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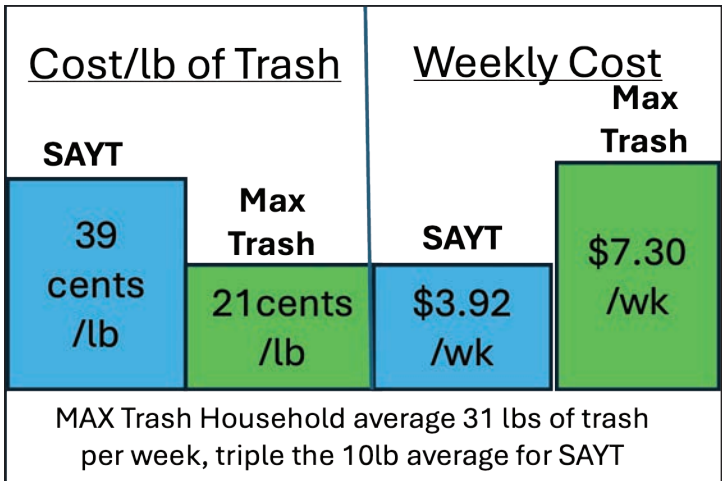


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Max Trash Users Pay Less Per Pound; Council Ponders Increases

by Lynne Slater

On October 19, members of the city administrative staff met with the Greenbelt City Council in a worksession to evaluate the effectiveness of the Save As You Throw (SAYT) pilot and consider program options and the budget for next year's trash collection. With Kristen Brown, a representative of Waste Zero, which consulted with the Public Works Department to develop the pilot project, council delved into some statistics from a slide presentation they had reviewed prior to the meeting. They noted that Greenbelt compared favorably with other localities in the area with respect to landfill waste. In 2024 Greenbelt had the lowest "pounds per capita" of waste disposed (453 pounds). One of the goals of the pilot was to further reduce landfill waste both in support of the city's environmental goals and to offset rising trash-disposal fees. In this, it was reported the program has been successful: resi-



Average Save As You Throw (SAYT) households pay more per pound of trash but less per week than Max Trash households. These figures are based on the City's figures which do not include the vendor fee.

dential trash has been reduced by 15 percent and Greenbelt's overall landfill trash has been reduced by 12 percent.

Survey Results

Councilmember Kristen Weaver introduced the results of a

recent survey which indicated that 82 percent of the pilot's participants are "somewhat satisfied" or "very satisfied" with SAYT, while 90 percent prefer variable pricing over a flat fee (84 percent of the See **MAX TRASH**, page 11

City Concerned by County Executive's Lack of School Board Pick and Response

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

At the October 12 Greenbelt City Council meeting, within its consent agenda, council approved a letter from Mayor Emmett Jordan to County Executive Aisha Braveboy regarding the continued District 2 Board of Education vacancy and related public information concerns.

With an election next week, any appointee now would serve only the remainder of the term, which ends when the new member is seated December 7, and no name has been sent to the Prince George's County Council, which then has 45 days to veto the appointment.

However, concerns remain about why no appointment was made and an entire district left without a board member for what will amount to over five months by the start of the next board member's term. In a previous article we reported on one resident who needed representation during the summer, when school continues for students receiving spe-

cial education services in what's known as the Extended School Year program (see the October 1 issue). The City of Greenbelt's letter notes the difficult school opening for this school year, transportation concerns and concerns with the co-location of Dora Kennedy French Immersion and Robert Goddard Montessori schools, all while without a board member. "Neighboring board members may assist, but they cannot replace accountable, district-specific representation," states the letter from Jordan to Braveboy. The letter calls the lack of response from the county executive's office to the News Review's questions "equally concerning."

A Prolonged Vacancy

In the letter, council expresses "serious concern" over the "prolonged vacancy" that has continued since Jonathan Briggs' sudden resignation at the end of June. The letter notes Board

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Election 2026

State Questions on the Ballot

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

In the October 8 issue we reported on the county charter amendments that voters will see on their ballot. In the October 15 issue we reported on the county bond issues. That reporting followed feedback from Greenbelt residents who were unaware there were questions to consider or who had been unable to find information about the questions. Since that reporting, we've heard from many readers how helpful it has been to have information that hadn't been included in voter guides elsewhere as well as details from related bills and background, in addition to the language of the questions as they appear on the ballot. Since then, we've also

received requests to cover the statewide questions. To help provide information that's important to our residents as they head to the polls, here are the three state questions you should be prepared to vote on. All three are constitutional amendments.

Question 1: Arbitration Reform for State Employees Act of 2026

Providing that each budget submitted by the Governor shall include proposed expenditures necessary to implement wages, hours, fringe benefits, health benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in each collective bargaining memorandum

See **BALLOT** page 7

Greenbelter Recalls Time Working At Kennedy Center, Fears for It Now

by Claudia Stuart

Patrick Ready grew up in Greenbelt and lives here still. He was in the first graduating class at St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Elementary School, then attended DeMatha Catholic High School. He attended the University of Maryland, but left after a semester and joined an electrical apprenticeship. Over his career as an electrician he worked on many jobs, including industrial sites such as a Coca-Cola canning plant. He retired in 1997.

When he started his job at the Kennedy Center, where he spent almost three years, it soon became the most interesting job of his 37-year-long career. "The nature of construction work is that you're not really drawn to a job," Ready, 86, told the News Review. "I took this one because it was hiring at the time, and it just turned out to be one of the most interesting."



PHOTO COURTESY THE READY FAMILY

Patrick Ready pictured with his daughter Carol in their yard on Ridge Road, shortly after he'd returned from work in the evening, around the time he was working at the Kennedy Center (1969-1972).

Design Adjustments

The Kennedy Center had been under construction for about two and a half years when Ready arrived in 1969. Re-engineering never stopped, Ready said. The introduction of jet traffic at the nearby Washington National Airport meant engineers had to build the main performance spaces of the Kennedy Center – the Opera House, Eisenhower Theater and the Concert Hall – to mitigate the external sound. They constructed the spaces within additional walls, with about a five-foot air gap between those and the external walls. Then, when the bust of John F. Kennedy arrived for the Grand Promenade, Ready recalls having to add floor supports because the floor had no provi-

sion to support the bust. Over time, many changes were made within the building to support marble, chandeliers and other gifts donated by foreign governments.

Ready said he mostly worked in the Opera House, pulling cable, setting switchgear and hanging fixtures. He was on the crew installing a gift from a foreign government, a massive crystal chandelier, behind the presidential suite in the reception area, when he was ordered to stop the installation. The crew had to take down what they had installed because the ceiling needed to be reinforced. The chandelier had to be redesigned as well to make it lighter, ensuring the ceiling could

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PHOTO BY SOPHIA DADA

On Tuesday, October 27, the Eleanor Roosevelt girls soccer team beat CMIT North 2-1 to win the PG County Championship for the third year in a row. For more sports news see page 15.

What Goes On

Monday, November 2

No City Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 4

No City Council Meeting

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

Letters to the Editor

Mail-in Ballot Dropoff

I am concerned about the reports in last week’s News Review of problems with the mail delivery and worries about mail-in ballots. Fortunately our mail problems have only been some misdelivered mail, mostly junk.

For those who don’t want to trust the USPS with their ballots, remember there are drop boxes, and you can also drop off your ballot at any polling place on election day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Greenbelt’s polling places are the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road; Greenbelt Elementary School, 66 Ridge Road; Eleanor Roosevelt High School, 7601 Hanover Parkway; and Greenbelt Middle School, 6301 Breezewood Drive.

The nearest drop boxes (many more are on the list sent with mail-in ballots):

Berwyn Heights Community Center, 6200 Pontiac Street – from Greenbelt Road, south on Kenilworth to a right at first light on Pontiac, then a block and a half to the elementary school on the right;

Trinity Assembly of God Church, 7800 Good Luck Road – Hanover Parkway south to a right on Good Luck at the 7-11, the church is close on the right before the Beltway bridges.

Tina Rhea

No Dumping of Leaves

I enjoyed reading the story written by Susan Cahill about helping wintering pollinators (Keep Pollinator Nurseries in Winter Gardens from Becoming Yard Waste, in the October 15 issue). I want to comment on another way people might be tempted to dispose of leaves, which would be to dump them in the woods. Dumping piles of leaves and other yard waste unfortunately smothers plants and buries the wintering pollinators. Spreading the leaves thinly – like a tree would do – is the only way to help the pollinators wintering in the leaves.

We also need to remember that dumping yard waste in the woods is a municipal infraction in Greenbelt; the city code specifies that a person can be fined \$1,000 per cubic foot of yard waste dumped. Homeowners associations within the city sometimes add their own rules; for example, the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. member handbook reiterates that dumping yard waste in the woodlands is prohibited, but it also requires members to remove leaves from lawns and walkways, while allowing leaves to remain “in yards that are wooded and have no lawn, and in clearly defined flower beds.”

Catherine Plaisant

Correction

The city ad on page 5 of last week’s issue listed the wrong time for Trunk or Treat at Beltway Plaza. The event will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, October 30.

Don't forget to set your clocks back on Sunday



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OC = Open Captions
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OCTOBER 30th - NOVEMBER 5th

Wicker (R)
(CC) (DVS) (2026) (105 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Sat. 5:20 PM
Mon. 4:45 PM (OC)
Wed. 5:00 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Fri. 4:40 PM
Sun. 6:00 PM
Tues. 7:00 PM
Thurs. 7:40 PM

Once Upon a Time in Harlem
(PG-13) (CC) (DVS) (2026) (100 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Fri. 7:25 PM
Sun. 2:30 PM (OC)
Wed. 7:25 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Sat. 2:00 PM, 5:00 PM
Mon. 5:05 PM
Tues. 4:10 PM
Thurs. 5:00 PM

You Can See Everything
(R) (CC) (DVS) (2026) (174 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Sat. 1:40 PM (OC)
Sun. 5:40 PM (OC)
Tues. 5:40 PM
Thurs. 4:00 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Fri. 7:05 PM
Sun. 2:10 PM
Mon. 1:20 PM
Wed. 5:40 PM

The Maltese Falcon
(NR) (1931) (100 mins)
Cinema Classic - FREE!
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Mon. 1:00 PM
Thurs. 8:00 PM

Toy Story of Terror!
(NR) (2013) (22 mins)
Wild Rumpus - FREE!
Fri. 5:45 PM

Pete Reppert



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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.

