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Our 90th Year

This Newspaper's First Issue; New Town's First Thanksgiving

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

The town of Greenbelt was established by the federal Resettlement Administration as a New Deal planned community. It became official on June 1, 1937, as the then governor signed the bill establishing the town. Its first residents began moving in at the end of September that year. Less than two months later, in November 1937, Greenbelt had its first Thanksgiving as a new town. The very first issue of the Greenbelt News Review, then called the Greenbelt Cooperator, was published on the eve of that first Thanksgiving, on Wednesday, November 24, 1937. A copy of that first 16-page issue, created by mimeograph on green paper, along with all other issues since, can be found in our archives at greenbeltnewsreview.com/archives, which contain a history of the town told in weekly issues over 89 years.

That first issue was full of news of a new town – a coming grocery store, a journalism club, officers elected to the new Greenbelt Citizen's Association, plans for a Greenbelt American Legion Post, a student council, a section for ladies with shopping and society news, letters to the editor, concerns about Greenbelt's post office, an editorial, an introduction with plans for the newspaper itself and more.

How did the first residents of the new town of Greenbelt celebrate Thanksgiving? A Thanksgiving dance held at the school auditorium from 9 p.m. to midnight was announced in the very first Cooperator. The second issue, which also reported on the town's very first council meeting, reported that a large crowd attended the dance in elaborate evening gowns and chic sport suits (see the December 1, 1937 issue). The Society section of the December 1 issue reported some of the Thanksgiving dinners in homes on Ridge Road.

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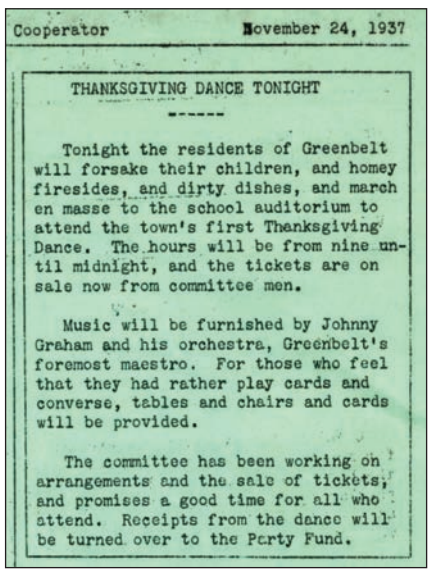


Cooperator November 24, 1937

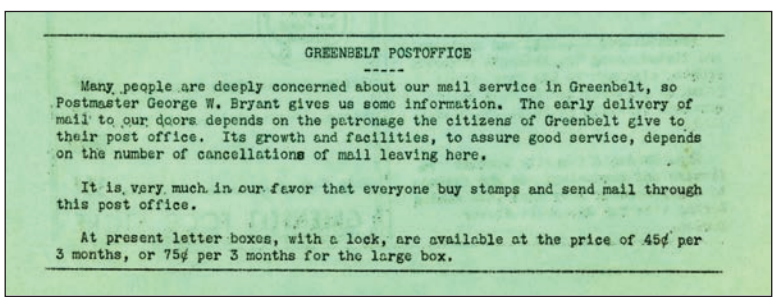
THANKSGIVING DANCE TONIGHT

Tonight the residents of Greenbelt will forsake their children, and homey firesides, and dirty dishes, and march en masse to the school auditorium to attend the town's first Thanksgiving Dance. The hours will be from nine until midnight, and the tickets are on sale now from committee men.

Music will be furnished by Johnny Graham and his orchestra, Greenbelt's foremost maestro. For those who feel that they had rather play cards and converse, tables and chairs and cards will be provided.

The committee has been working on arrangements and the sale of tickets, and promises a good time for all who attend. Receipts from the dance will be turned over to the Party Fund.

A 1937 Thanksgiving dance was announced in the very first issue of the Cooperator.



GREENBELT POSTOFFICE

Many people are deeply concerned about our mail service in Greenbelt, so Postmaster George W. Bryant gives us some information. The early delivery of mail to our doors depends on the patronage the citizens of Greenbelt give to their post office. Its growth and facilities, to assure good service, depends on the number of cancellations of mail leaving here.

It is very much in our favor that everyone buy stamps and send mail through this post office.

At present letter boxes, with a lock, are available at the price of 45¢ per 3 months, or 75¢ per 3 months for the large box.

The very first issue of the Cooperator included concerns about the Greenbelt Post Office, a topic of concern for the city's current residents today.

- Clippings from the November 24, 1937 issue/GNR archives

"It's Magical": Goddard's Chief Scientist Reflects on Voyager 1

by Hannah Frasure



PHOTO COURTESY NASA

James Garvin, chief scientist, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center

Never before has a human-made object reached so far in space.

On November 18, at 5:16 a.m. EST, NASA's space probe Voyager 1 reached a full light-day – more than 16 billion miles – from Earth, becoming the farthest human-made object to ever have been propelled that distance into space.

In light of the historic occasion, the Greenbelt News Review sat down with James Garvin, chief scientist at Goddard Space Flight Center, to talk about Goddard's role in Voyager 1's activities over the years – that is, in having produced key instruments that Voyager 1 uses to study these far away regions, and in studying interstellar data.

"It's kind of like a kid-in-a-candy-store environment," Garvin said, in describing what it is like for space scientists at work every day. "And then you have these milestone events: 50 years to cross interstellar space one light-day away."

See **VOYAGER**, page 6

Council Receives Challenging FY 2028 City Budget Overview

by Matthew Arbach

On November 16, City Manager Josué Salmerón, Assistant City Manager Timothy George and City Treasurer Maisha Williams presented a preliminary Fiscal Year (FY) 2028 budget overview at a Greenbelt City Council worksession. All present stressed that this upcoming budget will require tough decisions as the city strives to retain its services and personnel in the face of revenues that have not kept pace.

Salmerón prepared a comprehensive memo outlining the challenges and realities that the city faces. According to the memo, the biggest problem is that the city is facing $4.8M in funding requirements above the FY 2027 budget before considering new initiatives and service enhancements.

The memo listed the estimated principal expenditure requirements, these being: $891,000 for classified employee cost of living adjustment and merit increases; $261,000 for nonclassified salary increases; $1.48 million for increased employee benefits and pensions; $131,000 for new family leave contributions; $92,725 for insurance, utilities and recurring costs; $1.1 million for capital projects fund allocations; $550,000 for building capital reserve fund allocation; $330,000 for replacement fund allocation; and $4.79 million for total preliminary funding requirements.

Personnel comprises 70 percent of the budget, with maintaining competitive wages and benefits of primary concern to the city.

Per the memo, the city does not anticipate growth in property taxes for FY 2028 beyond the yearly 5.1 percent increase, with this estimate possibly ending up being lower.

The memo lists four personnel requirements to maintain operations and address service needs, these being: full-year funding for the Public Works assistant director position; a supervisor position for Code Enforcement; continued funding for positions supporting Greenbelt CARES; and a Police Crisis Intervention Team position.

Waste Collection Deficit

According to the memo, the city has faced recurring deficits in solid waste collection operations. FY 2026 saw a $333,000 deficit requiring a 31 percent subsidy from the general fund. FY 2028 will likely incur $1.7 million for solid waste collection operating expenses. A table was presented listing several possible annual household waste fees and the corresponding need for support from the city's general fund, these being: a 100 percent cost recovery

See **BUDGET**, page 7

What Goes On

Monday, November 30
7:30 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building
Wednesday, December 2
No Council Meeting

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

Council Discusses EV Chargers, ARPA and Municipal Assoc. Dues

by Diane Oberg

At its November 9 meeting Greenbelt City Council heard an update on how it spent its American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, considered the next step in expanding its electric vehicle (EV) charging network and debated whether to pay its Prince George's County Municipal Association (PGCMA) dues.

EV Chargers

City Manager Josué Salmerón reviewed the proposal for the next round of EV chargers to be installed using state funding. He believes that the remaining funding could support eight to 10 Level 2 charging spaces at Buddy Attick Park. He sought guidance on the proposed number of spaces for chargers, possible configurations and whether Buddy Attick is the appropriate next priority. He wants to fully encumber the remaining funds by the end of the year to avoid any clawback of the funds.

