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Carolyn Lambright-Davis Offers Zeal As the Outstanding Citizen for 2026

by Erica Johns

Carolyn Lambright-Davis is Greenbelt's 2026 Outstanding Citizen, as announced at the Labor Day Festival's Opening Ceremony on Friday, September 4. Lambright-Davis was recognized for serving as a board member of the CHesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS), leading the CHEARS-sponsored Earth Squad Program at Springhill Lake Recreation Center (SHLRC), contributing to the Greenbelt Pumpkin Festival, her civics education and voter registration efforts, and producing cultural and arts programs. Lambright-Davis has modeled, taught and woven environmental stewardship, responsible citizenship, personal growth, and respect for and co-operation with others throughout her life and contributions.

CHEARS

Lambright-Davis began volunteering with CHEARS around 2015, becoming a board member responsible for leading its board meetings. Fellow board members credited her leadership with supporting productive decision processes, increasing diverse volunteer participation from across



PHOTO BY SHARON NATOLI

Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen of the Year Carolyn Lambright-Davis rides in the Greenbelt Labor Day Parade on September 7.

Greenbelt and encouraging meaningful projects to benefit all areas of Greenbelt.

Earth Squad

Lambright-Davis, with husband Bill Davis, has led the CHEARS-sponsored Earth Squad after-school and summer program at SHLRC since around 2016, men-

toring elementary, middle and high school students in sustainability through planning, planting and harvesting produce in the CHEARS Three Sisters Garden West and sharing the produce with Franklin Park families.

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Greenbelt Will Lose 24/7 Unit Even As Response Times Climb

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

Beginning no later than September 30, Greenbelt fire station will gain daytime career staffing but lose its 24/7 Advanced Life Support (ALS) unit. For the past two years, the station has been staffed with an around-the-clock paramedic unit and a second ambulance for peak hours from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays. Soon there will be no around-the-clock paramedic unit and no Emergency Medical Services (EMS) coverage at the station at all after 3 p.m. or on weekends. In addition, College Park will see the relocation of the ALS unit that has long been stationed there. These changes come as average response times for ALS calls were slower for five of the first six months of the year than in the same months two years earlier, when career firefighters were still stationed in Greenbelt. Response times for Basic Life Support (BLS) calls were also slower in most months.

The move to have career staff from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Greenbelt may ameliorate two needs for the county fire department: the legal challenge to the removal of career staffing – a hearing for which is scheduled for this Thursday, September 10 – and a union grievance over the partial staffing model. In an August 14 memo to

fire department personnel, Fire Chief Thelmetria Michaelides wrote that the department needed to modify its current staffing configuration and redeploy resources to be consistent with their collective bargaining agreement. She said that the department currently has 84 recruits in the academy and will welcome another class of recruits in October.

Staffing Plan

Under the new staffing plan Greenbelt will receive six career personnel assigned Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., while its ALS ambulance unit will be relocated to Calverton.

Meanwhile, the nearby College Park fire station will continue to operate with six career personnel Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., but their ALS unit will be relocated to Bunker Hill, similarly leaving them without EMS services after 3 p.m.

Speaking with the News Review on Tuesday, City Manager Josué Salmerón expressed concern that most area calls are for EMS services rather than fire suppression and no EMS response will be available from Greenbelt, College Park or Beltsville during weekends or after 3 p.m. during the week. "I'd rather have 24/7 coverage," he said.

Michaelides said in her memo that the redeployed ambulance units will operate as "battalion-based resources" and "although these units will have designated base stations" their deployment won't be limited to the area of those stations, instead responding to county-wide coverage needs.

City Managers Respond

In the response to the staffing changes the managers from the Four Cities Coalition of Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights, College Park and New Carrollton sent a joint memo to Michaelides expressing their concerns about the impact on locally-based EMS and ALS resources. Of particular concern was the relocation of the

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What Goes On

Monday, September 14 7:30 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building
Wednesday, September 16
No Council Meeting

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

Bedford-Dillow Named Editor Of the Greenbelt News Review

by Pat Scully

The Board of Directors of the Greenbelt News Review voted unanimously to appoint Anna Bedford-Dillow as the new editor of the weekly paper. She has been serving as the managing editor since September 2022, taking the lead in assigning stories, mentoring writers and interns, expanding news coverage and shepherding each week's paper into print and on line.

Retiring editor Mary Lou Williamson, who made the motion to appoint Bedford-Dillow, will stay with the paper as editor emerita, providing editorial insight and institutional memory. She praised the incoming editor, saying, "In four years, Anna has introduced much that is new to this paper. She has developed close working relationships with the varied staff who put out the paper each week. She writes much of the content and has an eye for photographs that tell a story. She is helpful to new writers. Anna

has more than earned her new title as editor."

In selecting Bedford-Dillow, the board noted her indispensable role in expanding the news covered by the paper, including county school and school board news, county firefighter staffing changes and federal issues that impact Greenbelters. She is adept at identifying sources of information, including the filing of Maryland Public Information Act requests to find out what county officials are doing.

"The News Review covers Greenbelt," said board president Pat Scully, "but that now means covering the county and such federal stories as USDA, BARC, NASA, the FBI and ICE trials. Decisions at the federal level directly affect the people of Greenbelt and Anna has been diligent and creative in getting and writing stories that document that impact."

Look for more details about Bedford-Dillow next week.

Council and GHI Discuss Pipes, Lights, Cell Coverage and More

by Deanna Dawson

The Greenbelt City Council held its annual worksession with Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) on August 31 to discuss topics of mutual interest. Representing GHI were General Manager James Claggett and board members Stefan Brodd (president), Debbie McKinley (vice president) and Carl Sanders. In advance of the worksession, Claggett had sent council a memo detailing topics

the board proposed as agenda items.

Stormwater Main Pipes

Brodd said that stormwater main pipes, which are the property of the city, have been an ongoing concern for GHI, as GHI has been paying for repairs when pipes break within the GHI community. Costs have been significant: \$228K in 2023, \$340K

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PHOTO BY JEFFREY ALLEN JONES

Two young festivalgoers experience the OMG ride on the carnival midway. See more Labor Day Festival photos throughout the paper.

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Lambright-Davis told the News Review in 2017 that the Earth Squad and CHEARS aim to create a “zeal” for environmentalism, healthy living, volunteerism and partnerships because, she said, “No one does it alone.” She thoughtfully engages the students in citizen science partnerships. For instance, a community hot composting organization taught the students about hot composting before the students tested several different composts by how well radish seeds germinated in samples of each. Also, University of Maryland expert gardeners have led workshops with the students.

Earth Squad is more than gardening — it’s also about life. Lambright-Davis begins school year sessions with snacks, literacy, homework help and tutoring five days a week. This reporter observed her interacting with students, guiding them to begin interactions with a hello, to make requests politely and to be considerate of other students. She took students to visit city council offices and arranged for NASA scientists to talk with the students. “There are kids in middle and high school now that, because of Earth Squad, are connected to their community in a way that keeps them out of trouble,” CHEARS board member Jennifer Dudley told the News Review.

Pumpkin Festival

Those who nominated Lambright-Davis for Outstanding Citizen cited her for helping catalyze the Greenbelt Pumpkin Festival to include all of Greenbelt. The Festival now brings pumpkin carving and pumpkin walks to Greenbelt East and to Greenbelt Center, and pumpkin carving and a Trunk or Treat to Greenbelt West, making what Lambright-Davis told the News Review in 2023 is a Pumpkin Festival for “One Greenbelt.” She played a part in composting pumpkin carving remainders and saving pumpkin seeds for planting, adding education for the Earth Squad and increasing the environmental circularity of a festival first created for environmental stewardship, protecting Greenbelt’s North Woods from



Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen of the Year 2026, Carolyn Lambright-Davis (in pink), is surrounded by family and supporters at the Opening Ceremonies.

development.

Organic Land Care in the DMV

Lambright-Davis completed the Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA) organic land care certification course in Pennsylvania, and brought the course to Greenbelt to make it available in the Washington, D.C. area, coordinating the many requirements and details. There are now 35 Organic Land Care-certified persons at the University of Maryland, City of Takoma Park, Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection, Brookside Gardens and the City of Greenbelt with the tools and skills to help protect public health and the environment.

Black History Arts, Culture

Lambright-Davis has engaged Earth Squad students in hands-on arts projects that celebrate Black American history and culture. For a 2023 Black History Month event, she worked with Earth Squad students and parents, Ghanaian master drummer and craftsman Michael Kweku Owusu and with Nana Malaya Rucker of the Nubian Theatre & Dance Company to recruit and teach students to dance with Rucker and the group Hands on Drums, to welcome attendees to the event. She

also partnered with The SPACE Free Art For All in a workshop for the students to make Black American history-inspired

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Practical Magic 2 (PG-13)
(CC) (DVS) (2026) (130 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Fri. 5:00 PM, 8:10 PM
Sat. 7:55 PM
Sun. 12:15 PM (OC), 6:15 PM

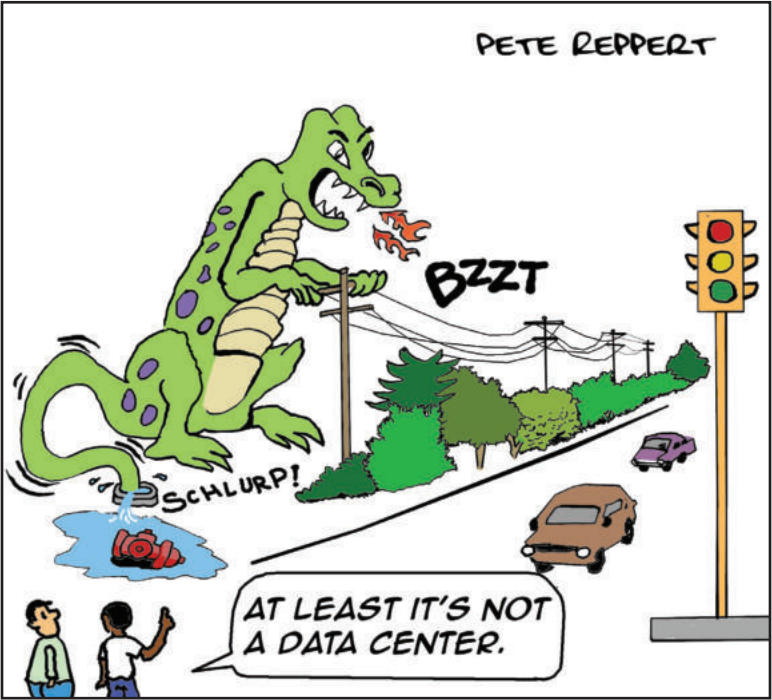
Mon. 2:45 PM, 5:50 PM
Tues. 6:40 PM
Thurs. 7:00 PM

Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Sat. 5:00 PM
Wed. 7:15 PM

Coyote vs. Acme (PG)
(CC) (DVS) (2026) (103 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Sat. 5:20 PM
Sun. 3:20 PM (OC)
Wed. 7:35 PM

Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Fri. 5:20 PM, 8:25 PM
Sat. 8:15 PM
Sun. 6:45 PM
Mon. 3:00 PM, 6:10 PM
Tues. 4:15 PM
Thurs. 7:25 PM

A Man Escaped
(NR) (1956) (99 mins)
In French and German with
English subtitles
Film in Focus lecture series -
Event Pricing
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Sun. 3:00 PM



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.

Letters Policy

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

Letters may be edited for clarity, grammar, civility and space constraints. The News Review may add a comment from the editor if deemed necessary.

All letters must include the letter writer's name, physical address, and telephone number. Only the name will be published; the News Review will consider requests for the name to be withheld.



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On Screen at Greenbelt Cinema

Practical Magic 2

This sequel to Practical Magic returns to a world steeped in moonlit mischief and powerful ancestral magic, as the Owens sisters must confront the dark curse that threatens to unravel their family in a must-see cinematic event of fun, magic and mayhem.

Coyote vs. Acme

After decades of being blown to bits by bombs, demolished by dynamite, mangled by magnets, battered by boulders, trampled by trains, tricked by tunnels, sprung by springs, steamrolled by steamrollers, maligned by misfires, bedeviled by bungees, rattled by rockets, backstabbed by bat suits, rocked by rocket skates, upended by unicycles, quaked by quake pills, rubberized by rogue bands and hurled headlong off every cliff in the Southwest, Wile E. Coyote (Genius) finally fights back. Teaming up with billboard accident lawyer Kevin Avery (Will Forte), he takes on slick corporate counsel Buddy Crane (John Cena) and ACME, Inc., the profit-obsessed conglomerate behind every one of the Coyote’s chaotic catastrophes.

A Man Escaped

In a film based on the writings of French Resistance fighter and POW André Devigny, Fontaine is being held by the Nazis at Fort Montluc. When he gets word that he is scheduled for execution, Fontaine channels his energy into hatching a plan to break out. His plan is interrupted when he is assigned a new roommate. Fontaine grudgingly brings the newcomer in on the escape effort, which involves homespun weapons and an intricate knowledge of the layout of the prison itself.

Community Events

At the Library

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

Storytimes

Tuesday, September 15, 12:15 p.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at pgcmls.info/event/16918622.

Wednesday, September 16, 12:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at pgcmls.info/event/16918580.

Thursday, September 17, 10:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2. Register at pgcmls.info/event/16918713.

Special Event: Understanding Maryland’s Good Samaritan Law

Tuesday, September 15, 1 p.m., ages 13+. The Parents’ Place of Maryland will explain Maryland’s Good Samaritan Law and what it means in real-life situations. The program will cover how the law protects people who call for help during an overdose emergency, as well as those experiencing an overdose. The session is designed to clear up common misconceptions, build awareness and support life-saving action in the community. Register at pgcmls.info/event/16785768.

STEM Fun

Tuesday, September 15, 4:30 p.m., ages 5 to 12. Dive into the world of science, technology, engineering, and math with fun, hands-on experiments and activities. Cubelets are robotic blocks that connect in different ways to perform actions like driving on a tabletop or responding to light, sound and temperature. Register at pgcmls.info/event/16909221.

Virtual Event

Wednesday, September 16, 6:30 p.m., adults. Understand why health insurance helps prevent large, unexpected health care expenses, what to compare to understand health insurance costs and coverage, and identifying information to make smart health insurance decisions. Presented by University of Maryland Extension. Register at pgcmls.info/event/16881125.

Ride and Read

Thursday, September 17, 11 a.m., ages 16+. Sign up for an hour ride on a stationary bike with great free apps from PGCMLS like Libby, Kanopy and Freegal to enjoy while you work out. Participants must be 16 or older, sign a waiver before beginning to ride, and be wearing loose-fitting clothing and closed-toed shoes.



Français, s’il Vous Plaît New Fall Locations

Beginning September 3, the French conversation group that meets every Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. will meet the first Thursday of every month at the New Deal Café. The rest of the Thursday meetings will be held in Room 109 of the Community Center.

All ages and all levels of proficiency are welcome.

Submit Sept. Photos for Photo Club Project

The Greenbelt Photography Club is accepting photographs for a publication project, A Month in the Life of Greenbelt. All submissions will be considered, and any proceeds will go to historic preservation in Greenbelt. Anyone can submit up to five photos through the link: tinyurl.com/gb26photo. All photos must be taken this September in Greenbelt and submitted no later than October 3. See QR code for all submission criteria.



Scan for information.

Also at the Library: Welcoming Week

Tuesday, September 15, 6:30 pm, ages 13+. Where We Belong – Connections for Love and Balance. The Parents’ Place of Maryland presents an inspiring workshop to explore universal practices rooted in diverse cultural traditions – grounding, breathing, music and storytelling – that foster connection, healing and emotional balance. Through simple, evidence-informed techniques, participants will learn how to nurture well-being and deepen their sense of belonging, no matter where they come from. Register at pgcmls.info/event/17053545.

Movie and a Craft

Wednesday, September 16, 4:30 p.m., ages 5 to 12. Enjoy a family friendly movie showing of Coco (109 minutes, PG) and a special craft during the showing, in recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month. Closed captioning will be available. In this animated adventure, a boy named Miguel dreams of becoming a famous guitar player, despite the misgivings of his close-knit family. When his ambitions cause him to run afoul of a curse, he must journey into the Land of the Dead to seek forgiveness from his ancestors. Register at pgcmls.info/event/16959933.

GIVES Election Results And Quarterly Meeting

Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Services (GIVES) held its annual membership meeting and election on June 13. The results of the election of the board are as follows: Mary Ann Canter, Carol Drees, Barbara Elliott, Joan Estenson, Lesley Frank, Sandy Hamlin, Monica Huber, Mary Ann Lipovsky, Tissa Rogers and Mary Wade. GIVES expresses its gratitude for outgoing board member Carol Shaw, who served GIVES as vice president, president and board member at large.

GIVES will hold its next quarterly membership meeting on Saturday, September 19 at 10 a.m. in Room 201 of the Community Center. There will be a meeting of the volunteer drivers directly following the regular membership meeting. All members are welcome to attend to meet and greet new members and learn about changes being made in training and retaining volunteers and leadership.

Community Art Weekly Meet-Up

Enjoy a free weekly meet-up at the Community Center. Yarn & Darn meets on Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. in Room 113. Bring a knitting, crocheting, embroidery, cross stitch or other fiber art project to work on in a relaxing environment. No advance registration required. For more information, email alarsen@greenbeltmd.gov or mcason@greenbeltmd.gov. For more information about Greenbelt Recreation arts programs, visit greenbeltmd.gov/arts.



Ice Cream Social

The Greenbelt Rotary Club is hosting an end-of-summer ice cream social on Thursday, September 10 from 6 to 7 p.m. on the New Deal Café patio, so come have a sweet frozen treat on them. The club thanks the Café for making their space available. The Café will be open, so feel free to order a meal from the Café and join the Rotarians for dessert. The Greenbelt Rotary Club meets every Thursday at the Greenway Center IHOP at 8 a.m.

Golden Age Club

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

September 16, Birthday celebration potluck luncheon. If possible, bring a dish to share. It can be a main dish, side dish or dessert. If a birthday celebrant, be ready to tell your story.

September 23, Bingo.

September 30, Speaker: Sharon McCraney (seated exercise and short meditation after).

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

Fall Campfire Programs, Hikes at Greenbelt Park

Every Friday night through November 13, Greenbelt Park hosts a Campfire Program: Welcome to Washington. Join Greenbelt Park staff for a program focused on how to visit Washington, D.C., and the special events happening throughout the city.

Every Sunday at 1 p.m., join the Rangers for a nature hike of the Dogwood Trail. They’ll discuss the important flora and fauna present throughout Greenbelt Park. Bring appropriate clothing and footwear depending on weather.

Every Saturday, staff from Greenbelt Park and other area National Park sites offer a different program. On September 12 at 7 p.m., learn about camping basics with Ranger Jim, a program perfect for children and adults. Learn how to build a fire, how to tie knots and how to put up a tent. Ranger Jim will teach the basic skills needed to camp and survive in the wilderness.

On Saturday, September 19 at 7 p.m., join Ranger Alex for a talk on the American Indian Movement and its connection to Greenbelt Park through the Longest Walk. This important event in American history helped to cement the importance of our National Parks to all visitors and individuals.

Visit nps.gov/gree/planyourvisit/calendar.htm for more information.



Poetry In The Garden Meets in the Center

The public is invited to Poetry in the Garden’s next poetry reading on Sunday, September 20 from 3 to 5 p.m. in their new location: Community Center, Room 111.

Attendees can bring their favorite poem to read or just come listen and enjoy the power of poetry. As always, friends, family and neighbors are invited to join.

