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City Acts on ICE, Recognition Funding and Staff Authority

by Cathie Meetre

This article focuses on the September 14 City Council discussion of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in the county, funding of recognition groups and a clarification of authority in managing the city's relationships with local homeowners' associations (HOAs). Another story in the October 1 issue discussed city reports and other actions for this council meeting.

Protests against ICE

During the petitions and requests segment, Christine Wilkin of the Greenbelt Resistance Network urged council to send a strong letter to County Executive Aisha Braveboy requesting the county take a firm stand against ICE. A major concern was the proposed expansion of ICE offices at 6505 Belcrest Road in Hyattsville in a building that also contains social services offices and a campus of Prince George's Community College – both frequented by Greenbelters and others who might be discouraged from seeking services due to the presence

of ICE and a potential detention facility. Wilkin wanted council to be sure to vote that evening on the motion before them.

Resident Bill Phelan followed her to point out that Maryland governments have failed to follow the example of other states by standing against ICE activities. He noted the presence of ICE in Greenbelt and nearby. He felt that Maryland police forces should stand between ICE and its victims – pointing out that Governor Wes Moore has said nothing and in Frederick recently, the local police stood by as victims were beaten by ICE. He also urged the city to weigh in.

The consent agenda that included the letter passed unanimously, and the letter will be sent to Braveboy.

Peace Month

Mayor Emmett Jordan presented a Peace Month proclamation to representatives of the Peace and Justice Coalition, after which resident Daniel Thies gave

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Hispanic Heritage Month

Greenbelt Embraces Its Hispanic Culture with Brand New Festival

by Rachel Kebler

Through dance, music, food and more, Greenbelt Unidos, meaning United Greenbelt, brought together residents to celebrate the city's Hispanic community on Saturday, October 3.

"I put this together because the city has never hosted an event for Hispanic Heritage Month," said Gizelle Alvarez, the City of Greenbelt's constituent services coordinator and organizer of the event. "We did have Salsa y Salsa last year, but it was more focused on voter engagement, and we wanted to have something specifically for celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month."

Several volunteers came together to make the event a success, finding all sorts of ways to engage the diverse attendees in Hispanic and Latin culture. For instance, the Greenbelt Park and Recreation Department set up a face-painting station for visitors to get bedazzled.



PHOTO COURTESY CITY OF GREENBELT

A food truck at the Greenbelt Unidos event

Suejean Liao, an arts event staff member at the department, expressed appreciation for the representation created by the event.

"I feel like most [Greenbelt] residents are very open-minded, and Franklin Park is predominantly Latino. Overall, I think

[the community is] doing the best they can with what we have," Liao said.

The Pa'Lante Latin Dance Company at the University of Maryland performed and led

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Election 2026

Five County Charter Amendments Among Ten Questions on Ballot

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

This November there will be 10 questions from the county on the ballot for voters to consider. Five are charter amendments that range from "harmful business" taxes on liquor stores and self-storage units, for example, to eliminating at-large county council members, to redistricting, purchasing and arbitration. A further five deal with bond issues and will be addressed in a subsequent article.

A. Charter Amendment: Harmful Businesses Taxes and Fees

The first question seeks to allow Prince George's County to impose additional taxes and fees on businesses "deemed to have an adverse impact on community health, safety and welfare or county economic development," such as tobacco and liquor stores and self-storage units. A vote in favor will allow the county to impose taxes and fees on "operators of businesses that negatively impact the quality-of-life of county residents or economic development" and remove the current requirement that the public vote on them directly.

Relevant context for this question is that in the spring the

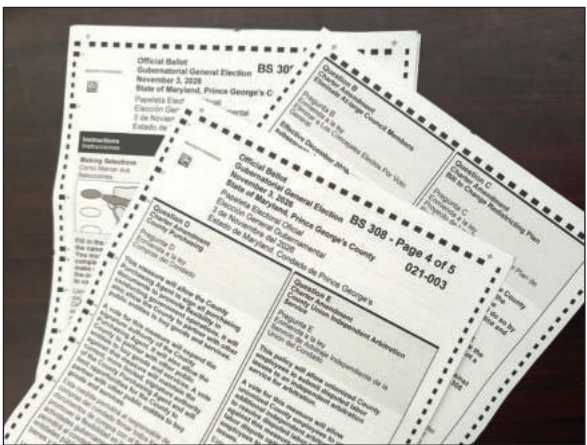


PHOTO BY ANNA BEDFORD-DILLOW

This year's ballot includes five county charter amendment questions.

county council in a 9 to 2 vote passed a new \$5,000 annual fee on the owners of liquor stores, tobacco stores, gun stores and consolidated storage businesses. At-Large Member Jolene Ivey and District 9 Member Sydney Harrison were the two opposed, citing legal and other concerns. County Executive Aisha Braveboy did not sign the legislation but said she would not veto it because it passed by supermajority in the council. The county is now being sued by a group of business owners over the new fee, which they say is a tax the county isn't authorized to impose. Greenway Liquors in Greenbelt is one of the 50 plaintiffs.

The county's current charter requires voter approval for rais-

ing most taxes and certain fees. If passed, the question on the ballot "will allow the county to impose taxes and fees, to the extent authorized by law, on operators of businesses that negatively impact the quality-of-life of county residents or economic development."

Even if the charter is changed to allow the county to tax businesses that negatively "impact quality of life" without going back to voters, it will continue to face state constraints. Currently, the Maryland General Assembly must approve new non-property taxes and most increases to them. However, greater county authority may be coming as Maryland county

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What Goes On

Monday, October 12
7:30 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building
Wednesday, October 14
No council meeting

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

City Council Votes to Establish New Tenant Advisory Board

by Larry Beyna

The Greenbelt City Council met on September 28. A major item on council's agenda was the second reading and adoption of a resolution creating a Tenant Advisory Board. (Other discussions and actions at the meeting will be reported in a separate article.) As the resolution's title states, the purpose of the board is to "provide advice, recommendations and other needed advisory services to council on matters affecting tenants and rental housing within the

City of Greenbelt."

Mayor Emmett Jordan introduced the resolution by stating that "renters make up a foundational part of Greenbelt's population, yet until now we have had no dedicated municipal board actively focusing on tenant policy. This measure proposes to create a seven-member advisory board appointed by council to serve as a bridge to those residents."

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PHOTO BY LYNNE SLATER

Judy Goldberg-Strassler, left, trims a bowl for the Empty Bowls event as Lorraine Aldridge works in the background. See story, page 4.

Letters to the Editor

Kudos for Summer Camp Music

I attended several of the plays and musicals during this year's Greenbelt Summer Camps. I want to thank Greenbelt employee Chris Cherry for the unique and outstanding efforts he puts into the musical activities and Stefan Brodd for his wonderful accompaniments.

I know that their accomplishments have been ongoing for many years, but I just wanted to add recognition for this year also.

Mary Ann Baker

Braveboy Not So Brave

Why is it that people elected and funded by taxpayers in Prince

George's County treat those taxpayers like mushrooms? Braveboy, it seems, is not so brave. Steadfastly refusing to answer basic questions about the current open vacancy and the paltry lack of advertising for the position of District 2's Board of Education representative, after not even bothering to notify the public about said vacancy, shows a disdain for us and suggests that some sort of coverup is ongoing or that cronyism is alive and well in Upper Marlboro. There are still questions about why she believes that her refusal to be accountable is somehow best for Prince George's county residents.

Hank Meyer



Story & Photograph Submissions

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



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Protest Supports BARC



On Wednesday, September 30, local residents held a sign-waving protest organized by Julie Tharret and Susan Barnett at the intersection of Kenilworth Avenue and Cherrywood Lane in support of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC). The facility is slated to be shuttered despite its importance to food safety and research.



On Screen at Greenbelt Cinema

Ha-Chan, Shake Your Booty!

Haru and Luis love competing in Tokyo's ballroom dance scene, but after tragedy strikes, Haru withdraws into isolation. When friends coax her back to the studio, she develops an infatuation with the new instructor. "In Josef Kubota Wladyka's Ha-CHAN, SHAKE YOUR BOOTY! the co-writer/director tells a beautifully relatable story of life, love and loss with some Fosse-quality dance numbers and just the right amount of whimsy," said critic Glenn Garner of Deadline.com.

The Work in Progress

The Work in Progress is a searching portrait of America at a moment of profound uncertainty, and a hopeful exploration of what we owe one another as our country faces unprecedented challenges. Inspired by Robert Reich's curiosity and humanity, it is a testament to the power of listening, civic engagement and the belief that our shared future is still ours to shape. The film begins with Prof. Reich asking: "What do we owe each other?" What follows is a journey to find out.

Digger

The most powerful man in the world embarks on a frantic mission to prove he is humanity's savior before the disaster he's unleashed destroys everything. From director Alejandro González Iñárritu, the film stars Tom Cruise, Riz Ahmed, John Goodman and Sandra Hüller.

