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New Treasurer Maisha Williams Stresses Transparency, Efficiency

by Cassie Whyte

At the September 14 Greenbelt City Council meeting, City Manager Josué Salmerón introduced Greenbelt's new City Treasurer.

"Today's a great day," said Salmerón. "I'm really excited to welcome our new city treasurer, Maisha Williams."

Williams, who comes to Greenbelt fresh off her role as city manager for New Carrollton, boasts an extensive resumé.

"I come with over 35 years of professional experience in the finance realm," Williams told council. A wife, mother and grandmother, Williams started her career in the private sector. She took a brief foray into non-profit work before finding her niche in the world of municipal government.

Williams has been the treasurer of her sorority for the past 13 years. She is also president of her daughter's PTA, though her daughter is "not happy about it," she joked.

"So now I go back to just my city manager duties," said Salmerón, smiling. While the city was between treasurers, he juggled financial duties with his own responsibilities as city manager.

A couple of weeks into her tenure, on Friday, October 9, Wil-



PHOTO COURTESY MAISHA WILLIAMS

Greenbelt's new City Treasurer
Maisha Williams

liams spoke to the News Review about her background, her hopes for Greenbelt's finances and what she values most about working in public service.

Equipped with a bachelor's degree in accounting from Howard University and a masters degree in business administration from Troy State University, Williams has racked up about a decade's worth of experience in local governance.

During her time in New Carrollton, she served as director of finance and accounting for five years. She then transitioned to assistant city administrative

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Election 2026

Bond Questions on the Ballot

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

As we reported last week, there are 10 county questions on the ballot. To read about the charter amendments, see the article in the October 8 issue. Below is information on what to expect from the five remaining questions, which are all "bond issue" questions, meaning they request authorization to borrow money. These questions will appear labeled F to J on the ballot.

F. \$67,306,000 for Community College Facilities

The county is requesting to borrow money by issuing bonds of up to \$67,306,000 to pay for the "design, construction, acquisition, improvement or repair of Community College Facilities."

The seven projects associated with this funding are: Southern Region Campus; Lanham Hall/ Dukes Student Center Parking Garage; College Improvements; Renovate Marlboro Hall; Dr. Charlene Mickens Dukes Student Center; Bladen Hall Renovation; and Chesapeake Hall Renovation and Addition.

G. \$140,089,000 for Public Works and Transportation

The county seeks to borrow money by issuing bonds of up to \$140,089,000 to pay for "roads, bridges, parking lots and maintenance facilities."

The projects that fall under this funding are titled: Street Lights & Traffic Signals; Bridge Repair & Replacement; Curb & Road Rehabilitation; Bus Mass Transit/ Metro Access; Street Tree Removal & Replacement; Bridge Replacement – Sunnyside Avenue; Bridge Replacement – Livingston Road; Bridge Replacement – Brandywine Road; Developer Contribution Projects; Bridge Replacement – Governor Bridge Road; Transit Oriented Development Infrastructure; Bridge Rehabilitation Federal Aid; Bridge Replacement – Chestnut Avenue; Emergency Repairs – Roadways & Bridges; Brandywine Road & Md. 223 Intersection; Town of Upper Marlboro; Planning & Site Acquisition; and Sidewalk Infill and Repair.

The bridge on Sunnyside Avenue was recently replaced but is among the list of projects to be funded by this bond issue put forth in the county council's bill (CB-055-2026) for borrowing to finance capital projects for public works and transportation facilities this year. A closer look at this project in the county's budget re-



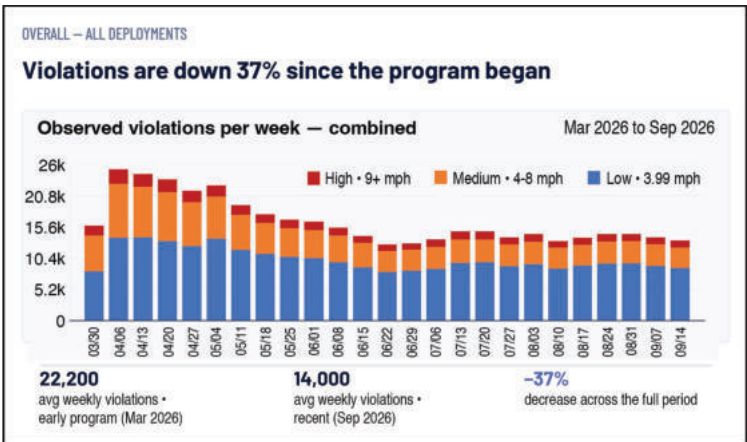
Stop Sign Violations Decrease, Though Still Around 2,000 Daily

by Claudia Stuart

Stop sign violations have dropped by 37 percent since Greenbelt installed cameras at six specific locations in the city in March. The city has not yet broken even on the program, Police Chief Richard Bowers told the News Review this month.

Three months of data from the program show weekly violations have dropped from around 22,000 to 14,000 between early April and mid-September, Bowers said. These violation numbers include all who do not stop, including those going 1 to 3 miles per hour, who are not ticketed. This non-ticketed buffer is meant to encourage safer driving rather than create revenue, Bowers said. Drivers going 4 mph or more through the stop signs are cited; those over 9 mph are considered high-level violations. All citations are issued a \$40 fine, regardless of speed.

Bowers believes the encouragement of safer driving is working, as shown by the reduction in violations and changes in driving behavior around the city. "Looking at the reduction in violations, even just driving around the city, if you spend a lot of time driving the streets here, you will see people drive differently," Bowers said.



DATA COURTESY GREENBELT POLICE

Average weekly violations since March 2026

Locations

Bowers said the cameras are located in pedestrian-heavy areas. Five of the six cameras installed showed a decrease in violations: Southway at Ridge Road, Ridge

Road at Gardenway, Ridge Road at Laurel Hill Road, Springhill Drive at Edmonston Road and Springhill Drive at Cherrywood

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Sharing Worldwide Art Through Film: The 22nd Utopia Film Fest

by Rachel Kebler

This weekend's 22nd annual Utopia Film Festival presents Greenbelt with 44 films. They range from a five-minute U.S. short directed by a middle schooler to an 88-minute Paraguayan feature about a search.

"Our motto is seeking a better world through film, and since 2005, that's what we aim to do," said Frank Gervasi, the festival's manager of operations. "We try to do whatever we can to make it better for everybody."

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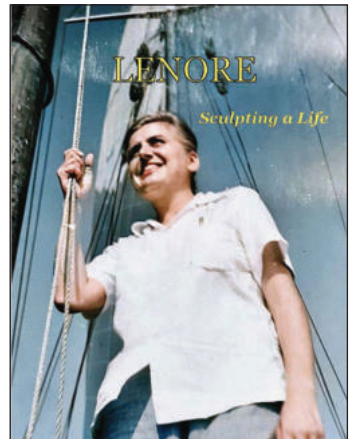


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Movie poster for Lenore

Breaking News

Judge Stays Closing of BARC

by Carol Griffith

In a 40-page order issued October 13, U.S. District Judge Vince Chhabria of the Northern District of California ordered defendants USDA and Secretary Brooke Rollins and their officers and agents to stay from closing or consolidating the resources of any Agricultural Research Service (ARS) laboratory or facility including the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC). The defendants are further prohibited from relocating or reassigning the employees or their positions or functions for any such ARS laboratory or facility to different or new locations outside the local commuting area.

The order states that, as proposed, "USDA's office closures and employee relocations are likely to cause the union plaintiffs imminent and irreparable harm ... These plaintiffs represent thousands of USDA employees who now 'face the impending loss of their jobs, wages, and health benefits, because they cannot relocate far from their home.'"

The order applies also to the Food and Nutrition Administration; the Research, Education and Economics mission area; Foreign Agricultural Service; Rural Development; the Farm Production and Conservation mission area; the Office of the General Counsel and the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights.

The defendants were to notify all affected USDA employees by email and by posting the order on the USDA Reorganization website within two days.

What Goes On

Monday, October 19
7:30 p.m., City Council Work-session: Save-As-You-Throw Mid-year Review, Municipal Building
Wednesday, October 21
No Council Meeting

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

Editorial

Big Bucks Come from Pennies Thanks to Co-op and Its Patrons

The cashiers at the Co-op Supermarket ask shoppers if they would like to round up their total to the nearest whole dollar. Many do. And each month, the Co-op presents a check representing the amount of all those small round-up transactions to a Greenbelt organization.

In September, the designated recipient organization was the Greenbelt News Review (GNR), which received a check for \$3,112.88.

