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Redistricting Map

Prince George's County Council Creates New Redistricting Map

by Amy Hansen

Prince George's County Council pivoted yet again in the redistricting process during their Tuesday, October 19 meeting. In a contentious vote of 6 to 4, the council agreed to an amended map that will put the population of Greenbelt in District 4, while Greenbelt Park is in District 3. Redistricting is required every 10 years and is driven by the census numbers.

The proposed redistricting map, which has changed three times in as many weeks, began with the work of the Redistricting Commission. The commission met all summer and held several public hearings. The commission, however, was hampered in its task because the census data was not released until August, well after the majority of its work was completed. Nevertheless, the commission submitted



Proposed redistricting plan, council District 4

a "least change map" in September, which would have minimal impact on the districts as they now stand.

On October 14, County Coun-

cilmember Derrick Davis presented a new proposal at the council's committee meeting. The Davis map differs significantly from the map of the Redistricting Commission, and has a goal of "unifying municipalities within the districts." That is, each municipality within Prince George's County would be contained within a single district, so cities and towns are not split on their representation.

The Davis map moved all of Greenbelt into District 3. Other changes included moving most of the City of College Park and the University of Maryland from District 3 into District 1, South Laurel would move into District 4 and Andrews Airforce Base would move from District 8 to 9, among other things.

Between the end of the committee meeting on October 14 and the council meeting on

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Freshman Jada Savage holds possession as seniors Ameena Khan (right) and Sophie Swart (left) move into space during the 1-0 Roosevelt victory over Bullis. See story, page 15.

Aberdeen Gardens, Va.: Built By Blacks for Blacks in 1930s

by Julie Rapp

On October 21, the Greenbelt Museum hosted an online lecture about Aberdeen Gardens, a national historic district located in Hampton, Va. This neighborhood was built for and by African Americans in 1934. Aberdeen Gardens was a planned, New Deal community designed for the relocation to better housing of African American workers from the Newport News and Hampton areas of Virginia. Margaret Wilson, a resident of Aberdeen Gardens and local historian, told participants, "Aberdeen Gardens remains a close community to this day, we take care of each other." Wilson described a community proud of its historical roots and legacy based upon a shared reliance on one another, the shelter of its residents and the

desire to help members succeed. Aberdeen Gardens is celebrating 84 years as a Black community and, as president of the Aberdeen Historical Association, she hopes to promote awareness and appreciation for the contributions of the residents of Aberdeen Gardens.

Originally named Newport News Homesteads, the housing development of Aberdeen Gardens was initiated by Hampton Institute, now Hampton University, by securing a federal grant of \$245,000 in 1934 to create the housing development. Hilyard Robinson, a Black architect from Howard University, designed the neighborhood and Charles Duke, another Black architect, was

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Candidates Forum Streaming on GATE

The City Council Candidates forum held by Greenbelt Homes, Inc. on October 20 is on Verizon FiOS 19, Comcast 77 and streaming on GATE's website greenbeltnaccess.org at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. through Thursday, October 28.

What Goes On

Monday, November 1

No Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 2

Election Day

All meetings are virtual. See the meetings calendar at greenbeltnmd.gov for agendas and information on public participation in these meetings.

Acquisition of Armory Offers Options and Issues for City

by Matthew Arbach

The City of Greenbelt has begun the process of acquiring the Greenbelt Armory. At the October 18 worksession, the Greenbelt City Council instructed City Attorney Todd Pounds to contact the state, which has ownership, to begin discussions on transferring the property, both the building and the adjoining area, into the holdings of the city. Council has prioritized obtaining the deed foremost over any other future concerns, anxious not to lose this opportunity by not acting soon enough.

There will be no cost for the property, with any future expenditures devoted to remediating and renovating the structure, which has gone unmaintained for some time and suffers from a number of environmental hazards like lead, mold and asbestos. Subsequent negotiations with the state will determine how many of

those repairs will be assumed by the state, by the city or a combination of the two.

Council was excited over the possibilities for usage, including office space and potentially the site of a new fire station for the city's Volunteer Fire Department (VFD). Planning will have to determine if this station can coexist on the site or require demolition of the Armory, which council was reluctant to do. The county would take responsibility for building a station, with the VFD in discussions now on possible designs. Of importance to council and the VFD is ensuring that any future station have a Greenbelt designation.

The Armory is a state-owned property, in conjunction with the National Guard. A clause exists in the deed stipulating that in

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Election 2021

Candidates Discuss Discord And Reparations at Forum

by Diane Oberg

In the final public event for city council candidates, hosted by Greenbelt Homes, Inc., on Tuesday, October 19, nine of the 10 candidates were present: incumbents Colin Byrd, Emmett Jordan, Judith Davis, Rodney Roberts and Silke Pope and challengers Brandon "Ric" Gordon, Kristen Weaver, Bill Orleans and Matthew Inzeo. Newcomer Alex Zajac did not participate, explaining in a Facebook post that he was on a previously scheduled vacation. The discussion was moderated by Dave Zahren and included questions on the reparations commission referendum and how to make council meetings more productive.

The final day for voting in person at the five precincts is Tuesday, November 2 by 8 p.m.

or at the three drop boxes by 6 p.m. the same day.

Reparations

The candidates were asked to state their positions on the referendum question to establish a 21-person commission to review the reparations issue and make recommendations to council.

Inzeo said that it is important to learn from the city's history to move forward and make Greenbelt better in the future. He heard a lot of pain in the community while campaigning. He committed himself to learning and listening to the voters and other council-members.

Jordan said he recognized and appreciated the case for reparations but is more in favor of

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Families and friends make seasonal wreaths during a Fall Family Fun event at Springhill Lake Recreation Center on October 21.

PHOTO BY JENNIFER STERLING

Letters to the Editor

Yes for Reparations

Last year, my dad died. I was the executor of his estate. After selling his house and distributing the funds to each of his four children, each receiving an amount that would have enabled him or her to put down a sizeable down payment on a house, I realized that the reason we were able to receive this money was because of wealth that had been passed down from one generation to the next in the form of real estate. Our ancestors were able to benefit from the appreciation of homes they had purchased in neighborhoods that at one time only allowed white people.

Greenbelt is such a community. In the thirties when Greenbelt was established, Black people were not allowed to live here even though they had helped to build the town. It wasn't until the late 60s that the first African Americans were allowed to move to Greenbelt. Even now in 2021, Greenbelt remains segregated. While there are areas in East and West Greenbelt that are majority Black, Central Greenbelt remains primarily white. Central Greenbelt is the heart of this city. It's the seat of city government and cultural organizations. It's where you can walk under a canopy of trees and feel peaceful. I love it. I would love it more if I saw more black and brown faces on my walks.

While the current white residents of Greenbelt may not have created the discriminatory policies of the past, we have benefited from them and have a moral responsibility to acknowledge and repair those wrongs. Far from being divisive, as a letter writer in the October 21 issue called it, I see the Reparations Referendum on the upcoming November 2 ballot as a real, tangible way to bring us together as a community.

Beth Terry

Yes on Reparations

A letter published in the October 21 edition of the News Review, entitled "Reparations," asked a few questions of readers, to which I would like to respond.

This year's city council ballot includes a question on whether to form a reparations commission. Last week's letter asked if Greenbelt should take on such a complicated issue — my answer is an unequivocal yes. Greenbelt's history, like the rest of the country's, is complicated, but I want to live in a city that faces that complication head on, rather than hiding from it.

Last week's letter asked if this is the time to experiment with a social justice issue around race — again, my answer is yes. Greenbelt was founded as a segregated community, and we've done little to address those lasting harms. It is always the right time to work for justice.

Finally, last week's letter asked if reparations would be a distraction from ongoing infrastructure needs — far from it. Infrastructure and race cannot be separated in a community like ours that still bears the marks of its segregated past, so it couldn't possibly be a distraction to work on both issues. A reparations commission would work with the city government to ensure such projects are funded appropriately and equitably.

Establishing a commission on reparations is a small step toward racial justice in our community. I encourage my fellow Greenbelters to vote Yes on the reparations commission ballot measure.

Olivia Guerrieri

Why I'm Voting Yes for Reparations

*Because real racial disparities in housing, employment, law enforcement, health, wealth and education still exist in Greenbelt.

*Because a commission and the important conversation it will generate requires very little money for the potential benefits.

*Because we have to start the work of recognizing history and creating a more equitable society. This work is needed in order to build a more just, peaceful and prosperous future for all. The sooner, the better.

Thank you for considering,
Brianne Boylan

Open Up!

Since the Aquatic & Fitness Center reopened on August 3, 2020, patrons have not been allowed to use the lockers in the facility for their clothes and valuables while they go work out in the pool or gym. Other pools in other nearby cities and counties have since reopened the lockers in the locker room but Greenbelt has refused to change.

I also attended two high school football games this fall, one in Prince George's County and one in Montgomery County. In Prince George's County you need to use a credit card to purchase a ticket for the game but in Montgomery County it is cash only for tickets to get into a football game or sports events they charge for.

Also the pools I have been to in Montgomery County have reopened their hot tubs and have classes for water exercise and swimming lessons for all ages. So come on Greenbelt. At least return the coat racks to where they belong.

Russell Dick

Council Undermines Police Reform

Mayor Colin Byrd first proposed reforms for the Greenbelt Police Department in August of 2020 to rethink what public safety and policing mean in Greenbelt, especially for People of Color. Since then, the proposals have been extensively discussed at numerous council meetings and worksessions. The Public Safety Advisory Committee thoroughly reviewed the proposals over several months and on May 5, 2021, recommended specific changes to Greenbelt Police Department general orders corresponding to the mayor's proposals, also adding new recommendations for changes. The PSAC Report and Recommendations were discussed at a July 14, 2021, council worksession. At the most recent worksession on the reforms on Monday, October 4, council appeared to signal support for general orders revisions.

These police general orders updates were on the agenda for the council meeting on Monday, October 11. (On greenbeltd.gov, see Agenda Packet for Item

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Election 2021 Candidate Biographies

In a departure from tradition, the News Review will not be reprinting the candidates' biographies the week before the election. Rather, biographies will be readily available on our website beginning October 7. To date, the following biographies, which are prepared by the candidates, have been published in the indicated issues:

Brandon Ric Gordon, August 26

Matthew Inzeo, September 16

Kristen Weaver, September 23

Silke Pope, September 23

Alex Zajac, September 30

Judith Davis, September 30

Rodney Roberts, October 7

Colin Byrd, October 7

Emmett Jordan, October 7

Bill Orleans, October 14

Service or Garden Side?



