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An Interview with the 2026 Outstanding Citizen

Lambright-Davis Lives a Life Of Intentional Service: “Be About It”

by Gloria Walters-Flowers

Greenbelt’s 2026 Outstanding Citizen, Carolyn Lambright-Davis, may be small in stature, but the energy and passion she displays when talking about her life, volunteerism and love for Greenbelt seem to burst from her frame. It makes one wonder where she finds the energy to nurture the community’s young people, dig in the dirt and promote literacy — often while encouraging others to get involved alongside her.

A longtime Greenbelt resident, Lambright-Davis moved from Washington, D.C. seeking better educational opportunities for her daughter. During her 15 years in Greenbelt, she has found ways not simply to keep busy, but to make a difference in the community she now calls home.

A Family Tradition

Lambright-Davis traces much



Carolyn engages with participants of Earth Squad at Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

of her commitment to service to her father, whose final teaching position was at the School Without Walls in Washington. “Wherever you live, you get involved!” she recalls him saying. It is a lesson she has carried with her.

Lambright-Davis taught life skills for 10 years in northern

Prince George’s County and now incorporates some of those same lessons into her work with young people in the Earth Squad after-school and summer programs at Springhill Lake Recreation Center (SHLRC).

Her connection to the earth, however, came by a somewhat different route. She grew up in the city; her husband, Bill, grew up on a farm. With a smile in her voice, she describes their partnership: “He carries the heavy things, and I dig in the dirt. Bill is more laid-back, while I’m — what can I say?

— loud. But that’s what made our 39-year marriage work.”

Intentional

Intentional is an important

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Greenbelt Elementary School’s New Principal Latasha Dorsey

by Carol Chastang



Principal Dorsey with Greenbelt Elementary’s new book vending machine

Latasha Dorsey was ten years old when she saw firsthand how an elementary school system unwittingly failed a special needs student.

Her brother, Clements, who is one year older, had a learning disability and was held back a grade.

“It broke my heart when he was held back, and I caught up to him in third grade,” Dorsey said. “He stayed back another year, and then I went to middle school

and left him behind in elementary school.” By then, she was two grades ahead of her brother.

Clements struggled to read and was later diagnosed with dyslexia. Dorsey, who grew up in a single-parent home in Abbeville, Louisiana, became her older brother’s tutor.

She spent time with Clements, doing phonics, breaking down the

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Unionization: A Fraught Topic For All Sides at Council Session

by Cathie Meetre

In the September 14 meeting of the Greenbelt City Council, ongoing issues relating to the previously authorized unionization of city workers, mostly with Public Works, came into focus. The city had received notice of legal action by the union alleging illegal practices by Public Works managers aimed at dissuading workers from joining the union.

A Litany of Concerns

Union organizer Trent Leon-Lierman came to the podium during the Petitions and Requests section of the meeting, followed by several more residents who continued the discussion in turn. Other matters during this regular council meeting will be reported in a subsequent article.

What Goes On

Monday, September 28, 7:30 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building
Wednesday, September 30, 7:30 p.m., Council Worksession: Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB), Municipal Building

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

Recently, council changed the city charter to permit unionization beyond that of the police (see the July 23 issue). In reference to this, Leon-Lierman quoted the experiences of Michael Canavan, one of the Public Works employees who has shared his experiences in the past and been a vocal proponent of a union to represent workers in the city (see the September 11, 2025 issue).

Mutual Trust

Leon-Lierman pointed out that the city has now engaged, at

considerable taxpayer expense, a law firm to represent it in its negotiations with the union. He characterized the law firm as anti-union and wondered why the city would pay for this service when the union representative, Leon-Lierman himself, was willing to sit down and negotiate in good faith with the city. Referring to the city manager familiarly by his first name, Leon-Lierman asked, rhetorically, why the city manager

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Save BARC yard sign

The deadline to shutter operations at Beltsville Agricultural Center (BARC) loomed large this month. On September 1, a federal judge declined to rule for an injunction on the reorganization of BARC, finding it wasn’t relevant to the initial case. However, on September 8, the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE), along with a coalition of

others, including Prince George’s County, filed a new dedicated lawsuit to challenge the restructuring — AFGE et al. v. USDA et al. Last week, on Monday, September 14, a federal judge issued a stay. For many employees that means a pause on instructions to report to a new location by October 5.

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PHOTO BY C.E. READY

After the Kennedy Center protest on September 18, the crowd remains until late, gathered in front of an entrance shrouded by tarps. See story on page 16.

October 13 Deadline for Online Or Mail Voter Registration

Tuesday, October 13 is the last day to register to vote using online registration. Mail-in registrations must be postmarked on or before October 13.

Where to Register

Register to vote through online registration here: voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineVoterRegistration/InstructionsStep1

Download an application and find instructions on registering by mail here: elections.maryland.gov/voter_registration/application.html

Not sure if you're registered? Review voter information here: voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch

You can also register to vote during early voting or on Election Day. Residents can go to an early voting center in the county during early voting or their assigned election-day polling place and bring a document proving where they live. Valid proof of residence includes an MVA-issued license, ID card, change of address card or a paycheck, bank statement, utility bill or other government document showing name and address.



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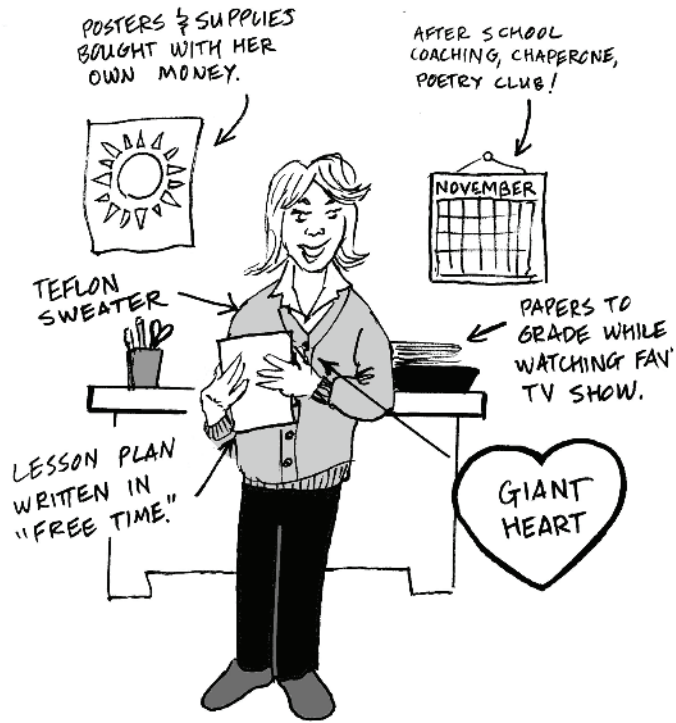
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THE LIFE OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER



Pete Reppert

- News Review, November 15, 2018



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A great blue heron takes off with a fish in its beak at Greenbelt Lake.

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On Screen at Greenbelt Cinema

Primetime

In 2006, To Catch a Predator host Chris Hansen sets out to make television history. Said critic Raphael Abraham of the Financial Times, "A headline draw is the presence of Robert Pattinson, who duly delivers with a darkly mesmerizing performance as the host of the hit mid-2000s NBC show To Catch a Predator."

You Had to Be There

Martin Short, Eugene Levy, Gilda Radner, Victor Garber, Paul Shaffer and other entertainment icons got their start in a 1972 Toronto production of the musical Godspell. Featuring interviews with the surviving cast members, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Mike Myers and more, the film recounts a pivotal moment in comedy history, in hilarious, moving and inspiring detail. Produced by Judd Apatow.

Shaun the Sheep: The Beast of Mossy Bottom

All is well at Mossy Bottom Farm, except for the fact that the animals will do anything to get out of work. So, Shaun the sheep and his scheming friends devise a plan to put their master to sleep. However, the ruse backfires when the poor farmer finds himself transported to the big city, having lost his memory. Now, it's up to Shaun, Timmy the lamb, Shirley the ewe and the rest of the gang to travel to the metropolis and get him back, while not landing in even more trouble themselves.

Exhibition on Screen: James McNeill Whistler

Directed by David Bickerstaff, this documentary explores the life and work of the boldly experimental, famously witty artist James McNeill Whistler, a contemporary of the Impressionists admired by Van Gogh and Manet. Made in close collaboration with Tate Britain and drawing on its landmark retrospective, the film traces Whistler's pursuit of "art for art's sake," from his most celebrated painting, Arrangement in Grey and Black No. 1, to the scandals and provocations that defined his career. This film is a vivid portrait of the man behind one of art history's most recognizable images.

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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).

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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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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 29, 12:15 p.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at pgcmls.info/event/16918624.
Wednesday, September 30, 12:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at pgcmls.info/event/16918582.
Thursday, October 1, 10:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2. Register at pgcmls.info/event/17137870.

Get Active: Ride and Read

Thursday, October 1, 11 a.m., ages 16+. Get moving and have fun at the Library. Sign up for an hour ride on a stationary bike with great free apps from PGCMLS like Libby, Kanopy and Hoopla to enjoy while working out. Participants must be 16 or older, sign a waiver before beginning to ride and be wearing loose-fitting clothing and closed-toe shoes. Register at pgcmls.info/event/17241691.



English, Spanish Story Time, SHL Rec Center

On Friday, October 9 at 10:30 a.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness (RUAK) with the Prince George's County Memorial Library System will present engaging, lively stories and activities in English and Spanish for young children and their caregivers to help build early literacy skills. This monthly program is an introduction to reading aloud to children as a way to instill a love of literature. After the readings, children can stay and play with balls in the gym. There will be free children's books and free healthy nutritious snacks. Come, and spread the word to friends and family.

