Community Rallies to Support Music, Art at the New Deal Café

by Katy Gaughan

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Day of the Dead: A Living Tradition in Greenbelt

by Bonnie Schrack

The fund-raiser was announced at the August New Deal Café board meeting when it was revealed that the New Deal Café music and arts program has no had any steady income since before the pandemic and that some grant proposals had been rejected. The reserves were getting low and something needed to happen.

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Joyce Mangum pictured with her daughter Diane Mangum.

On Screen at Greenbelt Cinema

Anatomy of a Fall
For the past year, Sandra, her husband Sam and their 11-year-old son Daniel have lived a secluded life in a remote town in the French Alps. When Samuel is found dead in the snow below their chalet, the police question whether he was murdered or committed suicide. Sandra’s suspicious death is presumed murder, and Sandra becomes the main suspect. What follows is not just an investigation into the circumstances of Samuel’s death but an unsettling psychological journey into the depths of Sandra and Samuel’s conflicted relationship.

Rustin
The architect of 1963’s momentous March on Washington, Bayard Rustin was one of the greatest activists and organizers the world has ever known. He challenged authority, never apologized for who he was, what he believed or who he desired. And he did not back down. He made history, and, in turn, he was forgotten. Directed by DGA Award and five-time Tony Award winner George C. Wolfe and starring Emmy Award winner Colman Domingo, Rustin shines a long overdue spotlight on the extraordinary man who, alongside giants like the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr., Adam Clayton Powell and Ella Baker, dared to imagine a different world, and inspired a movement in a march toward freedom.

Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour
The cultural phenomenon continues on the big screen in this music documentary. Taylor Swift fans can immerse themselves in this once-in-a-lifetime concert film experience with a breathtaking, cinematic view of the history-making tour.

Descendant
Documentary filmmaker Margaret Brown (The Order of Myths, The Great Invisible) returns to her hometown of Mobile, Ala., to document the search for and historic discovery of The Clotilda, the last known ship to arrive in the United States, illegally carrying enslaved Africans. After a century of secrecy and speculation, the 2019 discovery of the ship turns attention toward the descendant community of Africatown and presents a moving portrait of a community actively grappling with and fighting to preserve their heritage while examining what justice looks like today.

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Golden Age

The Golden Golden Age Club meets every Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Room 201 of the Community Center. All Golden-age residents are eligible to join or to attend as a guest. Dues for 2024 can be paid at any time and those who are new members will get November and December free by paying the dues on or before February 24.

November 8 – Fall Ticket Auction. Members have donated items to be auctioned off for charity. Buy tickets and drop one in the bag attached to each item you wish to bid on.

November 15 – Celebrate November birthdays. Bring your lunch and maybe a dessert to share.

November 22 – It’s the day before Thanksgiving and many members are clearing and cooking.

November 29 – Dhiren Patel, senior agent for Family and Consumer Services, UM, will discuss diabetes.

Diaper Distribution

The Greenbelt Nursery Project is interested in collecting baby diapers. Parents(s) must present: receipt of Greenbelt residency (mail from federal, state or local government agency) displaying the parent’s name and residential address, State-issued photo ID Each child’s birth certificate. This program is open to Greenbelt residents only. Signing in each month is required. To access the signup page, go to the city website (greenbeltmd.gov) and click on November Emergency Diaper Distribution. For more information, contact bertrum@greenbeltmd.gov.

Ekphrastic Fantastic Art/Poetry Exhibit

This program is in conjunction with the town’s Ekphrastic art/poetry exhibit at New Deal Café on Sunday, November 5 from 1 to 3 p.m. For this show, visual artists have created new pieces of art inspired by poems and have written new poems in response to pieces of art. The exhibit will be on display until Sunday, December 17.

The Greenbelt Orchestra: First Concert Nov. 19

The newly-formed Greenbelt Community Orchestra will give its first concert at 3 p.m. on Sunday, November 19 at the Community Center. They will perform music by Mozart, Webber, and Ennio Morricone, as well as an original composition by one of our own. There will be a concert fee, but it is free and is expected to last about an hour. All are welcome. Visit greenbeltorchestra.org.

Church Offers Sing-A-Long Event

On Saturday, November 4, join neighbors for a festive evening at Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ. The evening starts with a spaghetti dinner from 5 to 8 p.m., followed by a live music extravaganza from 6:45 to 8 p.m. The entertainment will include the premiere of Amos S. Hassen’s short comic play, Parking Garage from Hell. A free-will donation will be accepted at the door, and all proceeds go to Help by Phone.

Create Autumn Leaf Prints Sunday, Nov. 5

The Greenbelt Recreation Program invites guests of all ages to create beautiful prints from flattened autumn leaves at the free Artful Afternoon workshop on Sunday, November 5 at the Community Center, Ground Floor East space. The activity will be led by Community Arts Center-in-Residence Rachel Ann Cross and there will be two sections: from 1 to 3 p.m. and from 3 to 5 p.m. Advance registration is recommended; sign up online at bit.ly/3PlP62x. Walk-in will be welcome as space allows.

Art materials will be provided but Community Arts Center is encouraged to bring their own flattened leaves. Painting clothes are recommended.

Greenbelt’s arts programs are supported in part by a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council. For additional program information, visit greenbeltmd.gov/arts.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.
Longtime Greenbelt Grace “Pat” Hand died in her sleep two weeks ago at the nursing home where she was residing near Tampa, Fla. She had only recently moved there after spending five years with her daughter Shirley Pray in Maryland. She had a husband Larry Wildoner, also former Greenbelters. She was 90 years old. Pat is also survived by a son Scott (Di-An), four grandchildren (Sarah Daye, Nichol, Amanda and Jody) and six great-grandchildren, all of whom she loved dearly.

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Conversationalist to the family and friends of Pat Hand, who loved many of her life in Greenbelt. She died on October 23. We are grateful for her many years of service to the community as a letter carrier, volunteer firefighter and EMT.

Our sympathies to the family and friends of Pat Hand, who lived in Greenbelt for many years. She was a longtime member of Greenbelt Community Church, UCC and her funeral was held there on October 30.

Correlations to Pamela Hamilla who has been named as a 2023 honoree of the PBS Early Learning Champions program. The Greenbelt Bahá’í Community celebrate passionate educators of students from infancy to second grade.

Our profound thanks to Judith “J” Davis and reading great for their many years of faithful service to the residents of Greenbelt as city council members.

Good luck to the Eleanor Roosevelt soccer team on reaching the state quarter finals to be held this weekend.

