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Veterans Day

Appreciation Goes Both Ways

by Butch Hicks



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Mayor Emmett Jordan presents the Greenbelt Veterans Day proclamation to American Legion Post 136. Commander James Hawkins (right, in gray jacket) received the document on behalf of the Post, joined at the lectern by Keith Starkey of Sons of the American Legion Squadron 136 (far left), and Elizabeth Darnell, president of Post Auxiliary Unit 136 (far right).

On November 11, 2026, the Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 and the Greenbelt City Council continued their annual collaboration in a Veterans Day Ceremony.

James Hawkins, Commander of American Legion Post 136 and event Master of Ceremonies, said, "On Veterans Day, we commemorate the service and sacrifice of veterans of all wars and conflicts involving the United States of America. We remember how men and women set aside their civilian pursuits to serve their nation's cause, defending the freedom of mankind and preserving our

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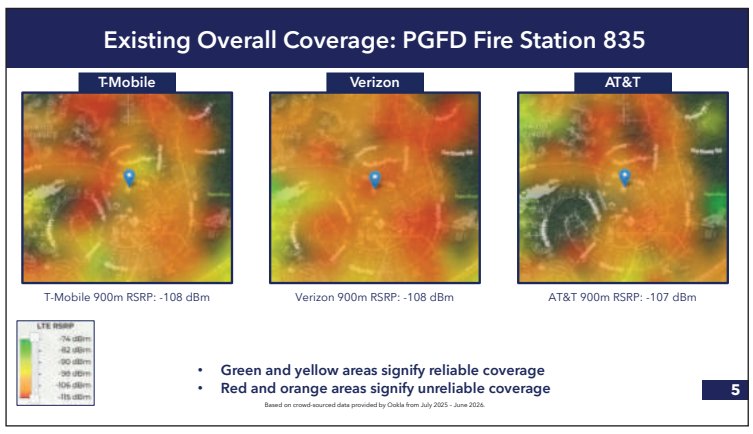
Town Hall Highlights Residents' Support for Cellphone Tower

by Rachel Kebler

On November 10, Greenbelt residents gathered in the council chambers for a town hall meeting and what they hope to be their final discussion regarding the future of cellphone service in the city. This time, Tom Waniewski, a representative from Diamond Communications, came to present the company as a potential new provider for Greenbelt with a proposed 100 foot "tree" near the fire station on Crescent Road.

The proposed tree is a cell tower pole disguised as an actual tree with leaves and branches, designed to blend in with the treeline of its surrounding area. If built at the intended height of 100 feet, Waniewski stated it will serve around 5,000 residents.

Diamond Communication's tower proposal would earn revenue for the city rather than present a cost to Greenbelt. Public Information and Communications



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A slide from the town hall shows the results of a survey of connection coverage with current providers.

Officer James Wisniewski told the News Review the exact amount the city would make is still to be determined, but it could be $2,000 a month, escalating at 2 percent annually, or 35 percent of the monthly revenue collected by Diamond from all carriers on the cell tower.

Longstanding Concerns

Cellphone connection has been an ongoing concern for Greenbelters for years, including some fervent opposition to cellphone towers in the city, which prevented a proposed cellphone tower at

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Laws Regarding SAYT, Voting And New City Code Introduced

by Diane Oberg

The Greenbelt City Council took a swing at the legislative cycle, introducing all three types of legislation at its November 9 regular meeting: an ordinance repealing and replacing the city code, a charter amendment facilitating the implementation of Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) and a resolution extending the Save As You Throw (SAYT) program through the end of the fiscal year. As these were all first readings, there was no discussion of the legislation. Under state law the charter amendment will be the subject of a public hearing on December 14 during the council meeting before being considered for second reading and adoption. Council also heard an update on how it spent its American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Legislation

SAYT – The proposed resolution would buy the city more time to consider how to codify the SAYT program by extending the pilot "without changes to the authorized rates or service provisions" through the end of the fiscal year (June 30). Councilmember Amy Knesel attempted to offer an amendment renaming the program "Pay as You Throw," to conform to Waste Zero conventions. However, she agreed to hold the amendment until the second reading on November 30.

RCV – The proposed charter amendment does not actually implement Ranked Choice Voting. Instead, it moves all details of city elections out of the charter and into the city code, which can be changed more easily. Under state law, charter amendments require

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Greenbelt Orchestra's Performance Of Holst's Planets Was Heavenly

by Lynne Slater



PHOTO BY LYNNE SLATER

Caleb O'Neill conducts Saturn from The Planets.

The Greenbelt Community Orchestra staged a stellar performance of Gustav Holst's The Planets on Sunday, November 15 at 3 p.m., which brought the standing room only (SRO) Community Center audience to its feet. The program also featured the first movement from Mozart's Symphony #41 (Jupiter) and Viet Cuong's Constellations. The Holst and Cuong works were accompanied by NASA images of planets, stars and galaxies. An earlier concert was also given to an SRO house on Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m.

Seth Glabman conducted the Mozart and Cuong pieces. He introduced Mozart's symphony by reminding the audience that Mozart's work is known for its variety and contrast. Following the bold opening chords, the orchestra showed versatility in instrumental skill and overall dynamics.

Cuong overlaid maps of the astrological signs Virgo, Aires, Sagittarius and Leo on a traditional orchestral seating chart so that the placement of the stars determined which musicians would be the soloists when he wrote Constellations. Each of the four themes was played by its chosen group of "stars," then the themes were played together with the full orchestra before returning to the

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What Goes On

Monday, November 23
No City Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 25
No Council Meeting
Thursday, November 26
Thanksgiving. City Offices Closed.
Friday, November 27
City Offices Closed.

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



PHOTO BY NASA/JPL-CALTECH

This archival photo shows engineers working on vibration acoustics and pyro shock testing of NASA's Voyager 1 on November 18, 1976. On Wednesday, November 18 the spacecraft will have travelled an unprecedented 16.094 billion miles from Earth or one light-day. Read more on page 7.

Letters to the Editor

A Heartfelt Thank You

On behalf of our Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, we would like to thank our neighbors, friends and guests for attending and participating in our popular Indoor Yard Sale. You have always been there to help make our events successful. We cannot do it without your continued support. We are thankful to each of you helping to wrap up our 2026 yard sale season. So, until our 2027 season (March/April), we are a thankful and grateful fire department auxiliary. May your upcoming holidays be safe, happy and joyful. Remember we are the reason for the season. See you next year.

Kathy Reynolds

Grateful to Cub Scout Pack 202

The St. Hugh's Church Food Pantry families are grateful to members of Cub Scout Troop 202, who scouted in Greenbelt neighborhoods this past Saturday for donated food. They collected over 1300 lbs. of food. Special thanks to assistant cubmaster and coordinator Joe Thompson.

Mary Ann Tretler, president, St. Hugh Ladies of Charity

Stop Sign Camera Concerns

With the first six months of implementation of stop sign cameras in the city complete, I am troubled by several aspects.

First, the city's program violates several standards of the Fines & Fees Justice Center (see: 7 Red Flags in ATE contracts: https://tinyurl.com/4bntp6hr) that create both harm to local community members and potential risk to the city.

Second, the city is not providing public, monthly reporting of these ATE [automated traffic enforcement] violations managed by Obvio, a for-profit, third-party company. It should immediately enact regular, proactive reporting of violations and fees collected by both the city and its corporate contractor given their impact on thousands of Greenbelters on a daily basis.

Third, despite public calls for increasing revenue from the ATE program to pad the city's next budget given the expected deficit, council should resist any pressure to do so. That is a mythological argument given that the program has failed to generate any revenue for anyone but Obvio. Further, public safety staff should clearly lay out costs of implementation beyond fees, including staff time, given the volume of tickets generated by the program and oversight required. Reporting only the fees collected and paid does not accurately represent the full cost of

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Story & Photograph Submissions

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

On Screen at Greenbelt Cinema

I Play Rocky

The film is an electrifying true story about an unknown actor, Sylvester Stallone, played by Anthony Ippolito, with an unshakable belief that he wasn't just meant to write Rocky – he was meant to be Rocky Balboa. Told "no" at every turn, Sylvester Stallone bets everything on himself, holding the line on playing the lead against seemingly impossible odds. The result is the ultimate underdog story behind the ultimate underdog movie.

Wild Horse Nine

Shortly before the 1973 Chilean coup, CIA agents Chris (John Malkovich) and Lee (Sam Rockwell) are dispatched from Santiago to Easter Island by their bureau chief, MJ (Steve Buscemi). Set among the Island's iconic statues, the longtime partners wrestle with their dark pasts and present conspiracies, while Chris' newfound bond with a pair of rebellious students (Mariana di Girolamo and Ailín Salas) threatens to send everyone's trip to this remote paradise sideways. "Wild Horse Nine is a powerful work of cinematic intelligence, McDonagh having given us a period piece that feels all too much of the present," said critic Annie Berke of The New Republic.