To all the shoppers who made that round-up decision, you have our thanks. A small amount, less than a dollar each transaction, given by many throughout the month, added up to a sizable sum. To the Co-op for initiating and continuing this program, from one cooperative to another, our heartfelt thanks!

And to all Co-op members, come to the annual meeting Saturday morning to vote on the 12 organizations that will be round-up recipients next year. That is, vote for the News Review and 11 other worthy contenders.



PHOTO COURTESY GREENBELT CO-OP SUPERMARKET AND PHARMACY

GNR President Pat Scully and Editor Anna Bedford-Dillow accept the check from Co-op employees at the Co-op’s Roosevelt Center entrance. Front, from left, Scully, Co-op staff member Keristen Calebaugh, Bedford-Dillow and Co-op staffer Rachel Quinton. Back row from left, Co-op staffers Rodney Torrey, Elan Spector, Teddy Lawrence, Jeremy Ehrenreich, Roberto Sanchez, Raul Baptiste and Richard Burgos.



Story & Photograph Submissions

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

On Screen at Greenbelt Cinema

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.”

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.

Utopia Film Festival

To see a list of films, show times and to purchase tickets, visit utopiafilmfestival.org/films.

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OC = Open Captions
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SHOWTIMES:

OCTOBER 16th - 22nd

Sense and Sensibility
(PG) (CC) (DVS) (2026) (131 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Fri. 5:00 PM, 8:00 PM
Sat. 5:00 PM, 8:00 PM
Sun. 2:00 PM (OC)
Mon. 5:00 PM (OC)
Tues. 6:40 PM
Wed. 6:40 PM
Thurs. 6:40 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Sun. 5:20 PM
Mon. 2:20 PM

Ha-Chan, Shake Your Booty!

(R) (CC) (DVS) (2026) (122 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Sun. 5:00 PM (OC)
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Fri. 7:40 PM
Sat. 7:40 PM
Mon. 5:20 PM
Tues. 5:00 PM
Wed. 7:25 PM
Thurs. 7:25 PM

The Work in Progress

(NR) (2026) (90 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Sun. 11:30 AM
Mon. 2:00 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Fri. 5:20 PM
Sat. 5:20 PM
Tues. 7:55 PM
Wed. 5:00 PM
Thurs. 5:00 PM

Utopia Film Festival

Prince George's County International Film Festival
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Sat. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Sat. 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Sun. 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

HOW AM I GOING TO VOTE? AS IF MY LIFE DEPENDED ON IT!



PETE REPPERT

Letters Policy during Elections

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

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

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

The News Review will not print letters endorsing candidates. The News Review will not print a letter raising a new issue the week prior to election day, when no other party would have a chance to respond.

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Fundraiser Here Contributes To Worldwide Polio Eradication

by Erica Johns

To highlight World Polio Day on October 24, Greenbelt will host two events to raise awareness and funds for eradicating polio worldwide. Mass vaccination efforts that began in the 1980s have reduced wild polio cases by 99.9 percent since then. Polio remains endemic in only two countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan. Event participants can contribute to eradicating the last 0.1 percent, through contributions that will be tripled by a two to one match.

Rotary District 7620 of Central Maryland and Washington, D.C., will host a 1 to 5K walk/run at Schrom Hills Park from 9:30 to 10 a.m. and a Community Center program from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., including a polio survivor's perspective, Rotary International's PolioPlus eradication program and the link between peace and childhood vaccinations.

Polio Then and Now

Polio's effects range from asymptomatic to temporary or permanent paralysis, meningitis and death. Recovered survivors may later experience post-polio syndrome, with muscle weakness and pain, breathing and swallowing problems and fatigue.

In the first half of the 20th century, many countries experienced annual outbreaks, which in the U.S. peaked at over 21,000 cases in 1952. Mass vaccination has eradicated polio except in Afghanistan and Pakistan, where 22,000 annual cases in the early 1990s have decreased to six, according to a 2026 report.

Rotary and Polio

Rotary International (RI) marked its 75th anniversary in the 1970s by deciding to fund and seek international service projects. The 1979 announcement of the worldwide eradication of smallpox led to RI's polio focus and partnering with the Philippines on a five-year effort to vaccinate all Filipino children against the virus. Success there led to creating RI's worldwide PolioPlus program in 1985.

PolioPlus funds local workers who vaccinate children and the purchase, refrigeration, transport and storage of the oral polio vaccine. No medical training is required to put vaccine drops in a child's mouth, making more people capable of the role. Pakistan alone has 413,000 vaccination workers who reach families door-to-door, at bus and train stations and on buses and trains, sometimes with polio survivors to stress the vaccination's importance.

Afghanistan and Pakistan are challenging environments for vaccinations, but the two countries coordinate simultaneous vaccination campaigns, which in April 2026 vaccinated 44.8 million Pakistani and 12.8 million Afghan children, according to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI). Such synchronization addresses the single epidemiological environment created by porous borders.

PolioPlus reports having vaccinated over 3 billion children since 1985, as a member of the GPEI which includes U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF, the Bill Gates Foundation, RI and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. The Gates Foundation



Vaccination workers administer polio drops in Hyderabad, Pakistan in May 2026.

matches every PolioPlus dollar with two dollars, tripling every contribution to PolioPlus. GPEI has set 2029 as its goal to eradicate polio.

October 24

Greenbelt's October 24 events blend Rotary's commitments to building peace and ending polio, because polio survives where war and instability keep health workers from reaching children. RI promotes peace through fostering understanding, peace education and investing in sustainable solutions to conflict around the world. Because peace also depends on meeting basic human needs, RI programs also include fighting disease, maternal and child health, water and sanitation, basic education and literacy, economic and community development, and the

environment. Greenbelt Rotary Club focuses on food insecurity, driver education, community building and the environment.

Register or contribute at tinyurl.com/3twnm9fb or use the QR code. A \$25 minimum contribution provides access to both events and will be matched 2 to 1.



Community Church Hosts Donation Drive

Greenbelt Community Church is hosting a donation drive on Saturday, October 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Sunday, October 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. behind the church located at 1 Hillside Road. All funds raised are donated to nonprofits in this area. This year they will be donated to a project for improving literacy of school children in Greenbelt. Last year's two drives each raised over \$600.

Items collected include clothing, footwear, housewares (including small appliances), bedding (no pillows) and towels, books (no encyclopedias, dictionaries or text books), clean toys, DVDs and CDs.



World Polio Day Events

Saturday, October 24
9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Peace & Polio 1 to 5K walk/run, Schrom Hills Park, 6915 Hanover Parkway. Rain location: Community Center gym, 15 Crescent Road

11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
World Polio Day Program & Celebration, Community Center Room 201, 15 Crescent Road
A local polio survivor's perspective, PolioPlus education, the link between peace and childhood vaccinations, fellowship and opportunities to support Rotary's ongoing worldwide polio eradication effort.

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Maffay Funeral, Celebration of Life

Longtime Greenbelter Russell Maffay's funeral will be held on Monday, November 9 at 10 a.m. at St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church in Greenbelt, with interment at 11:30 a.m. at the Greenbelt Cemetery. A celebration of life will be held in Grenoble Hall after the burial. In the spirit of Russell's giving nature, the family requests no flowers, but welcomes donations to St. Hugh's Food Pantry.

PHOTO BY JULIE ERICKSON
Russell Maffay

Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present. You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.

Our Neighbors

A hearty welcome to the new City Treasurer, Maisha Williams. Congratulations to Kathryn Reynolds and Lynn Dobbin of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad and its Ladies Auxiliary who were honored for their service and dedication during the 104th Prince George's County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association & Ladies Auxiliary Convention and our thanks to firefighter/EMS Lisa Ray who received the Volunteer EMS Captain George H. Linnell Award for Excellence in EMS. Congratulations to Greenbelt Police Department's Rachel Tobin and Master Police Officer Rakibur Rahman who have been recognized by the Police Chiefs' Association of Prince George's County as Civilian of the Year and Officer of the Year, respectively. Congratulations to the Eleanor Roosevelt High School girls soccer team. In their last 10 games the Raiders have only conceded one goal and have a good chance of going to the county championship game for the fourth time in five years.

