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## Historic Town Fair Claims Permanent Festival Status

by Joan Estenson

Intended to be brought back for one year in 2012, the year of Greenbelt's 75th anniversary, the Retro Town Fair at the Greenbelt Museum was so popular that it has become an annual event. Exhibitors may show their vegetables, flowers, canned goods and needlework/sewing, but the most popular category this year was baked goods, which took up two tables.

The Fair uses the Danish style of judging, which means each entry is judged on its own merits and as many ribbons can be

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A pie entry in the Retro Town Fair

## My First Labor Day Festival

by Joan Estenson

I arrived in Greenbelt just after the Labor Day Festival 2023, but I have to say I wouldn't have appreciated the Festival as much if that had been the first of the many Festivals and events I have now attended here.

I would describe the event as Greenbeltian, or perhaps the better word is Greenbelterian, because as with so much of life here the key word is participation. Greenbelters don't just sit back to be entertained, although that is part of the fun, but they are willing to throw themselves into being the entertainment as well. From the Rising Stars

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PHOTO BY JEFFREY ALLEN JONES

A fan dances to the tunes of The Relics on Saturday afternoon.

## Lure of the Unexpected At GES PTA Book Sale

by Mark W. Sherman

For Calista Ausema, it was a chance to feed her interest in Russia and Eastern Europe. For Jason Delp, it was an opportunity to learn more about his wife's homeland. And for Sandra Flowe, it was a moment to pick up some items to homeschool her daughter.

Each was at the Greenbelt Elementary School Book Sale on Sunday, September 1, poring over boxes that seemed to beckon them personally.

Ausema was actually making sure she hadn't missed anything on Saturday, when she snagged a copy of *Crime and Punishment*,

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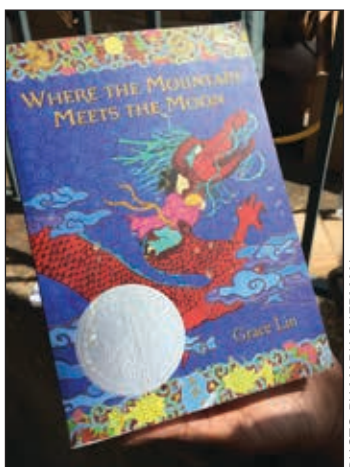


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One of Sandra Flowe's finds at the Labor Day book sale

## News Review's Cathie Meetre Is Outstanding Citizen for 2024

by Erica Johns

Cathie Meetre is Greenbelt's 2024 Outstanding Citizen, as announced at the Labor Day Festival's Opening Ceremonies on Friday, August 30, selected for her contributions toward preserving three iconic Greenbelt institutions. She applied her superb organizational skills, keen intellect, passion for learning and tenacity with liberal doses of humor and humility to address major challenges faced by the Greenbelt News Review, the Greenbelt Farmers Market and the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket.

### Getting Here

Born and educated in England, Meetre taught math in Newfoundland, Canada, from which she was lured to Greenbelt in the 1970s by future husband Rick Meetre, whom she met during his Newfoundland vacation. They first encountered the Greenbelt spirit living in a Springhill Lake apartment in 1973, where Rick said they received the News Review and "were impressed by the community spirit clearly displayed in the paper – which we did not forget."

They began raising their daughters Lisa Psaromatis, Sarah



PHOTO BY ANNA BEDFORD-DILLOW

Outstanding Citizen of the Year 2024, Cathie Meetre, waves from an open-topped car during the Parade. Dea Zugby is driving the red Mini Cooper and Rick Meetre is in the passenger seat.

Liska and Jenny Meetre while Meetre began contributing to her new community. Five decades later she is still at it.

Early contributions included the GHI Nominations and Elections Committee, Labor Day Festival Committee and as a Girl Scout Brownie troop leader. Some remember her as a babysitting co-op member. She

was a Greenbelt Nursery School aide and St. Hugh's School math teacher before working at Goddard Space Flight Center. Earning a computer science master's degree while at Goddard, Meetre organized the efforts of contractor scientists, mathematicians and engineers on NASA missions and

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## Making Waves on the Anacostia: Effort in Rowing, River Protection

by Amy Knesel

In a spirited display of community and teamwork, Greenbelters once again took to the waters of the Anacostia River for the Bladensburg Races. This year, two boats – Oar the Rainbow and Erg, Not Again – were crewed and led entirely by Greenbelters.

Hosted by the Washington Rowing School (WRS) on Tuesday, August 27, this year's regatta featured five boats crewed by D.C.-area rowers. Trey Sherard of Anacostia Riverkeeper provided invaluable pre-race information on the ongoing efforts to protect and improve the health of the Anacostia River. His insights highlighted the significant strides made since the Styrofoam ban of



PHOTO BY AMY KNESEL

Spectators watch the final race from Bladensburg Waterfront Park.

2016, which dramatically reduced the amount of Styrofoam found in the river (it was once the number one pollutant).