Sense and Sensibility

From Focus Features and Working Title comes an irresistible new take on Jane Austen's iconic Sense and Sensibility: a charming, witty and deeply relatable story of love and sisterhood starring Daisy Edgar-Jones and Esmé Creed-Miles. Said critic Derek Smith of Slant Magazine, "What makes the film a fresh, if not altogether revelatory, take on the material is the intimacy and sincerity with which it presents Elinor and Marianne's parallel journeys."



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www.greenbeltcinema.org

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DVS = Descriptive Video Service

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Ha-Chan, Shake Your Booty!

(R) (CC) (DVS) (2026) (122 mins)

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Fri. 8:00 PM

Sat. 5:00 PM

Sun. 5:00 PM (OC)

Mon. 2:00 PM (OC)

Tues. 5:00 PM

Wed. 7:40 PM

Thurs. 4:00 PM

Screen 2 - The Screening Room

Sun. 2:20 PM

Tues. 8:10 PM

Wed. 5:20 PM

The Work in Progress

(NR) (2026) (90 mins)

Screen 1 - Main Auditorium

Fri. 5:20 PM

Sat. 8:00 PM

Sun. 2:00 PM

Mon. 5:00 PM

Tues. 8:00 PM

Wed. 5:00 PM

Screen 2 - The Screening Room

Sat. 5:20 PM

Mon. 2:20 PM

Thurs. 8:00 PM

Digger (R)

(CC) (DVS) (2026) (129 mins)

Screen 2 - The Screening Room

Fri. 5:00 PM

Sat. 8:10 PM

Sun. 5:20 PM

Mon. 5:20 PM

Tues. 5:20 PM

Wed. 8:00 PM

Sense and Sensibility (PG)

(CC) (DVS) (2026) (131 mins)

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Screen 1 - Main Auditorium

Thurs. 7:00 PM

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Potters Community Crafts Empty Bowls to Alleviate Food Insecurity

by Lynne Slater

On Sunday, November 1, at the Empty Bowls benefit to raise money for the Greenbelt Food Pantry at St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church, patrons with pre-purchased tickets will select one of some 250 hand-crafted ceramic bowls, choose from a variety of homemade soups, then sit down to dinner with family and friends. Empty Bowls projects are a custom of potters nationwide, conceived to support organizations that help alleviate food insufficiency. For over 20 years the Greenbelt Pottery Group (GPG) has been crafting the ceramic bowls for a biennial event, according to Gina Mai Denn, artist in residence at the Community Center.

Denn was one of the initiators of the project and is co-leading this year's activity along with Julie Boynton. Denn told the News Review that "helping run this event and contributing many bowls to it gives me a great feeling of community, accomplishment and I feel like I'm helping others in an important way."

GPG potters start making the bowls in February. Most bowls are thrown on the wheel, but some are hand-built. From wedging the clay through the second firing, the process of crafting each bowl can take weeks. "Clay is earth. Working with it is an organic process. You learn to wait for the clay," said Boynton.

For the last 9 or 10 years, Boynton has contributed to the Empty Bowls project because it offers her a chance to use her skills to give back to the community and because she believes in the mission. "Growing up, sometimes we experienced food insecurity in my family. It's not theoretical," she said.

A relatively new member of the GPG, Jenn Halpern values the spirit of community and the learning environment among the Greenbelt potters. During the summer, studio time was dedicated to two bowl-making sessions. Halpern believes those sessions enhanced that feeling of community. Engaging in Empty Bowls, Halpern said, "is a way to contribute outside and express our community spirit beyond the group."

A high school teacher of physics and engineering, Elisa Shapiro has been a member of GPG since 2002. Shapiro told the News Review that participating in Empty Bowls is "rewarding and easy, because Greenbelt Recreation supplies the clay, and I can contribute as time permits. I bring my skills, can do something I enjoy and can also give back, help the community."

Leah Cohen, an artist in residence in both fiber arts and ceramics, has been involved with the ceramics program for about five years, Cohen decorates and glazes the bowls her husband makes. She first became aware of the Empty Bowls project through her neighbor, who assembled "an impressive collection of bowls" over the years. Cohen said that she "likes making bowls. It gives me a sense of accomplishment and contributing to the food bank is a good cause."

Judy Goldberg-Strassler, one of the instructors in the ceramics

Jenn Halpern at the wheel



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PHOTO COURTESY JULIE BOYNTON

Julie Boynton displays newly thrown bowls made for the Empty Bowls project.



program, values the Empty Bowls project as an effective fundraising event for the Greenbelt Food Pantry. "We raised at least \$5,000 last time." Goldberg-Strassler told the News Review that bowl making is truly a cooperative venture. The 40 to 50 potters in GPG contribute their time and skill to make the bowls; Greenbelt Recreation/Arts provides recycled clay, glaze and kiln time; members of St. Hugh's prepare the food while the church supplies the space; and musicians from the Greenbelt Community Orchestra provide the entertainment. Within

the GPG community, sometimes one potter will throw a bowl and another potter, who is typically someone who makes tiles or hand builds, may decorate it. Goldberg-Strassler told the News Review that over the 18 years that she has been in the GPG, she's observed that "working together for a good cause, using our skills to help others, has strengthened our community."

Tickets can be purchased in advance by emailing Mary Ann Treter at mary_treter@yahoo.com or by calling 240-517-7559.

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Obituaries

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

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

St. Hugh's Church Seeks Musicians

Music is an integral part of worship at St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church. The choir serves the Sunday 11 a.m. Mass and is seeking new members who are interested in singing on a regular basis. Practice is held on Wednesday evenings and the time commitment is from 10:30 a.m. to about 12:15 p.m. most Sundays. The choir is also part of Christmas and other Holy Day Masses. Anyone who would like to sing should consider joining. Accomplished singers who have limited availability could consider cantoring. Instrumentalists are also welcome. To see how to serve, or for more information, contact Music Director Jennifer Goltz at Jen.Goltz@gmail.com.

Congratulations to Kathy Labukas, who in September swam in both the Washington, D.C. Senior Games and the Maryland State Senior Olympics. She has qualified to swim six events in the National Senior Games to be held in Tulsa, Okla., in July 2027.

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

Kathy Labukas displays some of her swimming medals.



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— 'Abdu'l-Bahá

Greenbelt Bahá'í Community
www.greenbeltbahais.org

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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.

MEETINGS FOR OCTOBER 12 - 16

Wednesday, October 14 at 7:30 pm, **ADVISORY BOARD INTERVIEWS, Virtual**

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, October 12 at 7:30 pm

ORGANIZATION

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- Reading of the Greenbelt Community Pledge
- Petitions and Requests
- Consent Agenda
 - * Minutes of Council Meetings
 - * Meetings
 - * Committee Reports
 - Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Report #27-1 — (Recognition Group — The Games that Made You)
 - Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Report #27-2 - (Indian Creek Park Master Plan)
 - Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Report #27-3 — (Recognition Group — Revolutionary Self Care Yoga)
 - * Council Discussion: Draft Letter to Congressman Glenn Ivey Regarding Greenbelt Post Office Service Concerns
 - * Resignation from Advisory Board/Committee
 - * Letter: Congressman Ivey regarding Research Road
- Approval of Agenda and Additions

COMMUNICATIONS

- Presentations
 - * Cooperative Month Proclamation
 - * Indigenous People Day Proclamation
- Minutes
- Administrative Reports
 - * Stop Sign Camera Program Update – March–September 2026

LEGISLATION

- A Resolution Recognizing LGBTQIA History Month
 - 1st Reading and Suspension of the rules
 - 2nd Reading and Adoption
- A Resolution to Establish and Assert the City of Greenbelt's Right of First Refusal to Acquire Surplus County-Owned Property Within Greenbelt's Municipal Boundaries
 - 1st Reading and Suspension of the rules
 - 2nd Reading and Adoption
- A Resolution to Repeal and Reenact the City Community Pledge
 - 1st Reading
- A Resolution Affirming the City of Greenbelt's Desire to take Ownership of the Building and Property Currently Serving as Springhill Lake Elementary, Previously Dora Kennedy French Immersion School and Greenbelt Middle School, but Historically known as Greenbelt High School, once the Building has been Decommissioned by Prince George's County Public Schools
 - 1st Reading

OTHER BUSINESS

- Discussion: City Council Sub-committee Working Group(s)
- Council Discussion: Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) Next Steps
- Council Discussion: Consideration of Mailing Ballots to All Eligible Registered Voters
- Discussion, Review and Acceptance of DEI Consulting Services RFP
- Council Reports
- Council Activities

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This agenda is subject to change. For the most up-to-date agenda, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipalTV or call (301) 474-8000.

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE: ROOSEVELT CENTER CROSSWALK REPLACEMENT

The City of Greenbelt Public Works Department will begin replacing crosswalks in Roosevelt Center on October 7, with work expected to take approximately two to three weeks, weather permitting.