Paper Tiger

In 1986 New York, Irwin Pearl, a naive engineer (Adam Driver) accepts a seemingly lucrative business proposition from his brother, Gary Pearl (Miles Teller), a former cop. But when one of them witnesses something he wasn't meant to see, the siblings find themselves pulled into a dangerous confrontation with the newly emerging Russian mafia. Scarlett Johansson plays a pivotal role as Irwin's wife, Hester, ill with cancer, when she takes matters into her own hands.

The Man Who Knew Too Much

On a family vacation in Switzerland, Bob (Leslie Banks) and his wife, Jill (Edna Best), become friendly with a man staying in their hotel. When the stranger is assassinated in their presence, the vacation turns dangerous. Before dying, the stranger passes along a secret to Jill. Then, to keep the couple silent, a band of foreign assassins kidnaps their daughter. Offered no help by the police, Bob and Jill hunt for their daughter as they try to understand the information that they have.



Correction

Last week's Reel and Meal article, Dismantling the Federal Government: Human Loss, misstated the number of federal jobs lost in Maryland since the 2024 election.

According to the Maryland comptroller's office, from January 2025 to April 2026, 29,200 such jobs were lost. The Brookings Institution estimated the size of the workforce cuts to be between 29,200 and 31,000.

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Sat. 7:50 PM
Sun. 1:00 PM (OC), 6:40 PM
Mon. 5:00 PM (OC)
Tues. 7:50 PM
Wed. 5:00 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Sat. 5:20 PM
Mon. 1:20 PM
Thurs. 12:25 PM

Wild Horse Nine (R)
(CC) (DVS) (2026) (118 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Mon. 1:00 PM (OC)
Tues. 5:00 PM
Thurs. 10:00 AM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Fri. 5:20 PM, 8:10 PM
Sat. 8:10 PM
Sun. 1:20 PM
Mon. 5:20 PM
Wed. 5:20 PM

Paper Tiger (R)
(CC) (DVS) (2026) (115 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Wed. 7:50 PM
Thurs. 12:45 PM

The Man Who Knew Too Much
(NR) (1934) (75 mins)
Film in Focus
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Sun. 7:00 PM



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Community Events

At the Library

All Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) libraries will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25, and remain closed on Thursday, November 26 (Thanksgiving) and Friday, November 27. 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. Phone: 301-345-5800; Biblio Consulta: 301-358-6862.

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

Fresh Voices Open Mic

Friday, November 20, 4 p.m., ages 13 to 18. This open mic for teen poets, storytellers and listeners is hosted by Dialect Poets of Prince George's County. Experience the power of the spoken and written word as renowned poet Patrick Washington curates a space for expression. Join in for a youth-driven experience featuring the Prince George's County Youth Poet Laureate and Teen Poet Ambassadors. Register at pgcmls.info/event/15628279.

Storytimes

Tuesday, November 24, 12:15 p.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at pgcmls.info/event/17436255.

Wednesday, November 25, 12:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at pgcmls.info/event/17436465.

Native American Heritage Month

During November, PGCMLS will host nearly 40 special programs and events in observance of Native American Heritage Month. Ranging from specially themed storytimes and film screenings to engaging and informative STEM, art and book discussion offerings, the PGCMLS Native American Heritage Month programming slate honors and spotlights the diverse cultures and significant contributions of Indigenous peoples from the Chesapeake region and across the country.

For a full overview of Native American Heritage Month events at the county libraries, visit the Native American Heritage Hub at pgcmls.info/17874.

Mission: Experiment - Our Planet from Space

Ready for a new perspective on the world we live in? On Saturday, November 21 the Goddard Visitor Center will host Mission: Experiment - Our Planet from Space from 1 to 3 p.m.

For more than 50 years, the Landsat satellites — part of a joint program between NASA and the U.S. Geological Survey — have acted as eyes in the sky, helping scientists manage Earth's natural resources and understand the changing planet. At this fun, hands-on STEM event, visitors will get to experience that science up close.

This event is free and family-friendly. Registration is not required but helps with event planning. Visit this link to register and see additional detail: tinyurl.com/yjsubazhs.

For more information, call 301-286-8981.



Sparkle Mart Volunteer Call

High school students and adults are invited to volunteer at Sparkle Mart, Greenbelt Recreation's annual juried art and craft fair. Help support around 80 local artists and artisans, and provide a warm welcome to all Sparkle Mart guests. A cornerstone of Greenbelt Recreation's Winter Lights Festival, this show takes place at the Community Center on Saturday, December 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, December 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with setup starting on December 4. Sign up online for shifts at sugeni.us/UhkO.

Registration Opens For Winter Activities

The Greenbelt Recreation Winter session begins on January 4. Find information about workshops, classes, drop-in activities and events for all ages at greenbeltmd.gov/activityguide. Registration will open for Greenbelt residents on Monday, November 23 at 10 a.m. Nonresident registration opens on Monday, November 30 at 10 a.m. Class registration remains open until the week before the scheduled start date, but many fill quickly, so sign up quickly to reserve a seat.

GAC Hosts Rockeats Alcoreza Art Reception

On Friday, November 20 from 6 to 8 p.m., the Greenbelt Arts Center art gallery will host a reception and opening to the exhibit of the vibrant work of local artist Rockeats Alcoreza. Alcoreza's art blends graffiti, realism and pop culture with the richness of his Bolivian and Incan heritage. His paintings and mixed-media pieces feature distinctive background linework with hidden messages. Meet the artist and explore his work — and maybe find a hidden message or two.

This free reception is open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. Additional viewings can be made by arrangement with the gallery manager until Friday, November 27. For more information, visit tinyurl.com/mtwfax78 or email greenbeltgalleries@greenbeltartscenter.org.

Last Weekend For MAD's Little Women

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.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

Local Quilters Featured At Patuxent Refuge



PHOTO BY PAT SCULLY

Wildlife-themed quilts

Through Friday, November 27 the Southern Comforters of Bowie Quilt Guild, whose members include many Greenbelt residents, will be the featured artist at the Patuxent Research Refuge Visitor Center's Hollingsworth Gallery. These fiber artworks all incorporate a theme of wildlife — some whimsical, some poignant.

The Visitor Center is open Wednesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., except on federal holidays.

Make Holiday Wrapping Paper

The Greenbelt Rotary Club and The SPACE Free Art for All will host a free community craft night. Participants will make wrapping paper for the holiday(s) of their choice and take home the paper they produce. Paper, stamps and paint will be provided for images associated with Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Christmas and Greenbelt. Participants are also welcome to bring stamps of their own. The event is on Thursday, December 10 from 6 to 8 p.m. at The SPACE in Beltway Plaza, in the rear of the mall near the AMC Theater.

Deco the Museum's Halls on Friday, Dec. 4

The Greenbelt Museum will host a Holiday Open House on Friday, December 4 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The historic house will be aglow with vintage decorations and the gift shop is stocked with new merchandise. No tickets are required for this free event.

Holiday House Tour Saturday, Nov. 28

The Greenbelt Rotary Club's first Holiday House Tour on Saturday, November 28 from 4 to 7 p.m. will feature four private homes, plus the Greenbelt Museum, all decked out for the holidays. The Greenbelt Museum house will be arrayed with historical holiday decorations from its extensive archive of Greenbelt decor.

Other treats will include a home with a dazzling collection of Santa Clauses; a classic GHI home decorated with hand-knitted woodland flora and fauna (local to Greenbelt, of course); a Woodland Hills home with a lovely and unusual Christmas ornament display; and a mid-century modern cube house with a decidedly different spin on the holidays.

Each location will have a box to collect non-perishable food donations for the St. Hugh's Food Pantry. Each ticket provides entry to the four homes and the museum and supports the Greenbelt Rotary Club's community service activities.

Learn about those activities and purchase tax-deductible tickets at tinyurl.com/yrbyusej.

Scan for more information.

Breakfast with Santa

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department is having a Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m, located at 125 Crescent Road.

Omelettes will be served until noon. There is a fee for adults and kids 3 to 10. Children under 2 are free. Limit one omelette per person. For more information, see tinyurl.com/2vhej8ht.



Anniversary Concert This Saturday Only

Take a unique musical journey through our nation's history. Pete Reppert and a talented ensemble bring 250 years of American struggles, triumphs and changing times to life through folk, popular and patriotic songs from the Revolution to the present. Do not miss this special one-night concert that explores our shared history and the songs that connect us. Celebrate America's 250th anniversary on Saturday, November 21 at 6 p.m. at the Greenbelt Arts Center, 123 Centerway. Tickets are required. For more information visit greenbeltartscenter.org.