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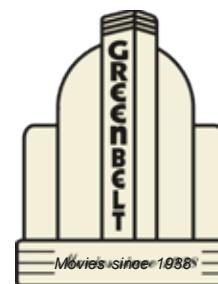
- B. Glee

Election 2021 Early Voting

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Correction

In the October 21 issue, the voter registration table on page 7 contained an incorrect percentage change for Greenbelt West in the Increase column. The correct percent is -1.8. The corrected table can be viewed on the News Review website at greenbeltnewsreview.com.



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Community Events

For Trick-or-Treat Residents to Decide

Trick-or-treating is not run by the city and is not an official City of Greenbelt event, city officials note. However, recommended trick-or-treating hours in Greenbelt are typically from 6 to 8 p.m. on October 31.

The city does recommend following CDC guidelines and looking for houses with their porch light turned on; most houses not participating will leave the porch light off.

One can ask on the Greenbelt Community or Greenbelters Facebook pages to get an idea of which neighborhoods are participating.

Some recommended precautions for children include wearing masks that protect from Covid-19, rather than traditional Halloween masks; avoiding large parties; going trick-or-treating in small groups; not sharing candy; and avoiding games like bobbing for apples.

City Manager Nicole Ard also noted the guidance from Dr. Askew, deputy chief administrative officer for health, human services and education in Prince George's County.

First and foremost, Dr. Askew stated, "We must stress that anyone showing symptoms of Covid-19 or recently exposed to the virus should not participate in in-person Halloween festivities and should not be giving out candy at their doors."

Arts Center Presents Dracula Radio Show

Just in time for Halloween, Greenbelt Arts Center will present an old-time radio show of Orson Welles' adaptation of Bram Stoker's great novel Dracula. The recorded show is online and available for viewing at greenbeltartscenter.org.

This wildly theatrical work, directed by Rikki Howie with a cast of 10 performers playing a total of 18 characters, weaves an engaging story of passion, yearning, cruelty and sacrifice. Stoker's haunting story comes to life as the friends and family of the beautiful Lucy Seward try to discover the cause of her mysterious illness. With the help of the supernatural specialist, Dr. Van Helsing, they discover that the mysteriously charming Count Dracula is a vampire who has made Lucy his latest victim. This Zoom adaptation of Dracula just might stake its claim as this Halloween's most thrilling adventure.

GAC is running a monthly series of old-time radio shows from the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s, presented in the Zoom format. In contrast to actual radio programs, the actors are visible in the video, and costumes and facial expressions add to the story. The sound effects are done in the traditional Foley sound manner with a collection of shoes and miniature doors.

It is free to watch the show, but donations are accepted.



At the Library

Webb Space Telescope Celebration, Wednesday, November 3, 4:30 p.m., ages 5 to 12. Come celebrate the launch of NASA's James Webb Space Telescope. Learn about telescopes and the science of space with fun science and art activities.

Teen Cosplay Contest, Saturday, October 30, 1 p.m., ages 13 to 18. Teens looking for a chance to show off their Cosplay can drop in anytime between 1 to 5 p.m. at the Greenbelt Library for the first Teentober Cosplay Contest. Participants will have a chance to get a picture taken and receive a special prize. The event will be held outdoors. Teens may also complete the Library's Teen-tober Scavenger Hunt and post their results on social media tagging @PGCMLS and @PGCMLSTeens.

Teen Action Group, Wednesday, November 3, 4 p.m., ages 13 to 18. Earn service hours while making the library a great place for teens. Learn more about the world around you and engage with fun activities. Meet new people, become a leader.

Storytimes

Ready 2 Read Storytime. Wednesdays, ages 3 to 5, 12:15 p.m., limit 15 people. Thursdays, ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 15 people. Come for stories, songs, finger plays and more. Pick up a ticket at the information desk. The sessions will be held outdoors by the upper-level entrance.

Learning Resources

Brainfuse HelpNow offers an array of additional learning resources for Prince Georgians, including SkillSurfer, a library of lessons, videos, tests and more, and is available year-round. The Library also helps students prepare for standardized tests and writing college admissions essays through the EBSCO Learning-Express online resource. Prepare for the PSAT/NMSQT®, ACT®, SAT®, AP®, ASVAB, and more to advance higher education and vocational opportunities. Check the PGCMLS events calendar regularly for related programming, such as virtual career chats and conversations about the college experience.

The Greenbelt Library is open on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays from noon to 8 p.m.; Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. The Library offers unlimited browsing, computers for extendable one-hour sessions with no appointment needed, printing/scanning self-service, self-checkout, staff assistance at the circulation and information desks, book drop for returning items, study rooms (five small, one group) available for two-hour sessions per day and meeting room reservations for a fee.

Mrs. Miniver Is Nov. 1 Monday Matinee

Old Greenbelt Theatre continues its Monday Matinees series with Mrs. Miniver on November 1 at 1 p.m. Proof of Covid-19 vaccination is required for entry; the theater has distanced seating throughout. The show will have a limited capacity of 75 people. Reserve tickets online only at greenbelttheatre.org.

CHEARS Offers Food For Life Class

Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS) is sponsoring two nutrition and cooking classes from the award-winning Food for Life Program, developed by Physicians Committee of Responsible Medicine, on Saturdays, October 30 and November 13.

Programs will be held at the outdoor "kitchen" of the Pavilion at Schrom Hills Park. Attendees will learn how to prepare some healthy, economical and delicious plant-based recipes.

The specific topics are: October 30, The Power of Your Plate, and November 13, Foods to Fight Diabetes. The sessions will run from 4 to 5:15 p.m. The classes will be led by Greenbelt resident Geraldine Adams, a certified Food for Life instructor.

Registration is required as space is limited. For more information, email ghadamsrn@gmail.com.

Holiday Radio Plays Auditions Next Week

Greenbelt Arts Center will hold auditions over Zoom by appointment on November 2 and 4 for December's old-time radio plays. Audition slots can be arranged by signing up before October 31 through a link on the Greenbelt Arts Center website: greenbeltartscenter.org/auditions.

In December, the Old-Time Radio Play series will feature two holiday-themed plays. As part of the Fibber McGee and Molly series, the story will be Fibber Snoops for Presents in the Closet, and in the Cindy Matson, Detective series, the story will be Jack Frost. The actors will participate in virtual rehearsals, and the final recorded performance will be posted on December 16.

Although the actors do appear in the video, these are radio plays, and casting will be done based on vocal sound instead of age or appearance. All roles are open and everyone is encouraged to audition; this is a great opportunity for beginners who would like to try acting. Participation is entirely virtual.

More information and the recordings of previous radio plays are available on the website. The October installment of the series, Dracula, was posted recently.

Astronomical Society Meets October 28

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will hold its next meeting on Thursday, October 28 at 7:30 p.m. virtually via Zoom. Dr. Maria Hamilton, professor of physics at Marshall University, will present a lecture entitled The Curious Incident of the Neutron Star Crashing at Night. All are welcome to attend. The Zoom link will be posted on the Astronomical Society website, greenbeltastro.org.

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Outdoor Lunch Tents Needed at ERHS

This fall's return to in-person classes at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) has been going well. With masks worn, an upgraded ventilation system, and students eating lunch outdoors to mitigate virus transmission while enjoying their meal, in-school learning has been successful and uninterrupted.

The PTSA worked closely with school leadership and staff to make the outdoor lunches happen. ERHS is a large school with crowded lunch periods. Though students were given the opportunity to choose between the cafeteria and the auditorium, outdoors is safest for Covid-19 mitigation. Through persistence, a plan for students to have the outdoor lunch option became reality.

To continue with these safer outdoor lunches through the colder weather, the ERHS PTSA is raising funds to purchase sturdy tents, with sides, to keep the students warm and dry. The tents, even with walls, will offer much more ventilation than the indoor lunch locations. We need to raise \$20,000 by November 7 for these safe, high-quality tents. Consider contributing to keep the school, and our larger community, Covid-19 safe. The students, teachers and school staff will benefit from any contributions.

Contributions can be made by going to erhspta.org or finding the group on Facebook or Twitter.

Direct link: <https://app.memberhub.gives/35533b>

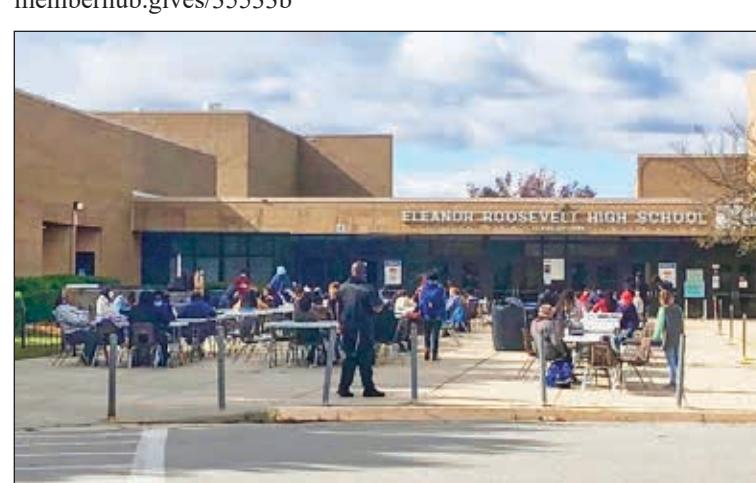
Jazz Art Reception At the New Deal

Friends of New Deal Café Arts is delighted to sponsor the first art reception at the New Deal Café since the beginning of the pandemic. The reception celebrates All That Jazz, a group art show curated by New Deal Café's new art director, Shaymar Higgs. The show has coincided with the months in which the New Deal Café held two music festivals, the Greenbelt Blues Festival in September and the Crazy Quilt Festival earlier in October. All of the pieces in the show feature music as a theme.

The reception is Sunday, October 31, from 2 to 4 p.m. Proof of vaccination or a negative Covid-19 test within 48 hours is required for attendance, and face masks are mandatory.

Pup-o-ween Dog Walk

Pup-o-ween is scheduled for Saturday, October 30 from 2 to 4 p.m., with a treat-or-sniff walk around the center of Greenbelt, specifically the area near Lakeside, Crescent, Southway and Ridge Road. People who want to share dog treats or water bowls should email organizer Renee Cooper at heavenlywellmassage@gmail.com or Barbara Frasl at b.frasl@yahoo.com. People who want to walk with dogs (in costume if possible) can join small groups. Maps will be available in front of Bee Yoga Fusion at 111 Centerway.



Students eat lunch outdoors at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The PTSA is raising funds to buy two tents so that this can continue even in bad weather.