Similarly, the recent plastic bag ban has had a profound impact, with plastic bags no longer ranking among the top 10 items collected during river cleanups. As Sherard explained, "The success of these bans shows how powerful policy can be in protecting our waterways. Now, it's crucial that Marylanders advocate for the next step, a bottle bill."

Currently, 60 percent of the litter collected by weight consists of plastic bottles, and on land, drink containers make up

50 percent of all litter, including aluminum, glass and plastic bottles. For those inspired to take action, the Anacostia Riverkeeper website features dropdown menus where residents can learn more about the organization and how to get involved. Additionally, several cleanups are planned in the coming months, offering a hands-on opportunity to contribute to the river's health.

The rowing school, which sponsors this annual community challenge, has set a strong example with their no single-use water bottle policy, ensuring that

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### What Goes On

**Monday, September 9**  
7:30 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building  
**Wednesday, September 11**  
No Council Meeting

See the city ad on page 5 or the meetings calendar on [greenbeltmd.gov](http://greenbeltmd.gov) for more information.

# Letters to the Editor

## Greenbelt Is All About Community

Many things have changed in Greenbelt since 1955, and a good example of that is the annual Greenbelt Labor Day Festival. Festival events of the past, from beer gardens and pageants to fish fries and fish rodeos to bake sales, have been replaced by electric vehicles in the parade and 24/7 social media posts from the Festival grounds. While the initial intent of the Festival was raising funds to build the Youth Center, the Festival continued well past that and continues to demonstrate what Greenbelt is all about, COMMUNITY.

Thanks so much to the fantastic volunteers who pull this together every year. Their job doesn't just begin on the Friday of Labor Day weekend. They start meeting immediately after this year's event to plan for next year. We have no paid staff monitoring performance or checking spreadsheets, it is all done with the time and talents of caring volunteers.

Thanks to the sponsors who come through with support through their financial contributions to the 2024 Festival. As a 501(c)(3) organization, we rest solely on the funds raised in the current Festival weekend to plan for the next year's event.

Thanks to the City of Greenbelt. Every city department is a critical component for the success of the Festival. Lifting a very heavy load (literally and figuratively) is the Public Works Department who begin a week before and continue throughout the weekend to ensure we have everything we need to put our best face forward.

On behalf of the Labor Day Festival Board and Committee, we want to thank each Festival-goer for coming back year after year. When you saw us smiling and laughing at the Festival, it was because of you. Your excitement in anticipation for this annual event keeps us going and coming back. See you in 2025!

*Karen Yoho  
President, Greenbelt  
Labor Day Festival*

## Keeping History Alive Through Cemeteries

Thanks to the Greenbelt News Review for keeping alive the question, "Who Was Here Before Greenbelt?" (August 29, 2024).

Readers interested in answers to that question can view several articles in your wonderful digital archive, beginning with Grave Mysteries in Greenbelt (GNR October 15, 2015, pages 12-13). Historians will want to consult the author, Kyla Hanington, who uncovered a trove of information that could not be included in that brief article. For her extensive research on cemeteries in Greenbelt, Hanington received the St. George's Award from the Prince George's County Historical Society (GNR April 13, 2017, page 6).

Hanington's research led the city to clear years of accumulated brambles, scrub and vines from the abandoned section of the Turner cemetery, revealing even more plain-stone-marked graves than the ones Hanington uncovered during her research, and which city officials said they knew were there all along. A story in the Greenbelt News Review from September 29, 2016, recounts the cleanup and the new preservation efforts undertaken by the city following Hanington's initial story in 2015.

The work of locating, preserving and honoring those buried in gravesites that are unmarked or marked with plain stones continues. Chris Haley's efforts on that subject can be read about in the Greenbelt News Review's May 27, 2021, issue and by watching his film Unmarked, the subject of that May 27, 2021, story.

The Greenbelt News Review has had many recent stories on cemeteries and the work being done to preserve them and I am pleased to read that the work continues.

*Daniel Hamlin*

## Volunteers Are Outstanding

I am honored to be the Outstanding Citizen of 2024 and join an august company of predecessors. And yes, I was taken by surprise, duped, hornswoggled and led astray!

Mostly, I just try to get things done and stay out of the way. In this I am forever aided by the many volunteers of Greenbelt. In the News Review it is a cast of about 40 people who every week play their varied roles to deliver a community newspaper that I'm not sure has a peer in this country. The masks of 2020 were made by some indefatigable Greenbelt seamstresses and I just

made sure they had fabric, thread and elastic and that their product got delivered. The Farmers Market rustles up a double handful of people every week to load, unload, advise and orchestrate. It's all those people that are at the heart of Greenbelt's special spirit – I just grease the skids.

If you don't volunteer yet, give it a try. If you've ever remarked how great a place this is to live but don't pitch in, find your niche – give an hour or more a month and see how good it feels. That help, in whatever quantity, is what makes this a civilization. And you'll make friends and connect too.