On November 9, Sandra Lange will be 83 years old. Some may remember her for being the president of the Labor Day Festival for four years, for chairing Greenbelt’s 50th Anniversary Committee, for founding the Greenbelt, for being selected as Greenbelt’s Outstanding Citizen in 1987, for or committing to the greenbelt. She was a wonderful sense of people, and people...
HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
City Offices will be closed on Friday, November 10, in observance of Veterans’ Day. THE GREENBELT CONNECTION WILL NOT BE OPERATING.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE
Week of November 6
Monday Route – Collected Tuesday
Tuesday Route – Collected Wednesday
Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday
Thursday Route – Collected Thursday

There will be no appliance, odd metals, hard plastics, or yard waste collections on Friday, November 10.

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION TRANSPORTATION TO POLLING PLACES
On Tuesday, November 7, 2023, the Greenbelt Connection will provide free transportation to polling locations for City voters between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:30 pm. Citizens who wish to avail themselves of this service should call.

GREENBELT CONNECTION: (301) 474-4100
to schedule their transportation. In addition, the City bus will make scheduled pick-ups at:

GREEN RIDGE HOUSE AT 10:30 AM AND 2:30 PM
and will return to Green Ridge House after the voters have cast their ballots at the Community Center.

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION EARLY VOTING
As required by Section 14 of the City Charter, Greenbelt will hold a regular City Election on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023
Polls will be open from 7 am to 8 pm
On Election Day, you may vote at ANY polling place throughout the City, regardless of your precinct. Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/elections for polling locations.

Any qualified registered voter with an address within the corporate limits of the City of Greenbelt may vote in City elections.
If you have any questions regarding the upcoming election, please call the City official at (301) 474-8000, use Maryland Relay (711), or send an email to the City Clerk at clerk@greenbeltmd.gov. A sample ballot is available on a flier at the Municipal Building and on the City website at www.greenbelt.md.gov.

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Any registered Greenbelt voter may choose to vote by EARLY VOTING.

NO MORE EXCUSES!
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EARLY VOTING DATES AND LOCATIONS:
DROP BOX IS LOCATED IN FRONT OF EACH CENTER LISTED BELOW
Greenbelt Community Center – 15 Crescent Road
Saturday, November 4, 10 am – 3 pm Sunday, November 5, 10 am – 3 pm
Schorr Hills Park Clubhouse – (6915 Hanover Parkway)
Saturday, November 4, 10 am – 3 pm Sunday, November 5, 10 am – 3 pm
Springhill Lake Recreation Center – (6101 Cherrywood Lane)
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Sample Ballot Greenbelt City Election May 2, 2023
For more information, contact the Residents’ Services Division, City Clerk, at (301) 474-8000 or email clerk@greenbeltmd.gov.

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION Dates & Deadlines for 2023 City Council Elections
Early voting begins
Training session for election judges and clerks
Election (7 am - 8 pm)
Mail-in ballots must be received by (6 pm)
Final Campaign Contributions & Expenditures Report (12 pm)
Charter meeting for swearing in (7:30 pm)
For more information, contactModal Anderson, City Clerk, at (301) 474-8000 or email clerk@greenbeltmd.gov.
Cookies on the Bridge Offers Model for Safety, Community

by Robert Goldberg-Strassler

One cookie at a time, Greenbelt is addressing teen bullying in the community and creating a ‘Bridge of Caring.’ Along an isolated walking path through the woods near Greenbelt Middle School and Beltway Plaza, cookies on the Bridge has been heard from parents about students being harassed while walking home from school, with some of those cookies being passed to students to combat bullying. The bridge is a crucial crossing between neighborhoods. It is currently looking for more volunteers to help share cookies on the bridge with someone?

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On the day this reporter visited the overpass between 3:15 and 4 p.m., there were initially no cookie-givers – RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness) is currently looking for more volunteers to help with the program but after a while a woman and her young son arrived, holding out a box of cookies and the list of ingredients if the teens needed to see them.

The stops are 30 seconds, but the good feelings last a lot longer. What better way to keep our young ones safe and teach unselfish random acts of kindness than to share a cookie and a kind word with someone?

If you’d like to volunteer to help share cookies on the bridge contact RUAK at spreadruk@gmail.com.

- Photos by Molly Page

Help Arianna Bridges of Greenbelt compete in the National American Miss Crown 2023 in Florida. She has been selected as Gorgeous Tall and will be greeted with happy smiles and cookies every day after school just as the Eleanor Roosevelt High School students are met each afternoon after walking over the pedestrian bridge over the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

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The first Sunday @ MT event

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Sundays @ MT will be happening again on November 12 and December 17. Specific activities will vary from month to month. This event – including the bagels – is free, and everyone is welcome to participate. To learn more, visit mishkantorah.org or email membership@mishkantorah.org.

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**Council Candidate SekatowaMisses Interim Report Deadline**

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

On Friday, October 27, candidates for Greenbelt City Council were required to submit their second interim financial reports by noon. These reports detail campaign contributions where they have come from and campaign expenditures. Those reports are available on the city’s website greenbeltmd.gov/government/city-administration/city-clerk-office/election-information/2023-city-council-candidates.

At the time of press, candidate Moses Sekatowa had not filed his second interim report. Shaniya Lashley-Mullen, from the city manager’s office, told the News Review that Sekatowa will be failed to file.

Sekatowa was not aware he had missed a deadline and told the News Review he’d neither raised funds nor had expenditures for the period in question.

In celebration of Public Lands Day, September 30, the city held a conservation stewardship event at Buddy Attick Park. At the event, Councilmembers Sike Pope, Ric Gordon, Konrad Herling, Mayor Emmett Jordon, council candidate Danielle McKinney, members of the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Environmental Defense Club, park rangers, Public Works staff and other community members came to work. Together they removed over four cubic yards of invasive species, including English ivy, multiflora rose, bush honeysuckle and Japanese barberry along the edges of the park.

The day was cool and cloudy, great weather to work outside and make a difference. The volunteers in attendance were excited to provide a service to the environment.

Before the work began, Jordan talked about National Public Lands Day (NPLD) and Buddy Attick Park and its importance.

Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll, the city’s environmental coordinator, provided a quick training to help the volunteers identify the invasive species and provided tools and strategies to properly remove them. The volunteers worked for three hours, removing invasive species and creating more space and resources for native plants to grow and thrive.

The hours of work contributed by teams of volunteers are an important resource for the city’s Department of Public Works in very time-consuming work. Their continued efforts make it possible to conserve and restore natural resources in Greenbelt and make it a better place to live for both people and wildlife.

NPLD was established in 1994 and is coordinated by the National Environmental Education Foundation. It is held annually on the fourth Saturday of September and encourages the public to volunteer to help restore, improve and celebrate public lands around the country.