Los Niños Leen y Juegan

El viernes 9 de octubre a las 10:30 a.m. en el Centro Recreativo de Springhill Lake, RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness) con el Sistema de Bibliotecas Conmemorativas del Condado de Prince George's presentarán interesantes historias y actividades divertidas en inglés y español para niños pequeños y sus cuidadores, para ayudar a desarrollar las habilidades de alfabetización temprana. Este programa mensual es una introducción a la lectura en voz alta a los niños como forma de inculcar el amor por la literatura. Después de las lecturas, los niños pueden quedarse y jugar con pelotas en el gimnasio. Habrán libros infantiles gratis y aperitivos saludables y nutritivos. Como dijo un padre al irse, "Fue muy bueno!" Unete a nosotros, y corra la voz a amigos y familiares.

Français, s'il Vous Plaît New Fall Locations

The French conversation group meets every Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. They meet the first Thursday of every month at the New Deal Café. The rest of the Thursday meetings are in Room 109 of the Community Center. All ages and all levels of proficiency are welcome.

Board of Ed. District 2 Candidate Forum Oct. 15

On Thursday, October 15 from 7 to 8 p.m., join the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) and the Greenbelt News Review for a forum with Board of Education District 2 candidates Terence Clegg and Caroline Decaire-Goldin.
Location to be announced. Doors will open at 6:45 p.m.
To RSVP or submit a question for the candidates, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/4k478fdz> or use the QR code.



Scan to submit questions to the Board of Education forum.

UMD Hosts Juried Art Exhibition for Teens

The Arts Program at University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC) is accepting entries through October 12 for its fourth Maryland High School Juried Art Exhibition. Maryland high school students may submit original artwork in a wide range of visual art media, and there is no submission fee.

Art teachers may select students to represent their schools, and students may also submit their own entries. Each school may submit up to six works by as many as three student artists.

Selected works will be exhibited at the UMGC Arts Program Gallery in spring 2027. The top award totals \$5,000, including \$1,500 for the student and \$3,500 for the student's school arts program.

Submission guidelines are available at <https://tinyurl.com/3ntpe2v6>.

Kohn Scholarship Fund Mini-Golf Event

On Sunday, September 27 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Dena Kohn Theatre Lab Scholarship Fund will hold a miniature golf event as a fundraiser and celebration of the life of lifelong Greenbelter Dena Kohn, who died just before her 23rd birthday. Each year, her life and spirit of giving are celebrated and commemorated by a fundraiser for the Dena Kohn Memorial Scholarship, which provides scholarships each summer to teenagers in financial need to participate in the Theatre Lab's Musical Theatre Institute for teens. The event will be held at a new location: Columbia SportsPark, 5434 Harpers Farm Road, Columbia. Attendees can buy baked goods from Greenbelt baker Robert Goldberg-Strassler and original pottery by Greenbelt potter Judy Goldberg-Strassler at the event. Those wishing to sponsor a hole, play a round, make a donation or ask questions can call Niki Kohn at 301-474-8423 or email nikiekohn@gmail.com.

Rotary Youth Leadership Program Opportunity

The Greenbelt Rotary Club is accepting applications until October 17 for the February 13-15, 2027 Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) weekend program. Eligible youth are 10th, 11th or 12th graders living within the Greenbelt city limits. RYLA is a three-day, two-night opportunity for youth to develop leadership skills through working with other teens to problem-solve together for a positive impact. It will be held at the YMCA camp in Edgewater, Md. The application process includes a one-page statement of intention about the student's goals for the future. The club will select and fund participation for one to two teens.

- Learn more at tinyurl.com/5e245buu
- A Greenbelt teen's 2026 experience, see tinyurl.com/ypa7n6cf
- Apply at tinyurl.com/54fubyxv



Golden Age Club

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

Upcoming Meetings:

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

October 7, Open House: Active Aging Week is October 5-11, celebrating the positive aspects of aging and promoting healthy, active lifestyles for older adults, like being in the Greenbelt Golden Age Club. Therefore, the Club's October 7 meeting will be an Open House for seniors, to recruit more Club members. Greenbelt residents aged 60 or older who are not yet a member are encouraged to come to learn more about the club activities.

Empty Bowls Event Nov. 1 at St. Hugh's

The Greenbelt Pottery Group, Greenbelt music groups, and St. Hugh's Church (Ladies of Charity and Knights of Columbus) will host the Empty Bowls Event on Sunday, November 1 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Grenoble Hall, lower level (rear) of St. Hugh's Church. The Empty Bowls event is held every other year. This year the event will again benefit the St. Hugh's Food Pantry, which provides food weekly to over 60 local families.

The focus of this event is community enjoyment while assisting those in need. Come together to support the St. Hugh's Food Pantry, share a meal and enjoy local Greenbelt music groups. The Greenbelt Pottery Group has been busy making their unique bowls since last winter just for this event. Additional pottery pieces will be available at the event for purchase, perhaps for holiday gift giving.

Participants can purchase a ticket for \$35 (200 tickets will be sold), select a unique hand-crafted ceramic bowl and enjoy a cup of soup, bread, and dessert with others in the community. This fun event is often a sell-out. Tickets can be purchased in advance by emailing Mary Ann Tretler at mary_tretler@yahoo.com or by calling 240-517-7559. Tretler can also provide information on paying by Zelle or by check.



Sparkle Mart Youth Vendors, Apply Now

Greenbelt's annual juried art and craft fair will take place on December 5 and 6 at the Greenbelt Community Center. A special section of the event will feature youth vendors 17 and under on Sunday, December 6 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Applications for youth crafters are open now until October 18. Visit greenbeltmd.gov/482/Sparkle-Mart for more information and a link to the application.

Community Online Radio Coming Here

Have a face for radio and a record collection that cannot be denied? Residents are starting a community online radio station here in Greenbelt. Get in on the fun by dropping a line to greenbeltcores@gmail.com to make the dream happen. An interest meeting is now being planned to take over the internet airwaves.

Favor's Table Next Giveaway Coming

A brand-new kids winter coats & food & clothing giveaway is scheduled for Saturday, September 26 at 5 p.m. The event will be held in the rear parking lot of Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt.

Food, new kids winter coats, shoes, clothes, diapers, bras, underwear, socks, cosmetics, sanitary pads and household items will be given away. Non-food items will be new and gently used items. The child must be present to receive winter coats and shoes, no exception. To receive diapers, bring baby's birth certificate/health insurance card. First come, first served. No ID required.

For additional food assistance resources, go to <https://tinyurl.com/425huwar> or <https://tinyurl.com/b833drv8>.

National Hunger Month: Greenbelt PORCH Responds

The Greenbelt PORCH food collection schedule for September is listed below. Food placed on porches by the time listed will be picked up after that time.

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 Road

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

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



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MON 9/28	TUES 9/29	WED 9/30	TH 10/01	New Deal Cafe
CAFE CLOSED	NDC Open Mic w/ Anthony Case 6 - 9:30pm Sign ups begin at 6:15pm; Open Mic starts at 6:30p	CAFE CLOSED	Wolf's Blues Show & Sit-In Jam 6:30 - 10pm A big, bodacious, boogie blues jam hosted by Wolf Crescenze	THE TIME IS NOW! DONATE OR BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NDC! See link below*

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word to Lambright-Davis. “It’s important to be intentional about volunteering and doing good in the community,” she said. She has also taken to heart the words of her pastor, Damion Briggs of Eastern Community Baptist Church in Landover: “We have to be intentional. Don’t just talk about it; be about it.” Lambright-Davis has done just that. In 2016, Maggie Cahalan, a board member of the Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS), approached Lambright-Davis about helping revitalize an environmental and educational program CHEARS had originally sponsored in 2002 in partnership with the Adelphi Friends Meeting.

Lambright-Davis answered the call. Since then, her involvement has expanded. She is a graduate of the Greenbelt Citizens Police Academy, has served on the CHEARS board for nearly a decade and coordinates the Earth Squad after-school and summer programs at SHLR.

Through that work, she has cultivated relationships throughout Greenbelt — with city leaders, the Greenbelt Police Department, community organizations, parents and, perhaps most importantly to her, young people.

Her work is particularly visible in Franklin Park, where she encourages residents to plant right where they live. The results can sometimes be seen overhead: balcony gardens containing herbs, tomatoes and other plants have increasingly appeared throughout the community.

Meanwhile, Lambright-Davis and the Earth Squad continue their work as citizen scientists, maintaining the Three Sisters Garden and Greenbelt Food Forest while developing an appreciation for environmental stewardship, experimentation and community service. Sometimes those experiments require little more than seeds, soil and imagination. Most recently, the group tried several methods of starting tomato seeds, including one using toilet paper rolls.

But the Earth Squad is about more than gardening. Former participants still stop by to check in, reconnect or grab a quick snack — and Lambright-Davis welcomes them. “I want my students to know, ‘I see you. I remember you,’” she said. Her goal is to expose, enlighten and enrich the young people she encounters, while showing them that they have a place in their community and the ability to contribute to it.

Surprise, Surprise
For someone who spends so much time encouraging others, Lambright-Davis was genuinely surprised to discover that the people of Greenbelt had decided to honor her. She attends the Labor Day Festival every year. This year, she listened as the speaker began detailing the accomplishments of the 2026 Outstanding Citizen. Then came a familiar reference: the Earth Squad. “Oh, my God! They’re talking about me!” she recalled thinking.

Winning the award, she said,

“means a lot. It meant a lot to have my church family here and a cousin I hadn’t seen in years.” Family, friends, city council members and previous Outstanding Citizen honorees joined in the celebration, eager to congratulate Lambright-Davis and pose for photographs after the ceremony.