Rick Meetre and I have been together for over 52 years and he deserves a sustained round of applause. I can't count how many times he's schlepped things, picked stuff up or sat patiently while I babbled on about projects. Whatever contributions I've made would not have been possible without his love and support. Though he and I need to have a little talk – it was his line of patter that got me unsuspecting to the stage on Friday.

*Cathie Meetre*



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**Beetlejuice Beetlejuice**  
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(104 mins)

**Screen 1 - Main Auditorium**  
Fri. 5:15 PM, 8:00 PM  
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Tues, Sept. 10

**Free Community Viewing**  
**Screen 1 - Main Auditorium**  
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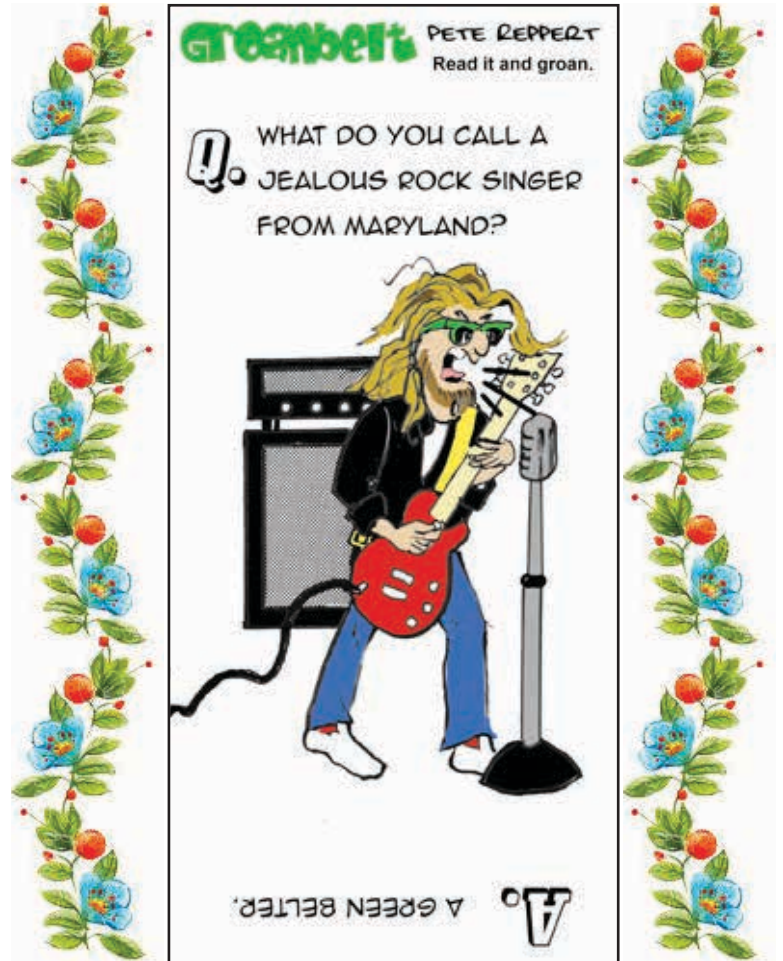
## On Screen at Greenbelt Cinema

### Beetlejuice Beetlejuice

Beetlejuice is back! After an unexpected family tragedy, three generations of the Deetz family return home to Winter River. Still haunted by Beetlejuice (Michael Keaton), Lydia (Winona Ryder) finds her life turned upside down when her rebellious teenage daughter, Astrid (Jenna Ortega), discovers the mysterious model of the town in the attic and the portal to the Afterlife is accidentally opened. With trouble brewing in both realms, it's only a matter of time until someone says Beetlejuice's name three times and the mischievous demon returns to unleash his very own brand of mayhem.

### Between the Temples

Ben (Jason Schwartzman) is a 40-something cantor losing his voice and possibly his faith. Struggling to meet the expectations of his rabbi, congregation and not one but two Jewish mothers (Caroline Aaron and Dolly De Leon), Ben finds his world turned upside down when his grade-school music teacher re-enters his life as an adult bat mitzvah student. This warm and anxious comedy from prolific writer/director Nathan Silver explores the complexities of belief, connection and what it means to be a real mensch.



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# Community Events

## Chess Club For September

The Greenbelt Chess Club meets on Tuesdays, September 10, 17 and 24. The meetings take place at the Youth Center from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. The club welcomes people of all ages and skill levels. Direct questions to [greenbeltchessclub@gmail.com](mailto:greenbeltchessclub@gmail.com).

## See School for Scandal At GAC This Weekend

The School for Scandal, the latest offering from The Rude Mechanicals, runs at the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) through this weekend. Set in the 1980s, the eponymous group of gossips at the School for Scandal Morning Show dish the dirt on various society figures.

From the ambitiously constructed set to live video segments, The Rude Mechanicals push artistic and technical boundaries in this tribute to 80's television. Says director Alan Duda, "If you remember the 80's, you'll like this show!"

The Rude Mechanicals remain dedicated to the safety of their troupe and patrons. All Rudes productions supplement the theater's air circulation with additional filters to reduce airborne contaminants.