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8am	Democracy Now!	Yesterday's Syndicated Program
9am	Classic Movie • 1940 Serial TeaFairy/Zoomaroom	Flash Gordon Conquers the Universe 1-3 Follows MOVIE on the half hour
11am	Greenbelt Newsreel	Local Community Programming
Noon	Democracy Now!	Today's Syndicated Program
1pm	PGCPSS Science Bowl	Charles Carroll v Greenbelt Middle
2pm	Music at the New Deal	Episodes from Season Two
3pm	Greenbelt City Council Candidates Candidates • Online Forum	• Online Forum/Q&A Continues
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15, Police Reform Policy, with Police reform policy attachment, for October 11, 2021, council meeting.) Councilmember Judith Davis appeared to be the only one prepared with feedback on specific orders, and had worked through 10 specific clarifications and revisions, accepted as friendly amendments by Byrd.

After some further discussion, including comments from Police Chief Richard Bowers, Councilmember Silke Pope – who had earlier indicated that she would vote against this item – surprisingly moved to table discussion so council could go over all this again, “paragraph by paragraph” and “line by line” at yet another council meeting or worksession. Sadly, Councilmembers Emmett Jordan, Leta Mach and Ed Putens voted with Pope, which killed any further work on this item for this meeting. Byrd, Davis and Roberts voted against the motion to table.

Council does not need more months to do their homework to figure out how to vote on these important updates to general orders. By this point, they each should have clear positions for each of the general orders changes. Council and PSAC have already received substantial public comment since the fall of 2020.

Eighteen months after the murder of George Floyd by Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin on May 25, 2020, the Greenbelt City Council has yet to enact any police reforms, despite their promise to evaluate policing in Greenbelt. These limited reforms are a bare minimum toward establishing a broader view of public safety in Greenbelt.

We see the tabling maneuver as an attempt to kill the police reform effort for the current council, perhaps with the hope that a new council will likewise dismiss the initiative. We note that two of those voting to

table the general orders updates – Mach and Putens – are not running again for council.

We hope that voters in the upcoming council elections in November will consider who is showing leadership in council for public safety in its broadest sense – and who is not.

Greenbelt Racial Equity Alliance

Mudslinging Must Stop

Past election cycles in Greenbelt have always had a modicum of respect between the candidates. Discussions among the candidates always surrounded their position on issues regarding the election as opposed to their personal history. However, in this election cycle there seems to be a change of precedence as it relates to the candidate's personal history.

The behavior of certain candidates and their actions directed towards other candidates in this election demonstrates a high level of immaturity. Do we really need candidates with this type of reputation serving the residents of Greenbelt in the future? I think not.

Scott Legendre

Unmasked

Unvaccinated

Last Friday evening, October 22, someone knocked several times on my front door. Since we do not use the front door, I went out my carport to see who it was. An older gentleman was selling raffle tickets to support the Greenbelt S.I.T.Y. Stars efforts to perform at the Apollo. He was not wearing a mask, but since I went out through the carport door, I was able to maintain a distance of six feet between us. Since I am delighted to donate to

Greenbelt organizations, I went back inside to get my money.

When I approached the gentleman to hand him my money, I told him I was fully vaccinated and had also gotten the booster. After he took my money, he told me he had not been vaccinated. No one should be knocking on doors without a face mask, especially when unvaccinated. Someone who has contact with kids or potentially could have contact with kids should not be soliciting unvaccinated and unmasked at all.

I am sorry he told me that he was unvaccinated after I had given him the money. I would have dismissed him immediately if I had known his status. The tickets are being sold by American Legion Post 86 located in Rockville. I hope the S.I.T.Y. Stars will ask the organization to wear face masks when knocking on doors.

Betty Sonneveldt

Start the Discussion On Reparations

In a letter appearing in the October 21 issue of the News Review, Robert Snyder asks “should Greenbelt take on an issue (reparations) controversial, complicated, divisive.” I say yes, and urge all to start a discussion of reparations involving both our elected leaders and our citizenry. There are several reasons we should do so.

First, we already are living in divisive times, and race has been used to increase these divisions. We should ask why of all candidates to run for President only Barack Obama’s birth certificate and religion have been blatantly lied about. We should ask why the mob on January 6 attracted so many white supremacists. A

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The Bible Says...

**Whether, then, you eat or drink
or whatever you do,
do all to the glory of God.**

1 Corinthians 10:31



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Relics Concert



PHOTO BY CAROL BELAMY

The Relics perform on Sunday, October 24 in front of Greenbelt Community Church. The concert raised \$560 for local assistance programs and collected nearly 100 cans, boxes, and packages of non-perishable food items, such as cereals, soups, and tuna, for local food pantries. Shown are Mark Granfors-Hunt, Tom Gill, Keith Johnson, Liisa Gransfor-Hunt and Jim Tilton. Drummer Doug Tull is hidden in this photo.



PHOTO BY CHARLES JACKMAN

A Great Blue Heron visits with turtles at Ora Glen Pond.

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Reverend Rivera, Pastor

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Save the date: November 13 Spaghetti Dinner

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Rev. Ann Kadlecik

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with Worship Associate Diana McFadden

When someone we love dies, we grieve. Our challenge, in the words of the Rev. Dr. Serene Jones, is to “make our pain sacred” – not to get rid of grief, but to allow ourselves to be transformed by it. In this service, we remember people we loved who have died, to honor their memories and to help make our grief sacred.

And, as always, if you have a joy or sorrow that you would like shared aloud during this service, please email it to joys-sorrows@pbuuc.org by noon on Friday.



City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION

TRANSPORTATION TO POLLING PLACES

On Tuesday, November 2, 2021, the Greenbelt Connection will provide free transportation to polling locations for City voters between the hours of 8:30am and 3:30pm. Citizens who wish to avail themselves of this service should call: **GREENBELT CONNECTION** at **301-474-4100** to schedule their transportation. In addition, the City bus will make scheduled pick-ups at **GREEN RIDGE HOUSE** at **10:30am and 2:30pm** and will return to Green Ridge House after the voters have cast their ballots at the Community Center.

SAMPLE BALLOT - OFFICIAL MAIL-IN BALLOT

OFFICIAL BALLOT CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND ELECTION HELD ON November 02, 2021	
INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTER: To vote your choice, COMPLETELY FILL IN the box in the left of your choice. Use only a black or blue pen to mark your ballot. Use the same pen for all markings you please make on ballot.	
MAIL-IN REFERENDUM QUESTION TO ESTABLISH A GREENBELT COMMISSION TO STUDY AND DEVELOP LOCAL REPARATIONS PROPOSALS	
The City Council of Greenbelt should establish a twenty-one (21) member Council to review, discuss and make recommendations related to local reparations for African American and Native American residents of Greenbelt.	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES to Establish Commission <input type="checkbox"/> NO to Establish Commission	
COUNCILMEMBER VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN SEVEN (7)	
<input type="checkbox"/> BRANDON RIC GORDON <input type="checkbox"/> RODNEY M. ROBERTS <input type="checkbox"/> ALEXANDER J. ZAJAC <input type="checkbox"/> JUDITH F. DAVIS <input type="checkbox"/> MATTHEW A. INZEO <input type="checkbox"/> COLIN A. BYRD <input type="checkbox"/> SILKE I. POPE <input type="checkbox"/> WILLIAM A. ORLEANS <input type="checkbox"/> EMMETT V. JORDAN <input type="checkbox"/> KRISTEN L.V. WEAVER	

YOU CAN STILL REQUEST A MAIL-IN BALLOT!

Monday, November 1 is the last day to request a mail-in ballot. (Note: Completed ballots should be dropped off by November 2 at 6:00pm to ensure they arrive in time.)

All registered voters should have received an application to request a mail-in ballot. You can also download an application at greenbeltdmd.gov/elections. Once the application is received, fill it out and return it to the office of the City Clerk no later than noon, Monday, November 1, 2021.

In the interest of time, the mail-in ballot will need to be picked up from the City Clerk at the Municipal Building. Early voting is also available. For more information call 301-474-8000.

VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR OCTOBER 28–NOVEMBER 5

Thursday, October 28 at 6:00pm, **CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND BOARD OF ELECTIONS**, On the Agenda: Call to Order, Approval of Agenda, Election Judges & Clerks Update, Candidate Interim & Second Reports, Election Status Update, Other Business

Wednesday, November 3 at 7:30pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD**, On the Agenda: Approval of Minutes of October 6, 2021, Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Update, New Business

Wednesday, November 3 at 5:00pm, Council Chambers – Municipal Building, **CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND ETHICS COMMISSION**, On the Agenda: Review of Financial Interest Reports, Review of Financial Disclosure Statements, Other Business

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

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on:

- Advisory Committee on Education
- Arts Advisory Board
- Board of Elections
- Park & Recreation Advisory Board
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee

For more information call 301-474-8000

POLLING PLACES

CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND

City polling places are not all in the same locations as those for county, state, and national elections.

WHERE TO VOTE – NOVEMBER 2ND at 7:00am till 8:00pm

Precinct 3 - Center

Community Center
15 Crescent Road
Crescent Road #1-155
Damsel Court
Eastway, #2
Gardenway
7010 Greenbelt Road
Lady Anne Court
Lakecrest Circle
Lakecrest Drive
Lakeside Drive
Lakeview Circle
Maplewood Court
Olivewood Court
Parkway
Pinecrest Court
Ridge Road, #1-42; 44; 46; 48
Southway
Vanity Fair Drive
Westway

Precinct 6 - North End

Police Station
550 Crescent Road
Eastway #1; 3; 5
Empire Place
Fayette Place
Forestway
Greendale Place
Greenhill Road
Greenknolls Place
Greentree Place
Greenway Place
Hedgewood Drive
Hillside Road
Ivy Lane
Julian Court
Lastner Lane
Laurel Hill Road
Lynbrook Court
Northway
Orange Court
Periwinkle Court
Plateau Place
Research Road
Ridge Road #43; 45; 47; 49-446
Rosewood Drive
Tamarisk Court
White Birch Court
Woodland Way

Precinct 8 - Springhill Lake

Springhill Lake
Recreation Center
6101 Cherrywood Lane
Breezewood Court
Breezewood Drive
Breezewood Terrace
Cherrywood Court
Cherrywood Lane
Cherrywood Terrace
Davis Point Lane
Edmonston Court
Edmonston Road
Edmonston Terrace
Greenbelt Station Parkway
Miner Street
North Center Drive
North Channel Drive
Rock Quarry Ave
Sable Court
Settling Pond Lane
Smiths Cove Lane
South Center Drive
South Channel Drive
Stream Bank Lane
Springhill Court
Springhill Drive
Springhill Lane
Springhill Terrace

Precinct 13 - Greenbelt East

Greenbriar Community Building
7600 Hanover Parkway
Emily's Way
Frankfort Court
Frankfort Drive
Frankfort Place
7600-7899 Hanover Parkway
Jacobs Drive
Mandan Road
Mandan Terrace
Morrison Drive
Ora Court
Sunset Place
Wintergreen Court

Precinct 18 - Greenbelt East

Schrom Hills Park
6915 Hanover Parkway
Bird Lane
Brett Place
Brooks Place
Burkhart Court
Candlewood Place
Canning Terrace
Chartwell Place
Cloister Place
Craddock Court
Craddock Road
Green Crescent Court
Green Manor Place
Green Walk Court
Greenbrook Drive
Greenbury Drive
6800-6999 Hanover Parkway
Kara Court
Lake Drive
Lake Park Drive
Landon Court
Mandan Court
Mathew Street
Megan Lane
Ora Glen Court
Ora Glen Drive
Ryan Way
Somerset Court
South Ora Court
Springcrest Drive
Spring Manor Drive
Springshire Way
Sunset Place
Village Park Drive
Wintergreen Court
Winterwood Place



ATTENTION Greenbelt Residents!