But even in receiving an award recognizing her own contributions, Lambright-Davis quickly turned the attention back to the young people she serves. She took the award to show the Earth Squad children and their parents. “This is what you can do, too,” she told them. “It doesn’t require a lot to be involved.”

Keeping Young

For the past 40 years, Lambright-Davis has risen at 5 a.m. without an alarm clock. She dedicates the first quiet hour of her morning to devotions and exercise before taking on the day. “I love to laugh and dance,” she said. Years ago, Lambright-Davis and the Earth Squad children danced with Angella Foster, director of the Greenbelt Dance Studio, during local activities, including Greenbelt’s annual Black History program and events at the Three Sisters Garden. Today, Lambright-Davis still loves dancing — and working in the garden. “There’s something about nature,” she said. “We, as human beings, come to coexist with nature. We come to help, not to tear down ... but to help.” Working in the garden, she said, is soothing. “I never thought that I would hug a tree!”

What’s Next?

Ask Lambright-Davis what she would like to see next for Greenbelt, and the energy returns immediately. Her answer is simple and firm: “An intergenerational garden.” It fits naturally with her philosophy — bringing people of different ages together, getting residents involved and creating community through shared work. She also encourages residents to join an advisory committee or find some other way to participate in civic life. “You have to be a good Greenbelter in terms of community and friendship in order to make community work,” she said. “I actually believe that.” And then Lambright-Davis returns to the philosophy that seems to run through everything she does — don’t merely talk about community; participate in it. “Don’t just sit back and complain if you’re not trying to change anything.”



Obituaries

Eleana Marie Brooks



PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

Eleana Marie Brooks

Eleana Marie Brooks, of Greenbelt, died peacefully on Wednesday, September 23. Raised in Laurel, Eleana dedicated 30 years of her life to healthcare at Washington Hospital Center. She was known for her generous

heart, her commitment to ensuring people from all backgrounds were seen and heard and her deep devotion to animal welfare. She spent countless hours volunteering in various roles with the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club, Greenbelt Elementary School and local animal shelters. Above all, family was the centerpiece of her life, and her greatest happiness came from surrounding herself with her loved ones.

A devoted mother, grandmother, sister and friend, Eleana is survived by her sons Marcus Brooks (Samantha) of Honolulu, Hawaii and Jason Brooks (Rebecca) of Virginia Beach, Va.; cherished grandchildren Morgan Brooks, Caleb Brooks and Zara Brooks; brothers Jim Morgan of Frederick and Gary Morgan of Vero Beach, Fla.; and many dear friends.

The family will provide details for a celebration of life at a later date. In lieu of flowers, send a donation to a local SPCA in Eleana’s honor.



"Life is a constant struggle, not only against forces around us, but above all against our own ego."
— Shoghi Effendi



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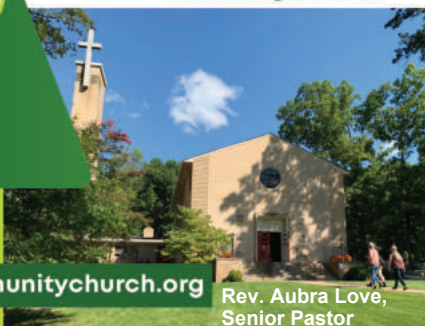
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City Information & Events

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

GREENBELT CITY CALENDAR

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



MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 28 - OCTOBER 2

Tuesday, September 29 at 3:30 pm, **SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Greenbelt Community Center, On the Agenda: Approval of August Meeting Minutes, Discussion of the September Open Forum Feedback**

Wednesday, September 30 at 7:30 pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION - COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (CRAB) & LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES BRAINSTORM - Municipal Building**

Wednesday, September 30 after the WS, **SPECIAL MEETING/ CLOSED SESSION – PERSONNEL MATTERS - Municipal Building**

Thursday, October 1 at 7 pm, **CHARTER REVIEW TASK FORCE - Council Chambers & Virtual, On the Agenda: TBD**

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

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING

Monday, September 28 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
 - * Minutes
- Approval of Agenda and Additions

COMMUNICATIONS

- Presentations
 - * Hispanic Heritage Month
 - * Public Lands Day Proclamation
- Administrative Reports

LEGISLATION

- 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
 - 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 of the City of Greenbelt Supporting H.R. 5356 and Urging Congress to Establish a National Infrastructure Bank
 - 1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules
 - 2nd Reading, Adoption

OTHER BUSINESS

- Authorization for the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Design Development and Preparation of Construction Documents for Indian Creek Park
- Authorization for City Manager to Approve Contract for Greenbelt Cinema New Digital Marquee
- Draft FY 2027-2023 Maryland Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP)
- Authorization for the City Manager to Execute a Contract with GHA Technologies, Inc. for the Purchase of IT Hardware
- Council Discussion: Prince George's County Municipal Association (PGCMA) Dues
- Council Reports
- Council Activities

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, a closed session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Wednesday, September 30, 2026, immediately following the Work Session – Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB) & Legislative Priorities Brainstorming: 1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

The purpose of this meeting is 1) to discuss the City Manager's Evaluation.

*** The public may attend the Special Meeting of the City Council prior to the closed session and observe the vote of the Council to move into closed session on Wednesday, September 30, 2026.**

- Shaniya Lashley-Mullen, Deputy City Clerk

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.

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.

GREENBELT CARES

ADULT FLU CLINICS

Tuesday, October 6, 1 - 4 pm

Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane

Tuesday, October 13, 1 - 4 pm

Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd

Adult flu clinic (ages 18+) Standard dose & senior dose (65+) available.

First come, first serve. No insurance or ID required!

Abundant Aging In-Place Seminar

Thursday, September 24 from 7-8 pm

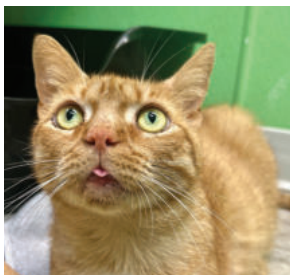
Virtual

Aging in place requires thoughtful planning and informed decision-making. This discussion explores key topics such as home safety, healthcare, legal and financial preparedness, technology, transportation, community resources, social connection, and caregiver support.



FEATURED PETS

KENZO



Ready for Adoption?

Call (301) 474-6124

8-year-old Kenzo was previously an outdoor cat that was brought to the shelter with extreme injuries to his front leg, which ultimately had to be amputated. Kenzo has had a long road to recovery, but is living his best life now! Kenzo does not let his disability slow him down; he zooms after toys, climbs our cat trees with ease, and is a fiend for treats. But more than anything, Kenzo loves affection and making friends with everyone.

If you're interested in adopting our beloved tripod, Kenzo, please email animalservices@greenbeltmd.gov or call 301-474-6124 for more information.



UPCOMING NATURE EVENTS

National Public Lands Day Kayaking

Saturday, September 26 from 8 am - 2 pm

Buddy Attick Park, 555 Crescent Rd

Celebrate Greenbelt's incredible public lands with kayaking and cleanup efforts around Greenbelt Lake. All are welcome to participate in this environmental stewardship that will benefit the entire Chesapeake watershed.



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP): PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE GREENBELT VISION ZERO ACTION PLAN, HEALTH ANALYSIS, AND DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

The City of Greenbelt requests proposals from qualified transportation planning and engineering professionals to develop a comprehensive, citywide Vision Zero Action Plan; conduct a supplemental health analysis; and design and evaluate up to three quick-build demonstration projects. The project is funded by the City of Greenbelt and a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Planning and Demonstration Grant administered by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

Submit one (1) original, two (2) copies, and one (1) electronic copy in PDF format of the proposal in a sealed envelope clearly labeled "Proposal - Contract No. 2026-09-R, Greenbelt Vision Zero Action Plan" to:

Jaime Fearer
Acting Director of Planning & Community Development

15 Crescent Road, Ste. 200
Greenbelt, MD 20770

jfearer@greenbeltmd.gov

Questions related to this RFP must be submitted via email to Jaime Fearer by September 17, 2026, at jfearer@greenbeltmd.gov. All answers will be posted on the City's website on or before September 24, 2026.

View the RFP at <https://www.greenbeltmd.gov/bids.aspx?bidID=5>.

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

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

Friends & Family Workshop (all ages): craft decorative Cornhusk People. Friday, 10/2 5:30-7:30pm (Greenbelt Community Center) Celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day with your family, friends, and community members while crafting these traditional figures. \$5/\$10. Advanced registration encouraged at bit.ly/4cOUClo or see page 22 of the Fall Activity Guide: www.greenbeltmd.gov/activityguide.

MORE ARTS HAPPENING SOON

- **FREE Artist Talk** (Greenbelt Community Center) 10/9; 6-7pm. Sign up: sugeni.us/U2bo.
- **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.

Registration required for this activity, see www.greenbeltmd.gov/activityguide for details.

- **Make and Take Ceramics: Magical Miniatures** 9/18 - 9/25; 6-8pm see pg 34 for more dates.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

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

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

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

Neighbors Bring the World To the Park at Greenbelt Station

By Jenny Bhaktiar

What occurs when neighbors share their diverse cultures, culinary traditions, music and customs? It becomes a celebration of community. On Sunday, September 13, Greenbelt Station hosted its inaugural Culture Festival, a community-driven event organized by Jenny Bhaktiar in collaboration with the Activities and Engaged Neighbors Committees. The event was supported by volunteers from various backgrounds, representing different countries – Brazil: Denise Conti; China: Haiyan Xu and Yifan Yu; Ethiopia: Tsion Miherete; India: Jenny Bhaktiar and Shalini Saha; Jamaica: Judy Christie; and Eastern Europe (Moldova, Poland and Russia): Anastasiya Plachta and Elena Solorzano.