Several councilmembers expressed concern about placing so many chargers in the small Attick parking lot, which is often full on weekends. Salmerón suggested

See **COUNCIL**, page 7



PHOTO COURTESY THE RAIDER REVIEW

Eleanor Roosevelt High School Construction Club members work on the school's new patio during the excavation period. See article on page 8.

Thank You to Our Carriers

Your carriers will bring greetings — soon! The Greenbelt News Review December 3 issue will bring a cheerful holiday envelope that requests gifts for carriers. Your gifts are positive feedback for the work ethic that carriers display all year long. See the December 3 issue for instructions for getting your gift to your carrier.

Letters to the Editor

A Thanksgiving Thank You to Our Neighbors

We would like to take a moment to express our sincere gratitude to our wonderful neighbors at 16 Court Ridge, 8 Court Southway, 11 Court Ridge, 14 Court Ridge and 10 Court Southway. Every month, your generous contributions of food and supplies to the PORCH program make a meaningful difference in the lives of so many people. Your continued kindness and willingness to give are something we truly appreciate. It means a great deal not only to us, but also to everyone who benefits from your generosity.

With Thanksgiving approaching, we wanted to take this opportunity to recognize and thank you for the support you have consistently shown. It is a reminder of how much of an impact a community can make when people come together to help others.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and continued support.

Lien and Maya Gareri



PHOTO BY KEN LOO

Did somebody lose their pigeon? This October 2 sighting was the second time the photographer saw a bird like this at Greenbelt Lake. The red ankle tracker seen closer the first time said 234 on one side. (See the September 24 issue.)

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On Screen at Greenbelt Cinema

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.

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.



Correction

In the June 25, 2026, obituary of Eunice Pierre, the church of which she was a member was misidentified. She was a faithful member of Embry A.M.E. Church in College Park.

Story & Photograph Submissions

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

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OC = Open Captions
CC = Closed Captions
DVS = Descriptive Video Service

SHOWTIMES:
NOVEMBER 27th - DECEMBER 3rd

Paper Tiger (R)
(CC) (DVS) (2026) (115 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Fri. 5:00 PM
Sun. 7:00 PM
Mon. 1:00 PM (OC)
Wed. 7:50 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Fri. 8:10 PM
Sat. 8:10 PM
Mon. 4:20 PM
Tues. 7:00 PM
Thurs. 5:20 PM

I Play Rocky (PG-13)
(CC) (DVS) (2026) (128 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Sat. 7:50 PM
Tues. 7:50 PM (OC)
Wed. 5:00 PM
Thurs. 7:50 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Fri. 5:20 PM
Sat. 5:20 PM
Sun. 1:20 PM
Mon. 1:20 PM

Wild Horse Nine (R)
(CC) (DVS) (2026) (118 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Fri. 7:50 PM
Sat. 5:00 PM
Sun. 1:00 PM (OC)
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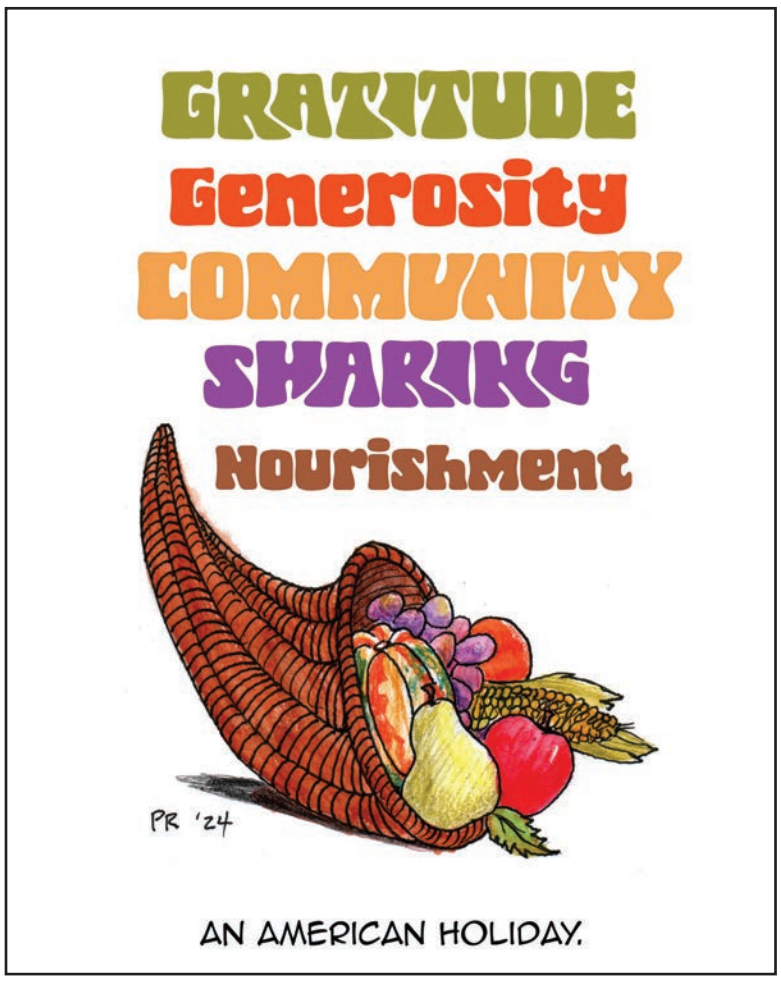

- Pete Reppert, News Review, November 28, 2024

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

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



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Community Events

At the Library

All libraries in the Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) are closed on Thursday, November 26, and Friday, November 27, for the Thanksgiving holiday. 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. In-person programs at the Greenbelt Branch continue on our lower level. PGCMLS celebrates Native American Heritage Month through Monday, November 30. The Greenbelt Teen Action Group (TAG) program remains on hiatus until further notice.

Storytimes

Tuesday, December 1, 12:15 p.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at pgcmls.info/event/17669056.

Wednesday, December 2, 12:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at pgcmls.info/event/17669099.

Thursday, December 3, 10:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2. Register at pgcmls.info/event/17669253.

Build with Legos

Monday, November 30, 4 p.m., ages 5 to 12. Build, create and explore with Legos. 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/17431720.

Ride and Read

Thursday, December 3, 11 a.m., ages 16+. Sign up for an hour ride on a stationary bike with free apps from PGCMLS like Libby, Kanopy and Hoopla to enjoy while working out. Participants must be 16 or older, sign a waiver before beginning to ride and be wearing loose-fitting clothing and closed-toed shoes. Register at pgcmls.info/event/17673980.

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.

Community Tree Lighting December 4



The annual community tree lighting will take place at 7 p.m. in Roosevelt Center on Friday, December 4. A musical performance by the Greenbelt Concert Band Brass Choir will herald Santa's grand entrance.

Legion Auxiliary Holds Craft Fair Sat., Nov. 28

Greenbelt Unit 136 American Legion Auxiliary will hold its annual craft fair on Saturday, November 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come on up for tables full of creative, functional and fun handmade items, raffle, door prizes and food.



Giving and Receiving: Greenbelt Toys for Tots

The annual Toys for Tots, sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps, collects toys to distribute as Christmas gifts to the less fortunate children in participating communities. Requests for toys are made online. Toys can be selected on Saturday, December 19 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Prince George's County Police Department, 7600 Barlowe Road in Landover. Families should bring a photo ID showing Prince George's County residency and their approval email. Children do not need to attend the distribution.

Two stores in Greenway Center are receiving toy donations until Thursday, December 17: Columbus Technologies, 7500 Greenway Center Drive, Suite 1600, and Lafayette Federal Credit Union, 7537 Greenbelt Road. Toys are also accepted at Prince George's County fire departments.

In Prince George's County in 2025 89,448 toys were distributed to 35,779 children who might not otherwise have received a gift.

Cash donations, the application for toys and other information can be found at edgewater-md.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites.