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 next two weeks.

November 25 — No Golden Age Club meeting. Happy Thanksgiving.

December 2 — Business meeting.

New Exhibition, Artist's Talk

The Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program is pleased to announce a new exhibition featuring paintings by Teresa Oaxaca at the Community Center art gallery. Oaxaca's extraordinarily skillful work draws upon the visual language of European painting while constructing a distinctly contemporary and personal world ... replete with clowns, cherubs and tea. The gallery is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. whenever the space is not reserved. An artist's talk will take place on Friday, November 20 at 6 p.m., immediately prior to an Art Share; RSVP at sugeni.us/Uhk8. The talk is free but space is very limited, so registration is encouraged. Preview the artist's work at teresaoaxaca.com.

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The Classic Jam with The Low Rent Quartet 6:30 - 9:30pm Leans towards the blues, but other styles are fine	Strange Soul - The Doors Reimagined 8 - 11pm Breathes new life into one of rock's most influential bands	POETRY OPEN MIC, 11a-1p JAZZ JAM, 2 - 5pm Dance Little Sister 8 - 11pm Rolling Stones tribute band playing all the hits you remember	Kim's Grand Rounds - A Songwriters' Circle 6 - 8pm Talented songwriters take turns playing and talking about their songs

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the program.

Fourth, I commend the city manager for developing an AI use policy for staff but this should also be extended to a city-wide policy for how AI will be used to monitor residents. Residents have a right to know and co-develop policy for how data about them is being collected and protected.

Finally, I request that council direct the APB to work with city staff to evaluate the effects of this program prior to a renewal of another 12-month contract with Obvio or any other third party vendor. This review should also identify permanent improvements in road safety infrastructure that could improve safety in more durable, cost-effective ways than a third-party ticketing program if this is not already planned.

I remain concerned that this is an extractive program whose costs of implementation outweigh its benefits and would welcome objective evidence to the contrary.

Melissa Ann Ehrenreich

Editor's note: The Fines & Fees Justice Center's (FFJC) website says the organization "is committed to the elimination of all fees in criminal, juvenile, traffic, and ordinance violation cases and other criminal justice agencies." Through August, the city collected $645,760 from 16,144 paid citations. $329,337 of that went to the city, and $316,422 to Obvio. The Obvio contract cost was $368,941, with a balance owed to Obvio at that time of $52,519. (See the October 15 issue).

Stop Sign Cameras: More Questions Arise

The October 15 Greenbelt News Review article about stop sign cameras included considerable data about the program's costs and revenues. I was curious about what would emerge if I put the numbers together myself. What I found was startling.

According to the News Review, the original contract with Obvio was $368,941. That cost was to be paid over time including the initial $5 warning-letter fees, and we have nearly reached that point. The program was described as "designed to be revenue neutral." At the time of the article, citations had dropped to approximately 14,000 per week.

Here is the math the article did not provide:

At $40 per citation and approximately 14,000 citations per week (56,000 per month), the potential monthly citation revenue is over $2,240,000. The article reported that only 45 percent of citations are paid on time. Applying that rate yields $1,008,000 in monthly payments. Subtracting the $6,000 monthly Obvio camera fee leaves approximately $1,002,000 per month, or $12,024,000 annually.

This calculation does not include additional revenue that may eventually come from unpaid citations once the state denies vehicle registration renewal for nonpayment. Depending how much of that outstanding revenue is collected, total receipts could be substantially higher. The figures raise questions about whether a program designed to be "revenue neutral" is producing something quite different.

I have not seen data demonstrating public safety outcomes of stop sign camera programs in Greenbelt or other communities. For the sake of discussion, let's assume they have a positive safety impact. Even so, several important questions deserve answers:

Are my figures accurate? Have I overlooked other program expenses or revenue?

What evidence is there that these cameras improve public safety? Are there other ways to address stop sign violations?

Are we comfortable placing this financial burden on residents?

If we are, how will the revenue be used? Will it be dedicated to public safety or used as general revenue for the city?

These questions deserve more public discussion and greater transparency. I would welcome additional reporting on the financial and safety implications of this program, as well as hearing from fellow Greenbelters who are affected by the public policy decisions our elected officials make.

Abby Crowley

Memorial Tree Dedication Sunday

As Thanksgiving draws near, Greenbelt Farmers Market shoppers, vendors and volunteers are thinking of longtime Market vendor Lynne Ferguson of Ferguson Family Farms. Her humanely raised turkeys were the centerpiece of many a Greenbelt holiday table. Lynne died suddenly this spring, leaving many to miss her warm conversation and enthusiasm, along with the meat and eggs from her Baltimore County farm.

This summer, vendors and other community members contributed funds to plant a tree near the Market in her memory. The public is invited to join the Greenbelt Farmers Market for a brief ceremony in memory of Ferguson on Sunday, November 22 at 2 p.m. Participants will meet at the memorial tree, which is located behind the Municipal Building on the grassy slope between the Market and the Community Center.

Thanksgiving Eve Interfaith Service

The annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration will be held this year at Greenbelt Community Church on Wednesday, November 25 at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome. Last year, speakers representing eight faith communities helped to lead the event with more than 98 attending in person and on Zoom.

The Greenbelt Combined Choir, under the direction of Susan Breon, will lead participants in music. A freewill offering will be collected for the benefit of the Greenbelt Emergency Assistance Fund. Checks should be made out to City of Greenbelt with the memo line saying Emergency Assistance Fund.

For more information, visit greenbeltinterfaith.org.

Obituaries

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

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

Our Neighbors

Congratulations to Greenbelter Sara Wright, who turned 100 on October 23. GIVES members arranged a visit with Sara on November 13 and presented her with a gift and a card from city council acknowledging her as the city's newest Centenarian.

Congratulations also to Nelly Kiplagat, who was recently elected to membership into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society, at the University of Maryland Global Campus. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Founded in 1897, Phi Kappa Phi has a mission to "cultivate a community that celebrates and advances the love of learning."

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



Greenbelt Celebrates Its Newest Centenarian

During a routine birthday call, a Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) volunteer discovered that the member she called on October 23, Sara Wright, was 100 years old that day. The GIVES volunteer alerted a board member who then informed members of the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee (SCAC). Priya Gardner, SCAC's city liaison, then contacted city council. Council put together a gift and signed a card and three GIVES members arranged a visit on Friday, November 13 to present the city's gift to its newest Centenarian. Congratulations,



PHOTO BY MARY WADE

Sara Wright

Sara! ... and thank you to volunteers, city employees and elected officials who made this happen.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL HARTMAN

On Sunday, November 1, the Greenbelt City Council held its annual Advisory Board/Committee Appreciation Dinner. This event is held to demonstrate the Council's deep appreciation for the time, energy and talents the volunteer members of the city's numerous Advisory Boards and Committees provide in supporting the Council's work in the interest of Greenbelt residents and the business community. The city regularly seeks volunteers for these boards and committees, and vacancies are listed on the weekly City Information and Events Page in the News Review.

"The company of the ungodly increaseth sorrow, whilst fellowship with the righteous cleanseth the rust from off the heart." – Bahá'u'lláh

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City Information & Events

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GREENBELT CITY CALENDAR

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

MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER 23 - 27

Monday, November 23, **NO COUNCIL MEETING - THANKSGIVING WEEK**

Tuesday, November 24 at 3:30 pm, **SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE,** ***Greenbelt Community Center,*** *On the Agenda: Approval of October Meeting Minutes, Discussion of the September Open Forum feedback.*

Tuesday, November 24 at 7 pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION,** ***Virtual,*** *On the Agenda: TBD*

Tuesday, November 24 at 7:30 pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY (GREEN ACES),** ***Virtual,*** *On the Agenda: TBD*

Wednesday, November 25, **NO COUNCIL MEETING - THANKSGIVING WEEK**

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.

OFFICIAL NOTICE - PUBLIC HEARING

A CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION TO AMEND SECTIONS 28 AND 31 OF THE CITY CHARTER

A Charter Amendment Resolution of the Council of the City of Greenbelt to Amend Sections 28 and 31 of the City Charter Relating to the Conduct of Elections and the Election of Council Members to Facilitate the Implementation of Ranked-Choice Voting as Provided in Chapter 8 of the City Code.

The Public Hearing will be held in person at the Municipal Building and virtually via Zoom. Public attendance and participation are encouraged.

The proposed charter amendment is enclosed on Regular Council Meeting **December 14, 2026**, agenda packet posted on the City website at http://www.greenbeltmd.gov. For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

All residents of Greenbelt will have a reasonable opportunity to provide written and oral comments and ask questions concerning the proposed charter amendment. Written comments may be presented at the public hearing or submitted in advance to the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770.

