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## Co-op Annual Meeting Celebrates Complicated but Successful Year

by Cathie Meetre

The Greenbelt Cooperative Supermarket, familiarly and fondly known as the Co-op, held its annual meeting on Saturday, November 6 via Zoom. Nearly 60 members attended to hear about the store's epic 2021. When all was said and done, Co-op had an excellent year and on the strength of it, Co-op members will receive a dividend voucher for about 1.2 percent of their Co-

op spending over the last fiscal year. The Jim Cassels Award was also announced (see related story on page 6).

### **Solar High Spot**

A saga of highs and lows appeared. The energizing of the solar array in February of this year was definitely a high spot – with it having already contributed approximately \$40,000 in energy savings and accruing solar energy

credits that can be sold for additional income. General Manager Dan Gillotte and Board Member Bill Jones both remarked that the new roof and array, paid for jointly by a Maryland state grant and contributions and loans from members, saved money in other ways too - with improved insulation and zero maintenance

See CO-OP, page 10

## Newly-elected Council Starts With a Wobbly First Meeting



The 44th Council for the City of Greenbelt, front row from left, Judith Davis, Emmett Jordan, Kristen Weaver; back row from left, Ric Gordon, Silke Pope, Colin Byrd and Rodney Roberts

he new council on Monday, November 8, there was a meeting of the previous council in which there was some discussion of whether this last session of the old council should be closed or open – or should include the newly-elected members. The prior councils' members then present - with Rodney Roberts speaking from the floor in opposition (his 11th hour resignation removed him from the dais) - voted to meet in closed session to discuss matters pertaining, presumably, to Roberts' resignation and subsequent re-election.

When council regrouped, the frame had shifted forward, with the new council in place, though the video does not record the first several minutes of the meeting. Mayor Emmett Jordan took the chair with new Mayor Pro Tem Kristen Weaver to his left. Councilmembers were sworn in and seated so that the lowest farthest from center Tordan invited councilmembers to speak.

The video recording begins with over 15 minutes of a speech by former Mayor Colin Byrd, speaking from a seat on the far right of the podium. He suggested that his slide from highest to second lowest in the vote was the consequence of taking on tough issues and "ruffling feathers." He opined that against the backdrop of social change and the disruptions of the pandemic, there was an appetite for the "good old days" and for silence on "thorny issues." He ascribed his reduced vote as a wish by some voters to downplay or dilute issues in the cause of preventing divisiveness. He reminded Greenbelters not to be so concerned with "preserving the mythology of a Utopia that always has been incomplete," stating that there is a need to move to a more perfect union. He also asked that Greenbelters

Prior to the first meeting of vote-getters occupied the seats not conflate lifting up marginalbeing a threat to those closest to power and those with amenities.

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### What Goes On

Thursday, November 11 Veterans Day Holiday. City offices closed. Monday, November 15 8 p.m., City Council Worksession: Police Reform Wednesday, November 17 8 p.m., City Council Worksession: Council Rules and Committee Assignments

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

## V.P. Kamala Harris Is Excited About Research at Goddard

by Shannon Clark



Kamala Harris speaks at Goddard Space Flight Center on Friday, November 5.

U.S. Vice President Kamala vice president has visited our Harris spoke on Friday, November 5 at Goddard Space Flight J. Andrucyk wrote in an email Center, focusing her speech on that went out to all Goddard emclimate change and the opportunities space may have to help solve the climate crisis.

"It has literally been decades since a sitting U.S. president or

center," Center Director Dennis ployees. "It was surely worth the wait!"

Before her prepared remarks,

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## Greenbelt Police Honor Corporal Christine Peters with New Sign

by Shannon Clark

The Greenbelt Police Department paid tribute to the life and service of Corporal Christine Peters on November 5 with a memorial sign on Kenilworth Avenue/Route 201, north of Cherrywood Lane. Peters died from injuries on January 14, 2021, after she was struck by a car while

attending to a car crash there on January 2.

"Everything that we do to remember Chris is really for the family... and our law enforcement family," said Police Chief Richard Bowers.

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Three-year-old Rachel helps in the Three Sisters Garden in Schrom Hills Park. The garden volunteers explain that they incorporate art, design, poetry (laminated and scattered around the garden) and sculpture, all speaking to all ages and cultural backgrounds.

## Letters to the Editor

### A Full Round of Thank Yous

On behalf of the Eleanor Roosevelt High School PTSA, I would like to thank everyone who donated to our tent fundraising campaign. We were thrilled to raise the funds, with help from a match from an anonymous donor (in the nick of time!), to buy the safe and sturdy outdoor tents needed to keep the Covid-19 safer outdoor lunch option through the colder months.

Thank you everyone! Sheila Maffay-Tuthill ERHS PTSA Vice-President

I wish to express my sincerest thanks to all who voted for me in the council election held November 2. I am deeply honored that the citizens of Greenbelt have returned me once again to the city council. My gratitude also goes to those who contributed generously to my campaign and worked so hard on my behalf, especially those who have supported me for over 28 years. I pledge to do my very best to serve all the citizens of Greenbelt with renewed energy and enthusiasm. I congratulate all those elected to city council and look forward to working with them in meeting the challenges our city will certainly face in the next two vears. I remain, as always, "Committed to Community."

Judith "J" Davis

A public thank you to nowformer Greenbelt City Councilmembers Leta Mach and Edward Putens for their excellent service to the people and businesses of Greenbelt. A job well done.

James W. Thompson

Encountering a park worker blowing leaves from the Lake path reminded me of the efforts made to maintain this very special place.

Enjoyed by countless walkers as well as canine companions, the city has reflected its value by supplying resources to reinforce the beauty and safety of our Lake.

Kudos and thank you. Patricia Novinski

I wanted to congratulate the new council. I wanted to thank everyone for their support and prayers. I am very thankful.

Greenbelt is an amazing city and I am very proud to be a resident.

Matthew Inzec

A cat that we have been taking care of for a few months got out of our house, got spooked by some deer and hid, not only under our car but up in the engine compartment. When we realized she was there, we raised the hood but were unable to get her out.

We called the Greenbelt Animal Shelter. Two women came and rescued her. We and her owner are very grateful for the skills and willingness of our Greenbelt Animal Shelter staff to help.

Marjory Donn Arthur Donn

### Reparations Small Print

Before the election I was impressed by the well-organized signage at Crescent and Southway depicting each of the candidates for city council, with my favorite one right in the middle. So I took some pictures.

On election day we were asked to vote on whether Greenbelt should form a Reparations Commission.

On the day after the election, I noticed that all of this signage was gone - only three tall wooden posts remained.

I thought that was awfully fast for this signage to be removed, given that the candidates could have continued to benefit from an increase in name recognition.

Then I looked more carefully at my photographs and, in the lower left corner, there was a sign which, instead of depicting a candidate, read, "Vote Yes! Reparations Commission...". Then I noticed in tiny print at the bottom of the sign, "Paid for by Metro DC Democratic Socialists of America Solidarity PAC, Jack Wilta, Treasurer."

I think that it is wrong to have an outside political organization come into Greenbelt to try to influence Greenbelt residents on a ballot initiative that will affect primarily Greenbelt residents.

This sign being put up over the 48 hours prior to election day was probably not approved by the city. Even though it may have been approved by the candidate for whom this space was reserved (Bill Orleans), it's not a sign for his candidacy.

Bill Norwood





Blue jay and fall leaves

### **GNR Thanksgiving Ads/Copy Deadline**

Thanksgiving holiday schedules for our printer mean the News Review must submit the camera-ready copy to them a day early.

As a result, all published deadlines for copy, photos and ads are ONE DAY earlier than they usually are. The times remain the same.

Out of consideration for our staff, it is preferable that materials come in even earlier than that whenever possible. All efforts will be much appreciated.

The newspaper may be delivered to doorsteps either Thursday or Friday, depending on carrier schedules and printer delivery times.

### **Veterans Day** Celebration

Pay tribute to all Veterans within the City of Greenbelt this Veterans Day, Thursday, November 11 at 11 a.m. at Roosevelt Center.





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THURS. 7:00 PM



Fall color in Greenbelt East

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

All letters must include the letter writer's name, physical address, and telephone number. Only the name will be published; the News Review will consider requests for the name to be withheld.



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- Email submission is available. Hardcopy submissions (delivered by respective deadline) may be mailed to the address above or left in the Co-op grocery store drop box or GNR external office door mail slot, as shown below.
- Payment must accompany ads except by prior arrangement

MAIL SUBSCRIPTION: \$55/year

Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd. OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 6 - 8 p.m. Office is currently closed to the public. Please phone or email. GNR external office door mail slot is located up a few stairs 25 yards left of the Community Center's east door near the municipal building.

## **Community Events**

### At the Library

The Greenbelt Library resumed passport service on November 1, by appointment only.

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 col-

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 selfservice, 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.

lege experience.



### Vaccination Clinics Now for Ages 5, Up

Prince George's County Health Department, in partnership with Prince George's County Public Schools, is holding after-school vaccination clinics for individuals age 5 and older. In Greenbelt, the clinics are located at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) and Springhill Lake Elementary School. ERHS dates are set for Tuesdays from 5 to 8 p.m. November 9, November 16 and November 23 (first dose) and November 30, December 7 and December 14 (second dose). Springhill Lake Elementary School will have a mobile vaccination clinic from 3 to 8 p.m. on December 21 (first dose) and January 11 (second dose).