Spellman Protest Crew Says Thanks

After 15 months of community enthusiasm, the Friday afternoon protest on Spellman Overpass is suspended, at least for the holiday season. The core group says thanks to all the neighbors who stopped by to join in. Enjoy the holidays and best wishes for peace, justice and prosperity in the coming year.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

Sparkle Mart Art, Craft Fair Next Weekend

The Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program hosts Sparkle Mart, the city's annual juried Art and Craft Fair. Around 80 local artists and artisans will offer their unique wares for sale on three floors of the Community Center on Saturday, December 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, December 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There will be food trucks outside the ground floor east entrance on both days, with partial proceeds benefiting the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival, and indoor seating in the first-floor dining room. Enjoy live music both afternoons from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Community Center gym, including Seth Kibel and Friends (klezmer, Saturday) and Petite Fleur (hot jazz, Sunday).

On Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., stop by room 113 to print a unique sheet of wrapping paper; this is a free activity and no registration is required. A youth craft sale will take place in Room 113 on Sunday only from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Volunteers Needed For Sparkle Mart

High school students and adults are invited to volunteer at Sparkle Mart, Greenbelt's annual juried art and craft fair, 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.

Hanukkah Party

Join Mishkan Torah on Sunday, December 6 at 4 p.m. for the annual Hanukkah Party. Come for latkes, candles, music and family-friendly fun. RSVP to RSVP@MishkanTorah.org or on the website at MishkanTorah.org.

Dance Studio Presents Alice in Wonderland

Greenbelt Dance Studio, a program of Greenbelt Recreation, presents an original production inspired by Lewis Carroll's classic children's book, Alice in Wonderland, in the gym of the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. The show features a range of dance styles including ballet, jazz, tap and contemporary. There will be three shows: Saturday, December 12 at 2 p.m. and Sunday, December 13 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. The production will be enjoyable for all ages. For tickets, visit or call the Community Center at 301-397-2208.

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.

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. at the fire station, 125 Crescent Road.

Omelettes will be served until noon. Limit one omelette per person. Tickets must be purchased online. Children under 3 are free. For more information, see tinyurl.com/2vhej8ht.



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 nonperishable 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 QR code to learn more and purchase tickets.

Registration Open 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 is now open for Greenbelt residents; 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.

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Featured Programming on Greenbelt Access Television
✦ November 2026 ✦
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GATe's Camcorder Essentials Course (3 Hours): Saturday, Dec 12th from 1pm to 4pm at GATe's Studio (15 Crescent, Suite 204). Email greenbeltaccess@gmail.com to reserve your spot!

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CAFE CLOSED - HAPPY THANKSGIVING	Still Standing 8 - 11pm Hot rockin' blues, American roots, jump, swing and rockabilly. A funky good time.	JAZZ JAM MOVED TO 11/21. 8 Ball Deluxe 8 - 11pm Delivers the best in classic rock, Motown, soul/funk from the 60's on up	Reggie Right Eye & The Missing Pieces 6 - 8pm Top DMV musicians play blues, roots rock and unexpected covers

MON 11/30	TUES 12/01	WED 12/02	TH 12/03	New Deal Cafe
CAFE CLOSED	S.A.W.Open Mic w/ Lynn Hollyfield 6 - 9:30pm Sign ups begin at 6pm; Open Mic starts at 6:30p	The Campfire Sessions w/ Joey Campfire 7 - 9pm A monthly listening room	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

*Join NDC! Go to NewDeal Cafe(dot) com, click on "ABOUT", then "BECOME A MEMBER OR RENEW."

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Our Neighbors

Congratulations to Amy Hansen whose book Wanda Hears the Stars was named to the New York Public Library's Best Books for Kids 2026 list. The book profiles how astrophysicist Wanda Diaz Merced continued her scientific work despite losing her sight, by using sonification to convert data into sounds.

Congratulations also to Kathy Labukas who received a certificate for breaking state swimming records in the 75-79 age group in the September meet of the Maryland Senior Olympics, at their awards ceremony on November 15.

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



PHOTO COURTESY AMY HANSEN

Amy Hansen poses with her book Wanda Hears the Stars, which was named to the New York Public Library's Best Books for Kids 2026 list.



PHOTO BY JOHN RYAN

At the Maryland Senior Olympics awards ceremony on November 15, Kathy Labukas received a certificate for breaking state swimming records in her 75-79 age group in the September meet. She set new state records in the 50-yard backstroke, 100-yard butterfly and 100-yard individual medley.



PHOTO BY KAREN YOHO

Katrina Boverman, left, and Annie McFarland attend the annual Michael D. Maxwell Jr. Mental Awareness Foundation Fundraiser. The foundation assists individuals suffering from mental illness in obtaining treatment. Their faces were painted by the Face Paint Lady.

City Notes

Public Safety/Community met with representatives of the American Legion and Ranked Choice Voting Maryland and, with Information Technology, visited the police department for a Skydio drone demonstration. Constituent Services attended the Senior Thanksgiving lunch, offering refreshments and participated in Springhill Lake Elementary School's walk-to-school day. City Manager staff including Economic Development met with Roosevelt Center owners' accountant about facade improvement grants.

Code Enforcement issued four permits and inspected 13 commercial suites, three complaints and 17 rentals. Animal Shelter residents are five cats, four kittens and five dogs.

Public Works began installing holiday decorations including lights and banners. Facilities Maintenance installed a water fountain in the police station lobby.

Arts hosted all third-grade students from Greenbelt Elementary School for a day of visual and performing arts workshops.

Rangers report litter issues on Schrom Hills Park's bermudagrass field, necessitating picking up multiple bags worth of plastic bottles every day.

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program distributed 250 holiday food boxes to Greenbelt families.

Senior Nutrition Program Luncheon

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunch for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at 11:30 a.m. Meals must be reserved two weeks ahead so that enough food is ordered. Participants must complete a registration form in person at the Community Center office, Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. There is a suggested donation. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215 with questions.

Two menu options, one vegetarian, will be offered for each luncheon. All meals, which provide at least one third of recommended dietary allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk.



PHOTO BY KEN LOO

A fish loses to a cormorant on Greenbelt Lake.

"O God, my God! I yield Thee thanks at all times and render Thee praise under all conditions." – Bahá'u'lláh

Greenbelt Bahá'í Community
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◦ Sun 8am, 9:30am,11am
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St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Thanksgiving Day Service
Thursday, November 26, 2026
with Holy Communion
Ten o'clock in the morning.
The Rev. Michael P. Barham, Rector (priest)
4512 College Avenue, College Park, MD 20740-3302
www.saeccp.org, (301) 864-8880

City Information & Events

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.

MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 4

Tuesday, December 1 at 5:30 pm, **DISTRICT 22 2026 LEGISLATIVE DINNER (TOWN OF BERWYN HEIGHTS)**

Tuesday, December 1 at 7 pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ADVANCING PUBLIC SAFETY, *Virtual,*** *On the Agenda: TBD*

Wednesday, December 2, **NO COUNCIL MEETING - ADVISORY BOARD / COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING

Monday, November 30 at 7:30 pm

ORGANIZATION
- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- Reading of the Greenbelt Community Pledge
- Petitions and Requests
- Consent Agenda
  * Minutes of Council Meetings
  * Committee Reports
  * Meetings
  * Reappointment to Advisory Board/Committee
  * Authorize the City Manager to Purchase three (3) Axon Fleet 3 In-Car Camera Systems
  * Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Purchase of 51 Motorola APX6500 Mobile Radios from Motorola Solutions, Inc.
  * Acceptance of Equity, Inclusion & Belonging Consulting Services (RFP) Request for Proposals
- Approval of Agenda and Additions

COMMUNICATIONS
- Presentations
  * Small Business Saturday
  * National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month
- Minutes
  * Statement of Record - November 16, 2026
- Administrative Reports

LEGISLATION
- An Ordinance Adopting And Enacting A New Code For The City Of Greenbelt; Providing For The Repeal Of Certain Ordinances Not Included Therein; Providing A Penalty For The Violation Thereof; Providing For The Manner Of Amending Such Code
- 2nd Reading, Adoption

- A Resolution Of The Council Of The City Of Greenbelt To Authorize The Continuation Of The Save-As-You-Throw (SAYT) Solid Waste Collection Pilot Program Through June 30, 2027, Maintain The Existing Fee Structure, And Authorize The City Manager To Take All Necessary Actions To Implement The Extension
- 2nd Reading, Adoption

- An Ordinance To Make A Supplemental Appropriation To The General Fund, For The Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2027
- 1st Reading, 2nd Reading and Adoption

- Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Ground Lease Agreement with Diamond Communications for the Installation and Operation of a Telecommunications Cell Tower
- 1st Reading

OTHER BUSINESS
- Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Purchase of three (3) Ford Police Interceptor Hybrid SUVs
- Discussion and Selection of Option for Installation and Operation of a Cell Tower
- Council Referral: Suggestions from RCV Maryland Regarding Revisions to the Election Code
- Council Reports
- Council Activities

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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

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.