- Shaniya Lashley-Mullen, Deputy City Clerk

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27, in observance of Thanksgiving Day.
THE GREENBELT CONNECTION WILL NOT BE OPERATING.

REFUSE / RECYCLING SCHEDULE
Week of November 23
Monday Route - No Change
Tuesday Route - No Change
Wednesday Route - No Change
Thursday Route - Refuse Collected Wednesday; No Recycling

There will be no appliance, odd metals, hard plastics, or yard waste collections on Friday, November 27

If you have questions, contact Public Works at (301) 474-8004 or publicworks@greenbeltmd.gov.

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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.

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SENIOR TECH CAFÉ

Sunday, November 29 from 1-3 pm
Greenbelt Community Center, Room 109, 15 Crescent Road

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Drop by any time during our session. No appointment necessary.

Please note: We are not a "Genius Bar" and do not fix devices, but we're more than happy to help your learn how to make the most of your technology!

Contact Priya Gardner Lemieux at pgardner@greenbeltmd.gov or (240) 542-2056 for more information.

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.

THANKSGIVING GOBBLE WOBBLE

Thursday, November 26, 9 am
Greenbelt Youth Center



Spend Thanksgiving morning with Greenbelt Recreation as we host the 19th annual Gobble Wobble. The Gobble Wobble is roughly a 5K race (2 laps) and a 1.5-mile fun run/walk (1 lap) around Buddy Attick Park lake path. All registrants will receive a Gobble Wobble shirt.

Registration is open!

- Individual rate: $20
- Family four-pack: $70

Online registration closes Wednesday, November 25, at 5 pm.

Race Packet Pick-Up: Wednesday, November 25, from 9 am to 8 pm at the Greenbelt Youth Center.

Scan the QR code or click here to register.

Race-day registration will be available from 8 to 8:45 am on November 26, with rates of $25 per individual and $90 per family four-pack.



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FREE MEDICARE PLAN REVIEWS
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FIND YOUR INNER CAREGIVER RESILIENCE
Thursday, December 3, 7 - 8 pm
Virtual

Learn about the various misconceptions or myths about caregiving that interfere with a caregiver's ability to cope with the challenges faced when caring for a loved one. You will learn the steps needed to discover and maintain your inner caregiver resilience to withstand, recover and grow when facing adversity.

To register, visit: https://bit.ly/4zlqBvf

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Greenbelt Community Center, Ground Floor East, 15 Crescent Road

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To register for CARES programs:

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LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE
Fall 2026

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

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

VOLUNTEER AT SPARKLE MART!

December 4 - 6
Greenbelt Community Center

Join the crew running Greenbelt Recreation's annual juried art and craft fair! Choose your own shift(s) at: https://sugeni.us/UhkO

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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

Winter Activity Guide Now Online Sign-up for classes, workshops, meet-ups, and special events for all ages. Registration opens for Greenbelt Residents on 11/23 at 10am. Non-resident registration begins 11/30 at 10am. See brochure and more information at www.greenbeltmd.gov/ActivityGuide. Winter session begins January 4.

Sparkle Mart: Greenbelt's Juried Art and Craft Fair December 5 (10am-5pm), December 6 (10am-4pm) Greenbelt Community Center. Shop for original fine crafts and artwork, direct from about 80 local makers! Enjoy live music both days, 1-3pm. More information at greenbeltmd.gov/arts.

MORE ARTS HAPPENING SOON

- **FREE Artist Talk with Teresa Oaxaca** Friday 11/20, 6-7pm (Greenbelt Community Center) Space is limited; sign up to reserve your seat: sugeni.us/Uhk8.
- **Art Share (meet up)** Friday 11/20, 7-8pm (Greenbelt Community Center) Sign up: sugeni.us/eytm.

Registration required for the following activities, see www.greenbeltmd.gov/activityguide, for details

- **Fused Glass Ornament** Sunday 11/29, 11am-12:30pm & 12:30-1:30pm (Greenbelt Community Center) Sign up and more info: bit.ly/4j0VS0r.

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.

Council News

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public hearings and extended notice and can, in theory at least, be petitioned to referendum. By moving election procedures into the city code, council can make changes by passing an ordinance in two readings. If approved, council will then need to pass legislation inserting the RCV details into the city code. There will be a public hearing on the charter amendment on December 14.

City Code

The proposed ordinance would repeal the existing city code and reenact it with a code developed by contractor CivicPlus, LLC. The ordinance also provides that all ordinances "of a general and permanent nature" that were passed by March 9, 2026, that are not included in the revised code are repealed. The ordinance also standardizes penalties for violations at $500 or imprisonment not exceeding 90 days, or both.

The preview version of the code may be viewed at library.municode.com/md/greenbelt/codes/code_of_ordinances_-_draft. City Clerk Bonita Anderson told the News Review that no summary of changes is available because "the project was largely administrative in nature," including "consolidating all ordinances adopted through May 2026 into a single code, updating cross references and terminology" and other improvements. The final product will, she said, "enhance the public's ability to search and navigate the code online."

ARPA Projects

Assistant City Manager Timothy George gave a presentation on how the city has used the funds it received through the ARPA. The city received $22.88 million and to date has spent $22.35 million. George assured council that the funds will all be spent by the December 31 deadline.

Roughly 44 percent of the money went to what George termed "people first" projects including resident support (such as emergency assistance and rental/mortgage assistance), recreation and health/mental health assistance. Twelve percent of the funds went to small business and nonprofit support. Roughly 43 percent went to city projects such as infrastructure improvements, public safety and premium pay for essential employees.

Asked what lessons the city can learn from this experience, George noted that the smallest projects took as long as the largest so he suggested bundling projects and grants to have fewer, larger projects to manage.

Robert Goldberg-Strassler said that the money spent on the EngageGreenbelt.org website was not well spent as the website was not updated in a timely manner. For more details on how the ARPA funds were used, go to EngageGreenbelt.org, which now has updates as of November 12.

Other Actions

Christmas is on a Friday, not on a day when an extra day off creates a four-day weekend. Council continued a tradition of granting employees a floating holiday.

Council declined an offer of $5,000 from Greenbelt Capital Partners to purchase the greenbelt.com domain name. The domain is currently used to redirect users to Greenbeltmd.gov.

Second reading of the resolution extending the Save As You Throw (SAYT) program through the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2027) will take place on Monday, November 30.

A public hearing on the Charter Amendment to amend sections relating to elections will be held on Monday, December 14.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL HARTMAN

On October 25, Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) held its annual membership meeting with reports from executive board members, approval of annual budget and election for open board positions. From left are Secretary Maryanne Virnelson, Vice President for Programming Danielle Delgado, Member-at-Large Jeff Poretsky, President Alan Duda, Vice President for Administration Carol Shaw and Members-at-Large Wynne Kleinberg and Wes Dennis.

Quarterly Updates on Police, Public Works, Grants, More

by Matthew Arbach

On October 28, City Manager Josué Salmerón and members of city staff presented their quarterly report to the Greenbelt City Council.

Public Safety

Salmerón began with the Greenbelt Police Department (GPD). GPD has completed its three-year assessment through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) and achieved a gold standard rating for its policing standard. Automated External Defibrillator (AED) units have been installed in GPD vehicles and have been used twice, both times resulting in lives saved.

The city continues to advocate for a full restoration of 24/7 staffing for the city's Emergency Medical Services and Fire Department.

Public Works

Salmerón noted the exceptional efforts of Public Works staff for July 4, Labor Day and the Greenbelt Lake cleanup. Improvements to sidewalks and bus stops on Hanover Parkway have been done, alongside plaza and crosswalk upgrades at Roosevelt Center.

Improvements to Cherrywood Lane continue, with additional grant funds being sought and the project likely to be completed in two years. Geotab units, which monitor performance and indicate when maintenance is required, have been placed in city vehicles. EV charging stations are being considered for Buddy Attick Park, most likely to be placed in front where access to power is optimal and the ground level is ADA compliant.

Greenbelt CARES

Greenbelt CARES continues all of its tutoring, nursing, parenting and mental health efforts, resulting in 1,337 people served. Paperwork for achieving a 501(c)3 status has been filed.

Animal Control

A city volunteer-run Trap Neuter Return (TNR) program has been created.

Learn to Earn

Salmerón and council were keen on Greenbelt partnering with the county to be a host site, allowing the city to favor enrolling resident youth. Salmerón said that a program coordinator needs to be in place. The city is currently $40,000 short for participant stipends. The program aims to build a local government workforce using high school and college-age students.

City Code Recodification

Salmerón spoke on the recodification of the city code, the process to begin in November. It would collect all amendments and supplements made since the last recodification in 1998.

This effort would also bring the code into compliance with both the county and state.