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On Screen at Greenbelt Cinema

Wicker

On the outskirts of a village by the sea, lives a Fisherwoman: smelly, single and perpetually ridiculed. One day, fed up with her stuffy, small-minded neighbors, she commissions herself a husband to be made from wicker. In an otherwise conservative town, this unconventional romance sparks outrage, jealousy and chaos. The film stars Olivia Colman, Alexander Skarsgård, Elizabeth Debicki and Peter Dinklage.

Once Upon a Time in Harlem

In Harlem in 1972, filmmaker William Greaves assembles the living members of the Harlem Renaissance for a cocktail party at Duke Ellington’s townhouse after decades apart. Over the course of two days, they reminisce, debate and discuss their lives, work and the cultural movement that shaped them. Said critic Sarah-Tai Black of the Globe and Mail, “What the Greaves family gives life to in this extraordinary film is a history still animated by the people who made it, with all the pleasure and difficulty of finding room for one another within it.”

You Can See Everything

Thirty-four days before she’s sent to prison, notorious Silicon Valley founder Elizabeth Holmes invites a skeptical film crew to document her every move. What begins as an intimate portrait of an enigmatic felon becomes a mind-bending three-year journey into the abyss. “You Can See Everything stands apart by refusing to provide closure or certitude. It’s a film about the characters we create for ourselves, the stories we tell about those characters and the impossibility of ever truly knowing another person,” said critic Jim Laczkowski of the Director’s Club.

The Maltese Falcon

In this noir classic, detective Sam Spade (Humphrey Bogart) gets more than he bargained for when he takes a case brought to him by a beautiful but secretive woman (Mary Astor). As soon as Miss Wonderly shows up, trouble follows as Sam’s partner is murdered and Sam is accosted by a man (Peter Lorre) demanding he locate a valuable statuette. Sam, entangled in a dangerous web of crime and intrigue, soon realizes he must find the one thing they all seem to want: the bejeweled Maltese falcon.

Toy Story of Terror!

When Woody, Buzz and the gang stop at a motel, one of them goes missing and the rest must figure out what is going on before they suffer the same fate. Characters are voiced by Tom Hanks, Tim Allen and Joan Cusack.

Community Events

At the Library

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

Real-time updates to the operating schedule resulting from inclement weather and other emergencies are posted at pgcmls.info/alerts.

Storytimes

Friday, October 30, 10:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2. Register at pgcmls.info/event/17269420.

Tuesday, November 3, 12:15 p.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at pgcmls.info/event/17436252.

Wednesday, November 4, 12:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at pgcmls.info/event/17436463.

Thursday, November 5, 10:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2. Register at pgcmls.info/event/17436427.

Come join in for stories, songs, fingerplays and more. This engaging activity nurtures early literacy and sparks creativity.

Build with Legos

Monday, November 2, 4 p.m., ages 5 to 12. With plenty of pieces and endless possibilities, kids can let their imaginations take the lead in this freestyle building session. Register at pgcmls.info/event/17431718.

Ride and Read

Thursday, November 5, 11 a.m., ages 16+. Sign up for an hour ride on a stationary bike with free apps from PGCMLS like Libby, Kanopy, and Freegal to enjoy during the workout. Participants must sign a waiver before beginning to ride, and be wearing loose-fitting clothing and closed-toed shoes. Register at pgcmls.info/event/17479929.

Memory – Activity Kits

This borrowable kit includes items and activities designed to aid caregivers in engaging individuals with dementia or cognitive impairments – sparking memories, encouraging meaningful conversations and promoting mental well-being.

Kits can be checked out for three weeks with a library card and are limited to one kit per person. Each kit contains curated, themed resources in a sturdy tote bag and survey sheet so customers can share their experiences with the kits.

The Stay Sharp at the Library: Reminiscence and Engagement kits are a collaboration between the Maryland Umbrella Group, Dementia Friendly America and Prince George’s County Memorial Library System. County Councilmember Tim Adams, District 4, provided funding for the initial 15 kits.

GCC Offers Festive, Tasty Evening

On Sunday, November 8, join neighbors for a concert and spaghetti dinner at Greenbelt Community Church. The event starts with a concert from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Entertainers include the rock band The Relics as well as other world-class musicians. The spaghetti dinner runs from 5 to 6:30 p.m. A free-will donation to support the church’s missions will be accepted at the door. The church is located at 1 Hillside Road.

Wild Rumpus Takes Over Roosevelt Center

Join the Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program at Roosevelt Center for a free Halloween party for kids and kids at heart. The Wild Rumpus takes place on Friday, October 30 starting at 4:30 p.m., rain or shine. Enjoy performers on the plaza, trick-or-treating with Center merchants and a free screening of Toy Story of Terror at the Greenbelt Cinema at 5:45 p.m. Wear a Halloween or cosplay costume or other fancy dress. (No gore or violent imagery.)



ERHS Music Fall Fruit Fundraiser

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School Music Department is still taking orders for fresh fruit through 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. For more information contact the coordinator at Cullen.waller@pgcps.org.

Greenbelt VFD Auxiliary Yard Sale November 7

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary will hold its popular Indoor Community Yard Sale on Saturday, November 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 125 Crescent Road. Come help support the fire department and ladies’ auxiliary. Refreshments as well as homemade baked goods will be available for purchase. Tables are still available to rent. See the classified ad for further details. The social hall has accessible entrances.

Greenbelt Orchestra To Perform The Planets

Greenbelt Community Orchestra will give two free performances of Gustav Holst’s The Planets suite with NASA imagery and commentary by Padi Boyd in the Community Center gym on Saturday, November 14 at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, November 15 at 3 p.m. The program will also include Constellations by Viet Cuong with imagery compiled by Jonathan Gardner and the first movement of Mozart’s Jupiter Symphony No. 41. Doors open 30 minutes before the concert starts. Find out more at greenbeltorchestra.org.



Make Fall Leaf Art At Artful Afternoon

Enjoy free, all-ages art workshops on Sunday, November 1 from 1 to 2 p.m. and 2 to 3 p.m. at the Community Center, and on Sunday, November 8 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Use real leaves, block printing ink and brayers to create beautiful prints with Rachel Cross, artist in residence at the Community Center. Find leaves on the ground or use leaves provided by Artful Afternoon staff. Fresh leaves work better than dry crumbly leaves. Artists of all ages are welcome and no experience is needed. Guests are encouraged to sign up in advance at sugeni.us/UemM. Walk-ins are welcome as space permits. City of Greenbelt arts programs are supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council. For additional program information, visit greenbeltnmd.gov/arts.



Empty Bowls Supper Nov. 1 at St. Hugh’s

The Empty Bowls Supper, which has supported Greenbelt charities for more than 20 years, will be held on Sunday, November 1 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church. The St. Hugh’s Food Pantry is this year’s recipient. The Greenbelt Pottery Group works year-round making 200 pieces of pottery to contribute to this project.

The menu features a beautiful hand-crafted bowl, soup/chili, bread, dessert and a drink. There will be musical entertainment during the dinner.

Tickets should be purchased now. For information, contact Mary Ann Tretler at mary_tretler@yahoo.com or 240-517-7559.

Emancipation Day Celebration Nov. 7

On Saturday, November 7, honor the 162nd anniversary of Emancipation in Maryland. Attend a program at 2 p.m. in the Community Center featuring the Washington Revels-Jubilee Voices, the Voices for Peace and a spoken word performance by Osaze Murray, Prince George’s County Youth Poet Laureate for 2026.

Join the Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee, the Recreation Department, the Greenbelt Museum and Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness (RUAK) in this special celebration of Freedom and Peace. Admission is free. For more information, email blackhistoryandculturegb@gmail.com.

Français, s’il Vous Plaît Fall Meetings

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

All ages and all levels of proficiency are welcome.

Fall Campfire Programs, Hikes at Greenbelt Park

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

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

On Saturdays, staff from Greenbelt Park and other area national park sites offer a different program.

Saturday, October 31, 6:30 p.m., is Halloween Movie Night. The featured film is Hocus Pocus.

Saturday, November 7, 6:30 p.m., Fall: Our American Landscape and the History of Thanksgiving. Fall is a season filled with giving of thanks for what we are grateful for, but how did that come to pass? Join Ranger Josh to learn about the history of giving thanks.

Saturday, November 14 at 7:30 p.m., features The Revolution, Memorialization and the National Mall. Join Ranger Anthony from the National Mall who will discuss the mall and its connection to the American Revolution and the memorialization of the National Mall itself.

Visit nps.gov/greenplanyourvisit/calendar.htm for more information.

Golden Age Club

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

The following is the schedule for the month of November.

November 4, Business meeting

November 11, Fall ticket auction

November 18, Birthday/potluck luncheon. Bring a dish to share.

November 25, No Golden Age Club meeting. Happy Thanksgiving!

More Community Events
are located throughout
the paper.

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The Acoustic Chicks Band 7 - 9pm Where genres and generations unite in melodic harmony	D’Vibe & Conga 8 - 11pm A blues, funk, rock group from Bowie playing classic rock, Motown and more!	Fractal Ca-uh-Bat Halloween 8 - 11pm NDC costume party! Come dressed for mischief!	THIS MACHINE 12p - 4p A protest song open mic hosted by Joey Campfire. Sign ups at 12p	
MON 11/02	TUES 11/03	WED 11/04	TH 11/05	New Deal Cafe
CAFE CLOSED	S.A.W. Open Mic w/ Lynn Hollyfield 6 - 9:30pm Sign ups begin at 6:15pm; Open Mic starts at 6:30p	The Campfire Sessions 7 - 9pm A monthly listening room hosted by Joey Campfire	Wolf’s Blues Show & Sit-In Jam 6:30 - 10pm Big, bodacious boogie blues jam hosted by Wolf Crescenze	NOW OPEN FOR MORNING COFFEE & PASTRIES! Tuesday- Friday 8 - 11am Saturday & Sunday 9am- 1pm

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Email greenbeltaccess@gmail.com to reserve your spot!

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Obituaries

Lynn Stull



PHOTO BY MARY LOU SOWDEN

Nancy Lynn Stull

Nancy Lynn Stull, 70, of 2 Eastway died on April 27, 2026, at her home.