Question for GHI Bicycle Owners

The GHI Bicycle Committee has been looking into renting a garage within GHI for members to store their bicycles during the winter months and/or all year. Details to be outlined, pending an indication of residents’ interest.

If this amenity is something that interests you, send an email to bmangum@ghi.coop or jbelttower@yahoo.com.

SCAC Annual Open Forum September 19

The Senior Citizens Advisory Committee (SCAC) is hosting its annual Open Forum on Saturday, September 19 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Community Center, Room 201. The committee invites Greenbelt residents of all ages to share what they like best about the city and their issues and concerns.

The mayor and city council have been invited, as have the city manager and city department leaders. They may be able to answer questions on site. The SCAC collects the information shared at this open forum and provides a report to council.

Those who need transportation should call the Greenbelt Connection bus at 301-474-4100 with at least 24-hours notice. The bus is accessible and costs \$1 each way for seniors, people with disabilities and children. All others are charged \$2.

For more information call 240-542-2189. No registration is required.

Greenbelt Chess Club September Meetings

The Greenbelt Chess Club will meet on Tuesdays, September 15 and 22. The meetings take place at the Youth Center from 6:30 to 8:50 p.m. The club welcomes people of all ages and skill levels. To be added to the mailing list, go to tinyurl.com/ycy2nz4m and complete the brief form. Direct questions to greenbeltchessclub@gmail.com.

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MON 9/14	TUES 9/15	WED 9/16	TH 9/17	New Deal Cafe
NO EVENTS	NDC Open Mic w/ Joey Campfire 6 - 9:30pm Sign ups begin at 6pm; Open Mic starts at 6:30p	PUB QUIZ 7 - 9pm Bring your own team or form one!	The Classic Jam w/ The Low Rent Quartet 6:30 - 9:30pm If you dream of jamming, this is your chance!	THE TIME IS NOW! DONATE OR BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NDC! See link below*

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drawings and etchings.

Civic Involvement

Lambright-Davis and her husband have spent many hours hosting voter registration drives at Beltway Plaza, not only helping passersby complete voter registration forms, but engaging them in why voting matters in making a local impact.

Devotion

When the News Review talked with attendees, we found a current of devotion flowing through the crowd. When husband Bill Davis said he didn't have to trick Lambright-Davis to come to the ceremony, we asked if the Earth Squad students sitting behind her at the ceremony weren't a giveaway, he said "No, they're always with her." Her church members from Eastern Community Baptist Church in Landover came to celebrate her, but luckily she didn't see them before the ceremony.

Talking with Earth Squad teens about how they feel about their mentor, they uniformly cited how long they've been with her: "I've been with Miss Davis since kindergarten." "I've been with Miss Davis since first grade." Davis said his wife loves to garden because she grew up in a city; even though he grew up on a farm and doesn't feel a need to garden today, he does it for her.

When Mayor Emmett Jordan presented Lambright-Davis with the traditional Mother and Child statue at the reception in city council chambers following the ceremony, he said he looks up to her (to laughter from the crowd seeing the noticeably tall mayor and noticeably shorter Lambright-Davis). We can all look up to this year's Outstanding Citizen and honor and learn from her contributions to her community.

Refuge Bike Ride
Sunday, September 13

A guided bicycle ride will be held on the Patuxent Research Refuge on Sunday, September 13 at 8:30 a.m. Participants will enjoy a scenic ride through the North Tract, the largest area of the Refuge. Along the 10-mile ride, key milestones from Patuxent's 90-year legacy will be highlighted.

The ride will have a relaxed pace and is designed for riders of all experience levels. There will be opportunities to stop and enjoy wildlife or ask questions about the Refuge. Participants will meet at the North Tract Visitor Center at 230 Bald Eagle Drive, Laurel. No registration required.

Bring a bike (in good working condition), helmet, water and any appropriate outdoor apparel/gear.

Contact Mark Tomassoni for more information at 301-875-5839 or email mtomassoni770@gmail.com.



Obituaries

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

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

An Evolving Ceremony with Enduring Contributors

This year former Greenbelt mayor J Davis welcomed attendees to the ceremony, before introducing the new Outstanding Citizen Committee co-chairs Tom Jones and Lauren Cato, who remembered recently deceased Outstanding Citizens Solange Hess, John Henry Jones, David Lange and Patti Stange. Many thanks to Bob Zugby for his past leadership.

Lambright-Davis was recognized by proclamations presented by or on behalf of Greenbelt's mayor and city council and the Maryland state legislative delegation. These were accompanied by gift certificates and gifts from Cedars of Lebanon, Generous Joe's, Greenbelt Arts Center, Greenbelt Barber and Stylist, Greenbelt Cinema, Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket, Greenbelt Nursery School, Greenway Liquors, The SPACE Free Art For All and Woods Flowers and Gifts. Jones also cited sponsorships from the Greenbelt Rotary Club, Franklin Park owner Fieldstone Properties, and the Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society.



Bob Zugby, with wife Dea Zugby, viewed the Outstanding Citizen ceremony from the audience for the first time in 26 years. After chairing the Outstanding Citizen Committee for 25 years, Zugby has handed the reins to new co-chairs Tom Jones and Lauren Cato.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL HARTMAN

Our Neighbors

Congratulations to Outstanding Citizen Carolyn Lambright-Davis and all the winners of Labor Day Festival competitions and events.

Congratulations also to Eleanor Roosevelt High School student Theodore Yang, a 2027 National Merit Scholar Semifinalist.

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MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 14 - 18

Tuesday, September 15 at 7 pm, **REPARATIONS COMMISSION - Municipal Building, On the Agenda: Continue From Retreat Work Session - Discussion on the Suggest Harms**

Wednesday, September 16 at 7:30 pm, **PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD - Virtual, On the Agenda: TBD**

Wednesday, September 16, **NO COUNCIL MEETING - ADVISORY BOARD / COMMITTEE MEETING**

Thursday, September 17 at 1 pm, **ETHICS COMMISSION - Municipal Building, On the Agenda: Approval of Agenda, Approval of Meeting Minutes, Other Business, Closed Session**

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GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING

Monday, September 14 at 7:30 pm

- ORGANIZATION**
- Call to Order
 - Roll Call
 - Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
 - Reading of the Greenbelt Community Pledge
 - Petitions and Requests
 - Consent Agenda
 - * Minutes of Council Meetings
 - * Meetings
 - * Committee Reports
 - * Board of Elections, Report #2026-06 (Ranked Choice Voting and other matters related to the November 2027 municipal elections)
 - * Advisory Planning Board Report #2026-05: Greenbelt Strategic Wayfinding Plan Review
 - * Reappointment to Advisory Board/Committee
 - * Disclosure of Contract for Gas Supply for 24 months from January 2027 through January 2029 with WGL Energy Services
 - * Authorization for the City Manager to Approve Annual Body Armor Replacement
 - Approval of Agenda and Additions
- COMMUNICATIONS**
- Public Hearing
 - Presentations
 - * Suicide Prevention Awareness Month Proclamation
 - Minutes
 - * Statement of Record — Closed Session, August 10, 2026
 - Administrative Reports

- LEGISLATION**
- 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.
 - 2nd Reading, Adoption
 - An Ordinance Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation to the General Fund for Public Works Expenditures (FY 2026)
 - 1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules
 - 2nd Reading, Adoption
 - A Resolution Creating a Tenant Advisory Board to Provide Advice, Recommendations, and Other Needed Advisory Services to the City Council on Matters Affecting Tenants and Rental Housing within The City of Greenbelt
 - 1st Reading
 - A Resolution Requesting Prince George's County Department of Public Works & Transportation (DPW&T) Expansion of Capital Bikeshare Service Area in Greenbelt
 - 1st Reading

- OTHER BUSINESS**
- Discussion: Recognition Group Policy Draft
 - Indian Creek Park Master Plan for Council Acceptance
 - Policy Discussion: Landscaping and Playground Maintenance Agreements with HOAs and Private Property Owners
 - Discussion: City Council Sub-committee Working Group(s)
 - Council Reports
 - Council Activities
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- This agenda is subject to change. For the most up-to-date agenda, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipalTV or call (301) 474-8000.

GREENBELT STANDPIPE 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.

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



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.

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.

HELP MOVE FRESH FOOD FROM HARVEST TO HOME

Volunteers Needed for the Greenbelt Grows Harvest Hub

Greenbelt Grows is looking for volunteers to help collect and distribute fresh food to Greenbelt families. Through the Harvest Hub, locally grown and donated produce is collected from the Greenbelt Farmers Market, Greenbelt Co-op, community gardeners, and partners to be distributed to residents in our community.

We need volunteers for two important teams:

- **Food Collection Team (Sundays)**
Help collect donated produce from the Farmers Market and Co-op, bring food to the Harvest Hub, and prepare food for distribution.
- **Food Distribution Team (Tuesdays)**
Help organize and distribute fresh produce from the Harvest Hub to Greenbelt residents and families.

No gardening experience is needed. Just bring a willingness to help your neighbors and strengthen food access in Greenbelt. Give a few hours. Help feed a neighbor. Strengthen our community.

Sign up to volunteer at www.greenbeltmd.gov/GreenbeltGrows

Learn more at GreenbeltGrows.org.

Greenbelt Grows | Harvest Hub
Growing food. Sharing abundance. Feeding community.

POOCH PLUNGE

Saturday, September 12 from 12 - 2 pm
Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center

Greenbelt Animal Services and The Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center would like to invite you and your dog to Pooch Plunge 2026!

Entry is \$10 per dog. Exact Cash Only! One dog per handler and handlers must be 18 years or older.

Must show proof of current rabies vaccination to enter. Tags are not sufficient!

50 dogs max for the session. First come, first serve. No handlers allowed in the pool. Swimming with dogs is not allowed.

Pre-registration is preferred but not required!

To pre-register, email animalservices@greenbeltmd.gov.