Residents, businesses, and visitors may experience temporary pedestrian and traffic impacts, including changes to pedestrian routes, parking, and vehicle circulation. Businesses will remain accessible, and visitors are encouraged to follow posted signs and use caution around active work areas.

For more information, contact publicworks@greenbeltmd.gov or call (301) 474-8004.

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.

APPLY TO JOIN THE TENANT ADVISORY BOARD!

The City of Greenbelt is seeking residents interested in serving as the first members of the newly established Tenant Advisory Board. This new advisory board will provide recommendations to the City Council on matters affecting tenants and rental housing within the City of Greenbelt.

Serving on the Tenant Advisory Board is an excellent opportunity to share your perspective and help shape the future of rental housing in Greenbelt. As one of the board's first members, you will help establish a new avenue for tenant voices to be heard in City government.

Be part of the beginning! Apply today to help shape Greenbelt's new Tenant Advisory Board.

Call (301) 474-8000.



Saturday, October 10, 2 - 5 pm
Schrom Hills Park, 6915 Hanover Parkway

Visit Schrom Hills Park for fall activities and pumpkin carving during Fall Fest! With games, pumpkin decorating, a hayride, and more, you won't want to miss out on this magic.

One of the three pumpkin walks will begin afterward around 6 pm. Greenbelt's annual Pumpkin Festival continues a community tradition of pumpkin carving followed by a walk to enjoy a brisk fall day and a creative pumpkin trail made by talented carvers.

This event is part of Active Aging Week that celebrates through a week of arts, wellness, history, social connection, and community events for Greenbelt residents and visitors. Learn more and see our full schedule of events on our [Active Aging Week page](#).

FEATURED PETS

NINA



Ready for Adoption?
Call (301) 474-6124

2.5-year-old Nina has been at the shelter since April and is hoping to find her forever home (or castle). Nina would prefer to be the queen of her own home, without any other pets or children who might have trouble respecting her boundaries. However, once Nina warms up to you, she is a sweet, laidback

lovebug who enjoys head scratches, tasty treats, and perching in the highest spot in the room to survey her kingdom!

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

BILINGUAL PRE-K STORY HOUR HORA DE CUENTOS DE PREKINDER

Friday, October 9 | 10:30 - 11:30 am
Springhill Lake Recreation, 6101 Cherrywood Lane

Join us on the second Friday of every month!

Children Ages 0-5

Come and enjoy the wonderful work of storytelling and free health snacks. Friends & family are all welcome to attend.

Niños de 0-5 años

Ven y disfruta del maravilloso mundo de contar cuentos y bocadillos saludables port gratis. ¡Amigos y familiares bienvenidos!

This series is sponsored by RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness); Prince George's County Memorial Library System; Greenbelt Recreation, American Legion Auxillary, and Greenbelt COOP.

Contact joseph.vincent@gpcmls.info or spreadruak@gmail.com.



GREENBELT CARES PROGRAMS

ADULT FLU CLINIC

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!

SENIOR DRIVER SAFETY PRESENTATION

Thursday, October 22, 7- 8 pm
Virtual

Join us for an engaging, one-hour seminar designed for older drivers, families, and caregivers. This interactive session provides practical strategies to help seniors drive safer, stay confident behind the wheel, and maintain independence longer.

Questions? Call: 202-891-8071, Email: cherrera@greenbeltmd.gov

GREENBELT CITY CALENDAR

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



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

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

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

Call (301) 474-8000.

ARTS HAPPENINGS

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

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

Artful Afternoon (Springhill Lake Recreation Center) 10/11, 1:30-2:30pm. Sign up: sugeni.us/Ucd6. Create a unique and colorful collage inspired by the current exhibit in the Community Center Art Gallery. James Stephen Terrell's exciting show of figurative collages reflects the rich influences of both quilting traditions and Afrofuturism.

Wild Rumpus Dance Number and Volunteer Call (Greenbelt Community Center.) Be part of Greenbelt Recreation's annual Halloween celebration in Roosevelt Center (10/30)! Sign up at <https://sugeni.us/UYjs> to participate in a community dance number and at <https://sugeni.us/UYV6> to volunteer at the event!

MORE ARTS HAPPENING SOON

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

Middle School Math and More Standardized Test Analysis

by Hannah Frasure

This article is part 2 of a two-part series about the results of standardized testing in Greenbelt's schools. For Part 1 see the September 17 issue.

The News Review's analysis of Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) standardized test results, published at the end of this summer, revealed a number of interesting trends. Foremost, Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) students in the advanced mathematics program far out-tested Greenbelt high schoolers on the same math level; additionally, at all Greenbelt elementary schools, the students in lower grades typically performed better than the students in older grades. In past years, education officials attributed test performance decline for these older classes to Covid-19.

GMS Outperformed ERHS

Middle schoolers enrolled in and tested on Algebra 1 – through the school's Talented and Gifted Program (TAG) – outperformed Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) students tested on the same subject. At GMS, 73.5 percent of students in Algebra 1 achieved proficiency. Statewide, 21.3 percent of middle schoolers in Algebra 1 achieved proficiency while 11.1 percent of enrolled middle schoolers in the district achieved proficiency.

Yongsul Cho, who teaches Algebra 1 at GMS, told the News Review that last year was his second year teaching the course. He noted that students in the TAG program were placed into the program based upon pre-existing ability in math, and in the past “demonstrated proficiency rates in the upper 50th percentile range” in the MCAP.

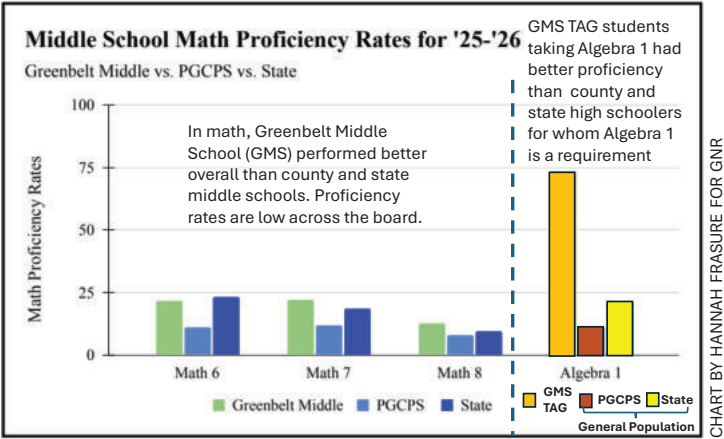
He stated that he does not do any special preparation for the MCAP. He told the News Review that he develops a plan for each student at the beginning of the school year, based on their current level and the skills required for Algebra 1.

“I use Common Assessments and Benchmarks throughout the year to repeatedly review key concepts and provide ongoing practice. During lectures, I spend significant time on vocabulary before each unit, use visual materials to make concepts easier to understand and actively encourage student participation during instruction.”

At ERHS, only 11.8 percent of students achieved proficiency in Algebra 1, which – as explained in the first article – is a mandated class for high schoolers.

Further, ERHS test score results are a composite of both magnet and non-magnet students, so the averages do not reflect the average scores of each group separately.

ERHS hosts a Science and Tech magnet program drawing top performing students from the region who are offered placements based on middle school grades and 8th grade Preliminary SAT scores, so a substantial portion of the student body already comprises some of Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS)



most advanced students in terms of test performance and grades. Information from 2025 enrollment data, PGCPS Science and Technology informational webpages as well as a website for ERHS magnet program all indicate that roughly 40 percent of the ERHS student body are in the magnet program.

It is unclear how, if at all, the inclusion of students in both programs impacted the results.

Elementary School Trends

Additionally of note, at both Springhill Lake Elementary School (SHLES) and Magnolia Elementary School (MES), less than 10 percent of students at each school reached the level of proficiency on tests. As noted in the last article, there are a significant number of students at both SHLES and MES who are second language learners and come from economically disadvantaged families, factors that are widely known to have a correlation with academic performance.

At both SHLES and MES, students performed poorly on the math proficiency tests: 7.4 percent of all students tested at MES reached proficiency in math, while at SHLES, 9.5 percent of all students tested reached proficiency.

Lastly, at Greenbelt Elementary (GES), third graders had higher proficiency rates than both fourth and fifth graders in both English and math; fifth graders had the lowest proficiency rating across all grades.

This trend actually exists generally, for all tests of elementary and middle schoolers in math and English at both the state and district levels.

A similar trend occurred at MES and SHLES in math, where the third graders performed much better than fourth and fifth graders, who were within less than two percentage points of one another in terms of proficiency.

Lastly, GES proficiency rates were noticeably higher than MES and SHLES for nearly every test and grade – with the exception being fifth grade.

Impact of Covid-19

News Review reporting of MCAP results in recent years features commentary from PGCPS officials attributing declining rates to issues from distance learning during the Covid-19 pandemic.

“The pandemic was devastating,” said then-at-large PGCPS board member Walter Fields at a board meeting in March 2023, referring to 2022 MCAP results. “And you see it in the cohort analysis.”