She was born in Pittsburgh on May 9, 1955, and was the daughter of the late Frank and Marilyn (Brown) Stull.

Nancy attended Mowatt Me-

morial United Methodist Church and was a graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She retired from CVS after working as evening lead worker for 10 years. Prior to CVS, she was a substitute teacher at Prince George's County Public Schools and worked several food service contracts using her degree in nutrition. She was food service purchasing agent for Doctors Community Hospital. Nancy was known for her beautiful singing voice and her love of nature. She was a member of the Sierra Club.

Nancy is survived by her brother Mark and his wife Linda of West Chester, Pa.; brother Matthew and his wife Karen of Havertown, Pa.; sister Debbie of San Antonio; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, at 40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770, or an animal shelter of the donor's choice.

Mowatt UMC Yard Sale

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church will hold a yard sale on Friday and Saturday, October 30 and 31, from 9 a.m. to noon both days. This sale will benefit the church. Sale items were donated by Mark, Matthew and Debbie Stull and are from the estate of their sister Nancy, a longtime resident of Greenbelt. Included are kitchen and dining items, home decor, hardware and personal care items. Surprising items include a Wilson black leather motorcycle jacket, size large, a fuzzy IFLA jacket and shoes size 8-1/2, including a pair of unworn Frye boots.

Many of the items in this sale are unused and in original packaging. There is something for everyone.

The church will be serving coffee and baked goods and there is an opportunity to meet Pastor Evelyn Romero.

All Saints Day Service At Mowatt Church

All Saints Day sits between Halloween (All Hallows' Eve on October 31) and All Souls' Day (November 2) as part of the autumn remembrance season known as Allhallowtide. Believers reflect on the lives of the saints to encourage themselves to practice kindness, love and service in their own daily lives. Many cultures mark the day by attending church services, lighting candles and visiting or decorating family graves with flowers.

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church at 40 Ridge Road will celebrate All Saints Day on Sunday, November 1 by remembering the lives of parishioners lost this year: Russ Waugh, Roberta Fancher and Nancy Stull. The service, held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., will be followed by refreshments. Be mindful of the time change ending daylight saving time. All are welcome.

**GIVE BLOOD
GIVE LIFE**



Pray for Elections

On Election Day, November 3, the Contemplative Prayer group of Greenbelt will be meeting from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. at Greenbelt Community Church.

Focusing on the desire for safety, peace and the integrity of the elections, the meeting will include readings, prayers, singing and 20 minutes of silence. All are welcome to join this prayer experience.

For more information or questions, email Patience Robbins at patience.robbins@gmail.com.

Owl Moon Raptor Festival Saturday, November 14

On Saturday, November 14 from noon to 4 p.m., the Owl Moon Raptor Festival will be held rain or shine at the Black Hill Regional Park in Boyds. Enjoy live raptor displays by Adventures with Raptors, Secret Garden Birds & Bees and Raptor's Eye.

The festival will be held near picnic shelters C, I and J. Admission is free and the event is wheelchair accessible. Note that dogs are not welcome at the festival near the wild birds.

There will be kid-friendly games and activities, talks on farmland raptors and vultures, bird walks (bring binoculars), food trucks, Owl Moon merch and live raffles. In addition, raptors will be released into the wild.

Owl Moon Raptor Center is the organization that responded when an injured hawk was found on the sidewalk at Roosevelt Center last August (see August 28, 2025 issue).

Crisis Hotline's Number is 988

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline dialing code is 988. Calls and text messages are confidential and free.

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 page 2 for publication deadlines and how to submit materials.



Condolences to the family and friends of Nancy Stull, who died in April. She was a longtime member of Mowatt Memorial UMC.

Congratulations to the Eleanor Roosevelt High School girls soccer team, which won the county championship on Tuesday.

Congratulations to the Eleanor

Roosevelt Lady Raiders volleyball team on finishing their season undefeated and claiming the Prince George's County 4A League title. Good luck to them in the County Championship this week.

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



"Were it not for tests, the courageous could not be known from the cowardly." – 'Abdu'l-Bahá

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City Information & Events

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MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER 2 - 6

Sunday, November 1 at 5 pm, **ADVISORY BOARD / COMMITTEE ANNUAL DINNER, *Martin's Crosswinds***

Monday, November 2, **NO COUNCIL MEETING (ADVISORY BOARD / COMMITTEE MEETINGS)**

Tuesday, November 3 at 3 pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES, *Public Works Facility*, On the Agenda: Review past meeting minutes, Old Business, and New Business**

Tuesday, November 3 at 7 pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ADVANCING PUBLIC SAFETY, *Virtual*, On the Agenda: Planning of teen focus groups as part of Invest in Our Youth Summit, Review of Police Dept submitted updated General Orders, Review of Greenbelt Resistant Network inquiries/concerns re: License Plate Readers**

Wednesday, November 4, **NO COUNCIL MEETING (ADVISORY BOARD / COMMITTEE MEETINGS)**

Thursday, November 5 at 7 pm, **CHARTER REVIEW TASK FORCE, *Municipal Building & Zoom*, 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.

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.

CELL PHONE TOWER TOWN HALL MEETING

Tuesday, November 10 from 7-9 pm
Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road

The City of Greenbelt invites residents to attend a Town Hall on Tuesday, November 10, 2026, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. to discuss ongoing cell phone service challenges and a potential new cell tower partnership with Diamond Communications. The meeting will provide information on the proposed tower development process, anticipated coverage impacts, and next steps, while offering residents an opportunity to ask questions and share feedback that will help inform the City's decision-making process.

Residents are encouraged to submit questions in advance via the meeting QR code or weblink: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/RqLEuMb202>



LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Fall 2026

Please note that this year's collection will include a **LAST CHANCE** collection from December 28 - January 8.

Week	Location	Holiday
November 2-6	Lakewood Greensprings I & II	
November 9-13	Boxwood	Veterans Day November 11
November 16-20	Woodland Hills	
November 23-27	Lakeside	Thanksgiving November 26 & 27
November 30 - December 4	Lakewood Greensprings I & II	
December 7-11	Boxwood	
December 14-18	Woodland Hills	
December 21-25	Lakeside	Christmas December 25
December 28 - January 8	LAST CHANCE ALL NEIGHBORHOODS	New Years Day January 1

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.

UPDATE TO THE COMMUNITY PLEDGE

During the Regular Meeting on Monday, October 26, Greenbelt City Council adopted an updated Community Pledge, reaffirming the City's longstanding commitment to equity and inclusion:

"The strength of Greenbelt is its diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate the humanity of all people. By sharing together and supporting each other, all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is inclusive, accessible, equitable and safe."

First established in 1997, the pledge reflects Greenbelt's values as a community where people from all backgrounds are enriched by living together. The updated pledge continues that tradition with changes to the language that better reflect the community's evolving values.

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!

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

TRUNK OR TREAT

Friday, October 30 from 5 - 7 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, and collect candy with GPD and event partners.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

EMANCIPATION DAY JUBILEE & PEACE CELEBRATION

Saturday, November 7 at 2 pm
Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road

Come celebrate Emancipation Day through music, poetry, and community. This special afternoon will feature performances by The Voice for Peace, The Washington Revels Jubilee Voices, and Osaze Murray - Prince George's County's 2026 Youth Poet Laureate!

Help support the food pantry! Attendees are encouraged to support the food pantry by bringing non-perishable food items. Thank you.

Presented by the Black History and Culture Committee

GREENBELT CARES PROGRAMS

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.

HOLIDAY FOOD BOX (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)
Thursday, November 19, 1 - 3 pm
Greenbelt Community Center, Ground Floor East, 15 Crescent Road

CARES provides a free box of nutritious, whole foods for Greenbelt families during the holidays. Boxes must be picked up by 3pm.

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

STAY SHARP AT THE LIBRARY
Kits will be available to check out beginning November 2
Prince George's County Memorial Library System

Stay Sharp at the Library Reminiscence and Engagement Kit, a new resource designed to help caregivers connect with individuals living with dementia or cognitive impairments.

The borrowable kit includes puzzles, matching games, photographs, and other activities that can spark memories, encourage meaningful conversations, and support mental well-being.

Scan the QR code to reserve a kit and learn more about this resource for caregivers and their loved ones.



GREENBELT CITY CALENDAR

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



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

Call (301) 474-8000.

ARTS HAPPENINGS

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

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

The Wild Rumpus Friday, October 30, 4:30pm (Roosevelt Center) A Halloween costume party for kids and kids at heart. FREE! Enjoy circus performers on the plaza, trick-or-treating with the Roosevelt Center merchants, and films at the Greenbelt Cinema (movie title) All ages welcome! Rain or shine. Participate in a flash mob dance - learn the steps here: sugeni.us/UYjs. Volunteer to help at the event: sugeni.us/UYV6.

November Artful Afternoons 11/1, 1-2 & 2-3pm (Greenbelt Community Center) 11/8, 1:30-2:30pm (Springhill Lake Recreation Center) All ages welcome. Use real leaves, block printing ink, and brayers to create beautiful prints with Artist in Residence Rachel Cross. Walk-ins welcome as space and supplies permit. Sign up: sugeni.us/UemM.

MORE ARTS HAPPENING SOON

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

- Make & Take Miniature Ceramics: Magical Miniatures** (Community Center) 11/1-11/8 1-2:30pm (pg 34)
- The Stitchery** (Community Center) 11/2-11/23, 6-8pm (pg 29)
- Oil Pastel Workshop** (Community Center) 11/5-11/12, 6-8pm (pg 30)

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>.

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

Election 2026

What’s Broken? Needs Fixing? Festivalgoers Share Wishes

by L.R. Tokarz

Awesome food, games, contests, rides and music once again brought thousands to Greenbelt’s annual Labor Day Festival. But floating above the upbeat, end-of-summer vibes was an air of concern that perhaps was stirred by the approaching mid-term elections. The Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club asked folks who stopped at their information booth one big question: “What is the #1 thing you would like government to fix?” Answers from nearly 60 respondents ranged widely. Here’s what the festivalgoers had to say.

Artificial Intelligence
“The one thing I want the U.S. government to fix is for people to dismantle AI somehow, because it’s ruining the planet!” Another respondent said AI should be regulated, but “not by Trump cultists!”