GREENBELT STORYWALK COMMUNITY FEEDBACK SURVEY

In Collaboration with the Prince George's County Library System and the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE), the Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB) is gathering community feedback to help inform a recommendation to City Council about the future of the StoryWalk. Your responses are anonymous and will help us understand how the community values this resource.

<https://forms.office.com/r/mLfbDhbkPA>



UPCOMING NATURE EVENTS

Birding 101
Saturday, September 19 from 7:30 - 9:30 am
Buddy Attick Park, 555 Crescent Rd

Join Public Works Operations Manager, Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll, and the Greenbelt Park Rangers for an introductory birding tour around Greenbelt Lake.



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

GREENBELT CITY CALENDAR

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



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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

September Artful Afternoon
9/13, 1:30-2:30pm (Springhill Lake Recreation Center.) Create a storytelling collage with artist Melissa Sites. All supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring your own photos, paper or other keepsakes to include. Sign up at: sugeni.us/eylm.

Friends & Family: Felted Fall Garland 9/18; 5:30-7pm (Greenbelt Community Center) This workshop is great for participants of all ages, and no experience is necessary! Adults and teens ages 12+ can learn to needle felt 2 dimensional shapes. Children under 12 can cut out wool felt, or learn to make pom poms. Registration required- see page 22 of the Fall Activity Guide. \$5/\$10.

MORE ARTS HAPPENING SOON

- **Art Studio Open House & Sale** (Greenbelt Community Center) Part of the Artful Afternoon on 10/4, 1-4pm. Sign up to participate in a hands-on art workshop: sugeni.us/Ubb7
- **Wild Rumpus Art Build and Dance Number** (Greenbelt Community Center.) Participate in fun, free art activities leading up to our annual Halloween celebration in Roosevelt Center (10/30)! Sign up at sugeni.us/U2uy; use the tabs at the top to navigate between activities.
- **September Art Share** 9/18; 7-8pm (Greenbelt Community Center) Sign up: sugeni.us/eytm

GREENBELT CARES

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!

NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Sunday, September 13 1:30 - 2:30 pm
Springhill Lake Recreation Center

Enjoy a fun afternoon of playing at the park, snacks, and a free for all-ages art workshop! Create a storytelling collage with artist Melissa Sites. All supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring your own photos, paper or other keepsakes to include.

For more information contact: Priya Gardner Lemieux
Email pgardner@greenbeltmd.gov or call 240 542 2056

School News

PGCPS Transportation Town Hall

School Transportation Problems Continued into Week Three

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

On Wednesday, September 2, in the middle of the second week of school, Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) held a Telephone Town Hall on transportation. Those present included Superintendent Shawn Joseph, Chief Operating Officer Charoscar Coleman and Acting Director of Transportation Mark Fossett, among others. A live poll revealed that in that second week of school 82 percent of those who responded reported continuing transportation issues.

Joseph opened with an apology and acceptance of responsibility, saying, "The first week of school was unacceptable for too many of our families." Joseph said they had not understood early enough the magnitude of the routing challenges facing PGCPS and had a backlog of approximately 10,000 students without bus assignments at the start of the school year. However, Joseph acknowledged that assigning routes to students would not mean all transportation issues would be solved. "Transportation is not fixed because a child's name appears in a computer system," said Joseph, noting families would judge whether their children had transportation by whether a bus showed up and took their children to school safely, within a reasonable time and if they could reach someone when things went wrong.

Joseph noted the implications for equity. "Transportation isn't an operational function. Transportation is access to an instructional issue and therefore transportation is an equity issue," he said.

Priorities

Coleman then laid out three stated priorities: completing transportation assignments; stabilizing routes, making transportation more reliable and addressing excessive ride times where possible; and customer service, improving communication with families. For the latter, Coleman announced a new email address to handle bus concerns: bushelp@pgcps.org. "We have heard about unanswered calls, requests without timely follow-up and families who did not know where to turn when transportation failed. That must improve. Beginning now, families with unresolved transportation concerns can email bushelp@pgcps.org," said Coleman. He promised receipt of emails would be acknowledged within 24 hours, though acknowledgment didn't mean it would be resolved within 24 hours. "A ticket number is not a solution. A call back after the crisis has passed is not a solution," said Coleman.

Coleman said the maximum ride time the county aims for is 90 minutes and those routes are generally for specialty programs that serve a larger geographic area. He said they were focused on reducing ride times because some are currently far too long.

Coleman also directed families to use the Chipmunk app for bus location and status and directed those who needed to cor-



Traffic on Good Luck Road near the DKFI and Robert Goddard schools on the morning of August 31

rect home or daycare addresses to work with schools rather than the department of transportation.

Responses to Live Poll

A live poll asked those on the line how transportation was going in week two compared to the first week of school. Thirty-five percent said service remains delayed or travel times too long, 23 percent said improved but minor delays remain, 18 percent said issues were fully resolved and on time and 24 percent said they still had no complete bus assignment. There was no option for worsening experiences.

"Trust is restored when tomorrow morning is better than yesterday morning," said Joseph.

Greenbelters Experience

One of the callers to the telephone townhall was a Greenbelt Elementary School parent who reported that his child was in a non-transportation zone, ineligible for a bus but didn't have a safe passage to school and would have to cross a main road. Coleman advised that elementary school students within 1.5 miles of a school and secondary school students within two miles are not assigned buses because they are deemed to live within a walking zone. However, if the walk is unsafe due to lack of sidewalks or hazards, that designation can be reassessed. Coleman advised the parent to email bushelp@pgcps.org.

At the start of the third week of school Greenbelt students waiting for transportation to Robert Goddard and Dora Kennedy French Immersion (DKFI) still did not have a permanent bus driver or tracking for their route on Chipmunk, and children again arrived at their schools after the start of classes on Tuesday, September 8.

Greenbelter David Lilly reported that Chipmunk was working

for him but children were being dropped off in dangerous locations. On Tuesday that improved, he said, with his child being dropped on the correct side of the street after three complaints.

Angela Frazier expressed concern about the safety of walkers at the temporary site of Springhill Lake Elementary School (SHLES). That school is located at the former DKFI site for the next two years. Frazier described Edmonston Road as a "dangerous walk." Unlike DKFI, SHLES has a student population overwhelmingly comprised of walkers. "I see kids walking their siblings or riding scooters. We forget about hidden driveways and lack of sidewalks to [the] old Dora Kennedy that is now Springhill Lake Elementary[s] temporary home," said Frazier.

The author has two children currently attending DKFI.

Fierce Storms Closed County Schools Sept. 4

Students didn't have to wait long for the first unscheduled school closure of the year and added a fourth day to their long Labor Day weekend. All Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) were closed Friday, September 4, due to early morning storms that left a large number of

schools and offices without power. PGCPS reported that downed trees and power lines were impacting recovery efforts.

At 5:47 a.m. Friday, 30 schools in the county were reportedly without power, though none in Greenbelt.



Cub scouts have fun in the Parade.



PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Meetings of the GHI Board of Directors

on September 17, 2026

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

- a) Approve Minutes of the GHI Closed Meeting Held on July 16, 2026
- b) Approve Minutes of the GHI Closed Meeting Held on July 30, 2026
- c) Contract Matters
- d) Member Matters
- e) Financial Matters

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

- a) Approve Minutes of the GHI Open Meeting Held on July 16, 2026
- b) Approve Minutes of the GHI Open Meeting Held on July 30, 2026
- c) Woodland Committee Bamboo Report
- d) 2026-2027 Strategic Plan Facilitator Report
- e) Motion to Hold a Closed Meeting on October 1, 2026

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

- a) Approve Minutes of the GDC Closed Meeting Held on July 30, 2026
- b) Legal Matters
- c) Contract Matters

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/91234567890>

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



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A Review

The Rude Mechanicals Present The Lion in Winter at GAC

by Melissa Sites

An old king plans for his succession by choosing between his three offspring – but this is not a production of Shakespeare’s King Lear. Instead, it’s a faithful staging of The Lion in Winter by James Goldman, directed by Stephen Cox, presented by the Rude Mechanicals in residence at Greenbelt Arts Center.

The Arts Center is transformed by gorgeous tapestries and medieval music into a royal Christmas court in 1183 – not a sweet family occasion, but a recipe for disaster based on the true history of Henry II, Richard the Lionheart, Prince John and Geoffrey, Duke of Monmouth. Complicating the family dynamics even further than these princes jockeying for power, are the imprisoned Queen Eleanor of Aquitaine and the young mistress Alais, whose little brother is King Philip II of France. Goldman’s tightly written script is rife with shifting alliances and double crosses. Every word is meant to deceive or wound, and the Rudes wield this pervasive interpersonal cruelty with finesse.

King Henry (Alan Duda) is an older king, overpowered by his emotions: attachment to his mistress and his youngest son, disdain for his wife and his other two sons. Duda gives Henry an inward dignity, even as the King’s actions reveal a man with no true moral compass.

Queen Eleanor of Aquitaine (Jaki Demarest) was one of history’s most powerful women, yet she spends this play under house arrest. Demarest gives an amazing performance as a vibrant, intelligent, yet thwarted woman who is trying to make the best of her situation.

Alais (Maddie Tinsley-Hayward) is a powerless princess, desperate to stay in her relationship with Henry. She brings a soft yet insistent, tragic energy to the play. Of all the characters, she seems to be the one most pushed about by fortune, yet trying her hardest to determine her own fate.

The three Plantagenet sons, Richard the Lionheart (Tone Arce), Geoffrey of Monmouth (Lucian Clarkwallis) and John (Charlie Suchi) each display their own distinct set of character flaws within this dysfunctional family. Richard is played almost as a brute, threatening and violent. Geoffrey is clearly intelligent but distorted by bitterness and family schemes. John is childish and spoiled, clearly the least ready to rule of anyone.

King Philip of France (Sarah Pfanz) seems to be the capable ruler in the play, despite being younger and relatively inexperienced. Pfanz brings calm self-assurance to the young French King. The contrast between Philip’s inner grace and the messy Plantagenets reveals that too much is at stake for any of them to have a nice, normal life.