Nadeeha Fleming is a Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps member working with the Greenbelt Department of Public Works.
Carvings, Costumes, Dance Parties and Plenty of Treats
by Anna Bedford-Dillow

The Halloween spirit was out in force in Greenbelt over recent days, with several celebrations in the city. Friday, the Pumpkin Festival’s final carving took place at Springhill Lake Recreation Center (see story on page 1) and in Roosevelt Center there was a Wild Rumpus that same afternoon. The Rumpus started at 4:30 p.m. when children and adults alike joined a costumed dance party and those who gathered in the Center were also treated to a stunning performance from Greenbelt S.I.T.Y. Stars jump rope team as well as a flash mob. Volunteers with Greenbelt Recreation had a bird’s eye view of the festivities as they circulated through the crowds in giant puppet structures, sharing high fives and hugs. Following the trick or treating at the Roosevelt businesses, Greenbelt Cinema opened their doors for a free screening of the short film Toy Story of Terror.

On Sunday, at the Farmers Market, there was Halloween fun with games for children and a guest appearance by the ghost of Edgar Allan Poe. Later that afternoon the Greenbelt Honk! Situation held a “Honkin’ Halloween Costume Parade Party” in the Center, giving yet another chance for folks to show off their costumes and their dance moves.

As always, on Halloween night Greenbelt’s streets were filled with wonderful costumes and delighted children for trick or treating from 6 to 8 p.m.

At 36 Court Ridge, plenty of monsters and an assortment of full-sized candy await those who dare to enter the Haunted Hollow on Halloween. A representative of each of the available candy options is pinned to the deck to aid trick or treaters in their selection.

It seems every child has a pumpkin.

The ghost of Edgar Allan Poe (Ian Blackwell Rogers) visited the Greenbelt Farmers Market again this year. Here he captivates a young listener with The Raven.

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Lambright-Davis, the CHEARS site-captain for Friday’s carving. At the Springhill Lake carving, the pumpkin seeds and guts went straight into the composting garden, just a few feet away from where they were scooped out, to make for an environmentally responsible event. Kids played lawn games and freeze tag, and balls were tossed around amidst a radiant festive environment. Everyone’s hard work was rewarded with pizza, candy and refreshments. Festival organizers and volunteers successfully brought the community together and fully infused it with Halloween spirit.

Stewart says the Pumpkin Festival organizers want to make the city feel a little smaller. “We infused it with Halloween spirit. bringing the community together and fully volunteers successfully brought the community together and fully infused it with Halloween spirit.

Stewart and Lambright-Davis said that the community makes their jobs easy and fun. The dedication and effort that the volunteers put into the festival make it run smoothly. “I think we’ve all coined the phrase ‘One Greenbelt,’” said Lambright-Davis.

Cavít Ireland is a student at the University of Maryland’s Philp Merrill College of Journalism, writing for the News Review.

Select Utopia Film Reviews

Two film reviewers for the Greenbelt News Review, Cavít Ireland and Anna Socrates, offer readers a glimpse of some of the thought-provoking films from the Utopia Film Festival.

The Bus

Directed by Rachel S. Roff

Cavít Ireland: The Bus gives an inside look at how a family of five lives in a school-bus-turned-home. The Whitney family left San Francisco for the mountains of North Carolina so they could have their own place where they were able to live peacefully. After years of the constant grind, working all day every day to pay the bills, the Whitneys converted an old school bus into a kitchen, bedroom, living room and restroom so they could live comfortably and get more out of life.

This feel-good short shows an unconventional way the American Dream can be reached: on wheels. The winter months often have the Whitneys wishing for a cozy house with a fireplace, and they have plans to build a more traditional home. For this time of their lives, they are happy on wheels, the bus has offered them a kind of freedom in a small space, though they can’t tell how much longer it’ll continue.

Anna Socrates: In this six-minute short, we caught a glimpse of the lives of a family of five, who left San Francisco, the city of expensive housing markets in the United States, to relocate to the North Carolina mountains and start a new life in a renovated school bus. With the help of friends and family, the young couple did a lot of the renovation work themselves to create a functional living space in a small footprint (the living room sofa doubled as the parents’ bed room and the kids slept in bunk beds in the back of the bus).

Not shy about the challenges of raising three children in a small space, the Whitneys nevertheless showed the profound joys of living in a simpler, yet more abundant life. Growing their own food, finding a community of the like-minded, and raising their children to be more mindful of nature, the young family seems happy and fulfilled. The parents admitted their journey in a few years might take them to a more fixed, permanent residence, but the lessons learned will stay with them.

Shantyboat: Rediscovering a River Way of Life

Directed by Dianne Steimel

Socrates: Shantyboat is built on the theme of living a simpler life. The director followed the more than four-year effort of her husband and a close friend to recreate a wooden shantyboat, a mobile dwelling that poorer residents of Louisville, Ky., in the 19th and early 20th centuries chose as an alternative to Louisville’s congested and noisy tenement district. Although the original shantyboat dwellers were driven to river life out of economic necessity, mid-20th-century artist and writer Harlan Hubbard and his wife Anna voluntarily recreated a shantyboat life for themselves in 1947. Together, they built their boat – a riverside studio and home – at Payne Hollow. Unlike the original shantyboat dwellers, the Hubbards were relatively well off and well educated. Anna, a musician, even had a grand piano at Payne Hollow. The Hubbards embraced the river life; they grew their own food, cut wood, fished and lived more simply and self-sufficiently than most people today. America was on a different path.

Inspired by Hubbard’s

Ireland: This documentary follows (very) inexperienced shipbuilders Jerry Steimel and Art Baltes as they construct and sail their own shantyboat down the Kentucky and Ohio Rivers. The film discusses the origin of shantyboats, stigmas around shantyboaters and why they may have had it right all along. Through old photos and quotes, the film tells the story of the lives of Harlan and Anna Hubbard, the inspiration for Steimel and Baltes. Through their journey of building their shantyboat, Steimel and Baltes faced their fair share of obstacles, including a pandemic and cancer. They were always able to look to Harlan Hubbard for advice, whose life emulated a man who was at one with nature.

In a time before serious environmentalism, Hubbard lived off the land and appreciated every moment of it. This film transports viewers to the heart of America that is often overlooked,

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Emancipation Day Film Screening

The Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee, in collaboration with the Greenbelt Cinema, is hosting a program to commemorate Emancipation Day in Maryland, featuring a free showing of Descendants, a film about the last enslaved Africans brought illegally to Alabama. After the showing Evelyn Milton, a descendant of those taken to Alabama, and Melisande Short-Colomb, a descendant of Georgetown University’s 272 enslaved people who were sold by the Jesuits to save the institution, will be present to provide updates and answer questions.