Education
“Rehire our [government] employees and revive and expand the Department of Education!” Others wanted to reduce college tuition and provide free education through bachelor degrees; have no age-based grades, only skill-based school progression and no homework; give real education, not workforce training; and protect science.

Environment, Natural Resources
In addition to general responses of “protect the environment,” respondents said, “I wish water was free for all”; “I want the government to fix old buildings”; “I would like to see a ban on gas-powered vehicles”; and “I want the cherry blossom trees in Washington restored/replanted.”

Health and Safety
Several folks called for free healthcare and access for all, Medicare expansion or “universal health care!” One wants “improved and expanded health care — especially for people with mental illnesses.” Others prioritized improving mental health awareness and protecting reproductive rights for women.

Immigration, ICE
Multiple respondents wanted to curb ICE or “Get ICE out!” Said one, “Stop threatening the children and abusing immigrants!!” Others want to solve immigration issues and fix the system, protect our immigrant and refugee neighbors and stop discrimination. One especially wants the government to “Fix the inhumane processing



The Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club information booth at the 2026 Labor Day Festival, attended by club secretary, Kurt Walter, and club historian, J Davis.

of illegal immigrants.”

Jobs, Economy
“I want less money-hungry businesses,” said one respondent. Others suggested that government fix the job market and create more growth opportunities and careers. Also, fix the economy, curb inflation, make prices cheaper, fix income inequality and help reduce hunger. An economist said, “I am concerned about the federal deficit, which is chronically about 6 percent of gross domestic product; I want to see it reduced to about 3 percent or less.”

Government, Local
“Fix my home.” “They should allow golf carts.” “Less litter, because it ends up in a landfill.” “[Make it] so you can’t buy smoking [materials].” “I want to see code enforcement enforced because trash piles up through the neighborhood, and loud (deafening) music isn’t stopped for hours after calling police.”

Federal Government
Two respondents want to “Fix the Supreme Court”; another suggested expanding it and one proposed term limits for the Supreme Court and all judges. Others said, “Clean the House, Senate and courts”; “Fix Congress”; and “Make Congress work until they solve some American problems.” “Get money out of all elections: no PACs — only publicly financed

elections.” Two suggested getting rid of the electoral college and another wanted voting rights protected. “The Post Office should be as responsible for delivering mail in a timely manner as it once was,” said one respondent.

Peace and Justice
“Killing is the worst thing in this country that needs to be fixed!” Three other respondents, including an 11-year-old, said, “Stop wars!” Others said, “End the Iran war of choice” and “[Promote] world peace with less inequality.” Also, abolish for-profit prisons, practice restorative justice, stop racism, protect LGBTQ rights and “Convict those on the Epstein list.” One respondent said, “I wish we could focus on what we have in common.”

Politics
“Candidates should be kind to each other,” said another respondent. Others wanted government to end or reverse Citizens United, give ranked choice voting a try and “spend our taxes on stuff that actually matters.”

The President
Seven respondents wanted to “Kick out Trump”; “Get rid of Trump”; “Arrest Trump”; and “Vote Trump out!”

The takeaway from this wide range of “government-should-fix-it” suggestions: Everyone of voting age should make sure they are properly registered, then show up and vote on Tuesday, November 3 — or earlier if possible. Voters have the power — and responsibility — to choose leaders who want to fix what’s broken.



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Hope, Change, Close Senate: Why Folks Are Voting Right Now

by Rachel Kebler

The mid-term elections are already in full swing, with Greenbelt and Prince George’s County residents showing up to the early voting locations to cast their ballots. “In order to make a change, you have to be the change you want to see,” said a voter at the Trinity Assembly of God, the closest early voting location to Greenbelt.

With a hopeful write-in county executive candidate, the nonpartisan District 2 School Board race, ballot questions and other political shifts in the area, there is a lot for citizens to think about right now. “Hoping writing in County Executive Candidate Tonya Sweat will be the beginning of much-needed changes at the county level,” said Greenbelter Angela Oddone in response to our Facebook post.

However, most people we spoke with commented on the national administration.

“I don’t like any administration who’s cruel to children, taking away SNAP. The bills are too much. My groceries are too high. My medical bill is too high and I’m a senior,” said another voter as to why they are voting this midterm.

In the City of Greenbelt itself, people had similar comments. “While I might not necessarily agree with every Democratic candidate, they’re still far more sane than the MAGA Republican candidate or anyone that would support in Congress the absolute insanity that’s been going on, and we can’t risk it,” said Shirl, a Greenbelt resident. She believes there are not many different options for candidates, with Maryland being a blue state.

Many Greenbelters hope for a different administration. One voiced support for term limits and a desire for more ideas and possibly more political parties. “Economically, I think we need



Voting takes place inside Trinity Assembly, in Lanham, one of Greenbelt’s closest Early Voting locations.

wholesale changes,” said Marty, a Greenbelt resident. “[I’m] definitely [focused on] environmental concerns, especially under this administration. I’m hoping whoever wins on either side will focus more on that.”

One person worried about a specific party taking over the federal government during the election.

Another Greenbelter said he wasn’t going to vote until a friend pointed out how close the Republican held majority in the Senate is. “The Senate is so close right now,” he told this News Review reporter. If Republicans can’t hold onto the majority, “it’s going to make it so that the president has limited powers,” he feared.

Whatever their affiliation, people want to make a difference with their votes. “We’re tired of seeing what’s going on in the government as a whole, and we feel that we can make a difference with our vote, passing our vote for the people that’s supposed to protect us and our government,” an early voter told this News Review reporter on Sunday.

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Sunday, November 8

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of understanding with State employees, whether the State and State employees reached those terms and conditions by mutual agreement or through a neutral decider's order. (Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

The governor's proposed budget each year must include state salaries but uses the current salary plan as its basis. The proposed amendment would require the budget to include funds for changes to state employee collective bargaining agreements. It would mean that binding arbitration could be used to resolve labor disputes even if it isn't resolved by the time the budget is prepared.

Those in favor of the measure might see it as a commitment to fair labor practices and a fully balanced budget. Those against it might argue binding arbitration could result in more than the state can afford.

Question 2: Temporary Appointments on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities

Authorizing temporary substitute appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities when a member is recused or disqualified, or when a member's term expires. In these situations, the Commission Chair may recall a former member of the Commission, or the Governor, at the request of the Commission Chair, may appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of a current member until a permanent replacement is appointed. Only individuals who meet the constitutional eligibility requirements may be recalled or appointed to the Commission. (Amending Article IV of the Maryland Constitution)

This change would allow temporary substitute appointments to the 11-member Commission on Judicial Disabilities, a body that hears and oversees complaints about judges. If the change to the constitution is approved, a vacancy could be filled by the chair appointing a former member to temporarily fill it and, if the chair requests, could allow the Governor to appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of an existing member (currently there is a 10-year term limit). As it stands, temporary appointments are not allowed and vacancies can occur if a member is recused, disqualified or their term ends.

Those in favor might want all seats to be filled so the commission can expediently hear complaints against judges. Those against might be wary of allowing the chair of the commission the power of appointment, concerned that "temporary" is not defined, or may be satisfied by the current system, since the commission can hear complaints with a majority present, even when a seat is vacant.



Question 3: Electoral Districts - General Assembly and Congressional Representatives

For the purpose of clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and providing that nothing in the Maryland Constitution provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a congressional districting plan. (Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

This question seeks to allow changes to the rules for drawing congressional districts. In other states, congressional districts have been redrawn to benefit different political parties – a process known as gerrymandering. The Supreme Court has declined to block it.

Those in favor of this amendment want to be able to impact Congressional representation as other states have done through their redistricting. Currently Maryland has one Republican seat – its 1st Congressional District including the Eastern Shore and parts of Baltimore and Harford counties – and it sends seven Democrats and one Republican to Congress each year. Redrawing the map could potentially eliminate that single Republican seat.

Those in favor include former President Barack Obama, who has

appealed to Marylanders to “stop this Republican power grab” by voting yes on Question 3. Republicans have redrawn congressional maps in the middle of an election year to hold onto power in Congress, argues Obama in an advertisement. Question 3 allows Maryland to “draw its own fair maps,” he says. Governor Wes Moore has also campaigned for the question, saying, “Question 3 is about our democracy.” State and local leaders including Comptroller Brooke Lierman, Prince George’s County Executive Aisha Braveboy, U.S. Representative Steny Hoyer and others are also calling on residents to vote yes. Many frame it as a fight against Trump.

Those opposed object to gerrymandering and redrawing maps to deliberately advantage any particular party. The amendment might also leave standards for maps in question; it would remove the requirements that apply to state legislative districts when drawing congressional districts but doesn’t provide new standards. Those against might also want to protect minority party representation. The earliest a new map could take effect is for the 2028 election, the next presidential election year.

The News Review’s election coverage can be found online at Greenbeltnewsreview.com/elections2026.



Pumpkins in the Dark



Carved pumpkins were assembled for an eerie moment with the Mother and Child statue before they were loaded onto the truck that took them to the Pumpkin Walk.

- Photos by Robert Tyler



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Star Wars - Leia and Rey

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WE'RE READY!!! STAR WARS BABIES!!



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) plus their mom Luminara are ready to go to their forever homes.



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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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GREENBELT CUTIES!!



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



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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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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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Chair Brannndon Jackson asked the county executive to initiate the appointment process in a June 27 letter. That letter was obtained by the News Review through a public information act request to Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS). A similar public information act request to the county executive’s office for all correspondence about the vacancy with PGCPS and others came back reporting they were unable to retrieve any records related to the subject, returning only the website posting of the vacancy. Greenbelt City Council’s letter notes the county executive’s office opened an application period from June 30 through July 7, prior to PGCPS publicly announcing the resignation on July 20. That was the public announcement that came only after repeated questions about the vacancy from the News Review (see the July 23 issue).

“These circumstances raise substantial questions about whether District 2 residents received meaningful notice and a fair opportunity to seek appointment,” states the letter, noting there were only two applicants. The number of applicants was disclosed by the Office of Law to the News Review (see the October 1 issue).