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greenbeltdmd.gov/survey



NOVEMBER FREE HOLIDAY FOOD BOX DISTRIBUTION

Monday, November 22
1:00pm–4:00pm
Springhill Lake
Recreation Center
6101 Cherrywood Lane

Register by Friday,
November 5, 5:00pm at:
[forms.gle/
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or call 240-542-2033

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TRUNK OR TREAT WITH GREENBELT POLICE

**Friday, October 29,
6:00pm–8:00pm**
Franklin Park Leasing Center
6220 Springhill Drive

Join the Greenbelt Police
Department, Greenbelt
Volunteer Fire Department,
Franklin Park Apartments,
and Mission BBQ to celebrate
Halloween with this family
friendly event. Candy, food,
and prizes will be provided.

VOLUNTEER TRAIL MAINTENANCE

Saturday, November 6
10:00am–1:00pm
Greenbelt Forest Preserve

Help maintain and improve a
portion of the trail system in
the Greenbelt Forest Preserve.
Volunteers will work with Public
Works staff to perform general
trail maintenance activities.
Masks will be required at
all times.

- Bring a reusable water bottle
- Wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes
- Students: Bring community-service forms
- Volunteers must register in order to participate
- Limited to 25 volunteers

To register, contact
Environmental Coordinator
Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll at
kdriscoll@greenbeltdmd.gov

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Saturday, October 30
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Election 2021

Candidates Respond to Questions Posed on Business, Environment

by Diane Oberg

In the Zoom Forum on Tuesday, October 19, hosted by Greenbelt Homes, Inc., nine of the 10 candidates were present (see accompanying story on page 1).

Environment

The candidates were asked what specific actions they would take to further reduce the city's carbon footprint. Most candidates praised the city's past efforts with several pointing out that the city recently received the most points in history from the Sustainable Maryland Municipal Certification program. Most also called for purchasing electric vehicles whenever possible.

Rodney Roberts called for protecting all the trees we have and further increasing their numbers. During 28 years on the Transportation Planning Board, he said, he has always fought against proposed highways. He said the city needs fewer cars of any type and for more people to work from home.

Judith Davis called for having more electric-vehicle chargers throughout the city and improving the marketing related to recycling to clarify what can and cannot be recycled. In addition, she called for acquiring other wooded parcels, especially in Greenbelt West, and for filling gaps in the city's street trees with trees that can survive climate change.

Colin Byrd called for expanding the city's composting efforts and establishing ambitious climate goals.

Bill Orleans called on the city to take the lead in mobilizing municipalities in the Maryland Municipal League and the Prince George's County Municipal Association to incorporate climate needs in the purchasing orders that the city often piggybacks on in order to obtain better prices.

Kristen Weaver called for installing solar panels on city buildings and property and ensuring that all renovations or new construction on city property are energy efficient, as well as expanding the composting pro-

gram, perhaps including a pickup program similar to trash and recycling.

Brandon "Ric" Gordon called for expanded education so residents understand why they need to recycle. He would also work with apartment and commercial property owners to make recycling programs available.

Matthew Inzeo called for planting more trees and encouraging transportation options other than driving, such as walking, biking and public transportation. He favored encouraging residents to install charging stations on their properties, along with encouraging apartment and commercial property developers to install solar panels on their buildings.

Silke Pope called for converting lighting to LED wherever possible and using smart power strips. She supports public transportation except the maglev train. Further, she opposes widening the Beltway, calling it a pretext to allow high-density development in this region. Once the higher density is achieved, she said, the traffic problems will return.

Emmett Jordan also called for more solar panels and working to expand composting. He also noted his support for a circulator bus within Greenbelt and called upon everyone to take personal responsibility for their carbon footprints.

Business Recovery

Candidates were also asked how they would address the city's office vacancy rate and lure back businesses that have closed. How could the city create an environment where new businesses want to set up shop?

Byrd noted that he and Pope had put forward a proposal to create an economic development advisory committee. He would work closely with the business community and with the forthcoming business alliance. While noting that council had put forward the first installment of funding to assist businesses impacted by the pandemic, it needs to do more. He said that he has a sense



James M. Williams, Jr., a member of Greenbelt's Board of Elections and resident of Greenbelt Station stands beside the ballot drop box for the city council election outside the Greenbelt Police Station. Ballots may be dropped at any of the three dropboxes as late as Tuesday, November 2 at 6 p.m.

of urgency and a commitment to making sure the business community thrives.

Inzeo called for the city to become part of the county chamber of commerce so it can hear from businesses regarding their issues, problems and advice and working together to develop solutions.

Davis called for expansion of the economic development department beyond one person. She called for increased marketing efforts and reaching out to current businesses to provide whatever assistance they need.

Pope called for aggressively marketing Greenbelt to potential federal, state and county clients touting the city's multiple high-end office parks in key locations along major roadways. She also saw a potential need to expand the economic development department and the creation of an economic development advisory committee to foster existing businesses. Finally, she said the city needs to reach out to businesses and aggressively pursue some of the major players.

Orleans cautioned that the interests of some of the large commercial property owners in the

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discussion of reparations necessarily starts with addressing the history of racial divisions in this country, and how white supremacist ideas underlie much of this history.

Second, we white folk need to understand the unique issues facing black folk and other minorities. There are plenty of white people who have been poor, sick or otherwise disadvantaged. But for white boys "the talk" is the one about the birds and the bees; for black boys it is about how not to be shot by the police – something white parents generally don't have to worry about. We white people also don't have to worry about our votes being suppressed; about politicians putting their thumb on the scale to keep us marginalized.

Finally, our political system is not working. For our large and diverse country to work, it is important that when we say "with liberty and justice for all" that "all" means "all" not "some" or "white Christians only." If we are to attain this ideal, we must face

these tough issues squarely. As Lincoln said, "The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present. The occasion is piled high with difficulty and we must rise with the occasion. As our case is new, we must think anew and act anew. We must disenthral ourselves, and then we shall save our country."

I see the discussion of reparations as part of how we rise to the occasion, disenthral ourselves from antiquated and dysfunctional ideas, and save our country. I will be voting in favor of this discussion.

Mike Stark



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Website at: **"jordanforgreenbelt.org"**

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By Authority of Peggy Higgins, Treasurer

Re-elect

Emmett V. Jordan

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a broader focus on equity and inclusion. He felt that the focus regarding reparations should be on the county, state and federal governments and that Greenbelt should have a broader discussion.

Byrd expressed support for the question, which he had moved to put on the ballot. He committed to listening to the people and if there is strong opposition to the commission, he will take that into consideration. He said that reparations need to be considered at the municipal level, not just at the county, state or federal level. Greenbelt is not immune to the unfortunate disease of racism, he said, and it still has some vestiges of Jim Crow such as geographical segregation in different parts of the city.

Davis committed to abiding by the voters' decision. If the referendum fails, she said, she will continue her efforts to eliminate disparities and inequalities in city services and policies.

Weaver said that although reparations are a national issue, it has specific application to Greenbelt due to its history of exclusion in its early days. The issue is not just about monetary compensation, but about accepting responsibility for the misdeeds of the past.

Orleans supported the question although he said the 21-member commission was an unfortunate element. Council, the Greenbelt interfaith community and the business community should all be engaged to determine how to overcome the errors of our collective past.

Gordon supports the referendum in terms of having the conversation. Whatever comes back from the commission, residents and council can learn from each other, learn from the pain and the hurt that was caused so that it is not replicated and so council can build upon that common ground.

Roberts said that council is doing it backward. It should have set up the commission so they could have the conversation, then after it presented its recommendations, possibly have a referendum on those recommendations. Doing the referendum first on the simple issue of a commission is not really giving citizens their say, he said. Pope noted that it is unfortunate that Greenbelt did not originally allow Black people to be residents. She strongly supports historical awareness of this racism that occurred over 80 years ago so that it never occurs again but does not think that it is within the scope of the city government to address and solve any national

or state-level issues of systemic racism, segregation and discrimination. As a small municipality of about 23,000 residents, the city does not have the resources to do the in-depth research necessary to thoroughly investigate this injustice. She said that she is not saying yes or no to reparations,

if a commission is formed, she will work with the commission and listen.

Council

The candidates were asked what they would do to make the next council a cohesive, collaborative and productive body. Davis, Inzeo, Pope and Jordan called

for better adherence to council's standing rules.

Gordon called for pre-meetings before items come up at council meetings, team-building exercises and striving to find common ground.