The Rudes are presenting The Lion in Winter as a prelude to upcoming history plays based on Falstaff, Queen Margaret and Richard II.

The Lion in Winter runs September 4 to 19. Sunday, September 13 is a mask-required matinee. Buy tickets at greenbeltartscenter.org.



Alais (Maddie Tinsley-Hayward) with Queen Eleanor (Jaki Demarest)



Queen Eleanor (Jaki Demarest) and King Henry II (Alan Duda)

- Photos courtesy The Rude Mechanicals



COMING SOON!!! THREE CUTIES!!



Nala (female gray/white) and her brothers Tigger and Simba (gray tabbies) are looking for their forever homes.

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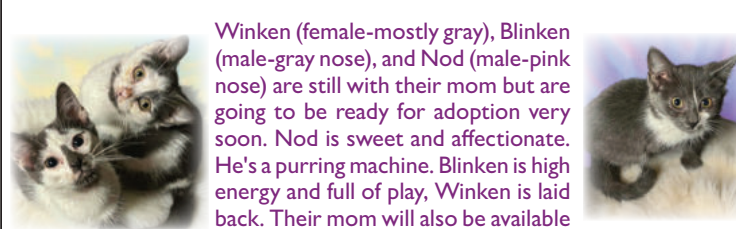
COMING SOON!!! THE BOYS!!



Misty, Dusty and Frosty are growing up fast. They need forever homes.

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COMING SOON!!! WE NEED HOMES!!



Winken (female-mostly gray), Blinken (male-gray nose), and Nod (male-pink nose) are still with their mom but are going to be ready for adoption very soon. Nod is sweet and affectionate. He's a purring machine. Blinken is high energy and full of play, Winken is laid back. Their mom will also be available for adoption.

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Celebrate International Observe the Moon Night



Rain or shine on Saturday, September 19 from 6 to 9 p.m. the Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) Visitor Center will host an event with interactive hands-on activities, a moon art gallery, presentations, lunar and astronomical observing with telescopes, and the opportunity to see a real Apollo 14 moon rock. Discover what it took to make the historic Artemis II mission to the moon a success. Plus, learn about the groundbreaking research happening at GSFC as the secrets of the moon, our solar system, the galaxy and the universe beyond are uncovered. For questions, email gsfc-visitor-center@mail.nasa.gov or call 301-286-8981.

There will be free parking at the Visitor Center. Overflow park-

ing will be available as will a shuttle to and from the overflow lot. Registration is not needed for this free, family-friendly event but will help in planning. Registration is available at <https://tinyurl.com/4c7vkzmk>. Note that this event may be filmed and/or photographed for NASA use.

Alternate Celebrations

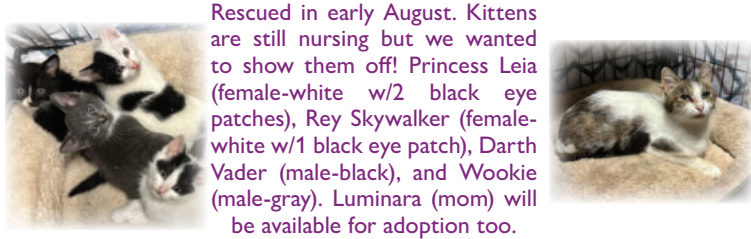
Can't make it to GSFC? Join observers all over the world in celebrating Earth's moon through direct observations, hands-on activities, lunar-themed music, artwork and more. Participate by hosting or attending an event, observing the moon with family or friends or on your own. There are in-person and virtual events all over the world: learn more and register at go.nasa.gov/ObserveTheMoon.



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A butterfly samples a blossom.

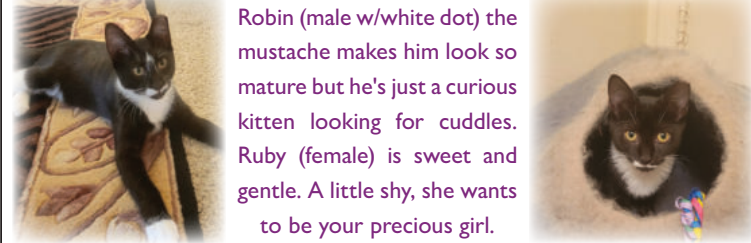
COMING SOON!!! STAR WARS BABIES!!



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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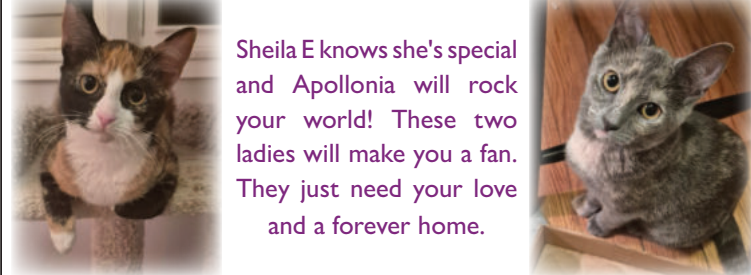
LET'S PLAY!! ADOPT US!!



Robin (male w/white dot) the mustache makes him look so mature but he's just a curious kitten looking for cuddles. Ruby (female) is sweet and gentle. A little shy, she wants to be your precious girl.

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ADOPT US, WE'RE STARS!!



Sheila E knows she's special and Apollonia will rock your world! These two ladies will make you a fan. They just need your love and a forever home.

Contact: GREENBELT.TNR@GMAIL.COM

GREENBELT CUTIES!!



Kimchi (boy) and Pepper (girl with white bib) are looking for forever homes.

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Festival's Information Day Explains Greenbelt's Spice Cabinet

by Lynne Slater

Hoping to increase awareness of their ideas, goals and activities, recruit new members or develop future clients, nearly 60 exhibitors set up booths in Roosevelt Center on Saturday, September 5, to share information about their organizations at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival's annual Information Day. Some groups handed out factual or explanatory brochures, some pens or pencils, others tote bags, key chains or can sleeves inscribed with their logo so visitors would remember their name and by association their message and/or get in touch later. A quick survey revealed political organizations, social and hobby clubs, religious and educational institutions, music and theater groups, financial institutions, city government and some commercial ventures in attendance.

Greenbelt residents Anna Socrates and Stephen Holland, who collected a tote bag full of literature, come to Information Day every year. Socrates told the News Review that they love "the variety of experiences offered in Greenbelt – and love being able to see so much in one place. We meet people, see old friends and replenish our collection of pens." Holland added that it's "really the beginning of the Utopia Film Festival – the brochures come out." Rosie Weaver also comes to Information Day every year. She "loves to see everyone and learn what's going on in Greenbelt." She observed that while she's "never been drawn into a group, she likes learning about what they are doing."

On the other hand, Madeline Henderson signed up for a Scottish Country Dance class as a result of last year's Information Day; this year, she is tabling the booth. Henderson loves dancing. "It's exercise and mental work. You have to pay attention to everyone else. It doesn't get stale." The dance club meets at the Community Center where they hold beginner and advanced classes as well as a Valentine's Day dance. Ann Dempsey, another club member, pointed out that you can join "without a partner or a kilt."

Last year at Information Day, Peter Teuben and Rex Wingerter conceived the Greenbelt Photography Club. Through a casual conversation, they realized that they shared an interest in photography and could learn from each other. This year, they represent a group of 25 photographers that meets in the GATe studio at the Community Center to share knowledge and information about photography. They meet at 7:30 p.m. on the last Thursday of the month. The club is also sponsoring a benefit project for the Greenbelt Museum. A curated collection of photographs to be taken in Greenbelt throughout the month of September will be published in book form. For details on the project email Peter Teuben at teuben@gmail.com. Submission forms can be found at tinyurl.com/3bwr4vr5.

The Catholic Community of Greenbelt, represented by John Lippert and Jane Young, characterizes itself as "a more progressive and inclusive alternative to



David Shapiro and Carol Griffith talk with a customer at the News Review table at Information Day on Saturday, September 5.

the traditional American Catholic Church." They are seeking new members. They welcomed and engaged in open dialogue on social and theological issues with this reporter. However, located near the edge of the Festival they did not experience much interaction with Festival attendees.

Anne Gardner of the Greenbelt Community Orchestra told the News Review that they were having a "good day. Lots of people have come by to hear about our concerts." An oboist who joined last year, Samantha Schasberger, describes the orchestra as "a beautiful experience of coming together to make music." Their next concert of Holst's The Planets will be held on November 14 and 15 in the Community Center. The concerts are free to the public.

Mothers Out Front, a group new to Information Day, is a national advocacy group formed with a "parent's eye on the future," according to the group's representative Amy Thomas. Concerned about both AI and the climate, the local chapter's activism focuses on data centers and the impact of AI. Though their goals are future oriented, they are very aware of the present needs of their members. In order to enable mothers and other caretakers to participate in political activism all their meetings and events include child care.

A continuously rotating group of children played with the model rockets, while adults supervised and asked questions of

NARHAMS model rocketry members. Alex Mankevich said that he had just come from the model rocket launch event at the Goddard Space Flight Center Visitor Center that afternoon where about 250 kids participated. At Information Day, however, the club was specifically recruiting kids in grades 6 through 12 to participate in the American Rocketry Challenge, a national scholarship program for which the local group serves as a qualifying organization. In addition to running outreach programs, members build and launch their own rockets.

Children also played at the GHI Member Engagement Committee booth which sent bubbles into the atmosphere across from the Sunrise Caribbean Restaurant. When asked what the committee did, Casey Stoyell-Mulholland, its chair, told the News Review, "To have a village, you have to have villagers." The committee is seeking ways to more fully involve GHI members in their community. They were recruiting new members on Saturday; a number of signatures appeared on their email sign-up sheet.