Intended Procedure

State law says that if a seat held by an elected member of the county board becomes vacant, the county executive appoints a qualified individual to fill the seat for the remainder of the term and sends their name to the clerk of the County Council (MD Code,

Education, § 3-1002, g). The county council then has 45 days in which they could disapprove the appointment by a two-thirds vote of all members. If the council doesn’t disapprove within 45 days, “the appointment shall be considered approved.”

Though Maryland Code stipulates the county executive shall make an appointment it does not give a timeline within which they must do so.

Call for Responsiveness

After highlighting the lack of representation and lack of opportunity for appointment, the letter continues: “Equally concerning is the reported lack of response from your office to repeated calls and emails from the Greenbelt News Review, including an MPIA request submitted on July 24. The newspaper’s correspondence raised questions and concerns regarding how the vacancy and application window were publicized, why the application period was so brief, why it closed before the public announcement and why no appointment has yet been made. Timely, substantive communication is essential when a matter directly affects the democratic representation of an entire school district.”

The News Review received a response to its MPIA request, following intervention by the State Ombuds Office on September 24, but the only document returned was the application announcement that appeared on the county executive’s webpage.

In addition to our unanswered questions to the county executive,

the News Review also put questions to Board Chair Jackson, who requested the appointment process to begin. On August 27, by email, the News Review asked Jackson whether he had received a response from the county executive’s office, whether he knew of a timeline for an appointment and whether the public would have any opportunity for input. The News Review also asked why the application window for Briggs’ replacement was earlier and shorter than in previous appointments, and why it closed before he announced the vacancy to the board at its July 9 meeting.

On September 23, the News Review emailed him again, asking whether he knew of any change in plans to fill the vacancy or when an appointment might be made, and whether he was concerned that District 2 still had no representative. Jackson did not respond to either request as of press time. In July, PGCPS staff directed the News Review to the county executive’s office, saying it controls the appointment process. In July, the News Review reached out to Tim Adams, Greenbelt’s representative on the county council, about the vacancy and appointment process. Policy and Communications Director Jobina Brown responded that since the “authority to fill a vacancy on the Prince George’s County Board of Education rests with the Office of the County Executive,” she recommended contacting “the appropriate entities directly for questions or a statement regarding the process or any public communi-

cations on this matter.” “Council Member Adams is following this matter closely,” wrote Brown.

Greenbelt’s Requests

Jordan’s letter asked the county executive to:

1. provide a public status update and firm timeline for filling the District 2 vacancy;
2. respond fully to the outstanding questions and communications from the Greenbelt News Review and affected residents;
3. describe the steps your administration will take to ensure future appointment opportunities are broadly publicized, reasonably timed and administered transparently.

In closing, Jordan said “Dis-

trict 2 students and families deserve both effective representation and confidence that the appointment process is open, responsive and accountable,” and urging the county executive to provide a prompt written response to the concerns.

The News Review has received no response from the office of the county executive to repeated emails and calls made since July.

City Manager Josué Salmerón told the News Review that the letter was mailed to the county executive on October 13. On Tuesday, October 27, Salmerón said they had not received any response to date.



The Zookulele Collective, dressed for Halloween, performs at the Farmers Market on October 25.

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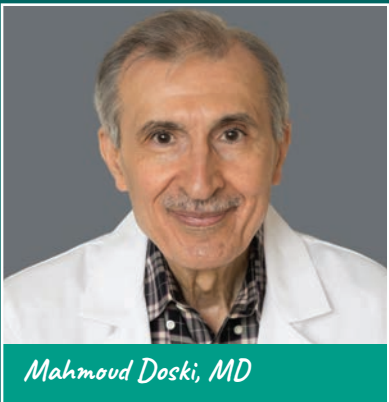
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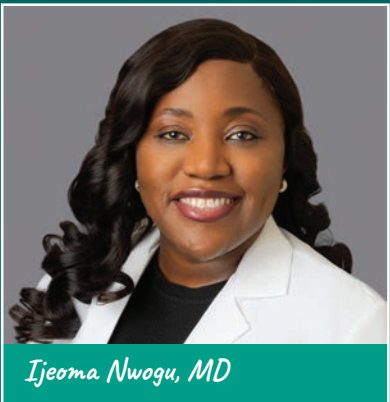
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Summer Ends, but Hazard Remains as Ticks Stay on

by Mark W. Sherman

With the briskness of fall comes the urge to hike, and what better place to do that than in the woods of Greenbelt. Those woods contain hazards, however, and one in particular – ticks – does not disappear with the passing of summer, according to Michael Raupp, an entomologist at the University of Maryland.

“With the warming world, it’s tick season basically four seasons of the year now,” he said. “If we went back a century or even to the ‘60s, in the winter, we had real winter – between November and let’s say March, it was simply too cold” for ticks to be questing, as their search for a meal is called.

Now, with milder winters it is possible to find ticks and tick-borne illnesses on a walk in February, for example.

Catherine Plaisant, co-chair of GHI’s Woodlands Committee, suits up in permethrin-treated clothing whenever she ventures into the woods. She wonders why people are reluctant to use permethrin or similar substances, likening it to putting on sunscreen when going to the beach.

“Choose your poison,” she said. “I prefer permethrin over Lyme disease.”

Distinguishing Bites

You have to know the difference between a tick bite and a chigger bite, said Plaisant. The latter, while annoying, is not going to make you sick.

“The ticks plant themselves solidly in your skin and become large if not removed,” she said in an email, “while chiggers leave a tiny blister at first – which is recognizable as quite different from all the tick bites, from what I have experienced so far.”

There’s also a difference in what they eat: ticks consume blood, while chiggers ingest your skin itself after injecting something to liquefy it. Finally, ticks, although small, are visible, while chiggers are hard to see with the naked eye, according to Raupp, who says he’s only ever seen a chigger under a microscope.



Catherine Plaisant models a pretreated gaiter from Lymeex.

Potential Disease

As former director of Catoclin Quaker Camp in Thurmont, Md., Linda Garrettson, who moved to GHI in 2020, doesn’t need to be convinced that ticks are a problem. These days children head to camp with their clothes treated, bedding gets sprayed and tick checks are much more regular, she says, describing it as “part of the practice.”

It’s also personal for Garrettson. One of her daughters has had Rocky Mountain spotted fever, another tick-borne illness, and both daughters have had Lyme disease, which she’s had three times herself.

The last time a colleague spotted the bite on the back of her arm. “I wasn’t aware. I couldn’t see it, ... she took a picture, and she showed it to me, and I was like, ‘OK, we’re going to the doctor.’”

Meanwhile, the mix of ticks is changing. The lone star tick, recognizable by the white dot on the back of the female, is supplanting the black-legged or deer tick, according to Raupp.

Recently, he found a lone star nymph between his toes. Nymph is the second stage of a tick’s life, when it molts from a six-legged creature to an eight-legged one.

Lone stars are notable for transmitting a carbohydrate called alpha-gal, which can make a person allergic to red meat, sometimes fatally so.

Raupp sent the tick to a lab in Massachusetts to see if the tick itself was infected – the Maryland Health Department offers a tick-testing service, he said, but it only tells you what kind of tick you have, not what pathogens it carries.

Raupp paid extra to have the lab check on all possible risks, not just the usual ones.

A few days later, he wrote to say all was well.

“My engorged lone star tick nymph was free of 10 different bacterial pathogens and seven viral pathogens.”

Sending a tick to a lab takes some effort, Raupp said, but that’s the level of vigilance you have to show. “I’ve seen what happens with Lyme disease, and it’s not pretty,” he said. But like Plaisant and Garrettson, he also hopes people will not wall themselves off.

“Don’t be afraid – look, I’m outside all the time, so follow the steps I’ve talked about here: tuck the pants in, treat your boots with DEET or permethrin, and as soon as you get back, toss all of that into the washer, into the dryer, get them off in the first 24 hours.”

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support it.

While he was on a standby crew monitoring the HVAC system near the end of his time there, he watched rehearsals between his rounds. “One of the big bonuses was being able to observe the rehearsals and see not only how they put together a show, but how it fit into the work we were doing,” Ready said.

He watched rehearsals from the Opera House mezzanine, including Leonard Bernstein leading the cast of Mass, the Center’s opening performance in 1971.

Pride in a “Renaissance”

During his years at the Kennedy Center, he watched the building come together. The National Symphony had played at Constitution Hall and The Washington Ballet at Lisner Auditorium: the new Center brought them under one roof. This signaled that the nation’s government valued the arts; he felt proud to see it all come together.

“It was kind of a Renaissance period,” he said. “I was just proud to be a part of that.”

After he retired, he worked in community theater.

Kennedy Center’s Future

Since early in his second term, President Donald Trump has taken great interest in the Center and following major changes on

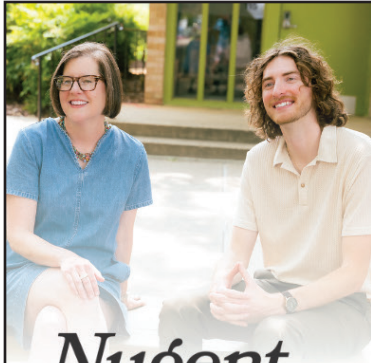
its board instituted by him, he was named chair. In December 2025, the board voted to add Trump’s name to the Center, renaming the institution the Donald J. Trump and the John F. Kennedy Memorial Center for the Performing Arts. In May a judge ruled adding Trump’s name to the institution’s title and to the building was unlawful.

On February 1, Trump announced a two-year closure for renovations of the Center. This year the Washington National Opera left after more than 50 years in residence.

Ready agrees that the building has some problems, such as water leaks which were a known issue when he was working there. He says the building would need constant upkeep, but it troubles him to see a shift from fixing the issues with maintenance to closure and talk of possible demolition.

“The Center is not just another box that you can tear down and replace, like an apartment house or a warehouse,” Ready told the News Review. “It is an institution.”

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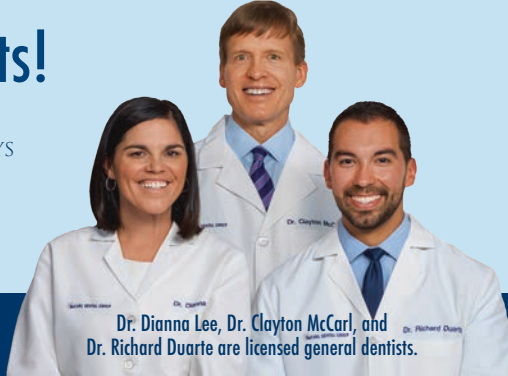


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Why Celebrate Emancipation Day?

by Lois Rosado

The Emancipation Proclamation was issued on January 1, 1863, but emancipation was not declared in Maryland until more than a year later. The 1863 Emancipation Proclamation did not include border states such as Maryland. Emancipation was declared in Maryland when a new state constitution was passed on November 1, 1864.