The Rude Mechanicals are a resident company at the GAC and have been associated with the Greenbelt community since the troupe's inception 25 years ago.

See the ad on page 7 for show times or more information and read a review on page 8 of the August 29 News Review.

## At the Library

Greenbelt Library regular hours are Mondays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays noon to 8 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays 1 to 5 p.m. Face masks are recommended for all customers over the age of 2.

### Storytimes

Friday, September 6, 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3, Register at [pgcmls.info/event/11270605](http://pgcmls.info/event/11270605).

Wednesday, September 11, 12:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/11270460](http://pgcmls.info/event/11270460).

Thursday, September 12, 10:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/11270634](http://pgcmls.info/event/11270634).

Come join us for stories, songs, fingerplays and more.

## Bilingual Story Time At SHL Rec Center



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A young reader enjoys a book at bilingual story time at Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

On Friday, September 13, at 10:30 a.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness) with the Prince George's County Memorial Library System will present engaging, lively stories and activities for young children and their caregivers to help build early literacy skills. This monthly program is an introduction to reading aloud to children as a way to instill the love of literature. After the readings, children can stay and play with balls in the gym. There will be free children's books and free healthy, nutritious snacks. Come, and spread the word to friends and families. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/11291698](http://pgcmls.info/event/11291698).

### Los Niños Leen y Juegan

El viernes 13 de septiembre a las 10:30 a.m. en el Centro Recreativo de Springhill Lake, RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness) con el Sistema de Bibliotecas Conmemorativas del Condado de Prince George's presentarán interesantes historias y actividades divertidas para niños pequeños y sus cuidadores, para ayudar a desarrollar las habilidades de alfabetización temprana. Este programa mensual es una introducción a la lectura en voz alta a los niños como forma de inculcar el amor por la literatura. Después de las lecturas, los niños pueden quedarse y jugar con pelotas en el gimnasio. Habrán libros infantiles gratis y aperitivos saludables y nutritivos. Como dijo un padre al irse, "¡Fue muy bueno!" Unete a nosotros, y corra la voz a amigos y familiares.

## SCAC Hosts Open Forum September 21

The Senior Citizens Advisory Committee (SCAC) is hosting its annual Open Forum on Saturday, September 21 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The forum will be held in the Community Center, Room 201. No registration is required. Greenbelters of all ages are welcome to attend this in-person meeting. Participants are invited to discuss what they like about living in Greenbelt and what they find are the challenges to living here. The main concerns will be reported to council. Members of council, the Police Department and Public Works have been invited. For transportation, consider the Greenbelt Connection bus which provides rides within Greenbelt to all residents of Greenbelt. To arrange transportation call 301-474-4100 at least 24 hours in advance. Fares each way are one dollar for senior citizens and two dollars for adults. For more information on the SCAC Open Forum, call 240-542-2189.

## Wanted: EV Owners For Sept. 22 EV EVENT

The Greenbelt Green Team seeks EV owners (all-battery electric, plug-in hybrid or e-bike) for its third annual EV EVENT at the Greenbelt Library parking lot on Sunday, September 22 from noon to 3 p.m. (rain date: Sunday, September 29).

Join fellow EV owners in inviting the general public to come and ask questions about the cost of purchase and ownership, real-life range, cost of charging, types of chargers, etc.

Contact John Lippert, Greenbelt Green Team chair, at [ecolivingmag@aol.com](mailto:ecolivingmag@aol.com) and indicate which EV you would like to bring.

There will be posters and handouts to help educate EV owner wannabes.



## Dena Kohn Scholarship Fund Mini-Golf Event

On Sunday, September 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Dena Kohn Theatre Lab Scholarship Fund will hold a miniature golf event as a fundraiser and celebration of the life of lifelong Greenbelt Dena Kohn, who died just before her 23rd birthday.

Each year, her life and spirit of giving are celebrated and commemorated by a fundraiser for the Dena Kohn Memorial Scholarship which provides scholarships each summer to teenagers in financial need to participate in the Theatre Lab's Musical Theatre Institute for teens.

The event will be held at Rocky Gorge Four Seasons Golf Fairway on U.S. Route 29 and Old Columbia Road, Laurel. Attendees can buy baked goods from a Greenbelt baker and original pottery by a Greenbelt potter at the event.

Those wishing to sponsor a hole, play a round, make a donation or ask questions, can call Niki Kohn at 301-474-8423 or email [nikiokohn@gmail.com](mailto:nikiokohn@gmail.com).

## Stamp Out Hunger Close to Home

Greenbelt PORCH is continuing to collect nonperishable food in the month of September as scheduled below:

Sunday, September 8 – by 11 a.m. for 1-8 Courts Ridge Road, 1-8 Courts Crescent Road and 1-2 Courts Westway

Saturday, September 14 – by 10 a.m. for 14 and 15 Courts Laurel Hill Road

Sunday, September 15 – by 4 p.m. for Boxwood Village and for PORCH-at-large members. Email [spreadruak@gmail.com](mailto:spreadruak@gmail.com) by noon on September 15 for pickup.