There were a few periods during the afternoon when participation was sparse, but for the most part an enthusiastic and diverse crowd was actively engaged in dialogue with exhibitors, talking with friends or surveying the many booths. The day offered an astounding array of options for eschewing boredom and adding spice to life in Greenbelt.



Chuck poses for a photo at the booth for the Prince George's County Amateur Radio Emergency Service on Information Day.



From left, orchestra members Iris Nunn and Anne Gardner and conductor Caleb O'Neill staff the Greenbelt Community Orchestra table.



Christine Doran helps Sylvia and Silas with the News Review's state-of-the-art typewriter.

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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Labor Day Festival Fun



Stilt walker Greg May captivates children by making enormous bubbles on Saturday afternoon at the Festival.

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Enjoying the merry-go-round

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Musical performances continue all weekend.



A worker looks out from a food truck.

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Round Up

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A Snyder's Attractions worker at a game on the Festival midway

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The free face painting was very popular at the Festival this year. Here, Bambi paints the face of Nate, while Catie looks on.

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Bingo on Sunday

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2026 Photo Show Juried Winners And the Community Favorites



Adult and Teens Photo Show Juried Winners

- Buildings & Architecture**
1st - Chris Endozo, Sagrada Familia
2nd - Angela Shearer, Forgotten Gem
3rd - Steve Skolnik, Magnificent Church at Bologna, Italy
4th - Stephanie Calhoun, Silent Statue
- Flowers**
1st - Sean Kendall, Not a Bug! (Asiatic Day Flower bud)
2nd -Johanna Moore, Bee Balm Bloom
3rd - Theresa Henderson, Bee-utiful BARC
4th - Marni Siegel, Hawaiian Punch
- Greener Living in Greenbelt**
1st - Eva Choper, Enjoying Greenbelt Lake Park
- Landscapes - Sunrise/Sunset**
1st - Matthew Swanson, The View from Ecola
2nd - Michael Miller, Croatian Sunset
3rd - Madeline Henderson, Maine Sunset
4th - Erika Moore, Santorini's Shimmering Sea
- Landscapes and All Other**
1st -Lisa Stand, Background for a Bird
2nd - Rosalyn Alleman, Meteora Monastery (Greece)
3rd - Matthew Swanson, A Tlingit Story in the Forest
4th - Dinah Cohen, Mirador de Montaña
- Memories in Greenbelt**
1st - Dinah Cohen, Misty Morning at the Lake
2nd - Samantha Villanueva, Baby, You're A Firework
3rd - Andrea Jones, Ice Cream Haul at the Co-op
4th - Rita Sayer, Cooling Off in the Greenbelt Pool
- People, Photos of Children**
1st - Andrea Jones, On Their Terms
2nd - Ed Crowley, Up and Away
3rd -Brian Archibald, Matching Pairs
4th - Chelly Tavss, When Life Imitates Art at the Bata Shoe Museum
- People - Photos of Adults & Families**
1st - Lynne Slater, Lacemaker
2nd - Kenny Savercool, Cait
3rd - Rita Sayer, Great Grandaddy, Where are the Squirrels?
4th - Dale Holmes, Elf Queen
- Pets**
1st - Chelly Tavss, Picky Eaters
2nd - Abby Logsdon, Indy in Fairyland
3rd - Michael Cohen, Sir Robin Bucket
4th - Johanna Moore, Right Where I Belong
- Still Life/ Pictorial/ Abstract**
1st - Christine Doran, Diptych
2nd - Kevin Murphy, This Photo Could Have Many Revealing Titles
3rd - Madeline Henderson, Eclipse
- Those Who Serve and Protect Us**
1st - Mia Moore, Long-Awaited Embrace
2nd - Victoria Cheeseman, Serving With Pride
- Travel**
1st - Jeffrey Jones, Djúpivogur, Iceland
2nd - Owen Paterline, The World Ahead
3rd - Christine Doran, Il Girifalco, Cortona
4th - Rosalyn Alleman, Santorini Bug (Greece)
- Wild Animals and Nature**
1st - Peter Leibold, Peek-a-Bull
2nd - Owen Paterline, Adventure
3rd - Ginger Archibald, Tough Chick
4th - Theresa Henderson, Woodducks in a Row

Professional Photos

- 1st - Kenny Savercool, Rat Pack
2nd - Bianca Andersen, Andromeda Galaxy in True Color; 4 Hours
3rd - Bianca Andersen, Eagle Nebula in HOO; 2 Hours

Youth Photo Show (ages 12 and Under) Juried Winners

- Flowers**
1st - Maya Kenny, Mums
2nd - Victoria Lietz, Pink Rose
- Landscapes - Sunrise/Sunset**
1st - Victoria Leitz, Greenbelt Sunset
2nd - Evelyn Sage, Sunset In Waters
- Landscapes - All Other**
1st - Helen Sickie, Hiking on Hurricane Ridge, WA
2nd - Helen Sickie, A Day at Lake Crescent, WA
3rd - Margaret Archibald, Window View
4th - Elizabeth Archibald, Water
- Memories in Greenbelt**
1st - Evelyn Sage, Evening at the Lake
- Pets**
1st - Skylar Leisnham, Backyard Tiger
2nd - Gracyn Kahn, Kitty Kisses
- Still Life/Pictorial/Abstract**
1st - Margaret Archibald, Elsa's Book of Insects
2nd - Takeo Endozo, Hello
- Travel**
1st - Rio Endozo, Rides on the River
- Wild Animals and Nature**
1st - Maren O'Roark, Around the Corner of the Rock Maze
2nd - Emilia Loo, Blue Bird
3rd - Maren O'Roark, Mushroom with Bug
4th - Elizabeth Archibald, Geese

Community Favorites

- 1st Place: Peek-a-Bull by Peter Leibold
2nd Place: On Their Terms by Andrea Jones
3rd Place: Heron at Sunset by Mariana Guerrero
4th Place: Picky Eaters by Chelly Tavss

Second place community favorite: On Their Terms by Andrea Jones



- Photos courtesy the artists

First place community favorite: Peek-A-Bull by Peter Liebold



Third place community favorite: Heron at Sunset by Mariana Guerrero



Fourth place community favorite: Picky Eaters by Chelly Tavss



Festival Art & Photo Show

by Rachel Kebler

The Art and Photo Show displayed sculptures, photography and all sorts of other artwork in the Community Center gym from Saturday to Monday. Musical accompaniment was provided by the Greenbelt Orchestra and Concert

Band on Sunday, providing ambience as visitors wandered around and enjoyed local entries. Visitors were encouraged to vote for their favorite works. The winners were announced Monday afternoon.



Festivalgoers peruse the offerings at the Art and Photo Show.

PHOTO BY MATT PAYNE



Art and Photo Show

PHOTO BY MATT PAYNE

Storytelling Craft At Artful Afternoon

Guests of all ages are invited to create a storytelling collage at a free Artful Afternoon on Sunday, September 13 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. The workshop will be led by artist Melissa Sites. All supplies will be provided, but visitors should feel free to bring their own photos, paper or other keepsakes to include. Sign up at signupgenius.com/go/409084BABAB2BA4FF2-64824645-september#. Walk-ins will be welcome as space and supplies permit. September 13 is National Grandparents Day, so participants may wish to invite a loved one.

City of Greenbelt Arts programs are supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council. For additional program information, visit greenbeltmd.gov/arts.

Spirit of '76: Greenbelt At the Bicentennial

An exhibit at the Greenbelt Museum, 10-B Crescent Road, looks back at the U.S. 200th birthday as the nation now celebrates the 250th. The free exhibit is open Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. through November 22.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum, the Greenbelt Recreation Department and the City of Greenbelt.



Kick Gas



Go Electric



What: [Greenbelt's 5th Annual Electric Vehicle Event](#)

When: [Sun., 9/13, 12 Noon-3pm](#)

Where: [In the Greenbelt Library parking lot](#)

Talk with local Electric Vehicle (EV) owners

See their cars and ask about their EV experiences, EV costs, driving and charging an EV, types of EV chargers, etc.

* If you are an EV owner, and would like to show your vehicle or talk to visitors, please email John Lippert <ecolivingmag@aol.com>

This Event is sponsored by Greenbelt's Green Team & the City of Greenbelt.





Members of Greenbelt Concert Band play on stage during the Art and Photo Show.

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From left, Greenbelt Orchestra members Susan Stewart, Logan Finucan, Lauren Starosta, Iris Nunn and Jonathan Gordy perform a Brahms clarinet quintet.

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The Zookulele Collective plays at the Art and Photo Show on Saturday.

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Jim Cassels Award

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in 2024 and \$450K in 2025, according to Claggett. City Manager Josué Salmerón said council has not provided direction on whether the city should reimburse GHI for the expenses they have incurred. GHI would like to work with the city on a memorandum of understanding to clarify both GHI’s and the city’s responsibilities for future emergency pipe repairs.

Brodd asked for an update on the city’s plan to transfer the stormwater system to the county. Salmerón said the city currently is working on easement and transfer of a specific pipe with a long-term goal of transferring the entire system to the county. However, the county will not accept the system until it has been brought up to the county’s specifications on pipe diameter and condition. Salmerón said council was recently presented a study of the stormwater system, which identified areas where upgrades are needed, prioritizing areas where flow exceeds pipe capacity. Councilmember Frankie Fritz asked if there is an estimate of the cost to bring the system up to code. Salmerón said an engineering firm should be engaged to identify which pipes can be relined and which must be dug up and replaced before a cost estimate can be made. He lamented that the city had not addressed this issue years ago when costs would have been more reasonable. Mayor Emmett Jordan said he is interested in having the city collaborate with GHI on applying for grants to fund these infrastructure upgrades.

Water Supply Pipes

Brodd reported that, under a binding 1958 agreement, WSSC Water owns and maintains the water supply pipes up to the meter box at each GHI home. WSSC now wants the meters to be moved from homes to the street, which would require considerable additional piping that WSSC says GHI would be responsible for. Following an October 2025 meeting, in which city, county and state representatives expressed strong support for GHI resistance to WSSC’s proposal, GHI, with the support of a team of experts, is developing a plan to resolve the dispute, which began in 2008. Jordan offered that the city could convene a meeting with WSSC and GHI.