Many African Americans believe their freedom was in part due to Black men taking up arms and fighting to end chattel slavery and preserve the Union. Almost immediately upon learning of the proclamation, enslaved Africans sought freedom. Robert Smalls escaped enslavement from Beaufort, S.C., by liberating one of the largest Confederate transport ships and delivering it to the Union army in the Beaufort-Port Royal-Hilton Head area. The ship was filled with freedom seekers.

As many enslaved people liberated themselves from Confederate states and made their way to Union army camps, the Union army did not know how to categorize them. Once General Benjamin Butler of Fortress Monroe on the Chesapeake Bay declared escaped enslaved people to be contraband of war and refused to return them to their enslavers, the policy took root. Those who made it to the Union army camps were given noncombatant tasks, like spying, cooking, washing clothes or building fortifications. Their treatment by some Union army soldiers and missionaries was sometimes harsh. However, escaped enslaved Africans persisted in their attempts to obtain freedom in these camps and once

they were permitted to become combatants, many readily joined Colored regiments.

Black men had fought in every American war since independence, including the War of 1812, but it took considerable persuasion by men like Frederick Douglass and Martin Delany to encourage President Abraham Lincoln to allow Black men to become combatants in the Union war effort.

Many have seen the movie *Glory*, which was about the valiant 54th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment. Douglass' sons and other Black men from the District of Columbia served in this regiment. Massachusetts was the first state to raise such a regiment, led by General Robert Gould Shaw.

On June 1 and 2, 1863, Harriett Tubman, the great general, spy and liberator, led 150 Black soldiers of the 2nd Carolina Infantry and, supported by Union navy ships, rescued 750 formerly enslaved people from the Combahee River area in South Carolina. This battle became known as the Combahee River Raid.

According to Peter E. Schultz from the Greenbelt Memorialization Project, on February 24, 1864, Congress passed the Civil War Enrollment Act Amendments, which in Section 24 mandated that all able-bodied male Colored persons between the ages of 20 and 45 residing in the United States be enrolled for the military draft. In states like Maryland — which were loyal to the Union but still practiced slavery — the law provided that if an enslaved man was drafted and mustered into service, he would

be declared free. It also established a framework to pay a \$100 bounty to the recruit and up to \$300 in compensation to enslavers who were loyal to the Union.

106 enslaved men were drafted and 20 free Black men signed up to join the Union forces from Prince George's County in 1864. Not all drafted men were mustered into the army. Some were, like William Crampton, who was enslaved by Dennis Pumphrey on a farm in what is now Greenbelt Park. In 1864, Crampton was drafted out of slavery and became a soldier in the 28th Regiment of the United States Colored Troops. He fought in several battles in Virginia and in the invasion of the Confederate capital, Richmond, according to Schultz.

Approximately 179,000 Colored troops served in the Union Army and 19,000 served in the Navy during the Civil War. So, it is with some pride and justification that African Americans believe that the contributions and sacrifices of Black men and women during the Civil War led to the end of chattel slavery. Emancipation Day is for celebrating and remembering those who sacrificed and fought bravely to preserve the Union, to lead America toward greater democracy and equality for all.

On November 7 at 2 p.m. at the Community Center, join the Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee, the Recreation Department, RUAK and the Greenbelt Museum in a Jubilee and Peace Celebration honoring these brave souls.

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But don't abandon your birthright, Raupp said.

"Being outdoors, the connection with nature, all the improved health effects," those are real, he said. "So don't shy away from that, but just do your due diligence."

Today, Garrettson doesn't go into the woods as much as she used to; in fact, she uses an electric wheelchair now, something she attributes to long Covid. But she worries about the next generation and what she sees as a growing fear of the natural world.

"I've been an outdoor educator, and my happiest moments have always been outdoors and in the woods," she said. "But as a culture, our children are not growing up in the natural environment much — that's one of the things I appreciate about Greenbelt."

"Keeping people from going outside is breaking my heart, and I get it, I get it, because there are severe consequences," she continued, "but our mental and emotional and spiritual health are all taking a hit by not being outside so much."



Wearing a pre-treated garment can help defend against ticks.



One of the tick-repellent products in Catherine Plaisant's collection

- Photos by Mark Sherman

Lyme Disease – Crunching the Numbers

Lyme disease is on the rise, with 3,093 cases reported in 2024, compared to 2,463 cases in 2023 and 2,036 cases in 2022, according to the state Department of Health – this despite the fact that the lone star tick, which doesn't cause Lyme, has overtaken the deer tick as a proportion of all ticks identified, 50 percent to 26 percent, with the American dog tick coming in at 22 percent.

Also on the list were the Asian longhorn tick and the Gulf Coast tick, at 1 percent each.

Lyme isn't the only tickborne illness the agency tracks; it also logs cases of anaplasmosis, babesiosis, Ehrlichiosis and spotted fever rickettsiosis, a group of ailments that includes Rocky Mountain spotted fever, the disease that one of Linda Garrettson's daughters got. Of these, only anaplasmosis is on the rise, with 29 cases in 2024.

Not on the state's list yet: alpha-gal syndrome, which makes people allergic to beef, pork, dairy, and gelatin, in that order, according to a study in the August 13, 2026, issue of *Healthcare (Basel)*. A minority of participants also reported reactions to mammal ingredients in personal care products, medications and other items; lamb is also in this lower range. Chicken is not on the list because chickens aren't mammals.

For the tick-borne diseases tracked by the state, go to <https://tinyurl.com/54hh6ekt>.

For the study in *Healthcare (Basel)*, go to <https://tinyurl.com/2bm5p275>.

Pirates and Humanitarians: Local Seadogs Walk To Raise Awareness

by Melissa Sites



PHOTO BY IAN BLACKWELL ROGERS

Around 50 members of the Pentagon Deck of Seadogs held a community wellness walk on Saturday, October 24, ending at Buddy Attick Park.

Around 50 people participated in a community wellness walk culminating at Buddy Attick Park on Saturday, October 24. Accompanied by two Greenbelt Police officers, the Pentagon Deck of Seadogs walked to raise awareness of breast cancer and liver health. Mayor Emmett Jordan and Councilmember Silke Pope were in attendance.

The Pentagon Deck is a chapter of the National Association of Seadogs (Pirates Confraternity), an international advocacy and service organization. The local chapter has met in Greenbelt for over 10 years. Other activities of the Seadogs include Shop with a Cop and holiday gift wrapping, school safety, highway cleanup (the local Seadogs have adopted

Greenbelt Road from Edmonston Road to University Boulevard), civic engagement and advocacy.

Originally founded in Nigeria at University College Ibadan in 1952, the organization formally registered in 1980 as a civic and humanitarian body under the name National Association of Seadogs, including over 25,000 lifetime members across 60 global chapters, among them the local Pentagon Deck. The Seadogs are anchored by Four Compass Points: their motto "Against All Moribund Conventions;" All Men Are Born Free and Equal; For Humanistic Ideals (active community service, philanthropy, human rights and uplifting the less privileged); and Comradeship and Chivalry.





PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Meetings of the GHI Board of Directors

on November 5, 2026

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

- a) Approve Minutes of the GHI Closed Meeting Held on October 1, 2026
- b) Financial Matters
- c) Contract Matters
- d) Member Matters

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

- a) Approve Minutes of the GHI Open Meeting Held on October 1, 2026
- b) Statements of Closed Meetings Held on October 17, 2026 and October 22, 2026
- c) 2027 GHI Budget – 1st Reading
- d) 12-10-2026 Town Hall Meeting Agenda
- e) Ring Central Text Messaging Feature
- f) 3rd Quarter GHI Financial Statements
- g) Motion to Hold a Closed Meeting on November 19, 2026

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

- a) Approve Minutes of the GDC Open Meeting Held on July 30, 2026 (Correction Needed)
- b) 3rd Quarter GDC Financial Statements
- c) GCC Insurance Coverage

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

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

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respondents were from SAYT households; 16 percent use the Max Trash option).

Councilmember Jenni Pompei noted that based on survey comments, a number of respondents dissatisfied with SAYT seemed to have conflated SAYT with the City’s simultaneous policy change requiring Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI) residents to remove trash cans from their closets or enclosures for weekly pickup.

Enrollment

Council noted that 72 percent of households elected SAYT, 28 percent the Max Trash option. A study in March, which involved weighing the trash from each day of the week, revealed that households with the Max Trash option averaged 31 pounds of trash per week whereas SAYT households averaged 10. Although SAYT users generally pay less in total, based on the current fee structure, Max Trash households pay only 8.7c per pound of trash compared to SAYT households who pay 14c per pound on average, said Brown.

However, the News Review believes the calculations overstate

the difference paid per pound because they seem to have been based on a \$70 cost for a Max Trash sticker, which doesn’t include the \$4.88 fee that Max Trash users pay twice a year on top of the sticker cost. Meanwhile the calculations do include the vendor overhead that is included in the bag price for SAYT users.

Proposed Modifications

The popularity of the pilot program and the cost inequity between SAYT and Max Trash households, as well as the projected increased dumping fee to \$95 a ton in July 2027 are primary factors in proposed adjustments to the program and the budget proposal presented to council. The city proposed that the SAYT program be continued with the following modifications: 1) the cost of the Max Trash option be increased from \$70 to \$85 semi-annually to make it more equitable with the calculated cost per pound to SAYT users and 2) the base fee be increased from \$240 to \$260 in July, which coincides with the county landfill price hike. In this budget scenario, the residential trash collection fees

would pay for 80 percent of the overall trash collection budget. The balance, including collection of municipal and parks trash, would be paid by the city from its general fund.

More Consideration Needed

Councilmember Amy Knesel strongly objected to the budget proposal on the grounds that raising the Max Trash rate by \$50 a year (considering the semi-annual fee and base rate increase together) was unfair. She requested to see other budget options, including returning to a universal base rate, before council would take up a proposal. Assistant City Manager Timothy George agreed to develop additional budget options for council to consider.