A list of all of the schools with clinics is available at mypgc.us/COVIDvaccine. Appointments are encouraged, though walk-ins will be accepted. Individuals younger than 18 receiving vaccinations must have a parent or legal guardian complete the Vaccine Consent Form for Minors and the Parental Delegation Form Authorizing the Immunization of a Minor. Forms can be found online here: princegeorgescountymd. gov/3730/COVID-19-Vaccine. Vaccines are also available at area pediatrician's offices.

### 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.

The next local blood drive will be held on Friday, November 12 from 12:30 to 6 p.m. at the Community Center, 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).

### **November Mindfulness**

Before the busy holiday season gets started, why not take some time and prepare properly for the coming rush. In an upcoming Zoom session on Sunday, November 14, Katrina Boverman will lead a guided meditation and mindfulness practice. Throughout Boverman's career as a social worker and with Mishkan Torah Sisterhood, she has guided and empowered hundreds of people to slow down, become quiet, go within and experience a bit more peace. Start the holiday season peacefully - fellow shoppers will appreciate it. The Zoom meeting goes from 1:30 to 3 p.m. To get the link, send an email to events@greenbeltunplugged.org.

### Menstrual Items Donations Continue

Show your support for girls and women in need. The Greenbelt Alliance for Reproductive Freedom (GARF), a city recognition group, continues its bra and menstrual product donation drive through Tuesday, November 30. Beneficiary organizations include the nonprofits Shepherd's Cove Emergency Shelter for Women and Children in Capitol Heights and I Support the Girls, which coordinates the direct delivery of supplies on an as-needed basis to organizations serving women and girls. Drop off new or clean, gently used bras of any size or type and new sealed menstrual products in the collection bins at the Co-op Supermarket, the New Deal Café, Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center and the Youth Center throughout November. Stop by the Coop on Saturday, November 13 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. to learn more about the drive and GARF. Donation receipts can be available. For more information, email greenbeltarf@gmail.com. Those who prefer to make a monetary donation, can do so through I Support the Girls at bit. ly/ISTGxGreenbeltARF.

### Legion Post Hosts Health Screenings

Residents living in and around Greenbelt can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 will host this community event on Thursday, November 18.

Screenings can check for the following: (1) the level of plaque buildup in arteries, related to risk for cardiovascular disease, stroke and overall vascular health; (2) HDL and LDL cholesterol levels; (3) diabetes risk; (4) bone density as a risk for possible osteoporosis; (5) kidney and thyroid function, and more.

There is a fee for screenings; consultants will work with participants to create a package that is right for them based on age and risk factors. Call 1-877-237-1287 or visit the website at lifelinescreening.com. Preregistration is required.

### Beltway Plaza Honors Billy Owens Smith, Jr.

There will be a Wall of Fame Induction Reception to honor Billy Owens Smith, Jr. on Friday, November 12 from 7 to 8 p.m. The Wall of Fame Hallway can be found at the TJ Maxx entrance to Beltway Plaza, 6000 Greenbelt Road.

The Beltway Plaza Merchants' Association will honor Billy Smith, in recognition of his years of service to the Greenbelt community as mentor to youth and friend to all. Among his many contributions to his fellow man, Billy was a longtime football, basketball and baseball coach for the Boys and Girls Club. To honor Billy Smith his portrait and biography will grace the Wall of Fame because he was a true Hero in every aspect of the term.

Bring non-perishable canned or boxed food items or a financial contribution to the reception as an expression of respect for Billy's legacy to be donated to Help By Phone food pantry at the Greenbelt Community Church.

More information can be found at beltwayplazamall.com.

RSVP Janubi Devendra 301-440-1395 or Jdevendra@quantumco.net. Masks are required.

### CHEARS Offers Food For Life Class at Park

Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS) is sponsoring a nutrition and cooking class from the award-winning Food for Life Program, Foods to Fight Diabetes, developed by Physicians Committee of Responsible Medicine, on Saturday, November 13.

The program 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 session will run from 4 to 5:15 p.m. The class 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.

## Utopia Film Fest Sponsors Reel and Meal: Lesson Plan

On Monday, November 15 at 7 p.m. Reel and Meal will feature Lesson Plan, sponsored by the Utopia Film Festival. Lesson Plan is a riveting documentary that tells the story of a 1967 California world history classroom experiment that demonstrated how the Nazis manipulated German citizens during WWII.

This film shows how easily group dynamics can be transformed into group control. To teach about the appeal of fascism, teacher Ron Jones created a classroom setting in which the students became immersed in extremist group behavior. The slogan "Strength through Discipline" was introduced. Membership cards were distributed. Salutes became part of the group behavior. The experiment soon got out of Jones' control as the students became aggressive zealots of unquestioned group-think behavior. In this film the original students and teacher share their experience and the lessons they learned in a class dubbed "The Third Wave."

Director Philip Neel and Associate Producer Mark Hancock will lead the discussion following the screening.

### Live and Zoom

The film and discussion afterward will be held with both a live audience at the New Deal Café and virtually via Zoom. Registration is required of virtual participants at tinyurl.com/ReelnMealNov. Masks will be required for the live viewing.

### Bicycle Repair Station Up, Running at GHI

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.

Note that the Café has a UV filter installed in the ductwork that is designed to kill viruses and other pathogens to make the inside air safer.

The special optional vegan meal available at the Co-op supermarket is Asian-inspired Macro Vegetarian's Shanghai dumplings and sesame noodles with steamed broccoli. To order call the deli at 301-474-0522 by 1 p.m. on Monday for pickup between 4 and 7 p.m. Meals also can be purchased at the Café.

The Reel and Meal at the New Deal is a monthly film series focused on environmental, social justice and animal rights issues, presented by the Utopia Film Festival and the Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition. For more information contact Frank Gervasi at frankrgervasi@gmail.com.

## Porch Greenbelt Food Collection Schedule

Porch Greenbelt Food Collection is continuing its successful program to collect food in the month of November. Leave items out by 3 p.m. on Sunday, November 14 for Woodland Hills; by 11 a.m. on Sunday, November 14 at the 1 to 8 Courts Ridge, 1 to 8 Courts Crescent and 1 to 2 Courts Westway; between 2 and 4 p.m. on Sunday, November 21 for all of Boxwood Village; and between 9 and 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 27 for 14 and 15 Courts Laurel Hill.

As a reminder, place donations in a box or bag labelled PORCH or RUAK on the front porch or other location that can be seen from the road. Also, make sure to check the expiration dates on food items.

Welcome to volunteers who would expand Porch Greenbelt to additional neighborhoods in Greenbelt. Anyone with questions or an interest in becoming a volunteer or starting a new neighborhood for monthly food collection may contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler at spreadruak@gmail.



### Greenbelt Access Television Nov 12, Fri – Nov 18, Thu

Verizon FIOS Channel 19 • Comcast 77 (School Programming on Your Cable Guide) Streaming on www.greenbeltaccesstv.org

THIS WEEK on GATe • Your Community Access Station

7am	Greenbelt Newsreel	Local Community Programming		
8am	Democracy Now!	Yesterday's Syndicated Program		
9am	Utopia Film Festival	Selected Films From Past Festivals		
11am	Greenbelt Newsreel	Local Community Programming		
Noon	Democracy Now!	Today's Syndicated Program		
1pm	PGCPS Science Bowl	MLK Jr v Robert Goddard Middle		
2pm	Music at the New Deal	Black Masala • DC Brass • Bhanga • Funk		
3pm	Utopia Film Festival	Selected Films From Past Festivals		
5pm	PGCPS Science Bowl	MLK Jr v Robert Goddard Middle		
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## Greenbelt Pioneers Continue Their Annual Gatherings

by Marshall Gerstel

On October 3, children of the Greenbelt first families from 1938 met in Reston, Va., at the home of Marshall and Susan Gerstel who lived at 16-A Ridge Road from 1938 to 1972. Our group has been meeting semiannually and annually since the Greenbelt 50-year reunion in 1987 in various locations, mostly in Ocean City, Md.

The original members of the group were 15 boys who attended Greenbelt Center and Saint Hugh Elementary Schools. They belonged to the Cub and Boy Scouts and the Greenbelt Boys Club teams of baseball, basketball and football. They were also regular members of the teen club called the Drop-Inn and the club, DeMolay.

As youths we took our wagons to the Co-op Grocery Store and competed to carry groceries home for overburdened shoppers, earning five cents a trip. We also set duck pins in the bowling alley underneath the grocery store for a nickel a frame. During the summers we planted and watered trees along Southway and picked up papers and trash around the pool for free admission. During the war we saved paper, tin cans and cooking grease for the war relief. We also spent many hours with our victory gardens along 21 Ridge Road.

Many of us spent the summers at the Greenbelt pool earning our lifeguard certificates. On weekends we looked forward to enhancing our social graces at the Drop-Inn, meeting girls and learning to dance. On vacation



From left, Greenbelt pioneers Joe Houser, Linda Howev, John Flynn, Joann Flynn, Jackie Havens, Susan Gerstel, and Marshall Gerstel gather at the Gerstels' residence in Reston.

breaks in high school, we rented experiences. the cabins at Camp Rapidan in Virginia.

We have stayed in touch through high school, college, military service and our working careers spanning the globe.

We are looking forward to our next reunion - be it in Ocean City, Annapolis, California, a sea cruise or back in Reston, the other planned community.

We welcome hearing from other children of Greenbelt pioneers and would like to share

Attending this year's reunion were Linda Howey and Joe Houser, John and Joann Flynn, Jackie Havens and Marshall and Susan Gerstel. Included virtually were John Schaffer, Donald Walker and Harvey Goldstein.

Missing from our original group (rest in peace) were Joe Carstens, Buddy Attick, Joe Mac Schubert, Mike Cockill, Teddy Havens, John Bonner, Elmer Hershberger, Larry Holien, Bruce MacEwan and Buddy Gierch.

### MMUMC Hosts Spaghetti and Music

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church (MMUMC) will host its Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, November 13 from 5 until 7 p.m. The dinner will include garlic bread, salad, spaghetti with meat or vegetarian sauce and a dessert. Call the office at 301-474-9410 to reserve dinner. Dinner reservations must be received by Thursday, November 11 with pickup at the Ridge Road entrance.

That same evening, beginning at 7:30 p.m., MMUMC will host The Exquisite Hour concert. A kaleidoscopic collection of vocal and instrumental masterpieces composed by men and women from the Euro-American musical worlds will be featured. This live recital will be jointly presented by Oznur Tuluoglu (soprano), Joanna Choi (violin) and Jie Fang Goh (piano) from the University of Maryland. They are excited to bring the wonderful music of Debussy, Poldowski, Schumann, Brahms, Bernstein, Grieg and many others to the hearts and minds of the Greenbelt community. In accordance with CDC guidelines, masks and social distancing will be required and seating will be limited for this event. A donation will be appreciated.



Congratulations to Melissa Sites and Amy Hansen who placed first and second in the Celebrate Guilford Woods Art, Photography and Writing Contest. Guilford Woods is a forested area in College Park threatened by development, which is now on hold. The contest organizers wanted to call attention to the woods and their special features. View the online exhibition here: https:// tinyurl.com/ynet5xtj.

Share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to editor@ greenbeltnewsreview.com.





During the pandemic, we gather VIRTUALLY for Liturgy of the Word Sundays, 10:00 a.m.

of GREENBELT

**ALL ARE WELCOME!** 

For ZOOM link:

FDeBernardo@aol.com

"In all circumstances one should seize upon every means which will promote security and tranquility among the peoples of the world." - Bahá'u'lláh



### Greenbelt Bahá'í Community

www.greenbeltbahais.org

### **Obituaries**

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or pres-

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

### Greenbelt BAPTIST CHURCH

Christ-centered Biblical

& Reformed

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am

Sunday School 9:15am

Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00pm

101 Greenhill Rd. Greenbelt, MD www.greenbeltbaptist.org









And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name (Jesus) under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.

Acts 4:12



**IN PERSON Sunday Worship Services** 10a-11:15a @ Greenbelt Elementary School

MCFcc.org





www.sthughofgrenoble.org

**Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church** 40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors

Find us on f facebook.com/mowattumc

**Reverend Rivera, Pastor** 

Saturday, November 14, livestream concert https://youtu.be/-WzVfOI0F3c

301-474-9410

In-Person Worship Service 9:30 a.m.



that respects tradition and becomes your extended family in the 21st century. Friday evening services at 8:00pm Saturday morning services at 10:00am

All services and activities are currently virtual For further information, call (301) 474-4223 www.mishkantorah.org Affiliated with these movements: Conservative and Reconstructing Judaism

### Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi Phone: 301-937-3666



Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

November 14 10 a.m.

### When the Spirit Says Move, Move! Seeking the Warmth of Other Suns

Lula Beatty

Zoom video at https://zoom.us/j/93495780708

with Worship Associate Polly Pettit

Following on our November theme of Belonging, the Diversity Anti-Racism Transformation Team will discuss their book-read: The Warmth of Other Suns: the Epic Story of America's Great Migration, by Isabel Wilkerson. This is the story of the decades-long migration of black citizens who fled the South for northern and western cities, in search of a better life.

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 Notes**

Fallen officer Corporal Christine Peters was honored with a memorial sign installed on Kenilworth Avenue.

City staff energetically supported city election activities. Street Maintenance/Special Details installed signage and banners, afterwards removing them and the sets of campaign signs posted at various locations. The Community Center provided venue and logistical support. Park rangers tended to everyone's comfort at Schrom Hills.

Animal Control set traps for two stray cats, rescued a cat stuck inside a car engine and removed a snake from the Community Center. Shelter residents are four dogs, five cats, a kitten and a rabbit.

Refuse/Recycling collected 27.42 tons of refuse and 11.61 tons of recyclables.

Building Maintenance's bucket truck operator supported the Community Center's painting project and Public Works fired up the heat in the Youth Center and Fitness Center.

Artist-in-Residence Rachel Cross led an Artful Afternoon workshop.

Therapeutic Recreation facilitated delivery of frozen meals to 21 home-bound seniors.

Park rangers monitored Halloween activity at city parks.

### Bakery Offers Cookies To Golden Agers

Greenbelt Recreation Senior Programs has partnered with Janubi Devendra, director of marketing at Beltway Plaza, to celebrate the Golden Age Club members' birthdays. Beltway Plaza is offering a \$5 gift certificate to Heaven's Bakery (inside Beltway Plaza) to Golden Age Club members during their birthday month. Members receive their choice of cookies up to \$5; if they go over the \$5, they would pay the difference.

Members receive their certificate by mail or can pick it up from Rebekah Sutfin at the Community Center.

### New Dog Park Ceremony Nov. 13

Franklin Park management will hold a Leash-cutting Ceremony and mural painting party for their new Dog Park located on Edmonston Road in what was previously the old tennis court area on Saturday, November 13 from noon to 4 p.m.

### **Scouting for Food**

Greenbelt Cub Scouts Pack 202 have extended their nonperishable food collection during this year's Scouting for Food event. Collection boxes will remain in place until the morning of Saturday, November 20.

### 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@greenbeltmd.gov or call 301-345-6660.



# 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.

### **VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER 11–19**

Thursday, November 11 at 7:30pm, SPECIAL MEETING/ CLOSED SESSION – CITY MANAGER EVALUATION, See Official Notice below

Monday, November 15 at 8:00pm, **WORK SESSION – POLICE REFORM,** Virtual meeting will be shown on Verizon 21,
Comcast 71 and 996, and streaming at greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

Tuesday, November 16 at 7:00pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES**, *On the Agenda: Review Past Meeting Minutes*, *Old Business. New Business* 

Wednesday, November 17 at 7:30pm, PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD, On the Agenda:

Approve June 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes, Council Liaison Update, Recognition Group Policy, American Rescue Plan Act, Buddy Attick Lake Park - Water Ponding at LCD Entrance, Recreation Amenities in Greenbelt Station, Buddy Attick Lake Park Master Plan, Beltway Plaza Redevelopment, NRP Development Update, Recreation Department Update, Election of Officers, Meeting Dates and Meeting Location – In person vs. Zoom

Wednesday, November 17 at 7:30pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD MEETING**, On the Agenda: Approval of Minutes of November 3, 2021, Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Update, New Business

Wednesday, November 17 at 8:00pm, **WORK SESSION – COUNCIL RULES AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS,**Virtual meeting will be shown on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and streaming at greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

Thursday, November 18 at 6:00pm, **BOARD OF ELECTIONS**, *On the Agenda: 2021 Post-Election Review* 

Thursday, November 18 at 7:30pm, **COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD,** On the Agenda: Welcome,
Introductions & Community Pledge, Approval of the Minutes, Update
on Status of the Winter Festival Recommendations, Debrief from
Recent Community/Police Relations Forums, CRAB Ear to the
Ground, Other Topics to Raise

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@greenbeltmd.gov. This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000. For information on public participation for the virtual meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at greenbeltmd.gov.

### **OFFICIAL NOTICE**

In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, a closed session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Thursday, November 11, at 7:30pm virtually by Zoom, to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

The purpose of this meeting will be the performance evaluation of the City Manager.

\*The public may attend the Special Meeting prior to the closed session, and observe the vote of Council to move into closed session on Thursday, November 11, 2021.

Shaniya Lashley-Mullen, Assistant to the City Clerk

### 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
- Youth Advisory Committee

For more information call 301-474-8000



## GREENBELT MORTGAGE AND HOA FEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

You must live within the City Limits of Greenbelt

Up to \$10,000 for Mortgage and/or HOA fee assistance per household

Must show financial hardship due to COVID-19 Homeowners must be delinquent and/or in

forbearance for at least 3 months For guidelines and application, email Cares@greenbeltmd.gov

or call 301-345-6660

### **MONTHLY ART SHARE**

Friday, November 19 7:00pm Greenbelt Community Center, Ground Floor East



Meet up with fellow artists for a constructive, informal discussion of everyone's work. For teens and adults. Bring 1-3 pieces in any medium. All experience levels welcome. FREE!

For more information, visit greenbeltmd.gov/arts



### **2021 GOBBLE WOBBLE**

Thursday, November 25 9:00am Greenbelt Youth Center

Join us for the Gobble Wobble Family Fun Run & Walk, a Thanksgiving morning community tradition.

Participants meet at the Greenbelt Youth Center and the course takes them on the Buddy Attick Park lake path.

Get some exercise before your Thanksgiving feast!

No race day registration. Pre-registration required.
Participants receive a Gobble Wobble shirt.
Medals for top male & female finishers and youth participants.

Individual: \$20; Family 4-Pack: \$70

Race Packet Pick-Up:

Wednesday, November 24 9:00am–8:00pm at Youth Center

To register, visit https://bit.ly/31xiBge Questions? Call 301-397-2200

Weather & information hotline: 301-474-0646

## INDIAN CREEK TRAIL CLEANUP

Sunday, November 21 10:00am Indian Creek Trail, Greenbelt, MD

In partnership with: Department of Public Works

Register at https://bit.ly/3wqeaPM

## VOLUNTEER AT THE ART AND CRAFT FAIR



December 3–5 Greenbelt Community Center and Youth Center

Help welcome back the artists and guests!

Sign-up online at https://bit.ly/3bx9E8v

Ceramic bells by Cathy Hoover Groen

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## ATTENTION Greenbelt Residents!

Please complete our Community Questionnaire

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## Legion Presents New Flags To SHL Elementary School

On Monday, November 1, Councilmember Silke Pope noticed that the flags outside Springhill Lake Elementary School needed to be replaced. She asked Greenbelt Legion Commander Mike Moore if the Legion could help.

On Friday, November 5, Moore and Legion Chaplain John Hill presented new U.S. and Maryland flags to Springhill Lake Elementary Principal Trena Wilson and Special Ed Coordinator Chris Wichtendahl. The new flags are flying proudly in front of the school. The retired flags were taken back to Post 136 for dignified disposal.



From left, Post 136 Chaplain John Hill and Commander Mike Moore, Principal Trena Wilson, Special Ed Coordinator Chris Wichtendahl and Councilmember Silke Pope display the flag.

## 2021 Co-op Cassels Award Goes to Reel and Meal Films

by Cathie Meetre

At the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy's annual meeting on November 6, Cassels Award Committee Chair Donna Hoffmeister announced the winner for 2021. Presented by Cassels' son Fred, the community service award went to the Reel and Meal film series to assist in their ongoing presentations of socially responsible and illuminating documentaries as part of the New Deal Café's programming.

Receiving the award, Frank Gervasi said how viewing these documentaries had been, for him, a life-changing educational experience. In the 14 years since this program began, about 50 to 70 people attend each month, with a vegan meal available for purchase and a spirited discussion after the film. Gervasi spoke of the documentary to be shown on Monday, November 15 at 7:30 p.m., which will be available both in person and over Zoom. Entitled Lesson Plan, and previously shown in the Reel and Meal, it documents a high school teacher's experiment in teaching students about the growth of fascism and the scarily topical result of his lesson among a class of students who are only too ready to quickly take up the

mantles prescribed for them by the teacher. Gervasi also spoke of the many contributions attendees have made over the years to help others in the community (the movies themselves are at no charge but donations are accepted).

### Retrospective

Last year's award winners were represented by Fasia Hardy of Prince George's Collaborative Resolution Center, who recounted that the program funded by last year's award involved over 220 Greenbelters who participated in collaborative listening and conflict resolution classes. She was impressed, she said, by how the program grew itself, with parents involving kids and kids involving other kids. Even though the year is over, the discussions continue on Facebook.

The Jim Cassels Award commemorates Cassels' sterling service to cooperatives in Greenbelt, where, among other things, he was instrumental in the rescue of the Co-op store itself during its 1984 crisis. Each year the award goes to fund a socially responsible initiative by a local organization.

A Review

## Cymbeline, a Sensory Feast At Greenbelt Arts Center

by Melissa Sites

The Rude Mechanicals were back in person at Greenbelt Arts Center for a live staging of Shakespeare's Cymbeline, a fairy tale that works its way toward a complicated happy ending.

One thing I didn't know I was missing during quarantine was the sensory experience of being in the presence of luxurious costumes - the physical reality of costume elements, instead of virtual filters. The dress worn with great panache by Katie Wanschura as Imogen was a fabulous cloud of pink satiny fabric that flowed and swept as she controlled the stage in true princess fashion. Another beautiful piece was a cloak first worn by Imogen's true love, Posthumus (Erin MacDonald), and then as a disguise by Cloten (Spencer Dye, also the costume designer). Another great choice was the soft, fluffy unicorn pajama suit worn by Stephen Duda as Kid in the Princess Bride-style frame narrative, effectively conveying comfort and coziness.

It was lovely to see actors reacting to one another in real time, without the delays and mediation of the virtual screen. Because the audience was safely distanced at half capacity, the play was cut to a manageable length with a 15-minute intermission and all present remaining masked throughout (the actors wore masks bearing their character names!), the production was well within safety tolerances. All audience members showed their vaccine cards and submitted their information for contact tracing.

With the company's familiar playfulness, The Queen (Melissa Schick) put King Cymbeline (Jaki Demarest) under her spell. Though the king has the title role, Imogen is the central character as she struggles to maintain her dignity and integrity as plots and betrayals swirl dangerously around her. As a servant loyal to both Posthumus and Imogen,



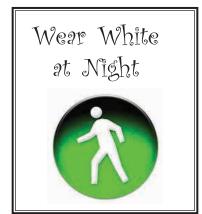
From left, Imogen (Katie Wanschura) and Posthumus (Erin Mac-Donald) perform in Cymbeline.

Pisanio (Sarah Pfanz) lends emotional weight to possibly confusing turns of the play. Erin Nealer's streamlined cut strips out all the gods and most Romans, paring down the story to a giant family reunion.

The scenic flats forming the backdrop were ingeniously designed by Alan Duda to fold out like the pages of a book. The fold-down tavern bar reminded me of a pop-up book construction and worked perfectly every time. Even the tankards rode along on s-hooks hanging from the support chains. The box, a key element of the play used by the treacherous Iachimo (Evan Ockershausen) to infiltrate Imogen's bedroom, was clever and believable in this

production. Pfanz sold the heaviness of the box, and the design of the set allowed for another great practical effect.

According to the director's note, with Cymbeline the Rude Mechanicals have now produced all of Shakespeare's plays - one more piece of evidence of Greenbelt's healthy arts community (Camp Encore also did this less well-known play at Greenbelt Arts Center). The Rudes built a fun refrain into the tavern scenes which paid off in their final bow: as the resident company, they will continue to provide innovative staging's of classic theater repertoire for our community. "They'll be here!"





Fall colors have begun to appear at the Greenbriar pond near Schrom Hills Park.



## Farmers Market Survives Gushers Becoming the Only Show in Town

by Cathie Meetre

Early Sunday morning, November 7, the impact cushioned, perhaps, by the clocks falling backwards, early-bird Board Member Jeff Lemieux warned Market Manager Frances Ippoliti that a broken water main was gushing through the Farmers Market location in the parking lot between Roosevelt Center and the Community Center. Ippoliti notified the Greenbelt Farmers Market board, whose available members gathered to strategize. Vendors were already on their way from as far as 100 miles away, so the fight or flight decision had to be made quickly.

With a gusher of water flowing through the end of the market where the information tent usually goes and another distributary channel flowing across the end toward the Community Center, the site looked more like the Nile Delta than a respectable suburban parking lot. Water-patterned silt and trails of washed pebbles marked the torrent's course. Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) vehicles and machinery were already onsite, but the cascade had not yet abated.

### A Talented Team

Board members Carissa Ralbovsky and Brianna Boylan arrived early, joining first-comer vendors to re-engineer the layout. According to Ralbovsky, Roy of Roy and RT's delicious Malaysian cooking and Julie of Zeke's wonderfully aromatic coffee deserve a shout-out for their help in coordinating the vendors in their respective rows, shuffling and shifting to accommodate tents from the flooded areas. Joined by Ippoliti the Intrepid (who had been busily contacting vendors) and the regular group of scheduled set-up volunteers, the market group stood its ground. They quickly restructured the layout in a "Just in Time" flanking maneuver that would have done Special Forces credit. With the city flags by the market entrance at half-mast in remembrance of Colin Powell, one could be forgiven for perhaps imagining that the general himself was exerting a benevolent and disciplined influence.

### The Show Goes On

While the layout was a tad cozier than usual, all incoming vendors were accommodated and the show was on. By 9:45 a.m., the torrent had been controlled by WSSC so visitors didn't have to wade through the market, though the street remained muddy and visitors had to seek alternative entrances because the road into the parking lot was blocked off.

### **Center Merchants**

Elsewhere in Roosevelt Center, the Co-op was closed - unlike the market, water is essential to its operations and staff had returned home. Businesses and organizations remained closed until they received an all-clear sometime after 2 p.m. The New Deal Café, Old Greenbelt Theatre and Co-op were all in full swing before 4 p.m. as staff arrived and Co-op's General Manager Dan Gillotte was observed shuttling rapidly between the Co-op and the New Deal to be on the spot as both operations came up to speed. The Mini-Mart and the Beijing Restaurant were still closed at that time.

Despite WSSC's return of services to those affected, the water main itself was still encircled by work vehicles and a brightyellow backhoe. One imagines that permanent repairs may take some time and potentially cause more disruption before the work is finished.

> Alex Barnes uses a broom to push flood waters into a storm drain at the entrance to the Farmers Market on Sunday, November 7. The flood came from a water main break at Crescent and Southway.



WSSC is on the scene with machinery to tackle the flood, which was controlled around 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, November 7.



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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



## Returning ERHS Students Learn The Roosevelt Way

by Anne Gardner

The Roosevelt Way is a set of values inspired by Eleanor Roosevelt that has helped to shape the unique culture of Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS). One of the many challenges facing the school administration this year is that about half of the approximately 2,600 students are new to the building after a year of online study and need to absorb the school culture and traditions along with their academic classes.

When asked how this is going, Assistant Principal Avery Taylor thinks for a while and then responds, "It's not going badly, but it's very different." At the end of last year, he was acutely aware that they would have to introduce not just the new ninthgraders but also the 10th-graders to the culture of the school. Now he is realizing that only the seniors have experienced all the traditions of the end of the school year, since the current juniors had their freshman year cut short when everything moved online in March 2020.

Taylor comments that the noise and energy levels seem low this year, not just at ERHS but at neighboring high schools too. He thinks this might be partly due to the masks, but mostly because the students are spaced just four to a table in the cafeteria, with some students outside when weather permits. The atmosphere in the cafeteria is not as vibrant as it used to be, without the socializing and games that were typically enjoyed at lunch.

Senior Avery Gardner is seeing very little of the usual high school interpersonal drama. Students missed out on a year of developing relationships while they were online. Now that they are in person, many are avoiding interacting with students they don't know, because they are worried about safety and vaccination status. Clubs are not taking place in person because the school is closed for cleaning after the end of classes. Some clubs have continued online, but it is not the same.

ERHS typically has a unique and very welcoming culture. In the late 1990s, then-principal Dr. Gerald Boarman instituted a Community of Caring program based on five core values modeled by Eleanor Roosevelt. Staff and students worked together on the program to build a positive school climate, and called it The Roosevelt Way. School administrators continue to work to instill the values of this program in each incoming class.

The school held an essay contest at that time to define the program. It took place in celebration of Eleanor Roosevelt's birthday on October 11, and the winner was Kim Malinowski, who is now a published poet (her work Home is available on Amazon). Her winning essay appears in the FAQs on the school website, and has also been reprinted here with permission from the school and from the author.

The Roosevelt Way, by Kim Malinowski

The Roosevelt Way is not a motto, it is not a cheer, it is not a theory, and it is no longer a



From left, Divya Chappa, Anya Wilkinson, Tasi Tabassum and Melannie Valenzuela enjoy lunch outside Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The PTSA just raised eough funds to buy two tents, so that lunch can take place outside even when the weather is bad.

simple goal. It isn't a dream, and it isn't a principle, it's a way of life, and nothing to do with the Great Depression. So, what is the Roosevelt Way? The Roosevelt Way includes respect and responsibility, it encompasses trust and caring and it is the common thread that links us in a chain that will never end. It is a winning attitude and it is a way to live our lives to the fullest. It allows us to follow our paths and respect others on theirs, and on a good day, it lets us help those who have stumbled along

It's a senior pointing a freshman in the right direction, a popular student defending an outcast; it's the weakest student doing their very best to learn, no matter what obstructs them. The Roosevelt Way knows no defeat, only triumph. When the football team loses and we shout, "good game" to the victors, that is The Roosevelt Way. It is a smile to brighten up someone's day. It's that hug you get from all your friends when you flunk your AP

Chemistry test, and it is The Roosevelt Way when they offer to tutor you and help you out. It's baking cookies to greet the new members of the marching band, and it is accepting the old as friends to the new.

The Roosevelt Way is all accepting and hurtful to none. It is teamwork and dedication, and it is knowing that at the end of the day you could do no better. It has little to do with academics but rather spirit. For every A, there is a D, but in the end, it is the student who might not have made the grade, but learned in the process that will succeed.

There are many hard lessons learned in Roosevelt, and our way helps us to learn. We share a bond like no one else; we really do care about the others. If one of us is hurt, we all feel the pain; we are a community and more importantly a family. The Roosevelt Way is based on values and fundamental principles but it is summed up in trying your best

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## Candidate Alex Zajac Sends Open Letter on Election Issues

by Cathie Meetre

Candidate Alexander Zajac has sent an open letter to the Greenbelt City Council and, in particular, to the Board of Elections which he called on to resign en masse. The letter complains about the schedule and process for mail-in voting. He assures the recipients that he is not contesting the outcome of the election, in which he placed secondto-last. (William Orleans, another unsuccessful candidate, protested the same things at the charter meeting of the new council – see council story on page 1).

Zajac's complaint centers on incorrect and incomplete information distributed by the city, leading to confusion among voters as to when the deadline was to request a mail-in ballot and what the instructions were.

Specifically, Zajac complains that whereas the city charter sets the closing date for applications for mail-in ballots as noon the day prior to the election, the initial mailing by the city to registered voters stated that September 27 was the last day to request them, as did the city website and subsequently this newspaper. He complained to the city clerk on October 4 and received a ruling from City Solicitor Todd Pounds on October 8, which went to all certified candidates, stating that the September 27 date was merely guidance and "is not mandatory and does not in any way foreclose a voter's right or ability to use the mail-in method." Za-jac forwarded Pounds' memorandum to the News Review which included the updated information in an article in the October 14 issue.

### **Voters Confused**

Zajac quotes a number of voters who had thrown away mail-in materials because they thought they were too late to submit them. Postings by the city also stated that materials could be scanned or faxed for submission electronically, but gave no instructions for doing so.

Zajac also complained that additional drop box locations were not publicized and that there was a delay in sending out the mailin ballots. Ballots were mailed over several days in three batches organized by precinct and last name – which Zajac considers discriminatory. Some mail-in ballots arrived after October 28. He also noted that instructions were provided in English only and were unclear.

Zajac calls for the immediate resignation of every member of the Board of Elections and for council to investigate the conduct of the election.





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He quoted Dr. Martin Luther King, saying, "One must take a position that is not safe, nor politic, nor popular but one must take it because conscience tells him it is right."

He pointed out that Greenbelt hadn't elected a Black councilmember until 2009 even though many other local jurisdictions had done so much earlier, and said how encouraged he was to see three members of color now on council. He was pleased that the city, as a result of the voting, was a big step closer to reparations.

After stating that the Greenbelt police force has dozens of fine police officers, he said that Greenbelt has had a reputation among some African Americans in this city and county that there are a handful of individuals (presumably in the police force) whose obvious friendliness to some in the city sharply contrasted with suspicion or aggression toward others, noting that "we are on the verge of passing police reform."

Finally, he acknowledged that in his tenure as mayor, he had sometimes let his frustrations and passions overcome him and felt he could have done a better job of bridging divides. He apologized for some of his actions and statements that were made out of passion.

In a lengthy analogy, the former mayor emphasized how much stronger a forest was if the trees in it were diverse in age – presumably referring to the younger average age of council since the election. He then thanked the people of Greenbelt, even those who opposed him, in his continuing tree metaphor, for shining the light he needed to grow and for the pruning that helps him to grow.

Three other councilmembers took the opportunity to speak, each confining themselves to a short statement.

Ric Gordon thanked Greenbelt for allowing him to serve. He pledged all of himself to the service of council, saying he would be constantly "thinking of you and how to serve you better." He hoped that residents would come together and grow together as one city. He exhorted the members of council to come together collectively for the benefit of all in the city.

Silke Pope also thanked voters for the opportunity to represent them and to many friends for their support as she ran for council, saying that nobody wins an election alone. She wanted everyone to feel welcome in this diverse community and noted that though everyone may not always agree, by working together they can achieve their goals. She hoped that council could come together and bring civility and respect back to the meetings.

Judith Davis expressed herself grateful for re-election to her 15th term on council. She thanked her committee, city staff and all the candidates who presented ideas and viewpoints on how to make Greenbelt even better. She too praised the new council's diversity in geography, race and gender. She thanked retired councilmembers Edward Putens and Leta Mach for their long service.

Davis felt that the "new normal" will be formed by everybody in Greenbelt, including council, and that "we must use our resources wisely even as we celebrate and look forward."

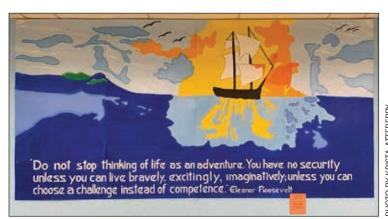
### **Vote Protest**

In a jarring departure from the measured calm of the proceedings, William Orleans, a perennially unsuccessful candidate for council and frequent speaker at council meetings, complained of inequitable voting opportunity, peculiar mail-in process, poor understanding with the U.S. Postal Service and that the machines provided didn't confirm the count at the start or at the conclusion of the election. Orleans persisted in speaking despite attempts to keep him to a three-minute limit, multiple assurances that he would be heard at the appropriate time and place, and despite multiple requests from Jordan to desist. In fact, Orleans only stopped when overtaken by a hasty motion to adjourn.

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and doing unto others as they would do to you. So it's a fundamental principle, the difference is that others theorize about the possibility and talk about it being impossible, while we do. We beat the odds, and hang in there through the rough times. Things go wrong, and they change, but we change too.

The Roosevelt Way isn't stifling, it allows us to grow and flourish. It is the lifeblood of the school and it is in our name. We all have pride but we set it aside to help others. We live each day to the fullest, savoring life and the beauty around us. The Roosevelt Way is a creed we live by; simple in theory and in practice, but difficult with the rising tide of the easy ways.



A mural in the school cafeteria features a quote by Eleanor Roosevelt.











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or damage from a roof that had previously leaked like a sieve. Treasurer Joe Timer pointed out that utility costs were down by \$25K as a result of the solar array. The board thanked Dorrie Bates, who coordinated the grant effort, and Steve Skolnik, who acted as project manager, for their successful and consistent help in bringing the project to completion.

### **Future Upgrades**

Gillotte confirmed that a number of other infrastructure projects would be under contemplation in the next few years to maintain the building and save on operating costs - with the HVAC and refrigeration a prime target. Member Leta Mach urged the Co-op to try to negotiate the purchase of the building, though she conceded that the owners probably knew they were onto a good thing and probably didn't want to sell. As noted in the past, although the Co-op pays rent for the building, they are also fully responsible for the upkeep of the structure.

### Covid-19 Lows

The lows were provided by Covid-19's effect on just about everything, which continues to affect store operations and costs. Gillotte noted that supply chain woes are worse now than what he called "the first hoarding phase." He gave as an example, that, for an order to their supplier comprising perhaps 1,000 items, typically between 980 and 998 of the items would arrive, but now they are lucky to get between 600 and 700 items and perhaps not as many of each as required. Some products (he mentioned Silk brand seasonal eggnog, as an example) can't even be made because the raw materials aren't available.

Covid-19 challenges, however, have also resulted in initiatives that will hopefully turn out to be a plus in the long term. Co-op is increasingly sourcing from local producers to backstop some of their more distributed suppliers. They've found a local dairy, a local meat producer and they're getting apples from Three Springs Farm (a Farmers Market vendor). They've also located a local baker of vegan cupcakes served in the Café (reporters note: very yummy!) and other goodies.

### **Kudos to Staff**

Gillotte also referred with warmth and appreciation to his staff who, he said, had consistently risen to the occasion despite their own fears and concerns. In this year's financial finale, the staff received \$30,000 in bonuses with additional contributions to their retirement plans - the first of either in some years. In the first few months of the pandemic, staff were awarded raises that are now permanent. Staff, with humor and energy, have supported the initiatives that made it easier for shoppers to get curbside service and create the infrastructure for serving the New Deal Café. Initiatives in staffing included higher wages and the incentivization of vaccinations.

### **Shout-out to Shoppers**

Gillotte was enthusiastic about Greenbelt and its community. He praised shoppers for their generosity, noting that over 6,000 bags of groceries had gone to the St. Hugh Food Pantry as a result of their joint program with Co-op. Jones echoed this praise, also thanking all those who had lent money or donated to help with the fund-raising effort for the roof and solar project. He noted that loan repayments for this year would be initiated soon. Mach reminded attendees that gifts to the St. Hugh's pantry of Co-op gift cards served both the recipients and the Co-op. In-kind pantry food distributions include only non-perishable items. Gift cards enable recipients to purchase fresh foods and dairy products while increasing Co-op revenues. Cash donations that go directly to the St. Hugh's pantry are also used by the pantry to purchase Co-op gift cards.

### A Complicated Year

Timer, in his financial report, noted that the year had been complicated and that this was implicit (and perhaps hard to follow) in the financial statements - inflating total income. Timer presented a picture where large amounts of money came and went that were not directly related to the sale of groceries. Grant money for the solar array finally arrived and the infusion of cash from the forgiven Paycheck Protection Program loan also swelled income, although the basic operations of the store ran at a loss. The store's balance sheet shows total assets of \$2.54 million – over 10.3 percent higher than last year.

### **Pharmacy**

Gillotte, in answer to a question, said that the pharmacy seemed to be holding its own after some difficult prior years, despite competition from the big chain pharmacy stores. He said the pharmacy was investigating possibilities for additional services with the potential to improve its financial position. The majority of the accounts receivable on the financial statement are anticipated payments from prescription insurance billings.

### **Dividends and Bonuses**

Timer acknowledged that the dividend to members and the bonuses were really more a reflection of the forgiven PPP loan and the state grant than of grocery store performance per se. A member asked whether these payments were justified in view of the fact that this additional cash wasn't going to continue. Timer said that the board felt that the infusion of cash had allowed it to significantly boost its reserves to a level that was safe and responsible and that though it might not happen again next year, a distribution of the surplus was justified. He noted that retained earnings had grown significantly - which is a measure of the store's ability to absorb the ups and downs of business in the future. In answer to a question, Jones noted that members were perfectly welcome to donate their patronage refunds back to the

### New Deal Relationship

The newly established relationship with their nearby sister cooperative, the New Deal Café, began only a week before the end of the fiscal year, so apart from startup costs, there was little effect on the financial position.

Gillotte was optimistic for the relationship, in which Co-op provides food and beverage services and the New Deal provides music and programming. He pointed out that Co-op did have the ability to terminate the relationship amicably should the venture not prove to be successful. He said that supply chain woes were also affecting the New Deal efforts, with cup lids, for example, currently unavailable.

### **Mutual Benefit**

As Co-op ramps up operations at the New Deal Café, Gillotte expects a two-way payoff to gradually emerge - with the fully equipped commercial kitchen in the New Deal able to extend the Co-op's offerings of prepared foods and carryout meals while the Co-op's access to large scale purchasing of food and beverages keeps operating costs lower for the Café. He alluded to the high level of activity that had been required to set up operations noting that even hiring staff had been tough in a competitive environment for food-service staff.

### **Incumbents Re-elected**

In the final act of the meeting, Jones and Timer, the two incumbents whose terms on the board of directors had expired, were re-elected. The board thanked the third candidate, Terry Burchick, for running, saying how important it was that new people continue to put their energies into the organization. In saying this, the board also encouraged volunteers to join a new committee on volunteering by contacting info@ greenbelt.coop.



## New Greenbelt Listings



### 19S Ridge Road \$225,000

A charming brick townhouse with enclosed porches in one of the most centrally located and charming courts in all of Old Greenbelt. Mini-splits, fresh carpeting, refinished floors and a galley kitchen with dishwasher.



### **UNDER CONTRACT** 24N Ridge Road \$185,000

Wide-style 2-bedroom end unit with stylish kitchen and bath updates, new energy-efficient through-the-wall AC unit and laundry machine, and a roomy shed, in a great in-town location that still manages to back to green space and community gardens. A special opportunity.

### Kim Kash

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Greenbelt Cooperative Grocery Store and Pharmacy					
Balance Sheet	2021	2020	% Change		
Cash & Equivalents	873,199	972,023	-10.2		
Accounts Receivable	134,304	99,718	34.7		
Inventories	564,800	561,487	0.6		
Deposit - Solar Energy Systems	335,272		N/A		
Total Current Assets	1,967,840	1,664,312	18.2		
Net fixed assets	474,009	528,241	-10.3		
Other assets	102,521	114,944	-10.8		
Total Assets	2,544,370	2,307,497	10.3		
Current Liabilities	556,334	361,510	53.9		
Roof Fund Loans Payable	349,400	349,400	0		
NCB PPP Bank Loan	0	358,535	N/A		
Total Liabilities	910,234	1,073,945	-15.2		
Total Member Capital	1,086,529	1,095,055	8		
Retained Earnings	547,607	138,497	295.4		
Total Equity	1,634,136	1,233,552	32.5		
Total Liabilities and Equity	2,544,370	2,307,497	10.3		
Statement of Income	2021	2020	% Change		
Total Sales	12,590,065	12,718,890	-1		
Cost of Sales	8,996,730	9,063,564	-0.7		
Gross Profit	3,593,335	3,655,326	-1.7		
Total expenses	3,818,856	3,597,620	6.1		
Operating income (loss)	-225,521	57,706	-490.8		
Net Other Income	641,478	206,429	210.7		
Income (Loss) before tax	415,957	264,135	57.5		
Income tax benefit	6,847	23,503	-70.9		
Net income (loss).	409,110	240,632	70.0		
Distributions					





Join Beltway Plaza in Honoring Billy Owens Smith, Jr. Friday, Nov. 12, 7 PM – 8 PM

> **Beltway Plaza Mall** Wall of Fame Corridor **Light Refreshments Served**

It is the distinct privilege of the Beltway Plaza Merchants' Association to honor Billy Smith, in recognition of his years of service to the Greenbelt community as mentor to youth and friend to all. Among his many contributions to the Greenbelt Community, Billy was a longtime football, basketball and baseball coach for the Boys and Girls Club. We honor Billy Smith by having his portrait and biography grace the Wall of Fame at Beltway Plaza because Billy was a true Hero in every sense of the word.

Please bring non-perishable canned or boxed food items or a financial contribution to the reception as an expression of respect for Billy's legacy to be donated to the Prince George's County Food Pantry.



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## Democratic Club Tackles Key HARRIS continued from page 1 Issues, Holds Board Elections

by Konrad Herling

While Democrats on a national level have voiced concern over the recent election's loss in Virginia and a near-loss in New Jersey, locally there is concern regarding the county council's redistricting of Prince George's County, as well as possible redistricting of our state legislative and congressional districts. The Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club's speaker for its membership meeting on Friday, November 19 at 7:30 p.m. will be Jo Ann Antoine from Common Cause to discuss this important

The next issue of interest and consequence that the Democratic Club will take on will be immigration from Afghanistan. Speaking at the club's meeting on Friday, December 17 at 7:30 p.m. will be Jill Marie Bussey, immigration attorney, advocate and director for public policy at Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, University of Baltimore School of Law serving the Washington D.C.-Baltimore area. Putting these two programs together has been the result of the programming committee, Chair Katy Pape and member Pat Wickersty.

Annual elections for the Roosevelt Democratic Club board of directors will also take place at the November 19 meeting. Currently running for president is Konrad Herling; running for the four vice presidential positions are Matt Inzeo, Joyce Gladstone, Pat Wickersty and Ric Gordon. Running to serve as treasurer is Emmett Jordan as club member. Austin Henry, who has served in this capacity brilliantly for years, is not running. Current Member-

ship Chair Sara Henry will not be continuing in this position and a club member is sought to run to fill this very important position. Currently serving as sergeants-atarms are Colin Byrd and Vince Wilding, both of whom are candidates to serve in that capacity. Currently serving as correspondence secretary and running to serve again for that position is Ryan Bradley.

Former Club Presidents J Davis, Emmett Jordan and Nicole Williams attend board meetings, as their knowledge of the club's history and of the community is invaluable. Davis, having been a member since the club's founding in 1976, serves as historian. However, Davis, Jordan and Williams do not have a vote on board

Any member of the club can also run for any of these positions. If interested, contact the club at rooseveltclub.com. Nominations can also be made at the November 19 meeting.

While the club's meetings over the last year have been exclusively on Zoom, the Greenbrian Community Building will be open for the November 19 meeting. Social distancing measures will be in place and masks will be required throughout the meeting. As a result, no food or drink will be provided. The Roosevelt Democratic Club is working to arrange for this meeting to be accessible via Zoom as well. Contact the club at 301-345-9369 if interested in attending the meeting to arrange for in-person seating or to receive the Zoom link. For more information, contact rooseveltclub. com or call 301-345-9369.



Persimmons on Ridge Road

### Send Us Your High Resolution Photos!

The News Review encourages readers to send in photos of Greenbelt landmarks, activities and the changing seasons. Photos should be at least 300 dpi, and must include the name of the photographer and a caption. The caption must name any identifiable people in the photo, as well as explain the picture.

If you are sending photos from your phone, please choose the option to send "actual size", or upload the photos to your computer first and then email the photos at full size. Send photos to editor@ greenbeltnewsreview.com.



Vice President Kamala Harris speaks in Building 29's Environmental Test Engineering and Integration facility at Goddard Space Flight Center on Friday, November 5.

Harris spoke of driving into the center and practically pushing her nose up against the glass because she was so eager to see Goddard. She toured integration and testing facilities in several buildings, learned about NASA's partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and U.S. Geological Survey, saw the first images from the recently launched Landsat 9 spacecraft and heard about some of Goddard's new and upcoming missions.

Then, in the echoing cavity of Building 29's Environmental Test Engineering and Integration facility, with pipe-covered ceilings three-stories high, catwalks lining the walls and wires covering every surface, Harris joined Senator Chris Van Hollen and NASA Administrator Bill Nelson to speak with a select and masked audience, as well as a larger audience watching NASA TV.

"Climate change is an existential threat and we must take immediate action to address it," said Harris. "We know our actions cannot be limited to what we can do on Earth."

Harris emphasized the work of the Goddard Space Flight Center, noting that the technologies developed at the center are working to help combat the climate crisis and provide valuable information about the condition of the Earth to scientists.

Launched in September, Landsat 9 has two instruments - the Operational Land Imager 2 and the Thermal Infrared Sensor 2. The sensor was built at Goddard, and measures the heat of the earth's surfaces from space. The spacecraft helps scientists to separate "human and natural causes of change," according to NASA's website.

"These satellites and sensors provide citizens and scientists with the data that they need to mitigate the impact [of climate change] and to adapt to the impact," said Harris. "These images can be used by scientists who are working to combat climate change head-on."

In addition to Landsat 9, Harris touched on the AIM Satellite Mission, which ended its work in 2020. Through partnership with NASA, students at Hampton University worked to study the satellite's information, as it tracked noctilucent clouds – rare clouds usually only visible on clear, summer nights - to see if there was a connection between the clouds and climate change.

'The primary goal of the AIM mission is to help scientists understand whether the clouds' nature and their variation over time is related to Earth's changing climate," according to AIMHamptionU.edu.

As the chair of the National Space Council, Harris will be holding an inaugural meeting on December 1 to discuss space priorities with other leaders. The meeting is the first under the Biden administration.

'Space activity is climate action," said Harris. "When it comes to our space activity, there is limitless potential. Let us continue to seize the opportunity of space."

Shannon Clark is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism reporting for the News



### PRELIMINARY AGENDA

### Meetings of the GHI & GDC Board of Directors on November 18, 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 21, 2021
- Consider Approval for the following contracts:
- Contract for Repairs to 69-K Ridge Rd 2nd reading  $\circ~$  Contract for Repairs to 4-H Ridge Rd - 2nd reading
- o Contract for Repairs to 60-H Crescent Rd -2nd reading
- · Request by a Non-Member to Reside in a Deceased Member's Unit · Request by a Member to Assign Their Unit to GHI
- Member Complaint Matters
- Member Financial Matters

### B. GDC Open Meeting begins at 7.45 p.m. (open to visitors and members)

- Election to Fill a Vacancy on the Board of Directors
- Consider Adoption of the GDC 2022 Operating Budget
- Property Management Agreement Between GDC and GHI

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

- Statements of Closed meetings held on November 4 and 18, 2021 • Approve Minutes of the Open Meeting Held on October 21, 2021
- Consider Adoption of the 2022 GHI Operating Budget 2nd reading
- Update from the Old Greenbelt Gardening Boosters re: Status of
- commendations in a Report Prepared by the Yard Solutions Task Force
- Permit Request to add a 2nd Story onto an Existing One Story Gardenside Addition at 33-Q Ridge Road
- Discuss Next Steps re: Proposed Solar PVES Pre-paid Power Purchase Agreement
- · Review the Sustainability Subcommittee's Annual Report
- Buildings Committee Proposal to Develop EV Charging Solutions for Members without Nearby Rental Garages
- Proposal to Hold Education Seminars for Members
- Motion to Hold a Closed Meeting on December 2, 2021

To deter hacking, GHI requires persons who wish to attend the GDC and GHI Open meetings on November 18, 2021, to register in advance by accessing the following link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEoduGtrj0rGtUflE9-Asc9 W-Krj1Kas53

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



To request a sign language interpreter for a board meeting, go to http://www.ghi.coop/content/interpreter-request-form, contact us by phone (301-474-4161) or fax (301-474-4006).

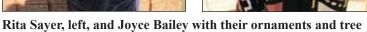
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## Golden Agers Paint at Schrom Hills



The Golden Age Club meets outside at Schrom Hills Park on Wednesday, October 27. They used q-tips to paint fall trees and ornaments.

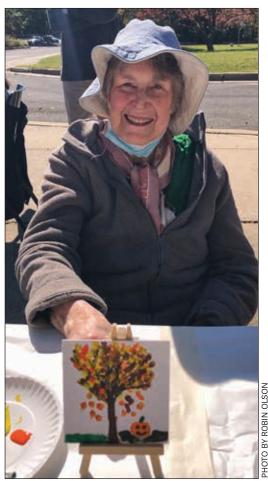








 $\label{eq:Bob and Mary Ann Baker show their artwork.}$ 



Kathleen McFarland displays her "Leaves Falling on Pumpkin."



Cathie Brannan displays her tree painting beside the "palette" and "brushes."



J Davis painted a tree.





Robin Olson's tree has lost a lot of leaves.





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## **Police Blotter**

This issue of the Greenbelt News Review introduces readers to the new format and type of information that replaces the content previously found in the Police Blotter. According to Chief of Police Richard Bowers, this change is needed so that data can more easily and quickly be shared among police departments nationwide and readers.

The Police Blotter is based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, greenbeltmd.gov/police.

[Below is the one column content sent to the News Review.]

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Greenbelt Road, theft Mandan Road, vandalism Spellman Overpass, theft report Cherrywood Terrace, theft from

Centerway, fraud Greenbelt Road, disorderly con-

Belle Point Drive, vandalism Cherrywood Terrace, theft from

Greenbelt Road, threats Mandan Road, theft from auto Ora Glen Drive, theft from auto Hanover Drive, theft from auto Greenbelt Road, threats complaint

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> Greenbelt Road, assault Greenbelt Station Parkway, missing person

> Lakeside Drive, theft from auto Edmonston Road, missing person Greenbelt Road, theft from auto Greenbelt Station Parkway, theft from auto

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The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Call 1-866-411-TIPS.

People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 240-542-2145.

## Police Alert: Two Shootings Involve Officer, Greenbelt Car

On Monday, November 8 at approximately 6:30 p.m., the Greenbelt Police Department responded to reports of a shooting in the 7600 block of Mandan Road. Officers located one person, an adult man, who was transported to a hospital and is in stable condition. Two men, described as being Black and wearing all black clothing with white lettering, fled in a gray Infiniti.

### **Police Shooting**

Also on November 8, at approximately 9:47 p.m., the Greenbelt Police Department received a request for assistance from the Riverdale Park Police Department after a vehicle linked to a shooting fled the scene of a traffic stop in the area of Riverdale Road and 58th Avenue in Riverdale Park.

Greenbelt Police officers responded and deployed stop strips, disabling the suspect vehicle, which came to a stop on East-West Highway at Taylor Road. Two occupants exited the vehicle and began firing on officers before fleeing on foot. The suspected shooter was later arrested by Bladensburg Police officers in the 5000 block of 57th Avenue in Bladensburg.

One Riverdale Park police officer was struck during the shooting and transported to a local area hospital with non-lifethreatening injuries. He has since been released.

### Cruiser Struck

A Greenbelt Police cruiser was also struck by gunfire. The bullet hit the driver's side door of the police vehicle, which had ballistic paneling preventing the bullet from traveling into the cab. All Greenbelt Police vehicles purchased after 2016 have this paneling due to special funding through the Greenbelt City Council.

If anyone has information regarding these incidents, contact the Greenbelt Police Department at 301-474-7200 or greenbeltpd@ greenbeltmd.gov.

## PETERS continued from page 1



Chief Richard Bowers applauds at the dedication of the memorial sign for Corporal Christine Peters.

Peters began working in Greenbelt in 1998, after she first started her career in the University of Maryland Police Department. During her 22 years of service, Peters worked as an evidence technician before transitioning to her role as a patrol officer.

Noting that Peters was known for her strong wit and mentorship, Bowers remarked on the thought process he undertook before preparing his speech to present the memorial sign to Greenbelt.

"I sat down and I thought to myself 'what would Chris do?' And then a voice hit me – and it was Chris," said Bowers. "And she said 'just shut up and get out of the way."

Since Peters' death, Sergeant

### **Donate Sneakers** For People in Need

The Board of Congregational Life at Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ (GCC) is collecting athletic shoes by partnering with GotSneakers. This sneaker recycling program helps to keep sneakers out of landfills, where they have harmful effects on the environment. They will send the sneakers to countries where the poor often go barefoot out of necessity. For more information about GotSneakers, go to their website at GotSneakers.com.

A donation box is located outside the Fellowship Center (the small building behind the church) for people to drop off sneakers at any time. GotSneakers will pay GCC a varying amount for name-brand and off-brand lacedup sneakers with no tears inside or outside. The company even pays for cleaning and shipping all GCC does is collect sneakers.

Scott Kaiser, Traffic Enforcement MPO Scott Yankowy and Captain Mark Sagan were a few voices from the department who contributed ideas to honor Peters.

Outside of work, Peters, who was married with two children, volunteered her time with the Special Olympics of Greenbelt.

"She had such a unique personality and she meant so much

to so many. She was a wife, mother and mentor," said Bowers. The memorial sign stands along Kenilworth Avenue, reminding drivers of Peters' sacrifice and dedication to Greenbelt.

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## **Congratulations to the** Winners from Last Week's Election!

We are proud to have been a member of the Greenbelt Community for over 58 years and to have provided a location for voter registration drives. Congratulations to the winners in last week's Greenbelt Election:

- **Mayor Emmett Jordan**
- **Mayor Pro Tem Kristen Weaver**
- **Councilmember and former Mayor J Davis**
- **Councilmember and previous Mayor Colin Byrd**
- **Councilmember Silke Pope**
- **Councilmember Rodney Roberts**
- **Councilmember Ric Gordon**

As Mayor Jordan said, "It takes a whole lot of courage to get out there and run for office". Thus, we thank Bill Orleans, Alex Zajac and Matt Inzeo for having the courage to make it a contest.

And, a special thank you to Leta Mach and Ed Putens for years of dedicated and faithful service to the Greenbelt Community.



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YARD/MOVING SALES

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INDOOR COMMUNITY YARD SALE - Saturday, November 20, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at GVFD, 125 Crescent Road. Table reservation: One \$15; two \$25. For further information, please call Kathy, 301-474-4372. Food/beverage available for purchase.

### **GNR Thanksgiving** Ads/Copy Deadline

Thanksgiving holiday schedules for our printer mean the News Review must submit the camera-ready copy to them a day early.

As a result, all published deadlines for copy, photos and ads are ONE DAY earlier than they usually are. The times remain the same.

Out of consideration for our staff, it is preferable that materials come in even earlier than that whenever possible. All efforts will be much appreciated.

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BOXED: \$10 column inch. Minimum 1.5 inches (\$15). Deadline 2 p.m. Monday for ads that need to be set up, including those needing clip art and/or borders. 6 p.m. Tuesday for camera-ready ads.

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DROP ads and payments in the mail slot in the exterior door of the News Review office. The door is located to the left of the main entrance on the east side of the Community Center (side closest to Roosevelt Center and the Municipal Building).

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## **Sports**

## Seniors Softball League Triumphs Again

by Altoria Bell Ross

The Greenbelt Seniors softball team is both division-league champion and tournament champion. The team ended the season with a record of 35 wins and 1

The team won its three playoffs with wins over the Queen Anne's County Shoremen (17-2) on August 2, Howard County Hitters (13-12) on August 25 and the division championship over the Howard County Hitters (11-6) on August 30. Under team manager George Harrison, Greenbelt won an earlier championship in

"Seniors don't stop playing softball because they grow old; they grow old because they stop playing," said Harrison, who had coached the team for 12-plus years during which time he invited women to play.

The Greenbelt Senior Softball Team plays in Division C of the Baltimore Beltway Senior Softball League, and its home field is at Watkins Regional Park. During the regular season – from April to August – the team plays doubleheader games on Monday and Wednesday mornings.





The Greenbelt senior softball team welcomes men 60 and over and women 55 and over.

- Photos by Altoria Bell Ross

Retiring team manager George Harrison, right, shakes hands with new team manager Misty McGill. "We both had a great season," said Harrison.









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55+Community 2Br Senior Living sunlit enclosed patio, new carpt & paint



Two Additions! Full bath with shower and tub on main level. Large fenced corner lot with deck and shed. Minisplit HVAC. Lots of space inside!

Brick Townhome with Addition Full bath on main level. Remodeled kitchen & bath. Central A/C, refinished hardwood firs., shaded & fenced backyard. Large floorplan w/addition Half bath on main level. Masonry townhome w/ fenced backard & brick patio. Zoned HVAC system, 11' x 17' master br.

Townhome with 2 additions 2 bed-Large f extra storage in front. Central HVAC.

4 Bedroom 3 Level Townhome Master bedroom & full bath on main level. Opened remodeled kitchen, fireplace in Ir. Backs to protected woodlands.

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

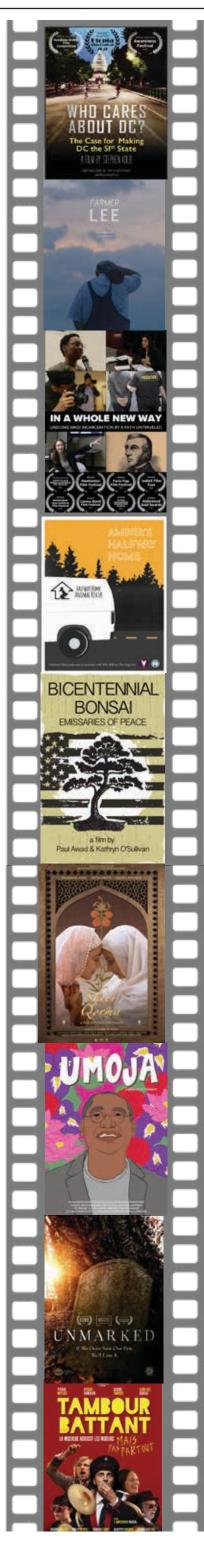
Addition - Backs to Woodlands Completely remodeled throughout; half bath on main level. Zoned HVAC system. Fenced yard, shed & raised deck. Brick Townhome 2 Bedroom GHI Hardwood flooring on both levels.

Upper Level One Bedroom GHI home with full expanding and dryer in separate the 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 lead tor to be a second of the Elevator to b kitchens, generator, fireplace & more.

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## Saturday Nov. 20 - Monday Nov. 22

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Antibiotic-resistant bacteria" Superbugs" and ingenious ideas to beat them.

### Amber's Halfway Home

A woman in Tennessee saves the lives of 2000 Dogs in one year.

### Feeling Through

A homeless teen encounters a deaf and blind man in need of help getting home.

### From Durban to Tomorrow

Frontline health advocates worldwide work through human rights to health.

### Sensei Fran Kicks Ass

Fran Vall teaches Japanese martial arts, skiing and snowboarding. Not bad for an 80-year old.



### THE NEW DEAL CAFE

Special FREE Showing Mon., Nov. 22, 7:30 Wandering a Rohingya Story

### Saturday, Nov. 20

Old Greenbelt Theatre		New Deal Cafe	
10am to 12pm	Following a Bird 8m  Umoja 25m  Sheer Qorma 30m	10am to 12pm	Works by Young Flat Line 3m 2190 Miles 8m Omega & Sparks 10m Ecstasy and Death: Keats and Shelley in Rome 57m
1pm to 3pm	Crossroads 3m  A Date with History 11m  Inherited 11m  Unmarked 40m	1pm to 3pm	Labyrinth of Life 5m  Extra Credit 6m  Feeling Through 19m  Amber's Halfway Home 31m
4pm to 6pm	Extra Credit 6m  Roll the Drum 90m	4pm to 6pm	The Recess 12m  Ten Thousand Camels 13m  The Militiaman 32m

Bicentennial Bonsai: Emissaries of Peace In 1975, Japan gave 53 priceless bonsai trees

to the US National Arboretum.

### In A Whole New Wav

Ensnaring millions of Americans, this doc critiques the legal "probation" system.

### Who Cares About DC?

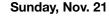
This is a story about the District of Columbia's lack of voting representation in Congress.

### The Rumba Kings

Democratic Republic of the Congo, fought colonial oppression, found freedom, and forged a new identity

through music.

Special Showing **New Deal Cafe** Sat., Nov. 20 - 7-9pm Sun., Nov. 21 - 7-9pm



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10am to 12pm	Dazzling: Geneva at 90 4m  Sensei Fran Kicks Ass 20m  The Purple Thanaka of the Angels 53m	10am to 12p m	Betty 9m In a Whole New Way 32m Free the Vote: The past and Present of Restoring Voting Rights in Maryland 40m
1pm to 3pm	Crossroads 3m  Extra Credit 6m  Farmer Lee Jones & The Chef's Garden 8m  From Durban to Tomorrow 40m	1pm to 3pm	Following a Bird 8m  Beating Superbugs: Can We Win? 68m
4pm to 6pm	Bicentennial Bonsai: Emissaries of Peace 35m  Who Cares About DC? 65m	4pm to 6pm	Sky Sun, Tile Sun 19m Inherited 11m Every Moment 21m Ourselves, in Stories 24m

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### **Venues Include**

### **OLD GREENBELT THEATER**

129 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD

**New Deal Cafe** 

113 Centerway, Greenbelt. MD

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