Cellphone Coverage

Brodd said there are still areas within the GHI community where cellphone reception is poor, and asked about efforts to improve coverage. Salmerón gave a brief overview of a new presentation by Diamond Communications on the wireless connectivity outlook for Greenbelt (see <https://tinyurl.com/2psvmy8h>), first thanking Constituent Services Coordinator

Gizelle Alvarez for engaging Diamond to identify coverage gaps and provide solutions. Diamond mapped cell coverage by the three major local carriers — AT&T, T-Mobile and Verizon — then implemented an optimization model to identify a site on city property that would significantly improve coverage. Diamond concluded that adding a 100’ tower at the fire station would improve reception for over 4,900 homes. If the city agreed to partner with them, Diamond would absorb the cost of building a tower and recoup their investment by charging the carriers a rental fee, which Diamond would share with the city. The city could specify a design for the tower, which could either go atop the building or stand alongside it.

Councilmember Silke Pope asked about Diamond’s success in marketing to carriers. Salmerón said he knew Verizon would be interested, and Alvarez added that Diamond said that usually when one carrier joins others follow. Diamond would like to enter into a site marketing agreement with the city, which would allow other sites to be considered if the carriers had preferences.

Resident Tom Jones thought that Diamond’s estimate of the homes that would benefit may be understated because the study was done with 4G cell service and 5G transmits further. He eagerly supported the proposal.

Resident Bill Orleans favored small towers or boxes atop utility poles rather than a tall tower and wanted the carriers, not the city or residents, to bear the cost. Councilmember Kristen Weaver said that in Diamond’s proposal there are no upfront costs to the city and the city would benefit by revenue sharing.

Councilmember Jenni Pompei thought Diamond should be invited to present their proposal at a town hall meeting with residents.

Historical Records

GHI has continued interest in storing their historical records at

the Greenbelt Museum, acknowledging that it’s not a possibility until the Museum’s new space becomes available.

Brodd said that GHI does not have a great volume of historical records but what they have is unique and GHI would like to both preserve them and make them accessible to researchers.

Jordan said the city simply doesn’t have the capacity to store them. Salmerón said he’d like council to consider storage space for historical documents, including the city’s own, when plans for the Armory are discussed further.

Orleans urged that a meeting be scheduled with the Greenbelt Library to discuss the Tugwell Room as the repository for both GHI’s and the city’s historical records.

Story Walk Signs

Brodd said that GHI wants the Library’s Story Walk signs to be relocated, believing the sharp-edged signs are a safety hazard for children using the playground or running or cycling down the sign-edged sidewalk on the steep hill behind the Museum. Brodd also said the signs detract from GHI’s historic landscape. Salmerón said that the Community Relations Advisory Board has an ongoing survey, linked to a QR code on Story Walk signs, that closes September 10 and will report on its findings at the September 30 worksession. Jordan suggested to Brodd that the QR code be shared with GHI residents. Salmerón said the Library would be happy to meet with council to discuss the project.

Street Lights

Both GHI and the city are interested in acquiring the street lights within their jurisdictions so they can change to LED lights and control light intensity and pole locations. Claggett said that GHI has completed an audit of street lights within the GHI community to identify which lights are GHI responsibility. Pepco has identified 83 light poles as GHI’s.

Claggett asked for an update on the city’s progress on street light acquisition. Salmerón said that Pepco, which was directed by the Public Service Commission (PSC) to create a system for municipalities to acquire their street lights, has yet to provide details on the acquisition process and cost, so the city has been unable to proceed. After a long delay Pepco inventoried the lights within Greenbelt. The city did their own survey to verify Pepco’s list, resulting in an \$89K credit for overbilling of lights in the city’s portfolio. Fritz asked if the city should engage the PSC to apply pressure on Pepco. Salmerón said that the city considered joining Chevy Chase Village in a suit against Pepco but chose not to, believing they will benefit from the outcome without being directly involved.

Building Purchase

Council congratulated GHI on the recent purchase of 121 Centerway by the Greenbelt Development Corporation (GDC), a GHI subsidiary. Brodd said that GDC had signed a lease with Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative (GCC) and soon will start renovating the vacant space on the lower level and seeking tenants. Sanders said there have been preliminary discussions with some local parties and hopes a city-based organization will be interested. Brodd said they may work with GCC on configuring some of the space for the supermarket’s use.

Fritz mentioned that he had attended a meeting with a Baltimore cooperative incubator and suggested it could be an attractive space for a non-Greenbelt cooperative to occupy.

Resident Lore Rosenthal was concerned about the “invisibility” of the vacant space, opening as it does to the street and parking area behind the building. Resident Konrad Herling urged that the property be viewed in the context of Roosevelt Center and that a review be made of meetings in 2001

that brought together the city, GHI, business owners, marketing professionals, residents and others in developing ideas to revitalize the Center.

SAYT

Weaver said the city plans to evaluate the Save As You Throw trash pickup program later this year but asked for GHI’s opinion of it. Claggett said that initial concerns were mitigated at a GHI town hall meeting and that once implemented the program has worked well for GHI residents, thanks in part to city Sustainability Coordinator Luisa Robles’ willingness to work with GHI residents who needed assistance.

GreenbeltPORCHPickups

The Greenbelt PORCH food collection schedule for September is listed below. Place food donations on porches by the time listed.

Saturday, September 12 — by 4 p.m. at 23 and 24 Courts Ridge Road

Sunday, September 13 — by 11 a.m. at 1-8 Courts Ridge Road, 1-8 Courts Crescent Road and 1-2 Courts Westway

Sunday, September 20 — by 3 p.m. for Boxwood Village, by 4 p.m. for 33 Court Ridge

Sunday, September 20 — by 4 p.m. for PAL (PORCH at large) members (including former Woodland Hills donors). Email Robert Goldberg-Strassler by noon on September 20 at spreadruak@gmail.com. He will come to your porch.

Saturday, September 26 — by 10 a.m. for Greenbelt East: Greenbrook Estates

Saturday, September 26 — by 9 a.m. for 14 and 15 Courts Laurel Hill

Sunday, September 27 — by 5 p.m. for Lakeside Drive

Sunday, September 27 — by 6 p.m. for 14 Court Ridge, 16 Court Ridge, 8 Court Southway and 10 Court Southway.

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Police Blotter

Incidents reported here occurred August 31 - September 6, 2026. Readers are encouraged to contact the police if they have information that may aid in an inquiry. Call the non-emergency number 301-474-7200 or email pd@greenbeltmd.gov. Times provided are when the incidents were reported.

Incident Summary

Greenbelt Police reported one death, one sexual assault and five domestic incidents, two resulting in arrest. A juvenile was reported missing after leaving a community event.

Armed Persons

On September 2 at 1:24 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a report of a person being chased with a knife was investigated. Security footage showed no knife or chase involving either party.

On September 6 at 8:05 p.m. near 6001 Springhill Drive, a driver was threatened with a handgun. Officers located the suspect vehicle; two juveniles were detained and the firearm investigation was referred to Prince George's County Police.

Assault

On September 1 at 1:54 p.m. near 7321 Hanover Parkway, a woman struck a man in the head and fled. The man reported no injury and the woman was not found.

On September 2 at 6:15 p.m. near 7501 Greenway Center Drive, someone was spit on and shoved during a dispute and later received threatening text messages. A subpoena will be requested to identify the sender.

Protective Order Violation/Burglary

On August 31 at 11:30 a.m. near 6158 Springhill Terrace, someone entered a residence after damaging the door, took a suitcase and then fled on foot and was not located. Charges will be requested.

Fraud

On September 1 near 7852 Walker Drive, a business check was fraudulently changed. Financial records were requested and the investigation is ongoing.

On September 1 near 5343 Stream Bank Lane, someone was deceived by persons impersonating authorities and lost over \$150,000 in fraudulent payments. Banking records were obtained and the investigation is ongoing.

Traffic Stop

On September 3 at 1:50 p.m. near 8950 Edmonston Road, a driver bypassed traffic control, ignored commands and fled from a traffic stop. Charges will be requested.

Theft and Shoplifting

On September 1 at 11:05 a.m. near 7595 Greenbelt Road, police detained a man after he took merchandise; he had an outstanding warrant and was arrested.

On September 4 at 6:17 a.m. near 7480 Greenway Center Drive, a duffle bag containing personal documents, cards and other property was taken.

On September 5 at 6:41 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, an electric scooter was reported stolen from a fitness center. Security footage showed a suspect leaving in a minivan.

Trespassing

On September 4 at 1:59 p.m. near 6114 Breezewood Drive, a man was found inside a vacant apartment, banned and escorted from the property.

Vehicle Crimes

Stolen Vehicles

Stolen vehicles included: on September 1 near 7718 Hanover Parkway, a black 2013 Nissan Altima; on September 3 near 5813 Cherrywood Lane, a 2014 Chevy Camaro (Va. TCX5609), and near 6980 Hanover Parkway, a gray 2019 Acura ILX; and on September 4 near 9111 Edmonston Road, a cargo van. A registration plate found nearby may be related to the investigation.

Stolen Vehicle Recovered

On August 31 near 9200 Edmonston Road, a stolen Hyundai Sonata was located with significant interior damage and broken windows.

Theft from Auto

On August 31 near 6101 Cherrywood Lane, a front license plate was stolen and the vehicle door lock was damaged, consistent with an attempted theft.

Vandalism to Auto

On September 2 near 6100 Breezewood Court, a vehicle was found with three slashed tires and both windshields damaged.

On September 6 near 157 Westway, a vehicle door handle was damaged.

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24/7 ALS units from Greenbelt and College Park.