Sunday, September 22 – by 4 p.m. for the 9, 11, 12 and 13 Courts Ridge Road; by 5 p.m. for Lakeside Drive.

## Concert Band Welcomes Musicians

The Greenbelt Concert Band rehearses Monday evenings beginning September 9 at 7 p.m. in Room 201 of the Community Center. The Band welcomes new members, especially trumpet players. For more information, visit [greenbeltconcertband.org](http://greenbeltconcertband.org) or Greenbelt Concert Band on Facebook, or call Li'l Dan Celdran, Greenbelt Concert Band general manager, at 240-643-3768.



## See Join or Die At Greenbelt Cinema

On Sunday, September 15 at 7 p.m. plan to attend a showing of the film Join or Die at the Greenbelt Cinema. The film's subject is the need for community involvement to foster a successful city culture. The aim of the event is to connect those curious about volunteering with leaders and others currently involved in volunteer activities. Come learn the rewards of helping others and meeting caring individuals. Fulfill the promise of making the world a better place.

## GIVES Quarterly Membership Meeting

The Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) will hold its next quarterly membership meeting on Saturday, September 14 at 10 a.m. in the Community Center, Room 202. All members are invited to attend. Come meet the new board and officers, hear the news first-hand and enjoy fellowship.

Members who need transportation can call 301-474-4100 to schedule a round-trip ride on the Greenbelt Connection Bus Service (GCBS). The service requires at least 24 hours notice before the ride is needed. For this event, GIVES will reimburse members for the fare.



More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

## This Week at the New Deal Café

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| FRENCH CONVERSATION, 5:30p - 6:30pm<br>Wolf's Blues Show & Sit-In Jam 6:30-10pm<br>Big bodacious blues jam | Stacy Brooks Band 7-10pm<br>DC's Queen of the Blues. Toe-tapping, head-bobbing music | The Sandra Dean Band 7-10pm<br>Fresh interpretations of classic rock, blues and soul    | DEAF BRUNCH, 10:30am-12pm<br>Patsy's Honky Tonk and Twang w/ Hall Bros. 6-8pm<br>Classic country, swing and plenty of Patsy Cline |   |
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Verizon FiOS Channel 19 • Comcast 77  
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Streaming on [www.greenbeltaccessstv.org](http://www.greenbeltaccessstv.org)

THIS WEEK on GATE • Your Community Access Station  
Featured Production (9am, 3pm, and 8pm)  
**Mary Surratt: Mystery Woman of the Lincoln Assassination (2006)**  
This documentary, directed by Susan Gervasi, delves into the life of Mary Surratt, a suspected co-conspirator in the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, and the days in her life leading up to the event.

New This Month  
**Utopia Film Festival Trailer**  
The 20th annual Utopia Film Festival is almost here! Join us October 19th through October 21st as we celebrate independent filmmaking!

All this and more on the GATE channel this week! Check [greenbeltaccessstv.org](http://greenbeltaccessstv.org) for the full broadcast schedule, and visit [GreenbeltAccessTelevisiononYouTube](http://GreenbeltAccessTelevisiononYouTube) for new video productions.

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the 1866 Russian novel by Fyodor Dostoevsky, along with a 1991 volume on travel in the former Soviet Union.

"I've basically been coming my whole life," said the Greenbelt resident. "It's definitely gotten bigger, but in a lot of ways, it's remarkably the same - lots of big boxes of books."

Delp scored an uncorrected proof of Modern Japanese Diaries, in which various Japanese individuals describe their travels to China, Europe and the United States between 1860 and 1920.



Young browsers at the Festival book sale

PHOTO BY ANNA BEDFORD-DILLOW

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showcase to the Retro Town Fair, the art show, the photo show and the competitions on the athletic fields, Greenbelters are all in.

Then there is the music: The Relics, the Greenbelt Honk! Situation, Granny of Granny and the Boys and Kieran Lally all are native Greenbelters or live here now. Unfortunately, Eddie of Eddie and the Slowpokes, couldn't

add his musical contribution this year.

Then there are the groups who shared Greenbelt with the many guests, either in the parade, providing their organizations' information at the booths on Saturday or selling their crafts on Sunday and Monday. Even on the midway, amid mostly imported vendors, there were local groups raising funds.

A young Greenbelter was asked recently what his favorite holiday is, and he said Labor Day. The questioners, who don't live here, are probably still scratching their heads. But I get it.

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awarded as the judges see fit. This contrasts with the American system which judges all the entries in a class, allowing for a limited number of awards.

In the baked goods category, entries may be from any era but some bakers do research to find historical recipes. Elliot Merker, a food historian and one of the baked goods judges, pointed out the three historical entries this year. Red velvet cake was first baked during WWI when less chocolate was available and the cakes turned out more red than brown. The appearance continued to change during WWII, depending on ingredients, and the cake continued to change until it became the bright red version known today.