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

"When a thought of war comes, oppose it by a stronger thought of peace. A thought of hatred must be destroyed by a more powerful thought of love." – 'Abdu'l-Bahá

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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 19 - 23

Monday, October 19 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION SAVE-AS-YOU-THROW MID-YEAR REVIEW, Council Chambers**

Tuesday, October 20 at 7 pm, **REPARATIONS COMMISSION, Council Chambers, On the Agenda: Discussion on the Suggested Remedies, Report Update, Announcements**

Wednesday, October 21 at 6:30 pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD, Greenbelt Community Center, On the Agenda: Council Liaison Updates, Discussion: Economic Development Manager Jessica Mailander - Welcome, Key Updates, and Looking Ahead, Staff Updates**

Wednesday, October 21 at 7:30 pm, **PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING, Virtual, On the Agenda: TBD**

Wednesday, October 21 at 7:30 pm, **NO MEETING - ADVISORY BOARD / COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Thursday, October 22 at 7 pm, **FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD, Public Works Facility, 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 PUMPKIN FESTIVAL 2026

Friday, October 16 from 4 - 8:30 pm
Roosevelt Center

Join fellow Greenbelters at Roosevelt Center on Friday, October 16, from 4 - 8:30 pm for the annual pumpkin carving event. Watch the community transform pumpkins into festive creations, then come back the following evening to see them light up the forest.

Saturday, October 17 from 6 - 9 pm
The North Woods

On Saturday, October 17, from 6 to 9 pm, take a stroll through the North Woods and experience the Pumpkin Walk, a beloved Greenbelt tradition featuring hundreds of carved pumpkins lining the wooded path. The walk is gentler and more family-friendly from 6 - 7 pm, with spookier sights after 7 pm.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Friday, October 30 from 7-9 pm

Beltway Plaza Rear Parking Lot, 6000 Greenbelt Road

Join the Greenbelt Police Department for its annual Trunk or Treat, a safe and festive Halloween event for Greenbelt families. Kids can dress up, explore decorated trunks, collect candy, and enjoy an evening of community connection with GPD and event partners.

Decorated vehicle candy distribution includes partnerships with Franklin Park, Mission BBQ, and more. The Greenbelt Pumpkin Festival carving will take place alongside the event.

Come in costume, bring a bag, and enjoy a spooktacular evening with your neighbors. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

ELECTRONICS, STYROFOAM, & PAINT RECYCLING

Saturday, October 24 from 9 am to 12 pm

Public Works Yard, 555 Crescent Road

Electronics Recycling - Accepted: CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, laptops, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, fax machines, wires, power cords. NO - ALKALINE BATTERIES or CFLs; NO - TUBE TVs.

Expanded Polystyrene - White, block Styrofoam #6. NEW: egg cartons and food trays!

NO PAINT RECYCLING IN OCTOBER

Contact Public Works at (301) 474-8004.

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.

THE WILD RUMPUS

Friday, October 30, 4:30 - 6 pm
Roosevelt Center

Wear your Halloween or cosplay costume* or other fancy dress, and join the celebration! Enjoy performers on the plaza followed by trick-or-treating with the Roosevelt Center merchants and a short film at the Greenbelt Cinema. No pre-registration required. All ages welcome! Rain or shine.



*No gore or violent imagery, please; thank you for helping to create a peaceful, playful, and welcoming atmosphere for all participants.

GREENBELT CARES PROGRAMS

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.

FREE MEDICARE PLAN REVIEWS

October 15 – December 7, Monday–Thursday, 10 am – 4 pm
Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road

Get a tailored plan analysis for your prescription needs. 2027 plan rates will be available during this window. All plan choices must be made during this open enrollment window.

WHAT TO BRING: A list of your prescriptions and the dosage for each medication.

CAREGIVER APPRECIATION EVENT

Saturday, November 7, 11 am - 4 pm
Greenbelt Community Center, Ground Floor East, 15 Crescent Road

Offering haircuts and styling, hair braiding, make up, massages, reflexology, and acupuncture.

EMERGENCY DIAPER DISTRIBUTION

November 2, 11 am - 4 pm
Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road

Birth certificates are required for EVERY child receiving diapers at EVERY pickup, including returning families.

Registration required each month.

To register for CARES programs:
Call: 202-891-8071, Email: cherrera@greenbeltmd.gov

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GREENBELT CITY CALENDAR

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



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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

Fused Glass Jewelry 10/24, 11am-12:30pm & 12:30-1:30pm (Greenbelt Community Center). Fused glass is the art of melting colored glass into art pieces. Register for section one to make 2 pieces of fused glass art or for both sections to make 4 pieces. Registration required; see page 31 of the fall activity guide for details - www.greenbeltmd.gov/activityguide.

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/UYY6> to volunteer at the event!

MORE ARTS HAPPENING SOON

- Art Share (meet-up)** 10/18; 2-3pm (Greenbelt Community Center) Sign up: sugeni.us/eytm
- November Artful Afternoons** 11/1,1-2 & 2-3pm (Greenbelt Community Center); 11/8, 1:30-2:30pm (Springhill Lake Recreation Center) Sign up: sugeni.us/UemM.

Registration required for the following activity, see www.greenbeltmd.gov/activityguide, p.22 for details

- Lego Printmaking** (Greenbelt Community Center) 10/23, 5:30-7pm. \$5/\$10

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/know-your-rights-immigration-resources>.

Goldenrod or Ragweed? One Is Important Plant for Pollinators

by Susan Cahill

With pollinator gardens gaining popularity in Greenbelt, autumn is likely to bring more complaints from residents who mistake goldenrod, an important pollinator plant, for ragweed, a prolific allergen producer that blooms at the same time. Cutting down goldenrod mistaken for ragweed is a big and unnecessary loss to pollinators like native bees and butterflies. These insects play a key role in enabling many plants to grow seeds and important food crops we eat.

While most flowers have stopped blooming as cold weather nears, goldenrod flowers keep producing the late-season nectar and pollen those insects need to eat in order to survive the winter. They store it as food for their overwintering young or eat it themselves, to fatten up for hibernation. But ragweed flowers don't contain nectar, and the pollen ragweed makes, in huge amounts, is lighter than goldenrod's, so it's easily picked up and carried away by the wind, including into our noses and eyes.

Both plants are a couple of feet tall or more. To tell them apart, look at the flowers. Goldenrod's small flowers are show-stopping bright yellow and form graceful sprays along the top end of the stem. Ragweed's hardly look like flowers, but more like small, dull green buds all season. Or look at the leaves running



Goldenrod blooms in Mary Lou Williamson's yard on September 16, 2026.

along the stems. A type of goldenrod that's sometimes mistaken for ragweed has leaves that are a couple of inches long or more; fairly skinny and straight, with pointed ends; and edges that are either smooth or slightly toothed, like a saw. Ragweed leaves are fancier, with each splayed out in

a "cut-out" pattern reminiscent of a lacy fern's frond.



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Keep Pollinator Nurseries in Winter Gardens from Becoming Yard Waste

by Susan Cahill

A challenge for Greenbelters with pollinator gardens is how to leave the vegetation in place after it dies back so the next generation of bees, butterflies and moths doesn't get thrown out with yard waste — and still have a decent-looking yard.

In fall and winter, these gardens are nurseries for pollinators we don't even know are there, from eggs to caterpillars to pupae. They're hidden or disguised so well that we don't see them spending the winter in fallen leaves, stems and leaves of dead plants and the soil around them. Others are disguised as leaves hanging from plants. They emerge in late spring — if only we'd let them, instead of throwing them out with yard waste during autumn cleanups.

To keep both the neighbors and pollinators happy with yards (or even potted balcony plants) that look presentable while still serving as winter nurseries, consider the ideas below when the growing season is over.

Surround plants with attractive borders, so they look purposeful and organized when they die back. Leave the leaves that have fallen from trees, but contain them as mulch in the bordered areas, placed loosely so they don't smother pollinators overwintering in the soil.

Leave dead or dying plants standing, if possible, but if not, leave 12 to 24 inches of the

stalks, to provide hollow stems for native bees to lay eggs and shelter in. The cut tops also serve as nests; loosely stack them along the backs of hedges or shrubs to hide them from view.

Keep grassy sections between the bordered plants trimmed.

Let the neighbors know this habitat will produce the butterflies, bees and moths that pollinate plants, enabling them to produce seeds and many of our fruits and vegetables in the coming year.

And consider leaving this year's spent vegetation even longer than next spring, instead of bagging it up. Some native bees, for example, need more than a year to develop into adults. Meanwhile, the slowly decaying vegetation they hide in will enrich the soil with nutrients.

Bicycle Committee's Fall Social, October 24

Join the GHI Bicycle Committee and Greenbelt's bicycle community to share bike packing experiences at the Fall Social on Saturday, October 24 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the GHI board room, 1 Hamilton Place.

Refreshments will be served. This is also the semi-annual gear swap. Bring in gently used gear and grab some items that are "new to you."

For questions or more information, email John Campanile, jbelltower@yahoo.com.