SPARKLE MART!

December 5 - 6

Greenbelt Community Center

The holidays are right around the corner, and Sparkle Mart is back! Join us December 5 and 6 at the Greenbelt Community Center for a weekend of holiday shopping, local art, and festive fun.

Browse the work of around 80 artisans across three accessible floors, with everything from housewares and fine art to clothing, accessories, bath and body products, books, and toys. You can also pick up merchandise from the Greenbelt Museum and Greenbelt Cinema!

GREENBELT CARES PROGRAMS

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.

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

LEGO SERIOUS PLAY - HOLIDAY EDITION!
Monday, December 7, 1 - 3 pm
Greenbelt Community Center, Ground Floor East, 15 Crescent Road

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WINTER WONDERLAND TOY DRIVE
November 30 - December 11, 2026

Donate unwrapped toys for children ages 6-12! Help brighten the winter season for a Greenbelt child receiving supportive services from Greenbelt CARES, Crisis Intervention, or the Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program. An unwrapped toy can bring a smile to a child in need. Donations can be dropped off at the following locations:

- GAIL Office: 15 Crescent Road | Mon - Fri, 9 am - 4 pm
- Public Works: 555 Crescent Road | Mon - Fri, 8 am - 3 pm
- Greenbelt CARES: 25 Crescent Road | Mon - Fri, 9 am - 4 pm
- Greenbelt Police Station: 550 Crescent Road | Mon - Fri, 9 am - 5 pm
- Crowne Plaza Hotel: 6400 Ivy Lane | 10 am - 5 pm

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

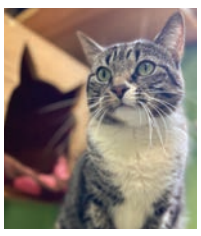
LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE
Fall 2026

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

Week	Location	Holiday
November 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

FEATURED PETS

NINA



Ready for Adoption?

Call (301) 474-6124

2.5-year-old Nina has been at the shelter since April and is hoping to find her forever home (or castle). Nina would prefer to be the queen of her own home, without any other pets or children who might have trouble respecting her boundaries. However, once Nina warms up to you, she is a sweet, laidback lovebug who enjoys head scratches, tasty treats, and perching in the highest spot in the room to survey her kingdom!

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

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.

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

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

Call (301) 474-8000.

ARTS HAPPENINGS

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

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

Winter Registration Now Open for Greenbelt Residents
Sign-up for classes, workshops, meet-ups, and special events for all ages.Non-resident registration begins 11/30 at 10 am. 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 (10 am - 5 pm), December 6 (10 am - 4 pm) Greenbelt Community Center. Shop for original fine crafts and artwork, direct from about 80 local makers! Enjoy live music both days, 1 - 3 pm. More information at greenbeltmd.gov/arts. Sign up to volunteer at sugeni.us/UhkO.

MORE ARTS HAPPENING SOON

- **Community Tree Lighting with Santa** 12/4, 7 pm (Roosevelt Center)
- **Alice In Wonderland Tickets** ($5) on sale now! Call the Greenbelt Community Center business office at (301) 397-2208. Shows on 12/12 & 12/13

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

- **Fused Glass Ornament** Sunday 11/29, 11 am - 12:30 pm & 12:30 - 1:30 pm (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.

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

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Voyager 1 was originally launched in 1977, a couple of weeks after its twin probe Voyager 2 — but, as NASA's public information webpage on the mission explains, it exited the solar system first and thus to date has travelled farther.

Garvin explained that this is not simply a meaningless milestone: Voyager 1 is giving scientists the opportunity to study interstellar space — a place where humanity has never been before.

When asked how he would explain interstellar space to a 10-year-old, Garvin gave this answer:

"We live in a neighborhood. It happens to be a solar system, meaning it's got the Sun — a star," he said, adding, our sun is "a beauty, we're lucky to have it."



PHOTO COURTESY NASA

The Pale Blue Dot is a photograph of Earth taken on February 14, 1990 by NASA's Voyager 1 at a distance of 3.7 billion miles (6 billion kilometers) from the Sun. The image inspired the title of scientist Carl Sagan's book, Pale Blue Dot: A Vision of the Human Future in Space, in which he wrote: "Look again at that dot. That's here. That's home. That's us." The above image, Pale Blue Dot Revisited, was created in 2020 for the 30th anniversary of the iconic picture. The updated version used modern image-processing software and techniques to revisit the well-known Voyager view, while attempting to respect the original data and intent of those who planned the images.

"And there are a series of objects — or bodies as we call them, like planets, asteroids, comets and dust. The space in our solar system is solar system space. Beyond that is the space between stars. That's interstellar space ... the area of this universe between where there are solar systems and where there are not."

Garvin explained that Goddard scientists played a major role in the instruments on Voyager 1, from the magnetometers, the photopolarimeter (an infrared spectrometer) to Voyager 1's Imaging Science Subsystem — which was responsible for the famous Pale Blue Dot photo.

As the News Review reported last week, the magnetometers (specifically the Low-Field Magnetometers) are one of the two remaining devices still on — the rest, except the Plasma Wave Subsystem, having been turned off to conserve power.

Formally known as the Triaxial Fluxgate Magnetometers, they were built at Goddard by a team of scientists led by Norman Ness, who was succeeded after his death by principal investigator Adam Szabo. In making reference to people at Goddard who made historic contributions to the Voyager 1 mission, Garvin mentioned the late Mario Acuña, whose work in the 1970s at Goddard, he said, was essential to magnetometer science and Voyager 1's magnetometer mission.

Acuña and Ness were authors — along with other Goddard scientists including Leonard F. Burlaga and Ronald P. Lepping — of the first published preliminary results of the Voyager 1 and 2 Magnetic Field Experiments, in the leading journal Science in June and November 1979.

"Voyager's magnetometer saw the massive magnetic fields and radiation fields as we flew by Jupiter, produced by Jupiter — which is almost big enough to have made it another star, but just failed — and so we made those discoveries with the team that built the magnetometers here," Garvin said, giving an example of the magnetometer's accomplishments.

Garvin explained that planets function like giant magnets — their spinning creates magnetic fields that can be measured — which is the job of the magnetometer. "That was discovery at its most pure."

When asked how Voyager 1's transmitter manages to send signals billions of miles away across the universe — despite only having about 23 watts, which NASA communications routinely compare to as the power wattage of a refrigerator lightbulb — Garvin said, "That lightbulb worth of power is operating at a wavelength we would call ultra-high frequency."

He explained that it can be transmitted in a very narrow way. "We're able to send those pulses with very low information content, but with enough signal that we can separate the noise of deep space, the cosmic background, from this signal, because of the patterns."

Garvin described the revolutionary nature of the Voyager transmitters.

"It's the nature of really creative engineering that allows us to listen to signals and make two-way communication patterns to systems as far away as Voyager [is now]. It bodes well for having solutions that will eventually allow us to have interstellar probes that actually go to the nearest star system, like Alpha Centauri — which is four light years away."

Scientists around the world — at large radio telescopes in California, Spain and Australia — collect these signals, as part of the Deep Space Network. While Goddard doesn't do the collecting of these specific interstellar signals from Voyager, he said, they do take part in interpreting signals from interstellar regions.