Dist. 2 School Board Candidate Forum Here on October 15

On Thursday, October 15, join Greenbelt's Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) for a forum with District 2 Board of Education candidates Terence Clegg and Caroline Decaire-Goldin at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center (6101 Cherrywood Lane) from 7 to 8 p.m.

District 2 has been without representation since June but will elect their new Board of Education member on November 3. The new board member's four-year term will commence on December 7, the first Monday in December.

Register for the upcoming District 2 Candidate Forum and submit questions for the candidates to answer. During the forum, we will ask the candidates questions submitted by residents and readers. Similar questions may be consolidated to help cover as many topics as possible.

Please submit your questions online here: <https://tinyurl.com/mwh4t2v>

Greenbelt Access Television (GATe) will record the event.

Limited parking is available at Springhill Lake Recreation Center but special event parking will be available on Cherrywood Lane, with other parking nearby. Doors will open at 6:45 p.m.

Prince George's County Public Schools District 2 includes Greenbelt, College Park, Berwyn Heights and parts of Riverdale and Lanham. Advanced registration is appreciated at the link above.



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TIMES: 1:00pm – 5:00pm

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School News

Still Waiting on the Curb: PGCPs Bus Transportation Update

by Claudia Stuart

Bus problems are still troubling some Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) families, who also complain they are left without the real-time tracking promised with Chipmunk.

On September 24, weeks into the school year, parents and bus drivers told the Prince George’s County Board of Education’s September business meeting that bus service has improved since the messy first week, but it still falls short. These issues have affected families attending the Robert Goddard Montessori (RGMS) and the Dora Kennedy French Immersion (DKFI) campus, in particular.

RGMS and DKFI Campus Capacity

“You can change the direction cars drive, move bus drop-off locations, add another app; you cannot engineer your way out of a campus that doesn’t have enough capacity,” Sarah Parker said, a parent who has children at DKFI.

Although there have been improvements, Parker emphasized that children still ride the bus for over 90 minutes to get to school. This has affected students so much that out of 30 students whose families want them riding that bus, only two to three actually take the bus to school, Parker reported of her children’s route.

Parents who drive their kids to school now have to take extra time off work to get them there on time, with morning drop-off taking 30 to 45 minutes. Parker said buses arrive on campus at 9:10 a.m., but because of traffic students don’t make it to class until after the bell rings. She urged the board to reconsider where their money is going. Is it more effective to spend it on an app, or would it be better to add a second driveway on the campus? she asked.

Terrence Clegg, a District 2 school board candidate and father of RGMS students, noted co-locating the school with DKFI more than doubled the campus population, creating more traffic during morning and afternoon commutes. “Given ongoing driver shortages and the fact that our campus is now shared with another school, doubling our student population on a single two-lane road, it was clear we would face significant challenges,” that were clear well before the school year started, Clegg said.

In addition to campus traffic, DKFI and RGMS dismissal starts at 4:15 p.m., yet buses still don’t arrive on campus until after 4:30 p.m. due to previous routes that need to be finished. This pushes times students make it home past the 90-minute threshold PGCPS aims for, Clegg said. In addition, when a bus driver is absent, there are no dedicated substitute drivers, he said, so the schools have to wait for other drivers to finish their assigned routes before taking another.

RGMS and DKFI Greenbelt parents said in general their buses had been more reliable than at the start of the year but Chipmunk still wasn’t working and a missed bus meant a lengthy

ordeal trying to get students to the campus by car.

Board Candidates Weigh In

The two candidates for the District 2 Board of Education seat acknowledged improvements to transportation as well as ongoing concerns.

Caroline Decaire-Goldin said she was “deeply disappointed that District 2 has gone without formal Board of Education representation during such a challenging moment. ... In some cases, kids were put at real risk – and the lack of transparency about the appointment process, paired with no real urgency to rectify and fill that seat, added further insult to injury.”

Since the start of the year PGCPS has invested time and resources to improve the transportation situation, she acknowledged. “Issues still remain, and solving problems in crisis mode is always more expensive than investing to prevent them up front,” said Decaire-Goldin. She also shared frustrations over the Chipmunk app that was supposed to provide information to the waiting families but still isn’t reliable. As a parent she doesn’t even look at the app anymore, she said, echoing several Greenbelt parents. Decaire-Goldin also said routing isn’t complete for every student, and support tickets have gone unanswered. “For many, trust has been fractured – families needed transparency from the start, when the first signs showed things weren’t rolling out as planned. This transportation issue has surfaced broader operational inefficiencies – like planning gaps in the RGMS/DKFI co-location – that seriously undermine the most important function of our schools: quality teaching and learning that moves outcomes for kids.”

Clegg also noted that since the start of the school year there have been software failures, with the Chipmunk app continuing to “fail parents when it is needed most,” driver and staffing shortages, with high callout rates and a lack of substitute drivers and traffic gridlock at the RGMS/DKFI campus. At the RGMS/DKFI campus, Clegg noted, a group of parent volunteers, himself included, along with teachers, staff and student volunteers are directing traffic, escorting students and assisting with arrival and dismissal. “While PGCPS recently hired a new transportation director and posted job openings for traffic controllers ... volunteers are still filling those critical gaps today.”

Bus Drivers’ Perspective

Paula Long, who has been a school bus driver since she was 18 and has spent more than 10 years as a county-level manager, testified at the Board of Education meeting that the problems start with how their runs are assigned. Bus drivers choose their routes through a bidding process, but this year the assignments did not match what the drivers bid on. She said PGCPS added stops they did not bid for to routes.

Montgomery County pays its bus drivers an extra \$25 incentive per extra run, capping it at \$50

per day, Long said. Yet in Prince George’s County “there is no incentive to pick up additional students ... and this affects families,” she said. Extra runs at the end of a route are only paid if they cause the driver to extend their day.

Without the incentive to add stops mid-route or take on additional, doubled routes, these students are getting picked up extra late, or not at all, causing students to get to school and get home past the 90-minute mark.

Another issue bus drivers face is pay equity, said Long. She stated that for the past year and a half, PGCPS has recruited new drivers at more than \$40 an hour. (PGCPS lists starting rates of \$22.64 - \$44.53). “Where is that comparable?” she asked. “Where is the investment in drivers who have been with the county 5, 10, 15 or 20-plus years?”

Long said that at her bus lot, a driver left because of unequal pay. “Drivers are discussing leaving because the demands of the job are not matching the compensation,” Long said. “When you take care of the people who transport your children, we take care of your children.”

The Future

This transportation issue has cost students education time, Parker said. “In the first month of school, our children have repeatedly lost instructional time because of transportation and campus problems, limiting consistent access to the curriculum,” she said.

In a statement to the News Review, Decaire-Goldin said she wanted to see “continued, detailed oversight and accountability over the next 12 months,” along with transparent planning to prevent these issues from recurring during the 2027-28 school year.

At the board meeting, Clegg asked to make transportation a year-round priority, establish a parent and student transportation advisory group and begin planning for 2027-2028 now.

Claudia Stuart is a University of Maryland student with the Philip Merrill College of Journalism interning with the Greenbelt News Review.

ERHS Fall Music Events

The annual fruit sale, the major fundraiser for the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) music department, is underway now through November 1. Email Cullen.waller@pgcps.org to learn more and order fruit.

Fall Performances

Friday, October 23, 7 p.m., Best of Coffee House, a showcase of ERHS students performing music of their choice either as solo artists or in groups. There is a fee.

Thursday, October 29, 7 p.m., Band and Choir Concert. Free.

Thursday, November 19, 7 p.m., Orchestra Concert. Free.

The public is welcome at all events.



ROOSEVELT DEMOCRATIC CLUB

OCTOBER GENERAL BODY MEETING

Join us for our October General Body Meeting!
We will have a guest speaker and discuss the upcoming midterm elections.

SUNDAY, OCT 18, 2026
2:00 – 4:00 PM

Greenbriar Terrace Room
7600 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, MD

October Cookout Reminder: Please join us at our annual cookout, which is scheduled for October 25th at 2:30 PM. We will be at Schrom Hills Park. We'll bring the burgers and hot dogs, just bring a dish to share with the group.

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NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative
Saturday, October 17, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.
Greenbelt Community Center Gym
15 Crescent Rd. Greenbelt, MD 20770

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.

Note: Fully Vested members have \$100 or more in their member capital account.

Greenbelt COOP Supermarket Pharmacy

Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Retro Town Fair Winners

by Rachel Kebler

Outside of the Greenbelt Museum from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, September 6, the Retro Town Fair displayed entries of flowers, vegetables, baked goods, canned goods and needlework/sewing. The ribbon winners in the various categories are listed below.

Accompanying the display, Sweet Pea Fiber provided a paper-making workshop and weaving demonstrations to really immerse visitors in the arts. Inside the museum was the exhibit Spirit of '76: Greenbelt at the Bicentennial, displaying all sorts of artifacts throughout Greenbelt's history.

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Flowers



JoEllen Sarff displays her maraschino cherry cake and the purple ribbon it won for her.