Pepco

On behalf of the city, Salmerón made a formal complaint to the Public Service Commission regarding the latest ruling from Pepco that would charge a $100 disconnect fee for individual street lights, of which there are roughly 1,000 in the city, an amount exceeding the cost of the lights themselves.

Museum

The construction project for the Greenbelt Museum has begun, with a Request for Proposals (RFP) being released, to solicit firms from which council will choose. $300,000 has been awarded by the state, and $300,000 has been awarded by the county, but is being held up by litigation. Additional funding is being sought.

Salmerón informed council that the Human Resources Department is continuing its management and leadership trainings, alongside its hiring for the summer season, the city's busiest time of year. Use of AI and Outlook are being explored.

Information Technology

According to Salmerón, the IT Department is using Cloudstrike software to monitor and address anomalies in the system. He detailed the challenge with software, with some systems requiring an outside vendor to troubleshoot. Staff have endeavored to master systems on their own when possible.

Administration

City Clerk Bonita Anderson and Deputy City Clerk Shaniya Lashley-Mullin reported on their efforts with the Board of Elections to implement ranked choice voting for the city. The department is involved in the city code recodification, as well as developing an updated records retention program for GPD and the city, including social media.

Salmerón said that the recodification will not alter the city's current system of making changes to the code, where ordnances and changes are proposed and later ratified or not by council.

He added that the Constituent Services Department is presenting a townhall in November about the cellphone tower concepts. The

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Kittens and cats available for adoption from Greenbelt Trap Neuter Return (TNR)

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PHOTO BY LYNNE SLATER

The Greenbelt Community Orchestra

Virgo theme.

Greenbelter Jonathan Gardner, an astrophysicist who has worked on Hubble and the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) at Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC), developed an accompanying slide show of images from Hubble and JWST, which were projected on a screen behind the orchestra. The images were beautiful, had a pulse of their own and, as arranged by Gardner, fused perfectly with the music. During the Sagittarius section, in honor of the fifth anniversary of the JWST launch on December 25, 2021, Gardner depicted a sequence of the launch and an animated deployment of the telescope which ended with a timpani crescendo perfectly timed to a burst of starlight – the first JWST image.

Holst's The Planets requires a wide diversity of instruments and impressive technical skill. The 64-piece orchestra decided that they loved the music, had the range of instruments and wanted the challenge. The new conductor Caleb O'Neill agreed in his audition to take it on. Holst's seven movements seem to be a series of mood pieces that loosely reflect the astrological and mythological overtones of the planets. Holst experiments with rhythm, tonality, dissonance, lyricism, dynamics and volume changes to create his ambience. The orchestra managed the variety and challenges superbly: the harmonic dissonance of warlike Mars; the lyric peace of Venus; the bi-tonality of quicksilver Mercury; the exuberant, broad chords of the abundant Jupiter; Saturn's slow march marking time; the tricky rhythms of the magician Uranus and finally the quiet dissonance of the mystic Neptune, subsumed in fading voices. Members of the College Park Chorale, conducted by Allison Hughes, joined with the orchestra for the Neptune movement.

Before each movement, Padi Boyd, another GSFC astrophysicist, spoke about the latest scientific discoveries regarding each planet. Images of the planets compiled by the GSFC Visualization Studio accompanied each movement.

A 23-year-old master's degree candidate in conducting at the University of Maryland, O'Neill accepted the challenge of conducting The Planets because he has "always had a deep passion for it." O'Neill received a degree in music performance (tuba) from Indiana University. He told the News Review that through conducting The Planets he has "learned the music, met people and experienced an incredible process of growth for the orchestra and myself."

David Buckingham, another GSFC employee and trombonist, traveled from Upper Marlboro for the opportunity to play The Planets with the orchestra. He told the New Review that he enjoys playing with a group that is so diverse. "People are of all ages and different skill levels – some are professionals. Caleb is a wonderful conductor. The Planets have great parts for trombones, and I even love just listening to the movements (Venus and Mercury) where we don't play a single note," he said.

Greenbelter Holly Wheeler thought the concert was "fantastic." She told the News Review that her family used to have tickets to the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra but now attends the Greenbelt Community Orchestra concerts instead. Wheeler's daughter, Lien Gareri, a senior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, is a second violinist in the orchestra. Gareri said that she is not able to fit music into her schedule at school because of the requirements of her science and technology curriculum, so she is glad to be able to play in the community orchestra. Gareri mused that she wished she "could read the music and watch the images at the same time."

1977's Voyager 1 Reaches One Light-Day from Earth

by Cathie Meetre

Voyagers 1 and 2 (both launched in 1977, with Voyager 2 launching 16 days earlier than its twin) have a strong connection to Greenbelt, where one of their most fundamental instruments, carried on both spacecraft, was conceived and built by Principal Investigator (PI) Dr. Norman Ness (who died in 2023 at the age of 90) and his team at Goddard Space Flight Center. Ness was formally succeeded in 2023 by Dr. Adam Szabo, the current PI.

Far From Home

Voyager 1 has now traveled a full light-day (over 16 billion miles) from Earth. A light-day is the distance light travels in 24 hours.

The magnetometer, whose job it is to measure magnetic fields in space, is one of the only two instruments still operating on Voyager 1. It is complementary to the other remaining operational instrument, the plasma wave subsystem.

The spacecraft is now far enough from the sun to give unique insight into how magnetic fields channel gas, plasma and radiation when they are outside the sun's influence. Together, the field lines from one and the flows from the other form a unique window into something that can't be otherwise observed.

Still Ticking

Data from the magnetometers are processed and interpreted, as it has been since 1977, by Goddard's Heliospheric Laboratory. The data requires highly specialized attention as Voyager is now so far away from the magnetically noisy sun that the local magnetic activity is barely measurable.

See next week's newspaper for further information on Goddard's celebration of this unique milestone in science exploration.

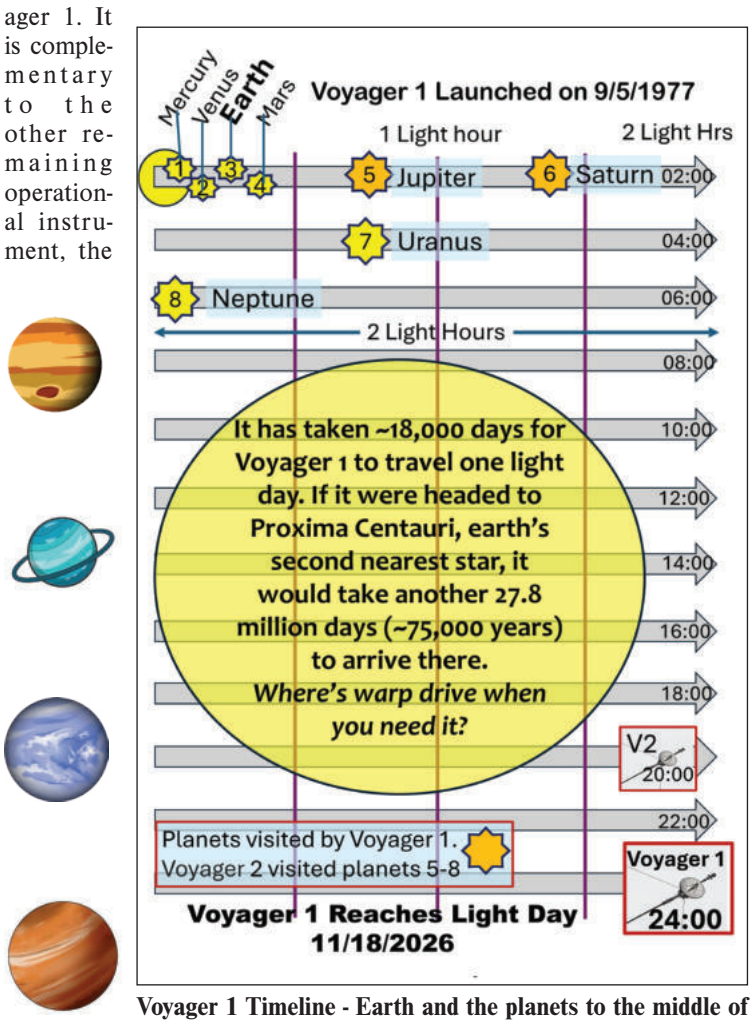


CHART BY CATHIE MEETRE

Voyager 1 Timeline - Earth and the planets to the middle of nowhere

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Eleanor Roosevelt High School in 2017 (see the May 4, 2017 and March 5, 2026 issues). In March this year, council held a workshop with representatives from T-Mobile and Verizon – AT&T did not attend – to discuss further cellphone reception and potential towers (see the March 19, 2026 issue). Those living in certain areas, like Plateau Place, emphasized that they were "still experiencing these connectivity issues," as relayed by Constituent Services Coordinator Giselle Alvarez at the start of the meeting.