“Our region has experienced significant instability in Fire/EMS staffing and deployment over the past several years, including the removal and restoration of career staffing and repeated changes to EMS and ALS resources. It is important that the current changes provide a stable and sustainable level of service rather than another redistribution of resources,” said the joint memo.

Managers from the four cities requested Greenbelt’s paramedic ambulance be relocated closer, in West Lanham Hills, if it must move, and also sought clarification regarding the six career personnel being assigned, including which apparatus they will staff, what coverage will be available after 3 p.m. and on weekends and if a 24-hour paramedic ambulance could remain permanently based in Greenbelt. “We continue to believe 24/7 career staffing at Station 835 is the appropriate long-term solution,” they stated.

They also requested the long-standing 24/7 ALS resource remain at College Park, “as it has for decades,” and if it must move, requested it be routinely deployed in the College Park area when available.

In addition, the managers expressed concern about the potential impact of the changes on the volunteer BLS ambulances in College Park and Berwyn Heights, asking if the current call volume and utilization had been studied to predict any likely increase in demand on the volunteer resources.

The city managers requested monitoring and sharing of monthly call volume, unit utilization and response data for the units after changes are implemented.

Response Time Data

Data obtained via a Maryland Public Information Act (MPIA) request by the Greenbelt News Review was received shortly before time of press on Tuesday (68 days after the MPIA was submitted – 38 days later than the response was due). Initial review shows an increase in response time for the Greenbelt area for every category with comparable data in June 2026 (the most recent month shared) compared to June 2024 and an increase in all but one category (rescue) for May 2026 compared to May 2024.

In June, both ALS and BLS average response times were above the eight-minute threshold PGFD

said they would aim to maintain at the removal of the career firefighters, averaging 8:39 and 9:57 respectively, both of which had been under eight minutes on average in June 2024. In fact, average BLS response times were over eight minutes every month this year, the longest being 11:11 in January. Average ALS response times were above eight minutes in all months except March (6:37) and May (7:57).

Look for our reporting on the response time data in an upcoming article as well as news of the court case over the firefighters removal, which is set to be heard in Annapolis on Thursday, September 10. Speaking to the News Review on Tuesday, Salmerón did not appear overly optimistic as he, along with leaders from Berwyn Heights and College Park, prepared to present the cities’ case against County Executive Aisha Braveboy’s legal team.

City Notes

Labor Day Festival preparations dominated activities. Public Information promoted the Festival throughout the metropolitan area and Horticulture trimmed and protected trees and plantings along the parade route. Street Maintenance crews built booths and distributed barrels and Facilities Maintenance installed lighting and outlets in booths. The Community Center hosted activities, Arts provided a respite area with quiet crafts, and Therapeutic Recreation offered accessible activities. The Museum welcomed visitors for tours and hosted the Retro Town Fair.

Doctors Hospital Loses Access To Phones, Website and More

On Friday, September 4, Luminis Health reported the organization was the victim of a cyber incident by an unauthorized criminal actor. The investigation is ongoing, says Luminis and their teams are working around the clock, with the assistance of leading third-party experts, to safely restore affected systems as quickly as possible, they reported Friday.

Luminis hospitals, which include Doctors Hospital in Lan-

ham, the closest hospital to Greenbelt, remain open, but their phone system and MyChart software have been unavailable since the attack.

Information for Patients

Patients with questions about upcoming appointments or scheduled services should call 443-222-0193 for the latest information.

Information from Luminis’ website and social media.



A little green heron at Greenbelt Lake

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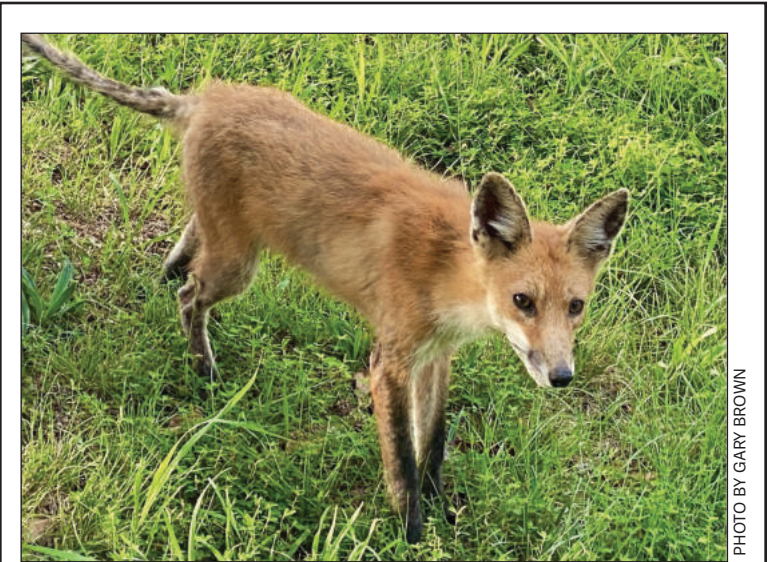
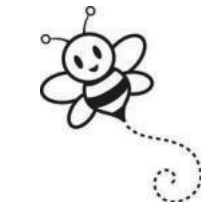


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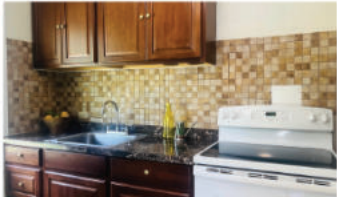
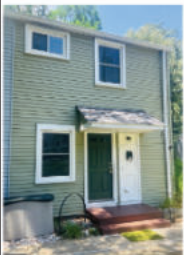
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Greenbelter Annie Haber and the News Review at the Obama Presidential Center in Chicago

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Riley and Maya Kenny in front of the Saugatuck Chain Ferry, which connects Saugatuck, Mich., and Douglas, Mich., across the Kalamazoo River. The ferry is the last operational hand-cranked chain ferry in the United States.

PHOTO BY ED KENNY



Callum, Euan and Emmeline Bedford-Dillow in Cyprus in August

PHOTO BY ANNA BEDFORD-DILLOW

Greenbelt WON — Making Gathering Together Easy Again

by Robert Goldbert-Strassler

Civic engagement has changed dramatically over the past 20 years, leaving many communities feeling less connected and more polarized. Yet researchers and community organizers increasingly point to a simple, joyful antidote: bringing neighbors back together. Sometimes, the most powerful solution really is a block party.

With Neighbors launched (withneighbors.org) one year ago as a national call to action rooted in that belief. The idea is refreshingly straightforward: support neighbors in hosting gatherings that spark connection, belonging and fun. More than 20 cities and towns have already embraced the model, investing in celebrations that strengthen community from the ground up.

And soon, Greenbelt will join them.

Mister Rogers used to ask, “Won’t you be my neighbor?” To him, a good neighbor was someone who takes care of the people around them. Mister Rogers spent decades teaching that a neighborhood is something we build together, through the choices we make and the support we give, again and again.

Organized by RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness), the Greenbelt WON (With Our Neighbors) project seeks to give out up to 40 micro grants to help neighbors to gather this fall.

All Greenbelt residents, regardless of age, can apply to receive a \$50 to \$75 Greenbelt WON micro grant to gather their neighbors between October and November 2026. The application is designed to be easy, simple and a low-lift for anyone wishing to host a gathering of any kind. Dance party at a local park? Moon bounce in your backyard? Pizza party at the playground? Donuts at the Dog Park? Group camp out at Greenbelt Park? You get the idea.

Hosts can submit their ideas for gathering at bit.ly/Greenbelt WON (don’t forget the space before WON) through a simple application form until September

30. Hosts selected for the program will be quickly notified and receive a cash gift card to use for expenses. Gatherings will need to be held in the months of October and November. Hosts will also be asked to share a report of how their funds were used along with photos before the end of the year.

Dozens of gatherings in a month. Hundreds of neighbors coming together for fun and connection. So many ideas for new ways to come together.

This program is funded by neighbors through the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket Round-Up Program. Don’t forget to check out the application at bit.ly/Greenbelt WON and share it with neighbors. Make a plan to party this Fall with Greenbelt WON.

Calling All Owners Of Electric Vehicles

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.

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.



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This year’s Labor Day Parade was spectacular, as usual, and perhaps more full than usual with politicians during an election year. The judges had a tough slate of creative and talented parade entries to choose from. Below are those they found most prize-worthy.

- Best in Parade**
Greenbelt Honk! Situation: \$400 and Trophy
- Best in Parade Fire-Emergency**
Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department Antique Truck: \$100 and Trophy
First runner up Fire-Emergency
Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department: \$50
- Best in Parade Car**
College Park/Greenbelt Rotary Club 56 Red Belair: \$100 and Trophy
First runner up Car
Greenbelt Swim Team Shark Truck: \$50
- Most Humorous**
Cub Scout Pack 202: \$100 and Trophy
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Greenbelt Nursery School: \$50
- Best Pet Unit**
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- Best Performing Group**
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Monumental City Ancient Fife & Drum Corps: \$200
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Girls Scouts of the Nation’s Capital: \$50
- Best Theme**
Town Center Realty: \$200 and Trophy
First runner up Theme
DuVal High School Marching Tiger Band: \$100
- People’s Choice**
Ruff Ridaz Performance Percussion Squad: \$100 and Trophy
First runner up People’s Choice
GHI Bicycle Committee: \$50
- Best Community**
Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team: \$200 and Trophy
First runner up Community
Eleanor Roosevelt High School Cheerleaders: \$100
- Most Entertaining**
Shay Fierce Dance Academy: \$100 and Trophy
First runner up Entertaining
Greenbelt Youth Baseball Little League: \$50



The Eleanor Roosevelt High School cheerleaders participate in the Labor Day Parade on September 7.



U.S. Senator (Md.) Angela Alsobrooks in the Parade



Members of the Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team march with jellyfish as part of their underwater theme.



Greenbelt City Council members ride a vintage fire truck.



The Ruff Ridaz Percussion Squad performs.



The Greenbelt Honk! Situation performs during the Parade.