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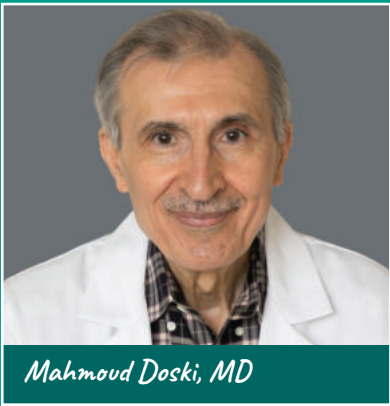
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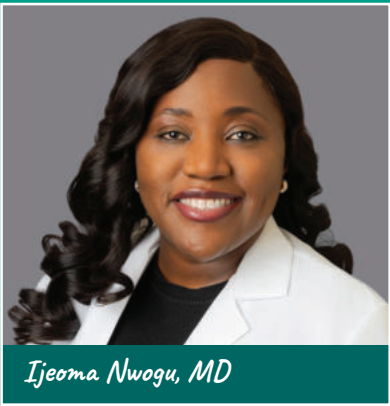
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Council News

Questionnaire Redesign, Welcome Signage Considered at Worksession

by Peter Kelly

In a September 30 Greenbelt City Council worksession, the Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB) discussed overhauling the biennial community questionnaire and adding digital multilingual welcome signs at city entrances.

The meeting took place at the Municipal Building, lasted 90 minutes and brought various issues up for discussion with the board and council.

Community Questionnaire

The community questionnaire, which is distributed with city election materials each cycle, is meant to present Greenbelt residents with an opportunity to express their thoughts on specific issues. But Mayor Emmett Jordan shared his concern with past questionnaire initiatives and was eager to hear what CRAB had in mind following their review, which had been requested by council.

“I know that the city manager [Josué Salmerón] and several members of council are really interested in rethinking the whole process,” Jordan said. “There’s better methodologies out there than asking people at the polling place to fill out a questionnaire. You only get a sample of the population — you miss a lot of people that way.”

The board concurred, saying they had unanimously agreed the questionnaire should be overhauled. CRAB proposed a town hall as an outlet for community input in the questionnaire. They sought to clarify their own role in reviewing it and the timeline for doing so.

Assistant City Manager Tim George said the referral to CRAB began with questions from the Reparations Commission and others about adding more demographic questions and others to make the questionnaire more meaningful. George noted the current format was yielding less relevant data over time and pointed out the election timing was potentially awkward.

“Every two years isn’t very helpful,” George said. “Especially when you go across [the Covid-19 pandemic], how do you compare the data pre- and post-Covid? So one of the ideas that we had ... was to do it as an annual survey, and then ... the survey could change a little bit more.”

George suggested town halls for input and questions from council be part of an overhaul.

“The hope would be that the survey provides some real guidance for the budget,” he said.

Councilmember Kristen Weaver suggested fewer questions that are tied to actionable items and are asked more frequently.

George suggested that making the survey digital would allow for easier access, reaching more than just people who go out to vote in person. The data would also be easier to aggregate if digital, said George.

The most recent archive of questionnaire responses on the city’s website is from 2023 when 748 residents completed the survey. Compared to the 2,685 Greenbelters who voted in the 2023 election, 27.9 percent submitted a response to the community questionnaire.

However, both board and council agreed that a complete reform would be very difficult to implement before the next election in 2027. Councilmember Danielle McKinney suggested CRAB create a draft of a smaller survey of fewer questions, and George suggested a draft would be needed by the spring in order to have time for town halls before the election.

Welcome Signs

The board also discussed a proposal to incorporate welcome signs in Greenbelt. The initial proposal that came in 2024 suggested up to 10 languages, to reflect Greenbelt’s diversity. The board noted potential locations at parks, on Greenbelt Road, Kenilworth Avenue and Cherrywood Lane.

“I think it’s a great idea,” said Councilmember Silke Pope. “It’s a welcoming gesture for our city, [because] our city is welcoming to everyone.”

The choice of additional languages to be used on the signs was still up for debate, but CRAB said they had narrowed them to Spanish, French and Mandarin as the most frequently spoken languages within the city.

Since the initial proposal of welcome signs, CRAB has considered the possibility of more dynamic signs, which might be digital. While digital signage is easier to update, some negatives brought up included high cost and light pollution. Pope suggested signage that fits with nature would be best at Greenbelt’s parks. Councilmember Amy Knesel questioned if a digital sign matched “Greenbelt’s

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Council’s September 28 Meeting Covers Wide Array of Topics

by Larry Beyna

The Greenbelt City Council’s September 28 meeting covered council activities and decisions in addition to creation of a Tenant Advisory Board (see October 8 issue).

Claims of Unfair Labor Practices

In his administrative report, City Manager Josué Salmerón updated council on recent actions taken by the city in response to claims of managers’ unfair labor practices made by employees of the Department of Public Works at the September 14 council meeting (see the September 24 issue).

Responding to a question about the process for arbitration and next steps, Salmerón described a memo that council and others will receive from the city’s solicitor. In that memo, the solicitor will respond to several questions raised by Public Works employees on September 14. The city also asked the American Arbitration Association (AAA) to recommend an arbitrator to work with the employees and the city to address the problem. “We’re working through a list [received from AAA] on selecting an impartial arbitrator to investigate the [unfair labor practices] complaint,” Salmerón stated. “[Once] we have our hearing, there will be a 30-day waiting period until a decision is rendered.”

Salmerón expected that, after the September 28 meeting, he would find out what upfront fees the city will need to pay for the hearing. The hearing is expected to take place by the end of October and, after the 30-day waiting period, the issue should be resolved in November.

Salmerón also expected to meet with the city’s attorney on September 29 to finalize a public statement that will be issued to all employees. “I understand that the message I delivered at our last council meeting made its rounds to all the employees at Public Works,” Salmerón said. “I was very clear about what the expectation is of all our managers and staff.”

Actions Taken

Council appointed Katherine Siniuk to serve on the Forest Preserve Advisory Board and re-

appointed Benjamin Friedman to the Advisory Planning Board.

Council approved a special event permit and temporary suspension of the fire code for the upcoming Pumpkin Walk on October 17, which will involve using burning candles in the pumpkins.

Mayor Emmett Jordan proclaimed September 15 through October 15 as National Hispanic Heritage Month and retroactively proclaimed September 26 as National Public Lands Day.

Council adopted an ordinance to adjust the approved revenues and expenditures in the General Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. In response to changes that occurred during the year, including a decrease in revenues, expenditures decreased from an approved \$40,149,100 to an actual \$38,407,286. The net effect of this adjustment was a savings of \$968,110 during FY 2026.

Council adopted a resolution in which Greenbelt joined Prince George’s County and others to urge Congress to pass H.R. 5356, establishing a noncommercial National Infrastructure Bank (NIB). If established, the bank would be capitalized with a \$5 trillion revolving loan fund and would lend money to local, regional and state governments to fund critical infrastructure projects. If Greenbelt needs to borrow money to fund a certain infrastructure project, a loan from the NIB would be an additional option for doing so.

Council adopted a draft letter from Jordan to the Maryland Department of Transportation regarding the department’s draft Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) for fiscal years 2027-32. In the letter, Jordan reiterates the city’s appreciation for the CTP’s continued inclusion of a full interchange at the Greenbelt Metro Station and the state’s support for locating the FBI headquarters in Prince George’s County. The letter also praises the CTP’s \$6.4-million increase for preliminary engineering of Segments 2 and 3 of the U.S. 1 Baltimore Avenue project and an \$11 million increase in funding for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Related Projects & Transportation Alternative Program. Jordan also restates the city’s strong opposition to any alternatives that involve widening I-495.

In Jordan’s letter, the city requests CTP funding for planning and engineering for the MD 193 — Greenbelt Road Streetscape Improvement project and Segments 1-4 of the Greenbelt East Trail.

Finally, the city reaffirms support for construction of the Maryland Transit Administration’s Purple Line, the state’s program for Zero Emission Buses and Prince George’s County’s Local Bus Program and Locally Operated Transit Systems.

By a 5 to 2 vote (with Councilmembers Fritz and Pompei in See **COUNCIL**, page 8



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the minority), council rejected a motion to contribute \$350 from its Council Miscellaneous Fund to Greenbelt Cinema for the upcoming October Cinema Classics. During the discussion, a councilmember broached the idea that, given tight budget constraints and time being of the essence, funding for the October Cinema Classics might best come from personal contributions of those individual councilmembers who prefer to go that route, instead of tapping into the Council Miscellaneous Fund. A few other councilmembers expressed reservations about even discussing or, worse, deciding to use personal contributions at the meeting, as it could set a precedent for people or groups needing financial assistance to appeal directly to councilmembers.