Resident Tom Jones called last week's meeting "the time to rally," noting only a few people showed up at the March town hall.

There was a QR code published ahead of the meeting, in the agenda, for residents to ask questions online.

The meeting had a turnout of around 25 residents, with all but about five of them having something to say during the Q&A session. The following are some common themes.

Plateau Place's Connection

In the meeting presentation, several different simulations and maps were shared. Attendees were worried signals would not reach Plateau Place, in particular. Several attendees remarked on the consistently bad signals in that area of Old Greenbelt, and hoped a cell tower would at least improve their connection. "I can see from the map that like eight courts in that area might not get coverage," an attendee said.

Residents requested alternate maps showing how the spread would look with places such as the police station as the location, the difference between a 100- and 125-foot pole and more. "We might need a taller tower," another attendee said.

Timing

Waniewski stated that if the project moved forward, it would take approximately a year for the process to be completed if approved, or the next fall season at the earliest.

Attendees wanted it to be sooner than this. Councilmembers hoped it could be included on a council meeting agenda soon.

"What helps the city to cut through the B.S. and get it done?" one Greenbelter asked.

City Manager Josué Salmerón responded and highlighted that it is a tedious process, with zoning being tough and the approval process alone usually taking up to three months. "I think that with the enthusiasm I see from some councilmembers, we could get through that process in about a month and a half," he said.

Aesthetic

While people acknowledged that the appearance of the tower was an issue Greenbelters cared about in the past, they explained how it is no longer as much of a concern. "Truth be told, when we're out walking our dogs, we're watching the ground," an attendee remarked. Mayor Emmett Jordan asked how much of a cost difference it would be just to have a simple cellphone tower with no tree decoration to it. Waniewski provided a very rough estimate of $120,000 for a 125-foot pole, with more than double that cost for a pole decorated as a tree.

Safety

An anticipated concern was the safety of towers and the health impact on residents in the surrounding neighborhood. This was something passionately argued during meetings in years past and Waniewski came ready to speak to it. In contrast this year, the overwhelming desire of residents was to get things done.

Members of the fire department had questions about the placement of the pole, yet expressed support and a similar urgency. "This is long overdue," said Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad Chief Tommy Ray.

Let's Do This Now

Alvarez displayed the QR code-submitted questions at the end of the meeting. Most were feedback rather than questions and revealed a general desire for immediate enhancement of cellphone service in the city.

"We don't have any questions. Let's do this now," Alvarez said summarizing the responses.

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Looking for Homes: The Story Behind the Cats in our Pages

by Claudia Stuart

Readers may have noticed an array of cute, furry faces in the Greenbelt News Review of late. Greenbelt Trap, Neuter and Return (TNR) Group rescues and finds homes for stray cats and kittens. Recently, they are promoting their adoptions in the Greenbelt News Review through ads. Lannay Tull, the founder and leader of Greenbelt TNR, said that the ads have helped people learn what TNR is, though they haven't always led to direct adoptions.

Tull said it's hard to know exactly if an ad led someone to adopt, because a reader might see an ad and tell a friend who never physically saw an ad but still finds out about the group. She said one person contacted the group through an ad and looked at a couple of cats but didn't end up adopting.

"It's not one place," Tull said. "It's a combination of places we've gotten adopters from." Some came from Petfinder and some through word of mouth. She's had a successful adoption from running into an acquaintance at the grocery store after their cat recently died.

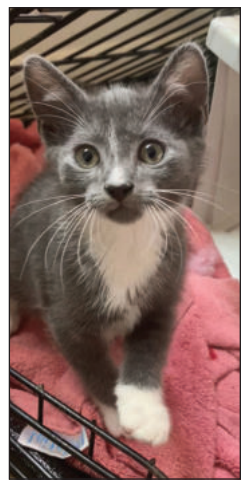
The News Review ads (see page 6) have also raised awareness, reaching people who may not be ready to adopt now but could be open to it in the future. Tull said those who are moving or may be caring for an ill cat now know about the group and that they can contact them for trap-neuter-return services rather than putting the cat on the street.

Volunteer Becky Duncan came up with the idea for the ads and has been paying for them to appear in the newspaper, since funding is tight, but it gets expensive. "I wish we could continue having ads in the paper," Tull said. "We just don't have the money."

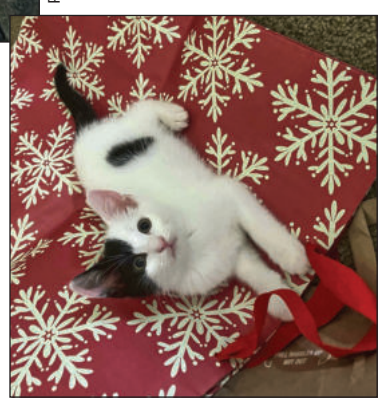


PHOTO BY LANNAY TULL

Lannay Tull with Benny, a cat she fostered who has since been adopted



Star Wars kitten Wookie



Rey, from the Star Wars litter. Siblings Rey, Darth and Wookie are looking for homes.

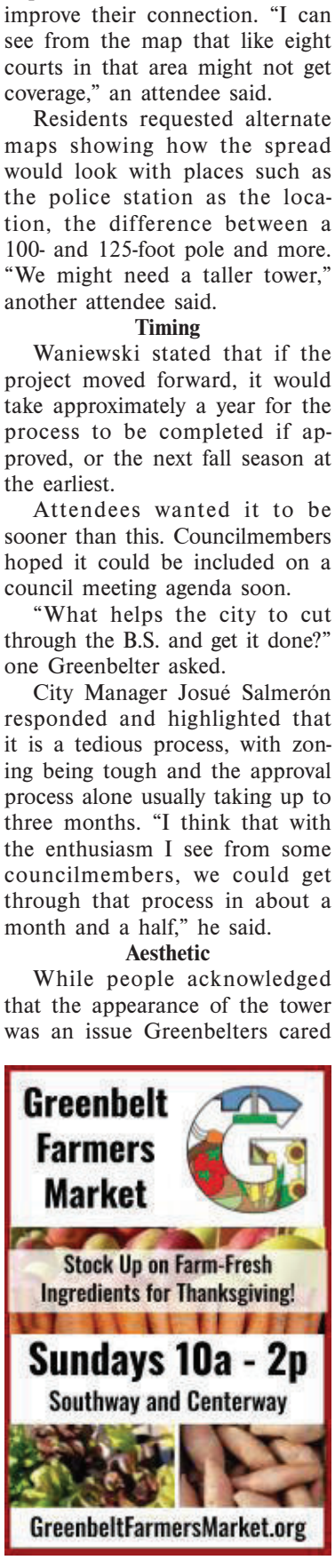
- Photos by Wendy Moore

A Maryland Department of Agriculture grant pays for spay and neuter surgeries and rabies vaccines for cats living outside, but not for rescue, sick or injured cats. Tull said that one cat with an infected abscess costs $1,100 for a single visit, and another cat needed a leg amputated. "The money's going out a lot faster than it's coming in," she said.

Adoptions from TNR have been slow, Tull said. Some foster cats have waited six or seven months. Kittens usually go faster than adult cats, but many of the TNR kittens are now teenagers. To try to help the kittens get adopted, she brought some to the firehouse on Halloween, where they were holding an adoption event. Tull said this event helped draw attention to the TNR group as well.

TNR is seeking volunteers and donations. It doesn't require a big time commitment or physical work for those who might want to volunteer, Tull said. She plans to keep spreading the word however she can. "Even if they couldn't adopt, that was another way they could help us," she said. The group can be reached at greenbelt.tnr@gmail.com.

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Police Blotter

Incidents reported here occurred November 9-15, 2026. Readers are encouraged to contact the police if they have information that may aid in an inquiry. Call the non-emergency number 301-474-7200 or email pd@greenbeltmd.gov. Times provided are when the incidents were reported.

Incident Summary

Greenbelt Police reported one death; three mental health diversions, one involving suicide; and one domestic incident.

On November 11 near 6400 Ivy Lane, officers investigated a suspicious vehicle at a hotel.

On November 9 near 5707 Cherrywood Lane, officers contacted the family of a girl who had run away and documented their welfare concerns.

Break-ins

On November 14 at 3:58 p.m. near 5823 Cherrywood Lane, residents returned home and found an unfamiliar cellphone near an unlocked balcony door, raising concerns about a possible unlawful entry.

On November 14 at 4:37 p.m. near 4 Parkway, the lock and latch of a storage unit were damaged, consistent with an unsuccessful attempted break-in.

Robbery

On November 13 at 9:12 p.m. near Hanover Parkway and Mandan Road, a boy reported that another boy he knows from school grabbed his shirt and demanded his belongings while appearing to have a firearm concealed in his waistband.