The film will be shown on Saturday, November 4 at 2 p.m. at Greenbelt Cinema.

Other sponsors are Greenbelt Recreation and RUAK. For more information contact blackhistoryandculture@gmail.com.

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A tiny gray tree frog explores its new surroundings in the Henry’s Hollow garden field on Hamilton Place. On rainy nights from May through July, adult tree frogs laid eggs in water containers in some garden plots. Gardener (and News Review staffer) Deanna Dawson has fed tadpoles lettuce and fish flakes all summer, and dozens have completed metamorphosis since late August. Once the froglets leave the water, they switch to an insect diet and find their way to trees, returning to water only to breed.

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question of the evening was, are bats more related to mice or to humans? The correct answer is humans. A common misconception is that bats are simply rodents with wings. The two main groups of bats are fruit bats, which live mainly in the tropics and help plant new rainforests, and insect-eating bats, which are the only kind that live in Maryland. In one night, a single bat eats thousands of insects, including mosquitoes. Bats are also critical plant pollinators, going to flowers, milkweeds, goldenrod and evening primrose, purple cone bloom late in the day, such as for bats is one key way humans of conservation, and gardening ed as species in the greatest need er noted that there are 10 species tographs for a closer look, Witcher passing around enlarged pho- tographs for a closer look, Witch- er noticed that there are 16 species of bats in Maryland, the most common of which is the eastern red bat, which can fly up to 40 mph. The biggest bat in Mary- land is the hoary bat, which has a wingspan of up to 16 inches. Bats can be solitary or live in large colonies depending on the species and are tree-dwelling or cave-dwelling. Cave-dwelling bats are on the decline in Maryland and across the country due to white-nose syndrome, a deadly invasive fungus from Eu- rope that has completely eradicat- ed the long-eared bat in the state. Bats in Maryland are designat- ed as species in the greatest need of conservation, and gardening for bats is one key way humans can help. By planting flowers that bloom late in the day, such as evening primrose, purple cone- flower, milkweeds, goldenrod and buttonbush, you can attract night- time insects for bats to eat.

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drink, photos of deceased loved ones, a censer for incense, religious figures and papel picado – folk-art paper cuttings.

The foods offered often in- clude favorite dishes of the loved ones being remembered. In Ramos’ family, dishes of mole tamales are prepared by her mother for the occasion. While it’s on the altar, the food is for the enjoyment of the visiting souls, and is not eaten by the family. Once the celebration is over and the altar is taken down, the food may be eaten. The baskets covered with decorated cloths contain fruit and pan de muertos. This special bread, made only at this time of year, can be purchased at local Hispanic bakeries.

The cut-paper banners seen on the front edge of the altars can also be purchased in some shops, but Ramos has also made them herself. The sunny, golden marigold is a flower native to Mexico, where it’s known by its Aztec name, cempasúchil. Its use in religious ceremonies goes back to ancient pre-Colombian roots; its presence on Day of the Dead altar is essential. The powerful, spicy fragrance is said to help lead souls into the homes of their families. Ramos’ cousin Petra Sanchez contrib- utes a bountiful supply of marigolds grown in her Greenbelt commu- nity garden plot.

Copal incense is another source of a pleas- ing fragrance, a native tree resin which – as a smoke spiraling from the physical world yet able to enter the spirit world – was seen in pre-Co- lombian religions as an offering owed to and needed by the deities for their sustenance. Its use was so deeply iden- tified with the indig- enous religions that it was banned from Catholic churches from the conquest until the 1890s. But it has often been used in the homes of the people of Mexico, up to the present day, and can even be found in some local Hispanic markets.

The Day of the Dead altar is put in place on November 2. At noon, the family gathers to light the candles, waft copal smoke over the offerings and say prayers asking for the souls of departed loved ones to be permitted to visit the home for the occasion. On the following day, November 3, the process is reversed, with prayers bidding farewell to the souls of the departed until the next year. The altar is not kept in the home as a decoration, but is taken down once its purpose has been fulfilled. Smaller altars can also be created in the loving memory of special pets. The day set aside for this is October 27. Sanchez created one this year for her beloved puppy Azteca, who died at a young age 10 years ago. It includes bowls of his food and water, his jacket and his favorite toy.

**Notice of the Annual Membership Meeting**

The Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative Saturday, November 4, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. Greenbelt Community Center Gym 15 Crescent Rd. Greenbelt, MD 20770

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**Day of the Dead altar created by Veronica Ramos in 2022**

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**The Bat Walk group assembles to learn more about bats.**

- Photos by Kristin Fletcher

**Bat luminaria**

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few weeks, by early October, the original goal of $10,000 was surpassed and the Masquer-AID Ball was sold out.

As of this writing, the fundraiser has raised $25,569.68. That comes from 49 sponsors ranging from $250 to $1,000, 57 tickets sold at $50 per ticket, 27 contributors who made smaller donations and art sales.

The art sales came from the auction of John Guernsey’s art, which was donated to the Café by Guernsey’s family after he died in 2019. The art is on display through the end of October and there are pieces still available for sale.

“This experience shows me how much the community values the Café’s music and arts program and wants to be a part of keeping it going,” said Gaughan.

The Wall of Fame Plaque will be unveiled at a follow-up reception in early 2024. Even after the event, Café is still receiving contributions for sponsorships and smaller donations. To learn more about the Gala and our fundraising efforts, visit newdealcafe.com/cafeball.

“I’m bursting with gratitude for the community’s support for our first Masquer-AID and we are so excited for further fundraising events like this in our future,” said Gompf.

From left, Lisa Villani, Mary Molen and Isabelle Gournay pose for a photo at the Masquer-AID event.

From left, Michael Hartman, president of the New Deal Café board of directors; Katy Gaughan, gala chair; and Dan Gillette, manager of the Greenbelt Co-op and New Deal Café Food and Beverage.

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**Crime:** Make crime control measures an immediate priority, dealing with our increased crime risk. Improve public information by providing more specific crime-location information in News Review crime reports. Launch Cops with Coffee community meetings. Increase use of camera technology in higher crime areas. Give our police more consistent Council support. Evaluate the possibility of adding more police officers.

**Recreation:** Community meetings with recreation leaders and parents on how to improve and expand rec facilities and programs.

**Environment:** I will be environmentally sensitive, support green solutions, & oppose the Maglev project.

**Economy:** An increased priority on economic development, supporting business and job opportunities.

** Taxes:** I will support cost reduction measures and work to keep your taxes down.

**Council:** I will be sensitive to the interests of people in all parts of the City. I will be a team player, speak in a collaborative voice, and respect differences of opinion. I will protect the best interests of our valued City employees. I will always put community first.

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Migrating Birds’ Journeys; Scientists Tell Us How to Help
by Susan Cahill

A lively senior Open Forum took place on Saturday, November 4, and many of those present were active participants. Also in attendance was Mayor Emomt Jordan and a representative group of city staff who fielded questions and provided useful information.

Moderator Carol Shaw initiated the meeting. She noted that it was well attended and that there would be a decision to prioritize the three most important issues raised by the attendees. On the upcoming November 7 council elections, she also stressed that it was too early to know who had asked that this be respected by those present.

Shaw’s first request was for people to respond with what they thought about living in Greenbelt. There was much discussion of comment.

Participant Likes
Listed in order as suggested:
• Festival of Lights
• Underpasses for pedestrians and cyclists
• Roosevelt Center
• Walking paths (especially dur
• The Greenbelt News Review
• Walking paths
• The New Deal Café
• Being able to walk to the Co-op
• Saint Hugh’s
• Public Works
• St. Hugh’s Annual Christmas Bazaar
• Captioning in films in the cinema
• Franklin Park
• Native plants
• Volunteering of some kind to do

Issues and Concerns
Shaw then moved the agenda so that those present had an opportunity to feel heard by those present. There was a significant level of discussion and response from City of Greenbelt staff and officials present, includ-

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Catching up on Greenbelters’ Travels

Kathy Labuka poses for a photo in Budapest, Hungary, along the Danube River.

Becky Rackis and Connie Davis keep up with Greenbelt news while visiting Sorrento, Italy.

Mark Gordon from Ridge Road visits Sorrento, Italy, near where his father’s family is from.

Erica Johns poses with the News Review in September on the Rhine River in Germany.

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Rodney Roberts’ Priority Goals for the Next 2 Years

• Use ARPA funds to acquire the scrapyard and nearby vacant land for a new Greenbelt West park
• Complete the hiker/biker trail from the new Greenbelt station community to the Metro station
• Complete acquisition of the armory site and begin working with the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department to plan a new firehouse
• Work to defeat the MAGLEV train and highway widening for “Lexus lanes”
• Pass rent stabilization legislation that will stop egregious rent hikes
• Continue to oppose run away taxes
• Save Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) from proposed industrial development

For information or contributions:
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By Authority: Joseph O’Brien Jr, Treasurer
Police, Residents Share Coffee

On Wednesday October 25, the Greenbelt Police Department held a “Meet and Greet” with Greenbelt residents at Roosevelt Center. About 10 police officers were present, chatting with residents young and old, including Officer Erich Alvarez, the community officer assigned to Franklin Park, and Officer Mike Thomas, with Greenbelt’s Crisis Intervention team.

O f f i c e r s s h a r e a d o u g h n u t in Roosevelt Center on October 25 with one of the youngest visitors to the meet and greet, two-year-old Charlie.

- Photos courtesy Greenbelt Police

Police discovered a loaded semi-automatic and over 300 grams of marijuana on the masked pair at Beltway Plaza.

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Later, officers saw the pair walking back toward the mall.

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

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Loaded Semi-Automatic, Drugs Found on Masked Pair at Mall

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

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W. Godwin, Esq. (SC Bar #2162)

P.O. Box 354 Greenville, SC 29602

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Greenbelt Police Department reports of interest, including one involving vandalism, and three mental health diversions.

**Robbery**

On October 23 at 8:47 a.m. near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace, a man at a bus stop was attacked by two suspects who got out of a black Honda Civic. They asked him and demanded his property, but he fought them off. He said he recognized one of the suspects hanging around and that they might go to the high school.

On October 23 at 5:03 p.m. near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace, three 15-year-old boys pushed a 12-year-old boy down and stole his shoes.

On October 26 at 6:57 p.m. near 5300 Smith’s Cove Lane, a man was selling items online. When the man observed something coming to his home, they pointed a gun at him, pushed him down, stole his phone, tablet and filed in a white Dodge Charger.

On October 26 at 7:04 p.m. near 6000 Springfield Drive, a woman was walking her dog when two girls asked to pet the dog, then asked to use her phone. When she refused, the girls threw her down, tried to take her phone, then fled in a light-colored sedan.

On October 28 at 6:18 p.m. near 7300 Morrison Drive, a man inside his residence saw a white Honda Civic pull up near his car. When a man got out and opened the victim’s car, he went out to the street and a man wearing a mask pulled out a handgun and told the victim to go back inside before they drove off.

**DUI Arrest**

On October 29 at 9:25 p.m. near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace, a driver was arrested for DUI after multiple traffic violations.

**Fraud**

On October 24 near 9100 Edmonston Court, unauthorized charges appeared on an account. On October 26 near 6400 Ivy Lane, the bank stopped a fraudulent check.

**Theft**

On October 25 at 8:41 a.m. near 6200 Greenbelt Road, four individuals stole over $1,000 worth of clothing and fled in a black vehicle. On October 25 at 2:13 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a man stole multiple items and later returned in a different suit; he was arrested and banned from the property. On October 29 at 2:46 p.m. near 7500 Greenbelt Road, a woman stole multiple items.

On October 27 at 2:43 a.m. near 5700 Greenbelt Metro Drive, a man’s locking mechanism was removed on a 2013 Jeep and a 1998 Toyota Corolla.

**Groping Near Buddy Attick Park**

On October 29 at 8:45 a.m. near 7800 Hanover Parkway, three men were seen breaking into a black 2013 Hyundai Elantra near police arrived.

**Theft from Auto**

Discarded items were stolen on October 24 near 7900 Mandan Road and near 7700 Hanover Parkway. Rear license plates were stolen October 24 near 9 Ridge Road (Md. 89). On October 26 near 7800 Mandan Road (Md. 6E1930). On October 24 near 6500 Capitol Drive, a temporary tag (Md. T130516) was stolen from a dealership.

All four tires were stolen on October 25 near 6000 Springfield Drive from a 2023 Honda Civic and near 6200 Springfield Court on October 27. A 2012 Toyota Camry and on October 29 near 7200 Hanover Drive from a Chrysler 300. Airbags were stolen October 28 from a 2019 Acura SUV near 6100 Breezewood Court, a 2012 Toyota Camry near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace and a 2015 Acura TLX near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace.

On October 24 near 2 Court Gardenway, an unlocked Jeep was rummaged through.

**Vandalism to Auto**

On October 25 near 9300 Edmonston Road, a vehicle’s rear tires were punctured. On October 26 near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a man was arrested for punching tires.