Council authorized Salmerón to approve a contract for \$94,622 with Persona Services Group to procure and install a new digital marquee system for the Greenbelt Cinema. Under the contract, which will use funds from the city's ongoing \$300,000 bond bill for improvements to the Greenbelt Cinema, the digital marquee system, manufactured by Watchfire, will replace the current marquee.

It took the city over a year to obtain required approval for the new marquee from the Maryland Historical Trust. With that approval, the architectural integrity of the historic cinema will be preserved. The new marquee will be safer than the current one, because workers will no longer have to climb a high ladder and manually change the lettering. If all goes well, installation of the new marquee will be completed by Christmas.

Council authorized the city manager to execute a \$57,949 contract with GHA Technologies, Inc. for the purchase of IT hardware. The acquisition will replace outdated systems and replenish the city's hardware inventory needed for operations throughout the budget year.

Council delayed until its next meeting the authorization of payment of \$1,884 for annual dues to the Prince George's County Municipal Association (PGCMA). Several councilmembers reiterated their desire (expressed months ago in an unanswered letter to PGCMA) to learn more about how the PGCMA spends its funds from members' annual dues.

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values about the environment.”

Jordan noted there's currently no money in the budget for welcome signs but suggested research into costs and putting them on the wish list for grants. He capped the issue by recommending the board coordinate with the Advisory Planning Board and hold a joint meeting.

Community Pledge

CRAB prepared recommendations for changes to the community pledge which is read at council meetings. The proposal is to be placed on a future council agenda.

Story Walk

The Story Walk near the Greenbelt Museum was also discussed after a recent survey collected public opinion, with concerns including aesthetics and safety. General consensus among CRAB and council was not to interfere with the current setup and its management by the Library, which will maintain it, following the end of the city's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant that created the pilot. CRAB noted that the survey showed

the Story Walk was reaching its intended audience, families and children.

Finally, the board spoke about broader community engagement strategies and how to unite the three sections of the city. CRAB recommended partnering with nonprofits and faith-based groups and noted funding was an issue. They also hope to reach more youth. Several councilmembers suggested pop-up outreach on popular events like the Labor Day and Fall Festivals.

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



Beltway Plaza is starting to feel the spirit of Halloween.

PHOTO BY BEN SHEDLIN

Free String Quartet Concert of New Works

The string section leaders from the Greenbelt Community Orchestra, Susan Stewart, Anne Gardner, Rachel Alexander and Lauren Starosta, will perform as the Nebula String Quartet on Saturday, October 24 at 3 p.m. at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Rd, College Park.

The concert will be the U.S. premiere of Global Composer Project 3 Café Gherkinforke and will consist of 15 short new pieces by composers from around the world. These pieces will be performed as a suite in each of the represented countries, including Australia, Finland, the U.K., Estonia, Kosovo, Norway, Germany and Argentina.

This U.S. performance is free and open to the public. A reception will follow, along with the opportunity to talk with one of the composers. For more information, visit sites.google.com/view/nebulaquartet.

Kids Discovery Center At Patuxent Refuge

The Discovery Center at the Patuxent Research Refuge offers learning activities and crafts for children ages 3 to 10 with an adult, Wednesdays through Saturdays except on federal holidays. Sessions start at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon, lasting 35 minutes. October's theme is Bats.

Registration is strongly recommended. Call 301-497-5772. Visit fws.gov/refuge/patuxent-research/patuxent-visitor-center for more information.

ERHS Music Fall Fruit Fundraiser

Orders for the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Music fruit fundraiser must be placed by Sunday, November 1 at tinyurl.com/ERHSFruits. The distribution date is Friday, November 20 between 5 and 7 p.m. The pick-up area is in the lower parking lot. Drive toward the entrance to the football field at the service road that enters the back of the school building to get to the distribution location.



Open Letter to Greenbelt

As a Greenbelt resident and parent, I've had many conversations with neighbors about the questions we all share. Do we trust our local schools? Do we need to consider moving? How do we navigate the school lottery? This year's transportation failures have only deepened those concerns.

One Board of Education candidate has the experience and the passion to address these issues with the urgency they deserve: Dr. Caroline Decaire-Goldin.

I've known Caroline for years. We met when our daughters were at the same daycare here in Greenbelt. After one conversation, you can tell she's kind, genuine, and incredibly passionate about education. But our friendship is not why I'm voting for her. Caroline belongs on the Board because she has taught in our classrooms, advocated for our students' needs, and championed District 2 families. She brings over 15 years of experience in education at all levels.

She is already fighting for us while we are without a Board member. After one of the worst back-to-school years in memory, especially for families at Robert Goddard Montessori and Dora Kennedy French Immersion, Caroline gathered community input and brought it to the Board in public testimony.

What stood out to me was that she understands the realities of being a teacher, the toll a crisis like this takes on educators who are too routinely asked to go above and beyond, and that solutions come from those most impacted by decisions. That's why she brought our community's concerns to the Board and also told them to listen to the bus drivers and teachers affected by the school system's failure to prepare. She then hand-delivered a letter to Dr. Joseph on behalf of families who couldn't attend the Back-to-School ice cream social because their buses weren't arriving in time.

She is doing all of this without institutional backing, while working full-time as a state education policy leader and raising two young kids. Caroline is an advocate, educator, and mom, and a voice that is desperately needed on the Board.

I am proud to vote for someone who has been quietly and steadily championing a more just education system for over 15 years. Please visit www.carolineforpgcps.com to learn more about Caroline and get involved. I truly believe that after one conversation with her, you'll agree she should represent District 2.

Sincerely,
John Stephenson

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Venture Crew 746 Makes a Splash With Kayak Training at GAFC

by Jonathan Murray

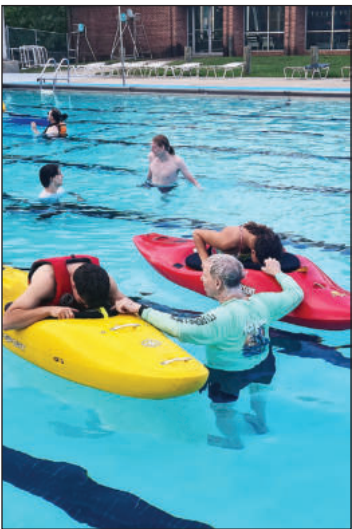
Residents passing by the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center (GAFC) on the evening of September 9 may have noticed an unusual sight in the pool. Kayaks were tipping over, paddlers were disappearing beneath the water and cheers occasionally erupted from the pool deck. There was no cause for alarm. Instead, members of Venture Crew 746 were participating in a hands-on kayak safety and skills training session designed to build confidence and prepare them for future adventures on the water.

The training was organized by Venture Crew 746 with the generous assistance of GAFC Supervisor Stephen Parks and local kayaking enthusiast and expert consultant Bill Cornett. Their expertise and instruction provided Crew members with a unique opportunity to practice essential paddling techniques in a controlled environment. The evening began with one of the most important safety skills every kayaker should master: the wet exit. Crew members learned how to safely exit a kayak after a capsize while remaining calm and in control. After becoming comfortable with intentionally overturning their boats, participants moved on to learning how to re-enter a kayak while still in the water, a valuable self-rescue technique that can make a significant difference during real-world paddling situations.

For many participants, simply climbing back into the kayak proved to be an exciting challenge. Yet several Crew members were eager to take their skills even further. Under the guidance of the instructors, they began learning the fundamentals of the kayak roll, the advanced maneuver that allows a kayaker to right both themselves and their kayak without exiting the boat. With practice, determination and a few unsuccessful attempts, participants experienced the thrill of returning to an upright position after being completely submerged. Beyond teaching technical skills, the training also reinforced the importance of preparation, safety and teamwork. Crew members encouraged one another throughout the evening, celebrating successes and helping fellow paddlers overcome



Venture Crew members learn to kayak at the Aquatic & Fitness Center.



Expert kayaker Bill Cornett instructs Venture Crew 746 members on essential skills.



Bill Cornett teaches Venture Crew member Maeve Waters the proper technique.

- Photos by Jonathan Murray

apprehension about being upside down underwater.

The event showcased one of the many opportunities that Venture Crew 746 provides for local youth interested in outdoor adventure, leadership and skill development. Activities like kayaking challenge participants to step outside their comfort zones while learning valuable techniques that can be applied during future expeditions. Venture Crew 746 extends its thanks to Parks, the GAFC staff and consultant Cornett for their time, expertise and support in making the session possible.