Assaults

On November 10 at 7:22 p.m. near 7968 Greenbelt Road, a woman was assaulted by a passenger of another vehicle after a traffic dispute. The suspect fled in a silver-colored sedan.

On November 10 at 7:49 p.m. near 7601 Hanover Parkway, officers investigated a reported physical confrontation involving two school employees at the high school.

Threats

On November 9 at 6:57 p.m. near 6003 Springhill Drive, a boy reported repeated bullying by another student. Officers reviewed video recordings of the incidents.

Gunshots

On November 11 at 1:32 a.m. near 5831 Cherrywood Terrace, gunshots struck a residence, shattering a sliding glass patio door; no one was injured.

Drug Arrest

On November 12 at 8:17 p.m. near 5506 Cherrywood Lane, detectives investigated suspicious activity in an apartment complex and arrested someone with drug paraphernalia who had previously been banned from the location.

Fraud

On November 13 near 6500 Capitol Drive, a car dealership reported that suspects used fraudulent information over several weeks to purchase vehicles.

Theft and Shoplifting

On November 9 at 2:26 p.m. near 6600 Capitol Drive, five men concealed approximately $50 in food items at a convenience store and fled on foot without paying.

On November 10 at 4:40 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a girl concealed a purse and other merchandise and passed the registers without paying. Store security detained her, and she was banned.

On November 11 at 6:50 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, store security reported a shoplifting incident at Target.

On November 12 at 4:50 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a retail store reported a shoplifting incident; at 10:39 p.m. near 7724 Hanover Parkway, a delivered package was stolen.

On November 13 at 11:20 a.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a man stole clothing valued at approximately $276 from a store and left without paying; at 2:31 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, officers arrested a female shoplifter with warrants from Prince George's County.

Trespassing Arrests

On November 10 at 10:31 p.m. near 5805 Cherrywood Lane, detectives saw a man trespassing and loitering outside an apartment building; he was arrested.

On November 13 at 8:05 a.m. near 6400 Ivy Lane, officers responded to a trespassing complaint involving a woman. A check showed that she had an outstanding warrant and she was arrested.

Vehicle Crimes

Stolen Vehicle

On November 11 near 6404 Ivy Lane, a 2018 Toyota Highlander was stolen.

Stolen Vehicle Located

On November 10 near 5823 Cherrywood Terrace, officers investigated a stolen rental vehicle located through tracking information and made an arrest.

Theft From Auto

On November 11 near 6932 Hanover Parkway, a front license plate was stolen.

On November 12 near 6126 Breezewood Drive, items were stolen from a 2026 Toyota Corolla; near 6000 Springhill Drive, a 2017 Nissan Pathfinder had property stolen, and near 6301 Ivy Lane, a 2015 Dodge Challenger had property stolen.

On November 13 near 9000 Breezewood Terrace, property was stolen from a parked vehicle.

On November 13 near 7907 Brooks Place, a 2017 Acura RDX had a rear tag stolen (Md. 8GV3610).

Vandalism to Auto

On November 12 near 6320 Golden Triangle Drive, a 2026 Honda Accord was vandalized.

On November 13 near 6205 Springhill Drive, a black BMW X1 was scratched on the hood.



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A heron along the Greenbelt Lake shoreline

Greenbelt Massage Parlors Closed For Prostitution, Human Trafficking

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

On Monday, November 16, the Prince George's County Police Department reported their Human Trafficking Unit had dismantled multiple illegal massage parlors operating across the county, following an investigation that was conducted from January to June this year. Five of the 17 massage parlors suspected of being part of prostitution and human trafficking were located in Greenbelt.

The multi-month investigation was described as extensive. It resulted in search warrants executed by the Human Trafficking Unit, with assistance from the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement and Homeland Security Investigations. Eleven massage parlors closed as a result, including, in Greenbelt, Cherry Acupressure at 7801 Belle Point Drive; TK Therapy at 7525 Greenway Center Drive, Suite 116; Harmony Spa at 7335 Hanover Parkway, Suite C; and Rising Sun Massage, 7743 Belle Point Drive. A further six businesses closed before the completion of the investigation, including Rising Sun Massage in Greenbelt when it was located at another address, 7543 Greenway Center Drive, Suite 116. The investigation also resulted in 46 arrests. Several of those arrested were identified as human traffickers, said police, and others were charged with prostitution-related offenses. Detectives also recovered over $87,000 in proceeds.

"Prince George's County will not be a safe haven for human trafficking or businesses operating as fronts for illegal activity. The Human Trafficking Unit remains committed to identifying and dismantling these operations, holding traffickers accountable and locating and assisting victims with services provided through the Maryland Safe Center and the Family Justice Center. The department will continue its efforts to disrupt human trafficking networks and protect vulnerable members of our community," said an announcement from Prince George's County Police Department's Human Trafficking Unit. The unit thanked Homeland Security Investigations for their assistance. If you or someone you know has been a victim of human trafficking call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888, the University of Maryland SAFE (Support, Advocacy, Freedom and Empowerment) Center at 301-314-7233 or text HELP to 233733.



PHOTO BY ANNA BEDFORD-DILLOW

The sites of closed illicit massage parlors in Greenbelt were quiet this week. There was a lock on the door of TK Therapy near Greenway Center, a sign still outside with the business name and the word "Therapy."
Two of the locations were a block apart in the Belle Point business center off American Legion Drive. The door of Rising Sun Massage was covered in notices from the county and city: notices of closure and a location unfit for occupancy. A short distance away there was no sign of Cherry Acupressure at their address. Instead signage on the door was for another therapy business.







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city is vetting customer relationship management (CRM) tracking systems which monitor and collect economic data throughout the city, with the goal being that it could be expanded to this department.

Retaining Business

Economic Development Manager Jessica Mailander said that the department continues its challenging efforts to retain businesses in the city. Salesforce is the city's current CRM system, with Mailander noting the need for an alternative due to its high cost and need for internal staff support.

Grants

Grants Coordinator Cary Eure updated council on the latest grant efforts. The goal is to acquire five percent of the city budget in grants, this being $2.6M out of $53M. $2.7M has been achieved for the Springhill Lake Recreation Center expansion. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is involved in the execution of two grants. To date, $262,000 has been received for opioid abuse settlements, with $600,000 expected by 2038. Eure said that typically grants at or above $20,000 are sought alongside smaller grants that are received on a regular basis.

Communications

Public Information and Communications Officer James Wisniewski and Production Assistant Bryce Rusk spoke for their department. The search capabilities for the city website continue to be improved. Salmerón said that a demo for Prophecy AI has been scheduled which would consolidate all city records. Rusk has been involved in the Meet the Council video series and is working on expanding it to the entirety of city staff. Council was keen on the department making the budget process more transparent to residents. Having lost federal funding and now having to pay for the local Emergency Alert System, the city is exploring how to get the most out of the system and to not misuse it.

Finance

Treasurer Maisha Williams said that the department is in the midst of its Fiscal Year 2026 audit. Software, perhaps ClearGov, is being explored that would improve efficiency and reduce staff effort in the creation and retention of documents and spreadsheets. The city has resumed collection of waste program delinquencies, which was curtailed during the pandemic. This is being supported by solutions including working with residents on payment plans for outstanding balances, and adding liens to county property taxes, with the county remitting the waste lien portion to the city.

Salmerón ended by saying that an AI policy for the city is pending. He then praised his entire team as the backbone of the city.

City Notes

Public Safety/Community, Constituent Services and Planning welcomed 25 residents for a town hall meeting about cell tower placement at Braden Field and the Firehouse. Economic Development attended the Maryland Community Investment Summit.

Code Enforcement issued five permits and inspected three complaints and 12 rentals.

At the Animal Shelter, Ballfields/Parks installed a new air conditioning unit; shelter residents are five cats, five kittens and five dogs.

Public Works maintained and inspected winter equipment and Mechanics did emissions testing on three vehicles. Recycling/Sustainability responded to three incidents of illegal dumping. Horticulture beautified the Memorial Bed in preparation for the Veterans Day ceremony and Streets installed a headstone at the Cemetery.

Arts held an Artful Afternoon at Springhill Lake Recreation Center and Therapeutic Recreation hosted seniors for an art social. The Museum co-sponsored the Reparations Commission's Indigenous Heritage event.

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program hosted a caregiver appreciation event for 50 dementia caregivers and a stress management session for 13 teens.

Sports

Former ERHS Student Kaila Charles Wins WNBA Series with Valkyries

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

On October 31, the Golden State Valkyries beat the Atlanta Dream 68 to 63 in Game 7 of the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) championship, to win the series four games to three. It was the San Francisco Bay Area basketball team's second season. Among their players was 28-year-old former-Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) student Kaila Charles.