On October 27 near 7800 Emilys Way, the doors of a Mercedes GLK 350 were damaged. On October 29 near 14 Parkway, a woman smashed a windshield with a fire extinguisher; the owner confronted the woman, who said she did not know what she was doing and ran away. Vehicle windows were damaged but nothing stolen October 23 near 92 Ridge Road; October 26 near 6200 Springfield Court; October 28 near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace; and October 28 near 5800 Cherrywood Terrace.

The report of an attempted kidnapping of a baby in Greenbelt caused a great deal of alarm and media attention over the weekend. However, the suspects may have been interested in the other contents of the stroller.

The victim took place at approximately 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 26, as a mother was pushing her 10-month-old child in her stroller in the 9100 block of Edmonston Road. The mother reported that two dark-colored cars pulled up beside her and three young men, along with a young woman with braids, got out of the vehicles and headed for her stroller in an attempt to kidnap her baby. The woman was punched repeatedly as she grabbed her child from the stroller and ran, she told police.

The young assailants did not wear made it hard to be certain.

The victim was taken to the Greenbelt Police Department where she was checked out by the fire department at the scene and did not go to the hospital for additional treatment.

Based on recent crime trends and the victim’s description, it is likely some if not all of the group of carjackers were juveniles, though the masks they wore made it hard to be certain. No weapons were displayed during the carjacking and assault.

Later that evening, as Greenbelt police officers patrolled the parking area at the Greenbelt Metro Station they discovered a variety of the things strewn about the parking lot that were determined to be items from the stolen vehicle.

**Attempted Kidnapping: Items Stolen From Stroller, Baby Unhurt**

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

**Crisis Hotline’s Number is 988**

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline dialing code is 988. Calls and text messages are confidential and free.
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49,965,174 thank yous, one per minute over a grateful lifespan. Sincerely overjoyed and overwhelmed.

Joyce Mangum

Pumpkin Thanks

The Greenbelt Pumpkin Festival Committee would like to thank everyone who made our events possible this year, beginning with every single volunteer, donor and participant! We deeply regret the cancellation of the Schrom Hills Pumpkin Walk on short notice and we are committed to bringing it back next year. The carvings and pumpkin walks are one of the delightful traditions that bring our community together and all of us on the committee are pleased with how enthusiastically Greenbelters support these events.

We couldn’t have done it without our amazing sponsors: Greenbelt Rotary Club, CHEARS and the Greenbelt Co-op. Special thanks to Dan Gillette and Teddy Lawrence at the Co-op, Greenbelt Cinema, Bee Yoga Fusion, Bill Novick and LadyLaw.com as well as Joe Robbins, Carissa Balbovsky, Oscar Velasco, Kristen Weaver and End Rodney Roberts.

Thank you to Greenbelt Recreation and Greenbelt Public Works for providing outstanding support and Greenbelt City Council has chosen not to allocate American Rescue Plan Act resources more directly towards helping people. The City of Greenbelt needs to use ARPA funding to amend its pay scales for essential workers so that they receive regionally adjusted living wages. The city also needs to amend its employment policies so more almost-essential workers are classified as full-time, benefited employees. This is the only way to attract and keep community members in local jobs.

ARPA funds are also meant to be spent on educational support. Expanding and improving programs for after-school tutoring, reimplementing in-school volunteer tutoring, and offering academic enrichment programs on weekends would greatly help to bridge learning gaps for everyone. These programs should especially target the most vulnerable populations who lack the resources to make up for lost time: English language learners and low-income families. Every child counts.

In the absence of countywide Head Start programming, Greenbelt should find ways to sponsor and expand Head Start programming in Greenbelt so that eligible children have access to free PK-3 programming. ARPA funds could also go a long way towards training and certifying more child care providers, and multilingual or Spanish-speaking child care providers.

Every neighborhood needs walkable options for enriching age- and culturally-appropriate summer experiences. Funding programs, whether through city departments or local groups, would directly help families, children, and, in the long term, our community. By partnering with local organizations, the city could use ARPA funds to ensure that children from low-income families are prioritized for inclusion in these opportunities right now, when the help is most urgently needed.

Leah Cohen

Wild Rumpus

The Greenbelt Pumpkin Festival Committee wishes to thank all the people who attended the final show in the Wild Rumpus on Friday, October 17 and helped to create a joyful and enchanting experience for one another. The 10, towering special guest monsters who visited Roosevelt Center asked us to thank you for the warm welcome they received!

Congratulations to all the dancers who brought their ROAR to the party. It is an honor to have a routine choreographed by Lisa Pellitiere, assistant director of the Greenbelt Dance Studio, a program of Greenbelt Recreation. Thanks to the third-grade students, teachers and chaperones who learned the dance with us during recent field trips to the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Congratulations also to our wonderful volunteer puppet builders and puppeteers, including: Raven Eyes Cagle, Joey Conner, Aiyana Glover and family, Judy Goldberg-Strasser, Colleen Hommel, Aureanna Komisar, Beth LeaMond, Penny Martin, Jan Morrow, Mary Anne Savercool and Kristine Smith.

The dance and the puppets were the culmination of free Greenbelt Recreation ARTS workshops, as were the musical shakers from a workshop with Community Center Artist-in-Residence Rachel Ann Cross.

Thank you to the Greenbelt S.I.T.Y Stars for their dynamic performance under the direction of Coach Kimberly Bradshaw. Thank you to the merchants and nonprofit organizations who hosted trick-or-treating around the Center. Special thanks to the Greenbelt Arts Center and the Greenbelt Cinema, as participating venues. Thank you to event volunteers Janice Ataiyero, Gary Kohn, Niki Kohn, Tom LeaMond and Meredith Rocha.

The Arts Program would like to thank all Recreation staff who helped to make the Rumpus possible, including Tyrique Abidun, Clare Alexander, Isaac Aneiva, Adam Campanile, Chris Cherry, Adam Daelemans, Anthony Edwards, Hallie Eggleston, Anne Gardner, Jeanette Haislip, Gaye Houshanger, Amanda Larsen, Patrick Mullen, Anne Oudemans, Cathy Pracht, Bryce Rusk and Rebecca Squire. We would also like to thank our colleagues in the departments of Public Information, Public Safety and Public Works for their support of the event, and the thanks to the mayor and councilmembers who were able to attend.

Feeling inspired? We encourage you to sign up for the Arts-e-newsletter at greenbeltmd.gov to be alerted of future opportunities to get involved.

We hope that everyone has had a VERY Happy Halloween!

Nicole DeWold

Arts Supervisor

A bee and a monarch butterfly pause on some goldenrod beside the parking lot at the Lake.

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Stacy Stewart

Pumpkin Queen

One Greenbelt

In regard to Question 2 from last week’s News Review (Ques

2. How would you increase civic participation in city government, particularly from residents in Greenbelt East and West?) “I am from Greenbelt.”