"We study particles and fields from the farthest echoes of the Sun, kind of like the gentle crashing of waves of energy, 16 billion miles away. That's what we're trying to do."

Garvin closed by remarking about the magnitude of Voyager 1's milestone.

"In some ways, it's magical that we could even imagine this. When we launched Voyager, we never knew we could listen this far."

When asked how long Voyager 1 has left, Garvin said his prediction was purely personal. "I'm just going to be fair with you, and everyone," he said. "It's so far beyond the shelf life we expected when we launched it."

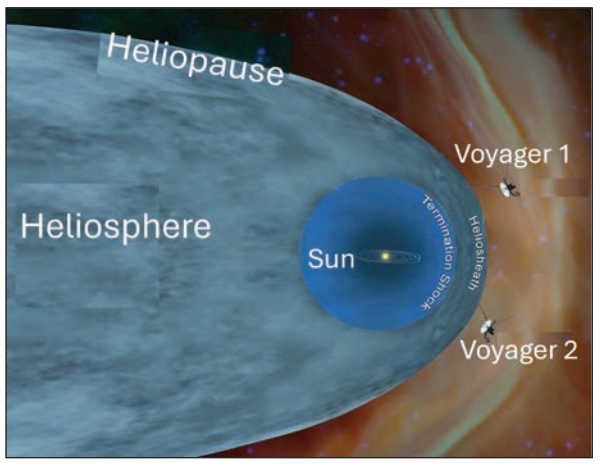
"We want to keep it alive as long as we can because it's like a heartbeat beacon in space, measuring just the little bit of what we can."



Goddard Joins with NASA JPL To Review Voyager's Exploits

by Cathie Meetre

To celebrate the Voyager 1 spacecraft's One Light Day achievement, Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) Visitor Center held an event on November 19. Two speakers from the Voyager magnetometer team at GSFC were featured, followed by a live broadcast from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. The spacecraft crossed the boundary of the sun's influence (the heliopause) in 2012. One Light Day celebrates the fact that it now takes 24 hours for a signal traveling at the speed of light to travel between earth and the spacecraft, now 15 years further into space.



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Voyagers 1 and 2 are both beyond the heliopause - outside the heliosphere.

The Goddard team is headed by Adam Szabo, principal investigator for the magnetometer team, which manages and analyzes data from one of the two remaining experiments still operating on the spacecraft - the magnetometer. Szabo gave an engaging and thorough overview of the mission and noted that everybody wanted to know how far one light-day was in miles even though nobody could visualize it. The answer? Just over 16 billion miles. Actually, "just over" means it's 94,764,800 miles over.

He was followed by Eric Christian, a senior research scientist in GSFC's Heliospheric Physics Laboratory, who gave a more esoteric talk exploring some of the science for which Voyager data is used, including studies of heliospheric physics and the solar wind.

JPL Presentation

The presentation then switched to a live feed from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Five Voyager-connected key players gathered to describe their roles on and feelings about the mission and answer questions from live and online audiences.

Two of the panel participants had worked on the spacecraft since before its launch in 1977. At various points, footage of Voyager being built and launched was interspersed and the current crew of the International Space Station sent recorded best wishes.

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

Council News

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fee to households of $496.13 with no city support; a 90 percent fee of $446.52 with $117,087 of city support, and an 80 percent fee of $396.91 with $234,174 of city support. Salmerón said that council will need to deliberate on this issue.

The memo states that $1.98 million is anticipated in FY 2028 for capital projects. A policy of prioritization and deferment until funds are available will be necessary.

Raising Revenue

A major discussion at the meeting concerned the possibility of raising property taxes; the last time this occurred was 10 years ago. All concerned did not relish the idea, with Mayor Emmett Jordan pointing out that Greenbelt currently has some of the highest taxes in the state. Yet all agreed that raising property taxes was an option to consider if the city is to retain its current level of services.

A similar conversation was held about possibly developing a three-tier tax rate, the tiers being residential, multifamily units and commercial. Councilmember Frankie Fritz stressed his objection to making any increases in multifamily property taxes, as renters comprise the bulk of the city and any increase could result in many choosing to leave. Salmerón said that he will provide an analysis of the advantages and disadvantages of a tiered system so council can make an informed decision.

The consensus of the meeting was that any rise in revenues will likely come from commercial development, such as the proposed development behind Beltway Plaza.

Salmerón said that deficits are being experienced throughout the area, citing a $3 billion deficit for the state and a $150 million deficit for the county.

Financial challenges to renters, who face yearly rent increases, was an issue paired with similar increases in homeowner association and condominium association fees. The city has a 6 percent yearly cap on rental increases, but Fritz pointed out that landlords have legal means to exceed this. Salmerón and council were unsure exactly how much rents have risen.

Budget Meetings

The meeting ended with a discussion concerning how best to schedule worksessions and meetings dealing with the FY 2028 budget. Council and staff presented ideas about grouping departments in the most effective way possible, with Public Safety and Recreation being the two largest. A general consensus was that departments should summarize the biggest changes being proposed as opposed to a detailed line-by-line approach, with many citing that the budget doesn't change considerably from year to year.

Councilmember Kristen Weaver shared the struggle that council has had in past years, where council is only given two days to review the proposed budget before the final vote, with her hoping that this situation could be improved.

Two public hearings on the budget are anticipated, with Councilmember Danielle McKinney hoping that residents can have all the pertinent information well beforehand in order to best prepare their questions.



Wear White at Night

Volunteer to Drive For GIVES

Want to meet fellow Greenbelters and help them out at the same time? The Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) always needs volunteers, especially drivers. Choose when and where you will drive (within the 10-mile limit) and if you are also willing and able to help with carrying groceries or other packages.

To be a driver for GIVES, one needs to be a resident of Greenbelt, be a member of GIVES (membership is free), have a valid Maryland license and insurance, and pass a background check. For information or an application, call 301-507-6580 or visit givesgreenbelt.org.

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that the spaces not be restricted to charging vehicles on weekends, only on weekdays.

PGCMA Dues

Council briefly discussed whether to pay its dues to the PGCMA, one of nine regional chapters of the Maryland Municipal League (MML). Greenbelt had withheld its dues over uncertainty as to whether the PGCMA would disaffiliate from the MML over MML's plans to require chapters to integrate their finances under the MML.

Without paying its dues, Greenbelt will not have a vote at the November 16 meeting over disaffiliation. Mayor Emmett Jordan moved to approve paying the dues. However, several councilmembers were uncomfortable with sending dues until they know that PGCMA will not disaffiliate from MML. In the end, Jordan accepted and council approved language suggested by Councilmember Frankie Fritz to empower the city manager to pay the dues once integration with MML is complete.

Supplemental Budget

Salmerón alerted council about his plan to bring a supplemental budget ordinance to allocate several new grants and public safety surcharge funds that were finally received.

Petitions

Resident Bill Orleans repeated his objections to the recently formed working groups (see the October 22 issue). He felt that such meetings should be open and have published agendas and minutes.

Resident Michael Hartman asked if the upcoming council retreat was open to the public and asked where it will be held. Salmerón said it would likely be in the council chamber and will be open to the public.

Proclamations

Jordan presented proclamations declaring November Municipal Government Month and America Recycles Month in Greenbelt.



PHOTO BY MARK SHERMAN

Frost coats the playing fields behind the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center on Monday, November 16.

Glenn Dale Volunteer Fire Association's
Dec. 1-5
9 to 6pm
2026 Fruit Sale
11900 Glenn Dale Blvd
Navel Oranges, Clementines, Red Delicious Apples, Gold Pineapples, Pecan Halves, Chocolate Covered Peanuts, Hamlin Oranges, Red Grapefruit, Fuji Apples, Anjou Pears, Brittle Bites, Honey Krunch Peanuts.
Mixed oranges and grapefruit, Holiday Box.
Please park around the back
By the case, large bag and small bag.
Cash, checks or credit cards (Visa, Mastercard and Discover)

A Christmas carol
By Charles Dickens
Adapted by Kelci Friend & Peter Orvetti
Directed by Peter Orvetti
GAC
December 4-19
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Sundays 2 PM
Facemasks required Sunday, December 6
Talkback w/ cast & crew Sunday, December 13
scan QR code for tickets or visit GreenbeltArtsCenter.org

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School News

ERHS Construction Club Gains Experience and Outdoor Space

by Eric Arinze

The Construction Club's patio project is in full swing. Headed by Robert Nusum, the club's sponsor and architectural drafting teacher, the project is taking place right outside Nusum's room by the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) basketball court. It began in the middle of September and has become the club's main focus.