Sustainability Coordinator Luisa Robles noted that the composting program also helped offset landfill trash, but membership has fallen off since the city reduced subsidies. It was noted that members of the composting program pay \$120 a year – nearly as much as the Max Trash sticker cost. Tom Taylor presented some options for council consideration: to use surplus funds in the current program to attract new members to the composting program and/or reduce rates. Council will consider the options in a future budget worksession.

Budget and Revenue Options				
	Budget	Actual	Jan-June 2027	July-Dec 2027
Annual Fee			\$120	\$130
Max Trash			\$85	\$85
Bags (Large)			\$2.00	\$2.00
Bags (Medium)			\$1.25	\$1.25
Bags (Small)			\$0.85	\$0.85
Revenue				
WASTE COLLECTION & DISP	\$729,000	\$625,492	\$283,200	\$306,800
RECYCLING	\$7,200	\$7,137	\$3,600	\$3,600
Max Trash			\$56,168	\$56,168
Net Bags			\$64,899	\$64,899
MAX TRASH STICKERS & BAG PURCHASES	\$0	\$96,358		
Revenue Sum	\$736,200	\$728,987	\$407,867	\$431,467
Revenue Total				\$839,335
Expenses				
Employee Related	\$676,700	\$657,965		\$697,001
Insurance	\$4,400	\$5,952		\$4,532
Disposal	\$186,500	\$216,945		\$206,498
Transport	\$89,100	\$134,036		\$91,773
Stocking Fee at .10/Bag				\$4,894
Other	\$12,000	\$47,118		\$47,118
	\$968,700	\$1,062,015		\$1,051,817
Net				
	-\$232,500	-\$333,028		-\$643,949
Percent of Spend	-24%	-31%		80%

This budget proposal raises the rate for Max Trash households to \$170 per year and the base rate to \$260. It assumes that 80 percent of the cost of trash collection will be paid by residents and 20 percent by the city.

Greenbelt Cinema Plan



On October 24, Executive Director Caitlin McGrath, presented the Greenbelt Cinema 2027 - 2030 Strategic Plan to the City Council and Cinema members. Also in attendance were Cinema staff and members of the board.



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School News

Glenarden Woods and Dora Kennedy Rank Among Top Schools in State

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

This month the U.S. News and World Report published its list of Best Elementary Schools and Best Middle Schools for 2027. Three Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS), including two schools some Greenbelt children attend, were among the best Maryland schools.

Glenarden Woods Elementary School ranks number one in elementary schools. Located in Glenarden, Glenarden Woods is a Talented and Gifted (TAG) school for grades two to five. Children who are identified as TAG in first grade can enter a lottery for a place at the school if they are within its boundary, which includes Greenbelt.

Dora Kennedy French Immersion (DKFI) is ranked number five among Maryland’s middle schools. This school year DKFI was relocated from Greenbelt to Seabrook. It serves students from kindergarten through eighth grade and is a full language immersion program. Students in the

northern half of Prince George’s County can apply to the school by entering a lottery for a place in kindergarten. Students may enter at later grades providing they have sufficient proficiency for the French instruction at that grade level.

The other PGCPS school that made the top rankings is Heather Hills Elementary School in Bowie, which is a TAG magnet school, but not one Greenbelt students attend. It ranked number two among elementary schools.

“We’re proud to see our schools leading the state and are working to make this level of excellence the standard across PGCPS for every student, every day,” said a statement from PGCPS.

The U.S. News and World Report evaluates public elementary and middle schools using student performance on mandatory state tests in math, reading and language arts.

ERHS Fall Best of Coffee House Showcases Varied Student Talent

by Li'l Dan Celdran

Attendees were treated to 20 talented acts by Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) students at the Fall Best of Coffee House on Friday, October 23 in the Dr. Gerald L. Boarman Auditorium. Just about every seat in the lower half of the auditorium was filled with students, parents, staff and community members.

Proceeds benefitted the ERHS Guitar and Recording Technology Program led by music teacher Kevin Hawk.

The audience enthusiastically embraced the performances, clapping along, singing, cheering for their classmates and favorite performers and even shining their phone lights during a soulful bal-

lad. The energy in the auditorium made it clear that the evening was a success.

Congratulations to all the performers for sharing their musical talents and making the evening memorable. The next Coffee House is scheduled for March 2027. In the meantime, stay tuned for more musical magic at ERHS this fall and winter.

Li'l Dan Celdran is an ERHS parent.

Walk Raises Awareness, Funds; Survivors Share Stories of Polio

by Erica Johns



On Saturday, October 24, World Polio Day, about 34 people participated in a walk at Schrom Hills Park and a Community Center program to raise awareness and funds for eradicating polio worldwide.

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Mass vaccination efforts since the 1980s have reduced wild polio cases by 99.9 percent, with polio remaining endemic in only Afghanistan and Pakistan. Attendees and speakers included Greenbelter Mary Moien, who recounted her polio-survivor father’s experience raising a family and seeking work in Washington, D.C., and polio survivor Griselda Clemons of Hyattsville, who contracted polio as a child in segregated Atlanta and has authored several memoirs about her experiences.



Check out organizer and polio survivor Billy Louis’ End Polio Now socks!

- Photos by Erica Johns



Griselda Clemons

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Ready thinks the building’s troubles began with its construction, a design that kept changing to meet the needs of the donations and demands of the airport years ago. He worries about the donations he helped install, since he already heard some objects have been removed. It has been about 15 years since Ready visited the Kennedy Center, and even though he doesn’t know the current state of the building, he hopes that it can be improved instead of removed and replaced.

“I would just hate to wake up one morning and find that the concert hall had been demolished, or that the marble facing had been removed, and the building was going to be just demolished,” Ready said.

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



Goddard’sMADBrings Little Women to Stage

Goddard’s Music and Drama Club (MAD) is bringing the Broadway musical Little Women to the stage. The production brings Louisa May Alcott’s beloved story of the March sisters to life through music and a talented cast of local NASA employees.

Running through Sunday, November 22 at Goddard’s Barney & Bea Recreation Center, 9998 Good Luck Road, Glenn Dale, the show will be offered Fridays and Saturdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased by visiting madtheater.org/tickets. There is a discount for the opening weekend.

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Incident Summary

Greenbelt Police reported one death, one mental health diversion and four domestic incidents.

Assault

On October 19 at 4:14 p.m. near Springhill Lane and Breezewood Drive, officers detained a boy who was trying to fight other youngsters.

On October 22 at 6:01 p.m. near 7405 Greenbelt Road, a woman was arrested after spraying pepper spray in a restaurant.

Road Rage

On October 23 at 9:57 a.m. near 9099 Springhill Lane, two men were screaming at each other during a road rage incident.

Break-in

On October 21 at 7:01 a.m. near 7555 Greenbelt Road, a glass door was broken with a large rock, and the cash register was broken.

DUI arrests

On October 24 at 6:06 p.m. near Greenbelt Road and 63rd Avenue, after a collision, the striking driver attempted to flee and was arrested for DUI.

On October 25 at 12:33 a.m. near Hanover Parkway and Greenbelt Road, a vehicle was traveling the wrong way on Hanover Parkway; the driver was arrested for driving under the influence.

Fraud

On October 19 near 6600 Capitol Drive, a stolen credit card was used; near 25 Ridge Road, a man ordered an item online and his credit card was used at other places; near 9008 Breezewood Terrace, a bank account had an unauthorized withdrawal.

On October 22 near 7565 Greenbelt Road, a bank's branch manager reported that someone deposited a suspected counterfeit and forged check.

Theft and Shoplifting

On October 19 at 3:40 p.m. near 6400 Cherrywood Lane, a package was stolen; at 5:56 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a juvenile shoplifted; at 7:47 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a man was arrested for shoplifting.

On October 20 at 6:51 p.m.

near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a shoplifter was arrested; all merchandise was recovered.

On October 20 at 8:30 p.m. near 5707 Cherrywood Lane, a man who was shoplifting fled when police arrived; all merchandise was recovered.

On October 21 near 6440 Cherrywood Lane, a package was stolen.

On October 23 at 5:00 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a woman was arrested for shoplifting; all merchandise was recovered.

On October 23 at 8:02 p.m. near 7429 Greenbelt Road, three men stole merchandise and fled in a vehicle with D.C. tags.

On October 24 at 8:04 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a purse was stolen.

Trespassing

On October 21 at 9:57 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, officers investigating suspicious activity stopped a man for drinking in public, and arrested him because he had previously been banned from the property.

Vandalism

On October 19 near 7600 Hanover Parkway, a wooden fence was damaged.

On October 21 near 6400 Cherrywood Lane, someone damaged a security gate while trying to force entry.

Vehicle Crimes

Stolen Vehicles

On October 19 near 7700 Mandan Road, a stolen vehicle was recovered.

On October 21 near 9158 Springhill Court, a silver 2013 Hyundai Elantra (Va. TDD6006) and on October 23 near 8150 Lakecrest Drive, a 2015 Audi Q5 (Md. 6HE9747) were stolen.

Theft from Auto

Tags were stolen on October 19 near 5304 Smiths Cove Lane from a 2019 Chrysler 300.

Wheels were stolen on October 20 near 8150 Lakecrest Drive from a 2026 Honda CRV; near 9006 Breezewood Terrace from a 2024 white Volkswagen GTI; near 9340 Edmonston Road from

a 2025 Chevy Suburban; and near 6622 Lake Park Drive from a rented 2026 Toyota Camry; and on October 23 near 9008 Breezewood Terrace from a 2022 Lexus ES.

On October 21 near 6109 Breezewood Court, a change purse was stolen from a vehicle.

On October 24 near 9152 Edmonston Road tags were stolen from a Tesla (Md. 6FE2062).

On October 24 near 7600 Ora Glen Drive, a purse was stolen from a 2022 Toyota Camry and credit cards were used.

Vandalism to Auto

On October 23 near 6212 Breezewood Court, a 2015 Audi A3 had windshield damage.

Films about Greenbelt To Screen in College Park

On Friday, November 6, Movies@Hope will present New Deal New Towns: The Greenbelt Legacy at 7:30 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church in College Park. The program will include the 1939 classic documentary, The City, produced by the Roosevelt Administration to promote these model towns, with an original musical score by the great American composer Aaron Copland. It will be followed by Which Playground for Your Child: Greenbelt or the Gutter, produced by the Greenbelt Museum in 2000 and featuring interviews with original residents from the late 1930s.