Venturing is open to adventurous youth ages 14 through 20 who are eager to learn new

skills, explore the outdoors and take part in exciting experiences with fellow youth. Venture Crew 746's upcoming activities include indoor rock climbing, backpacking, crabbing and camping. Youth interested in joining or learning more about the program are encouraged to contact the Crew at venturecrew746@gmail.com for additional information.



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Sisters Hally Ahearn and Sandy Roberts read the News Review after racing to watch the sunrise at Neck Point, with Shack Island in the background, on Vancouver Island, Nanaimo, British Columbia, Canada.



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Sieglinde Peterson at the Temple of Hera, Agrigento, Sicily, Italy

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 **OCTOBER GENERAL BODY MEETING** 

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

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 Greenbriar Terrace Room
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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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Budget document. Of the four, the county is only requesting to borrow money for the Sunnyside Avenue work. Its project listing (number 4.66.0027) within the FY 2027-2032 proposed budget reports its completion date as FY 2024 and its cost as \$15,057,000. A representative from the county’s communication’s department told the News Review that money borrowed for projects is often split over multiple bonds, aligning with the schedule of work. This project is in the “close-out” phase, with money still due, they believed. The amount remaining that the county would like to borrow money for was estimated to be around \$240,000, according to the communications department.

H. \$117,848,000 for County Buildings

In this question the county asks to borrow money by issuing bonds of up to \$117,848,000 to pay for “the design, construction, acquisition, improvement or repair of County Buildings.”

The projects listed in a county council bill associated with this funding are as follows: Prince George’s Homeless Shelter; Shepherd’s Cove Family Shelter; Regional Health and Human Ser-

vices Center; County Building Renovations; Courthouse Renovations and Security Upgrades; County Administration Building Refresh; Health Facilities Renovations; Local Government Energy Modernization; and Warm Nights Homeless Shelter.

I. \$33,656,000 for Library Facilities Bonds

This measure will allow the county to borrow money by issuing bonds of up to \$33,656,000 to “build, expand, repair, or improve County library buildings and facilities. This includes acquiring and developing library sites, hiring architects and engineers and purchasing equipment needed to operate those facilities.”

The related bill by Prince George’s County Council lists six projects related to this funding with the following titles: Hillcrest Heights Branch Replacement; Langley Park Branch; Oxon Hill Library Branch Renovation; Hyattsville Branch Replacement; Library Branch Renovations; and Surratts-Clinton Branch Renovation.

J. \$53,503,000 for Public Safety Facilities

This measure will allow the county to borrow money by is-

suing bonds in an amount of up to \$53,503,000 to “finance the design, construction, acquisition, improvement, or repair of Public Safety Facilities including Fire Department Facilities.”

The related county council bill lists 12 projects this funding would be used for if approved. Their titles are: Special Operations Division Facility; District Six Police Station; Forensics Lab Renovations; National Harbor Public Safety Building; Police Station Renovations; Fire Station Renovations; Fire Station Roof Renovations; Public Safety Infrastructure Upgrades; Water Storage Tanks; Detention Center Housing Renovations; Central Control/Administrative Wing Expansion; and Community Corrections Complex.

Voter approval is required for public bonds in Prince George’s County. They usually pass by a significant margin, with over 80 percent voting in favor of every bond issue in the last two elections, and public works and transportation bonds receiving over 89 percent support in both 2022 and 2024. The bonds for county buildings have received the least support in recent years but still passed in 2022 and 2024 by over 80 percent.



Cathy Fisanich in Bruges, Belgium, May 2026, while visiting her daughter and grands in nearby Netherlands



Mary Kokumo, Greenbelt News Review staff member, recently travelled to Nigeria to visit family and friends. Here she pauses to read the newspaper in front of Foodco Supermarkets (Bodija Branch) during her trip to Ibadan, Oyo State.

Election 2026

Early Voting Begins Oct. 22

by Rachel Kebler

Early voting for the general election begins October 22 and goes until October 29. Here is some other information to note.

Early Voting Centers

Polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day of early voting week. There are 13 in the county. The two closest to Greenbelt are the Trinity Assembly of God church at 7800 Good Luck Road, Lanham (2.9 miles), and the College Park Community Center at 5051 Pierce Avenue (5.9 miles).

For more information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/hhhwkp3k>.

Voter Registration

Online voter registration ended October 13, but residents can still register in person at the polling places listed above or on Election Day.

To register, you must bring a picture ID and proof of residence. This may be one document, such as an MVA-issued license or permit; or two including a change of address card, bank statement, etc. Visit elections.maryland.gov for more information on this process.

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officer, city administrative officer and, finally, to city manager when New Carrollton changed its form of government.

Now, as Greenbelt’s treasurer, she is returning to her wheelhouse: “I’m back to focusing on numbers,” said Williams with a laugh.

Earlier in her career, Williams worked for a church in Hampton Roads, Va. Her approach to municipal governance is colored by this experience.

“I enjoy doing work where you see the fruits of your labor ... where you get to see how you’re helping people,” said Williams.

When asked how the public can gauge her success in the office, she emphasized one principle in particular: transparency. She noted how much she enjoys having conversations with the residents and engaging with the community.

Announced less than a month ago, Williams is already digging into Greenbelt’s finances. “I’m actually starting to work on some

budget spreadsheets and worksheets to help us look at going into the FY 2028 budget and then the auditors will be here next week,” she said.

Williams has high hopes for her time in Greenbelt. She intends to “see if there’s any way to create any efficiencies, strengthen internal controls, get some more policies written ... see what I can help with staff, elevate the staff.”

In keeping with her insistence on transparency, she also plans to release quarterly reports on all of the city’s relevant financial decisions and transactions. And she is in it for the long haul. “Hopefully I’ll be here for the next 11 [years] until it’s time for me to retire,” she said.

Salmerón is equally optimistic about Williams’ appointment. “She certainly knows local government and finance. So of course she has adjusted well,” he said.

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

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Films to be screened focus on politics, war and this year especially art, according to Gervasi, who has been a producer in the film industry since he went to art school in the ’60s. For instance, *She Is Not Here* is an Iranian film directed by Saeed Seiri, following a young girl using art to cope after seeing her mother arrested by the government. They also tie back to Greenbelt with documentaries like *Lenore: Sculpting a Life*, directed by Susan Gervasi, Frank’s wife and the deputy director of the festival, following radical Greenbelt artist Lenore Thomas Straus.

Films are ranked and selected by a committee, and are mostly collected through the site Film-Freeway. According to Gervasi, the festival places an emphasis on independently-made films, providing visitors with a new and personal cinema experience.

“People have a vision they want to share, and to me, that’s utopian,” Gervasi said.

The festival also aims to be accessible to everyone. Films will be shown throughout the weekend in the Greenbelt Cinema Screening

Room, Municipal Building and New Deal Café. Some films, such as *People vs. Politics* and *Rose*, will be shown more than once. According to Susan Gervasi, 24 of the films are subtitled and those films are indicated by an asterisk (*) on the website schedule.

“We’ve always used the New Deal Café because it’s the only place with Zoom capability. So, we’ve had filmmakers from overseas who will Zoom in,” Gervasi said.

Compared to when the festival first started, the staff now has the budget to break even between donations and ticket sales, according to Gervasi. He said fees were waived for some festival filmmakers, such as students.

Attendees can purchase tickets at the door or at the festival’s website, utopiafilmfestival.org.

“We try to put together a real variety of stuff you’ll never see anywhere else,” Gervasi said.

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Local musician and musical events host Joey Campfire sings a song of protest at the third edition of *This Machine*, an hours-long open-microphone concert of protest songs and performances at the New Deal Café on Sunday, September 27. Several musicians and one magician took to the stage during the two-hour show to deliver messages of protest aimed directly at the Trump administration. A fourth edition of *This Machine* is tentatively scheduled for the afternoon of Sunday, November 1 at the New Deal Café.



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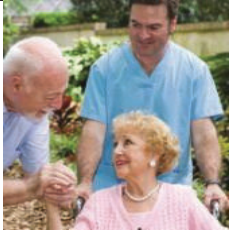
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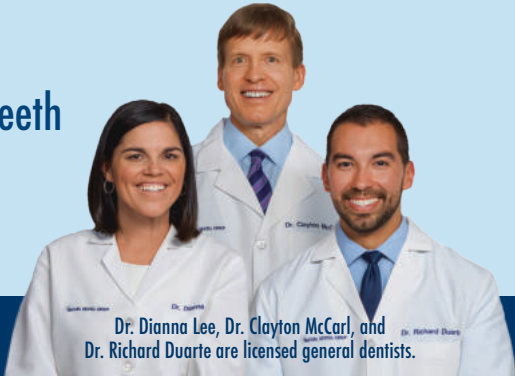
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Lane. Springhill Drive at Cherrywood Lane violations dropped sharply by 72 percent. The remaining camera at Cherrywood Lane at Breezewood Drive showed an increase of 45 percent in tickets. Bowers speculated that the increase in ticketing at that location could be due to initially low numbers related to difficulty tracking the wider two-lane roadway there, noting the camera had recent hardware and software modifications to cover both lanes.