Retro Town Fair Winners



Baked Goods

- Apple Pie, Emily Day – Purple
- Bread, Grace Shipp – Purple
- Hawaiian Dream Dessert, Rita Sayer – Purple
- Maraschino Cherry Cake, JoEllen Sarff – Purple
- Persian Love Cookies, Sofia Olkiewicz – Purple
- Cherry Chocolate Chippers, Julia Kender – Blue
- Depression Cake Bars, Geraldine Adams – Blue
- Earl Grey & Mandarin Madeleines, Raven Holm – Blue
- Apple Pan Dowdy, JoEllen Sarff – Red
- Chocolate Chip Cookies, Sofia Olkiewicz – Red
- Chocolate Gingerbread Bites, Judy Parker – Red
- Kentucky Sawdust Pie, Donna Peterson – Red

Canned Goods

- Pickled Cabbage, Onion & Kale, Jon Gardner – Purple
- Strawberry Jam & Juneberry Jam, Mark Via – Purple
- Red Pepper Jelly, Marni Siegel – Blue
- Spiced Blueberry Jam, Marni Siegel – Blue
- Cherry Tomato Jam, Melissa Ehrenreich – Red
- Jam, Melissa Ehrenreich – Red
- Mulberry Jam, Karen Knee & Maggie Brown – Red
- Jam, Cary Coppock – White

Produce

- Corn Stalk, Petra Sanchez – Purple
- Assorted Peppers, Petra Sanchez – Blue
- Assorted Produce, Ben G. – Blue
- Three Sisters from a GHI Garden (Gourd, Flour Corn and Tiger Eye Beans), Hannah Hethman – Blue
- Apples, Lei Zong – Red
- Gourd and Tomatoes, Katrina Boverman – Red

Flowers

- Floral Arrangement in Large Glass Vase, Sharon Schneider – Purple
- Floral Arrangement in Frog Vase, Raven Holm – Blue
- Floral Arrangement in Large Glass Vase, Katrina Boverman – Blue
- Floral Arrangement in Teal Ceramic Pot, Raven Holm – Blue
- Floral Arrangement in Red Cup, Clare Alexander – Red
- Floral Arrangement in Small Glass Vase, Heather Mortimer – Red

Crafts

- Adorned Green Hat, Xander Williams – Purple
- Broom, Vanessa Zanin – Purple
- Fiber Art Piece, Cathy Jones – Blue
- Christmas Spoons, Donna Peterson – Red
- Bib & Pillow, Margaret Duran – White

Needlework

- Crochet dragon, Lyla Lawless – Purple
- Needlepoint picture, Anne Gardner – Purple
- Blue green knitting, Cathy Jones – Blue
- Blue yellow knit shawl, Marni Siegel – Blue
- Crochet earrings, Petra Sanchez – Blue
- Crochet scarf, Petra Sanchez – Blue
- Embroidery stocking, Corrina Sowden – Blue
- Green knit shawl, Marni Siegel – Blue
- Green white crochet shawl, Sara Tibebe – Blue
- Red knit vest, Lyla Lawless – Blue
- Purple knit vest, Nicole Shyong – Blue
- Embroidery pillow, Joan Conway – Red
- Indigo sewing Shibari pillow, Joan Conway – Red
- Knit owl, Ansley Sink – Red
- Knit shawl multicolor, Rosie Weaver – Red
- White and black knit sweater, Whitley Sink – White

Utopia Film Festival Returns

by Frank Gervasi

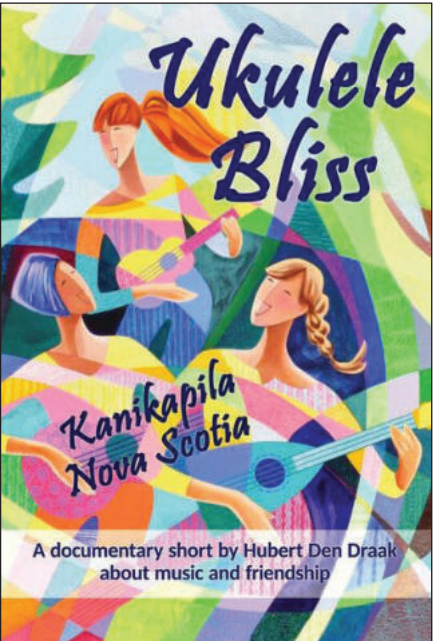
The annual Utopia Film Festival will be held in the Greenbelt town center on Saturday and Sunday, October 17 and 18 with a special showing on Monday evening at the New Deal Café. Independently made films from near and far are featured in an exciting lineup attendees would probably never be able to see anywhere else.

Movie makers from 19 different countries sent us their works. Our committee of almost 20 screeners brings the best of almost 40 films from 86 choices.

When is the last time you saw a film from Paraguay or Uganda? After October 19 you can give the answer to that. Include in your list works from Iran and Israel, France and New Zealand, Canada, the U.S.A. and others, making for a diverse collection of viewing opportunities. In this most crucial election year some films deal with our challenges. People vs Politics and others will spark lively discussion in this arena.

The creative arts and artwork for healing, both personally and communally, is a main theme this year. Rose, from France, and She is Not Here, from Iran, focus on child artists who heal from severe trauma through their art.

Lenore, by Susan Gervasi, tells the story of Lenore Thomas Straus, who sculpted Greenbelt's Mother and Child, the Community Center bas reliefs and dozens of other statues over a long and



Ukulele Bliss movie poster

fascinating career. By George tells the fate of a King George statue during the American Revolution and other such no longer wanted symbols of the political past. Ukulele Bliss: Kanikopelia Nova from Sally Davies, brings delightful music on film from Canada and a live accompaniment here in her former hometown. Red, White, Blue and Yellow shows a grass-roots charity located in Georgia (U.S.A.). They raise funds to assist Ukraine by featuring Ukrainian food, art, crafts and music played on a bandura, an iconic stringed instrument.

More information about the festival, including the film descriptions, venues and ticket prices, can be found at Utopiafilmfestival.org and on page 16.

Eagle-eyed Greenbelter Spots Our Favorite Lake in NY Times

by Cathie Meetre

A regular reader of the New York Times, Greenbelt resident and News Review member (who prefers to remain anonymous) was reading an article there about psychology and the work done by a young woman scientist, Julia Van Etten, with some of her research colleagues, despite being temporarily let go without pay due to the federal administration's feud against science.

The story highlights the team's research, which found evidence of how the very first life began.

Close to Home

What caught the reader's attention was a photograph of Van Etten and her colleague Andrew Willoughby standing by our very own Greenbelt Lake, misidentified in the Times caption as Lake

Greenbelt. Not that they actually did any of the research there as far as we can tell.

While this reporter would not normally tell readers of the News Review to peruse other much mightier newspapers, I can recommend this read (not so much for the photo, but the research results are riveting). Frankly, the lake photo isn't great and has almost nothing to do with the topic – but it's nice to see a slice of home in the mighty New York Times.

Going Local

Van Etten is setting up a new lab at the University of Maryland this semester to continue her ground-breaking work.

Read the article at <https://tinyurl.com/2tevnucj>.

Wild Rumpus Art, Dance Activities

Mark your calendar for Greenbelt Recreation's Halloween celebration in Roosevelt Center and sign up for free, fun, pre-Rumpus activities throughout October. The Wild Rumpus will take place 4:30 to 6 p.m., rain or shine, on Friday, October 30, with entertainment, trick or treating with Roosevelt Center merchants and a movie at the Greenbelt Cinema.

On Thursdays in October, participate in art builds; sign up at sugeni.us/U2uy. Looking for information about the yearly flash mob dance performance? Sign up at sugeni.us/UYjs. Volunteer opportunities are also available at the event. Find out more at sugeni.us/UYV6. Service hour credit is available for students.

Montpelier Mansion Hosts Native Cultures

On Saturday, October 10, celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day at the Montpelier Mansion with hands-on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) activities that explore how Indigenous peoples use patterns in the natural world to understand directions and the passage of time.

The free event, for all ages, will take place from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Register at tinyurl.com/MontpelierEducation. Use ticket code: MM-SPEC-GA-20261010.

Montpelier Mansion is located at 9650 Muirkirk Road, Laurel.

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.

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visitors in bachata, a dance style that originated in the Dominican Republic.

“Celebrating our culture and supporting small communities around our campus is really important because the outreach is beyond our campus bounds,” said Michelle Feria, a member of the company.

The food truck El Rey De La Birria was also present throughout the day, serving dishes like birria tacos and more.

“I want to show my support for the [Hispanic] community and the contributions that they bring,” said attendee Nylah Jackson.

Alvarez remarked on the turnout despite the rain and said she hopes to make Greenbelt Unidos an annual event, to celebrate all the different cultures in the city with more events.

She also noted a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raid that happened in Laurel that morning, expressing her concern about the event’s safety but emphasizing the importance of such cultural events.