PHOTO COURTESY THE RAIDER REVIEW

The new patio underway, pictured at the end of October

The planned structure of the patio is as follows: a level surface with Holland stone bricks laid in a 45-degree herringbone pattern. Some bricks are colored to spell out the acronym ERHS. The patio area is mostly rectangular with chamfered edges on one side. Seating areas will be set up on the finished patio, where students can spend time during their lunch periods.

So far, the building process is going well. Nusum notes that the Construction Club has completed two major checkpoints: excavation and preparation. Excavation involved cutting the grass, removing a few layers of soil and relocating the soil to more beneficial locations. After that, students placed landscape fabric and dug drainage troughs along the perimeter. These troughs now hold drainage stone and cinder blocks intended to elevate the patio. Students dug down three inches and raised the patio by another three inches, resulting in a six-inch deep patio. When rain fell the club found the stone to be very effective for drainage.

In mid-October they put drainage stone pellets in place and spread them evenly throughout the patio. The next step in the project was laying the Holland stone bricks. First, the club had to deduce the area where the herringbone pattern would start. Brick laying would be quite simple after that, Nusum said. It entailed simply continuing the pattern. The simplicity of the process is a major reason why the herringbone pattern was chosen.

"The idea came from using the outdoor space as an enjoyable, comfortable place to sit for students and expanding the idea of the outdoor classroom," said Nusum. "I remember a number of times, walking out to the Victory Garden back and forth, we'd see kids sitting on the grass." He, the Construction Club and many teachers felt the project was necessary because "there are limited places to go and enjoy the outdoors for lunch."

Many criticize the high school for its unsatisfactory appearance, largely due to its lack of windows and arguably dull, awkward structure. Constructing a patio is a step in the right direction; it gives the building a bit of the pizazz it needs.

As counterintuitive as it sounds, building is only one aspect of this construction process. Take it from the Construction Club's junior social media manager, Mahlet Alemayehu – the club handles many different moving parts. Outside of general tasks, Alemayehu has "helped promote the patio and gained attention for it by posting engaging shorts on Instagram," which has gained much traction in recent months.

The project is not only useful but also enjoyable for everyone involved. Alemayehu expresses her appreciation for the "hands-on aspect of the project," which allows students of all grades and experience levels to participate in the collective work effort.

The patio project offers endless possibilities for boosting the physical appeal of the school. And the work is unlikely to stop with this one area. The Construction Club hopes to "establish more patios around the school, so that it's not just isolated to Nusum's room," remarks Alemayehu.

Students wondering how they can get involved in the action, even if they're not a Construction Club member? Well, they're in luck. Nusum has confirmed that, once he's ready for paver installation, people can "come and [participate in laying] 4,800 bricks." The best part is, you can write your name on the brick, leaving your mark forever.

Eric Arinze is an ERHS student writing for the Raider Review, where this article first appeared.

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Voyager Lifecycle

As associate administrator for NASA's Science Mission Directorate, Nicola Fox has overall responsibility for the current mission. She was first up to describe the role of the two Voyager spacecraft and the essential data they have brought to science.

Initially designed only to visit the four outer planets, the spacecraft survived their initial tasks with power remaining. The Voyager 2 mission was "designed" to visit the four outer planets in that Jupiter and Saturn were the mission goals with Uranus and Neptune flybys built in as a possibility for an extended mission. The Voyager 1 mission was designed only for Jupiter and Saturn flybys. Already far from earth, the nuclear power remaining and current location within striking distance of interstellar space invited crossing beyond the heliosphere. This visionary decision has kept Voyager funded and active since 1980 – beyond the lifespans of most of its original science team.

Experience and New Ideas

Three of the five panelists currently supporting the mission onsite at JPL included two who were already part of the team at launch: Project Manager Suzanne Dodd and Senior Research Scientist Linda Spilker. With them was Mission Manager Kareem Badaruddin, a more recent participant. As anyone working on such a mission knows, team members can't help forming a bond with their spacecraft – a special relationship.

Hard to Manage

The JPL mission team described the difficulties of operating a machine when it takes 24 hours for a message to arrive and another 24 to get a response. Imagine getting a text on Saturday morning that your sister is stranded with car trouble, texting her how to fix it and knowing you can't find out if it worked until Monday morning.

Voyager 1 is currently communicating but since November 14 has not been sending back science data. As Badaruddin noted ruefully, with a machine so long past its sell-by date, a dropout is par for the course rather than an emergency. Though some glitches cause known and repetitive problems – the cure is always in slow motion because of how long it takes to communicate.

The Bigger Picture

The panel emphasized that the Voyager data is but the first step into unknown territory. From within our own solar system, everything is seen against a background influenced by the sun. Just as the first forays into space began the process of seeing our own planet from the outside, so the Voyagers are our first outside view back to our solar system and the first view forward to the Milky Way galaxy from outside the screen of the heliosphere. We now begin to see an entirely new domain, even if through a glass darkly.

Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow

Fox spoke of advances in nuclear-based spacecraft propulsion that could get new probes beyond the heliopause much faster than the 35 years it took Voyager, which was launched in 1977. Panelist and Princeton University Space Scientist Jamie Rankin spoke inspiringly of future missions and new science that could be done from more spacecraft that could get there faster and push back more data. Her enthusiasm, as a next-generation researcher using Voyager data today, was palpable.

See it for Yourself

The JPL presentation can be viewed online at tinyurl.com/4zshexs8 (action starts about 1 minute 10 seconds into the recording).





Police Blotter

Incidents reported here occurred November 16-22, 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 two mental health diversions, both involving suicidal thoughts.

On November 18 near Seminole Street and Cunningham Drive, officers investigated a parent's report that a 13-year-old had purchased a THC vape pen from a convenience store.

On November 22 near Hanover Parkway and Greenbelt Road, officers took a possibly impaired driver home and impounded the vehicle.

Assault

On November 21 at 8:11 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a restaurant employee reported that a customer threw a bag of food at his head during an argument and fled in a vehicle.

Robbery

On November 20 at 4:20 p.m. near 6202 Breezewood Drive, two children tried to take another student's backpack. A second child was punched while intervening.

On November 20 at 4:22 p.m. near 9144 Springhill Lane, a child was approached by suspects in a white sedan and robbed near a residential parking lot.

Fraud

On November 19 near 7565 Greenbelt Road, a bank reported suspicious transactions involving a recently opened account, including ATM withdrawals and transfers.

On November 20 near 6160 Springhill Terrace, a Verizon account was opened in a woman's name without permission, resulting in a reported $270 collection balance.

Drug Arrests

On November 16 at 9:40 p.m. near 5510 Cherrywood Lane, two individuals were cited for trespassing, and one was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

On November 17 at 5:35 p.m. near 5510 Cherrywood Lane, officers arrested a man in possession of drug paraphernalia commonly used to smoke crack cocaine and for possession of crack cocaine.

On November 17 at 8:23 p.m. near 5506 Cherrywood Lane, a detective investigated suspected drug-related activity during surveillance near Cherrywood Lane, and two youths were found with controlled dangerous substances.

On November 19 at 9:06 p.m. near 5510 Cherrywood Lane, detectives observed a man smoking crack cocaine behind some dumpsters, recovered drug paraphernalia and made an arrest.

Trespassing

On November 19 at 5:15 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a man previously prohibited from entering mall property was found loitering near an entrance. Officers detained him and served an outstanding warrant.

On November 22 at 8:51 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a man previously banned from mall property fled when officers approached; officers apprehended and arrested him.

Theft and Shoplifting

On November 17 at 3:00 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a man concealed merchandise in a backpack at Marshalls; store security recovered the items.

On November 19 at 1:26 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, officers arrested a man for shoplifting who also had an outstanding warrant.

On November 20 at 5:37 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a wallet containing identification and credit cards was stolen from a shopping cart at Marshalls.

Vandalism

On November 20 at 2:03 a.m. near 7511 Mandan Road, someone discharged a fire extinguisher inside an apartment building and damaged its enclosure, leaving powder throughout the stairwell.

On November 21 near 8 Crescent Road, someone found their front door frame damaged and the deadbolt engaged, suggesting someone had kicked the door.

Vehicle Crimes

Theft from Auto

Five vehicles had their wheels stolen: on November 17 near 9314 Edmonston Road, a 2020 Lexus RX 450h; on November 19 near 9102 Edmonston Court, a 2026 Lexus RX 350 (and a window broken); near 6023 Springhill Drive, a 2027 Honda Civic; and near 6017 Springhill Drive, a Honda Accord (an estimated damage of $2,500); and on November 22 near 7200 Hanover Drive, a Kia.

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

Suspects in White Sedan, Armed With Machete, Rob Local Youth

On November 20, at 4:20 p.m., near a residential parking lot in front of 9143 Springhill Lane, a juvenile reported being approached by suspects in a white sedan and robbed. The suspects were armed with a machete. Police have released an image of the suspects and car, which match the descriptions provided by witnesses.

Anyone who recognizes the suspects or the sedan, or has any knowledge of them, is asked to contact Detective Skibicki at 240-542-2117 or via email at Pskibicki@greenbeltmd.gov.

Since the suspects were reportedly armed with a machete, anyone who comes into contact with them is urged to exercise caution.



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Images released by Greenbelt Police Department, which is searching for information about the suspects and vehicle

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Metro Bus Stopped, Man Apprehended

On Friday, November 20 at around 7 p.m., an armed man in a black ski mask was reported aboard a Metro bus travelling westbound on Greenbelt Road near Hanover Parkway. The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) advised Greenbelt Police of the location of the bus that was headed to Greenbelt Metro with the armed suspect on board.

A passenger also called police, who could hear commotion and yelling in the background of the call. The caller stopped responding but left the line open, enabling police to hear some of the background noise from the bus and sirens beyond.

The bus was pulled over on Southway and the man was apprehended. Metro police were the primary agency in the response, with Greenbelt police assisting.

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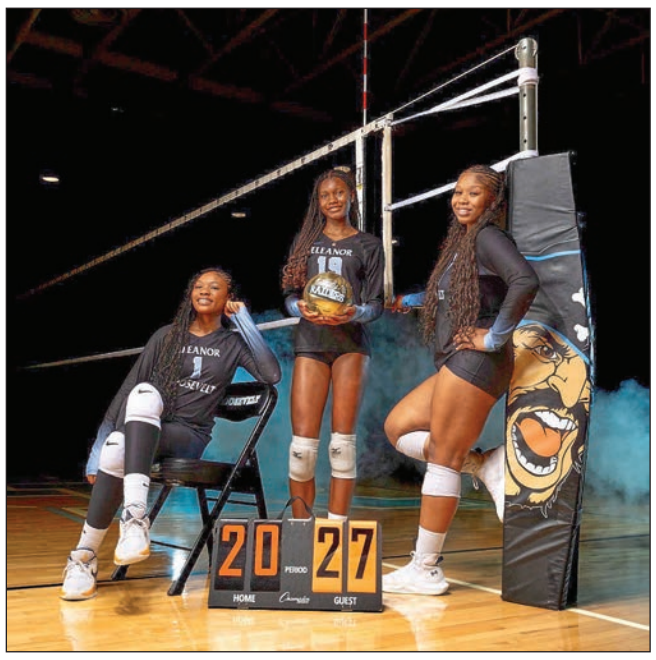
Sports

Girls' Varsity Volleyball Senior Captains Reflect on Last Season

by Sarah Won and Alex Rohrbach

As the whistle blew the conclusion of a recent match and cheers arose in the gym, Eleanor Roosevelt High School's (ERHS) Lady Raiders Volleyball team secured another sweeping victory. It has been an outstanding season for the school's varsity volleyball team, which ended the season 13-0 and claimed the Prince George's County 4A League title.

For some, recent games have meant more wins in their volleyball careers, but for seniors Serayah Williams, Saxen Lancaster and Marianne Okwuadi, these have been some of their final games.



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

Over their years on the team, the seniors have developed not just their skills, but their relationship with the team and the sport as well. As a captain, Williams said her favorite memory was freshman year because the "whole high school athletic thing was new" and she "liked the team that year."

Regarding it being her last season, fellow captain Lancaster said she is "heartbroken" and will "miss all the people that [she has] met." Though she was looking forward to winning county championships, regional championships and even state championships.

Volleyball is a game of errors that is built around communication and trust. In this fast-paced sport, it's very easy for someone to mess up a pass or a serve. Because players must rely on their teammates to keep a rally alive, every position on the court plays an important role.

Team camaraderie is definitely a big part and a key factor in the success of the Eleanor Roosevelt team. Lancaster loves being able to "make noise and call cheers" for her team. For her, the team's close relationships are one of the best parts of playing volleyball. Lancaster said they "all have the same sense of humor," and that it was "just really fun to be around them."

Head Varsity Coach Michelle Blacks expressed the same sentiment, saying that it "goes a long way when you have players who care about each other outside of the gym," and that she enjoys seeing the athletes "playing together and spending time off the court together."

That teamwork was definitely showcased through multiple victories this season, including on September 17 in their victory against Oxon Hill, a previously strong opponent. Williams spoke about her experience before the game, saying, "last year they beat us pretty bad, so [we] were all kind of nervous ..."

She said it was important to "not let pregame nerves get to you," and to "block out what everyone else is saying and focus on you." Her methods proved to work as she contributed to the game against Oxon Hill with an impressive nine kills and two digs, according to MaxPreps.

Coach Blacks also commented on 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."

On October 22 the seniors played their last game at home against DuVal, winning 3-0. (For more on that season finale see the October 29 issue of the News Review.)

Sarah Won and Alex Rohrbach are Eleanor Roosevelt High School students writing for the Raider Review, where this article first appeared.



PHOTO BY PAUL RICKETTS

Paul Ricketts of Greenbelt (left) and Moray Jones of Pwllheli, Wales stand at the summit of Yr Wyddfa (commonly known in English as Snowdon). It is the highest mountain in Wales and England, at 3,560 feet above sea level. Ricketts has wanted to climb Snowdon since creating a 3D map of it as a cartography student. He and Moray made their climb on a beautiful late October day in celebration of a milestone birthday.

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How Some Greenbelters Are Celebrating Thanksgiving

by Rachel Kebler



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Fall colors surround an underpass leading to Roosevelt Center in the days before Thanksgiving.

Family, food and traveling are in store for Greenbelters this holiday season.

"We really don't have a lot of family in the area, they're spread out," said resident Brian Clark, who will be spending Thanksgiving in Greenbelt with his wife, Cindy.

Greenbelter Jaclin Gilbert will be spending the holiday nearby, with friends. "I'm actually doing a potluck Thanksgiving with 30 other kayakers," said Gilbert, who has been kayaking for around 16 years. Gilbert is making a butternut squash dish to share.

Other Thanksgiving dishes Greenbelters are preparing include all sorts of pies, turkey, different potato dishes, cranberry sauce and less traditional Thanksgiving fare like lasagna. Some Greenbelters said they will be visiting St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church on Thursday and enjoying their Parish Thanksgiving Dinner following the 10 a.m. Mass.

Some Greenbelters plan to run or walk the Gobble Wobble race around Greenbelt Lake on Thanksgiving morning [now postponed to Saturday].

Greenbelter Luca noted this will be his first proper Thanksgiving as he is from Europe, not ever truly celebrating it in his home country. For him, family will be the highlight.

"Having the family reunited for the weekend" is what he is looking forward to most. He will be gathering with a group of eight family members, including children and grandchildren, in Greenbelt for Thanksgiving dinner.

While some Greenbelters said they will pay the cost of gas, even when it's high, to get to family, others said they are feeling the impact of higher gas and grocery prices this holiday season. Several spoke of the difficulty in sourcing affordable turkey. One was going big with a large bird that was more cost effective, while a couple of others were looking for smaller portions. One was looking for fresh turkeys, placing an order with a local farmer for pick up shortly before the big day.

Thanksgiving is usually the biggest travel holiday of the year. "We did go to Tennessee in the past, but it got to just be a little too much trouble," one Greenbelter said.

Shirl Phelps, a student in the Greenbelt area, discussed remaining positive and enjoying the holiday season despite the current cost of food and the tough economic climate.

"The crazy uncle is in charge of things, and he's drunk," Phelps said. "You have to adapt and adjust and figure out something else. If you don't, you let the current insanity lessen your life. You can't let the people that have no good intentions steal every bit of your joy."

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

ERHS Grad Tillman Haunts Depp In New, Dark Christmas Movie

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

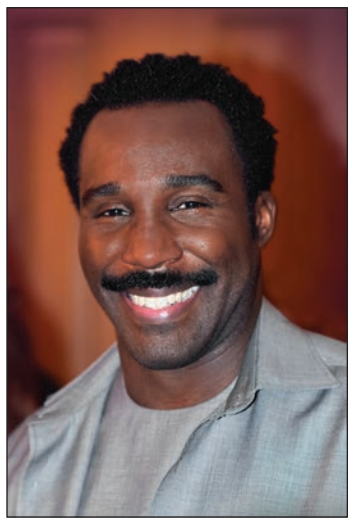
Thanksgiving is not yet over but one new Christmas movie is already out in theaters: Ebenezer.

It's a new, dark retelling of Charles Dickens' 1843 story A Christmas Carol, written by Nathaniel Halpern and directed by filmmaker Ti West, best known for horror films, and featuring Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) graduate Tramell Tillman.

Tillman, a 2003 graduate of ERHS, won an Emmy last year for his performance in Severance (see the September 17, 2025 issue).

In his new role, Tillman is the Ghost of Christmas Present, haunting Johnny Depp, who plays Ebenezer Scrooge.

Ebenezer is the current U.S. box office number 1 film and, as of November 15, had grossed $19 million in the U.S. and Canada. The film received only 54 percent on the "Tomatometer" of popular movie and TV show review site Rotten Tomatoes, meaning 54 percent of critics gave it a positive review. Its overall rating by critics there was 5.6 out of 10. Audiences, however, gave it a warm reception with 90 percent on the Popcornmeter, meaning 90 percent of regular viewers gave it a positive rating of 3.5 out of 5, or more. In its Hollywood and Entertainment section, Forbes reported on the dramatic divergence between audience and critic reviews.



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Tramell Tillman in 2023

For Tillman, performing in Ebenezer may be a return to his early acting roots in Prince George's County. In a 2022 interview he said he was a shy child whose mother pushed him to perform in a Christmas play and he fell in love with acting (see the May 8, 2025 issue for more).

American Discovery 250 Relay Takes a Pit Stop at the Café

by John Campanile

The American Discovery 250 bicycle team (ADT250) enjoyed a brief respite from their 6,800-mile trek from California to the Atlantic Ocean, to make a pit stop at the New Deal Café on Sunday, November 22. Three Greenbelt cyclists and three runners joined them on their 4.5-mile leg from College Park to Greenbelt.

The coast-to-coast ride commemorates the country's 250th anniversary with the team carrying a copy of the Declaration of Independence on their ride. They began at the Golden Gate Bridge on July 4 and will end at the Atlantic coast in Delaware on Thanksgiving.

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Bicycle Committee member Peter Teuben invited the ADT250 team to make a slight detour for a pit stop at the New Deal Café in Roosevelt Center to meet residents.

Following their coffee and pastry break, the team continued its ride, with the goal of Annapolis by day's end.



TheAmerican Discovery 250 bicycle team at the New Deal Cafe

- Photos by John Campanile





The baton carrying a copy of the Declaration of Independence

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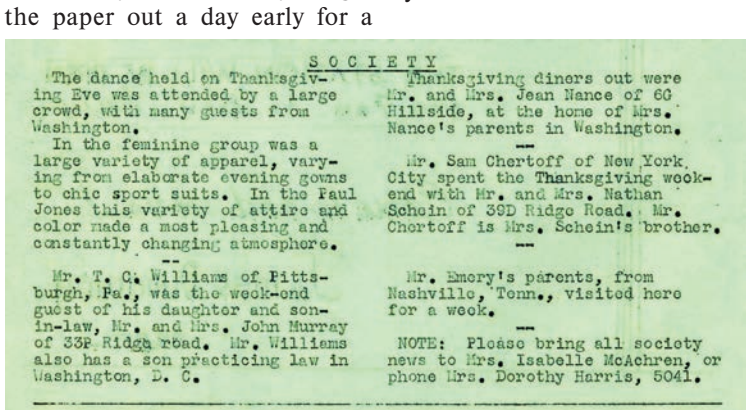
For how Greenbelters will be celebrating Thanksgiving this year, see the article on this page.

As for the News Review, some of our team of copy editors, email sorters, editorial and ads staff, and more were hard at work on Sunday and Monday to get the paper out a day early for a week when Thursday is a holiday. This week we celebrate 89 full years of continuous, independent, local news.

Thanks to our readers, writers, volunteers and supporters (see this page) for another wonderful year.



SOCIETY

The dance held on Thanksgiving Eve was attended by a large crowd, with many guests from Washington.

In the feminine group was a large variety of apparel, varying from elaborate evening gowns to chic sport suits. In the Paul Jones this variety of attire and color made a most pleasing and constantly changing atmosphere.

Mr. T. C. Williams of Pittsburgh, Pa., was the week-end guest of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Murray of 33P Ridge road. Mr. Williams also has a son practicing law in Washington, D. C.

Thanksgiving dinners out were Mr. and Mrs. Jean Nance of 6G Hillside, at the home of Mrs. Nance's parents in Washington.

Mr. Sam Chertoff of New York City spent the Thanksgiving week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Schein of 39D Ridge Road. Mr. Chertoff is Mrs. Schein's brother.

Mr. Emory's parents, from Nashville, Tenn., visited here for a week.

NOTE: Please bring all society news to Mrs. Isabelle McAchren, or phone Mrs. Dorothy Harris, 5041.

FROM THE DECEMBER 1, 1937 ISSUE/ GNR ARCHIVES

The second issue of the Cooperator shared news of some of the first Thanksgiving dinners in the new town.

Gobble Wobble Moved To Saturday, Nov. 28

Due to the impending storm, the Gobble Wobble originally scheduled for Thursday, November 26 has been postponed to Saturday, November 28 at 9 a.m. in front of the Youth Center. Packets may be picked up beginning at 8 a.m. There is a fee.

For additional information or to register, go to https://www.greenbeltmd.gov/m/newsflash/home/detail/170 or call 301-397-2200.

Thank You to Financial Contributors

Our readers have continued their generosity since 2025. Readers say they have contributed to the Greenbelt News Review in appreciation of our reporting, with donors noting that our reporting on candidates and ballot questions helped inform their voting this fall. Family members sent contributions with obituaries of their loved ones. Advertisers rounded up their advertising payments. And of course, Greenbelt Consumer Co-op customers rounded up when checking out (see the October 15 issue)!

The following list reflects contributors since Thanksgiving 2025 and support over our 89th year of publication. Thank you for your continued support of independent local news, as we enter our 90th year of service to you.

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Volunteers Needed For Tool Library

The Greenbelt MakerSpace seeks volunteers to staff the tool library and organize classes and other events. People are asking for more open hours. Help is needed for the tool library to expand. Sign up for shifts at signup.com/go/UNkLnqk or email us at staff@make125.org if interested in other times or jobs.

The Greenbelt MakerSpace is accessed via the exterior stairs on the west side of the Granite Building at 115 Centerway.