Who Receives Tickets

Most violations come from non-Greenbelt residents, who make up 74.7 percent of citations and come from surrounding areas like Bowie and Laurel, Bowers said. Greenbelt residents made up 35.2 percent of citations at the start of April, and that share has since fallen to 20.4 percent for September, for an overall 25.3 percent during the entire period. More than 40 percent of citations sent to Greenbelt residents are issued from the Laurel Hill Road and Gardenway stops.

Yet, 21 percent of cited license plates account for 56 percent of all violations, showing that a small group of drivers are a large portion of the problem, while 79 percent of violators are cited only once. To keep drivers from receiving several citations at once, Greenbelt implemented a 14-day grace period, meaning a driver should receive only one citation in the mail before another is issued.

While Fridays have the most citations, weekday violations peak at 5 p.m. and weekend violations peak at noon.

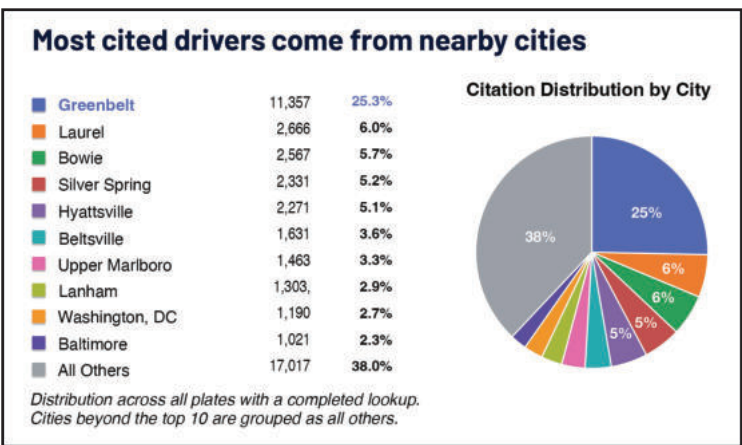
Ticket Revenue

The city has not broken even with the program. If the income from citations does not cover operating costs, the city does not owe the vendor the difference because the program is designed to be revenue neutral, Bowers said.

According to the August report, at the end of April the city had a deficit of \$15,365 from running the program. This included \$9,365 for 1,873 warning letters, for which the city paid \$5 each, and \$6,000 in monthly camera fees. The total stood at \$79,500 at the end of May, and was down to \$52,519 at the end of August.

“There’s still an outstanding balance that we owe to Obvio,” Bowers said, referring to the company the city contracted for the program. “It gets whittled down a little bit every month, but the way that the contract is set up, essentially we split [revenue] until that balance is paid off. We’re only getting a payment rate of about 45 percent, so that’s why the income is only just short of barely covering the program costs.”

According to the August re-



port, the city collected \$645,760 through August from 16,144 paid citations. \$329,337 of that went to the city, and \$316,422 went to Obvio. The program costs a total of \$368,941, while the remaining balance owed to Obvio is \$52,519. However, most citations are going unpaid. Only around 45% of citations are being paid, Bowers said. If a resident doesn’t pay their traffic citations, including stop sign camera violations, they will be unable to renew their vehicle registration with the MVA, said Bowers.

Greenbelters’ Reactions

Residents have been vocal on social media about not knowing how long they need to stop, or how far or close to the line they need to be.

Bowers said drivers do not have to stop for a set amount of time or a specific distance from the line; their vehicle just needs to come to a complete stop. While the system has leeway with the 1 to 3 mph buffer, Bowers said they still encourage drivers to come to a complete stop. “If you really watch your speedometer and get to 3 mph, you basically have to stop,” he said.

There were mixed reactions to the cameras being installed, said Bowers. “I think a lot of residents find positives in it, and maybe an equal number of residents think it’s unnecessary.”

“It’s about time people drive safe. If this makes people start

paying attention to do the right thing, great,” Michael Richards said in a Facebook comment. “This is unwelcome surveillance and a cash grab. Please remove,” said Tristan Epp Schmidt in another Facebook comment. On the same page, Julie Gillern weighed in, saying, “Stop means stop! And a win for the rest of us!”

Bowers said the city is considering safety awareness and targeted education, which it has done through its Facebook page along with enforcement targeted at peak violation times.

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

Drive-in Movie Nights

Enjoy a free drive-in movie, Coco, at Prince George’s Stadium on Friday, October 16 with free snacks, food trucks, games and more.

The show is subject to cancellation due to weather emergencies. Register at www.pg parks.com/event_list/drive-in-movies-at-prince-georges-stadium/2026-10-16. Gates open at 7 p.m. and showtime is 8 p.m. Prince George’s Stadium is located at 1101 Crain Highway, Bowie.



Two members of the Greenbelt Police Department have been recognized by the Police Chiefs’ Association of Prince George’s County. Rachel Tobin has been named Civilian of the Year and Master Police Officer (MPO) Rakibur Rahman is Officer of the Year. Pictured from left are Chief Richard Bowers, Deputy Chief Tim White, Rachel Tobin, MPO Rakibur Rahman and Captain Jermaine Gullledge.



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GVFD and Ladies Auxiliary Honored at County Convention

by Kimberly Lewis

Three members of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad and its Ladies Auxiliary were honored for their service and dedication during the 104th Prince George’s County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association & Ladies Auxiliary Convention on September 15. Two members of the Ladies Auxiliary, Kathryn Reynolds and Lynn Dobbin, were inducted into the Hall of Fame in recognition of their longstanding commitment and contributions to the Auxiliary, the Fire Department and the community. Representing the department, Firefighter/EMS Lisa Ray received the Volunteer EMS Captain George H. Linnell Award for Excellence in EMS, honoring her dedication, leadership and sustained service to both the Fire Department and the Greenbelt community.

Together, these honors recognize the vital role volunteers play in supporting emergency services, strengthening community partnerships and carrying forward a tradition of public service.

Kathryn Reynolds
Kathryn “Kathy” Reynolds has been a steadfast member of the Greenbelt Auxiliary since 1974, marking more than five decades of continuous service to the organization, the Fire Department and the wider community. During her remarkable tenure, Reynolds has become a respected example of dedication, leadership and institutional commitment. Her years of service reflect not only her loyalty to the Auxiliary’s mission, but also her enduring investment in the people and traditions that have sustained it across generations.

Reynolds currently serves as vice president of the Auxiliary and, over the course of her membership, has held nearly every elected office within the organization. Colleagues know her leadership for its reliability, compassion and strong sense of responsibility. As chair of the Sunshine Committee, she provides encouragement and support to members during times of illness, loss or other personal need, helping reinforce the close bonds at the heart of the Auxiliary. She also chairs the Indoor Yard Sales, one of the organization’s key fundraising efforts. Through these varied responsibilities, Reynolds continues to strengthen the Auxiliary’s operations, support its members and help sustain its service to the Greenbelt community.



Lynn Dobbin, left, and Kathy Reynolds were inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Linda Dobbin
Linda “Lynn” Dobbin has been a dedicated and active member of the Greenbelt Auxiliary for 10 years, contributing her time, talents and steadfast commitment to the organization’s continued success. Throughout her years of service, she has distinguished herself through her reliability, leadership and deep devotion to the missions of both the Auxiliary and the Fire Department. Before joining Greenbelt, Dobbin was a member of the Glenn Dale Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary, where she also supported the organization’s service and traditions.

Dobbin currently serves as historian for the Greenbelt Auxiliary, carefully preserving the organization’s legacy and documenting the accomplishments of its members. Her appreciation for the history of the Auxiliary and Fire Department is reflected in her dedicated service as historian for both Greenbelt and Glenn Dale. In this role, she has safeguarded photographs, records, milestones and memories that chronicle each organization’s service, traditions and enduring connection to the community. Dobbin has also created exceptionally detailed and thoughtfully organized history books for the stations, including materials prepared for submission at the state level. Her keen eye for detail, pride in presentation and commitment to accuracy has resulted in collections that do more than record the past: they honor the members, events and achievements that have shaped the auxiliaries and fire departments across generations. Through this work, Dobbin helps ensure that



Firefighter/EMS Lisa Ray received the award for Excellence in EMS.

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their stories of service are preserved for current members and those who will follow.

Lisa Ray
Lisa Ray’s service as a firefighter/EMS with the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad extends across leadership, public safety, education and community engagement. She currently serves as chairman and contributes to the department’s retention and recruitment, fire prevention and community outreach efforts, while also serving on the Board of Trustees and holding numerous other responsibilities. Beyond the department, Ray is an instructor at the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute and serves as a volunteer fire commissioner on the Prince George’s County Fire Commission. She has organized many of the community events in which the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department participates and works closely with the Greenbelt Police Department and other local organizations to help ensure residents are safe, informed and connected to essential public safety resources. Through her broad range of roles, Ray has demonstrated a sustained commitment to strengthening the department, supporting fellow volunteers and building trusted partnerships throughout the Greenbelt community.

Kimberly Lewis is president of the Ladies Auxiliary, Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad.

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Incident Summary

Greenbelt Police reported two mental health diversions, both involving suicide, and two domestic incidents, one receiving mental health assistance.

Shot Fired

On October 9 at 5:49 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a juvenile witness stated that a man fired a gun and then ran off. No injuries were reported.

Fraud

On October 9 near 7855 Walker Drive, someone contacted a man through social media and threatened to contact U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and other federal authorities unless the man paid money.

On October 9 near 7500 Greenway Center Drive, a woman’s credit union notified her of an unauthorized withdrawal from her account.

Theft and Shoplifting

On October 5 at 1:51 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a juvenile took merchandise and was banned; at 3:24 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a suspect took approximately \$24 in merchandise and was banned.

On October 6 at 3:47 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a retail theft was reported.

On October 7 at 2:37 p.m. near 6816 Landon Court, a package was stolen from a residence; at 4:49 p.m. near 6400 Cherrywood Lane, jewelry was stolen from a residence.

On October 9 at 7:54 a.m. near 6600 Capitol Drive, officers documented a theft at a convenience store; at 8:29 a.m. near 6400 Ivy Lane, a theft was documented at a hotel.

On October 10 at 4:55 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, officers documented a retail theft; at 10:52 a.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, loss prevention staff detained a juvenile trying to steal from the store and released the juvenile to a guardian.

Vehicle Crimes Stolen Vehicles

On October 11, near 7313

Sunrise Court, a gray 2025 Hyundai Sonata, and near 7500 Hanover Parkway, a silver Jeep Wrangler (Md. 8EE9388), were stolen.

On October 10 near 9 Ridge Road, someone broke into a 2024 Kia Sportage and punctured the ignition, but failed to steal the vehicle.

Theft from Auto

All four wheels were stolen from five vehicles: on October 5 near 7200 Hanover Drive from a Hyundai; on October 8 near 7823 Mandan Road from a 2026 Toyota RAV4 and near 7925 Mandan Road from a 2026 Honda CR-V; on October 10 near 7480 Greenway Center Drive from a 2026 Honda Civic, and near 7200 Hanover Drive from a 2026 Toyota Highlander.

On October 6 near 7929 Mandan Road, property was stolen from a vehicle.

On October 8 near 9152 Edmonston Road, property was stolen from a 2013 Isuzu work truck; near 7850 Walker Drive, the catalytic converter was stolen from a Toyota Prius.

On October 11 near 13 Hillside Road, someone broke into a 2004 Mercedes-Benz and stole a backpack; near 6108 Breezewood Drive, property and the rear tag (Md. 9HD4886) were stolen.

Vandalism to Auto

On October 11 near Ora Glen Drive and Mathew Street, officers found a Mercedes with a broken window; near 7013 Megan Lane, someone broke a window on a 2023 Toyota Supra; and near 6804 Megan Lane, someone used a blunt object to damage a Honda Accord.

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Sports

More Victories for ERHS Girls Soccer

by Patrick Gleason

Two more games. Two more shut-outs. The Eleanor Roosevelt High School girls soccer team has proved stingy and protective this fall. In their last 10 games the Raiders have only conceded one goal, during their 3-1 victory over the Bowie Bulldogs on September 10. Since then the Raiders have posted nine straight clean sheets. Senior goalkeeper Lien Gareri has rarely been challenged as the Raiders continue to control their matchups with possession and poise. Their stiffest test in this immaculate stretch was a 2-0 victory over C.H. Flowers last Thursday, October 8. The game remained scoreless until the final 10 minutes when senior winger Emery Gregory took over. First, Gregory sprinted down a ball played into the goal box where she met the Jaguar goalkeeper. In the aftermath of the collision between Gregory, the keeper and another Flowers' defender, lay an opportunity and a celebration. Gregory pounced on the loose ball and commenced the celebration with her teammates. Only a few minutes later, Gregory struck again. After sophomore Mia Moore recovered a loose ball near the endline on the right side, she fired across into the six-yard box. Gregory smashed a volley after one hop before the Jaguar keeper could react, safely guiding the Raiders to another victory.

On Monday October 12, the Raiders visited the DuVal Tigers where sophomore Morgan Parks wasted no time in scoring the first Raider goal. Gregory soon followed before the Raiders incorporated some first-time scorers into the afternoon's action. Senior centerbacks Bayleigh Galie and Anna Grim scored back-to-back second-half goals, and sophomore Greta Wedge scored twice. The team celebrated goals from some of the stalwarts of their stingy defense before senior midfielder Claire Alolga added her second goal of the game, capping the victories with an eighth and final goal with less than three minutes



Octavia Sasser looks on as fellow defender Anna Grim assesses the field. The Raider team is on a ten-game win streak where they have only surrendered one goal.



Beatrice Marx is part of a strong sophomore class that complements the large Raider senior class for the 10-1 Eleanor Roosevelt Raiders.

remaining. The Raiders travel to the High Point Eagles on October 15 and the Laurel Spartans on October 19. Victories in these matches

would ensure Roosevelt a trip to the county championship game for the fourth time in five years.



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Code Enforcement inspected 11 commercial properties and 27 rentals and issued seven permits. After one cat adoption, Animal Shelter residents are seven cats, five kittens and a dog.

Recreation facilitated Fall Fest activities and Public Works provided the hay wagon and other items for the event. Facilities Maintenance recoated the Youth Center gym floors and Mechanics prepared leaf vacuum equipment.

Arts presented two Artful Afternoons, an artist talk and a Raku firing event. Therapeutic Recreation organized over a dozen Active Aging Week events. The Museum is collecting and scanning Greenbelt phone directories from the past.

CARES facilitated vaccine clinics at Green Ridge House and Springhill Lake Recreation Center. The Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program attended a partners meeting at Capital Area Food Bank, a facilitator of Greenbelt's distributions totaling 38,000 pounds of food in Fiscal Year 2025-26.

Sparkle Mart Youth Vendors, Apply Now

Greenbelt's annual juried art and craft fair will take place on December 5 and 6 at the Community Center. A special section of the event will feature youth vendors 17 and under on Sunday, December 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Applications for youth crafters are open until October 18. Visit greenbeltmd.gov/482/Sparkle-Mart for more information and a link to the application.

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Fall Fest at Schrom Hills



Pumpkin artists get started.

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The SPACE offered everyone a chance to make and fly a kite during the Fall Fest at Schrom Hills. Pictured here, Mayor Emmett Jordan flies a kite as Bob Rand watches.



The Greenbelt Concert Band was proud to partake in the Recreation Department's annual Fall Fest at Schrom Hills Park. Jean Lee, left, (clarinet) and Li'l Dan Celdran (percussion) are all smiles as they celebrate community, music and fall fun. Visit greenbeltconcertband.org for information about upcoming concerts or joining the band.

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.



Rick and Audrey Engdahl of Sense of Wonder finish a song.



Players of many ages take part in Chess Club matches during Fall Fest at Schrom Hills Park.



Pumpkins line the walkway at the Schrom Hills Park Fall Fest.

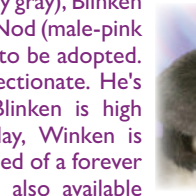
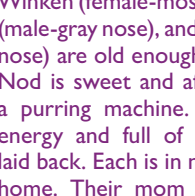


Alexander and Brenda Perez of Greenbelt carve their pumpkin.

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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.

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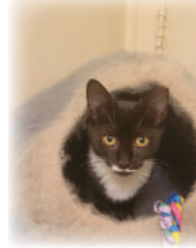
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COMING SOON!!! STAR WARS BABIES!!



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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