“There’s no better time than now to confirm ourselves on our rights and how to protect ourselves, because I think right now we’re seeing a lot of people just standing by and recording,” Alvarez said. “In times when the Latin community isn’t as accepted as we once were and as celebrated as we once were, I think it’s very, very important to host events like this to remind the Latino community that they are accepted, they are welcome and part of this community.”

Visitors took the event as a chance to embrace this.

“I’m just here for the moment,” said Chris Perez, another attendee.

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

UMGC Hosts Juried Art Exhibition for Teens

The Arts Program at University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC) is accepting entries through Monday, 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>.

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.



The Pa'Lante Latin Dance Company leads a workshop.



Food was one of the festival highlights.



Participants join the Pa'Lante Latin Dance Company.



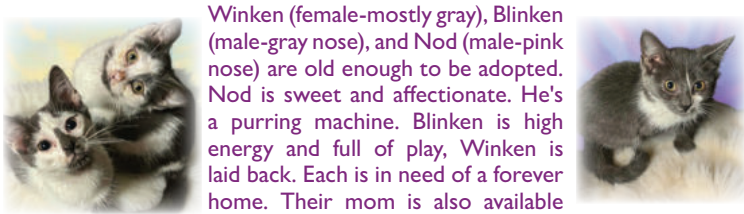
Festivalgoers connect with city and community resources and organizations.

- Photos courtesy City of Greenbelt

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Learn about us at the October 25th Oktoberfest event at the Greenbelt Fire Station. Visit our table! If you would like to donate to help the kittens you can send a check to WAGS, P.O. Box 1672, Greenbelt, MD 20768. Indicate on the check that the donation is "for: Greenbelt TNR." Thank you for your support.

WE'RE READY!!! WE NEED HOMES!!



Winken (female-mostly gray), Blinken (male-gray nose), and Nod (male-pink nose) are old enough to be adopted. Nod is sweet and affectionate. He's a purring machine. Blinken is high energy and full of play, Winken is laid back. Each is in need of a forever home. Their mom is also available for adoption.

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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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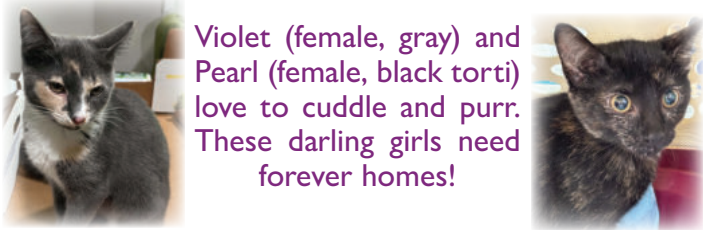
GREENBELT CUTIES!!



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

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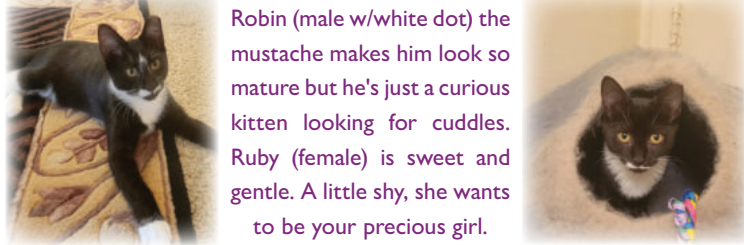
ADOPT US!!! CUDDLY AND SOFT!!



Violet (female, gray) and Pearl (female, black torti) love to cuddle and purr. These darling girls need forever homes!

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LET'S PLAY!! ADOPT US!!



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

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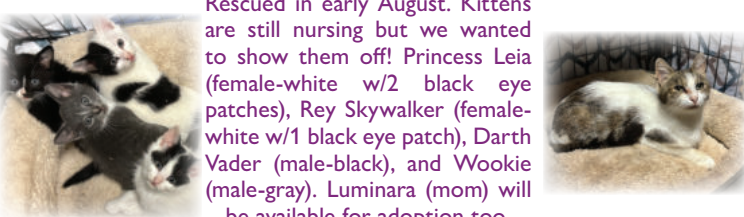
COMING SOON!!! THE BOYS!!



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

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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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Councilmember Jenni Pompei, who had led a council committee in developing the resolution and had introduced it for first reading at an earlier meeting, moved to adopt the resolution. After seconding the motion, Councilmember Frankie Fritz noted that a majority of the city’s population are renters.

During the ensuing discussion, Pompei stated that the Tenant Advisory Board would operate much like other council advisory boards with, for example, two-year terms for its members, monthly meetings and liaisons to city staff and council.

In response to a resident’s question about the term “tenant,” Pompei clarified that the proposed resolution addresses only individual residential renters, not business renters.

Board Responsibilities

The resolution states eight responsibilities of the new volunteer Tenant Advisory Board: (1) advise council on matters related to tenant issues, rental housing policies and programs affecting Greenbelt residents; (2) provide recommendations regarding initiatives, ordinances, programs and community resources designed to improve rental housing conditions and tenant experiences; (3) serve as a liaison between the city and Greenbelt’s tenant community by encouraging communication, outreach and civic participation; (4) identify and discuss issues affecting tenants, including housing maintenance, affordability, accessibility, safety, displacement concerns and access to information and services; (5) review and provide input on housing-related matters referred to the board by council; (6) promote awareness of tenant rights, responsibilities and available community resources through education and outreach

efforts; (7) encourage constructive dialogue and collaboration among tenants, property owners, property managers, community organizations and the city; and (8) prepare reports, recommendations and other advisory materials for consideration by council.

What Would Not Be Allowed

The board would not be empowered to accept, mediate or adjudicate individual tenant complaints that are under the purview of the city’s Code and Code Enforcement Department. It could not advocate directly to city staff or council on behalf of individual residents. It could not provide any specific direction or guidance to city staff other than policy or related guidance to council. Neither the new board nor council can require landlords to appear at council on a regular basis. However, if a landlord violates a city, county or state law, the landlord could be required to appear before council.

City Manager Josué Salmerón noted that he and Pompei have been considering possible early policy tasks for the board: developing a Greenbelt-specific tenant “bill of rights” (in addition to the state’s current renter’s bill of rights) and creating a policy that gives renters the right to make simple repairs in their units and be reimbursed for them by their landlords, which would be more timely and cost-efficient than having their landlords make the repairs.

Adoption of the Resolution

Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution. The next steps will be to clarify any operational issues for the Tenant Advisory Board and recruit its seven members.



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executives are seeking greater, more devolved taxation powers and a taskforce – the Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Structures – led by Comptroller Brooke Lierman is currently evaluating county revenue generation and authority. That taskforce’s recommendations are due to the governor and senate committees by December 1.

B. Charter Amendment: Eliminate At-Large Council Members

This amendment would eliminate the two at-large county council positions effective December 2030, reducing the number of county council members from 11 members to nine. The measure is billed as increasing efficiency and cost-effectiveness and “restor[ing] the voting strength of communities and neighborhoods in each district.” It states an aim to eliminate the cost for general and special elections for those seats and compensation for those two offices.

In the May 13 issue we reported the history of the at-large seats, which were created in 2018, following a 2016 ballot measure. The seats have been criticized as benefiting candidates who wish to circumvent term limits or use them as stepping stones to higher office (see the May 13 issue for more). Proponents of the seats see them as providing a county-wide perspective and advocacy broader than the representatives of individual districts. Ivey, in particular, has argued that the at-large seats give residents more options, in effect, three representatives to turn to.

C. Charter Amendment: Bill To Change Redistricting Plan

This measure would require that the county council make any changes to the redistricting plan proposed by the county Redistricting Commission by a bill rather

than a resolution.

The Redistricting Commission establishes council districts and oversees any redrawing of districts every 10 years, following the census. Currently changes can be made by a resolution followed by a public hearing. In 2021, the county council altered the map put forward by the Redistricting Commission but that move and the resultant map were found unlawful by a lower court and subsequently Maryland’s highest court, the Court of Appeals (now called the Supreme Court). In *Charter for Prince George’s County v. Thurston*, an attorney for residents in the case argued map changes via resolution circumvented the county executive’s ability to veto them, among other things. This question amends the charter to reflect the 2022 court ruling that redistricting requires a bill and cannot be done by resolution.

D. Charter Amendment: County Purchasing

The fourth measure on the ballot would allow the county Purchasing Agent to sign all purchasing documents “to promote

flexibility in conducting government operations” and to “partner with other public entities to buy goods and services.” The County Purchasing Agent is the Director of the Office of Procurement. A review of proposed changes to the text of the charter show they include changing “The duties of the County Purchasing Agent shall include responsibility for ...” to “The duties of the County Purchasing Agent shall include full signature authority to execute all contracts, agreements, and purchase orders as well as responsibility for ...” The measure summary said it will “expand the signature authority of the County Purchasing Agent.” However, Braveboy’s Executive Order 44-2025 already granted “full authority to the Director of the Office of Procurements to sign contracts and purchase orders.” Thus, the summarized change given in the ballot measure seems to reflect what is already in place though not yet written into the charter, and thus subject to being changed by a subsequent executive order.