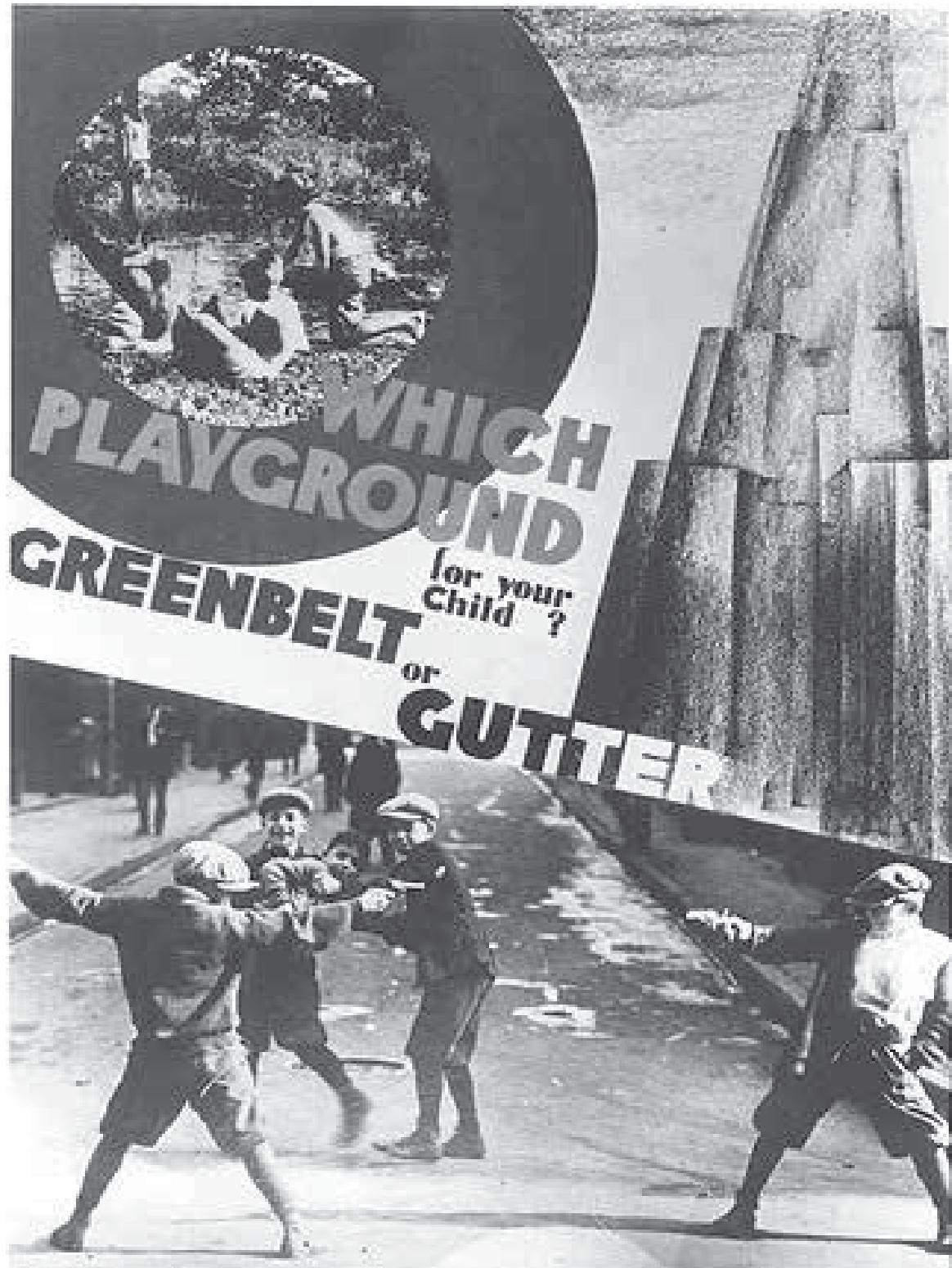
Roberts called on councilmembers to leave politics behind. He

said he votes based on what he hears from the community and what he thinks is best for the city.

Davis called for improving how the meetings are led and organized. She called for a retreat

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Re-Elect Roberts!



Dear Greenbelt neighbor,

Fortunately for our city, Greenbelt's planners saw access to many kinds of recreation as integral to a healthy community and a high quality of life.

Recently, as I stood in line for the firehouse crab feast, I could hear a wonderful sound just beyond the trees and creek. A sound my childhood friends and I helped create and enjoy many times. A right of passage for generations in central Greenbelt. The sound was of children and adults enjoying Braden fields, a city park that includes several types of sports fields, youth center, indoor & outdoor pool, community center, and the lake park. I could not help but think that there is a large part of Greenbelt where these sounds of joy have never been heard. Where generations of children have been denied the recreational facilities they deserve and need. It's time to acquire needed property, and build a Greenbelt West park that all of Greenbelt can be proud of, so the children of Greenbelt West can become a part of those sounds of joy.

Money is not the problem.

In the past 15 years, city council has approved spending over 10 million dollars of our yearly state program open space funds on construction projects (roofing, heating & A/C, etc). Those funds could have built a beautiful park for Greenbelt West residents at least twice over.

Residents in every other part of Greenbelt have easy access to playing fields and other recreational facilities. I am running for re-election to city council because I am determined to right this historic wrong and help unite Greenbelt. I would really appreciate your vote!

Sincerely,

Robby M. Roberts

City Offers Rent, Utility Assistance

Through CARES, those who live within the city limits of Greenbelt are eligible to receive up to \$10,000 per household from the American Rescue Plan Act federal funds for emergency rental assistance. Applicants must show financial hardship due to Covid-19. Previous recipients of rental or utility assistance funds can apply but the previous balances count toward the total grant award allowed.

Email CARES@greenbeltdmd.gov or call 301-345-6660 to receive an application.



By Authority of Candidate
Yoni Siegel, Treasurer

Redistricting Map

City Council Angered by Lack Of Regard for 27 Municipalities

by Amy Hansen

The Greenbelt City Council strongly disagrees with the Prince George's County Council's newly proposed redistricting map and agreed during their Monday, October 25 meeting to send a letter expressing that they found this process "shocking and unacceptable."

The letter, prepared and presented by Councilmember Judith Davis, may be tweaked before mailing, but all but one of the councilmembers to sign the statement criticized the county council for introducing new maps without prior notification.

"These actions chosen by a majority of the county council members show utter disregard for the jurisdictional authority of the 27 municipalities within Prince George's County, whether they were impacted by the map or not," the letter says.

The letter concludes urging county council to vote for the Redistricting Commission's map, which is a least-change map and has little impact on the status quo.

Councilmember Emmett Jordan questioned whether the letter should get into specifics about what is wrong with the map, adding for himself that the moving of Greenbelt Park into a different district from Greenbelt felt like, "to quote another councilmember, 'like they're taking our Greenbelt away.'" (See maps, pages 1 and 12.)

The proposed map, introduced and accepted at the county council meeting of October 19, moves Greenbelt Park, part of the National Park system into District 3, while the populated part of Greenbelt stays in District 4, and the sliver of land belonging to Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) moves into Dis-

trict 4, away from its former home of District 1.

The county redistricting process is driven by census numbers and required every 10 years. At this point there are two maps under consideration. The map completed by the Redistricting Commission is a least-change map. The map introduced and approved at the October 19 meeting of county council however is a dramatically changed map. The official public hearing for this process is November 16, but county council expects to be hearing from residents and municipalities throughout the month-long waiting process.

The county council must then vote yes or no on the proposed redistricting map of October 19. If it is not accepted, the map devised by the Redistricting Commission will be accepted. According to the Prince George's County charter, county council must complete this process before November 30.

Back in Greenbelt, both Jordan and Davis noted that other municipalities and the Prince George's County Municipality Association have already sent such letters, or would be sending them very soon.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts said he was worried that the changes were irrelevant since the Greenbelt City Council's concerns about protecting BARC were being ignored by county council representatives from both districts.

Mayor Colin Byrd expressed his dismay about Davis' letter because it supports the Redistricting Commission's map, a map he disagrees with. Byrd voted no on the letter. The motion to send the letter signed by councilmembers passed with a vote of 6 to 1.



A Brief History of Enslavement And Emancipation in Maryland

by Lois Rosado, Ed.D.

The story of enslavement in Maryland is unique and diverse. In 1633, European colonialists led by George Calvert, Lord Baltimore, arrived in the Chesapeake Bay and acquired 10 million acres of land. The indigenous peoples of those lands were neither consulted nor compensated.

The first Africans arrived in 1634 as indentured servants, such as Matias De Sousa who was committed for seven years. According to the Maryland State Archives, DeSousa was able to vote and sit in the Maryland Assembly by 1642. In fact, the social and political conditions of the earliest Africans in the developing colony enabled them to sue for freedom which helped to create a population of Free Black men and women who formed Maryland's Charter Generation.

Tobacco

As the Maryland colony grew and developed between 1663 and 1783, tobacco became the dominant crop and needed a sizable amount of free labor to be produced. Slavery became institutionalized, as Angolans, Mandé and mostly Igbo were stolen from the African continent and enslaved on Maryland tobacco plantations. The ability of enslaved populations to negotiate for manumission, the process by which slaves could become free from their owners, dwindled as a result of this shift in the Maryland economy to tobacco, as did the Charter Generation of Free Black men and women. New draconian laws scared, constrained and contained the remaining Free Black populations. The Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 afforded enslaved populations the means to escape and join the British forces who promised them freedom. Maryland lost 5,000 formerly enslaved people to the British. Free Black men were drafted into the United States Army to fight in both wars. They helped to defeat the British, but were never compensated for their service.



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Engraving celebrating emancipation by Thomas Nast

Farming

After the Revolutionary War, the economy of Maryland shifted again with the reduction of tobacco farms which were primarily in Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and Montgomery Counties. The lower prices in commodities and the disruption of trade ushered in more independent farming in Cecil and Allegheny Counties. This produced a change in the economic structure in Maryland and there was a marked decrease of enslaved populations. Many were manumitted and became farm laborers, skilled workers and tradesmen, while others migrated to Baltimore or left to go to northern states.

Baltimore

By 1860, Baltimore had 27,000 Free Black or escaped men and women. They created economically stable and viable communities that assisted escaped slaves or raised funds for those

suing for manumission. Free Black men and women organized schools, created over a dozen churches representing various denominations, established literary societies and lyceums, and became part of the Free Masons.

Civil War

It was the Civil War that broke the power of the tobacco plantation slaveholders as enslaved people left the plantations in droves to join the Union Army, despite the efforts of Governor Hicks (a slaveholder) to maintain slavery and support the preservation of the union. The new Maryland constitution ended slavery on November 1, 1864.

However, Maryland did not ratify the 14th Amendment (1868), granting citizenship to all those born in the United States, until 1959 nor did it ratify the 15th Amendment (1870), granting

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Seminar on October 28, 2021, re: GHI's Master Insurance Policy vs. HO-6 Personal Insurance Policy

Some members of Greenbelt Homes Inc. may assume they and their possessions are covered against loss by GHI's master insurance policy; however, this is not the case. GHI's master insurance policy provides insurance coverage against typical hazards and perils that may affect a member's unit, but this coverage does not usually extend to improvements and betterments a member has installed in their unit, personal property, or personal liability. Members should consider purchasing an individual HO-6 policy that can provide coverage for unit improvements and betterments, personal property, additional living expenses, personal liability, and loss assessments.

On October 28, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. Theresa Nelson, Senior Vice President of USI Insurance Services LLC. (GHI's Insurance Broker) will conduct a live virtual seminar to discuss GHI's master insurance policy and HO-6 personal insurance that members should obtain to complement the broad coverage in GHI's master policy. Members are highly encouraged to attend this seminar. Contact information for attending is as follows:

Greenbelt Homes is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting on October 28, 2021:

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAuf-6sqTgrHdzI8Y1ZKDVX9Jv0Rt7_zs_e

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

**Re-Elect
SILKE POPE**

"I hope to be a part of shaping Greenbelt's future, preserving our history and maintaining a high quality of life for all. I am dedicated to serving all Greenbelt residents and I hope you will allow me to continue working for you."