Civic engagement will increase upon the common use of this statement. Too many conversations between Greenbelters contain a disparaging remark about another part of the city within the first three sentences. We should understand that we are all Greenbelters – without distinction. This will not solve the world’s problems, but it might go a little bit more broadly as “I am from Greenbelt” is a tiny start to more civil-ity, which could lead to civility.

Joe Lomax

Proud 35-year Greenbelt Resident

MAD Theater Presents A Little Night Music

Goodhart’s Music and Drama club (MAD) will present its first in-person fall production since Covid. A Little Night Music is a musical with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and book by Hugh Wheeler. The title is the English translation of Mozart’s Serenade Eine Kleine Nachtmusik, and the plot involves the romantic lives of several couples. There will be a live orchestra, and the musical includes the popular song Send in the Clowns.

Shows will take place on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and on Sundays at 2:30 p.m. starting Friday, November 3, through November 17. There will be an additional show on Thursday, November 16 at 8 p.m. The final show will be on Friday, November 17, just in case there is a government shutdown on November 18.

Tickets must be bought in advance at madtheater.org and shown to the guard at the gate of the Barney & Bea Recreation Center on Good Luck Road. There will be no sales at the door.
represented by the Hubbards’ way of life. They lived without electricity or modern appliances and made everything by hand from utensils to spoons. Residing simply in a self-built house at Payne Hollow on the shore of the Ohio, the Hubbards’ shantyboat lifestyle gave them food, transportation and means of trade. Join Steimel and Baltes as they try to fill Harlan’s shoes as shantyboaters on a two-week cruise downstream. There’s beautiful weather, scenery, lots of fish and a little bit of trouble along the way.

Frostbyte
Directed by Hannah Papa and Victor Urzategui
Ireland: Frostbyte is a seven-minute animated short film that takes the viewer inside a snowy, abandoned laboratory. Set atop Pico Bolivar in a cyberpunk world, a scavenger explores her way around the vast building. Following a tracking device, the main character gets closer and closer to something of great value, but one wrong step awakens a guardian. As she is face to face with a powerful obstacle, the scavenger has passed the point of no return. Should she run? Fight? What lies beyond remains to be seen, and this thrilling interaction is packed with fury emotion in a cold, dark world.

Wish You Were Here
Directed by Colman Hallinan
Socrates: The short, animated film, Wish You Were Here, deals with love and loss, a subject that, after the pandemic years, many are still struggling with. Colman Hallinan, the director, presents a letter to the younger sister he barely knew — she passed away as a toddler when he was still a young boy in elementary school. The film juxtaposes a montage of side-by-side photos of each of them. He grows into his teenage years, and then matures into young adulthood, while she stays the same, permanently fixed as a young child, now only living in his memory, as he has experienced other losses during his life. The medium of animation is a perfect artistic choice here, as he depicts how missing the relationships he would have had with her has left gaps and holes in his heart during his life’s journey.

The World We Wanted
Directed by Richard Riggs Hall
Socrates: The World We Wanted looks at some of the participants in the 1959 World Youth Forum, a Cold War-era gathering of young people from around the world that was organized by the New York Herald Tribune. The forum participants lived together for a week, attended seminars and workshops, and were filmed for television. The filmmaker and New Zealand historian Catharine Bishop interviewed some of the youthful participants 60 years later. The men and women looked at film clips of their idealistic teenaged selves hoping for a more peaceful world, where the contributions of men and women would be equally valued. The young people spoke about religion, societal and parental expectations and their hopes and dreams, and their older selves looked back on their idealism with amusement and admiration, tinged with sadness at the unrealized hopes for the world, as several generations later, they are still wishing for the same things. I’ve always imagined being able to have a conversation with my younger self, and the seven or eight participants got to do just that, with grace and good humor. The participants closed by singing a song written by one of the participants, Andy from Great Britain.

Dianne Steimel introduces her film Shantyboat.
Soccer Wins Put Raider Girls into State Quarterfinals

by Patrick Gleason

The Eleanor Roosevelt Raiders entered the 2023 state playoffs in style. After Gabriella Martinez struck twice in the opening 20 minutes en route to a hat-trick, it seemed that nothing could outdo the junior’s performance. But with each additional goal – in the eventual 8-0 victory over the Wise High School Pumas – Martinez’s Raider teammates showed they wanted to enhance the show. Junior Sadie Swart caught the Puma keeper off her line with a powerful shot from 20 yards out for the third goal, then sophomore Autumn Freeman stepped in for a free kick after Martinez endured a foul 25 yards from goal. Freeman placed the ball above the keeper’s outstretched hands and underneath the goalpost, punctuated by a raucous celebration from the Roo fans. The goalpost, punctuated by a raucous celebration from the Roosevelt bench. Swart and Freeman both struck again from inside the second half before sophomore Mahaut Dejime closed out the scoring after the Wise keeper saved winger Emelin Talaver’s low curling shot. The Raiders’ 12th win of the season featured their most impressive goals thus far as junior Jade Savage helped facilitate the Raider offense with two assists.

The win against the Pumas placed the Raiders in the October 31 region final with the C.H. Flowers’ Jaguars, which the Raiders won 5 to 0 before another Savic hat trick along with goals from Freeman and Martinez. The state quarterfinals take place on Friday, November 3, and Saturday, November 4, with a place in the state semifinals at hand.

At the Library

The Greenbelt Library will be closed on Friday, November 10 through Sunday, November 12 in observance of Veterans Day. Regular hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays; noon to 8 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays; and 1 to 5 p.m., Sundays.

Storytimes

Friday, November 3, 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at pgcmls.info/event/9192147.
Monday, November 6, 10:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2. Register at pgcmls.info/event/9191099.
Wednesday, November 8, 12:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at pgcmls.info/event/9191165.

Indigenous Children’s Stories

Tuesday, November 7, 6 p.m., ages 5 to 12. Embark on an exciting exploration of Indigenous children’s literature with the University of Maryland’s Native American and Indigenous Student Union. Register at pgcmls.info/event/9179519.

Talk Health

Monday, November 6, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. University of Maryland School of Nursing students conduct free health screenings, referrals, health education and classes on a variety of topics, including stress reduction, healthy eating and nutrition, managing chronic illness, and low impact exercises. Go to pgcmls.info/event/8976251 for schedule.