Charles spent three years at ERHS, where she played basketball and helped the team win two Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association (MPSSAA) state championships in 2014 and 2015. She transferred to Riverdale Baptist School, a private school in Upper Marlboro, for her senior year. There she helped their team win the National Association of Christian Athletes Division I National Champions (as a private school they did not compete in the traditional MPSSAA state championship).

Charles went on to play for University of Maryland, where she was one of their top scorers. After graduating from Maryland in 2020, Charles played for the Connecticut Sun, then the Atlanta Dream (2022), Seattle Storm (2023), Dallas Wings (2025) and now the Valkyries. She signed a two-year contract with the Valkyries in spring 2026.

U.S. Representative Glenn Ivey congratulated Charles on the championship win. "Your journey is an inspiration to young athletes across Maryland's Fourth District and a reminder of the talent that comes from our community," said Ivey.

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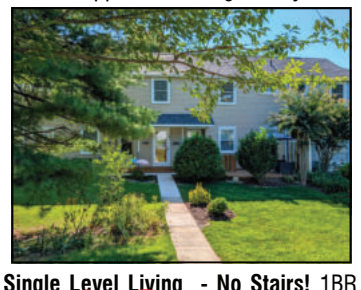
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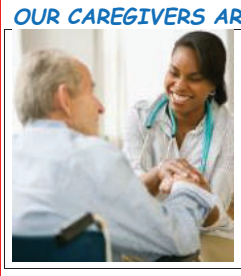
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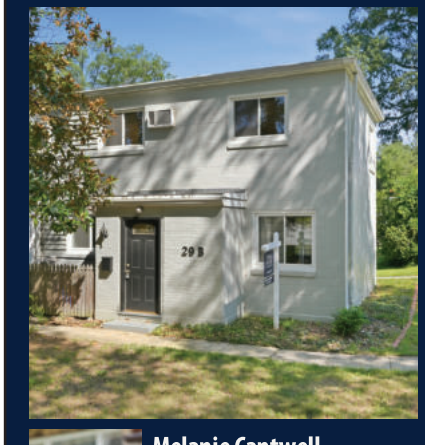


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The program continued with prayer, a salute to the American flag and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. While the Star-Spangled Banner played some displayed physical salutes with hand to brow or over their hearts. Others, with more than a little volume to their voices, sang the National Anthem. For one singer, clearly the weight of the day became overwhelming, prompting a few tears and a discreet hanky.

Mayor Emmett Jordan shared Greenbelt's Veterans Day Proclamation: "Throughout our nation's history, members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, Space Force and National Guard and Reserve components have answered the call to serve protecting the freedoms and democratic values that define our country.

"This year's observation coincides with the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the United States, providing an opportunity to reflect on the generations of veterans whose service and sacrifice have safeguarded our nation since its founding.

"Veterans Day serves as a reminder of our collective responsibility to honor, support and express gratitude to all who have worn the uniform in defense of our nation," said Jordan.

Timothy Adams, District 4 county councilmember, delivered the county's Veterans Day Proclamation commemorating the occasion. They extended heartfelt gratitude to veterans past and present "whose service and sacrifice have strengthened our nation, protected our communities and inspired future generations to uphold the principles of freedom, honor and service."

Veterans Day is often viewed as an opportunity for citizens, communities and government leaders to thank veterans for their service through ceremonies, speeches, proclamations and public recognition. While these expressions of gratitude are meaningful, appreciation is not a one-way exchange. Veterans themselves appreciate knowing that their service and sacrifices have been remembered and respected by the nation they served.

At the same time, veterans often measure appreciation not only by words, but also by actions. Genuine gratitude is demonstrated when communities and governments provide access to quality health care, employment assistance, educational opportunities, housing support and other programs that help veterans successfully transition to civilian life. These services recognize that military service often involves significant personal sacrifice and that veterans deserve opportunities to continue building productive and fulfilling lives.

Greenbelt Army veteran Steve D'Esposito was in the 121st Assault Helicopter Company operating out of Soc Tran, Vietnam. "We were in constant contact with Vietnamese regulars and dodging mine traps by Viet Cong guerillas," he said. He was happy to leave but added: "It was 1969 when I landed in California. But my excitement was thwarted by war protestors. They spit on us, called us murderers. They had never heard of 'hate the war, don't hate the warrior.' Warriors didn't make the decisions about the war. We did what we were ordered to do ... It is good to know that our efforts serving our country are appreciated. I was able to use programs that the Veterans Administration developed for job training and processing home bank loans."

Harold Bullock served with the 1st Infantry Division in Vietnam for one year. "Our unit was heavily involved with search and destroy missions. We searched for enemy locales used for resupplying troops with weapons, medical supplies and all that was needed for continuing attacks. When I finished my tour of duty I headed home, got out of the Army and continued with my life. I appreciate Veterans Day. It's an opportunity for communities to give honor to all veterans." Bullock also appreciates when stores offer veterans a discount on purchases, saying they "do something that helps in addition to words of appreciation for our service."

Veterans Day represents mutual appreciation. Citizens express thanks for the dedication and sacrifices of veterans, while veterans appreciate seeing their service recognized through both public acknowledgment and meaningful support. By combining words of gratitude with opportunities that enhance veterans' quality of life, communities demonstrate a deeper and lasting commitment to those who served their nation.





The Veterans Day wreath laying ceremony at the Greenbelt War Memorial was attended by, from left, Ken Voigt, American Legion Post 136; Frankie Fritz, Greenbelt City Councilmember; Jenni Pompi, Greenbelt City Councilmember; Sandi Dutton, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 136; Jim Harbaugh, Sons of the American Legion Squadron 136; and Erik Alvarez, Greenbelt Police Department. The wreaths symbolize respect for the service, sacrifice and legacy of those who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces.



Making up the rifle team are, from left, Brian Fletcher, Sons of the American Legion; Jeff Embry, Post 136; Marcus Wright, Post 136; and Barry Bordas, Post 136.

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This veteran's outerwear displays service in the Vietnam War. He listens to Veterans Day Ceremony commentary by Post 136 Commander James Hawkins. Hawkins was joined by Greenbelt Mayor Emmett Jordan, seated at the front of the stage). On the stage, from left, are Greenbelt City Councilmembers Kristen Weaver, Jenni Pompi and Frankie Fritz.

Museum Bicentennial Exhibit Closes Sunday

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

What was life like in 1976, both in Greenbelt and nationally? The Vietnam War had just ended. President Gerald Ford was in the White House, but Jimmy Carter would be elected in November of '76. Gas was 60 cents a gallon. Much of the nation was buoyantly celebrating its birthday, but many in the U.S. were also fighting fiercely for their rights. What has changed in the country since then? What remains the same?

Among artifacts on display are a Time magazine that declares "Crisis in the Middle East" in bold letters on its cover and a 1976 Muppet calendar complete with drawings of the beloved puppets crossing the Delaware River. Learn about Native American protests, the first African American to speak at the Democratic Convention, as well as civil rights efforts by African Americans, women, LGBTQIA+ people and those with disabilities. Or just come by to see some groovy 1970s clothing. Polyester, anyone?

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

Spellman Overpass Resistance Fridays

Join the weekly protest on Spellman Overpass, Fridays (except in rain or wind) from 3 until around 5 p.m. Flags and big-letter messages are provided to cheerfully encourage Parkway motorists' awareness. To minimize driver distraction, extra signage is discouraged.

Access from Gardenway or from the Eleanor Roosevelt High School crosswalk. Questions? Email kashla@pm.me.

Foundation Fundraiser

The annual Michael D. Maxwell, Jr. Foundation for Mental Awareness Fundraiser takes place Sunday, November 22 from 4 to 7:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge on Kenilworth Avenue in Riverdale. The Foundation was formed to raise funds for mental health awareness programs focusing on youth. The foundation has worked with Eleanor Roosevelt High School for several years and is now working with University of Maryland freshmen. In addition, the foundation works with area schools on anti-bullying programs. To find out more about the foundation and their commitment to assist individuals suffering from mental illness in obtaining treatment, visit mdmaxwellfoundation.com/. The annual fundraiser will feature live music by Greenbelt's own The Relics, food, silent auction and the Face Paint Lady. Reservations are available on the website or by calling 240-620-9514.

Français, s'il Vous Plaît Fall Meetings

The French conversation group meets Thursdays, except Thanksgiving, 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.

Greenbelters Travel

Jerry and Letty Bonnell and the Greenbelt News Review at sunset in front of the neolithic standing stones at Avebury Henge in Avebury, UK.



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On a recent visit to her native Argentina, Mariana Guerrero reads the News Review in front of Casa Rosada, the government house in Buenos Aires.