Please, VOTE #7 on Nov. 2, 2021

The City Council must work together to accomplish our common goals for the city.



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soon after the election to explore ways to improve the meetings.

Inzeo touted his commitment to teamwork and said that he is an excellent listener who speaks when he has something important to say.

Pope called the "current, late-night meetings" unacceptable, saying they hinder citizens' participation and are not respectful of anyone's time. She called for clearer, more manageable agendas and time limits per item.

Orleans said the problem is when councilmembers choose to be defensive when something negative is said about them or their position. That needs to stop, he said. But, he noted, the best consensus is often arrived at following a contentious discussion.

Jordan said that some of the tension reflects the divisiveness that exists across the country. He felt that sometimes council takes itself too seriously and needs to lighten up and work as a team.

He suggested considering whether petitions and requests could be recorded ahead of time to take the item back to its original intent, rather than the back and forth that currently occurs.

Weaver called for more effective use of council worksessions. As an example, she noted that in the most recent worksession on police reform, there was no attempt to identify the actions for which there was general agreement and find compromise for the "sticky parts" so that a motion with enough votes to pass could have been brought to the October 11 council meeting.

Byrd had a different perspective. Tension between councilmembers, he said, is nothing new and he is more concerned about the tension between the needs of the people and the decisions made by council. He called for finding common ground between council and the people they represent.

Bicycle Repair Station Up, Running at GHI

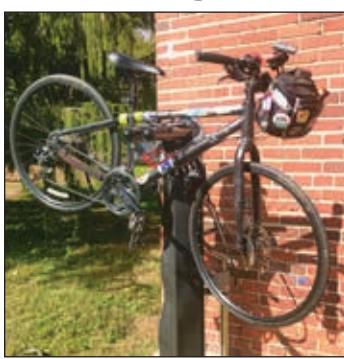


PHOTO BY JOHN CAMPANILE

A bike is in position for repair.

The Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) outdoor bicycle repair station is up and ready to use. It includes tools for basic repairs and maintenance as well as a tire pump to keep that PSI up.

The station is located adjacent to the GHI maintenance building near the flagpole on Hamilton Place. This service is provided courtesy of the GHI Board and the GHI Bicycle Committee.

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city are not the interests of the city and should not be supported by the city.

Roberts said that businesses want to go to good communities with stable housing, low crime and that are beautiful. It is council's job to make sure the city is a livable, beautiful city.

Gordon called for a robust marketing campaign accentuating the positive, using Greenbelt Access Television and social media to promote the city.

Jordan called for building better relationships with the business community, saying that council too often takes an adversarial

stance with it. He called upon council to be proactive as the nature of work is changing and a lot of businesses will not need as much office space.

Weaver suggested trying to attract businesses that fulfill an unfilled niche, especially those supporting cooperatives and environmental entities. She said that the city could serve as a bridge between businesses and county and state resources. She also called for talking to businesses that decided not to come to Greenbelt who could tell the city the problems they encountered.



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A Jumping Spider eats a grasshopper.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wall of Fame Reception – Honoring Billy Owens Smith, Jr., Fri., Nov. 12

Food Giveaway – Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway, Sat., Nov. 20th

Halloween Celebration - Beltway Plaza Mall Trunk-O-Treat and Spooky Fest in Partnership with Franklin Park, Fri., October 29



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chosen to manage the construction. Aberdeen Gardens consisted of 158 brick homes on one-half-acre lots with large gardens for growing fruits and vegetables. The homes had hardwood floors, indoor plumbing and heating, front and back porches, and garages. Residents initially moved in as renters and then were able to purchase their homes ranging in price from \$1,800 to \$3,300 depending on the size of the home.

The Resettlement Administration was a New Deal federal agency created to relocate struggling urban families to planned communities such as Aberdeen Gardens. African American workers in the shipyards and railroads, and fishermen working on the docks in Newport News and Hampton quickly sought membership and became its first residents. Wilson reported that, at that time, Aberdeen Gardens was so attractive that the local newspaper opined that the community should be turned over to White workers. An appeal went out to Eleanor Roosevelt, who visited the community in 1938, and she was able to stop this effort.

An elementary school was built for the Aberdeen Gardens children and Black children from the surrounding area. At night and on the weekends, the school was used as a community center, hosting meetings, clubs and Sunday school. The seven streets within the community are all named for prominent African Americans. The town had its own baseball team called the Rattlers, named for the snakes that inhabited the nearby creek.

According to Wilson, her grandparents were one of the first families to move into Aberdeen Gardens, doing so on November 1, 1937. Wilson, who lived with her grandparents, attended the local elementary school where she reported that she learned "a different history" from what had been previously taught. She learned about the White Lion, an English slave ship that landed at Point Comfort in 1619, and how slaves built Fort Monroe on Point Comfort in 1830. Wilson described learning about how escaped slaves fled to Fort Monroe to seek refuge during the Civil War and how these slaves were declared "contraband," with federal troops refusing to return them to the Confederates. Wilson told participants many heart-warming stories about her time



SCREENSHOT BY AMY HANSEN

Margaret Wilson, a resident of Aberdeen Gardens and local historian, speaks at an online lecture hosted by the Museum on October 21.



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Aberdeen Gardens builders

growing up in Aberdeen Gardens and she recounted how "the mailman would pick up medicine for residents and there was a woman who fetched her husband from the beer garden in a wheel barrow." Wilson fondly recalled when they discovered that their quiet neighbor was a Tuskegee Airman.

Wilson is working hard to keep Aberdeen Gardens history alive and has hopes that young

people will become interested and want to continue this wonderful rich legacy. "Pride still exists in the community, people are still living in the homes they grew up in, some who go away to college come back to live and most of the current residents are people descended from the original residents," said Wilson. She is optimistic that the community will continue to thrive well into the next generation.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School Outdoor Lunch Tents Fundraiser!



Please support the ERHS PTSA in their effort to buy 2 tents for outdoor lunches for the students

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On every October 31 night, these ghosties and ghoulies seem to rise out of the mist on Hillside Road, then disappear -- Mwaa-ha-ha!

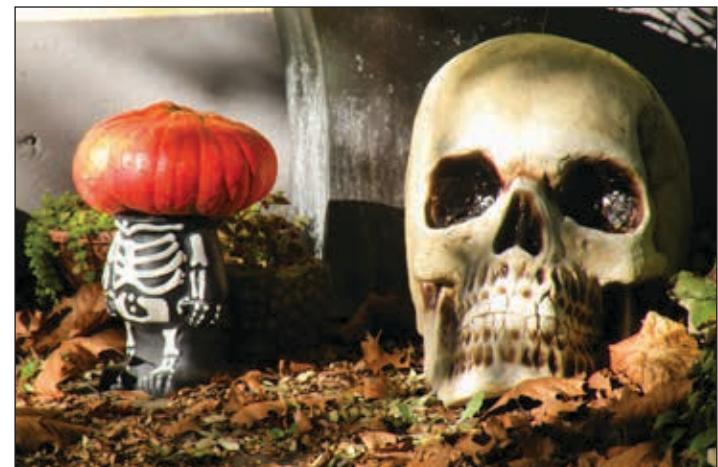


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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS Thursday, November 4, 2021

A. GHI Closed Meeting – begins at 7:00 p.m. (closed to visitors and members)

- Approve Minutes of the Closed Meeting Held on October 7, 2021
- Consider approval for the following contracts:
 - Contract for Underground Storm Drain Repairs at 9 Court Ridge Rd – 2nd reading
 - Contract for 5-Year Lease of a Copier for the Management Office - 2nd reading
 - Contract for Repairs to 69-K Ridge Rd - 1st reading
 - Contract for Repairs to 4-H Ridge Rd - 1st reading
 - Contract for Repairs to 60-H Crescent Rd -1st reading
- Request for an Exception to Allow the Buyers of a GHI Unit to Assume Responsibility for Pre-sale Repairs
- Member Financial Matters

B. GDC Open Meeting begins at 7:45 p.m. (open to visitors and members)

- Approve Minutes of the Open Meeting Held on September 2, 2021
- Finance Committee's Recommendation re: Charges for GHI's Services to GDC
- Review Preliminary GDC 2022 Operating Budget
- Decide on Date to Update a Strategic Plan for GDC

C. GHI Open Meeting after the GDC meeting (open to visitors and members)

- Statement of Closed Meeting Held on November 4, 2021
- Approve Minutes of the Open Meeting Held on October 7, 2021
- Review 2022 GHI Operating Budget - 1st reading
- Transition and Sustainability Task Force Proposal to Conduct a Membership Survey
- Permit Request to add a Second Story to an Existing One Story Addition at a GHI Unit
- Report from Old Greenbelt Gardening Boosters re: Status on Actions that the Yard Solutions Task Force Recommended
- Proposal to hold Education Seminars for Members
- Motion to Hold a Closed Meeting on November 18, 2021

To deter hacking, GHI requires persons who wish to attend the GHI Open meeting on November 4, 2021, to register in advance by accessing the following link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEoduGtrj0rGuUfIE9-Asc9_W-Krj1Kas53

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Regular Board meetings are open to Members
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Silke Pope for City Council

I am dedicated to Greenbelt's community and future.



Photo by: Sharon Natale



We as a community must regain both common sense and especially civility. When we lack civility, we do not recognize what we have in common. The City Council must work together to accomplish our common goals for the city.

"Civility doesn't weaken a message. It helps others hear it." Kate Nasser

Working Together to Make a Difference

Authorized by Linda Ivy, Treasurer

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voting rights to Black men, until 1973. Why did ratification take so long in Maryland? What does this say about our state? As a result, Maryland's Black populations are still recovering from the vestiges of slavery, economic stagnation and segregation.

Reparations

This is why it is important and essential to study how reparations can be achieved. Only slaveholders were compensated. For over 400 years Maryland's Black populations have been subjected to slavery, lynchings, discrimination in housing and employment opportunities, and prevented from creating generational wealth for their families.

Reparations commissions are needed on the federal, state and local levels because all of these government institutions passed

racist laws and/or enforced segregationist policies that prevented the economic advancement of Black Marylanders, whose descendants were never compensated for their free labor or benefited from the wealth that labor generated to slaveholders for centuries. The current wealth disparities for African Americans can be directly traced back to the racist political and economic system of slavery.

We celebrate Maryland Emancipation Day – November 1, 1864 – with mixed emotions. We still grieve for the many lives lost and destroyed during enslavement and its continued bigoted aftermath.

(For more information visit the Maryland State Archives – Legacy of Slavery.)



Halloween is here!



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Co-ops Build a Better World

by Leta Mach

This is the last in a series of three articles.

