

## Merchants Discuss Broken Pipe, Water Bills, Telecommunication

by Diane Oberg

The main issues raised by representatives of the Roosevelt Center Merchants' Association at their November 9 worksession with the Greenbelt City Council related to utilities from a broken pipe to a skyrocketing water bill to the problems of bringing modern telecommunications into the nearly 80-year-old center.

The most critical issue was the decision by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) to turn off a leaking water pipe. This pipe feeds the sprinkler system for the Co-op Supermarket and, most likely, for the Arts Center and church located in the same building. City Manager Michael McLaughlin, as

well as Co-op officials, have told WSSC that such a schedule is not acceptable. He was expecting a response from WSSC but as of Tuesday afternoon, there was no change.

Several of the merchants also complained of high water bills. Michael Hartman of the New Deal Café said that their water bill had recently tripled. There are four meters for the building they are in, but the billing is done by the landlord.

The final utility issue was the shared problem of bringing in high-speed internet to connect to the Center's antiquated systems. The merchants need this service to power their credit card op-

erations, normal computer usage and point-of-sale systems. While some merchants have successfully brought in broadband service, albeit in some cases with major time delays, others are having problems getting service from either major provider in the city. In some cases, the issue is who will pay to bring the line to the business.

### Center's Status

In general the Center is doing well, said Caitlin McGrath, chair of the merchants' association, although there are still some vacancies. They are trying to broaden their reach by actions such as

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## Council Studies Lowering Voting Age to 16 for Greenbelt Elections

by Kathleen Gallagher

In 2013, Takoma Park became the first city in the United States to allow 16- and 17-year-olds to vote in city elections. In 2015, Hyattsville became the second city to do so. Greenbelt's Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) is eager to see Greenbelt be the third.

In July 2015 YAC submitted a report to the city council recommending that 16- and 17-year-olds be allowed to vote in city elections. If such a change were made, only city elections would be affected. The voting age for state and federal elections would remain at 18.

A year later, Emma Smith, chair, and other members of the committee attended a regular meeting of the city council to request information on the status of their 2015 report. They were told the issue had been placed on the Community Questionnaire circulated at the time of the 2015 election and was also on the list of council worksessions to be scheduled. The worksession was

held on November 2, with Smith and committee member Hunter Whaples representing YAC.

Mayor Pro Tem Judith Davis, who presided over the meeting, asked Smith to give an overview of the reasons for the committee's request. Smith outlined the rationale that had been provided in the original report, saying that at 16, young people are able to obtain a driving permit, work with few restrictions and pay taxes.

At this age, Smith added, under the current curriculum, they are also most likely taking required high school classes on local, state and national government, which the committee suggests is an ideal time to be introduced to the privilege and duty of voting.

Whaples, who said he was 17 and a senior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, confirmed that almost all sophomores in the City of Greenbelt take one of the required government courses, so this is a good time to introduce

voting.

"People who understand government should be able to vote," he said. He also supported another argument presented in the committee report, that for long-term commitment to voting and civic involvement, introducing it in conjunction with school studies prior to students' moving away from their home communities to college could be an advantage.

### Questionnaire Response

Davis pointed out that there had been a high level of opposition expressed on the Community Questionnaire to lowering the minimum voting age. Only 19 percent of the respondents supported the proposition, with 77 percent opposing it and the remaining 4 percent not responding. It should be noted that the Community Questionnaire is not statistically based and does not provide any background information on the topic of the question.

Smith said she thought perhaps voters were concerned with large numbers of young people turning out and having too much impact on issues or "diluting the vote." If the early days of the lowered voting age in Takoma Park and Hyattsville are any indication, however, that is unlikely to be a threat. To date, registration by the age group in both cities has been quite modest, as reported by their city clerks.

More promising is that the 16- and 17-year olds who do register are substantially more likely to turn out to vote than registered voters as a whole. Both Takoma Park and Hyattsville historically have had low voter turnout. In its last election, 20 to 25 percent of the young voters in Hyattsville

See **VOTING AGE**, page 15

## American Education Week November 14 to 18

In celebration of American education, these columns will tell the stories of selected teachers from the schools serving the Greenbelt community. This week readers will get a glimpse inside Magnolia and Springhill Lake Elementary Schools. In coming weeks we will focus on the other local public schools.

The stories feature two teachers or staff members at each school; these are coordinated by David Lange, who originated the series and liaises with the schools, and Alice Murray who works with the reporters.

## Teacher Tara Yates-Reeves: Creativity Shines Through

by Dylan Sinn

Tara Yates-Reeves has been teaching and working with kids since middle school and even then her colleagues noticed her knack for it. "I was a summer camp counselor and my boss was always telling me, 'You have a natural way with these children,'" she said. "They said, 'You should consider teaching and I was like, 'No I'm just going to be a performer.'"



PHOTO BY DYLAN SINN

Tara Yates-Reeves, vocal music teacher at Magnolia Elementary School

Over a decade later, she teaches vocal music at Magnolia

Elementary School in Lanham, instructing students from pre-kindergarten through sixth grade.

"This is my third year and I love it," Yates-Reeves said. "The kids are amazing and the staff is so supportive. I can't lie, as a teacher you're

always tired but it's so worth it because you know you're tired because you were teaching and

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## Teacher Melissa Pinkney Uses Real-Life Situations

by Dylan Sinn

Melissa Pinkney is only in her second year teaching first grade at Magnolia Elementary School in Lanham, but she is no stranger to the classroom. Pinkney's mother teaches in Anne Arundel County and the younger Pinkney helped set up her mother's room during the summer each year and met all of her mother's friends in the profession.

"Being around my mother

and seeing how happy she was teaching", the fact that "she still is teaching and still happy", motivated me to "want to try this," Pinkney said.

Pinkney's deep connection to teaching is not lost on Magnolia principal Phyllis Gillens. "One of her first mentors was her mother and it seems as though all of

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### What Goes On

**Saturday, November 19**

9 a.m. to noon, Volunteer Clean-up of Indian Creek, Springhill Lake Recreation Center

**Sunday, November 20**

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Bake Sale for Animal Shelter, Co-op Ramp

**Monday, November 21**

8 p.m., Council Worksession on Police Body Cameras, Municipal Building. Live on Comcast 71, Verizon 21 and streaming at greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

**Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25**

City Offices Closed

**Thursday, November 24**

9 a.m., Gobble Wobble, 5K Race, 1½ mile walk, Youth Center



PHOTO BY NATALIE BAILEY

Cub scout pack 202 participates in the Greenbelt Veterans Day ceremony: See pages 4-5 for more photos of the event.

### Thanksgiving Week Deadline Changes

Due to the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 24, the deadline for the News Review will have to change, since printers will not be available to print the paper Thanksgiving morning. The Thanksgiving issue will be printed on Wednesday. All deadlines will be moved back a day to finish the paper in time to be printed before the holiday.

Thanksgiving Week the deadline for stories, letters and camera ready ads will be Monday, November 21 at 8 p.m. Ads that need work must be in by Sunday, November 20 at 4 p.m.

The usual Wednesday composition work and final proofing will be done Tuesday evening.

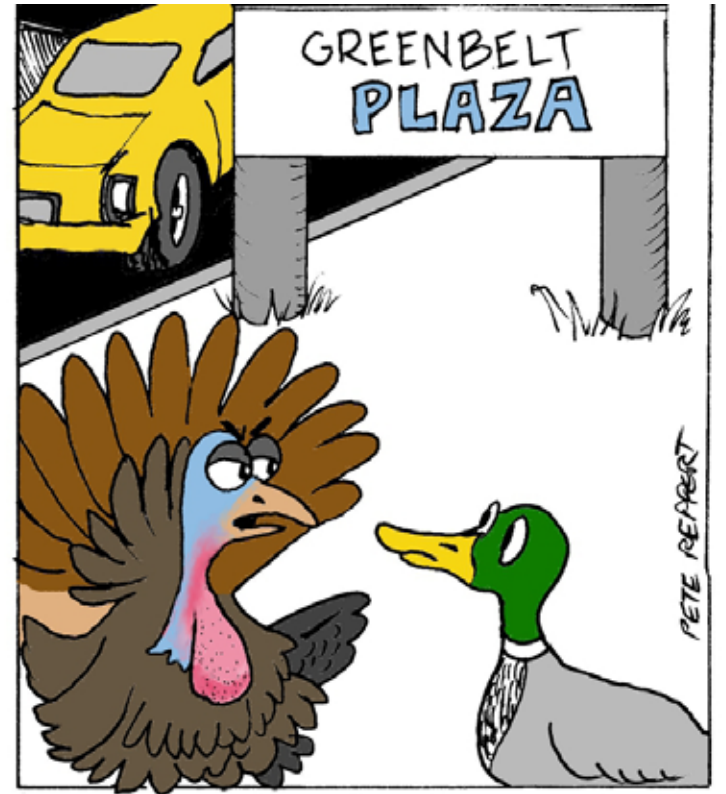
#### Notice to All

All copy – ads, articles, photos, letters – must reach us no later than Monday, November 21 to be included in the November 24 issue. Any material received after Monday evening will be held for the issue of December 1.

### City Notes

Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability staff received \$1,200 from the Jim Cassels Award Committee to build a TerraCycle Drop-Off Center.

Schrom Hills Park hosted a youth soccer tournament coordinated by the Greenbelt Soccer Alliance.



"BLACK FRIDAY... SERIOUSLY?"

## Letters to the Editor

### Pet Fooled

I am writing this because only about one percent of Greenbelt cat "owners" showed up for the Pet Fooled documentary at the recent Utopia Film Festival, and because I wish to augment the online trailer.

In this documentary bewildered consumers see misleading wording on so many beautiful pet food packages. And here we learn about the condition of some of the animals used as ingredients in conventional pet foods.

One pet food recall involves many pet deaths, while the product remained on the shelves for several years. They inform that a tainted food coming from a single source may appear in many pet food brands. One devastated owner tells of how she had with her own hands poisoned and killed her own dog with tainted dog food.

They explain how in mainstream pet foods some of the ingredients are not "species appropriate," which is to say that a dog or cat does not need, and will be harmed by, these cheapest possible wheat and corn major ingredients.

Happily, they tell of new smaller pet food companies who market demonstrably healthful diets, and they suggest that persons who cannot pay for healthful pet foods might be able to provide just one healthful meal per day.

The main speaker was Karen Becker, a veterinarian in integrative medicine for pets. Karen strikes me as one who has "seen it all" in terms of sick pets and

feels driven to help fix the problem (see [healthypets.mercola.com](http://healthypets.mercola.com)).

Susan Thixton spoke sometimes. She is author of Truth-AboutPetFoods.com and, among other endeavors, is a founding partner of the International Consumer Pet Foods Association.

I am not suggesting that it would be possible for the Greenbelt Animal Shelter to consistently provide the "species-appropriate" diets recommended, and that is because of the transience of the animals, the shortage of funding and the low prevalence of local species-appropriate feeding by owners.

Bill Norwood

### Evasive Response

This is a response to the article 'Council Requests Changes to County Draft Zoning Law,' written by Diane Oberg and published in the November 3 edition of the Greenbelt News Review (GNR).

According to Oberg, William Orleans petitioned the Greenbelt City Council at the October 24 council meeting to provide information regarding council's executive sessions dealing with the search for a new city manager.

According to the Maryland Open Meetings Act (the Act), when a public body (such as the council) holds a meeting subject to the Act, the meeting must be open to the public unless the topic of discussion falls within one of the exceptions that allow a public body to exclude the public from the meeting. We contend

that the executive sessions at issue are not among the enumerated exceptions that would allow these sessions to be closed to the public.

In response to Orleans' petition for information about the executive sessions, the council simply upheld its policy for keeping private the minutes of executive sessions. Council's response was evasive, did not address Orleans' petition for information and failed to advise Orleans of his right to file a complaint with the Open Meetings Act Compliance Board.

We encourage Orleans to file a complaint with the Compliance Board. We share Orleans' desire for more information about the executive sessions and appreciate his willingness to question council on this matter.

Information about the Open Meetings Act and the process for filing a complaint may be found at [marylandattorneygeneral.gov](http://marylandattorneygeneral.gov).

Brian Almqvist



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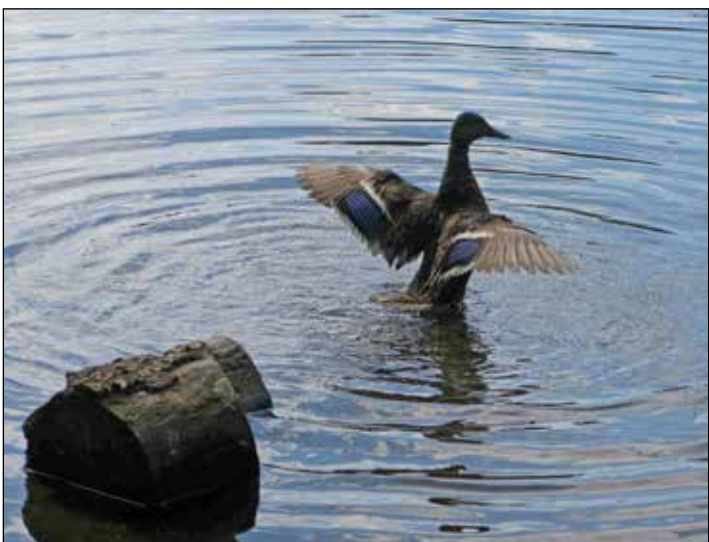


PHOTO BY WILLARD K. MORRIS

A mallard duck hen (female) energetically performs a mating dance at Greenbelt Lake to attract the attention of a mallard drake (male). Seconds later, a mallard drake flew down and frolicked with her.

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# Community Events

## Vintage Jewelry Sale At Mishkan Torah

A vintage jewelry sale will be held at Mishkan Torah Synagogue on Sunday, November 20 from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. This is a clearance sale of small items that will be sold at minimal prices to lower the volume of accumulated stock. There will be many items that hobbyists and crafters could take apart and use in the construction of new art pieces. Other pieces can be used as gifts for young people.

While the clearance sale is on, the synagogue's gift shop will hold a separate sale of non-Judaic items. Mishkan Torah Synagogue is located at the corner of Westway and Ridge Road.



## Senior Menu

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext 4215.

All meals include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of November 21 are as follows:

Monday, November 21: Potato-crust fish, mashed spice yams, country vegetables, wheat bread, diced pears, apple juice.

Tuesday, November 22: sloppy joe, corn, hot glazed peaches, coleslaw, wheat hamburger bun, orange juice.

Wednesday, November 23: Sliced turkey w/gravy, bread dressing, whipped potatoes, French green beans, ambrosia, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, apple juice.

Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25: No meals served.

Happy Thanksgiving.



## Grand Reopening For Lake Forebay

To celebrate the reopening of the forebays at Greenbelt Lake, the city's Public Works Department is hosting an interactive tour of Greenbelt Lake and Buddy Attick Lake Park on Saturday, December 3 from 10 a.m. to noon.

For those who have questions about the construction around the lake, here are the answers. This is an opportunity to see the new and improved forebays at Greenbelt Lake. The Prince George's County Department of Public Works and the Clean Water Partnership have been at work developing a sustainable environment and an eco-friendly habitat for amphibians. A presentation will start at 10 a.m. in the Public Works building, followed by a walking tour around the lake, with free refreshments and fun activities for the kids. This rain or shine event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact thecleanwaterpartnership.com or 301-861-0447.

## WAGS to Have Bake Sale on Sunday

Well-Wishers for the Animals of the Greenbelt Shelter (WAGS) is sponsoring a bake sale to benefit the Greenbelt Animal Shelter's special medical fund. Come out to the Greenbelt Co-op ramp on Sunday, November 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for some delicious treats.

WAGS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit and also welcomes monetary donations, which can be sent to WAGS, P.O. Box 1672, Greenbelt, MD 20768-1672 or submitted online at [gofundme.com/GBAnimalShelter](http://gofundme.com/GBAnimalShelter).

## Immigration Discussion

Join Greenbelt Access TV for Contemporary Conversations on Saturday, November 19 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Community Center theater rehearsal Room 202 for a discussion of the benefits and challenges of immigration in the United States. Now more than ever a community should consider the future of its least represented neighbors. Panelists will include Dr. Linda Rabben, human rights activist, associate research professor of anthropology at the University of Maryland and author of her eighth book, Sanctuary and Asylum: A Social and Political History, released in September. Paulina Vera is a staff attorney on immigration at CASA de Maryland. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Malia Murray at [greenbeltaccessstv.org](http://greenbeltaccessstv.org) or 301-938-9894.

## Community Relations Forum by CRAB

The Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB) seeks to bring together citizens and police to hear concerns and foster a community that is respectful, safe and fair for all people. The board is hosting the first forum for public input on Tuesday, November 29 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Springhill Lake Elementary School for residents of Franklin Park and Greenbelt Station. There will be additional forums to follow in Greenbelt East and in old Greenbelt as well as a separate youth forum. A form available at [greenbeltmd.gov/policecommunityform](http://greenbeltmd.gov/policecommunityform) contains a survey and a box for comments for those not able to attend or who wish to avoid speaking publicly.



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## Recharge Time Bank At Nov. 19 Social

Join Greenbelt Time Bank members on Saturday, November 19 from noon to 2 p.m. to socialize, get to know each other and learn more about the Greenbelt Time Bank. Participants are invited to share a favorite time bank success story. You can learn what skills and services are being offered, describe a skill or service you would like to share or explain a need or request you would like filled. Attendees can learn about opportunities to earn hours and improve the time bank by volunteering.

Bring a mug and maybe a snack to share. This event is open to members and non-members alike.

The Time Bank Social will be held at the Community Center, Room 114.

For questions, email [Greenbelt.Timebank@gmail.com](mailto:Greenbelt.Timebank@gmail.com) or call 240-473-3497. Share with friends on <https://www.facebook.com/greenbelttimebank/>.

## Zero Waste Public Meeting on Dec. 6

The Prince George's County Department of the Environment is holding a zero waste informational public meeting at the Old Greenbelt Theatre on Tuesday, December 6, from 8 to 9 p.m.

The free meeting will feature discussion of the county's plan and goals for reducing waste, potential strategies for zero waste in the county, and changes and ideas attendees would like to see concerning garbage, recycling and compost services.

The theater will open at 7:30 p.m. The concession stand will be open so attendees can purchase popcorn and the other treats before the meeting begins.

## Kids' Open Mic At New Deal Café

There will be a kids' open mic at the New Deal Café on Sunday, November 20 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. The open mic takes place on the third Sunday of every month. Those age 17 and under are invited to play a musical instrument, sing, dance, juggle, recite a poem or otherwise perform.

Performers should RSVP to Rebecca Holober at [bbholober@comcast.net](mailto:bbholober@comcast.net) at least one day before the date of appearance; they may include a brief biography that will be read as the performer is introduced (where performer is from, title of songs presented, musical influences, fun facts, etc.).

## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

'Tis the time for turkey, pumpkin pie and elections. On Wednesday, December 7 the Golden Age Club will hold its election of officers for 2017. Plan to come to this meeting and vote.

Condolences to Karen Haseley and her family on the death of her uncle. Karen does so much for seniors with trips, Explorations Unlimited, Ageless Grace and shopping trips.

No meeting on November 23, the day before Thanksgiving.

The Tea will be on November 30. Bring your favorite cup or mug and enjoy goodies and social time and some other activities.

'Tis the time to give thanks for friends and family and enjoy this wonderful community with all its senior activities.

## View Venus and Mars On Saturday Evening

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday, November 19 at 6 p.m. at the City Observatory at Northway Fields. With the Observatory telescope we will begin observing Venus and Mars and then move on to nebulae and star clusters or whatever visitors might like to see. As always, visitors are welcome to set up their own telescopes on the hill. Neptune and Uranus will be up. The moon will not be up, so it will be dark.

Attendees are asked to park in the ball field lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.

## GHI Notes

Thursday, November 17, 1:30 p.m., Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee Meeting, Board Room;

7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room.

Friday, November 18, Office Closed. For emergency maintenance service call 301-474-6011.

Wednesday, November 23, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee Meeting, Board Room.

Thursday, November 24 Office Closed (Thanksgiving Day). For emergency maintenance service call 301-474-6011.

Friday, November 25, Office Closed. For emergency maintenance service call 301-474-6011.

Monday, November 28, 7 p.m., Communications Committee Meeting, GHI Office;

7 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room; 7:30 p.m., Stormwater Management Task Force Meeting, GHI Lobby.

Tuesday, November 29, 7 p.m., Nominations and Elections Committee Meeting, Board Room.

Wednesday, November 30, 7 p.m., Member Complaint Panel Meeting, Board Room.

Thursday, December 1, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room.

Friday, December 2, Office Closed. For emergency maintenance service call 301-474-6011.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

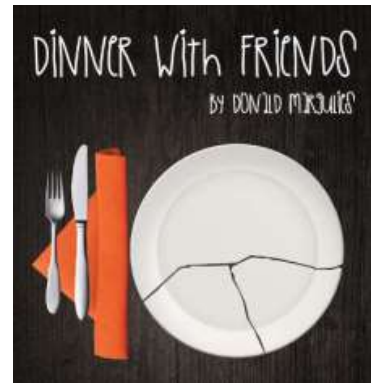
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# City of Greenbelt Remembers Men, Women Who Served

by Butch Hicks

The Greenbelt community, Greenbelt City Council and county government representatives joined the Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 family in Veterans Day ceremonies held at the Roosevelt Center on November 11. Post 136 Commander Mike Moore said the annual event “commemorates the service of veterans of all wars. 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 precious heritage.”

Held on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 and the City of Greenbelt used the service to thank veterans and their families for their service. Over 100 people, many of them in uniform, turned out for the ceremony. Included in the crowd were Brownie Troop 23007, Cub Scout Pack 202 and Boy Scout Troop 746.

Commander Moore was also the MC and introduced County Councilmember Todd Turner first.

“Thank you,” Turner said to the service members. “We are here because of your service. We went through this election, and though we have our differences, we are hopeful because of this peaceful transition.”

The election was also on State Representative Anne Healey’s mind. “We have to remember that we are the United States of America,” she said emphasizing the word united. “We need to be kind and remember community.”

Before reading a proclamation from the city, Mayor Emmett Jordan also said thank you. “Greenbelt is a special community,” he added. “And it is part of our nature to help each other and to remember the service of veterans.”

Long-time resident of Greenbelt, keynote speaker Greg Gigliotti, second vice commander of Greenbelt American Legion Post 136, reminded listeners that most people go into the service when they are young. “They are ordinary people who accomplish extraordinary things.”

The ceremony ended with the placement of five wreaths next to the city’s memorial, a rifle volley and Taps, saluting those who have served and those who continue to serve America through military service.

*Butch Hicks is the public affairs officer for Greenbelt American Legion Post 136. Amy Hansen also contributed to this article.*



PHOTO BY BRUCE HICKS

Keynote speaker Greg Gigliotti, second vice commander of Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 addresses the crowd.



PHOTO BY BRUCE HICKS

Greenbelt Mayor Emmett Jordan presents the Greenbelt Veterans Day proclamation to Post Commander Mike Moore, Auxiliary member Rusty Beeg and Sons of the American Legion member Jim Harbaugh.



PHOTO BY BRUCE HICKS

Bystanders hold flags during the ceremony.



PHOTO BY NATALIE BAILEY

Cub scouts participate in the Greenbelt Veterans Day ceremony: Casey Mullen, Kellen Murray, Noah Eubanks, Graham Marcavitch, Marcello Gendreau and Adrian Velasco.



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

Brownie Troop 23007 attends the Veterans Day ceremony.



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**FARMERS MARKET**



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**Holiday Market**  
**Sunday, December 4**  
**10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**  
 Roosevelt Center Parking Lot  
 Near Festival of Lights Juried  
 Arts and Crafts Show  
 See City Ad.  
**Last Regular Market**  
**Sunday, November 20**




# Veterans Day 2016



PHOTO BY HELEN SYDAVAR

As part of the Veteran Day service, representatives position wreaths in front of the memorial next to Roosevelt Center. From left, Post Auxiliary member Judy Farrell, Councilmember Rodney Roberts, Sons of American Legion member Chris Field, Councilmember Konrad Herling and Acting Police Chief Thomas Kemp.



PHOTO BY NATALIE BAILEY

Some veterans wore uniforms to the service and others wore commemorative jackets.



PHOTO BY HELEN SYDAVAR

A crowd of over 100 listens to the Veterans Day service held in Roosevelt Center.



PHOTO BY NATALIE BAILEY

Veterans attend the service held in Roosevelt Center.



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

Michael Moore, of Greenbelt American Legion Post 136, leads the Veterans Day service. Shown behind him are several of the speakers, (from left) Greg Gigliotti, the Legion's second vice commander; Mayor Emmett Jordan; Councilmember Judith Davis; County Councilmember Todd Turner; and State Representative Anne Healey.

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## Reel and Meal Meeting In Pursuit of Zero Waste

by Susan Barnett

In keeping with November's theme of America Recycles Month in Greenbelt, on Monday, November 21 Reel and Meal and Greenbelt's Green Team's Zero Waste Circle will screen the film Racing to Zero: In Pursuit of Zero Waste. The Reel and Meal is held on the third Monday of every month at the New Deal Café. An optional vegan buffet is available for purchase beginning at 6:30 p.m. and the free film screening starts at 7 p.m.

We are running out of room for our waste. Our landfills create greenhouse gas and toxic runoff and they are filling up. What do we do? This is a global problem and all countries are dealing with it – some better than others.

Racing To Zero is a quick-moving, upbeat documentary presenting new solutions to the global problem of waste. By simply substituting the word resource for the word garbage, a culture can be transformed, and a new wealth of industries can emerge.

Three years ago the mayor of San Francisco pledged to achieve zero waste by 2020. Zero waste is defined as a philosophy that encourages the redesign of resource life cycles so that all products are reused. No trash is sent to landfills and incinerators.

Racing to Zero tracks San Francisco's efforts to achieve zero waste. The film presents waste stream diversion tactics and presents innovative new solutions to waste. This film documents a surprising, engaging and inspiring race to zero.

The evening will highlight a brief overview of the newly prioritized zero waste plan for Prince George's County. This will be presented by Adam Ortiz, the director of the County's Department of the Environment. Also Martha Ainsworth, Chair of the Prince George's Sierra Club group will present the concerns and efforts of the Sierra Club. Raea Jean Leinster of Yuck Old Paint will also introduce her program. Yuck Old Paint is the only company in the region that diverts paint waste away from landfills. In addition, members of the Greenbelt Zero Waste Circle, a part of Greenbelt Green Team will be available to discuss efforts in Greenbelt to move toward zero waste. A discussion will follow the film.

America Recycles Month in Greenbelt is inspired by America Recycles Day, a national initiative of Keep America Beautiful, which encourages citizens and groups to take the #BeRecycled pledge at [americarecyclesday.org](http://americarecyclesday.org) and share the hashtag on social media. With this pledge, we are agreeing to take actions to reduce the amount of waste we send to the landfill by recycling more and recycling right. The website also offers a find recycling option where local residents can find the closest location to recycle special items like electronics and plastic bags, which cannot be put in the curbside bin.

Reel and Meal is a monthly film series focused on environmental, social justice and animal rights issues. The series has three organizing groups: Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group, Green Vegan Networking and the Prince George's County Peace & Justice Coalition. For more information on this month's program, contact Susan Barnett at 301-474-7465 or visit the New Deal Café's e-calendar at [newdealcafe.com/events/reelAndMeal](http://newdealcafe.com/events/reelAndMeal).

### Watkins Center Offers Nature Crafts

Watkins Nature Center, 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro, is offering a variety of programs with activities that encourage youth to learn about and connect with nature. On Wednesday, November 23 from 10 to 11 a.m. the program will feature nature crafts for ages 2 and up. Participants will enjoy a story, meet a live animal and do a hands-on nature craft activity.

There is a nominal fee per person and reservations are required. For more information call 301-218-6702.

### Upcoming Events At The New Deal

Thursday, November 17, Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft from noon to 2 p.m. Open Mic hosted by Joe Harris from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, November 18, John Guernsey plays jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. IlyAIMY performs a mix of musical genres and award-winning original songs and offers a dynamic rhythm section from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 19, Bruce Krittr plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. Guernsey plays classic American standards on piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Built 4 Comfort combines soulful vocals, tasty guitar licks and a blues flavor to favorite R&B classic covers from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 20, join the Deaf Brunch from 10:30 a.m. until noon. Kids' Open Mic from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Fez Tones Haffa performs Middle Eastern music and belly dance from 6 to 8 p.m.

Monday, November 21, Reel and Meal from 7 to 9 p.m. A vegan buffet is available from 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 22, The New Deal Laugh-In hosted by CLaw Productions features some of the area's best stand-up comedians from 7 to 9 p.m. Parental guidance is strongly suggested.

Wednesday, November 23, singer/songwriter Betty Ladas performs country-flavored originals from 7 to 9 p.m. with special guest Eamon Clifford.

Thursday, November 24, the Café will be closed.

Friday, November 25, Guernsey plays jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The Anthony "Swamp Dog" Clark Band offers up masterful blues music from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 26, Jazz Jam with Greg Meyer from 1 to 5 p.m. Bring an instrument and join in this community jazz session. Guernsey plays classic American standards from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Slow Lights, a Baltimore band, blends indie, rock and soul music for a unique sound from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.



Our sympathy to the family and friends of Leo Walder who died November 11. Graveside services were held on Monday, November 14 at noon at the Garden of Remembrance Memorial Park, Clarksburg, Md. He was a long time Greenbelt resident.

Erika Herling Kropp, 66, died November 14 from leukemia and we send our condolences to friends and family. The family is planning a memorial service to be held at the University of Maryland in early December. Kropp grew up in Greenbelt and is the sister of Councilmember Konrad Herling.

Our condolences also to the friends and family of Mary Coyne, formerly of Greenbelt, who died November 12, 2016. She was a long time resident of Laurel Hill Road.

With election results still causing angst and sadness for many voters, we are happy to hear that Eleanor Roosevelt graduates Raaheela Ahmed and David Murray were elected to the Prince George's County School Board in last Tuesday's election. Murray graduated in 2010 and Ahmed graduated in 2011. Congratulations on this achievement!

Share your news for the next Our Neighbors column by sending details of your news to [kyoho@comcast.net](mailto:kyoho@comcast.net), or call 202-957-3072.

- Karen Yoho



### Thanksgiving Interfaith Celebration Nov. 23

The Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association (GILA) invites all to an Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration. The celebration will be held Wednesday, November 23 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Mishkan Torah Synagogue. All are welcome.

Donations received that evening will go to the Greenbelt Emergency Relief Fund. Checks should be made out to the City of Greenbelt (memo line: Emergency Relief Fund).

### Volunteers Needed For Indian Creek

To help celebrate America Recycles Day, the City of Greenbelt, in partnership with CHEARS, is looking for volunteers to help clean up trash from Indian Creek on Saturday, November 19. Meet at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center at 9 a.m.; cleanup will last until noon. Wear closed-toed shoes and weather-appropriate clothes that you don't mind getting dirty. Bring a reusable water bottle and, if you're a student, your service-learning form. For more information, contact Connor Roessler at 240-542-2150 or [croessler@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:croessler@greenbeltmd.gov).



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of Greenbelt  
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Join us for a multigenerational celebration of gratitude. This is an **All Ages Celebration**; children and youth are invited to remain in the Meetinghouse for the entire service. Nursery Care for the youngest is provided in Room 6.

### Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt  
Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors  
[www.greenbeltumc.org](http://www.greenbeltumc.org) 301-474-9410

Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

Worship Service 10 a.m.  
Happy and peaceful Thanksgiving to all.



"God has created the world as one—the boundaries are marked out by man." - Baha'i Writings

### Greenbelt Baha'i Community

1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918  
[Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com](mailto:Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com) [www.greenbeltbahais.org](http://www.greenbeltbahais.org)

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Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.  
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

### Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

1 Hillside (at Crescent Road)  
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings  
[www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org](http://www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org)

Sunday Worship  
10:15 a.m.

Rev. Glenyce Grindstaff, Pastor

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and  
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November 30. 7:30pm

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# GIS Day November 16, Use App to Track Trash

by Erin Josephitis

Geographic Information System (GIS) Day on Wednesday, November 16 provides an international forum for users of GIS technology to demonstrate real-world applications that are making a difference in our society and the environment. GIS Day is designed to discover and explore the benefits of GIS, showcase the uses of GIS, and build and nurture GIS in our community. In honor of GIS Day, Connor Roessler, Chesapeake Conservation Corps member working for Public Works, will lead a demonstration of how to use the GIS application, PGCLitterTRAK on Saturday, November 19. The demonstration will start at noon at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center after the Annual America Recycles Day Shoreline Cleanup of Indian Creek.

Groups and individuals who participate in litter cleanups are encouraged to report their results through PGCLitterTRAK. It is a smartphone application designed to assist residents, community organizations and businesses report trash and debris collected during individual and group clean-up events. Information submitted through PGCLitterTRAK, including bags of litter removed, items collected and litter pick-up locations will assist the Prince George's County Department of the Environment (DOE) meet its trash reduction rate of 170,628 pounds per year within the Anacostia River Watershed. Data provided will also help DOE develop real-time maps cataloging litter

## Family Fun: Getting Ready for Winter

On Friday, November 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturday, November 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the Patuxent Research Refuge offers a program for ages 3 to adult about getting ready for winter. This is a drop-in program, so come and go as time permits; no registration is required.

Winter weather is almost here. Come learn what the animals at Patuxent are doing to prepare for the cold. There will be hands-on games and activities for all ages.

Public programs at the Patuxent Research Refuge are free. For more information visit the website at [fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent](http://fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent). The Visitor Center is on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 197.



## Holy Cross Thrift Store

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## At the Library

All Prince George's County Memorial Library System branches will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23 for the Thanksgiving holiday. All branches will remain closed on Thursday, November 24. The Greenbelt Branch Library will reopen on Friday, November 25 at 10 a.m.

Weekly Ready 2 Read Storytime. Wednesday, November 23, ages 3 to 5, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 20 people.

## Riversdale Hosts Free Chamber Concert

The Riversdale Chamber Music Society will present a chamber music concert on Sunday, November 20 at 2 p.m. Enjoy a performance by talented area musicians and mingle with them at a reception after the concert.

This event will take place at the Riversdale House Museum. Call 301-864-0420; TTY 301-699-2544 or visit [riversdale@pg-parks.com](mailto:riversdale@pg-parks.com) for more information.

## The Clarice Hosts Three Choral Groups

The University Chorale, UMD Women's Chorus and UMD Men's Chorus will take part in a free Choral Collage on Sunday, November 20 at 7:30 p.m. in DeKelbourn Concert Hall of the Clarice. UMD's most popular choral ensembles present an evening of eclectic repertoire ranging from Renaissance madrigals to barber-shop arrangements.



# City Information

### MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 21-23

Monday, November 21 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Police Body Camera Briefing** at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Comcast 71, Verizon 21 and streaming at [www.greenbeltnmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/municipaltv)

Monday, November 21 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**, immediately following Work Session. (See below)

Tuesday, November 22 at 7:00pm **EXECUTIVE SESSION**. (See below)

### OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(9) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, an Executive Session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Monday, November 21, 2016, immediately following the Work Session which begins at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building.

The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss upcoming collective bargaining negotiations.

### OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(l) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, the Executive Session of the Greenbelt City Council of November 14, 2016, will be reconvened on Tuesday, November 22, 2016, at 7:00p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building.

The purpose of this meeting will be to consider a Personnel Matter.

Cindy Murray, City Clerk

### Police Community Relations Forum

Tuesday, November 29 at 7:00pm  
Springhill Lake Elementary School  
6060 Springhill Drive, Multi-Purpose Room

The City of Greenbelt Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB) is holding a series of forums where you can share your comments and concerns about the Police Community relations in the City of Greenbelt.

We want your input!

This is the first in a series of forums. If you can not attend, you may also provide your comments by filling out the survey accessible at [greenbeltnmd.gov/policecommunityforum](http://greenbeltnmd.gov/policecommunityforum)



Greenbelt Police Officers are participating in No Shave November to raise money for ZERO - The End of Prostate Cancer. For more information, or to donate to their team, please go to:

[http://support.zerocancer.org/site/TR/GrowandGive/GG16?team\\_id=2317&pg=team&fr\\_id=1230](http://support.zerocancer.org/site/TR/GrowandGive/GG16?team_id=2317&pg=team&fr_id=1230)

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



Saturday, November 19  
9am-12pm  
Springhill Lake Recreation Ctr.  
6101 Cherrywood Lane

Come out and help clean up Indian Creek!  
Sponsored by the City of Greenbelt in partnership with CHEARS and America Recycles Day.

Contact Connor Roessler at [croessler@greenbeltnmd.gov](mailto:croessler@greenbeltnmd.gov) or 240-542-2150



### VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Board of Elections, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board and Youth Advisory Committee

For more info: [cmurray@greenbeltnmd.gov](mailto:cmurray@greenbeltnmd.gov)

### GOBBLE WOBBLE

Thursday, November 24  
9:00am

Greenbelt Youth Center,  
99 Centerway

Spend Thanksgiving morning with the Greenbelt Recreation Department as we host the ninth 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.

\$15/individual, \$50/family 4-pack (before 11/24)  
\$20/individual, \$70/family 4-pack (on 11/24)

Flyer and registration form is available at <http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3587>



### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25, for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The GREENBELT CONNECTION will not be operating.

### REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of November 21

Monday Route – Refuse & Recycling Regular Schedule  
Tuesday Route - Refuse & Recycling Regular Schedule  
Wednesday Route – Refuse & Recycling Regular Schedule  
Thursday Route – Refuse collected on Wednesday  
– No Recycling Collection  
There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, November 25.

WAGS (Well-Wishers for the Animals of the Greenbelt Animal Shelter)



**BAKE SALE**  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>  
10am-2pm in front of the Greenbelt Coop



Come out and support the Greenbelt Animal Shelter!



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**DCHweb.org**



**Greenbelt History in Photos**

**Greenbelt History in Photos – The Turner Family**

by James Giese

(This is part of a series of historic photograph presentations that help tell the story of Greenbelt's early history. The photo of the Turner historic marker is courtesy Greenbelt Museum from its collection of photographs first published in Greenbelt: History of a New Town, 1937-87 and of the gravestone by Kyla Hanington. Some of this information was obtained from the Prologue to the Greenbelt: History of a New Town (1937 – 1987) written by Alan Virta.)



**Turner Family Marker**

PHOTO COURTESY OF GREENBELT MUSEUM

Wild Cat plantation, located in the vicinity of Capital Office Park on Ivy Lane, was patented in 1750 and purchased by Shadrick Turner in 1759. He and his wife, Sarah, were active Methodists and early members of what is now the First Methodist Church of Hyattsville. They hosted itinerant preacher and church builder Bishop Francis Asbury on numerous occasions and helped to start up other neighboring congregations. At one time there was a Methodist Church on Ridge Road in the vicinity of the water tower.

A state historic marker commemorates Asbury's visits to Wild Cat. It is located on the west side of Kenilworth Avenue between Ivy Lane and the State Highway Administration district building.

The Turner family cemetery was located at the crest of a hill above the home and was purchased for Greenbelt from the Turner family along with the farm in 1935. The government relocated some bodies buried in the way of construction to this

area and gave the property to the city, which subdivided part of it into cemetery lots since sold to residents. It continues to be administered and maintained by the city. This is one of three known family burial grounds within the city that date back to Colonial times.

The original Turner burial ground became covered with trees and the stones were vandalized until the city removed the last one for safe keeping. Thomas Turner's stone has since been encased and mounted on a sign board at the cemetery. The Turners, as well as other area farmers, maintained slaves and it is believed that slaves were also buried at the graveyard, their graves marked simply with rocks. However, lacking carved stones, early settlers also used stones to mark graves. Recently two rows of stones were uncovered by Kyla Hanington and Dan Hamlin and the city removed the underbrush from this portion of the cemetery.



PHOTO BY KYLA HANINGTON

An unmarked headstone and footstone at the Turner family plot on Ivy Lane. This photo ran in the News Review on October 15, 2015.

**Emergency at the Lake**



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

A large number of emergency vehicles gathered at the lake Wednesday afternoon after a worker at the dam project became stuck in a trench. Mark Brady of the Prince George's County Fire Department public information office said that fire fighters, medics and technical crew were cooperating to get the man out. After five hours the man was freed and was on his way to the Prince George's Trauma Center by helicopter in critical but stable condition.

**Show Engages Pre-schoolers**



PHOTO BY LYL DAN CELDRAN

An African American dance, music and art show at the Youth Center engages children from Greenbelt Nursery School, Mom's Morning Out and Greenbelt Homeschoolers.

**Free Concert Sunday At National Gallery**

The National Gallery of Art presents a free concert, A Far Cry, on Sunday, November 20 at 3:30 p.m. in the West Building, West Garden Court. The performances include Dreams and Prayers with guest clarinetist David Krakauer.

**Nature Tots: Gobble Gobble**

On Tuesday, November 29 and Wednesday, November 30 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Patuxent Wildlife Refuge children ages 3 and 4 can learn about November's famous bird in this interactive program with stories, songs and crafts.

Public programs at the Patuxent Research Refuge are free although advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887. For more information visit the website at fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent. The Visitor Center is on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 197.

**Arts Center Holds Holiday Glitterfest**

On Saturday, November 19 from 2 to 4 p.m. come to the Brentwood Arts Center for a free one-day workshop for young artists and families to decorate sparkling centerpieces with glitter for their Thanksgiving table.

Nothing says "thanks!" like glitter – and all the mess can stay in our classroom. Families are encouraged to bring their own items to decorate but can also choose from a limited selection of free centerpiece items at the workshop. All ages are welcome. Call 301-277-2863; TTY 301-699-2544 for more information.



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## MERCHANTS continued from page 1

participating in a guide being distributed to hotels in Greenbelt and College Park. She said the merchants would like to see a bike share system come to Greenbelt and are looking at possible locations in the Center. They are also looking into options for high quality bike racks and a bicycle repair station.

Leonard Wallace of Realty 1 said he has reserved the domain greenbelt.city and envisions posting a center directory to help visitors find the business they are looking for. As yet, the domain has not been put into use.

### New Deal

The biggest changes are happening with the New Deal Café. Hartman introduced Rich Graystone, who will be the operations manager. Graystone said he had long experience in the restaurant business but is not a chef. The kitchen will be closed no later than November 30 to begin the transition. Since the current operator owns the kitchen equipment, he will need to remove his equipment which the New Deal will need to replace. Graystone expects to be selling some food by December 5 although the kitchen will not be fully operational until January 1.

During the transition, the back room will continue to offer music and food. Hartman said the Café will be hosting a New Year's Eve party, as usual. By March or April, he said, they expect to be offering a morning espresso bar.

The New Deal is working to raise \$200,000 to fund their improvements. They recently were approved for a \$50,000 loan and plan to implement a program where members would loan their cooperative money.

Graystone said that he does not expect to post a menu. Instead they want people to become curious and come to the restaurant to see what they have.

### Architects

Architectural firm Walton, Madden, Cooper, Robinson and Pones (WMCRP), has moved into the former physicians office building near the mother and child statue. David Whaples, director of Design, told council that Roosevelt Center is one of the places you study in architecture school and he is very pleased to be in the Center. The business mostly works with churches, schools and other public businesses. Among its past projects is the addition to the Friends Community School near Westchester Park.

### Credit Union

General Manager Cindy Compton said the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union is doing well. It is well capitalized and paid a bonus dividend this year. They have been in their space for 35 years and it needs some rehab. They have already done some interior work.

She noted how many of the comments in the minutes of the last meeting of the merchants with council were still valid, in particular the issue of parking during the Labor Day and other festivals. It appeared to her that the Festival was taking more and more spaces each year. This makes it difficult both for their customers to find parking but also for the merchants to find parking such as when returning from a meeting or other absence. Council suggested the same action as last year: talk to the Festival Committee, although McLaughlin did agree that the city could take some responsibility for notifying the merchants rather than relying on the Festival organizers to do so.

### Supermarket

Joseph Timer, Greenbelt Co-op treasurer, reported that the Co-op has rebounded from two years of losses resulting from the bankruptcy of their supplier. They now have a five-year contract with the largest supplier in the country. However, the losses had largely depleted their reserves and this year's surplus was not that large, just \$33,000 on \$12.5 million in sales. Eighty-two percent of those sales, he said, were to members. There will again be no patronage refund to members while they work to rebuild their reserves.

### Theatre

The Friends of the Greenbelt Theatre is launching a fund drive to replace the seats in the theater. They had a high renewal rate among their members and are about to do an end of year membership drive. Councilmembers explored issues related to the free events at the theater. Are they holding too many free events? How can they encourage attendees at free events to think about how just buying some popcorn will help such events to continue? Councilmember Rodney Roberts even suggested that they could take over the city's cable channel one day to have a PBS-style "beg-a-thon."

### Free Gamer Symphony Concert at UMD

The Gamer Symphony Orchestra fall concert will take place on Saturday, November 19 at 7 p.m. in Dekelbom Concert Hall of The Clarice. This fall the Gamer Symphony Orchestra returns with another epic performance of various themes from video games. Come for two hours of intense fun and immersive music from the completely student-run symphonic rock orchestra and choir. This concert is free.



# Greenbelt Consumer Co-op Finishes Fiscal Year in Black

by Amy Hansen

The Greenbelt Consumer Co-op, also known as the Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy, finished the fiscal year in the black for the first time in three years, according to Joe Timer, treasurer for the Co-op board of directors. Timer presented his report at the annual membership meeting held in the Community Center on November 12.

Losses from the last two years occurred mostly because the Co-op's supplier went bankrupt in fiscal year 2014. Now, with a new stable supplier, and with some austerity measures including cutting staff hours and pay deferrals, the store finished the fiscal year with a net income of \$7,389.

While there will not be a patronage dividend this year, employees will receive bonuses for the first time in three years. Part-time employees will receive \$200 and full-time employees will receive \$400.

After Timer's report, Dave

Brinks took Manager Bob Davis' place in reporting on the general well-being of the store. Davis was out due to surgery. Brinks, who is also a manager in the store, reported that sales were up about \$200,000 from last year. Furthermore, sales were up in every part of the store, which is divided into grocery, meat, produce, pharmacy and beer/wine.

Brinks said the store has come through some "squeaky moments" and that the managers took a three percent pay deferral, as well as cuts in benefits.

"These were all little things that added up," he said. We are all pleased to be in the black and be in the position to give some bonuses. "We're confident we're having a good year this year."

In other business, member Tom Taylor reported that the grocery store had made an ef-



The Co-op Supermarket & Pharmacy

PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

fort to be greener in its business including stopping the use of polystyrene containers for soup, recycling containers in the store and dropping all micro-bead-containing products from shelves. Taylor is part of a group of members who challenged the Co-op last year to go greener. He said he was pleased with the progress and said there will be more changes this year.

## Drive a Stake Through Energy Vampires

Halloween season inspires all sorts of imaginary creatures and monsters. While vampires and werewolves will not visit anyone's home, there are some other scary forces that may be already there. Energy vampires are devices that continue to drain power, even when they're not being used. These unknown and invisible vampires can increase one's electric bill and negatively affect the environment with unnecessary energy use.

The good news is that there are active steps one can take to stop energy vampires and none of them involves garlic. Check out the list below to help decrease the electric bill and help the environment.

- 1) Unplug appliances that are not in use.
- 2) Switch computer to sleep mode when away.
- 3) Use power strips to turn off multiple electronics with one switch.
- 4) Make smart upgrades to ENERGY STAR appliances.
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Believe it or not, some electrical items even use energy when they are switched off! A plug-in meter enables you to hunt down

electricity vampires and any other faulty or inefficient equipment that is using more energy than it should. Once the worst offenders are found, make necessary repairs or replacements or take an extra moment to switch them off or unplug them when they are not being used.

These strategies won't eliminate one's electric bill entirely, but together these tricks can help slay energy vampires while saving money, a treat one can appreciate long after Halloween has passed.



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Energy Vampires Kill-a-Watt meter

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# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, [www.greenbeltmd.gov/police](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police)

Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

## Robbery

November 2, 10:05 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. Three teens confronted a food delivery person after he completed a delivery and exited an apartment building. One of them pushed him into nearby bushes and took his cell phone and money. All three then fled on foot. The delivery person was not injured.

November 8, 1:10 p.m., 5500 block Cherrywood Lane. A 24-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with armed robbery, use of a firearm in the commission of an armed robbery, robbery, two counts of first degree assault and second degree assault after officers responded to a report of a 911 call from Demmy's Pharmacy. A responding officer saw him jump over a counter and run out of the pharmacy. He was apprehended after a short foot chase, with the assistance of Prince George's County and Berwyn Heights police. Pharmacy employees advised that he entered the pharmacy, displayed a gun and announced a robbery, and took prescription drugs and cash. Money, drugs and cash were recovered. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

November 8, 1:25 p.m., Frankfort Drive near Greenbelt Road. A person walking home passed several young men at a bus stop on Canning Terrace near Mandan Road. They began to follow and then chase him. He slipped and fell, at which time one of them punched him and took his sneakers. They also took his cell phone and gym bag and fled on foot.

November 9, 11:32 a.m., Lakecrest Drive near Greenbelt Road. A man approached another man at a bus stop and asked if he would call someone for him on his cell phone. As the person was about to make the call, the man forcibly grabbed the phone from him and fled on foot.

## Theft

November 3, 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A white and red Trek mountain bike was stolen after the lock was defeated.

## Disorderly Conduct

November 3, 10:22 p.m., 6400 block Ivy Lane. A 58-year-old nonresident woman was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and trespass after she was asked by management to leave the Marriott hotel and refused. She was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

## Burglary

November 7, 12:57 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane. A purse was taken on November 4 and a credit card in it was used later to make unauthorized purchases. Entry into the residence was possibly by way of the unsecured front door.

November 8, 2:30 p.m., 2 Court Woodland Way. Two child bicycles were taken from an unsecured garage. Both are mountain bikes, one purple and orange and the other red.

November 8, 4 p.m., 8200 block Greenbelt Station Parkway. A toilet was taken from a home under construction.

## Vehicle Crime

One auto was stolen on November 7, a blue 4-door 2001 Dodge Intrepid with Md. tags A257149, taken from the 5900 Cherrywood Terrace.

One vehicle was recovered. A 2012 Nissan Rogue SUV reported stolen May 23 from the 9100 block Springhill Lane was recovered November 4 by D.C. Metropolitan police in the 1000 block 50th Street, N.E. Washington, D.C.

Three thefts from vehicles were reported. The door of a work van in the 7200 block South Ora Court was forced opened and tools were removed. Two thefts involved unsecured vehicles, one in the 5900 block Greenbelt Road (notebook-type computer) and the other in the 6000 block Greenbelt Road (wallet).

Two acts of vandalism were reported. The sunroof of a vehicle in the 7500 block Greenway Center Drive was broken out. Both side-view mirrors and the front bumper of a vehicle in the 7600 block Mandan Road were damaged.

The Police Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Call 1-866-411-TIPS. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 240-542-2145.

## Cancer Screenings At Doctors Hospital

Regular medical screenings are among the best ways to prevent some forms of cancer or detect them early, when they are most treatable. Doctors Community Hospital has two programs that provide life-saving cancer screenings at no cost. The breast and cervical cancer screening program is for Maryland woman ages 40 or older who are uninsured, underinsured, or insured but not screened and on a limited income. The colorectal cancer screening program is for Prince George's County residents ages 50 or older, or those who are younger than 50 with family histories of colorectal cancer, who are uninsured or underinsured.

The screenings take place at Doctors Community Hospital on Good Luck Road in Lanham, just off of Hanover Parkway. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 301-DCH-4YOU (301-324-4968) or visit DCHweb.org.

## Vandals Hit Theatre

by Amy Hansen

A vandal defaced the Old Greenbelt Theatre last week, writing Trump Wins and insults of Hillary Clinton in the men's room. Theater manager Caitlin McGrath said her staff thinks the graffiti was written immediately after the viewing of the election results on November 8, but the damage could have happened the next day.

The vandalism is unacceptable, said McGrath. She adds "Of course it will not deter us to our commitment to civil discourse. We will vigorously pursue all means to combat hate speech. The cinema is and will remain a safe space."

Police are investigating the incident, said George Mathews, public information liaison of the Greenbelt Police Department.

## Social Security Benefits To Increase in January

Monthly Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for more than 65 million Americans will increase 0.3 percent in 2017, the Social Security Administration announced today.

The 0.3 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) will begin with benefits payable to more than 60 million Social Security beneficiaries in January 2017. Increased payments to more than 8 million SSI beneficiaries will begin on December 30, 2016. The Social Security Act ties the annual COLA to the increase in the Consumer Price Index as determined by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Some other adjustments that take effect in January of each year are based on the increase in average wages. Based on that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable maximum) will increase to \$127,200 from \$118,500.

For some beneficiaries, the Social Security increase may be partially or completely offset by increases in Medicare premiums.

## Watkins Center Fall Colors Hike

Watkins Nature Center, 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro, is offering a variety of programs with activities that encourage youth to learn about and connect with nature. On Saturday, November 19 from 1 to 3 p.m. there will be a fall colors hike for ages 4 and up. Take a hike with a park naturalist and learn to identify trees. Learn about leaves and why they change colors in autumn. Stop by the exhibit hall and see live animals and birds of prey.

There is a nominal fee per person and reservations are required. For more information call 301-218-6702.

## Tips for Sustainable Holidays

by Connor Roessler

Thanksgiving is a time of reflection and gratitude for families, loved ones and community. Greenbelters can be thankful that the community and residents have made a commitment to sustainability. While reflecting on the things to be thankful for, consider a few ways to introduce sustainable practices into the Thanksgiving holiday.

If traveling to a destination for Thanksgiving consider sustainable traveling. If possible drive less by carpooling or staying closer to home since cars emit pollution that decreases air quality and impacts climate change. Better yet, use public transport like trains to reduce your holiday carbon footprint. If flying this holiday, consider buying carbon offsets for the trip. Since one round-trip flight from New York to Europe or to San Francisco creates a warming effect equivalent to two or three tons of carbon dioxide per person, companies now offer opportunities for consumers to purchase "offsets," such as funding renewable energy or planting trees. If interested, research carbon offset options at terrapass.com.

An important part of the Thanksgiving holiday is the meal. There are several ways to reduce one's environmental footprint during the preparation of this annual feast. Consider fresh, organic, local and plant-based foods for the table. Canned foods require energy in the preservation process so fresh fruits and vegetables will reduce energy footprints and often taste better! Local foods, especially those purchased directly from the farmer, reduce the impact of transporting the food and increasing carbon emission from trucks. Local foods also benefit the local economy and often have less packaging which can end up in landfills. Organic foods are those grown without synthetic fertilizers and pesticides. Buying organic can protect air and water quality by reducing the use of chemicals which run off farms in rain or wind. Plant-based or vegetarian dishes help the environment because meat production requires more land and water than vegetables or grains. Meat production also increases greenhouse gas emissions and degrades water quality with animal waste. Incorporating a few more vegetarian dishes that feature fresh, local and organic produce at the Thanksgiving table can have a large positive impact on the environment.

Besides the food, several other practices can help to lower the environmental impact of the meal including zero-waste practices. Landfills cause environmental and health risks to air and water

while their expansion negatively impacts wildlife. Thanksgiving is a perfect time to practice reducing the amount of trash that is sent to the landfill. The use of reusable plates and silverware as well as napkins and roasting pans can help to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills. Another consideration is the amount of food waste created over the holiday. Since food waste is approximately one-third of the total wastes produced and its decomposition in landfills creates greenhouse gases like methane, reducing food waste is a powerful way to reduce environmental damage. Plan meals according to how much will be eaten to reduce leftovers that will spoil, freezing any excess for later meals and, if possible, donating leftovers to local food banks and charities.

Lastly, the holidays are a time of giving. There are many pressures to buy new products, often packaged in plastic, as gifts throughout the season. However, there are gift options that are sustainable and a part of the spirit of giving without producing waste that is sent to the landfill. Experiences and services can be great gifts which show thought and care without creating waste. These can range from weekend getaways or massages to handwritten letters or a home cooked meal. Additionally, thrifted, hand-me-down or locally sourced items are a great way to give someone a gift while lowering the environmental impacts of production and packaging. Visit thrift stores and flea markets for clothes, toys and home goods or farmer's markets and craft shows for soaps, crafts, decorations, and treats. Shifting consumer culture can also be helped by participating in Green Friday and Small Business Saturday on the days following Thanksgiving. These days promote shopping at green and local vendors as a way to reduce the consumption of products that harm the environment with excess plastic litter and waste. Community Forklift in Hyattsville is having an event with local vendors, live entertainment, free gift-making workshops, local artists, delicious food and free photos with Santa for all ages. Check out the website [communityforklift.org](http://communityforklift.org) for more information.

Incorporating even a few of these sustainability ideas into the Thanksgiving tradition would be a great benefit to the environment and the community, truly something to be thankful for.

Connor Roessler is a Chesapeake Conservation Corps member working for Public Works.



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her life this is just what she was meant to do and she does it extremely well," Gillens said.

Pinkney, who attended Prince George's County Schools as a student, followed her mother into the teaching world and got a degree in elementary education from Stevenson University in Maryland. She accepted a job with Magnolia in late summer of 2015 and then faced a choice.

"They asked me if I wanted to teach first or third (grade) for my first year and I chose first," said Pinkney, who lives in Bowie. "First grade was my first choice because they're so little and they're funny and they're excited to learn. You just see so much growth from them coming from kindergarten and then when they leave first grade they've developed so many different skills."

Pinkney has felt a kinship with the students during her first semesters on the job. "It's definitely a learning experience for me and I always share that with my students that, while they're learning, I'm learning, as well," she said. "I'm new at this and you're new in first grade and we're learning together."

She developed good relationships with many of her students in her first year and she says they still visit her room this year and ask how she's doing or give her a hug. "My favorite moment or experience being here was my first day of school my second year," Pinkney said. "Seeing my students I had last year pass by my classroom to go to second grade and I was just like, 'Oh my



**Melissa Pinkney, first grade teacher at Magnolia Elementary School.**

gosh, it's already been a year and my first year students are already going to second grade."

Pinkney says she considers her teaching style to be very hands-on and she tries to challenge the students while also providing a fun environment where they can interact with each other. "I like to give them real-life experiences while they're learning, because I feel like the students connect when you use real-life situations and get to know them and talk about things they're really interested in," she said.

Pinkney wants to eventually move up to teaching language arts and reading in third or fourth grade and she's pursuing a masters degree in literacy at Loyola University in Maryland along with her teaching.

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## Teacher Bonnie Merryman Finds Reading is Everything

by Leigh McDonald

This is Bonnie Merryman's second year as a reading specialist at Springhill Lake Elementary School. She taught first graders for 17 years prior to her current position.

"It was a drastic change for me," Merryman said. "When I graduated from college, teaching children to read was my biggest fear. But with all of the training and classes that I took, reading became a strength. And it became my most favorite part."

Merryman has worked for Prince George's County Public Schools for 19 years and Springhill Lake for 16. She grew up in Berwyn Heights and attended the University of Maryland where she majored in early education. Merryman later received a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from McDaniel College and a masters in reading from Bowie State University. She was a student at Springhill Lake for kindergarten and third grade. "Coming back (to teach here), my family calls it 'full circle,'" Merryman said.

Last year, a reading specialist position opened up at the school and Merryman decided to apply. "Reading is everything," Merryman said. "You can't do anything without reading."

Merryman partnered with one of her colleagues to start a poetry club this year. The club is funded through Donors Choose, a crowdfunding website for public school projects.

Once a week, Merryman's second graders mentor her col-



**Reading specialist Bonnie Merryman at SHL Elementary School**

leagues' kindergarten students by reading poems together. The students bring poems home to their parents. Merryman expects the poems to benefit the parents who struggle with reading in English.

Merryman enjoys the network of relationships she's built over the years at Springhill Lake. "We have teachers here who care about the students, and really strive to be their best so that the students can do and be their best," Merryman said.

*Leigh McDonald is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism writing for the News Review.*

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## Cortney Marshall Keeps Peace At Springhill Lake Elementary

by Leigh McDonald

Paraprofessor Cortney Marshall creates a "calming place for students to regroup" at Springhill Lake Elementary School. Marshall supports students who are disrupting class and need to be removed.

"I'm their peacemaker. They think, 'Coach is here, I'm safe. He's going to help me,'" Marshall said. Marshall is comfortable with this title because he coached high school football for 15 years prior to his position in education.

He served in the Navy for 20 years as a culinary specialist chief before retiring in 2005.

Marshall received his associate's and bachelor's degrees in multidisciplinary studies at Grantham University in St. Louis, Mo. He began substituting at Springhill Lake in 2007 and became a permanent employee in 2015.

"So basically, I wanted to make a difference," Marshall said about his transition into education. Because Springhill Lake is a Title I school, many of the students Marshall assists have disabilities. Marshall supports the students emotionally and academically so that they are prepared to re-enter the classroom.

He says he treats students how he'd want his own children to be treated. "I let them know every



**Peacemaker Cortney Marshall at SHL Elementary School**

day is a new day," Marshall said. "We start the day off with a smile and a greeting and end the day with a smile and a greeting."

Marshall thanks the administration and staff at Springhill Lake for their support. "That's one of the strengths here – the camaraderie amongst the adults."

When asked why he thought he was chosen by the principal to represent the school this year, Marshall said, "I get results. The results speak for themselves."

Marshall was selected as the "super support staff member" for the month of November.

*Leigh McDonald is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism writing for the News Review.*

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(the students) were learning and having a good time."

The Greenbelt resident teaches her students how to read music, a skill she did not learn until high school, as well as how to sing properly and play different instruments. "It's really to teach them to have a respect for music and to enjoy it and for them to know that it might not be something you want to do in the long run but it's something you can do," Yates-Reeves said of her classes.

Magnolia Principal Phyllis Gillens praises Yates-Reeves' ability both in music and in teaching. "She has always been an extremely talented woman," Gillens said. "Her creativity shines through when she's teaching students music. One of the things that impressed me about Tara was that she had an opportunity to do many different things, including performing on Broadway, but she had this longing to work with children."

Yates-Reeves was in the performing arts program at Suitland High School in District Heights and studied music theater in college before performing with several companies, including Adventure Theatre, a company that performed the Bob Marley Musical in New York City. During some time off from performing in 2014, her sister who has taught in Prince George's County for over 10 years and her mother encouraged her to look for a job teaching music. The Hyattsville native says she was also motivated to help children in her area.

"(Performing) was satisfying but I just felt like I wanted to do more for the community around me," Yates-Reeves said. "Me performing in all these places wasn't going to help those around me and I just had this urge to help specifically youth." She said she

came to the interview at Magnolia with a "portfolio, a Kindle and a suit and that's it" and was "ecstatic" when the school offered her the job.

She says the most rewarding moments for her are when she hears her students singing a song they learned in her class outside of the classroom. "It always gets me, it always makes me tear up," she said of those moments. "It's like, 'Oh my goodness, you're

## Finals of Concerto Competition at UMD

The finals of the UMD Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition will take place on Saturday, November 19 at 6 p.m. in Gildenhorn Recital Hall of The Clarice. In the final round of the annual competition, students compete for the opportunity to perform as soloists with the UMD Symphony Orchestra. Finalists perform 15- to 20-minute excerpts of a concerto or concert piece for an independent jury panel. After the jury deliberates, a winner, runner-up and second runner-up will be announced. This concert is free.

## Special: Raptors Reign

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## ERHS Students Score High On Tests and Attendance

by Chris Miller

Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) students achieved high national test scores last year compared to other Prince George's Public County Schools (PGCPS) and other schools in Maryland, according to school data accumulated last month.



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

Eleanor Roosevelt High School

ERHS had 60 percent of their students receive a score of 3 or higher on their AP exams, higher than the surrounding PGCPS rate of about 26 percent, and on par with the state average of 61 percent. Students also performed higher on the SATs with a 1522 average score compared with PGCPS (1195) and the state (1435), and the ACTs with a 24 average score compared with PGCPS (18) and the state (22).

ERHS also ranks higher than local and state schools in attendance rate – almost 95 percent for ERHS students compared to those of PGCPS and state schools (both 92 percent) – and in graduation rate for school year cohort 2014. Also, 90 percent of the ERHS students that arrived as freshmen graduated compared to PGCPS (about 79 percent) and state schools (about 87 percent).

ERHS principal Reginald McNeill credits the high test scores to the “culture of the building,” especially the dedicated teachers and staff at the school, noting that the expectations for the students are always high.

“Teachers expect a lot out of students,” he said, “but teachers are willing to give a lot of their time and support to students to help them achieve.” McNeill said that to be successful, especially academically, at ERHS, the students have to put in the work.

“Students come in with the understanding that you have to work hard at Roosevelt,” he said. The hard work is paying off, because McNeill said that the GPA for the majority of students at ERHS is a 3.0 or better.

ERHS was one of 17 schools to first pilot the AP Capstone Program, which is run by the College Board and, according to their website, “is a program that equips students with the independent research, collaborative teamwork and communication skills that are increasingly valued by colleges.”

Students learn to write detailed research papers during their junior and senior years, which

helps them once they get into college, McNeill said. During their senior year, the students work on independent 20-page research papers and they receive feedback from University of Maryland faculty.

Jae Straughn, whose son Ross attends ERHS, is impressed with the school’s academic success. “I’m excited to know the school is performing significantly higher than other schools,” she said, adding that “it makes me feel good as a parent.” Ross enjoys that his teachers are consistently “talking about our future.”

Anne Zhu is an English as a second language (ESL) teacher and department chair of the ESL program. Her ESL students have to take the state ACCESS 2.0 test each year – until they pass or “exit” – which assesses their speaking, reading, writing and listening skills to determine their level of English proficiency. Once they exit, they become mainstreamed and take regular classes.

Last year, the exit rate at ERHS was more than 27 percent, a very high number compared with many other local schools, Zhu said. She believes the reason her ESL students, and the students as a whole, perform so well is that the school provides the students with safety and good security. When the students feel safe, they can focus on their academics and do well, said Zhu, adding that when the school has a good, safe culture, it helps the ESL students to better “assimilate into that culture.”

Zhu is unique because, along with being a teacher at ERHS, she has a son, Daniel, who graduated from the school last year. She intentionally enrolled her son at ERHS because of the high-achieving culture.

ERHS data is available on the school website: [www1.pgcps.org/eleanorroosevelt](http://www1.pgcps.org/eleanorroosevelt).

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## Zero Waste Circle Salutes Co-op’s Sustainability Steps

by Tom Taylor

In November 2015, Greenbelt citizens who were members of both the Green Team’s Zero Waste Circle and the Co-op Supermarket came to the Co-op’s annual meeting with a list of requests. These requests were focused on improving the sustainability and health of the Co-op shopping experience and reducing shopping waste.

The Co-op took these requests seriously, and has become a local leader in environmental sustainability through its efforts to meet these requests. At this year’s Co-op annual meeting on November 12, Zero Waste Circle members returned to thank the Co-op for the sustainable practices it has initiated in the past year. The Zero Waste Circle submitted and read into the meeting record a letter applauding the Co-op sustainability achievements. The letter highlighted the following efforts.

The Co-op has provided clear labeling and equal access for recycling and trash bins as first steps to reducing the amount of waste sent to the landfill. The Zero Waste Circle has been particularly heartened by the great labeling on the trash and recycling bins, as well as the efforts to pair them wherever possible.

Concern had been raised about the possibility of toxic BPA-laden cash register receipts. These are not only toxic to touch, but also are not compostable or recyclable. This means that these receipt papers were ultimately destined for the landfill. Co-op staff checked its stock of register tape and informed the Zero Waste Circle that the receipt paper is BPA free.

The Zero Waste Circle had urged the Co-op to encourage customers to shop with reusable bags. The Co-op already sells reusable bags and provides a free reusable Co-op bag to new members. The Co-op has promoted new bags called Hippo Bags made of recyclable materials, which are stronger than the regular plastic bags and can be reused.

The health of our waterways was also considered. The Zero Waste Circle raised the issue of products containing microbeads that are extremely hazardous to fish and other aquatic wildlife.



PHOTO BY SUSAN BARNETT

Compostables on display at the Co-op

The Co-op responded diligently and removed all microbead-containing products from the shelves.

Balancing profit, costs and sustainability can be challenging, and the Co-op is taking economically feasible steps to protect the environment. The clam shells used for the salad bar, baked goods, etc., are not recyclable and the Zero Waste Circle requested that the Co-op find an alternative to this. As reported by Joe Gareri, research has been ongoing and when alternatives reach an affordable price, the Co-op will consider transitioning to the environmentally-friendly alternative containers.

Related to this effort is the recent inclusion of compostable plates, cups and eating ware for sale at the Co-op. The Co-op also featured a display of compostable items during the week of the Green Man Festival. The Co-op’s ability to link its sustainable efforts with the events going on in town is a very positive effort.

An additional request was to end the use of Styrofoam products for things such as soup, coffee, produce, dairy and meat products. The soup containers are now paper and can be

recycled once they are empty and clean. Trays for some of the deli and all of the produce have been switched to NatureTRAY™ foam trays, which are made of plant material and are commercially compostable. Once the cost comes down, the trays will be considered for all packaging in the meat, deli and bakery.

Finally, the Co-op has registered as a TapIt partner, allowing individuals to refill water bottles at the store and thereby reduce use of plastic water bottles.

The Zero Waste Circle expressed its appreciation to the Co-op staff and board of directors for all of these efforts to protect the environment, and expressed its hope that other businesses will follow in the Co-op’s footsteps. Appreciation also was expressed for the ongoing discussion the Zero Waste Circle has enjoyed with the Co-op over the past year, and Circle members look forward to continuing to work with Co-op staff on sustainability issues in Greenbelt.



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# VOTING AGE continued from page 1

turned out, compared with only 13 percent of the whole electorate. In its last election, 21 percent of the electorate voted in Takoma Park, which was the highest participation the city has seen in some years, with earlier years sometimes seeing less than 15 percent. The percentage of registered younger voters turning out was higher in both elections that have occurred.

### From 21 to 18

Councilmember Edward Putens asked if the committee was aware of why the voting age was lowered from 21 to 18. He explained that it was because of the mandatory draft for military service at 18 and the belief that young people putting their lives at risk for their country should be able to vote. He suggested that people might feel that there should be a very serious reason to justify a further change.

The long effort to lower the voting age from 21 to 18 started in the United States during World War II but reached a higher level of momentum during the Vietnam War before it was adopted in 1971.

Another issue of concern that was raised is that the city charter currently provides that any registered voter is eligible to run for city council. Whether that should be changed if the voting age is lowered would need to be considered.

Councilmembers debated whether the topics of lowering the voting age and establishing an age requirement for council eligibility should be discussed initially at a regular meeting or a public hearing but no definite plan was set.

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# Picking a City Manager From Group of Finalists

The search for the new Greenbelt city manager is coming to a close. On Monday, November 14, the city held a public Meet and Greet with the four finalists. About a dozen citizens were able to attend the 5:30 p.m. session and speak with the candi-

dates individually. Attendees were asked to leave comment cards. Council met in executive session after the gathering.

One of the finalists removed himself from consideration that evening so his picture is not included.



Michael Maniscalco lives in East Hampton, Connecticut.

Nicole Ard lives in Sandusky, Ohio.



Aretha Adams lives in McKinney, Texas.



Photos by Amy Hansen

# Jim Cassels Service Award Goes to Zero Waste Circle

by Amy Hansen

Greenbelt's Zero Waste Circle won the Jim Cassels Community Service Award for Upcycling plans, that is, plans to get used items to those who may use them again. Presented on November 12 at the annual membership meeting of the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy, the \$1,200 grant is given to a new project or activity that benefits the Greenbelt community.

Luisa Robles accepted the award, explaining that the group of volunteers works with city festivals to create zero waste

events. She said their goals are reducing, recycling, repurposing and now upcycling. Upcycling means collecting things like juice pouches that can be used to make other items.

Money from the grant will be used to create a permanent collection site. Robles said they expect to have upcycling containers and structures to hold them near the other recycling containers at 555 Crescent Road, which is next to the parking lot at Buddy Attick Park.

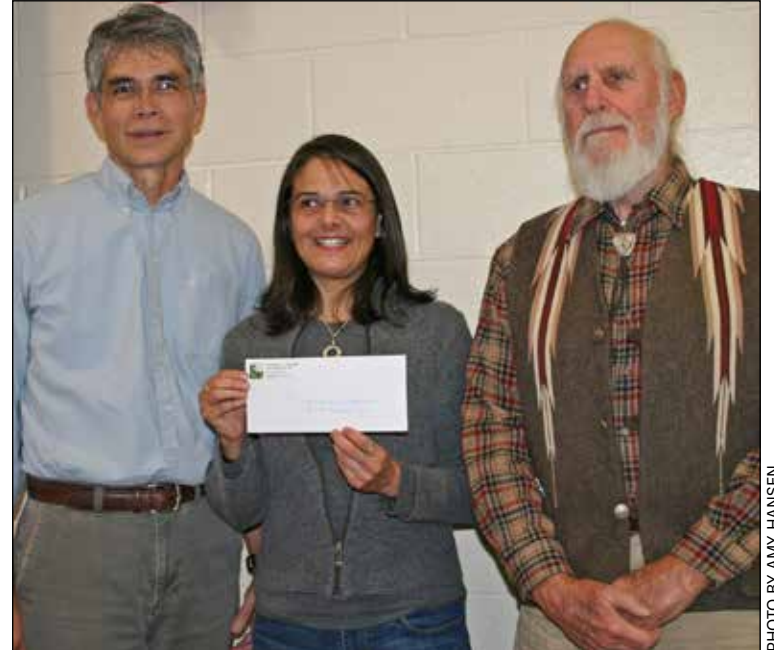


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Fred Cassels (left) and Ray Stevens (right) present Luisa Robles with the check for the Jim Cassels Community Service Award at the Co-op Grocery Store annual meeting.



A paddleboarder blends into the autumn foliage at Greenbelt Lake.

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## Coming Soon: Festival of Lights

Greenbelt's 2016 Festival of Lights Juried Art and Craft Fair includes hand-made wares by local artisans, as well as a hands-on workshop, prize drawing, live music, open studios and more. This event takes place at the Greenbelt Community Center on Saturday and Sunday, December 3 and 4. Parking and admission are free. Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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Ceramic plates by Karen Arrington will be among the items for sale at the Festival of Lights.



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