The chocolate sauerkraut cake was a WWII invention when it was difficult to get coconut. The amaretto peach upside-down

cake was the final historical entry among the many more familiar sweets.

Kathy Labukas, one of the two judges for flowers, vegetables and canned goods, said if she could change one thing she would have canned goods exhibitors label their jars with what the product is and the date it was canned.

Two beautiful quilts were among the needlework/sewing projects. Other crafts included homegrown loofahs with crocheted edges, ready for use for dishes or in the bath.

It is never too soon to get ready for next year's Retro Town Fair. Test your recipes, harvest your garden or plan what you'll grow and can next year, gather your needles, yarn or fabric and prepare to show off your projects during the next Labor Day Festival.



The selection of Cathie Mee-tre as Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen for 2024 makes her the 14th Greenbelter whose nomination was based at least in part on service to the Greenbelt News Review. Her fellow News Review members are pleased as punch to congratulate her on her official recognition as a Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen, which we already knew to be true.

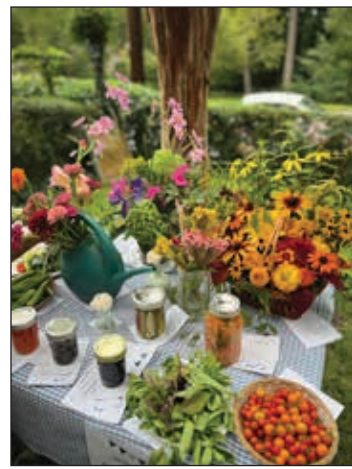
Thanks to the Labor Day Festival Committee and the volunteers whose hard work makes our city's wonderful festival possible each year.

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



## Holiday Services At Mishkan Torah

Mishkan Torah invites all to join in the High Holidays this year. Come and celebrate in this warm, friendly and inclusive Jewish community. Interfaith and LGBTQ+ families are very welcome. Rosh Hashanah services will be held October 2 to 4 and Yom Kippur services October 11 to 12. Children's services will be available. Learn more and register on the website at MishkanTorah.org.



Entries for the Retro Town Fair

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"The purpose of justice is the appearance of unity among men." - Bahá'u'lláh

**Greenbelt Bahá'í Community**  
www.greenbeltbahais.org

**The Bible Says...**

Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.  
Genesis 2:3

**Sunday Worship Services**  
10a-11:15a @ Greenbelt Elementary School (66 Ridge Rd.)  
**MCFcc.org**

**Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church**  
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt  
Open hearts, Open Minds, Open doors  
Find us on [facebook.com/mowattumc](https://www.facebook.com/mowattumc)  
301-474-5410  
Pastor Evelyn Romero  
Worship Service, Sundays 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.  
Celebrate hope with us.

**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
11040 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20704  
301-937-4292 www.saintjohnsbeltsville.org  
Welcomes you each Sunday for  
Worship & Sunday School  
at 10:00 AM

**Greenbelt Community Church**  
One Hillside Road  
We are an Open and Affirming Church  
**Join Us Sunday 10:15 AM for Worship and Church School**  
www.facebook.com/GCCUCCMD  
www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org

**ST. HUGH OF GRENABLE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

- Daily Mass: Mon-Fri 7:15am\*, Sat 9am\*
- Sunday Mass:
  - Sat vigil 5pm\*
  - Sun 8am, 9:30am, 11am
- Confessions Saturday 3pm - 4pm.  
Masks for the unvaccinated encouraged.

\*Live-streamed on Facebook and available on our YouTube page later.

**CELEBRATE WITH US**  
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www.sthughofgrenoble.org

**Mishkan Torah Congregation**  
10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
Rabbi Saul Oresky, Cantor Phil Greenfield  
An unpretentious, historic, welcoming, liberal, egalitarian synagogue that respects tradition and becomes your extended family in the 21st century.  
Friday evening services at 8:00pm  
Saturday morning services at 10:00am  
Offering hybrid services, online and in-person activities  
For further information, call (301) 474-4223 www.mishkantorah.org  
Affiliated with these movements: Conservative and Reconstructing Judaism

**Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church**  
Postal address: P.O. Box 676, Laurel, MD 20725  
Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org  
Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community  
September 8, 2024 at 3:00 pm  
**Building A New Way**  
Anthony Jenkins with Worship Associates Carol Cater Walker and Jim Flaherty  
In the spirit of our September theme (Love), we'll celebrate Ingathering by centering ourselves in Beloved Community - with a shared intention to build together with love. As we begin this new church year, we'll consider some of what we're seeking to create in our lives (individually, congregationally, politically, environmentally, etc.), as well as some of the fears that often get in love's way.  
Streaming on PBUUC's Facebook page, on Zoom, and in person. Worship service held at University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, MD

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church**  
-Missouri Synod-  
6905 Greenbelt Road  
SUNDAY  
Divine Service: 9:30am  
Fellowship/Bible Study: 11:00am  
**LITURGICAL SACRAMENTAL BIBLICAL**

**CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF GREENBELT MASS**  
Sunday 10:00 a.m.  
@ a private home:  
email for address  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**  
OR - Join us on ZOOM!  
For ZOOM link:  
CCG1985+owner@groups.io  
cathcomgreenbelt.org

**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

**City Notes**

The city manager met with Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department representatives to discuss collaboration, public safety and an upcoming community town hall; with bidders for the armory feasibility study; and with the Public Information Team and the executive director of CASA to discuss community partnership opportunities.

Finance finalized preparations to launch online bill pay for city residents the week of September 2.

Planning Staff met with the Prince George's County Vision Zero Program Coordinator and with M-NCPPC and Neighborhood Design Center on the Greenbelt Strategic Wayfinding Plan updates. They also worked on procurement documents for the WMATA trail and conducted a final walk-through of work on the Mother and Child statue.

The new Animal Shelter supervisor began work. The Animal Shelter is hosting five dogs, four adult cats and one kitten. The annual Pooch Plunge is scheduled for September 7.

**Golden Age Club  
Upcoming Activities**

The Golden Age Club meets from 11 a.m. to noon each Wednesday. Visitors are welcome.

The schedule for this month is: September 11, members will ask, "Where Were You on 9/11?"; September 18, celebrate members with birthdays this month – bring snacks to share; and September 25, bingo.

**CARES Needs  
Fund Donations**

For the past three years, Greenbelt CARES has used federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money to help prevent evictions brought on by Covid. The ARPA money ran out in October. Once again, it is up to Greenbelt residents to help our neighbors. Although evictions have decreased since the pandemic, families are still facing eviction because of increases in rent, illness, death of a family member or a financial crisis such as expensive medical care or car repairs.

A recent poll shows that many persons do not have financial stability due to a lack of job security, no health insurance and decreased ability to save for a financial crisis.

The Greenbelt Emergency Assistance Fund continues to be that safety net for Greenbelters in a financial crisis whatever the reason. Those who are able can help by donating to the fund.

Make checks out to Greenbelt CARES, write Emergency Assistance Fund in the memo space and mail to Greenbelt CARES, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 (or place in the secure drop box at that address). Or, go to GreenbeltMD.gov, click Pay Online at the top of the page and choose Charitable Donations. Complete the form, indicating the donation is for the Emergency Assistance Fund, and click submit; the payment page then will come up with a form to enter credit card or PayPal information.

**Crisis Hotline's  
Number is 988**

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



# 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.

**GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING**  
Monday, September 9, 2024 at 7:30 pm

**ORGANIZATION**

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- Petitions and Requests
- Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations (Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by \*] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)
- Approval of Agenda and Additions

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- Presentations**
  - PEACE Month Proclamation
  - National Public Lands Day Proclamation
- \* **Minutes**
- **Statement for the Record - Closed Session - August 19, 2024**
- **Administrative Reports**
- \* **Committee Reports**

**LEGISLATION**

- A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Certain Goods and Services from Various Vendors as Enumerated Herein when Total Fiscal Year Purchases from each Vendor Exceed Ten Thousand Dollars - *2nd Reading and Adoption*
- An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 8, "Elections" of the Greenbelt City Code, in Order to Revise Section 8-2 "Voter Registration" to Allow Noncitizen Residents of the City of Greenbelt to Vote in the City of Greenbelt Elections - *1st Reading*
- A Resolution to Repeal and Replace City Charter Section 15, "Voters"; Section 18, "Registration for Election; Universal Registration"; Section 19, "Registration"; Section 26, "Voter Identity"; Section 33, "Appeals"; to Allow Noncitizen Residents to Vote in Local City Elections - *1st Reading*

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- Authorization of Engine Rebuild or the Replacement of Vehicle 607
- Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Three-Year Contract with Thomson Reuters for Access to the Law Enforcement CLEAR Investigative Database
- Charter Review Committee
- Municipal Land Use Authority
- Council Activities
- Council Reports
- \* Meetings
- Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Contract with Murphy & Dittenhafer for Armory Feasibility Study
- \* Contract Approval for City Manager Performance Evaluation Services
- \* Stakeholders
- \* Resignation/Appointment to Advisory Board

*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](mailto:banderson@greenbeltmd.gov).*

**MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 9-13**

Wednesday, September 11, **NO MEETING**

Thursday, September 12 at 6:30 pm, **GREENBELT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT TOWN HALL**

Thursday, September 12 at 5:30 pm, **BOARD OF ELECTIONS (VIRTUAL)**

Thursday, September 12 at 5:30 pm, **COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (VIRTUAL)**

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**POOCH PLUNGE!**  
Saturday, September 7  
11 am - 3 pm

*Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, 101 Centerway*

Join us on Saturday, September 7 at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center for Pooch Plunge 2024! There will be two sessions: 11 am - 12:50 pm and 1 - 3pm. Entry is \$10 per dog, exact cash only please. One dog per handler, and handlers must be 18+.