October is Co-op Month – a time to recognize cooperatives. This year's theme is Cooperatives Build a Better World, which highlights the many ways co-ops, including those in Greenbelt, are making an impact in their communities and around the world.

Open Membership

Voluntary and open membership is the first principle listed by the International Cooperative Alliance. In many respects this is because cooperatives are membership organizations and without member support they will fail. Co-ops are open to all people able to use their services and willing to accept the responsibilities of membership. When a family enrolls in Greenbelt Nursery School, they become members of that co-op. Their responsibilities include participating in every aspect of the school's operation from governance to fundraising to maintenance. After finding a Greenbelt Homes, Inc. home, potential members apply for membership and their responsibilities include paying their monthly co-op fee, which includes taxes, reserves contributions, maintenance, insurance on the structure, trash collection and administrative costs. Volunteers who work regularly become members of the Greenbelt News Review. With as little as \$10, people become members of the

Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy. When their capital account is \$100 or higher, they become voting members. A critical member responsibility is to shop at the store. Members of the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union also have a responsibility to use the credit union's services and maintain a minimum balance in their share savings account, which makes them members of the financial co-op. When MakerSpace converted to a community co-op early this year, founding members became co-owners for a member-

ship fee of \$20 per year.

Co-op Principles

Cooperatives build a better world by providing their member/owners a variety of services and giving them a say in how the business is operated. Many surveys have shown that people trust cooperatives and prefer to do business with cooperatives because of their values and principles. These are the values and principles under which Greenbelt's many cooperatives also operate.



This co-op ad ran in the October 26, 1939 issue of the Greenbelt Cooperator.



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- Support economic recovery through thoughtful development
- Proactively pursue equity, fair practices, and justice in city policies - including policing - and promote diversity and inclusion among leadership, staff, and all who represent the city
- Expand and improve parks and recreation opportunities across the city

Building Community

I want to hear from you! What local issues are you most concerned about?

Reach out via the contact form on my website, on Facebook, or by texting or leaving a voicemail at (301) 615-2897.

By authority of Kristen Weaver for City Council, Holly Ahearn, Treasurer

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the event of a transfer, the Armory would revert back to the federal government. Yet, Pounds indicated that already both the state and the federal government have agreed (preliminarily, but not in formal, written form) to waive this clause, thus expediting a clean transfer of the deed to the city. Pounds was unsure how long before that waiver can be completed.

An assessment of the building is required moving forward to determine what repairs are needed and at what cost, an important step in working out with the state what repairs it can take on. The state has a responsibility to pass on the property according to certain standards and has already indicated it is willing to allocate funds for this. Council was eager to take the state up on the offer.

Councilmember Judith Davis felt that the assessment, which would cost \$120,000, is vital for transparency with the city's taxpayers, so they know what kind of product they are getting and its costs.

Councilmember Silke Pope cautioned asking the state for too much, citing the irreplaceable boon the property represents. She asked Pounds to feel the situation out, and if encountering push-back, to take the property as-is. She brought up the example of the Community Center, which also presented maintenance issues at the outset and is now an es-

sential facility for the city.

A space study is being conducted to ascertain the amount of available space for city functions. Space is now at a premium with groups like Greenbelt CARES unable to fully house its employees and their duties. In the last budget, \$80,000 was allocated for this study, with the Armory intended to be a part. Yet, so far, the Armory has not been included, something council seeks to remedy. City Treasurer Bertha Gaymon said that there are still funds available for this with Director of Public Works Jim Sterling stating that it would not be a problem to complete.

Davis suggested that support for the Armory could be obtained through designation as an historical state site. Resident Kristen Weaver said that as of 2017, the Armory does not fit the criteria.

Councilmember Emmett Jordan reminded that even if the city takes possession of the site and discovers funds, perhaps through state or municipal bonds, to renovate and stabilize the building, it will be years before it can finally be used fully and safely. He stated that the Armory has been a part of the community already for a long time, that the state is not doing a favor for transferring to the city and that the city need not put itself in a position to plead for assistance in returning this facility to its former condition.



City Notes

At Fall Family Fun events at Braden Field, Springhill Lake Recreation Center and Schrom Hills Park, Recreation and Arts staff offered autumn crafts and games. Public Works delivered furnishings and park rangers monitored safety.

A Museum lecture showcased Aberdeen Gardens, a New Deal community planned and built by Black families.

Welcoming two stray cats, the Animal Shelter hosts four dogs, six cats, a kitten and a rabbit.

Horticulture/Parks removed sticks from the Lake spillway, thwarting busy beavers. Refuse/Recycling collected 30.00 tons of refuse and 11.48 tons of recyclables. Sustainability/Environmental hosted a Pollinator Circle meeting.

Building Maintenance provided electrical/lighting improvements at the gun range and winterized the outdoor pool.

Recreation's pickleball meeting attracted 40 participants. Therapeutic Recreation provided meal delivery to 21 seniors.

CARES' Greenbelt Nursery Project facilitates Bowie State University nurse visits to families with young children. Green Ridge House's vaccine clinic offered flu, pneumonia and shingles shots and free lunch.

A small holly tree was removed from the Community Center/Library lawn. According to Brian Townsend of Public Works, this tree was less than a year old and had been injured, perhaps by rodents, rabbits or lawn equipment. Its replacement, another holly, has been ordered and will be installed as part of the Arbor Day plantings next year.

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October 19, councilmembers received hundreds of communications from constituents, as well as letters from University of Maryland President Darryll J. Pines and the City of College Park. As a result, Councilmember Mel Franklin introduced an amended map at the October 19 meeting that aimed at keeping the University of Maryland and the town of College Park together but in the process split Greenbelt, though not Greenbelt's population.

County Councilmember Todd Turner, District 4, Greenbelt's current representative, voted for Davis' map on October 14 and the amended map presented on October 19. "Any time you go through a redistricting, nobody wants to change anything," he said. However, he said changes are necessary. "We have 104,000 new residents that were counted and we know it is an undercount because of Covid-19."

He explained that the new map moved Greenbelt Park to District 3 because of Westchester Park, which has a College Park mailing address. Westchester Park



MAP COURTESY PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY

Existing district boundaries

was anchored in District 3 with other parts of College Park, so Greenbelt Park, which surrounds the apartments and condos, had to go too.

The proposed map is now part of the public discussion process, with the actual public hearing

scheduled for November 16. After the public hearing, the county council will vote on accepting the October 19 proposed map. If the October 19 map is rejected at that time, the map presented by the Redistricting Commission will go into effect.

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J's Goals for Greenbelt's Future

Continue to provide the best services and recreational/cultural programs throughout the City while also being fiscally responsible

Disperse Greenbelt's American Rescue Plan Act funds equitably and efficiently with Community input

Ensure our highly-accredited police force is trained and provided with the resources it needs to address crime and to improve pedestrian/bicycle/traffic safety

Institute a trained social services/police team to address incidents of mental health crises and domestic violence

Ensure future development adheres to our priorities and values, including quality senior housing

Continue to protect our priceless greenspace and effectively lessen the City's impact on the environment and its carbon footprint

Network with County, State and Federal leaders to promote and protect Greenbelt's interests, including continued opposition to the Maglev

Strive to build strong Council consensus on critical issues facing the City

Questions? Concerns? Contact J at jfintakdavis@aol.com

Vote #4 for J

Photo: Chondria Andrews, By Authority: Debbie Cooley, Treasurer

Judith **D**avis

Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltdmd.gov/police. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Strong-armed Robbery

October 15, 10:11 p.m., 5700 block of Greenbelt Metro Drive. Two individuals approached some people walking to their vehicle, stated they had a gun in their pocket and demanded the walkers' money.

Assault

October 14, 8:22 a.m., 7500 block of Greenway Center. A woman made threats against an employee of a business and approached the employee with her fist clenched. The individual then left the business.

October 14, 7:07 p.m., 6200 block of Springhill Drive. A dispute among neighbors turned physical between multiple individuals. A police report number was given to all parties involved and charges were filed at the district court commissioner's office on one individual.

Theft

October 16, 5:52 p.m., 6100 block of Breezewood Court. A package was stolen from the front step of a residence.

October 20, 6:34 p.m., 7500

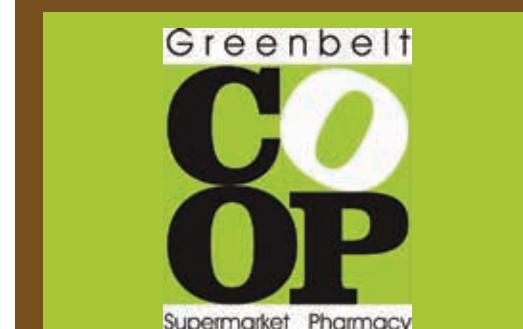
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Scout Court of Honor



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Members of Scouts BSA Troop 214B celebrate their achievements at a Court of Honor. The troop welcomes new members, honors those who earned merit badges and celebrates rank advancements. The troop looks forward to celebrating several new Eagle Scouts in the near future. For more information about the troop, visit <http://www.troop214md.org>.



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Sports

Raiders Win Game Over Bullis, Prepare for Playoffs

by Patrick Gleason

With 12 minutes remaining, it looked as if the Eleanor Roosevelt Raiders Girls Soccer Team and Bullis Bulldogs would play a scoreless draw during their non-conference matchup on October 21. With 10 minutes remaining, the Raiders couldn't contain their excitement as they celebrated their now 1 to 0 lead. First, junior Julia Beckmann made a long run toward the end line, but ran out of space before she could corral the pass, resulting in a Bullis goal kick. Then, a Bullis defender failed to control the pass from her goalkeeper and senior striker Sophie Swart pounced on the mistake, calmly slotting a shot in the lower left corner. In the first half, Swart put a brilliant left-footed shot on frame after a pass from sophomore midfielder Kaia Booker, but the Bullis keeper deflected it away. Likewise, Roosevelt keeper Isabela Martins made an impressive second half save diving to her right to keep the game scoreless. However, it was junior defender Grace Zack who stole the show for the Raider defense. Zack celebrated her birthday with a flawless performance that allowed Martins to remain untested for large portions of the game.

J.V. Team

Roosevelt's visit to the private school in Potomac came two days after the Raiders' junior



Roosevelt sophomore Kaia Booker defends during a 1 to 0 victory over High Point on Friday, October 22.

varsity squad fell to Bullis 4 to 2. Despite falling behind 2 to 0 in the opening minutes of the game, the Raiders fought back with a penalty kick goal from Olivia Gills after a Cora Moore free kick created the opportunity. Then, Alena Beckmann evened the score before the Raiders succumbed to their first defeat since mid-September. Despite the loss, the junior varsity has much to celebrate after going undefeated in county play and defeating Alexandria's Episcopal High School twice this season.