Festival attendees shared food, decorations, traditional attire and cultural performances, including Ethiopian and Bollywood music and dance. Neighbors gathered at tables, engaging in conversations and enjoying each other’s company, while also learning about diverse cultural traditions within their community. Organized by volunteers, the festival served as a joyful reminder that a strong neighborhood is cultivated through building connections, sharing stories and embracing one another’s diversity.

- Photos courtesy Greenbelt Station neighbors



A colorful Eastern European display prepared by Elena Solorzano, Galina Remizova and Anastasiya Plachta



Yifan Yu and Xiaoyan Zheng at the China table



Hilderaldo Conti, Denise Conti and Amy Conti support Brazil with style and panache.



Bollywood dancer Jenny Bhaktiar



The India table



In pink, Ishika Saha dances with Jenny Bhaktiar and Shalini Saha.



Saron Worku, Tsion Miherete and Tsehaye Habteselasie perform a colorful and energetic dance from Ethiopia.



From left, Councilmember Danielle McKinney, City Manager Josué Salmerón, two Greenbelt Station residents and Councilmembers Kristen Weaver and Jenni Pompi sit together at the multicultural event.



Bollywood dancer Shalini Saha



New Green Attraction Graces Labor Day Festival and More

by Tom Taylor

A new attraction graced this year's Labor Day Festival, one not affiliated with Snyder's Attractions, the company that operated the rides enjoyed by Festival visitors.

This new attraction could be seen for only a couple of hours midday on Saturday of the Festival weekend. But it also has been spotted in Greenbelt neighborhoods on Thursday mornings. Winding its way through the city, it has been noticed stopping at hundreds of homes to pick up the contents of small green bins.

Festival Debut

The Greenbelt Public Works Department was honored to welcome to the 2026 Festival the compost truck that serves the city's curbside composting program. Parked adjacent to the Public Works booth, Festival attendees passing by noted the truck's message beckoning Greenbelters with this phrase: Lettuce Pick Up Your Food Scraps.

The truck is operated by Compost Crew, a locally based food scrap recycling company that contracts with the city to operate the composting program. Compost Crew was founded in 2011 to rescue unwanted food scraps from the landfill and convert them into nutrient-rich compost for use as an additive to improve soil. It has been providing this service to Greenbelt since 2024.

Compost Crew picks up household food scraps weekly on Thursday and delivers them to its composting facility at Trinity Assembly of God Church on Good Luck Road, where the food scraps are converted into compost. As of June 2026, approximately 195 tons of food scraps have been diverted from the landfill, with an associated reduction in greenhouse gases emitted from the landfill.

How to Participate

Currently, 338 Greenbelt households participate in the program, and slots are open for additional homes to enroll. The program is open to all Greenbelt residents. Cost is \$10 per month, with a one-time \$20 charge to purchase a collection bin. The city partially subsidizes the program, helping to reduce the fee by 66 percent from the list price for this service. Compostable liners for the bins are provided at no additional cost.

Participants may join as an individual household or in combination with neighbors to share the monthly cost. To sign up, scan the QR code above or visit the Compost Crew website at compostcrew.com/greenbelt.



Testimonials

The program has been well received by participating households. One participant, Sue Zwicker, said, "I love the convenience of the curbside composting."

Said participant Mark Gordon, "We have been on board since the initial test program started [in 2024] and have been so happy with every aspect of it." He added, "The company who is conducting the pickup and the process have been absolutely amazing."



Green Team volunteers Marti Galvin and Tom Taylor offer a coffee toast (with compostable coffee grounds) to the curbside composting program.

PHOTO BY JACQUIE ANDERSON

In a survey conducted by Compost Crew in May, 87 percent of respondents reported being very satisfied or satisfied with the program.

Comments from survey respondents cited benefits of the program, such as convenience, changing the way household garbage is managed, making it easy to reduce food waste, reducing trash, reducing food scraps going to the landfill, learning how many items can be composted, buying smaller amounts of perishable food and excellent customer service by Compost Crew.

The project has successfully demonstrated a model of local resource recovery, with food waste being converted into a valuable

community product, and the entire process taking place within the boundaries of Greenbelt. It was featured as a case study in a January 2026 report by the Institute for Local Self-Reliance.

The curbside pickup program is a collaboration of the City of Greenbelt, Compost Crew and Trinity Assembly of God, which hosts the composting facility on its property.

For those who have questions or would like more information, contact Luisa Robles, sustainability coordinator for the City of Greenbelt, at lrobles@greenbeltmd.gov or 240-542-2153.

Tom Taylor is a member of Greenbelt's Green Team.

Greenbelt House Tour Seeks Festive Homes

The Greenbelt Rotary Club is hosting its first Greenbelt House Tour on Saturday, November 28. The tour is a fundraiser for the club's community activities. Two participants have already committed, and the club is seeking a few more, with plans to include five or six homes. The club will select homes based on interesting renovations and upgrades and/or festive holiday decor for whatever seasonal holiday is celebrated in the home. Apartments are welcome! The club expects to finalize the home selection by October 15.

Homeowners or renters in Greenbelt East, Center or West who would like to be considered should respond at tinyurl.com/y5zp2rze. To learn more about the tour and Greenbelt Rotary's community service activities, see greenbeltrotary.org/.

Art Studio Open House and Sale

Art fans of all ages are invited to save the date for Greenbelt Recreation's fall Art Studio Open House and Sale on Sunday, October 4 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Community Center. Tour the studios of the center's eight artists in residence on the third floor and see their latest creations. Several participating artists will have fine art and "elevated" functional wares available for purchase. See the current exhibition in the art gallery, where James Stephen Terrell's vibrant collages evoke quilting, sartorial splendor and a cosmic consciousness.

Guests can reserve a seat in advance for a free collage workshop inspired by Terrell's art, with seatings at 1, 2 and 3 p.m. Sign up at sugeni.us/Ubb7. See more details as they are announced at greenbeltmd.gov/arts.



WE'RE SISTERS!!! ADOPT US!!



Sweet and affectionate Blippi and Ms Rachel (pink collar) are just waiting to join a loving home.



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ADOPT US!!! SOFT AND CUDDLY!!



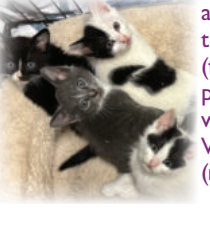
Violet (female, gray) and Ivy (female, calico) love to cuddle and purr. They need forever homes!



ADOPTED!

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COMING SOON!!! STAR WARS BABIES!!



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



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BEAUTIFUL GIRLS!!! ADOPT US!!



Pearl (black torti) and Moon (gold face) are captivating! They need forever homes!



ADOPTED!

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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.



Contact: GREENBELT.TNR@GMAIL.COM

COMING SOON!!! THE BOYS!!



Misty (gray w/white face) and his twin brothers Dusty and Frosty are all handsome devils. They need forever homes!



Contact: GREENBELT.TNR@GMAIL.COM

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

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.



Contact: GREENBELT.TNR@GMAIL.COM

GREENBELT CUTIES!!



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



Contact: GREENBELT.TNR@GMAIL.COM

Pet Show Has Lots of Winners

by Sadie Young

Each year, the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival offers countless games, activities and events for the community to enjoy. A notable Festival event is the Labor Day Pet Show, which is hosted annually on the Saturday morning of Labor Day weekend. This year's pet show took place at 9 a.m. on Saturday, September 5.

For the past four years, the Pet Show has been hosted by Girl Scout Troop 23007 on the lawn just in front of the Library. The Pet Show features three segments, beginning with a brief interview of each pet's family, a "show and tell" of their pet's quirks, tricks and personality, and finally, an awards ceremony in which each pet's family is presented with their personalized certificate.

This year's pet show was the final one to be hosted by Troop 23007. The troop is now an Ambassador Troop, and members are set to graduate both Girl Scouts and high school this coming spring.

To ensure the Pet Show is carried on after their departure, Troop 23007 invited the younger Troop 23023 to shadow the pet-show process. Troop 23007 member and ERHS Senior Lien Gareri said, "It's nice to know that there are people after [me], and that they can carry on what we have been doing."

While a bittersweet ending for Troop 23007, the Pet Show was an overwhelming success yet another year. Twenty-eight pets and an estimated over 100 community members turned up to celebrate their animal companions. The show attracted new participants as well as many returning pets.

Pet Show Winners

(By Animal, Award, Owner)

Dogs

- Sirius Black – Proud Gryffindor, Bedford-Dillow family
- Lola – Sirius's Snuggle Buddy, Bedford-Dillow family
- Raven – Football Fanatic, Abby Crowley
- Daisy – Man's Best Friend, Jason
- Gigi – Best Kisses, Elizabeth
- Enzo – Chillest Chihuahua, Victoria
- Lincoln – The Comeback Kid, Donna Peterson
- Kahlua – Biggest Foodie, Mia
- Clover – Lucky Charm, Amber Hennessy
- Bear – New Kid on the Block, Lilah & Antonio
- Scout – Could Have Been a Girl Scout, Audrey Walters
- Lucy Lou – Best Snuggler, Gendreau family
- Petunia – Future CEO, McKenna
- Blazer – Fashionable Gentleman, Gabby Giunta
- Rocky – Bougie Baby, Carol
- Joe Hound – Canine Houdini, Turner family
- Dina – Frisbee Champion, Zanin family
- Jack – Mama's Boy, Kieran Wilkinson
- Rocky – Knight in Furry Armor, Rose & Donald
- Cici – Groundhog Haggler, Charlie & Lucy Borg
- Jasmine – Cookie Lover, Marie

Cats

- Tango – Bravest Adventurer, Leisnham family
- Gizmo – Crazy Cakes, Denna & Kaleb
- Maurice – Sassy Queen, Emily Henriquez

Guinea Pigs

- Teddy – Scaredy Pig, Naomi
- Pickles – Nervous Muncher, Naomi
- Puff – Burrow Baby, Adelaide
- Figment – Cute Cuddler, Adelaide



PHOTO BY ALISON GARY

Back row (Troop 23007): Emily Gendreau, Brooklyn Scott, Holly Wheeler (former leader), Lien Gareri, Felix Holden, Kira Wilkinson, Sadie Young and Lilah Ali. Front row (Troop 23023): Leader Jessica O'Roark, Mary Winternitz, Maren O'Roark, Lizzy Garrido, Liv Angeles and Skylar Leisnham.



PHOTO BY ALISON GARY

A guinea pig winner with its supporters



PHOTO BY JON GARDNER

Lincoln, winner of "The Comeback Kid" prize



PHOTO BY JON GARDNER

Elizabeth Garrido with her dog Gigi

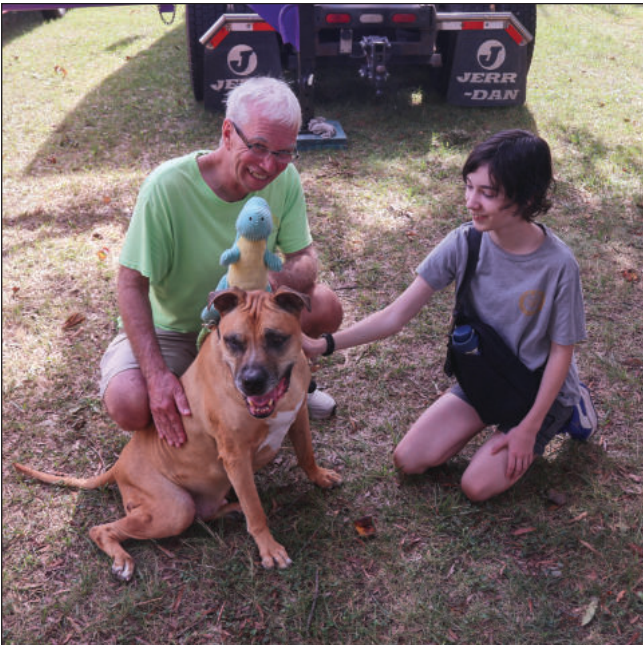


PHOTO BY JON GARDNER

Donald Ceresa and Evelyn Sage with Rocky



PHOTO BY JON GARDNER

Emily Henriquez with her cat Maurice



Help Us Help You Help Greenbelt



Are you a local nonprofit that could use \$500-5000 in seed money for a project or endeavor? If so, the Greenbelt Community Foundation is here for you. Our fall grant cycle is going on right now (deadline October 15), and we're looking to give out money to worthy causes. Contact us at greenbeltcommunityfoundation@gmail.com or visit <https://greenbeltfoundation.org> for information on how to apply.

Playtime Now at Beltway Plaza

Both Playground and Resource

by Rachel Kebl

At Beltway Plaza there is a new space for children experiencing housing insecurity to safely play while their families stay connected to community resources.

On Wednesday, September 16, Playtime Project, a nonprofit organization that partners with homeless shelters in Washington, D.C. and Prince George’s County to provide safe play spaces for children, held a ribbon-cutting for its new location at 6192 Greenbelt Road inside Beltway Plaza.

The permanent hub, called Playtime at the Plaza, was established in response to the growing need for accessible and consistent childcare and housing insecurity support in Prince George’s County, according to a Playtime Project press release.

Playtime Origins

After seeing the living conditions of children in a shelter a few blocks from the U.S. Capitol in 2003, founders Jamila Larson and Regina “Gina” Kline rallied volunteers to create a playroom for the children, according to their website at playtimeproject.org. The playroom includes weekly snacks, activities and supplies, with new locations opening where families needed them.

Programs

Today, Playtime Project’s key programs include year-round weekly Play Programs and spring and summer break camps for children to engage with developmentally appropriate toys and activities. Playtime at the Plaza will offer this for children aged 5 to 17 in the area, as well as other family resources.

“Families will receive support services from our social worker and interns via one-on-one relationships, monthly workshops and community programs we host in our space,” said Talia Curhan, Strategic Communications Manager for Playtime Project.

A Place in Greenbelt

Many families who have been living in Prince George’s County shelters move to Franklin Park at Greenbelt Station Apartments, “one of the largest affordable housing communities in the coun-



“Playtime at the Plaza” opened at Beltway Plaza on September 16.

ty,” across the street from the Plaza, and they continue to seek community after moving, according to a Playtime Project press release. “We chose the Beltway Plaza Mall for our permanent program hub because it is across the street from Franklin Park Apartments, where many of our families live after shelter,” Curhan said. After leaving a shelter families can feel isolated and disconnected from resources and community, Curhan added. “We chose the Plaza’s location because of its proximity to so many families so we can provide consistent support and easily accessible programs and resources, while integrating into the Greenbelt West community.”

“When children asked to Uber back to the shelter so they could come to Playtime programs, we knew we had to bring Playtime [Project] to them. Families shouldn’t have to be homeless to find the services they need – Playtime [Project] is here to become part of their village, ensuring they have access to consistent support along their journey to stability,” said Larson.

The opening ceremony at the Greenbelt hub included speeches from Playtime’s Board Chair Katie Waldo; Founder and Executive Director Jamila Larson; former NASA Administrator and Astronaut Charles Bolden; a current Playtime parent, Ms. Coats; a cur-

rent Playtime participant, Kevin; Greenbelt Mayor Emmett Jordan; Prince George’s County Councilmember for District 4, Tim Adams; and State Delegate and Majority Whip Ashanti Martinez.

Additionally, a mural filled with calligraphy, portraiture and children-made art is in the Greenbelt location for visitors to enjoy.

“The ribbon cutting was a meaningful representation of how Playtime [Project] plays a connecting role for families, as we had politicians, community partners, volunteers, donors and supporters present to celebrate this milestone in Playtime [Project]’s history and continue the provision of our comprehensive support services,” Curhan said.

Rachel Kebl is a University of Maryland student at the Philip Merrill College of Journalism interning with the Greenbelt News Review.



Playtime Project's Founder and Executive Director Jamila Larson cuts the ribbon at the new Greenbelt location, with assistance from District 4 County Councilmember Tim Adams (holding scissors) and City Manager Josué Salmerón (holding ribbon). Also pictured are, from left, City Councilmember Jenni Pompi (partially obscured), Senator Alonzo Washington, City Councilmember Silke Pope, Greenbelt Mayor Emmett Jordan and others, including Delegate Ashanti Martinez.



Playtime Project's Founder and Executive Director Jamila Larson speaks at the ribbon-cutting.

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Meetings of the GHI Board of Directors

on October 1, 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 August 13, 2026
- b) Financial Matters
- c) Member Matters
- d) Contract Matters

GHI Open Meeting – starts at 7:30 p.m. - open to members and visitors

- a) Approve Minutes of the GHI Open Meeting Held on August 13, 2026
- b) Investment Committee Report
- c) ARC Neighbor Consent Concept Change Acceptance
- d) Motion to Hold a Closed Meeting on October 15, 2026

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

- a) Approve Minutes of the GDC Open Meeting Held on July 30, 2026
- b) Approve Minutes of the GDC Open Meeting Held on August 13, 2026
- c) Establishing Greenbelt Development Corporation Co-op Supermarket & Pharmacy Task Force
- d) Naming of the Building at 121 Centerway

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

- a) Approve Minutes of the GDC Closed Meeting Held on August 13, 2026
- b) Contract Matters

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

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwtd-uuqzoiG9XHGq9rswP_N9LZj33gbi9r

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

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The stay is in effect until October 2 and another court hearing is scheduled for September 29.

We have withheld the names of the BARC employees we spoke with for this article to protect them from retaliation for speaking to the press. The are identified by their type of position instead.

New Instructions

On Tuesday of last week, the day after the stay, an email obtained by the News Review advised BARC employees how to proceed. Those who have already moved or who are in transit are not required to return. Those with "approved relocation orders" or "financially binding arrangements" such as realtor contracts, signed purchase agreements or leases or who have received a lump sum to relocate, can proceed if they wish, though it is "completely voluntary," said the email.

For all others, their deadlines to accept reassignments and relocations have been paused. The processing of separations that are based on the reorganization was also paused, according to the email, which was unsigned but came from REE.Reorganization@usda.gov. For those already separated, leave and severance processing would continue, it stated.

One Greenbelt scientist we spoke with had already submitted his intent to retire early rather than relocate. That's now paused and could be reversed, depending on the outcome of the court case. "If there's still a campus" he could see himself continuing his work for a couple more years, he told the News Review. For others whose resignations and retirements have already been processed, though, or who accepted other jobs, the stay comes too late.

The Pause

Two Greenbelters working at BARC with whom we spoke had previously been instructed to report to new locations by October 5 to continue in their positions. One had been given a reassignment that was later retracted when facilities at the new location were found not adequate. For those with October 5 report dates, the final day to decline to move is the Friday before, which is October 2, the same day the stay expires, one scientist noted to the News Review. Initially, the pause until October 2 wouldn't make much of a difference for those that had to make a decision by that date, he said, though it would for a group that had to leave on September 21. A longer reprieve was hoped for but not confirmed by time of press. "It seems like something's in the works in terms of a pause until October 30," reports the scientist, from information based on a meeting with managers on Friday.

Institutional Loss

If the longer stay is confirmed, this will change not only the report date, which is no longer expected to be October 5 for those we spoke with, but is also expected to change the Voluntary Separation Incentive Payout (VSIP) deadline from October 2 to October 30. That is the deadline many have been waiting for if they don't plan to move, and it seems most don't. The union advised employees to initially accept reassignments while challenges played out in court. The scientist we spoke with said less than a quarter of his remaining team planned to move when the time

came and that the team itself is less than half of what it once was.

There are big consequences for institutional knowledge and research. The Greenbelt scientist said the loss "cuts across different fields," and he's concerned about how people will be trained in the new location when people previously leading projects apprenticed for years before taking them over.

Morale is not great, he says. People are packing offices, labs are quiet and cleaned up. "Everything's kind of already been packed away, or thrown away, put in the hallway or tagged to send off," he told the News Review. They have cleared out spaces, samples and freezers, and equipment is tagged to ship. They're trying to archive things and save just what's really needed, he said. "There's definitely still a lot to do but it definitely looks like it's a moving scene, not a working scene, right now."

It's hard because some people who specialize in one thing aren't going, explains the scientist. "Just in our lab alone, there'll be a huge break in the research where certain projects just won't be continued."

"Even if the orders are reversed, they accomplished a lot [toward shutting down BARC]," said a Greenbelt research technician. "It'll be a matter of what gets restored. The transition team said it will be a long time to clean things up regardless of what happens; a matter of years, if not decades," he told the News Review.

Hope

Despite the damage, while a complete decommissioning was imminent just over a week ago, there's now some hope for the future. The scientist we spoke with is more optimistic about the future after the judge took the case seriously. He doesn't believe they will maintain the campus at anything close to full capacity "but I think we're all kind of hopeful that there's a chance that people who have hung on and some of the labs will find a home here. But that would take kind of a miracle because that would take the administration to buy into that, too, not just another court case," he said, because the decisions can be appealed and the Supreme Court may side with the administration. "There's a little bit of hope after last week. I think most of us two weeks ago were like, that's it, we've used every chance we have and it's time to start planning other jobs and retirements. And a lot of people have left for other jobs."

"I think there's an air of optimism for most," said the research technician, but "not many here," he added.

"I wish we knew more, tangibly," said the Greenbelt scientist. "There have been a lot of meetings but a lot of the hard questions haven't been answered."

Now the BARC employees wait for more information from management, the union and the hearing on September 29.



PHOTO BY KEN LOO

This rock pigeon with a band on its leg is ready for takeoff at Greenbelt Lake. A pigeon with a leg band is a domestic, racing or pet bird that is likely lost, tired or taking a short break from its journey home. Private owners, breeders and racers use closed plastic or metal bands stamped with letters and numbers to identify individual birds.

Greenbelters Travel



PHOTO BY A FRIENDLY TOURIST

Mary Murchison-Edwards and Fred Edwards pose in front of the Tylerton sign at the settlement on Smith Island, Md., on August 27.



PHOTO BY SUSANNAH RUTHERGLEN

Isaac Switzer, 7, awaits the launch of the Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope from Banana Creek, Kennedy Space Center, Cape Canaveral, Fla., on August 30. Isaac's dad, Eric Switzer, is the Wide Field Instrument Integration and Test Project Scientist for Roman.



PHOTO BY FRIENDLY FELLOW TRAVELER

Amy D'Esposito on board the ship Celebrity Equinox attending a "Suzanne Giesemann Awakened Way Cruise" traveling from Barcelona, Spain to Lisbon, Portugal and Tangiers, Morocco.

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letters of the alphabet and their sounds to help him learn to read. Dorsey used marbles to teach her brother the basics of math.

Tutoring her brother, who ultimately caught up with his peers in middle school, showed Dorsey that she could find creative ways to help kids learn and succeed.

From a small town in Louisiana to playing point guard and earning All-American honors at top-ranked Louisiana State University, to playing in the WNBA for the Detroit Shock, to successfully coaching a high school basketball team in Louisiana to three District championships (and being named Coach of the Year), and then coaching at Western Kentucky University, Latasha Dorsey has come full circle to where her true passion lies — nurturing, challenging and inspiring children as Greenbelt Elementary School’s new principal.

Dorsey says she plans to apply what she learned while tutoring her older brother, who now runs a successful trucking company, and what she gained as a women’s basketball coach to help Greenbelt students build a foundation for excellence that will help them succeed in life.

“I learned very early on that you have to empower people to recognize their own talents and gifts,” Dorsey said. As a coach, “I would look for the positives in everyone’s skill set. Magic Johnson did that when he played. It didn’t matter who he played with, he always made them feel like they were the best.”

As an educator, she said, “I still lead that way. Focus on each student’s strength, and then enhance their areas of growth.”

Dorsey’s enthusiasm is contagious. She acknowledges her good fortune in working at a school with strong parent and community involvement. Several initiatives to improve students’ academic performance and self-esteem are already underway.

A colorful, brightly lit vending machine is the first thing visitors notice as they enter the Greenbelt Elementary School lobby. But instead of junk food and sugary soft drinks, the Readers are Leaders vending machine dispenses books.

Students will receive a token on their birthday, which they can use to buy a book. Later, Dorsey explained, teachers will award tokens when students meet reading-related academic goals. Good behavior will also earn a token.

The vending machine aligns with the school’s commitment “to inspire students to love reading,” Dorsey told the News Review. “We tell them that in books, you can use your imagination, dream big and maybe one day write your own book.”

A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the book vending machine was held in early September. “When the kids pass by the vending



PHOTO BY CAROL CHASTANG

Principal Dorsey

machine, they ask, ‘When am I going to get MY books?’ The kids are really excited,” Dorsey said.

The Parent Teacher Association at Greenbelt Elementary, Dorsey said, takes the initiative to bridge school district funding gaps by organizing a book-sale fundraiser each year during Greenbelt’s Labor Day Festival. “They broke fundraising records that will support our needs at Greenbelt Elementary, including recess equipment,” Dorsey said.

When it comes to addressing the challenges teachers face in supporting students’ unmet social and emotional needs, Dorsey said she decided to take action when she began her new role as principal by listening to what the Greenbelt Elementary educators were saying.

“I asked the staff for input on systems and structures. Before making any changes or moves, I committed to listening first. Learn, then lead. I met with the class leaders and our chairpersons over the summer to ensure they felt seen and heard. They were grateful. It’s about working collaboratively to move forward.”

To improve teamwork, enhance student success and advance the educators’ goals, the Greenbelt Elementary School Instructional Leadership Team now holds weekly meetings with students, parents and teachers.

“We call it a Three by Three by Three,” said Dorsey. “We interview three students, three staff members and three parents. We’re learning by hearing what they need. We’re asking, ‘How can we support you in being successful and having the best possible experience at Greenbelt Elementary?’ Then it’s my job to take that data and create resources and opportunities to make that a reality.”

Dorsey said she appreciates the Greenbelt community’s help. Meanwhile, extra help is always welcome.

“Get involved. Join our PTA. Volunteer. We have opened the door for ‘Room Parents’ at our school, who support the teacher by making copies or recruiting more volunteers for field trips. We want to see them in the building. We want them to be active participants in our students’ experiences.”

Greenbelters Travel



PHOTO COURTESY RENEE COOPER

During their summer vacation in Austria, Renée, left, and Nikos Cooper visited the Imperial Villa of Emperor Franz Joseph and his wife, Empress Elisabeth, in Bad Ischl.

John Campanile finds a rainy day at the south Jersey shore is perfect for catching up with the News Review.



PHOTO COURTESY JOHN CAMPANILE



PHOTO BY ASHLEY FINN

Liz Thomas and son Sebastian visited Guanajuato City, Mexico, in August. They forgot to pull out the issue of the News Review they took with them but are pictured here at the El Pípila Monument overlook.

Justin Donaldson and the News Review visited Portsmouth, England, recently. The HMS Warrior is in the background.



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would not sit down and talk it through.

Employee Speaks
Following Leon-Lierman, city employee Dajuan Stanback urged council to take action to allow the union relationship. Stanback, clearly nervous, characterized himself as “shaking in his boots” to be there.

The Complaint
Resident Susan Smithers pointed out that in the early Greenbelt years, the city worked together with unions to forge a good life. She was impassioned, saying, “Shame on you” repeatedly to the managers of Public Works, whom she accused of lying as well as “intimidating.”

She began reading out the complaint from the union, which alleges that Public Works employees had faced “repeated incidents of intimidation, coercion and interference from the City of Greenbelt and its managerial employees.” The complaint goes on to claim that these incidents have increased in frequency and severity since the charter change was enacted.

The document further accuses city management of “interfering with the employees’ right of self-organization protected under the Greenbelt code.” Smithers named a particular Public Works supervisor and cited a litany of complaints that he was threatening injurious consequences to employees if they were to join the union. She ended her speech saying, “Shame on you” directly to City Manager Josué Salmerón.

Next Up
Resident Lore Rosenthal rose to continue Smithers’ recital of the union complaint when Smithers’ initial five-minute speaking time expired. Rosenthal continued reading from the union complaint, citing all 14 alleged incidents, all of which outlined illegal management actions, threats or misrepresentations that contravene legislation on employee rights. Each citation included related case law and/or a labor code citation associated with the alleged illegal activity.

The alleged incidents included actions designed to prevent worker interaction with union representation, accusations that the union tells lies and threats that working conditions will change for the worse if they join the union. The document also asserts that a recent employee termination was used to intimidate others from joining the union.

The complaint also requests the allocation to the city of costs and attorney fees associated with the complaint, as adjudicated by an impartial labor commissioner. The complaint goes on to request that an included document be

posted publicly and also sent by email to all public works employees.

A Request
Another speaker said council should affirm that workers have the legal right to unionize and management is required to be neutral. He requested that management affirm that and inform city employees accordingly.

Salmerón’s Response
During his administrative report, Salmerón responded to the statements made earlier. He said that the city has delivered training and constant reminders to Public Works managers to remain neutral as workers make their decisions. As a result of the city being served with the legal complaint read by the petitioners, significant conversations have taken place with supervisory personnel. Salmerón expressed his disappointment that there are still major concerns.

Labor Commissioner
Salmerón said he would welcome the appointment of an impartial labor commissioner to investigate this – not in-house or by city attorneys – and said he felt this would be agreeable to the city and to the union attorneys who brought the unfair labor practices complaint. Salmerón promised to follow through on any recommendation a commissioner may make, including disciplinary action. He said he is intent on remaining neutral, to preserve his own credibility when he comes to the table to negotiate with the union, he said. He explained that’s why he will not himself take an active role in the investigation.

In response to a question from resident Michael Hartman, Salmerón confirmed that the disciplinary action he referred to taking would be against any management employee who had violated the rights of workers.

A Good Place to Work
Hartman went on to aver that

Salmerón and the workers held the same ambition – a good place to work. Salmerón replied that he assuredly did hold that as an ambition and pointed out that the city, in the last three budgets, had cut unfilled positions and trimmed back so that they could continue to give Public Works employees raises and good working conditions – just as they do for classified workers.

Request for Status
In response to a question from Councilmember Jenni Pompei, Salmerón replied that they had requested a list of qualified labor commissioners. She then requested to get a timeline on the process. She also asked if notices were, in fact, posted in the workplace about the employees’ right to organize without fear of repercussion. In both cases, Salmerón said he would provide information on what had been done.

Fear of Repercussion
Pompei referred sympathetically to Stanback, the employee who was nervous to speak to council – noting that while speaking in public might have been part of his trepidation, she felt he was also likely very concerned about potential repercussions in the workplace.

Avoiding Lawyers
Echoing Leon-Lierman’s earlier point, Councilmember Frankie Fritz felt that with a little good will on both sides, it was perhaps not necessary to go the legal route and pay for lawyers and commissioners. Noting that council had already stated publicly in the council meeting that it was committed to proceeding correctly, he thought both parties could come to agreement.

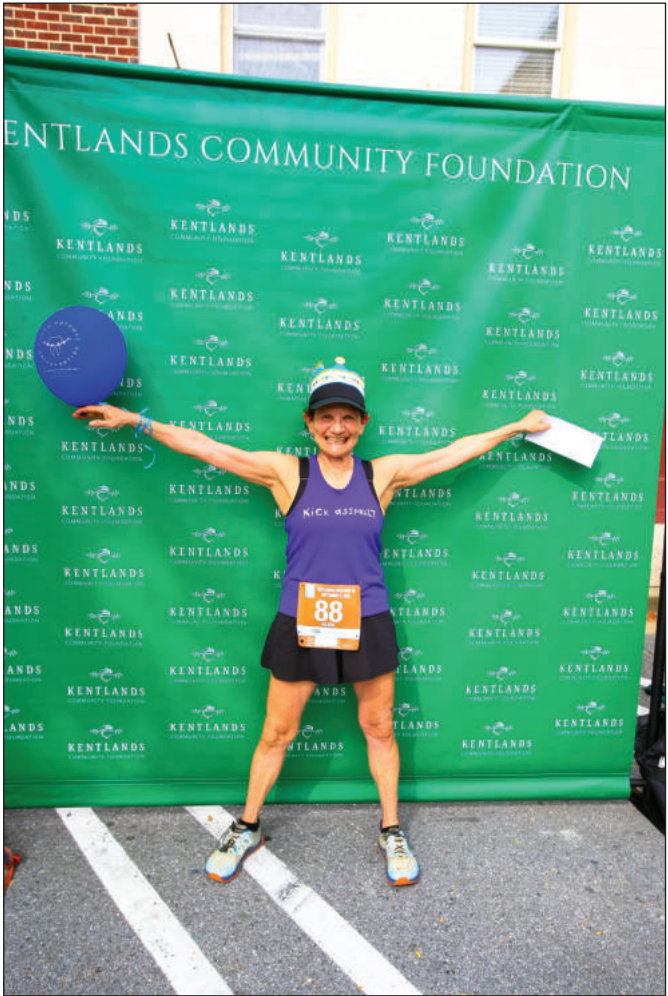
Fritz deferred to Salmerón’s right to decide, but said, having himself worked in the labor relations field, he felt the formality was probably not necessary. A speaker from the floor supported Fritz’s point, saying that it went against the cooperative spirit of

Greenbelt to hire “notoriously union-busting lawyers” to represent their interests. (As noted in last week’s reporting, Salmerón has stated that the same firm has been the city’s labor attorney for at least 20 years and has overseen their collective bargaining process for the police department (see the September 17 issue).)

What’s Next
While no conclusions were reached or specific actions taken, it was clear that council, reiterating its support for fair labor practices, was determined to make sure that employees were treated fairly and respectfully in the matter of unionization.



Bronze Finish



Aileen Kroll, wearing a purple athletic top and a white visor, stands with her arms raised in celebration. She is holding a blue circular medal in her right hand and a white certificate or medal card in her left. Behind her is a green backdrop with the 'KENTLANDS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION' logo repeated. The photo is credited to 'PHOTO COURTESY THE KENTLANDS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'.

Aileen Kroll celebrates her bronze finish in the Kentlands/Lake-wood 5K race on Saturday, September 5. Her finish qualifies her for the Senior Olympics to be held next summer in Tulsa, Okla.



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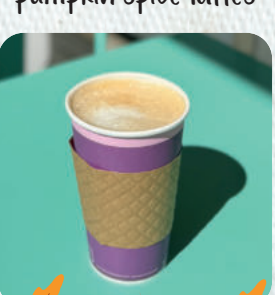
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Incident Summary
Greenbelt Police reported one death; three sexual assaults; two mental health diversions and a suicide attempt; and five domestic incidents, three resulting in arrest. A missing person case was resolved.

Assault Arrest
On September 16 at 9:47 p.m. near 113 Centerway, officers responded to an assault in which a victim sustained facial injuries. A suspect was located nearby and arrested.

Robbery
On September 15 at 5:01 p.m. near Springhill Lane and Springhill Drive, a boy reported that two suspects confronted him while he was walking and demanded his shoes.

DUI Arrests
On September 19 at 7:27 p.m. near Cherrywood Terrace and Springhill Drive, an officer stopped a vehicle for an equipment violation and observed signs of impairment. After field sobriety testing, the driver was arrested for DUI.

On September 20 at 12:34 a.m. near 6925 Hanover Parkway, officers found a disabled vehicle and observed signs that the driver was impaired. Following field sobriety testing and a breath test, the driver was arrested for DUI.

Fraud
On September 14 near 7600 Ora Glen Drive, a mailed check was altered and negotiated for a substantially higher amount than authorized.

Missing Property
On September 16 at 11:55 p.m. near 6500 Capitol Drive, a dealership reported 10 dealer registration plates missing during an audit. It was unknown whether the plates were lost, stolen, or not returned.

Theft and Shoplifting
On September 14 at 10:09 a.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a juvenile concealed merchandise in a backpack and passed all points

of sale without paying; at 9:28 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a person concealed merchandise and attempted to leave the store without paying.

On September 15 at 9:52 p.m. near 7595 Greenbelt Road, a repeat shoplifter left a grocery store with a cart and bags of unpaid merchandise. Officers canvassed the area but did not locate the person.

On September 15 at 1:09 p.m. near 5910 Greenbelt Road, someone entered a business, placed merchandise into a bag, and left without paying.

On September 16 at 6:01 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, someone took a drone valued at approximately \$40 and left the store without paying.

On September 18 at 5:27 p.m. near 8150 Lakecrest Drive, a resident reported property missing while maintenance personnel were working inside the residence.

On September 19 at 10:46 p.m. near 7607 Greenbelt Road, a person concealed approximately \$8 in merchandise and left without paying. The merchandise was returned, the business declined prosecution and the person was banned.

Vehicle Crimes
Theft from Auto
On September 15 near 8150 Lakecrest Drive, all four wheels were stolen from a parked vehicle overnight, valued at approximately \$2,800.

Vandalism to Auto
On September 19 at 16:05 p.m. near 7624 Mandan Road, a vehicle owner reported signs of forced entry to a parked vehicle, but no property was reported missing. No suspects or witnesses were identified.

On September 19 at 10:22 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a vehicle owner reported that an unknown suspect used a shopping cart to damage a parked vehicle. Surveillance footage was reviewed, but no suspect was identified.

K9 Visit to Greenbelt Middle School



Greenbelt's K9 Ollie, along with his handler MPO Alvarez, stopped by the Greenbelt Middle School on Wednesday, September 16 for a meet and greet.

PHOTOS COURTESY GREENBELT POLICE



Polyphemus moth on the wall of the Community Center



Tiger moth



The sun begins to set behind a tree in GHI.





A Monarch caterpillar clings to a milkweed leaf. A grasshopper is on the plant too, at the top of the photo.

PHOTO BY KATRINA BOVERMAN



One of two monarch butterflies that emerged on the same day on Laurel Hill Road.

PHOTO BY KATHY BARTOLOMEO

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative
Saturday, October 17, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.
Greenbelt Community Center Gym
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According to the Co-op's bylaws, 25 members constitute a quorum. In the absence of a quorum, those present can schedule another meeting, which can proceed even in the absence of a quorum.

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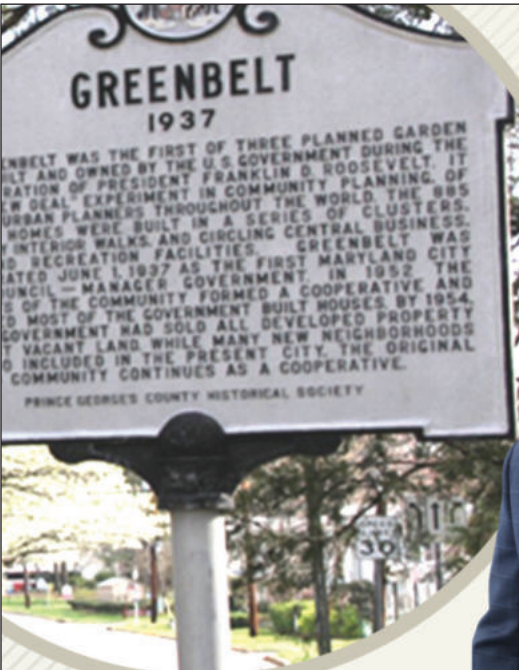

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Sports

Double Victories Lead Raiders to Autumn

by Patrick Gleason

As the sun set, the moon rose, overlooking a perfect September evening for the fourth annual girls soccer Roosevelt Round Robin Tournament featuring Howard County's Guilford Park Panthers and the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference's Bishop McNamara Mustangs along with the Eleanor Roosevelt Raiders. Guilford Park and McNamara kicked off the 3 p.m. game with a scoreless first half before McNamara posted a second half scoring barrage en route to victory.

But for their 5 p.m. start against Guilford Park, the Raiders did not waste any time in finding the back of the net. Junior Morgan Parks threatened the Panther backline throughout the first half, while sophomore Kennedy Frechtel opened the scoring by relaying a corner kick rebound into the Panther goal. Later Parks corralled a through ball and completed a fifty-yard dash to goal for Raider insurance. The Raiders tacked on three more goals in the second half with Frechtel scoring another; senior Treasure Wogu tapped in a pass from classmate Joyce Kengne after she reached endline and cut back her pass to the oncoming Wogu. Senior captain Ariana Cruz tallied her goal on a penalty kick after a Panther foul in the box. With the 5-0 victory in hand, the Raiders enjoyed their first victory of the night.

As the setting sun's light played across the sky, the Raiders and Mustangs began the evening's finale. Roosevelt dominated the game's opening ten minutes with impressive possession but had no goal to show. Then senior Claire Alolga struck. As a Mustang defender tracked back toward her own goal she slowed her momentum; Alolga wasted no time in capitalizing on the lapse. Sprinting around the defender, Alolga stole the ball, took a direct touch toward goal, and fired a shot near post, before the Mustang keeper



Junior Morgan Parks' speed has challenged opposing defenses all season long for the 4-1 ERHS Raiders.



Kyndall Hogans and the Raider defense posted three straight shutouts last week.

could react. Later Parks tallied again, fulfilling her role as the Raider striker. Senior winger Emery Gregory scored in both halves including an impressive team goal after a succession of passes from teammates Beatrice Marx and Jocelyn Lopez Tirado. But it was Cruz that punctuated the night with the final goal. From the top of the box, Cruz took aim and

sent a shot that appeared to be far wide, but as it approached goal, the shot took a curved trajectory and slipped in near post, resulting in a raucous reaction from her teammates. With the sun set and the moon high, the Raiders basked in double 5-0 victories, entering fall with a promising night of soccer.

- Photos by Georgia Galie

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Volunteers are needed for the Pollinator Festival that takes place at the Patuxent Research Refuge this weekend.

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Kennedy Center Protest Sends Greenbelters to the Ramparts

by Cathie Meetre

On Friday, September 18, the Hands Around the Kennedy Center event was held at the Kennedy Center, which is under threat from the Trump administration. National news outlets reported on the protesters who were there to show support for the arts venue against the proposals that could lead to its destruction. It seemed to the News Review, however, that this would be an opportunity for the many Greenbelt residents likely opposed to interference with a local resource such as this to make their feelings known, so we used our Facebook page to ask for their input. This article compiles the stories and photos that current, former and aspiring Greenbelters who attended the event have sent to us. The event went on through the evening until the stars came out and the moon shone bright.

An Icon for Leadership

For many, perhaps most, the Center is a memorial to a president whose focus in the 1960s was on building, exploring and fairness rather than the current president's creation of destruction, mayhem and the increasing polarization between wealth and poverty. Though the architecture may perhaps miss the sublime beauty of a gothic cathedral or the Taj Mahal, the spirit it represents is what many believe the United States stands for.

The proposed destruction of the Kennedy Center has been characterized as an expression of spite and ignorance designed (unsuccessfully perhaps) to distract voters from the larger-scale policy catastrophes that seem typical of the current administration.

Greenbelt's Response

Our appeal to Greenbelters for stories and photos did not go unheard. We thank all who responded, and only regret that we cannot accommodate all that were submitted.

The program was emceed by drag artist Tara Hoot and speakers included Lynda Carter, TV's Wonder Woman. The crowd began assembling in the early evening. With clear skies and reasonable temperatures, attendees enjoyed the camaraderie of the crowd and the Kennedy Center's commanding terrace view over the Potomac River.

A Musician's View

Emily Yang, Greenbelter and professional cellist, has played many times at the Kennedy Center. This occasion was different because she was outside playing with the group that performed Bernstein's Take Care of This House at the protest (listen to Barbra Streisand sing it on YouTube at [youtube.com/watch?v=hGLXYz6f11A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hGLXYz6f11A)).

Yang told us, "It felt incredible to have so much support for the Kennedy Center last night, including the inspiring speech from Carter." Yang went on to say that on her way out she was interviewed by a New York Times (NYT) reporter.

Not to play second fiddle (as it were) to the NYT, we can report what she said to him. She told him that she had played cello at the Kennedy Center Concert Hall, Terrace Theater and Millenium Stage and recounted her memory of how she "attended an NSO



The crowd fills the area around the Kennedy Center.

PHOTO BY LORENA MCCracken HIEP

rehearsal as a high school student where somebody in the orchestra had a medical emergency, and saw how Slava (Mstislav Rostropovich) immediately responded and led the responses of everyone around in the most human and the most beautiful way."

She also told the reporter that she felt the Center was, "A home for beauty in all our lives, community, connection, remembrance, history, passion and love for the arts." It is Yang's hope that the Kennedy Center can "continue forward on its mission as a treasured place of beauty, community, passion and love for the arts for all the people."

Human Chain, Riverwise

Greenbelt resident Paul Richards noted that as he arrived around 6 p.m., there were already crowds in place. As the evening wore on, he told us that, "Thousands of people formed a human chain around the building." He tells us that "Lots of people took photos (of the chain) in front of the Kennedy Center." But in his photo, which silhouettes the held hands against the sunset over the Potomac, he shows us, "This is what it looked like in the back. There were more than enough bodies to completely encompass the entire building."

Richards' photo of the placard proclaiming "Donny, you are no JFK" also picks up on a pair of very respectable looking people wearing baseball caps that instruct us to Make Lying Wrong Again, which are now readily available for purchase online.

Kennedy Center Size

While an approximate measurement of the Kennedy Center perimeter is 1,860 feet, the entire site spans 17 acres along the Potomac. At one person every 2.5 feet (judging from the photo) and perhaps more packed together in front of the building, this is a minimum of 1,100 people holding hands.

Musicians Protest

Cheryl Hill Sanborn has been a Lastner Lane resident since 2002, with both of her children graduating from Eleanor Roosevelt High School. She is a professional clarinetist and the principal clarinetist with the National Philharmonic of Montgomery County, performing at Strathmore. Sanborn knows the Kennedy Center, having played there with the Kennedy Center Ballet and attended concerts, opera and other productions in its various spaces. She's a member of two local

musicians' unions whose adherents have been deeply impacted by the Kennedy Center closure. Less stressfully, one hopes, she describes herself as "a proud member of the Greenbelt Co-op!" Her photograph shows both her sense of humor and her deep offense with the threat.

Greenbelters on the Warpath

Lorena McCracken Hiep writes that she's a former Greenbelter, with family still living here. She says, "It was a beautiful night spent with people who have loved attending or performing at the Kennedy Center through the decades. I had the privilege of singing there with the Prince George's High School Honors Chorus back in the 1980s, when I was a student at ERHS." Her photo picks up on the ambience of the crowd.

Greenbelter Elizabeth Tobey writes, "I was at the Kennedy Center Protest (Friday). It was heartening to see so many people come out to support and defend the Center. It's hard to estimate crowds, but I'm guessing there were at least 1,000. At one point, the sound from the band that was playing was reverberating against the facade. It was if the music and the people were breathing life into the Center."

Participant Cicady Aquatica, though not a Greenbelter by residence, says she has performed enough times at the Greenbelt Arts Center that she feels like, "the Greenbelt area is a second home." She goes on to say, "Soooo many people! There were multiple times I got chills. One of my favorite moments was getting to erase Dump's name from a poster and replace it with hearts." (Author's Note: "Dump" is a colloquial nickname for the current president).

Resident C. E. Ready sent us several photos, referring to her 86-year-old father's desire to be at the protest as he had worked "on and at the building." She met the emcee, drag performer Tara Hoot, whom Ready describes as "a lovely person." Hoot had previously helped her with the logistics of taking her father to the event.

Patricia Stack's photo gives a good sense of just how many people were present, listening to the music and the presentations.



Silhouetted against the setting sun and the Potomac, the joined hands speak eloquently of the shared bond.

PHOTO BY PAUL RICHARDS



A placard states what many are thinking. The hats say "Make lying wrong again."

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The crowd at the Kennedy Center in the evening

PHOTO BY C.E. READY



Lynda Carter, who played Wonder Woman, addresses the crowd in front of a shuttered and masked Kennedy Center.

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A regal Trump spoof berates the crowd at the protest.

PHOTO BY CHERYL HILL SANBORN



A veritable sea of people gather in front of the building to hear music and speeches.

PHOTO BY PATRICIA STACK