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At a May county council meeting the benefit of the measure was said to be expediency.

Other changes to the charter language remove a segment about the sale and disposition of surplus, old and waste supplies and materials or their transfer.

The measure also changes one of the stated duties of the Purchasing Agent from conducting “programs involving joint or co-operative purchasing with other public jurisdictions” to “with other public entities.” The terms are not defined but jurisdictions would seem to relate to municipal, state or federal governments or areas governed by them while “entities” is much broader and might include corporate bodies. The summary states the measure will “allow the county to partner with other public entities to buy goods and services” rather than “limit[ing] that opportunity.”

E. Charter Amendment: County Union Independent Arbitration Service

The summary states, “This policy will allow unionized county employees to submit disputed labor issues to an independent arbitration service for arbitration. A vote for this measure will allow unionized county employees to use an additional independent arbitration service to resolve disputed labor issues.” A look at the text of the proposed changes shows a far more limited impact than implied by “unionized county employees,” as it will cover only “protective Service employees” such as police, firefighters and corrections officers. It will apply only if no contract is reached by March 1 of the year an old contract is expiring.

The change adds the option of federal mediation; for where the charter currently states disputed issues will be submitted to the American Arbitration Association this adds the additional option and alternative of using the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

A second change to the text under this section removes the requirement that disputes be arbitrated according to the rules of the American Arbitration Association and replaces that with “pursuant to the Labor Code.”

At a May county council meeting Councilmember Eric Olson said the changes are to comply with labor law.

The News Review wondered how bringing arbitration under the

county’s labor code instead of the American Arbitration Association would align with the independent nature of the arbitration service. We also would like to know who gets to choose if arbitration or mediation is utilized, and does that decision need to be agreed to by all parties.

The New Review’s calls to the county council to ask questions about the ballot questions were transferred to the Board of Elec-

tions, which only prints the ballot questions and can’t interpret them, but directed us to the Office of Law. The Office of Law directed our enquiries to the Office of Communications, where we left two voicemails and received no response by press time.



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

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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 pay-check, bank statement, utility bill or other government document showing name and address.



Rotary Youth Leadership Applications Due Oct. 17

The Greenbelt Rotary Club is accepting applications until Saturday, 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: tinyurl.com/5e245buu
- A Greenbelt teen’s 2026 experience: tinyurl.com/ypa7n6cf
- Apply: tinyurl.com/54fubyxv

Parkdale High Class Of ‘76 Reunion

The reunion will begin with a meet and greet on Friday, October 9. The main event will be held Saturday, October 10 from 2 to 6 p.m. at Martin’s Crosswinds (cocktail attire). There will be a picnic on Sunday, October 11.

To RSVP and buy tickets, visit ReunionDB.com (click on Find Me) or email parkdalehs76@gmail.com or 760-759-0320. No tickets will be sold at the door.

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA Meetings of the GHI Board of Directors on October 15, 2026

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

- Approve Minutes of the GHI Closed Meeting Held on September 17, 2026
- Member Matters
- Contract Matters
- Personnel Matters

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

- Approve Minutes of the GHI Open Meeting Held on September 17, 2026
- Potential Minutes Change
- GHI Door Color Policy
- Text Message Communications
- 2027 Fee Schedule
- Motion to Hold a Closed Meeting on November 5, 2026

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

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

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

Poetry in the Garden Meets October 11

The public is invited to a poetry reading on Sunday, October 11 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Community Center, Room 111. The focus will be English poets. All are welcome to share a poem with the group.

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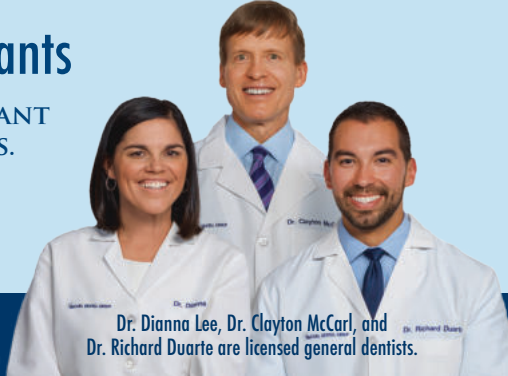


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Police Blotter

Incidents reported here occurred September 28 - October 4, 2026. Readers are encouraged to contact the police if they have information that may aid in an inquiry. Call the non-emergency number 301-474-7200 or email pd@greenbeltmd.gov. Times provided are when the incidents were reported.

Incident Summary

Greenbelt Police reported one mental health diversion and two domestic incidents, one resulting in arrest. Three missing juvenile cases were resolved, two after searches.

Shooting Investigation

On October 3 at 9:11 p.m. near 5510 Cherrywood Lane, officers investigated apparent projectile damage to a parked vehicle near a gathering. No shell casings were located and the case was referred to detectives.

Armed Person Arrest

On September 28 at 8:16 p.m. near 7818 Greenbrook Drive, someone was threatened by a roommate with a knife. Video supported the allegation and the roommate was arrested.

Burglary

On October 2 at 8:21 a.m. near 6460 Capitol Drive, someone broke into a business by shattering a door and stole a cash register.

Robbery

On September 29 at 10:16 a.m. near 7601 Hanover Parkway, a boy reported that two others took his shoes following a brief altercation near a school locker room. Security video was being reviewed and investigators were notified.

Assault

On September 28 at 3:37 p.m. near 7327 Hanover Parkway, a former employee reported repeated unwanted touching by a co-worker.

On September 29 at 8:21 a.m. near 9206 Springhill Lane, a bystander was pushed to the ground while attempting to assist during an incident involving an overstimulated child. Minor injuries were reported and no charges were requested.

On October 1 at 1:01 a.m. near 6015 Springhill Drive, someone was grabbed and scratched by a person met through social media. The investigation is ongoing.

On October 2 at 11:49 a.m. near 99 Centerway, two adults became involved in a physical altercation at a recreation facility. Both parties were advised of their options and one was banned from the facility.

Cutting

On October 2 at 1:48 p.m. near 9194 Springhill Lane, a young person was cut on the neck with a knife during an altercation and taken to a hospital. The knife was found and the investigation will continue.

DUI Arrest

On October 1 at 11:39 p.m. near Greenbelt Road and Kenilworth Avenue, a speeding driver was involved in a two-vehicle crash and showed signs of alcohol impairment. The driver refused sobriety and breath testing and was arrested on DUI-related charges.

Fraud

On September 29 near 8011 Mandan Road, a victim lost money after a caller impersonating a payment-service employee instructed the victim to purchase gift cards.

On September 30 near 414 Ridge Road, an unauthorized utility account with an outstanding balance was found on a credit report.

On October 3 near 11 Ridge Road, unauthorized credit card transactions were made; the financial institution closed the affected accounts.

On October 3 near 9 Pinecrest Court, a check was altered and fraudulently negotiated. The compromised account was closed, and the incident was reported to the postal inspectors.

Theft and Shoplifting

On September 28 at 10:44 a.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a masked suspect stole approximately \$450 in automotive merchandise and fled in an SUV; at 1:26 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, someone used incorrect barcodes at self-checkout and was banned from the store; at 1:52 p.m. near 6400 Cherrywood Lane, a package containing clothing was stolen from an apartment building lobby; at 4:04 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, someone stole clothing.

On September 29 at 8:32 a.m. near 7224 Morrison Drive, two young people confronted another young person near a residence and stole a package; at 10:22 a.m. near 7595 Greenbelt Road, a person left a grocery store with unpaid merchandise and was banned.

On September 30 at 1:52 p.m. near 7607 Greenbelt Road, someone stole household merchandise and fled in a sedan.

On October 1 at 7 p.m. near 7595 Greenbelt Road, a suspected repeat shoplifter was detained, identified and banned from the shopping center. Charges related

to prior incidents will be pursued.

On October 3 at 6:48 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, police detained a young person who took merchandise. The store declined further action, and the child was released to a parent.

On October 4 at 6:32 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a young person was detained after stealing merchandise; officers released the child to an adult.

Trespassing

On September 28 at 10:31 a.m. near 5906 Cherrywood Terrace, a previously evicted person was found inside a vacant unit after the locks had been changed. The person was arrested after another incident.

On September 29 at 10:28 a.m. near 5906 Cherrywood Terrace, a previous trespasser was found inside a vacant unit and arrested.

Vehicle Crimes

Stolen Vehicles

On October 2, two vehicles were stolen: a Chevrolet Camaro near 9336 Edmonston Road and a Kia Optima near 6140 Springhill Terrace.

Attempted Theft of Vehicle

On September 28 near 7700 Hanover Parkway, a vehicle had a window broken, door handle damaged and the steering column exposed.

Theft from Auto

On September 28 near 7256 South Ora Court, a rear license plate was stolen.

On October 2 near 6205 Springhill Court, two vehicle windshields were smashed and license plates were stolen; a possible suspect was identified.

Vandalism to Auto

On September 30 near 6008 Springhill Drive, a vehicle was keyed and scratched. A possible suspect was identified but not confirmed.

On September 30 near 7500 Greenway Center Drive, a vehicle had a window shattered.

On October 2 at 7:52 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a vehicle door handle was damaged while the vehicle was parked at a shopping center.



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No Charges Against Greenbelt Officer Fahey in July 1 Death

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

The Office of the Maryland Attorney General will not seek any charges against 26-year-old Greenbelt Police Officer Tyler Fahey, following the Independent Investigation

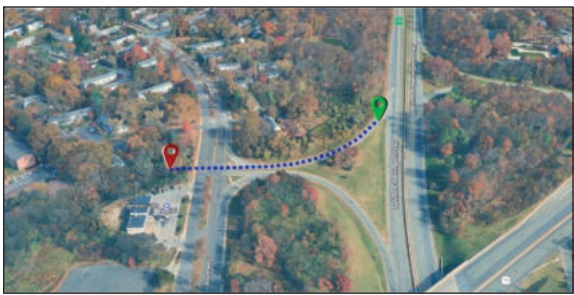


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Map showing the path of MacDougall's car as it exited the Parkway and crashed into the woods.

Division's (IID) report. PFC Fahey was the sole officer investigated in relation to the "police-involved death" of 40-year-old Michael Stephen MacDougall on July 1. The other officers involved were U.S. Park Police (USPP) which the office does not have the authority to investigate. The investigation considered, in particular, the ways in which PFC Fahey, who has been with the Greenbelt Police Department since February 2022, restrained MacDougall.

At 9:59 p.m. on July 1 a USPP patrol vehicle was sitting at the off-ramp of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway on Southway when MacDougall left the Parkway and passed the patrol vehicle at a high rate of speed. His vehicle then left the roadway and headed into the woods opposite the exit. MacDougall was sitting in the driver's seat of his vehicle when officers found him in the woods. The report states he was "groaning, breathing heavily, visibly sweating and jerking around." Based on his appearance and behavior officers asked if he was under the influence of anything but MacDougall was unable to provide a coherent answer. He was able to stand and leave the vehicle as instructed and was handcuffed by USPP. A 3-month-old child, thought to have fallen out of a car seat, was found uninjured in the back seat.

Fahey arrived at the scene at 10:01 p.m., when MacDougall had already been handcuffed. He then assisted USPP restraining MacDougall and keeping him on his left side in the "recovery position" as MacDougall moved erratically and attempted to sit

up. Fahey and USPP at one point allowed MacDougall to sit up briefly, before returning him to his side, according to the report. As MacDougall continued to kick and struggle, Fahey restrained MacDougall's legs before retrieving leg restraints that he applied to MacDougall.

At approximately 10:07 p.m., MacDougall became unresponsive. USPP officers gave him Narcan because of suspected drug overdose. "Officers then sat Mr. MacDougall up, removed his handcuffs, and summoned EMS, who had arrived on the scene," says the report. MacDougall was transported by ambulance and given CPR en route but was pronounced dead at the hospital at 10:45 p.m.

An autopsy found MacDougall died from the effects of methadone and amphetamine. His death was ruled an accident and the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner determined that "the restraint applied by law enforcement was not contributory towards his death." The investigation found that Fahey neither caused MacDougall's death nor violated the law governing use of force.

On October 1, the date of the public release of the report, attorneys for Fahey said, "While the loss of life is tragic, PFC Fahey is heartened that the Attorney General reached the proper conclusion that Fahey did not engage in any criminal actions. PFC Fahey prides himself on his professionalism and remains dedicated to his service to the citizens of Greenbelt."

Fahey remained on full duty throughout the IID's investigation.

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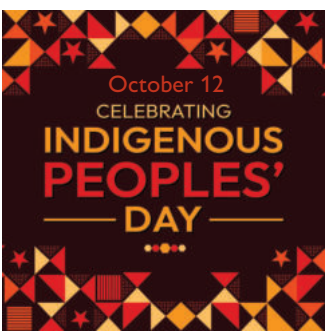
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El viernes 9 de octubre a las 10:30 a.m. en el Centro Recreativo de Springhill Lake, RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness) con el Sistema de Bibliotecas Conmemorativas del Condado de Prince George's presentarán interesantes historias y actividades 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. Habrá libros infantiles gratis y aperitivos saludables y nutritivos gratis. Como dijo un padre al irse, "Fue muy bueno!" Unete a nosotros, y corra la voz a amigos y familiares.

Sparkle Mart Youth Vendors, Apply Now

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Sports

Another Victory for ERHS Girls Soccer

by Patrick Gleason

A perfect evening for soccer started and ended with celebrations of the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) girls soccer seniors. With a pre-game ceremony acknowledging the 12-player senior class and a dinner afterwards, the Raiders sandwiched their on-field victory over the Bladensburg Mustangs with plenty of festivities. Senior Emery Gregory – mentioned as a Washington Sun DMV player of the week last week – tallied two first half goals for the Raiders as they navigated through a defensive-minded Mustang squad. In the second half, Roosevelt continued to dominate possession while sifting through small cracks in Bladensburg's lineup, which dropped back waves of defenders all night. After several one-on-one attempts with the Bladensburg keeper that resulted in impressive saves, junior forward Morgan Parks finally bested her opponent, finding the back of the net and promptly celebrating her work with a host of teammates.

The possession-minded Raiders continued to control the game's tempo, securing a Senior Night victory for the largest ERHS senior class in recent memory. Joining Gregory are seniors Lien Gareri, Claire Alolga, Jocelyn Lopez Tirado, Joyce Kengne, Anna Grim, Allisson Zúñiga Euceda, Treasure Wogu, Bayleigh Galie, Ariana Cruz, Julia Visnic and Naomi Petralia.

After earning their Senior Night celebration, the Raiders added an easy 8-0 home triumph over the Suitland Rams on Monday, October 5. Suitland never threatened the Raiders, as they posted their seventh straight shut-



The 2027 Roosevelt senior class of players and managers before their 3-0 victory on October 1

- Photos by Ethan James



Senior Allisson Zúñiga Euceda carries the ball as classmate Jocelyn Lopez Tirado looks on for the 8-1 Roosevelt Raiders.

out ahead of the Thursday, October 8 matchup with the C.H. Flowers Jaguars. Roosevelt will travel to Springdale for the 5 p.m. kickoff, hoping to continue a

defensive-focused, possession-based win streak over county opponents as the fall air continues to hint of the playoff season soon to come.



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	NEW DEAL CAFE	MUNICIPAL CENTER	GREENBELT CINEMA SCREEN 2	GREENBELT CINEMA SCREEN 1
10 AM– 12 PM	South to Freedom 10 min (Student) Everything We Need is Here 84 min	To Be Opened If... 12 min Becomes the Sun 15 min The Time of the Sun 88 min	Mend Me 5 min The Lizard 7 min (Student) 380 cc 12 min Spider-Zan 13 min Click 19 min	Unseen Hooks: The La Plata Tornadoes of 1926 & 2022 57 min South to Freedom 10 min (Student)
12 PM– 2 PM	35,567 Yup'ik Stories 5 min She is Not Here 15 min Greenbelt Refugee Aid 6 min Red, White, Blue & Yellow 15 min Ukulele Bliss-Kanikopila Nova 16 min	Barbed Wire 8 min A Little Goldfish 15 min Death Closes the Eyes 15 min A Side to Exit 20 min	Where is Home 40 min Bamba Fepp 38 min	 Q&A with Filmmakers!
2 PM– 4 PM	People vs Politics 97 min	A Man Like Sam 22 min Belonging 57 min	The Best Little Tiny Park 9 min Rose 11 min Lenore 40 min	

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

	NEW DEAL CAFE	MUNICIPAL CENTER	GREENBELT CINEMA SCREEN 2
10 AM– 12 PM	Mega Foundry 11 min The Salon Stays Open 70 min	Mega Foundry 11 min Last Note 68 min	The Scriptwriter 23 min By George 57 min
12 PM– 2 PM	An Unnecessary Weight 10 min A Crown for a King 14 min A Story Like a Question Mark 20 min Into the Chutes 23 min	Rose 11 min Lenore 40 min Unseen Hooks 57 min	Barbed Wire 9 min No Childs Land 11 min Pretension 14 min The Odds of Survival 25 min
2 PM– 4 PM	Survival Forever 3 min Kiwi Food 77 min	Barbed Wire 9 min Belonging 57 min	Mr. Manochehr 13 min The Seeds of Peace 66 min
6 PM– 8 PM	35,567 Yup'ik Stories 5 min People vs. Politics 97 min		

Event Schedule

Tickets
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

	NEW DEAL CAFE
6:30- 8:30	Rose 11 min Best Little Tiny Park in Texas 8 min She is not Here 15 min Lenore 40 min



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