The varsity team's victory over Bullis was the highlight of their final week of the regular season,

which started with an 8-0 victory over Northwestern on Senior Night and ended with another 1 to 0 victory at High Point on Friday, October 22, in which Swart also scored the Raiders' lone goal. Roosevelt's 9 to 3 to 1 regular season record earns them the number-two seed in their playoff region; the Flowers Jaguars will visit the Raiders on Friday, October 29 for their opening-round match. The winner will face the Bowie Bulldogs, but for now Roosevelt will enjoy their strong performance at Bullis and use it as motivation as they prepare for the playoffs.

Red Cross Urgently Needs Blood Donations

Despite ongoing appeals to donors and the public, the American Red Cross emergency blood and platelet shortage continues. Thousands have answered the call to give, but additional donors are needed as the holiday season approaches. Donors of all blood types – especially type O – and platelet donors are urged to make an appointment to give now to help meet the needs of patients.

In honor of the new series, I Know What You Did Last Summer, those who come to give blood, platelets or plasma from November 1 to 12 will automatically be entered to win a trip for two to Hawaii, courtesy of Amazon Prime Video. All who come to give during November 1 to 23 will receive a \$10 Amazon.com gift card by email, thanks to Amazon.

Local blood drives will be held on Monday, November 1 from 1:30 to 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt American Legion Post 136, 6900 Greenbelt Road, and on Friday, November 12 from 12:30 to 6 p.m. at the Greenbelt Recreation Department, 15 Crescent Road. Donors are urged to schedule an appointment now by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Greenbelt Park To Reopen Nov. 1

The National Park Service will reopen Greenbelt Park's campgrounds, picnic areas and roads on Monday, November 1 following the completion of a major rehabilitation project.

This concludes a project started in September 2019. Visitors will enjoy repaved roads, a new bridge over Still Creek, a renovated Ranger Station and improved campsites.

Camping reservations for Greenbelt Park campground also open on November 1 and can be found at recreation.gov.

For more information, visit nps.gov/gree or follow the Greenbelt Park Facebook page.

Storytelling Workshop In Guilford Woods

Join Greenbelters Melissa Sites and Ian Blackwell Rogers along with the College Park Arts Exchange for a free outdoor workshop in Guilford Woods, College Park, on Saturday, October 30 from noon to 1:30 p.m. Explore creative writing and improvisational storytelling using tools like crowd-sourced prompts, story cubes, spooky urban myths like Goatman, Mothman, Batboy and more.

Bring a bag lunch. Park at 7591 Mowatt Lane parking garage (there is a fee). Enter the woods from the College Park Institute of Religion parking lot to meet at the footbridge that crosses Guilford Run. For more information email info@cpae.org.



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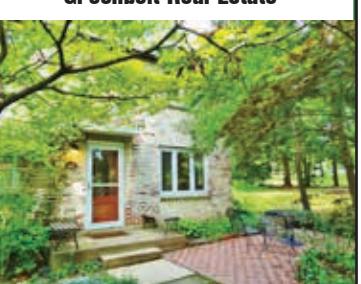
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SOLD

Townhome with 2 additions 2 bedroom GHI townhome on corner lot. Large front porch, deck, back, extra storage in front. Central HVAC.

4 Bedroom 3 Level Townhome

Master bedroom & full bath on main level. Opened remodeled kitchen, fireplace in lr. Backs to protected woodlands.

Charlestowne Village

Single-level 1-br condo in Greenbelt - no stairs! Parquet flooring throughout. Remodeled kit. With Stainless Steel appliances.

Addition - Backs to Woodlands

Completely remodeled throughout; half bath on main level. Zoned HVAC system. Fenced yard, shed & raised deck.

Brick Townhome

2 Bedroom GHI townhome on corner lot. Modern kitchen, vinyl siding, washer. Hardwood flooring on both levels.

SOLD

Upper Level One Bedroom GHI home with full bath, gas range, dryer in separate unit. Hardwood floors throughout. Finished hardwood flooring throughout. Nice!

2 BR Townhome

Remodeled GHI home w/ new carpet, fresh paint & ceramic bath. Don't miss this one!

Full Attached Inlaw Apartment

5 BR, 4 Bath house w/ 1 car of space. Elevator to bedrooms. 2 Full kitchens, generator, fireplace & more.

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Greenbelt Community Questionnaire 2021

At election time, residents are asked to take a few minutes to complete the following questionnaire. The information obtained will be useful to 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. You may also complete the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/communityquestionnaire...NO MAILING REQUIRED!>

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Residency:
 Apartment Townhouse
 GHI Condominium
 Detached Single Family Home

2. Residency - Neighborhood

- Greenbelt East (east of Baltimore-Washington Parkway)
 Greenbelt West (west of Kenilworth Avenue)
 Center City (between Kenilworth & B-W Parkway)

3. Do you? Own Rent

4. Age: Under 18 45-60
 18-29 61-74
 30-44 75+

5. How many years have you lived in Greenbelt?

- Less than 1 year 1-5 yrs.
 6-10 yrs 11-20 yrs.
 21-30 yrs. More than 30 yrs.

6. Employment Status (Please 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?

- Greenbelt
 Prince George's County
 Baltimore Washington, D.C.
 Montgomery County Other

8. Please prioritize (1-3 your top three modes of transportation

- Personal Automobile
 Metrorail TheBus
 Carpool/Vanpool
 MetroBus Taxi/Uber/Lyft
 Bicycle Walking
 Greenbelt Connection
 Other

CURRENT QUESTIONS

1. Are you using the new mail-in voting procedure this year? Yes No
 If yes, rate the ease of the process 1-5, (circle one) (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)

Would you use the mail-in option again? Yes No

2. Do you support changing how the City is structured? An alternative to election of Councilmembers "atlarge", the City would be divided into districts/precincts and/or a combination of district and at-large representation? Yes No

3. Should Greenbelt residents who are not US citizens be allowed to vote in City elections? Yes No

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 Citizens
 Animal Control
 Traffic Control
 Fire & Rescue
 Parking Enforcement

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

3. If you have contacted the Police in the last 2 years, was the employee polite and courteous? Yes No

4. Did the police employee assist you satisfactorily?
 Yes No
 Don't Know

5. Please list any suggestions for improving police services, under General Comments #4

PUBLIC WORKS

1. Please rate your satisfaction over the last 2 years with the following services. (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)

- Street Maintenance
 Street Lighting
 Street Cleaning
 Snow Removal
 Sidewalk Maintenance
 Crosswalks
 Bike Lanes
 Park Maintenance
 Refuse Collection
 Recycling
 Mowing/Flower & Tree Planting
 Building Maintenance
 Bus Stops
 Greenbelt Connection

2. If you have contacted Public Works in the last 2 years, was the employee polite and courteous? Yes No

GREENBELT CARES /SOCIAL SERVICES

1. Have you or your family utilized any of the services listed below (#3) in the last 2 years? Yes No

2. Did you know that 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, family or group)
 Crisis Intervention Counseling
 Tutoring
 Job Bank
 Babysitting Workshop
 GED Program
 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
 1st Floor Bathroom
 Other: _____

4. How soon would you need these services?

- Now 1-3 Years 4-7 Years
 8+ Years

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ CODE ENFORCEMENT

1. Have you had contact with City Community Development/Code Enforcement Staff (inspection, permit, tall grass, structure complaint, etc.)?
 Yes No

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

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

GREENBELT MUSEUM

1. Have you or a member of your household visited the museum or attended a museum activity in the past 2 years?
 Yes No

EDUCATION

1. If you have school age children, please rate the schools they currently attend. (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)

- Greenbelt Elementary
 Springhill Lake Elementary
 Dora Kennedy French Immersion
 Magnolia Elementary
 Greenbelt Middle School
 Eleanor Roosevelt High School
 Home Schooling
 Other: _____

2. Using the same scale as #1 above, please rate the Prince George's School System overall. _____

3. Please rank the following questions. (5=Strongly Agree, 4=Agree, 3=Neutral, 2=Disagree, 1=Strongly Disagree)
 The City should continue to provide Science & Reading Clubs
 The City should continue to provide grants to Greenbelt schools
 County taxes should be increased to fund education.

RECREATION

1. Please rate your satisfaction with any facilities which you or your family have used (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)

- Aquatic & Fitness Center
 Athletic Fields
 Community Center
 Springhill Lake Rec. Center
 Youth Center
 Parks Trails
 Dog Park Skate Park
 Playgrounds
 Other: _____

2. Please rate your satisfaction with any activities which you or your family have attended: (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)

- Fitness classes
 Pre-School classes
 Youth/Adult classes
 Camp programs
 Visual Art programs
 Senior programs
 Performing Art programs
 Aquatics programs
 Special Events (Artful Afternoons, Fall Fest, July 4th, Winter Lights Festival, Celebration of Spring, etc.)
 Other (Please Specify): _____

3. Please check any programs which you or a member of your household are likely to attend within the next 2 years. (Check all that apply)

- Pre-school Activities
 Children's Afterschool Activities
 Children's Weekend Activities
 Children's Drop-In Activities
 Home School/School
 Enrichment Activities
 Family Recreation Activities
 – Weekends
 Drop-In Activities
 Adult Classes or Leagues
 Senior Activities
 Special Events (Artful Afternoons, Fall Fest, July 4th, Winter Lights Festival, Celebration of Spring, etc.)

PUBLIC INFORMATION

1. How would you prefer to receive information about City programs and services? (Please rank in priority order 1-10; 1=top preference)

- Greenbelt TV Mail
 City Newsletter E-mail
 Greenbelt News Review
 Facebook YouTube
 Posters/Flyers Radio
 Greenbeltd.gov Post
 Facebook Local TV News
 Washington Post
 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)

3. Do you use the City's website at www.greenbeltd.gov?
 Yes No
 If so, what for?
 Watch Meetings
 Calendar
 Watch Videos
 Documents
 Other: _____

4. What services would you like to see on the City website?

5. Have you used the video streaming/on-demand section of the City website?
 Yes No

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)?
 Yes No

CITY SERVICES & 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)

2. Are City services fairly distributed throughout Greenbelt?
 Yes No (Provide Comments under General Comments #4)

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 rate increase in order to: Maintain current City services/programs
 Yes No
 Increase City services/programs
 Yes No
 Provide fair compensation to employees
 Yes No
 Participate in green initiatives (greenhouse gas reduction, solar power, battery powered equipment, etc.)
 Yes No

4. In general, should City services be (choose one):
 Kept at the same level
 Reduced Increased

5. If the City had to reduce services/programs, which ones would you suggest 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. Are there any improvements to the City or new City Programs you would suggest?

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

5. Other Comments:

