neighbors and friends about your EV experience, perhaps even explaining how the vehicle works and how you charge it.

Want to inform a greater audience?

Join fellow EV owners as the general public comes to ask questions about cost of purchase and ownership, real-life range, the cost of charging and types of chargers.

Talk to fellow EV owners, learn something new and have fun.

Email John Lippert, Greenbelt Green Team chair, at ecolivingmag@aol.com and let him know which all-battery electric EV, plug-in hybrid or electric bike or scooter you'll bring. Ask any EV friends to join us. There will be posters and handouts to help educate EV owner wannabes.

Golden Age Club September 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 the month of September.

September 2, Business Meeting. Volunteers needed for nominations for office for next year.

September 9, Speaker Laverne Andre, Podiatry: Foot Structure/Foot Problems.

September 16, Birthday luncheon. Bring a dish to share.

September 23, Bingo.

September 30, Speaker Sharon McCraney, seated exercise and short meditation

Call for Festival Art Gallery Volunteers

Greenbelt Recreation Arts invites high school students and adults to volunteer at the Community Center art gallery during the Labor Day Festival. Help greet visitors and provide a welcoming atmosphere. The featured exhibition is an exciting show of large-scale figurative collages by artist James Stephen Terrell. Gallery hours will align with the Festival's Art and Photo Shows happening nearby in the gym. Volunteer time slots are relatively short; stop by before enjoying the Festival or take a break from the heat. No experience necessary, just reliability, a friendly demeanor and enthusiasm for the art. (The exhibition is currently open daily; feel free to stop by for a preview.) Service credit is available for participating students. Sign up to volunteer at sugeni.us/U2bn.

Back-to-School Free Fairs, Clinics for Immunization

Maryland State Law requires all students to receive immunizations by Monday, September 14 or risk being excluded from school. Prince George's County Public Schools students can get free immunizations at one of the Saturday Back-to-School Immunization Fairs, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on September 12 at High Point High School or September 26 at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Immunizations are also available through October 31 at the Cheverly Health Department for families with children who are not insured or underinsured. Clinics at 3003 Hospital Drive, Suite 2082, Cheverly are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Appointments are required for all locations and dates. To schedule an appointment, visit pgcps.org/offices/school-health/immunizations/upcoming-clinics/back-to-school-vaccine-clinics.

All-Day Overpass Resistance Friday



Those who want to support the March on Washington 2026: Defend the Vote, the 63rd anniversary of the 1963 march, can show up at the Spellman Overpass on Friday, August 28. Folks who won't be participating downtown, but want to Defend the Vote, are encouraged to join the weekly Spellman Overpass Friday sign/wave. Protestors will be there from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., instead of the usual two-hour weekly get-together for Resistance Fridays. Come protest at any time, for an hour or more. Flags and big-letter Defend the Vote signs will be provided. To minimize driver distraction, extra signage is discouraged. Music and socializing are encouraged. The overpass can be accessed from Gardenway in Greenbelt Center or from the Eleanor Roosevelt High School crosswalk. Questions? Email kashla@pm.me. Weekly Resistance Fridays will resume next week.

Registration Open For Recreation Classes

Registration is open for Greenbelt residents and nonresidents for Greenbelt Recreation classes and activities. Classes begin during or after the week of September 7. Visit greenbeltmd.gov/activityguide to see the Greenbelt Recreation Fall Activity Guide. Class registration remains open for arts classes until the week before the scheduled start date, but many fill quickly, so sign up as soon as possible to reserve a seat.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

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MON 8/31	TUES 9/01	WED 9/02	TH 9/03	New Deal Cafe
CAFE CLOSED	S.A.W. Open Mic w/ Lynn Hollyfield 6 - 9:30pm Sign ups begin at 6pm; Open Mic starts at 6:30p	The Campfire Sessions 7 - 9pm A monthly listening room hosted by Joey Campfire	Wolf's Blues Show & Sit-In Jam 6:30 - 10pm A big, bodacious, boogie blues jam hosted by Wolf Crescenze	RENEW OR BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NDC! We really need the support. See link below*

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Obituaries

Solange Hess



Solange Hess

Solange Marie Hess (née Trudel), 97, died peacefully in her sleep on July 22, 2026 at the Bayleigh Chase Assisted Living Facility in Easton.

Solange was born on August 7, 1928 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, to Dr. Jean-Joseph Trudel and Margherita Chevrier. She was the middle child of seven, raised with three older brothers and three younger sisters. Growing up during the Great Depression, the family emphasized giving and volunteerism, as evidenced by the family's career paths: two doctors, four nurses, a judge, a teacher and an accountant.

Solange and her siblings enjoyed growing up by the banks of the Red River, and frequently ice skated and speed skated on the river. As six of the family's nine members pursued careers in the medical field, Solange obtained her Bachelor of Science in nursing from St. Joseph's Academy & College in Winnipeg in 1950 and worked at Misericordia Hospital in Winnipeg as an RN. By 1952 she obtained an RN job at the renowned Menninger Clinic in Topeka, Kan., which was founded in the months after WWI to treat war veterans. Solange's father had been an M.D. during WWI.

In the mid-1950s Solange met a civil engineer who worked in Sitka, Alaska, Joseph W. Hess Sr. They married and lived in Alaska for several years before moving to Greenbelt in 1958. By 1961 Solange and Joe had three sons, Karl, Dan and Joe Jr. Though the marriage later ended in divorce, the couple remained amicable and lived near each other. Solange obtained her U.S. citizenship in the 1960s and was a proud and patriotic American.

Solange worked at Glenn Dale Hospital, a tuberculosis sanatorium, from the 1960s until the hospital's closure in 1981. For more than two decades following that, she worked at three prestigious medical facilities in Bethesda: Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Bethesda Naval Hospital and at the endocrinology unit at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). She made many life-long friends at NIH, and even appeared in an episode of the ABC news show 20/20, in which she escorted journalist John Stossel to an endocrinology patient's room.

Following retirement from NIH, Solange was a nurse at a hospice facility in Rockville, Casey House, for many years. She finally retired from nursing, with 55 years in the profession dating back to her first nursing job in Canada in 1950.

Solange was always admired for her energy and friendly demeanor, while raising three sons and working full-time in the demanding nursing profession. She

lived in Greenbelt from 1958 to 2021 and loved her community and church, St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church. Due to three bouts with cancer during her final seven years, Solange reluctantly left Greenbelt for a nursing home in Easton.

She loved her three sons and three grandchildren immensely and encouraged their many hobbies and sports, including coin and stamp collecting, Boy Scouts, model rocketry, baseball, hockey, wrestling, football, cycling, tennis and golf. In the early 1970s she would load her sons and friends into her red-and-black 1970 Dodge Charger and drive them to the University of Maryland golf course to play dozens of rounds of golf in the summers — \$2 for 18 holes. She was a volunteer for youth baseball, Greenbelt Little League, until 1974; then, she was a volunteer for Greenbelt's tennis team in the National Junior Tennis League and chaperoned the team to Philadelphia in July 1976 for regional tournament play during America's Bicentennial. From 1977 to 1979 she was a manager of the Eleanor Roosevelt High School tennis team.

Solange had her own hobbies: she played golf and tennis with her sons, and at age 70 she bought a pair of ice skates (speed skates) and a pair of rollerblades. She was eager to speed skate again, which she had not done since the 1930s and '40s. She was also an avid bird watcher, traveling to many states and countries for her passion, including trips to Costa Rica and Iceland.

Solange was a member of the Golden Age Club and took many trips with her friends. She was heavily involved with St. Hugh of Grenoble Church and its Ladies of Charity group, which oversaw Greenbelt's food pantry for the needy. Solange was also a volunteer proofreader for the Greenbelt News Review and served as a volunteer in two other Greenbelt groups: Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) and Greenbelt's

Community Emergency Response Team.

Solange was chosen by the City of Greenbelt as its Outstanding Citizen for 2015 and rode in a convertible in the Labor Day Parade. She told a reporter she was raised to live a life of "volunteerism and service to others," and offered: "I do want the young people to remember to love your parents and your teachers, fond and dear."

Solange was always reminding her three sons and her three grandchildren, Josie, Jon and Michelle, of her pride and love for them. She will always be fondly remembered as a loving and selfless mother and grandmother.

Solange was preceded in death by her parents and her six siblings in Canada: Hubert, Robert, André, Louise, Valerie and Rose-Marie.

Solange is survived by her three sons and daughter-in-law: Karl (Tennessee), Dan (Barbara, Maryland) and Joe, Jr. (Idaho) and her three grandchildren. She is also survived by over 20 nieces, nephews and grandnieces/nephews in Canada.

Solange donated her body for medical research and her remains will be cremated. A funeral mass will be held at St. Hugh of Grenoble Church on Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at 11 a.m., to be immediately followed by a catered repast at the church downstairs in Grenoble Hall. The family welcomes all of her friends and the friends of her sons.

Any donations in Solange's name can be made to St. Hugh of Grenoble Church, of which she was a grateful member for 68 years.

A Month in the Life Of Greenbelt Photos

During September 2026, the Greenbelt Photography Club invites the Greenbelt community to submit electronic photographs depicting A Month in the Life of Greenbelt. Photos can be taken with any type of camera (including cellphones), but must be taken in Greenbelt during the month of September. Photos cannot be generated or modified using AI.

This is not a competition and no prizes will be awarded, but the Club will select a number of photos for a published book. The Club also plans to have an exhibition in the New Deal Café, as well as a website with all photos. The number of submissions per individual will be limited.

The kick-off event will be held during Information Day at the Labor Day Festival, on Saturday, September 5. The Greenbelt Photography Club will have a table all day so visitors can meet members and learn more about the club and this exciting A Month in the Life of Greenbelt, when more details will be available.



Our Neighbors

Greenbelters were saddened to learn of the July 22 death of Solange Hess. She is remembered for her 55-year nursing career, her energy while raising three sons, supporting their sports and hobbies and her own sports interests, and her life of service to St. Hugh of Grenoble Church and Greenbelt.

Congratulations to new Eagle Scouts Gavin Olsen, Noah Eubanks and Max Ellison (see photo, p.6).

Best wishes to Greenbelt students and teachers as the new school year begins.

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

Mishkan Torah Celebrates High Holidays Services

Mishkan Torah will celebrate the following holidays in September.

Rosh Hashanah on September 11 through 13.

Yom Kippur on September 20 and 21.

Mishkan Torah is located at 10 Ridge Road and can be reached at mishkantorah.org.

"If the mother is educated, then her children will be well taught. When the mother is wise, then will the children be led into the path of wisdom." – 'Abdu'l-Bahá

Greenbelt Bahá'í Community

www.greenbeltbahais.org

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF GREENBELT

Mass Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Community Center Room 114

15 Crescent Rd

cathcomgreenbelt.org

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For ZOOM link:

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For more information, visit MishkanTorah.org or call 301-474-4223

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40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

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- Sunday Mass:
 - Sat vigil 5pm*
 - Sun 8am, 9:30am, 11am
- Confessions Saturday 3pm – 4pm.

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





City Information & Events

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

MEETINGS FOR AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 4

Monday, August 31 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION - GREENBELT HOMES INC., Council Chambers**

Tuesday, September 1 at 7 pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ADVANCING PUBLIC SAFETY - Virtual**, On the Agenda: Review of Teen Talk Focus Group, Election of Officers, GPD Implementation of Eric ID Law, GPD Protective Procedures in Light of National News About Law Enforcement Misuse of License Plate Readers

Tuesday, September 1 at 7 pm, **ARTS ADVISORY BOARD - Virtual**, On the Agenda: Labor Day Arts Mixer: Monday, September 7, 2-4pm, Community Center Art Gallery, Proposed Donation from Kathy Karlson

Wednesday, September 2, **NO MEETING - ADVISORY BOARD / COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Thursday, September 3 at 7 pm, **CHARTER REVIEW TASKFORCE - Council Chambers**, On the Agenda: TBD

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.

OFFICIAL NOTICE - PUBLIC HEARING

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND
CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION NO. 2134
LANHAM BOYS CLUB

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, a municipal corporation, has initiated legislative action to annex into the corporate limits of the City of Greenbelt lands contiguous and adjoining to the city's existing corporate boundaries, as described below:

A Charter Amendment Resolution of the City Council of Greenbelt Enlarging the Corporate Boundaries of the City of Greenbelt By Annexing Into The Corporate Limits of the City of Greenbelt Lands Contiguous and Adjoining to the City's Existing Corporate Boundaries Property Commonly Known As Lanham Boys Club, Consisting Of Approximately 10 +/- Acres of Land In Total Located Generally at the Lanham Boys Club.

The annexation resolution was initiated by the City Council pursuant to Maryland Code Annotated, Local Government Article, § 4-403.

The exact legal description and annexation plan for the above Annexation Area are available online at www.greenbeltmd.gov/news, or may be reviewed in person at the City of Greenbelt Department of Planning and Community Development, 15 Crescent Road, Suite 200, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The City Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed annexation on **September 14, 2026, at 7:30 p.m.**, in the Council Room at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770. Public testimony will be received by the City Council at the hearing.

Written comments may be presented at the public hearing or submitted in advance to the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770.

UPCOMING NATURE EVENTS

Kayaking at Buddy Attick Park

Saturday, August 29 from 8 - 11:30 am
Buddy Attick Park, 555 Crescent Rd

Join Greenbelt Park Rangers and explore Greenbelt Lake by Kayak. Kayaks, vests, and paddles are provided at no cost, but supplies are limited. Participants are welcome to bring their own watercraft, vests, and paddles.

All kayaks have been reserved for this session, but park-goers with their own watercraft, paddles, and vests are welcome to join.

FEATURED PETS

BLU

Ready for Adoption?
Call (301) 474-6124

1-year-old Blu was surrendered to the shelter back in March and has watched as dozens of hopeful adopters visited other dogs in our care, but seldom ever sparing him a glance. This sweet boy has a ton of love to give, and after a long walk or game of fetch, Blu loves curling up next to you for a snuggle. This energetic boy is potty trained, non-reactive, and his former owner says he loves other dogs. No puppy should have to grow up in the shelter – please spread the word to help find the forever home Blu deserves!

If you're interested in adopting bright-eyed Blu, please email animalservices@greenbeltmd.gov or call 301-474-6124 for more information.

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 Recreation Presents

Labor Day Weekend

FREE EVENTS ALL WEEKEND!

Friday September 4

Youth Center 6:00 pm **Adult Table Tennis Tournament (18 & over)**

Saturday September 5

Braden Field

10:00 am	Diaper Derby for Crawlers & Toddlers (3 & under)
10:45 am	Balloon Waddle Race (all ages)
11:15 am	Water balloon Toss (all ages)
11:45 am	Pie Eating Contest (all ages)

Youth Center

1:00 pm	Photo Scavenger Hunt (all ages)
2:00 pm	Hotshot (12 & under)
3:30 pm	2 Ball Tournament (16 & older)

Sunday September 6

Braden Field

10:00 am	Egg Spoon Race (all ages)
10:30 am	Sack Race (all ages)
11:00 am	3 Legged Race (all ages)
11:30 am	Water Relay (all ages)
1:00 pm	Cornhole Tournament (12 & older)

Youth Center

1:00 pm	Children's Bingo (12 & under)
2:00 pm	Youth Table Tennis Tournament (17 & under)
3:30 pm	3-Point Contest (ages 13-17)

GREENBELT STANDPIPE REHABILITATION PROJECT

VIRTUAL COMMUNITY MEETING

Monday, September 14 at 6:30 pm

WSSC Water invites Greenbelt residents to a virtual community meeting on Monday, September 14, 2026, to receive an update on the Greenbelt Standpipe Rehabilitation Project.

WSSC Water representatives will provide an update on the project's progress and discuss topics including environmental monitoring, construction activities, and upcoming work. Residents will also have an opportunity to ask questions.

Meeting details and access information will be shared by WSSC Water prior to the meeting.

GREENBELT CARES PROGRAMS

MONTHLY FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Thursday, September 17, 1 pm
Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd

The Monthly Food Distribution is a community resource here for you, your family, your neighbors - everyone!

ADDITIONAL FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Tuesday, September 8, 11 am - 4 pm
Greenbelt Community Center, Ground Floor East, 15 Crescent Rd

Please don't forget to bring your CAFB card! Don't have one? You can sign-up for a free card same-day and receive food. Registration required: <https://forms.gle/YWnhAmdeXsK91HRi6>

EMERGENCY DIAPER DISTRIBUTION

Tuesday, September 8, 11 am - 4 pm
Greenbelt Community Center, Ground Floor East, 15 Crescent Rd

Helping our community access essential diaper products!
For Greenbelt residents only.

A new registration is required for each monthly distribution: <https://forms.gle/H2KsdhZAPQst7ZKn7>

THE PINK PANTRY

Tuesday, September 8, 11 am - 4 pm
Greenbelt Community Center, Ground Floor East, 15 Crescent Rd

Helping our community access essential menstrual products!

For more information or to register contact Cesar Herrera: (202) 891-8071. Registration required.

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, Arts Advisory Board, Board of Appeals, Community Relations Advisory Board, Employee Relations Board, 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.

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

Fall Registration Now Open

Sign-up for classes, workshops, meet-ups, and special events for all ages. Registration is now open for Greenbelt Residents and non-residents. See brochure and more information at www.greenbeltmd.gov/activityguide. Fall session begins September 7.

Fused Glass Suncatcher

8/30; 11am-12:30pm & 12:30pm-1:30pm (Greenbelt Community Center). Make colorful, translucent art for your window! Register for section 1 to make two suncatchers or for both sections to make four: bit.ly/4vYvclm.

MORE ARTS HAPPENING SOON

- September Artful Afternoon** 9/13, 1:30-2:30pm (Springhill Lake Recreation Center). Sign up at: sugeni.us/eylm
- Pre-Rumpus Art Build and Dance Instruction** Sign up for fun activities in October leading up to the Wild Rumpus Halloween celebration on 10/30! <https://sugeni.us/U2uy>

Registration required for the below activities, see www.greenbeltmd.gov/activityguide for details

- Senior Art Social: Make & Take Ceramics** 9/10, 2-4pm (Greenbelt Community Center) pg 46.
- Intro to Painting on Canvas** 9/13-11/9, 6-8pm (Greenbelt Community Center) pg 31

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

In the City of Greenbelt, we remain committed to embracing and celebrating the diversity of all. As our nation undergoes change, feelings of pride, uncertainty, and even fear may arise. Yet, we stand firm in the pledge that has defined Greenbelt since its inception and will not falter.

Learn more at <https://www.greenbeltmd.gov/government/known-your-rights-immigration-resources>.

Follow the City of Greenbelt on Facebook and Twitter @cityofgreenbelt! For City information and events, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov

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Opening Ceremonies
At 6:30 p.m., the Greenbelt Police and color guard will lead the Opening Ceremonies. This will include introduction of dignitaries, a performance of the National Anthem by Melissa Sites and the Outstanding Citizen presentation. This year's emcee is former Mayor Judith Davis. There will be a sign language interpreter on stage. A reception for the 2026 Outstanding Citizen follows at 7:15 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

At 7:30 p.m., the bluegrass quartet Easy Greasy takes the main stage, followed by Dogo Du Togo, which will bring Togolese rhythms from 9:30 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, September 5
First thing on Saturday, at 9 a.m., the Greenbelt Museum exhibition on the New Deal art of Lenore Thomas opens and goes until 5 p.m. The two-hour Bricks and Blocks Walking Tour, covering Greenbelt history and architecture, leaves from the Museum at 9 a.m. Visit the museum's website to pre-register.

For kids and kids at heart, at 9:30 a.m. the Pet Show begins on the Community Center lawn sponsored by Girl Scout Troop #23007. Any kind of pet is welcome. Judging and awards begin at 10 a.m.

Always a big draw on Saturday is Information Day and Commu-



La Unica will play on the main stage on Saturday evening.

nity Exhibits, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with local groups inviting all to learn how to participate in the community. Sign language interpretation will be available from 2 to 4 p.m.; meet in front of the New Deal Café.

Several events occur at Braden Field. First up at 10 a.m. is the Diaper Derby (kids under 3). At 10:45 a.m., the Balloon Waddle race teeters to a start. To cool down after, the Water Balloon Toss starts at 11:15 a.m. Finally, the pie-eating contest will be held at 11:45 a.m. Carnival rides, food trucks and booths, bingo and the book sale open for the day at 10:30 a.m.

The Bele Bele Rhythm Collective, an intergenerational group of women and non-binary drummers will take the stage from noon to 12:45 p.m.

After some fair food for lunch, the Photo Scavenger Hunt (for all ages) begins at the Youth Center

at 1 p.m. and the Art and Photo Shows open in the Community Center.

The Youth Center Gym will host Hot Shot for kids 12 and under at 2 p.m. and the 2-Ball Tournament for 16-year-olds and up at 3:30 p.m.

At the stage catch Festival favorites Fast Eddie and the Slowpokes from 1:30 to 3 p.m., followed by the Colombian Caribbean rhythms of all-woman band La Marvela at 3:30 p.m. From 5 to 6:30 p.m., Soroche returns to the Festival with a fusion of cumbia, punk, ska, folk and more. From 7:15 to 8:45 p.m., Caleb Stine and the Brakemen take the stage and at 9:30 p.m. La Unica brings Irish Latin music to play out the first full Festival day until 11 p.m.

Food trucks, booths and other all-day activities close at 10 p.m.

Pull out the middle section of this week's paper to save your own copy of the full Festival schedule.

New Eagle Scouts



PHOTO BY NATALIE BAILEY

Three local Eagle Scouts celebrate their accomplishments at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor. From left are Gavin Olsen (Beltsville), Noah Eubanks (Greenbelt) and Max Ellison (University Park). All three Eagle Scouts were members of Troop 214B, chartered by College Park John B. Latimer American Legion Post 217 and hosted by Prince George's County Elks Lodge #1778. Olsen and Ellison were also members of Venture Crew 746, chartered by Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church. Since the founding of Scouting America (then known as Boy Scouts of America) in 1911, only four percent of Scouts have earned the rank of Eagle. All have completed at least 21 required merit badges, served in leadership roles, and organized and led a service project that benefits their local community.

Shuttle Transportation

Did you know you can park at Greenbelt Elementary or Eleanor Roosevelt High School and ride the free shuttle to the Festival? The shuttle bus also picks up from Springhill Lake Recreation Center and the Greenbelt Station community.

The shuttle, provided by O'Brien Bus Service, alternates between routes to pick up and drop off Festivalgoers approximately every 45 minutes.

Route 1

Greenbelt Elementary School
Green Ridge House (residents only)
Eleanor Roosevelt High School
Friday 6 to 11 p.m.; Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Sunday noon to 11 p.m.; Monday 1 to 6 p.m.

Route 2

Greenbelt Elementary School
Springhill Lake Recreation Center Parking Lot
Greenbelt Metro Kiss & Ride Lot
Greenbelt Station Townhouses
Friday 6 to 10 p.m.; Saturday 11:15 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sunday 1 to 10 p.m.; Monday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

At the Festival, the shuttle will depart from in front of the city offices and from Roosevelt Center. During the parade, the shuttle will depart from the Festival grounds near the intersection of Crescent Road and Westway and return parade participants to Buddy Attick Park.

Wheelchair Transportation

Do you need wheelchair accessible transportation to the Labor Day Festival? The Greenbelt Connection can help and will offer FREE rides for the weekend. Call 301-474-4100 to reserve your ride. Friday rides available 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. — call by Thursday 3:30 p.m. Saturday rides available 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. — call by Thursday 3:30 p.m. Sunday rides available 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. — call by Friday 3:30 p.m. Monday no rides available due to staff holiday.

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Labor Day Festival
2026

Last chance to donate books!
Saturday August 29th: 8:30-11:30 a.m.
at St. Hugh of Grenoble

GREENBELT ELEMENTARY PTA
USED BOOK SALE
SEPTEMBER 4TH-7TH

Volunteer to help sell books!

Community Service hours available!

Questions? booksalesgespta@gmail.com
Facebook @ Greenbelt Elementary PTA

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Love to sing & want to meet new people?
All welcome, no auditions required, but you should be able to read music from a score.

Mondays 7:30 - 9:30 p.m

First rehearsal: August 31
Meet our new director, bring a friend, and try us out!
Concert date: Saturday, December 19

This semester, selections include pieces by
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William Dawson | Zanaida Stewart Robles | John Rutter
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Tuesdays: 7:30 – 9:15 pm
Greenbelt Community Center,
Dance Studio
15 Crescent Rd; Greenbelt, MD

\$50 for 9 weeks (1st class free)
No partner required.

Email: greenbelt-scd@rscds-greaterdc.org
Website: rscds-greaterdc.org/



72nd Annual Greenbelt Labor Day Festival

Friday, Sept. 4 through Monday, Sept. 7, 2026



Celebrating
America's People
1776-2026



New: all electronic ticketing for the rides! Discounts for advance sales until Sept. 3. New unlimited ride options: ride any day, any time! Buy online: bit.ly/GLDFTickets or scan the QR code



Find the Latest Festival News on Facebook/Instagram/www.greenbeltlaborday.com

Why Cook?

Eat Out at the Festival!

Food Booths in the Carnival Midway include:

Trippy Tacos: Tacos, Nachos, Quesadillas
Shawarma Xpress: Gyros, Chicken over Rice, Falafel
Food Fest: Chicken on a Stick; Fried Rice, Pad Thai
Exclusive Eats: Rasta Pasta, Cajun Alfredo, Wagyu Burgers
Just Like Home: Tikka Masala, Saag, Chana Masala
Catalyst Hot Dogs: Hot dogs, Smash Burgers, French fries
Underwood Concessions: Cheesesteak, Sausages, Fries
21 Mediterranean Doner & Grill: Mediterranean Bowls, Vegan Bowl, Shish Kebab
Paradise Island Cuisine: Jerk Chicken, Thai Basil Catfish, Paella, Vegan Rice
Shake and Serve Lemonade: Dirty Sodas, Iced Tea, Fresh Lemonade
Kona Ice: Shaved Ice, Smoothies
Snowball Hut: Snowballs
Nina's Cookie Explosion: Cookies
Don Churro: Churros
Snyders Attractions: Funnel Cakes, Ice Cream, Cotton Candy, Corn Dogs and more!

Water and sodas available throughout the Festival. Bring a refillable water bottle and fill at restaurants, the Municipal Building, or the Aquatic Center.

Carnival Midway Booths & Activities

New for 2026: all-electronic ticketing with wristbands! Ride tickets AT THE FESTIVAL - \$35* for 4-hour unlimited ride wristbands (starting whenever you ride your first ride) and \$70* for all-day unlimited rides; credits (2-5 credits per ride): 14 for \$20* (*plus a small processing fee.)

Prices subject to change without notice. No refunds.

ADVANCE SALE discounted unlimited-ride wristbands (\$20* for 4-hour or \$50* for all-day unlimited rides) are on sale until midnight on Thursday, Sept. 3 at bit.ly/GLDFTickets *plus a small processing fee.

No charge for entertainment, shows, or events unless noted.



Scan to buy tickets

The SPACE Free Art for All – 3d Printing, Giant Etch-a-Sketch
Greenbelt Elementary School PTA – Used Book Sale
Greenbelt Nursery School – “Greenbelt is Great” T-Shirts, Easel Painting, Face Painting
Greenbelt Youth Baseball/Municipal Swim Team – Bingo
Camp Fire – Photos and Activities
Greenbelt Police Department – Information
Animal Control – Information
Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Democratic Club: Information
Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee: Festival Information

Rides by Snyder's Attractions. Booths constructed and wired by Greenbelt Public Works Department.

Information Day: Saturday 10am-4pm

- Adelphi Friends Meeting (Quakers)
 - Andy Ellis For Governor,
- Beltway Montessori Children's House
 - Catholic Community of Greenbelt
 - Central Maryland Chorale
- Chesapeake Climate Action Network
- Cub Scout Pack 202 • District 220 Toastmasters
 - Edward Jones Investments
 - Forest Preserve Advisory Board
 - Friends of Greenbelt Library
- GARF (Greenbelt Alliance for Reproductive Freedom)
 - GHI's Member Engagement Committee
- GIVES (Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service) • Greenbelt Arts Center
 - Greenbelt Baha'i Community
- Greenbelt Baptist Church, • Greenbelt City Council
 - Greenbelt Community Church
 - Greenbelt Community Orchestra
 - Greenbelt MakerSpace Cooperative
 - Greenbelt News Review
 - Greenbelt Photography Club
 - Greenbelt Resistance Network
- Greenbelt Rotary Club • Higher Achievement
 - Holy Redeemer School
 - Indivisible Route 1 Corridor
 - Joseph Greenwald & Laake, P.A.
 - Kitchen Saver
 - Lafayette Federal Credit Union
 - Maryland 529
- Metro DC Democratic Socialists of America
 - Moms Demand Action Maryland
 - Mothers Out Front
 - NARHAMS Model Rocketry Club
 - Nordic Dancers of Washington DC
 - Partnership for Animal Welfare
 - Power Home Remodeling
- Prince George's Amateur Radio Emergency Service, • Prince George's CFCU
 - Prince George's Community College
- Prince George's County Chapter of Maryland Right to Life • Prince George's Group-Maryland Chapter-Sierra Club
- Prince George's Peace and Justice Coalition
 - Prince George's Philharmonic
 - Progressive Maryland
 - QCI Behavioral Health
 - Ranked Choice Voting Maryland
 - Reflection Park Natural Burial Ground
 - Silver Oaks Cooperative School
 - Soka Gakkai International
 - St. Columba's Scottish Country Dance
- SunRiver Communications and B/H Educational Research • TrainACE
 - Ujima Peoples Progress Party
- United Poultry Concerns • Working Class Party

FESTIV-ALL



- ASL interpretation for the Opening Ceremonies, the Parade, and the Saturday Info Day.
- Sensory Room (quiet room) available in the Community Center, room 103.
- Wheelchair transportation: see page 8, plus expanded handicap parking in the permit-only lot.
- Benches near the rides for parents and grandparents to wait and watch their children having fun on the rides.

OPENING NIGHT

Friday, Sept. 4

All events will take place in the Roosevelt Center parking lots unless otherwise noted. No advance registration is required unless stated. City ordinances prohibit the consumption of alcoholic beverages in city parks, buildings and the Festival area.

In case of heavy rain, stage events and booth activities may be limited. Carnival rides may close without refunds.

For Festival information and a schedule, check the Festival Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/greenbeltlaborday> or see greenbeltlaborday.com.

This schedule is subject to change without notice. Questions? Visit the website at greenbeltlaborday.com or visit the Information Booth on the grounds.

6-10pm CARNIVAL MIDWAY OPENS

Midway. Rides by Snyder's Attractions. Buy your tickets at the machines or online. No charge for entertainment, shows or events unless noted.

6-10pm FOOD TRUCKS & BOOTHS

Midway. Snacks, meals, desserts and drinks to please every palate from food trucks and booths. Sales, activities and information from Greenbelt organizations. Visit the Festival Committee at the Information Booth opposite the stage to get all your questions answered. Booths constructed and wired by the Greenbelt Public Works Department.

6-10pm BINGO

Community Center Lawn. Head for the picnic tables in front of the Community Center for BINGO. Sponsored by Greenbelt Youth Baseball and the Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team. Food donations will be collected to support St. Hugh's food pantry.

6-10pm BOOK SALE

Midway. Shop thousands of used books, fiction and non-fiction of every genre and subject. Sponsored by the Greenbelt Elementary School PTA.

6pm ADULT TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Youth Center. *Sponsored by Greenbelt Recreation*

6:30-7:15pm OPENING CEREMONIES

Stage. Police and color guard. Introduction of dignitaries. Presentation of Outstanding Citizen Award, the major civic event in Greenbelt each year, honoring all the outstanding citizens who make Greenbelt great. Sign language interpreter on stage. Emcee: J. Davis. National anthem sung by Melissa Sites.

7:15pm 2026 OUTSTANDING CITIZEN RECEPTION

Municipal Building, Council Meeting Room. Public is invited.

7:30-8:45pm EASY GREASY

Stage. An acclaimed bluegrass quartet from Maryland, fresh off their win for Best Act at the Big Mountain Fiddlers Convention. Easy Greasy combines the high-lonesome sound of classic country with angelic vocal harmonies, bringing a fresh energy to the traditional bluegrass sound.

9:30-11pm DOGO DU TOGO

Stage. This artist performs songs based on traditional Togolese rhythms with ritual melodies (voodoo melodies) festive melodies, which talk about immigration and social justice. Born in Lome, Togo, Dogo played in different bands in the Togolese capital before moving to the United States and founding the DC-based Afropop band, Elikeh. *Sponsored by Choice Clinical Services*

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle at the Festival!

Throughout the Festival grounds you'll find trash and recycling bins paired side by side with instructional decals.



Please bring your reusable water bottles to decrease plastic waste. You can fill them in restaurants and other places including the Community Center (ground floor), Municipal Building and Aquatic Center.

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Festival T-shirts: \$20
from the Info Booth
across from the stage



Play bingo every day of the Festival!

All weekend: stop by the Info Booth opposite the stage to do an activity and win a prize!



Visit
greenbeltlaborday.com
for the latest
Festival information:



Saturday, Sept. 5

9am GREENBELT MUSEUM EXHIBITION

-5pm Community Center, Room 110. "The Knowing Hands That Carve This Stone: The New Deal Art of Lenore Thomas Straus."

9-11am BRICKS AND BLOCKS WALKING TOUR

10-B Crescent Rd. Walking tour of historic Greenbelt's domestic architecture, the "brick and block" homes of the original planned community, ending at the historic home. Limited to 12 people. Pre-registration required; more info at tinyurl.com/yw9cp6bk. Sponsored by the Greenbelt Museum.

9:30- PET SHOW

10:30am Community Center Lawn. All kinds, types, sizes of pets. Bring your pet to register at 9:30am. Pet presentations and awards at 10:00am. Everyone's a winner! Greenbelt's greatest pets get some well-deserved attention. Rain or Shine. Sponsored by Girl Scout Troop #23007 of Greenbelt

10am INFORMATION DAY & COMMUNITY EXHIBITS

-4pm Roosevelt Center. Visit the information and display tables set up by local groups and learn about your community! ASL available 2-4pm; meet in front of the New Deal Cafe.

10am DIAPER DERBY FOR CRAWLERS AND TODDLERS (3 YEARS AND UNDER)

Braden Field. Sponsored by Greenbelt Recreation

10:30am BOOK SALE AND BINGO

-10pm BOOK SALE on the Midway, BINGO at the picnic tables on the Community Center Lawn. See entries for Friday.

10:30am CARNIVAL, FOOD TRUCKS AND BOOTHS

-10pm Midway. See entries for Friday.

10:45am BALLOON WADDLE RACE (ALL AGES)

Braden Field. Sponsored by Greenbelt Recreation

11:15am WATER BALLOON TOSS (ALL AGES)

Braden Field. Sponsored by Greenbelt Recreation

11:45am PIE EATING CONTEST (ALL AGES)

Braden Field. Sponsored by Greenbelt Recreation



La Unica

12- BELE BELE RHYTHM COLLECTIVE

12:45pm Stage. The Bele Bele Rhythm Collective is an intergenerational group of women and non-binary drummers from DC and surrounding areas who have come together to form a sisterhood of the drum.

1pm PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT (ALL AGES)

Youth Center. Sponsored by Greenbelt Recreation

1-6pm ART AND PHOTO SHOW

Community Center Gym. View entries submitted by local artist and photographers. Vote for Community Favorites. Music by Zookulele and Greenbelt Orchestra & Concert Band small ensembles.

1:30- FAST EDDIE AND THE SLOWPOKES

3pm Stage. Fast Eddie and the Slowpokes' playlist is inspired by classic blues material from Chicago to West Coast Swing, Motown to Muscle Shoals, and all the rock 'n' roll in between. Their goal is to get you up on your feet, and they never miss their target!

2pm HOTSHOT (12 YEARS & UNDER)

Youth Center Gym. Sponsored by Greenbelt Recreation

3:30pm 2-BALL TOURNAMENT (16 YEARS & OLDER)

Youth Center Gym. Sponsored by Greenbelt Recreation

3:30- LA MARVELA

4:30pm Stage. All-women music band that plays and highlights the richness of rhythms from the Colombian Caribbean region rooted in African, Indigenous and European influences. The group was formed in an effort to provide a learning space and honor Colombian ancestral music from a female perspective. Our members are defenders of domestic violence survivors, and strive to provide a safe, inclusive and judgement free space.

5pm- SOROCHE

6:30pm Stage. so-ro-che - from the Quechua surúchi, literally, antimony; from the belief that the sickness is due to the presence of the metal in the Andes mountains. In the musical sense, it's a light headed feeling one gets when consuming the intoxicatingly exotic sonic brew of intercultural wavelengths. Born in DC, based in Baltimore, SOROCHE seeks to transmogrify Cumbia, Punk, Ska, folk, and everything in between into a danceable alchemy that crosses cultural dancefloors

7:15- CALEB STINE & THE BRAKEMEN

8:45pm Stage. This grass-roots singer songwriter shows snapshots of his life as a working musician, new father and wanna-be cowboy; there's something there for everyone. Sponsored by Lilly Electric

9:30- LA UNICA

11pm Stage. Enjoy this eclectic mix of Irish Latin music styles and get pumped up with La Unica's unique energy. Sponsored by Michael D. Maxwell Jr. Foundation for Mental Awareness

Watch for strolling entertainers all weekend: Greg May (clowning), Chris DePamphilis (magician), Ian Rogers (Edgar Allen Poe), Rude Mechanicals (Shakespeare), Village Idiots (improv) and free facepainting and balloon animals! Sponsored by National Cooperative Bank

Sunday, Sept. 6

9- "TOUR DE GREENBELT" BIKE RIDE

10:45am New Deal Cafe. Local politicians lead a two-stage bike ride around Greenbelt. The first stage will leave the New Deal Café at 9am; the second stage will leave the Café at approximately 10am. NOTE: May not be suitable for very young children.

10am EGG SPOON RACE (ALL AGES)

Braden Field. *Sponsored by Greenbelt Recreation*

10:30am SACK RACE (ALL AGES)

Braden Field. *Sponsored by Greenbelt Recreation*

11am 3-LEGGED RACE (ALL AGES)

Braden Field. *Sponsored by Greenbelt Recreation*

11- MEMORIAL GATHERING

11:20am Stage. Come to honor those friends and relatives who have passed. *Sponsored by GILA*

11am- CRAFT FAIR

7pm Roosevelt Center. Visit with local artists as they display and sell their handmade crafts. One day only!

11:30- COMMUNITY DRUM CIRCLE

12:15 Stage. Family-friendly community drum circle. All ages. No experience is necessary. Drums will be provided for participants, although you are welcome to bring your own! *Sponsored by One True Pole*



11:30am WATER RELAY (ALL AGES)

Braden Field. *Sponsored by Greenbelt Recreation*

Noon- CARNIVAL, FOOD TRUCKS AND BOOTHS

10pm Midway. See entries for Friday.

Noon BOOK SALE AND BINGO

-10pm BOOK SALE on the Midway, BINGO at the picnic tables on the Community Center Lawn. See entries for Friday.

12:15- KATY & THE GONGS

1pm Stage. Katy and The Gongs plays music that makes you Feel Good! Classic rock that you know and love and can sing, dance and drum along to!

1pm CHILDREN'S BINGO (12 & UNDER)

Youth Center. *Sponsored by Greenbelt Recreation*

1pm CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT (12 YEARS AND OLDER)

Braden Field. *Sponsored by Greenbelt Recreation*

1-4pm RETRO TOWN FAIR

Museum House, 10B Crescent Road. Modeled on the fairs early Greenbelters enjoyed starting in 1939. Ribbons awarded for best entries in flowers, vegetables, baked goods, canned goods, and needlework/sewing. Entries accepted 10-11:30am with a completed submission form (available from tinyurl.com/yw9cp6bk); on display 1-4pm; pickup 4-5pm. Questions: education@greenbeltmuseum.org

1-5pm MINI HISTORIC HOUSE TOURS

Museum House, 10B Crescent Road. Come by for a short tour of the Museum house. Tours offered on the half hour during open hours. See how a typical Greenbelt family would have lived in the late 30s to the early 50s.

1-6pm ART AND PHOTO SHOW

Community Center Gym. View entries submitted by local artists and photographers. Vote for Community Favorites. Music by Greenbelt Orchestra & Concert Band small ensembles.

1:15- SETH KIBEL

2:45pm Stage. Seth Kibel is one of the Mid-Atlantic's premier woodwind specialists, working with some of the best bands in klezmer, jazz, swing, and more.

2pm YOUTH TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT (17 YEARS & UNDER)

Youth Center. *Sponsored by Greenbelt Recreation*

3:15- RISING STARS PERFORMANCE SHOWCASE

5:15pm Stage. Performers will have the chance to display their talent. Come cheer on their performances.

3:30pm 3-POINT CONTEST (AGES 13-17)

Youth Center. *Sponsored by Greenbelt Recreation*

5:30- GREENBELT HONK! SITUATION

7pm Stage. Greenbelt Honk! Situation is Greenbelt's community street band in rainbow tie-dyes and causing a fun, high-energy scene wherever they go. Bringing together brass and drums players of all ability levels and experience, they play New Orleans standards, pop, and rock favorites. *Sponsored by World Famous Greenbelt Utility Pole*

7:30- THE NOWHERE MEN

10:30pm Stage. Do you listen to bands with powerhouse horn sections and songs from artists like Stevie Wonder; Earth, Wind & Fire; The Four Tops; The Temptations; Chicago; Otis Redding; Blood, Sweat & Tears and Bruno Mars? Then you will love the live music from The NoWhere Men band! *Sponsored by Lafayette Federal Credit Union*

Craft Fair

Visit with local artists as they display and sell their handmade crafts.

Many items including bags, baskets, bath and body products, decorative soaps, fabric arts, greeting cards, henna designs and art work, jewelry, knitwear, pens, pillows, sand art, scarves, scents, shea butter products, tie dye, totes, T-shirts, weaving, dolls, pottery and woodcrafts.

Roosevelt Center: Sunday, 11am-7pm.



Monday, Sept. 7

10am- Noon 69th ANNUAL GREENBELT LABOR DAY PARADE
The parade will entertain you with a variety of groups, demonstrating our community spirit and accentuating our city's diverse cultural background. The Greenbelt Police Department Color Guard will lead off the parade, which will include the DuVal High School marching band, numerous local community groups and businesses, fire trucks and local politicians. The Grand Marshal is Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen. Master of Ceremonies is Dave Zahren, host of "It's Academic."
Parade Route: Down Crescent Rd. from Greenhill to Southway. The Parade is marshaled by members of the Prince George's County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (PG-ARES) with assistance from the Eleanor Roosevelt High School National Honor Society.

11am- 6pm CARNIVAL, FOOD TRUCKS AND BOOTHS
Midway. See entries for Friday.

11am- 6pm BOOK SALE AND BINGO
BOOK SALE on the Midway, BINGO at the picnic tables on the Community Center Lawn. See entries for Friday.

Noon- 4pm ART AND PHOTO SHOW
Community Center Gym. View entries submitted by local artists and photographers. Music by small ensembles from Greenbelt Orchestra. **Award Ceremony:** 3:30pm. Artists and photographers: pick up artwork and photos at 4pm.

Noon- 2pm LUNCHEON ON THE LAWN
Greenbelt Community Church, Corner of Hillside and Crescent Rd. After parade. Barbeque sandwich or hot dog, baked beans, slaw, chips, drink and dessert for one reasonable price.

12:15- 1pm GRIEFCAT
Stage. Griefcat is a genre-defying musical comedy duo known for their witty, incisive lyrics, infectious sound, and the rare ability to make you laugh, cry, and question your life choices – all in a single chorus.

Watch for strolling entertainers all weekend: Greg May (clowning), Chris DePamphilis (magician), Ian Rogers (Edgar Allen Poe), Rude Mechanicals (Shakespeare), Village Idiots (improv) and free facepainting and balloon animals!
Sponsored by National Cooperative Bank

1:45pm PARADE AWARD PRESENTATIONS
Stage. Presentation of awards for the Best Entry in each parade category and Best in Parade.

2- 3:30pm SUPERNATIONAL SOUND SYSTEM
Stage. Rooted in the earth. Reaching for the stars. Music from everywhere/nowhere. Hip-moving rhythms, soul-soothing melodies.

2-4pm ARTS MIXER
Community Center Art Gallery. Mingle with local artists and arts supporters. *Sponsored by Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board.*

1-3pm GREENBELT AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY PICNIC
Greenbelt American Legion. After enjoying Labor Day Festival activities in Roosevelt Center, have fun at the American Legion Labor Day Family Picnic.

4:30- 6pm CHOPTEETH
Stage. Chopsteeth Afrofunk Big Band is an 11-member, horn-heavy, percussive musical crew that's been churning up dancefloors in the DC area for over 20 years, playing classic highlife, rumba, afrobeat, afrofunk and other sounds from Africa's 70s heyday, mixed with original compositions steeped in the music and message of that inspiring era. *Sponsored by McCarl Dental Group*



Chopsteeth Afrofunk Big Band

Thanks To:

City of Greenbelt, Greenbelt Police Department, Greenbelt Public Works & Greenbelt Recreation

And a special thank-you to Eleanor Roosevelt High School National Honor Society members who volunteer their time each year. We couldn't do it without you!

Community Center Art Gallery

Open Sat 1-6pm, Sun 1-6pm, Mon 1-4pm

Current art exhibition – James Stephen Terrell: Nebula Imperial. Get information about Greenbelt Recreation Arts classes, programs and FREE events. *Sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation ARTS program.*

Feature event: Monday 2-4pm Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board – Arts Mixer: come mingle with local artists and arts supporters!

Post your Labor Day
Pix from 2026 at
#GreenbeltLaborDay



The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival offers a unique opportunity for local residents to display their talents and creativity.

Art and photos will be displayed in the Community Center Gym.

Art & Photo Show Schedule

Saturday, September 5
1-6pm

Community Center Gym
Show open (visitors can vote for Community Favorites)



Sunday, September 6
1-6pm

Community Center Gym
Show open (visitors can vote for Community Favorites)

Monday, September 7
1-4pm

Community Center Gym
Show open.
Awards ceremony: 3:30pm.
Participants pick up artwork & photos 4-5pm.

*Watch student
animation videos,
courtesy of GATE*

*Enjoy live music by members of
Greenbelt Community Orchestra,
Greenbelt Concert Band & the
Zookulele Collective in the gym
during the Art & Photo Shows!*



Rising Stars Performance Showcase

Performers will have the chance to display their talent and win cash prizes. Come cheer on their performance! Emcee Michael Cooney.



Stage, Sunday, September 6, 3:15-5:15pm



Some of the New Music for 2026:



Supernational Sound System, Sunday, 1:45-3:15 pm



Caleb Stine,
Saturday, 7:15-
8:45 pm

BeleBele Rhythm
Collective: Saturday,
12-12:45pm



Retro Town Fair

Residents bring their flowers, vegetables, fruits, baked goods, canned goods, and needlework to be displayed and judged by a panel of experts (form: tinyurl.com/yw9cp6bk)

Greenbelt Museum House, 10-B Crescent Rd: Sunday, 1-4pm; entries accepted 10-11:30am.



Greenbelt Labor Day Festival extends its appreciation to our sponsors:

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Shuttle bus service will be provided by O'Brien Bus Service.
The shuttle will alternate between routes to pick up and drop off Festival goers approximately every 45 minutes.

Route 1:

Greenbelt Elementary School,
Green Ridge House (residents only),
Eleanor Roosevelt High School

Friday 6pm to 11pm;
Saturday 10:30am to 11pm
Sunday Noon to 11pm; Monday 1pm to 6pm

Route 2:

Greenbelt Elementary School
Springhill Lake Recreation Center Parking Lot
Greenbelt Metro Kiss & Ride Lot
Greenbelt Station Townhouses

Friday 6pm to 10pm; Saturday 11:15am to 10pm
Sunday 1pm to 10pm; Monday 9am to 5pm

At the Festival, the shuttle will depart from in front of the city offices and from Roosevelt Center. During the parade, the shuttle will depart from the Festival grounds (near the intersection of Crescent Road and Westway) and return parade participants to Buddy Attick Park.



Wheelchair transportation: Do you need wheelchair accessible transportation to the Labor Day Festival? The Greenbelt Connection is here to help and it will be FREE for the weekend. Call 301-474-4100 to reserve your ride. Friday rides available 8am-3:30pm-call by Thursday 3:30pm. Saturday rides available 9am-4pm-call by Thursday 3:30pm. Sunday rides available 9am-4pm call by Friday 3:30pm. Monday no rides available due to staff holiday.

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COURTESY NASA GODDARD

The full vehicle as it would travel by night to Baltimore

telescope integration and test scientist, said, “Once we begin the science operations Roman will transmit one terabyte of data per day, the equivalent of streaming a million songs.”

Roman will explore two billion galaxies.

Roman’s field of vision is at least 100 times larger than that of the Hubble telescope.

The exploration of the Milky Way, which will take Roman one month, would take Hubble a century.

There are hundreds of people on the operations team, but with thousands able to look at the data instantly the number of people working on the mission “is almost uncountable,” Perkins said.

The Commissioning

Jackie Townsend, Roman telescope project manager, said after the launch there will be 100 days of commissioning, preparing the observatory to conduct the science work. To prepare for that there have been 50 mission readiness tests taking 1,100 hours on the ground.

Perkins said “we’ve been practicing over and over and over, and the commissioning phase will make sure the telescope is operating like we know it can.”

The Science

Everyone from high school students to professors, and anyone else interested, will have instant access to the data from Roman.

Going into space allows Roman and other telescopes to work free from the interference of the Earth’s atmosphere.

Every NASA mission answers some questions and raises others. Some of the questions Roman has been designed to explore came out of the data produced by the Webb and Hubble telescopes.

Julie McEnery, Roman telescope senior project scientist, said, “We have worked with scientists for years to get their ideas for use of this telescope. We put together three large surveys and many other projects. ... Regardless of where your scientific interests lie there will be a data supply of use to you.”

Roman’s first five years will include, among other things, three broad surveys studying dark energy, exoplanets (planets outside our solar system) and infrared astrophysics. With an expectation that Roman will last at least 10 years, what is researched in the second five years will depend on what it finds in the first five.

Roman’s work on exoplanets will get us closer to one of the big cosmological questions: are we alone in the universe? Tools in the observatory will cancel out bright starlight so planets around a star are visible.

A broad question the Roman telescope will examine is our understanding of how the universe works. There have been “hints over the last five to 10 years that all is not well with our standard model of the universe. Roman can show us how the universe really works,” McEnery said.

This is why science is never settled, new information leads to

new understanding. Some models get tweaked, others have to be rebuilt from the ground up.

Roman will continue to work with other telescopes, both in space and on the ground. If Hubble or Webb find something strange Roman can follow up, McEnery said. The ground-based Vera Rubin telescope, in Chile, was designed to work with Roman, to combine observations. Roman can clarify for Rubin what it is seeing.

Launch Details

Launch is Sunday, August 30 at 7:26 a.m. EDT

To watch the launch on NASA’s website
plus.nasa.gov/scheduled-video/nancy-grace-roman-space-telescope-launch/
Coverage begins at 6:20 a.m.
On-demand streaming video and launch photos will be available shortly after liftoff. Follow mission updates on science.nasa.gov/blogs/roman/

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Virtual Launch
Register for the virtual launch at eventbrite.com/e/nasas-nancy-grace-roman-space-telescope-launch-tickets-1983457247019?aff=oddtcreator
Virtual guests for this launch will receive curated mission resources, stay informed with the latest update, and more – all delivered straight to their inbox.

Audio-only coverage
Audio-only coverage of the launch will be carried on the NASA “V” circuits, accessible by dialing 321-867-1220 or 321-867-1240. On launch day, mission audio countdown activities without NASA broadcast commentary will be carried on 321-867-7135.
More information on Roman, the woman, the telescope and the mission can be found at
nasa.gov/roman
Videos: sv.gsfc.nasa.gov/gallery/roman/
Photos: flickr.com/photos/nasaroman/albums/

The Legacy

Perkins said, “The data set from Roman will produce a legacy that will benefit all mankind, not just now but for five, 10, 20 years.”

“I hope a student sitting in a classroom now will look at the data and catch the science bug, be the next Nancy Grace Roman,” said Townsend.

Roman’s vast reach “will allow us to find the weird, the rare and the unusual,” according to McEnery. “The most exciting things will be a surprise, something we couldn’t predict.”



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Flags and big-letter Defend the Vote signs are provided. No extra signage please to minimize driver distraction. Music and good cheer encouraged.

Questions? Email kashla@pm.me

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The University of Maryland's Legacy Leadership Institute on Public Policy, in partnership with the State of Maryland, is looking for volunteers age 50+ to serve as volunteer legislative leaders during the 2026-2027 legislative session of the Maryland General Assembly.

The twelve-week classroom training (two days per week) begins on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, and ends on Wednesday, December 2, 2026.

Classes will be held at the University of Maryland Extension, 8930 Stanford Blvd, Suite 25, Columbia, Md., 21045. The volunteer assignment will be in the legislative offices of members of the Maryland General Assembly in Annapolis.

Participants will serve a minimum of two (2) days per week starting Wednesday, January 13, 2027, and ending Monday, April 12, 2027.

For more information or for an application, contact Wesley Queen at wqueen@umd.edu.

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Applications Are Now Open For the Jim Cassels Award

by Lisa Stand

Greenbelt has always been noted for its rich community service traditions, and rightly so. On almost any given day, a resident can engage with a community program or institution that exists because community members both created it and supported it. In the past 25 years and more, the Jim Cassels Community Service Award has played a part in sustaining Greenbelt community resources and giving life to new projects. Every year since 2006, a Cassels grantee has been able to do more to enrich lives, serve families and create positive community spaces. The Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative (GCC), sponsor of the Cassels Award, is now accepting applications for the 2026 cycle. The deadline to apply is Sunday, September 13. The award will be presented at GCC's annual meeting on October 17.

In past years, awards have gone to a wide range of projects and community sponsors. Last year, the \$1,500 award helped upgrade the city's Recreation Arts activities at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. The award was used to purchase a moveable arts supply cabinet, facilitating preschool art classes, free Artful Afternoon workshops and summer camp activities at Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Other recipients over the years include the MakerSpace Repair Café (2024), Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness (RUAK, 2023), Reel and Meal at the New Deal (2021), Well-Wishers for the Animals of the Greenbelt Shelter (WAGS, 2015) and the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Art Department (2017). A complete list with descriptions can be found on GCC's website at <https://tinyurl.com/mu3y4xx8>.

The GCC presents the annual Community Service award to honor Jim Cassels, who was a

dedicated Greenbelt community builder for half a century. He lived in Greenbelt from 1955 until his death in 2008. A tribute to his life published in the April 17, 2008, Greenbelt News Review described Cassels as an "extraordinary community activist" who was inspired by cooperative ideals. Cassels is remembered for his key roles establishing Greenbelt CARES, making senior housing available in Greenbelt and organizing the repurchase of the co-op that is now Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy. Cassels was named Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen in 1978. Through the Jim Cassels Award, his impact continues.

If you have a specific community project that needs a boost, GCC wants to hear from you. The online application is now live at <https://tinyurl.com/mu3y4xx8>. Visit the Co-op's main office for a paper application if unable to access the online form.

Standpipe Rehabilitation Progressing



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Representatives of WSSC and city officials gather around the standpipe on Lastner Lane.

City of Greenbelt councilmembers and staff recently met with WSSC Water representatives to discuss the ongoing Greenbelt Standpipe Rehabilitation Project at 211 Ridge Road and hear updates on soil testing, air quality, traffic and blasting.

The project is currently moving into a major phase of construction. Steel upgrades and vault construction are underway this month, with containment, abrasive blasting, priming and

electrical upgrades scheduled for September. Painting and additional infrastructure work will continue through the fall, with testing expected in December.

WSSC Water will host another virtual community meeting on September 14, with more details to come.

To learn more about the project visit greenbeltmd.gov/wssc.

Information drawn from a City of Greenbelt press release.

City Notes

GAIL/CARES, Public Works, Constituent Services, Recreation and Arts participated in Greenbelt Middle School's Back to School Community Day. The City Manager made a site visit with WSSC at the water tower.

Planning/Code Enforcement did inspections at Glen Oaks, Belle Point Drive, Beltway Plaza, Greenbelt Square and 13 rentals.

Shelter residents are five cats, eight kittens and two dogs after one kitten adoption.

At Public Works, a charging station was installed and tags ordered for the new EV transit vehicle and trash truck. Recycling/Sustainability completed trash vehicle inspections and Ballfields/Parks addressed fence issues at Schrom Hills Park soccer field. Facility maintenance installed carpet in police station locker rooms.

Recreation staff registered residents for fall classes. At the Aquatic & Fitness Center, contractors cleaned the indoor pool and fitness wing.

The Arts Program opened an exhibition in the gallery and welcomed a \$97,759 grant from the Maryland State Arts Council.

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Police Blotter

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Incident Summary

Greenbelt Police reported one death, one mental health incident involving suicide and three domestic incidents. A missing person case was resolved.

On August 18 near 11 Parkway, officers apprehended a man with an active warrant. He complained of stomach and chest pains and was taken to the hospital, where he made statements indicating that he wanted to harm himself and was admitted for psychiatric evaluation.

Assault

On August 22 at 7:52 p.m. near 6208 Breezewood Court, two men were involved in a disagreement; one punched the other. He was arrested and taken to the Department of Corrections.

Fight

On August 18 at 5:13 p.m. near 7403 Morrison Drive, a woman reported that her two male friends got into a verbal argument that turned physical outside the residence; they then left. The woman wanted the incident documented, with no further police actions.

Disorderly

On August 19 at 10:10 p.m. near 6320 Golden Triangle Drive, two banned subjects, arrested earlier this month, were again found on hotel property with no business. One became combative and was issued a criminal citation. Both were removed.

Dispute

On August 20 at 10:14 p.m. near 5801 Cherrywood Terrace, a package may have been delivered to the wrong address, but the residents there would not answer the door.

Fraud

On August 21 near 6208 Breezewood Court, money was sent to someone posing as a realtor on TikTok.

Theft and Shoplifting

On August 18 at 2:17 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a

man picked up several items and passed all points of sale without paying.

On August 21 at 11:35 a.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a man placed several pieces of apparel into a duffel bag, passed all points of sale and fled on foot; at 1:23 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, the same man from a previous incident was seen on camera putting apparel in his duffel bag before fleeing on foot.

On August 21 at 5:27 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a man stole items and the store's loss prevention officer apprehended him. A patrol officer took the report, and the man was banned from the property.

On August 22 at 8:06 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a man stole items and was gone before officers arrived.

Vehicle Crimes Stolen Vehicles

On August 17 near 7728 Hanover Parkway, a gray 2026 Honda CR-V (Md. T2753662), and on August 23 near 6400 Ivy Lane, a black 2023 Acura TLX (Pa. MYR4931) were stolen.

Stolen Vehicles Recovered

On August 22, a stolen Honda Pilot was found near 6010 Springhill Drive, and a stolen Dodge Charger was found near 6400 Ivy Lane.

Theft from Auto

Four vehicles had tags stolen: on August 17 near 550 Crescent Road, a 2011 Nissan Altima (Md. 5DD2026); on August 18 near 6440 Cherrywood Lane, a 2018 Volkswagen (Calif. 8SPC084); on August 20 near 16 Ridge

Road, a 2007 Honda CRV (Md. 6GH4760); and on August 21 near 9208 Springhill Lane, a rear tag from a Toyota Tundra.

On August 19 near Ridge Road and Gardenway, an airbag was stolen from a Honda FIT.

On August 23 near 7200 Hanover Drive, officers found a 2027 Honda Civic with all four tires stolen. A nearby 2025 Kia had the lug nuts removed from all four tires, but the tires were not taken.

Vandalism to Auto

On August 20 near 5915 Cherrywood Terrace, 15 vehicles were broken into and vandalized. Surveillance footage showed three men in dark clothing and ski masks park and exit a tan Hyundai Elantra (D.C. JK1345) and later flee in the same vehicle. Several of the vehicles were rummaged through but nothing was taken.

On August 20 near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace, a 2014 Honda Accord had a window smashed.

On August 21 at 4:43 p.m. near Lakecrest Drive and Greenbelt Road, a former acquaintance vandalized a man's and his friend's cars, including a side mirror and a taillight; warrants and options were advised, and the woman was banned from the location.

On August 21 near 9210 Springhill Lane, a 2017 Toyota RAV4 had a window smashed.

On August 22 near 6520 Lake Park Drive, someone broke into a 2023 Lexus; nothing appeared to be taken.

Thelma Martinez and her family traveled on the Disney Fantasy for their vacation to Nassau and Lookout Cay. The photo features Eli, 10, and Nathaniel, 9, holding the Greenbelt News Review. Eli and Nathaniel are proud rising 5th and 4th graders at Greenbelt Elementary.



COURTESY THELMA MARTINEZ

CALL for POETS and VISUAL ARTISTS: Ekphrastic Fantastic Art Show

FONDCA (Friends of New Deal Café Arts) is seeking submissions for the show Ekphrastic Fantastic, which is scheduled to be displayed from November 1, 2026, to January 3, 2027, at New Deal Café!

Have you written a poem that lends itself to interpretation in a piece of visual art? Have you created a piece of visual art that would inspire a poet to write a companion piece? This might be the show for you!

We are seeking 12 artists and 12 poets to create pieces for this show.

Here's how it works: poets and artists submit a poem or art piece (painting, drawing, photo, or hangable sculpture). We'll select 12 poems and 12 pieces of art from the submissions. Each poem will be assigned to a visual artist and each piece of visual art will be assigned to a poet for creation of a new piece in response. Identities of the poets and artists will be secret until the show is hung.

Please send submissions (up to 3 submissions per prospective participant) to julieawinters@verizon.net by Sunday, September 13. Poems should be sent as Word documents or Google documents if possible. For visual art, please send a good-quality photograph of the piece, along with title, dimensions, and description (mixed media, watercolor, pencil, etc.). Selected participants will receive notification and assignment of pieces for creation of response art/poetry by September 20.

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Meetings of the GHI Board of Directors

on September 3, 2026

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

- a) Financial Matters
- b) Member Matters
- c) Personnel Matters
- d) Contract Matters

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

- a) Appointment of Board Secretary
- b) 45-L Ridge Road, Fence Height Exception
- c) Charter of Greenbelt Homes Inc. Investment Committee
- d) Symposium – Aging In-Place
- e) Motion to Hold a Closed Meeting on September 17, 2026

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

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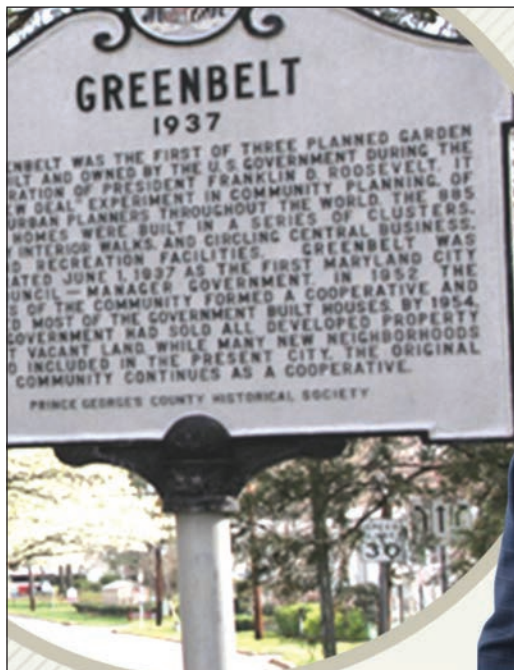
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Greenbelters Travel



Annie Haber, Marc Manheimer and the Greenbelt News Review at Picos de Europa in northern Spain

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The Serra and Drew families catch up on Greenbelt news at Loch Lomond, Scotland.

PHOTO BY A KIND STRANGER

Lore Rosenthal and Michael Hartman attend the Borscht Belt Festival that honors the early- to mid-20th-century “Borscht Belt” era, with Catskill Mountain summer resorts, hotels and bungalow colonies that allowed New Yorkers to escape the summer heat and enjoy a whole generation of (mostly) Jewish stand-up comedians.



PHOTO BY ARLENE KAMINSKY

Join the Greenbelt Concert Band and Its Ensembles

New musicians are invited to join the Greenbelt Concert Band, Greenbelt Wind Ensemble and Greenbelt Brass Ensemble for their 2026–2027 season. Whether just returning to an instrument or been playing for years, there’s a place for all musicians. No audition is required. All rehearsals are held in Room 201 at the Community Center.

Greenbelt Concert Band

The concert band will hold an open house on Monday, September 14 at 6:30 p.m. Come meet the musicians, learn more about the ensembles and how to get involved.

Rehearsals are held Mondays, beginning September 14, from 7 to 9 p.m.

High school musicians are also welcome. Students playing concert band music at Grade 3 level or higher are encouraged to join. Playing alongside experienced adult musicians is a wonderful way to build confidence, gain ensemble experience



and connect with other musicians in the community.

Greenbelt Wind Ensemble

The wind ensemble is an offshoot of the concert band and performs primarily for retirement communities, assisted living communities, nursing homes and rehabilitation centers.

Rehearsals are held Tuesdays, beginning September 15 from 1:15 to 3 p.m.

Greenbelt Brass Ensemble

The brass ensemble is a small ensemble formed from members of the concert band. The ensemble performs at special community events, including Greenbelt’s annual tree lighting at Roosevelt Center.

Come make music, meet fellow musicians and be part of Greenbelt’s vibrant musical community. New members are always welcome. Bring an instrument, enthusiasm and love of music. Learn more about the community band at greenbeltconcertband.org.

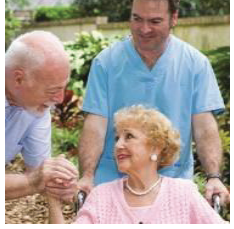
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SCHOOL continued from page 1

“the PGCPs Chipmunk Team” acknowledged the app’s failure, apologized for the inconvenience and said they were working to resolve technical difficulties. At 12:13 p.m. an email notified the community that the technical issues were resolved. However, numerous Greenbelt parents said their bus was “Not Reporting” for the evening.

Parent-Led Communication Shines

Foreseeing problems with transportation communications and their single entrance road, parents from the co-located Robert Goddard and DKFI schools worked together in advance to create a spreadsheet of every bus route serving the schools and a WhatsApp group for each route. On the first day parents sent each other messages reporting where the buses were on their routes, sharing arrivals at the stops they were waiting at or information gleaned from trackers some had placed in backpacks.

In front of Greenbelt Library, parents used those WhatsApp groups to share bus arrival information in the morning, when the DKFI/Goddard bus was over 30 minutes behind schedule, and in the evening, as they waited for their children to return on a bus that was close to 50 minutes late.

On another route that serves College Park and Greenbelt, Vincent Alexis-Laona has a kindergartener at DKFI. On Tuesday morning the bus entirely missed their stop. Though the scheduled pickup was 8:52 a.m., at 10:06 the Chipmunk App had begun working and they saw the bus was a few stops away. They received a notification it was four minutes away, before the app showed it turned out of their area. Alexis-Laona told the News Review his wife was able to drop off their child, “which was a crazy experience itself because of how terrible traffic is in and out of the road that the school is on,” and she arrived for her very first day of school 90 minutes late. At DKFI and Robert Goddard the car line stretched through intersections and along surrounding roads on Tuesday.

Naette Lee, another DKFI parent, was unable to use Chipmunk because her 6-year-old has not received an afternoon assignment



The Clegg kids on their first day of 6th grade, 4th grade and kindergarten

PHOTO BY TERENCE CLEGG

after it failed to stop at the stop their child should have gotten off at, said Lee. “A mess,” said Lee. “But the WhatsApp group is on top of it,” Lee told the News Review. “People are sharing Apple Air Tag screenshots.”

Laura Hood reported her student’s bus was scheduled for 8:12 a.m. and didn’t pick up until 9:03 a.m. Tuesday. Then, in the afternoon, the driver wouldn’t stop at her child’s designated stop, even after the student asked. The student got off at another stop and walked to her zoned one, which Hood said meant her daughter had to cross a busy street full of rush hour traffic to meet her.

There are usually delays and disruptions to buses in the first days of the year as the county tries to find drivers to cover each trip, drivers learn their routes and as the list of students for each bus changes and is finalized. The number of “vacant” routes (those without drivers), as well as substitute or temporary drivers, and students without assigned stops all impact efficiency.

“I would say ... we have been dealing with these transportation concerns and delays for as long as we have been at Dora Kennedy, [beginning] in 2021. This year felt different and more chaotic, but I was prepared for the chaos,” Hood told the News Review. “My heart goes out to all the new students and parents to PGCPs who are experiencing the stress for the first time. This shouldn’t be their first impression,” said Hood.

After 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday PGCPs announced it was unable to field one of the bus routes for DKFI and parents were being called to pick up their children still at the school.

The author has two children who attend DKFI.



PHOTO BY BROOKE TOWNSEND



Molly and Caroline head to kindergarten and second grade at Greenbelt Elementary School.

PHOTO BY CAITLYN MCGILLEN



Miles Gibson, Senior, Parkdale High School IB Program, with his dog, Ringo

PHOTO BY JENNI POMPI



Raelyn on the first day of school

in the system. Her child, on the same route as Alexis-Laona’s was supposed to arrive at his bus stop at 5:22 Tuesday evening, but it was 6:12 when he finally did. One parent was chasing the bus

New Volunteer Program Traps, Neuters, Releases Feral Kittens

by Becky Duncan

Greenbelt Trap, Neuter, Return (TNR) is a new program that began in fall 2025 by Lannay Tull with other volunteers. The group is associated with the Greenbelt Animal Shelter. Tull said she started it after she experienced stray hungry cats begging outside her window, which led to kittens being born on her porch. She took them in and had them spayed, neutered and adopted. Tull found that many other people were trying to help homeless cats in the city with no assistance.

The Greenbelt Animal Shelter stopped doing TNR in 2020. The problem of cats’ unchecked reproduction had exploded by 2025, so Tull started Greenbelt TNR. The Greenbelt shelter received a grant for the TNR group in January. Greenbelt TNR does the work, not the city. If the city picks up a cat that they consider adoptable, it will go to the shelter. The city shelter is a “no kill” shelter. But, if it is at capacity, it will send the animal to the Prince George’s County shelter, which does euthanize some animals.

Beltsville Community Cats, Bowie CLAW and a countywide group called A Cat’s Life Rescue were an enormous help to Greenbelt TNR last year, providing their own funds until the grant became effective.

In the past few weeks, pictures of kittens have appeared

in the News Review. These are Greenbelt cats that need homes. More pictures of kittens will appear in the newspaper in the coming weeks. Volunteers are currently caring for them in their own homes, and more fosters and adopters are needed. All the Greenbelt TNR kittens need homes.

As a new group, Greenbelt TNR needs lots of support. It is getting financial assistance from Well-Wishers for the Animals of Greenbelt Shelter (WAGS), a 501(c)(3) group started several years ago to help Greenbelt animals, which has continued to support the shelter. WAGS is also in need of donations.

Many Greenbelt residents may not know what is happening with the city’s shelter and about the gap in services to help these homeless kittens/cats. Greenbelt TNR can help make a difference by assisting those who can adopt a kitten or two or make a donation. This is our community’s problem to fix. It will not go away on its own. For more information, email Greenbelt.TNR@gmail.com.



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COMING SOON!!! STAR WARS BABIES!!



Rescued in early August. Kittens are still nursing but we wanted to show them off! Princess Leia (female-white w/2 black eye patches), Rey Skywalker (female-white w/1 black eye patch), Darth Vader (male-black), and Wookiee (male-gray). Luminara (mom) will be available for adoption too.

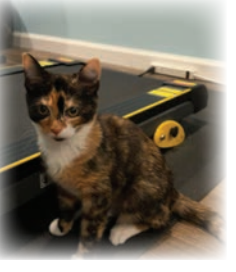


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