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GHI Bicycle Committee



PHOTO BY JOHN CAMPANILE

During the committee's October 24 fall social event, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) Bicycle Committee member Lisa Milani (upper right) discusses her bike-packing trip on the C&O Canal. Another committee member, Diana McFadden, shared her experience on the Great Allegheny Passage trail. Committee secretary, Jackson Tan (left) coordinated the audio-visual screen.



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Sports

Undefeated Girls ERHS Volleyball Team Celebrates Seniors, Championship Season

by Sarah Won



The Eleanor Roosevelt High School's Lady Raiders Volleyball Team honors seniors on Senior Night.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) had plenty to celebrate on Thursday, October 22, when the Lady Raiders volleyball team swept the DuVal Tigers to finish their season 13-0 and claim the Prince George's County 4A League title. But for seniors Serayah Williams, Saxen Lancaster and Marianne Okwuadi, the victory also marked another step toward the end of their high school volleyball careers, with the County Championship still ahead.

Senior Night is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate senior athletes for their contributions to their teams. The Eleanor Roosevelt gym was decorated with posters, balloons and streamers, while friends and family showed up with custom T-shirts and signs to support the players. Before the opening whistle, each senior was announced individually and walked onto the court to hear a celebration of their accomplishments and the time they had dedicated to the program.

Regarding senior night, Williams said, "I feel so appreciated — the amount of work and effort that these girls put into us really means a lot." Williams, an outside hitter, was a captain on the varsity squad for two years, contributing greatly to the program by setting an example for her teammates. The other senior varsity captain, Lancaster, shared the same sentiment, saying she was



Varsity Seniors, from left, Marianne Okwuadi, Serayah Williams and Saxen Lancaster

"ecstatic" and "over the moon" when she was surprised by a lot of her friends and family.

Head Varsity Coach Michelle Blacks commends the seniors' growth, saying "[the] three seniors have dedicated time outside of the high school season to participate in club volleyball and improve upon their skill and experience all levels of competition." However, over their years on the team, the seniors have developed not only their skills but also their relationships with the team and the sport itself.

For Okwuadi, volleyball has meant more than just teamwork and chemistry on the court. Reflecting on her journey, Okwuadi said, "Coming from a private international school in California to a public school in Maryland was a big adjustment, but volley-

ball helped make that transition easier. It gave me a way to meet people, make friends and feel like I was part of a community."

Junior right-side hitter Trinity Howard recalled a home game against Oxon Hill as one of her favorite memories. At the time, team members were still getting used to one another and emotions were high, as Oxon Hill was a previous rival. However, Howard recalled that as music started to play during warm-up, the team was able to relax and have fun. "We were just laughing and dancing to the music," Howard recalled, an example of "what volleyball is all about — team bonding and having fun."

This camaraderie has brought the Lady Raiders to great heights as they prepare to face the CMIT North Tigers in the County Championship on Wednesday, October 28. Howard said that the team "has a common goal to win and do [their] best." Junior middle hitter Jocelyn Leary is optimistic about the team's future, saying she is "super confident in the team, knowing that [they] will make it far and not give up."

As the team prepares for the championship game, their focus remains on finishing their season strong. Yet beyond the undefeated season and success, the team's greatest accomplishment still remains the strong bonds that were made along the way. For Williams, Lancaster and Okwuadi, Senior Night was not only a celebration of their contributions to the program but a reminder of the friendships and memories that they will carry with them long after the final game.

Sarah Won is an Eleanor Roosevelt High School student writing for the Greenbelt News Review.

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Hidden Spirits: James Stephen Terrell’s Artist Talk in Greenbelt

by Rachel Kebler



Washington, D.C., multimedia artist James Stephen Terrell stands beside one of his favorite pieces titled *Take Me to the Water*, inspired by the Black spiritual hymn of the same name, from his *Nebula Imperial* exhibit at the Greenbelt Art Gallery.

“How can I get folks to look at it, turn away, but then come back?” Washington, D.C., artist James Stephen Terrell asks himself while creating his surrealist work. On October 9, Terrell, who has exhibited nationally, gave an artist talk at the Community Center Art Gallery.

Terrell grew up in Washington, D.C., where his father was the pastor of the Second Baptist Church and his mother was a judge. Originally a painter, Terrell started using mixed media for the exhibit *Nebula Imperial* in 2020. He was inspired by glass windows, the Black quilting tradition and quilt parties that his relatives threw. He began combining papers he found while traveling, pins and more to create maximalist portraits. Terrell has described his work as layering visual universes, evoking otherworldliness, the mystical and magical and Afrofuturism. He had a solo exhibit at the Museum of Contemporary Art Arlington earlier this year.

Terrell said he spends up to two weeks on the pieces, working on some of them at the same time. He typically begins by drawing the figures, then adds a careful yet colorful plethora of media to camouflage them in the art, describing it as an “emergence.”

“They may be chaotic, but they’re calming, as well,” Terrell

said. “They’re trying to bring you in.”

Constantly enthralled by nature, religious imagery and human connection, Terrell hopes his art makes people truly see one another.

“It takes a moment to actually understand a person,” he said.

The chat brought in a variety of attendees, including town residents and artists.

“We talked about how a lot of the pieces emerge over time, and I really relate to how people aren’t always obvious at first glance, which you see within his art,” said Elizabeth Mabrey, herself a local painter and animator.

Others also commented on the significance of Terrell’s work in today’s world.

“I feel like the work is very contemporary, but also very rooted,” said Nicole DeWald, host of the event and a supervisor at Greenbelt Recreation Arts. “It’s honoring so much cultural significance, but also lifting off in a way that’s pretty magical.”

For more information about Terrell and his work, visit terrellartsdc.com.

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



Terrell directs viewers’ attention to the piece *Take Me to the Water*, hanging in the back of the room.

- Photos by Rachel Kebler

Meal and Reel Review

We Move This Region: Film Lauds Transit Workers Union

by Kurt Stand

“We move this region.” With that statement a bus driver expressed the importance of transit workers to everyone who lives in the DMV. Yet how often do people take the service that workers provide for granted, without giving thought to their wages and working conditions? The *Reel and Meal* film, *We Fought for What We Have: A Union Story*, screened at the New Deal Café on September 20, documents how Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 689 organized to ensure that every transit worker in the region enjoys dignity and respect on the job.

The film centers on a strike in 2019 by 120 workers at the Cinder Bed Road Metrobus garage in Lorton, Va. Employees at the facility, operated by Transdev, a private contractor, were paid significantly less than workers employed directly by WMATA. Local 689 demanded the same wages, benefits and rights as other Metro workers — and after 85 days of workers walking the picket line, the union’s demands were granted. This was ATU’s first strike since 1978.

We Fought for What We Have uses archival footage to recall Local 689’s 110-year history, which began when Washington’s streetcar system was built. As the metropolitan region grew, so did the transportation system — and the union. After World War II, WMATA had an integrated system across the region and workers were able to earn fair wages. Yet, the workforce itself was segregated; transit workers were almost all white men. As the film recounts, that began to change in 1964, when passage of the Civil Rights Act opened up jobs to African Americans and women. Management responded by allowing working conditions and pay scales to deteriorate. Discontent grew, reaching a breaking point in 1978, when WMATA refused to grant a previously agreed-upon cost-of-living increase, a decision Mike Golash, ATU president at the time, explains was due to racial discrimination. The union struck, shutting down bus and rail service throughout the region.

WMATA quickly came to an agreement — but then, taking advantage of the anti-labor and pro-privatization climate of the Reagan administration in the 1980s, began to break up what had been a unified metro-area system. The result: Metro transit was divided among many companies, most paying lower wages, with fewer benefits than the remaining core. Workers at Transdev, for example, offered its employees no seniority, pension, health care or vacation benefits. In the process, ATU Local 689 was weakened — reflected, as the film documents, in an uptick of health and safety issues, accidents and assaults, impacting workers and passengers alike. WMATA adopted the attitude of “service over safety,” thereby undermining both. Management’s response was to blame individual workers rather than systemic causes, to ignore worker proposals for improvement.

The Cinder Bed strike began the process of regaining union strength. ATU members have



Brian Wivell, ATU Local 689 special projects director, answers questions at the New Deal Café after the screening of *We Fought for What We Have: A Union Story*.

since gone on strike at over 10 private contractors, in every case evening out wages across the entire Metro system to the benefit of all. Said local 689 President Raymond Jackson, “I’m not a president, I’m an organizer of poor people and welcome them into the middle class.” “We went from 9 to 5 to having a career,” stated one worker.

The documentary makes clear that the “we” of unionism are Local 689 members. As another union member put it, management doesn’t move until they are forced to move, and that requires awareness that “they can’t run a bus company without bus drivers, without mechanics, without cleaners.” The film shows Barry “Speed” Wilson, Local 689’s recording secretary, meeting with members discussing the importance of taking part in the strike vote, watching members conducting a “practice strike” before the break of dawn, and the easy, casual relationship between the rank-and-file and elected leadership, reflecting the understanding that, as retired president Jackie Jeter said, “A union can only be as strong as its members.”

Following the screening, Brian Wivell, Local 689’s director of special projects, led a lively dis-

cussion. He noted that just as one’s muscles weaken if unused, labor organizations lose strength when they become complacent. By contrast, management panicked when workers didn’t show up on command, realizing that ATU members were now prepared to fight for their rights.

Wivell stressed that the key for WMATA workers, as for all workers, is understanding that “it’s on you to get involved, [change] starts with you.” One speaker from the floor noted that if Prince George’s County school bus drivers were unionized, perhaps the system would have fewer problems.

This is now an issue in Greenbelt. Union organizer Trent Leon-Lierman spoke prior to the film about the opposition he says public workers in this town are facing as they seek union recognition (see the September 24 issue). *We Fought for What We Have* reminds us that any union’s strength depends on its members being involved and aggressive in defending their rights and defending the wider community. The same holds true for the country’s political system, as labor historian Lane Windham says in the film, “Labor unions are holding the line on democracy.”



A great blue heron at Greenbelt Lake

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