Teen Action Group

Wednesday, November 8, 4:30 p.m., ages 13 to 18. Register at pgcmls.info/event/9189201.
Community Questionnaire 2023

At election time, residents are asked to take a few minutes to complete the following questionnaire. The information obtained will be used in the newly elected City Council and City staff. Your confidential responses will be consolidated in a report for general distribution. If a question is not applicable, please leave it blank. Please place completed questionnaires in the box provided at the polling location or send it to the City Office at 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770. Alternatively, you can fill out the survey by scanning the QR to the right or by visiting www.greenbeltmd.gov/survey.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Residency - Type
   ☐ Apartment  ☐ Townhouse  ☐ Condominium
   ☐ Single Family Home

2. Residency - Neighborhood
   ☐ Greenbelt East (East of Batterson-Washington Parkway)
   ☐ Greenbelt West (West of Kennilworth Avenue)
   ☐ Center City (Between Kennilworth & B Parkway)

3. Do You?
   ☐ Own  ☐ Rent

4. Age
   ☐ Under 18  ☐ 18-29  ☐ 30-44  ☐ 45-60  ☐ 61-75  ☐ 76+

5. How Many Years Have You Lived in Greenbelt?
   ☐ Less Than 1 Year  ☐ 1-3 Years  ☐ 4-7 Years  ☐ 8+ Years

6. Employment Status
   (Check All That Apply)
   ☐ Full-Time  ☐ Part-Time  ☐ Unemployed
   ☐ Retired  ☐ Stay-at-Home Parent  ☐ Work From Home
   ☐ Student  ☐ Multiple Jobs

7. Where Do You Work?
   ☐ GVFD station
   ☐ Town Hall
   ☐ Police Department
   ☐ Fire Department
   ☐ Montgomery County
   ☐ Other

8. Please Prioritize (1-3) Your Top Three Modes of Transportation
   ☐ Personal Automobile
   ☐ Carpool/Vanpool
   ☐ Public Transit
   ☐ Bicycle
   ☐ Taxi/Uber/Lyft
   ☐ Walking
   ☐ Other (Greenbelt Connection)

CURRENT QUESTIONS

1. Do you value having a City-operated animal shelter? [Y/N] If so, would you support enhanced services such as a 24/7 answering service which might require additional staff/funding?
   Yes  No

2. Are you interested in participating in the City’s Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion efforts? [Y/N] if yes, via
   ☐ Town Hall  ☐ Focus Group  ☐ Survey  ☐ Direct Contact

3. The City is in the process of acquiring the Greenbelt Armory. In your opinion, what would be the ideal purpose(s) or function(s) for this location?
   ☐ GVFD Station
   ☐ New City Hall
   ☐ Recreation Facility
   ☐ Other

PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Please rate your satisfaction over the last 2 years with the following services. [5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor]
   ☐ Police Presence
   ☐ Police Responsiveness
   ☐ Dispatcher Responsiveness
   ☐ Overall Police Performance
   ☐ Overall Police Employee Competence
   ☐ Police Attitude & Behavior Towards Residents
   ☐ Animal Control
   ☐ Traffic Control
   ☐ Fire & Rescue
   ☐ Parking Enforcement

2. Do you have any concerns about safety and security within Greenbelt? If so, please list.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/CODE ENFORCEMENT

1. Have you heard with City Community Development/Code Enforcement Staff Inspections, Permits, Toll Grass, Structure Complaints, etc?
   Yes  No

2. Was the Community Development/Code Enforcement employee polite & courteous?
   Yes  No

3. Did the Community Development/Code Enforcement employee assist you satisfactorily?
   Yes  No

GREENBELT CARES/SOCIAL SERVICES

1. Have you or your family utilized any of the services listed below? [Check all that apply]
   ☐ Assisted Living/Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program
   ☐ Babysitting Workshop
   ☐ CAD Training
   ☐ Counseling/Individual, family, or group
   ☐ Cross Convention Counseling
   ☐ Tutoring
   ☐ GED
   ☐ Job Bank
   ☐ Baby & Child Products
   ☐ Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program

2. Did you know the City provides the services below?
   Yes  No

3. If yes, please rate your satisfaction with the services. [5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor]
   ☐ Counseling
   ☐ Individual or family, or group counseling
   ☐ Cross Convention Counseling
   ☐ Tutoring
   ☐ GED
   ☐ Job Bank
   ☐ Babysitting Workshop
   ☐ Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program

4. If you plan to remain in your home as you age, which of the following might you require?
   ☐ Online Advice & Support
   ☐ Home Modifications
   ☐ Activities for Homebound (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)
   ☐ Other

5. If you have school age children, please rate the services they currently attend. [5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor]
   ☐ Civics Education
   ☐ Spring Lake Elementary
   ☐ Eleanor Roosevelt High School
   ☐ Home Schooling
   ☐ Other

6. Have you watched any of the programming, including Council meetings, offered on the City’s Municipal Access channel over the past 2 years?
   Yes  No

7. Do you watch the public access channel known as Greenbelt Access Television? [GATe] [5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor]
   Yes  No

PUBLIC INFORMATION

1. Who would you prefer to receive information about City programs and services? [Please rate your use from 1-5, 1=not preference]
   ☐ Greenbelt TV
   ☐ City Newsletter
   ☐ Email
   ☐ Facebook
   ☐ Greenbeltmd.gov
   ☐ WTOP (Radio)
   ☐ YouTube
   ☐ Other

2. Please rate your satisfaction with Greenbelt’s efforts to publicize and broadcast official information and City events? [5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor]
   Yes  No

3. Do you use the City’s website at www.greenbeltmd.gov?
   Yes  No

4. What services would you like to see on the City website?
   ☐ Watch Meetings
   ☐ Calendar
   ☐ Watch Videos
   ☐ Documents
   ☐ Other

CITY SERVICES AND TAXES

1. How do you rate the value of City services and programs for your tax dollars? [5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor]
   Yes  No

2. Are City services fairly distributed throughout Greenbelt? [5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor]
   Yes  No

3. The City has limited ability to raise revenues other than through property taxes or fees. In light of this fact, would you support a tax increase in order to:
   ☐ Maintain current City services/programs
   ☐ Increase City services/programs
   ☐ Provide fair compensation to employees
   ☐ Participate in green initiatives (greenhouse gas reduction, solar power, battery powered equipment, etc)
   ☐ Other

4. In general, should City services be [chose one] kept at the Same Level or Reduced or Increased?
   ☐ Same Level
   ☐ Reduced
   ☐ Increased

5. If the City had to reduce services/programs, which ones would you support and why?

GENERAL COMMENTS

1. Describe what you like most about the Greenbelt Community.

2. Describe what you like least about the Greenbelt Community.

3. What improvements to the City or new City programs would you suggest?

4. What improvements or new City programs could make mail-in voting process easier to use or entice you to use it next election?

5. Other Comments:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INPUT!