You must show proof of rabies vaccination to enter and please note, \*\*\*tags are not sufficient!\*\*\* 50 dogs max per session, first come, first serve. No handlers in the pool and swimming with the dogs is not allowed. You can pick up registration forms beforehand at the Aquatic Center or at the Police booth during the Labor Day Festival!



**GREENBELT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**TOWN HALL**  
Thursday, September 12, 6:30 pm  
*Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department, 125 Crescent Road*

Join us for a town hall meeting to discuss the impact of the Prince George's County summer staffing plan and the removal of career personnel from the Greenbelt Fire Station. We have invited Fire Chief Tiffany D. Green to address our ongoing concerns and share information in an open dialogue.

**CURRENT CARES PROGRAMS**

CARES is happy to provide the following programs FREE of charge:

- **Pink Pantry Opn Registration.** This quarterly program assists low-income Greenbelt residents to access free menstrual products. To register call (240) 424-0302 or email [bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov).
- **Greenbelt Nursery Project.** Our Greenbelt Nursery project is dedicated to supporting families with young children. We provide 6 Home Visits that offer personalized care and resources. To register call (240) 424-0302 or email [bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov).
- **Emergency Diaper Distribution.** Must register <https://forms.gle/q92AAHgUyNhQ43U08>. Call (240) 424-0302.
- **Produce Distribution** at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, Lower Level Parking Lot, 25 Crescent Road  
*Upcoming Dates: September 19, from 1 - 3 pm*
- **Produce Distribution** at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Ln (*Greenbelt West Residents Only*)  
*Upcoming Dates: September 19, from 3 - 4:15 pm*

For descriptions and information, visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov/CARESPROGRAMS](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/CARESPROGRAMS) and see ads on this page!

**COMMITTEES & BOARDS VACANCIES**  
**VOLUNTEER TODAY!**

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

By dedicating your time and expertise, you will help shape the future of Greenbelt and create a community that values the voices of all its residents. Take the first step towards making a positive impact and apply for one of these committee vacancies today!

Call (301) 474-8000.

**COMMUNITY NURSING PROGRAM**

*Made possible through a partnership with the GAIL program, Bowie State, & Catholic University Nursing Students*

This free program is open to Greenbelt seniors 60+ or disabled adults 50+ residing within incorporated Greenbelt City limits. Home visits begin mid-September!

Participants will receive up to 10 home visits. Visits will take place on Tuesdays or Wednesdays between the hours of 9:30 am - 3 pm. All visiting nurses are fully vaccinated and will wear masks during the visit.

Available services include: Bathing assistance; Medication management; Vital signs monitoring; Medical resource information & advocacy; Mental health & cognitive screenings; Blood sugar monitoring & assist with finger prick; Health education; Nursing assessment.

To register, contact Sharon Johnson, GAIL Program Community Case Manager, at (240) 542-2029 or email [sjohnson@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:sjohnson@greenbeltmd.gov).

**BUDDY ATTICK PARK DRAFT MASTER PLAN WORK SESSION**  
Wednesday, October 16, 7:30 pm

*Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road*

The Buddy Attick Park (BAP) Draft Master Plan can be viewed online at <https://www.greenbeltmd.gov/BAPMP>.

A City Council Work Session is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16 at 7:30pm in the Greenbelt Municipal Building (25 Crescent Road). The City Council Work Session is open to the public. If you would like to provide written feedback, please send your comments to [BAPproject@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:BAPproject@greenbeltmd.gov) by Friday, October 4, 2024.

**ONLINE BILL PAY**

The City of Greenbelt launched online bill pay services on Tuesday, September 3, 2024. Residents are now able to pay their bills via check, bank transfer, debit card, or credit card.

To find out more information and to sign-up, visit [ow.ly/Jo9450TaHTH](http://ow.ly/Jo9450TaHTH).

**GREEN RIDGE HOUSE OPENS WAIT LIST**



Green Ridge House, the City of Greenbelt's HUD Section 8-202 apartment building, will open its waiting list from Monday, September 16 through 20, 2024 from 9 am - 4 pm. Green Ridge House is an independent living apartment building located at 22 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770. All applicants must apply in person and be 62 years of age or older.

There are two new HUD guidelines that must now be followed. First, guidelines now state that any applicant wishing to be added to the waiting list cannot own any property (i.e., home, condo, land, etc.). If an applicant owns any property, it must already be listed for sale by a realtor and a contract must be provided when the application is filled out. Second, an applicant cannot have more than \$100,000 in total assets (liquid assets, i.e., checking, savings, CD's, money market, IRA, 401k, etc.).

All applicants must have with them a valid State ID or Driver's License and their Social Security card. We cannot accept an application without these two items. All applicants will have a credit and criminal background check performed to determine eligibility. Applicants should be prepared to move within 30 days once they receive a call that a unit is available. Rent is based upon 30 percent of one's income within a maximum gross income of \$54,150 for individuals and \$61,900 for couples. All apartments are one-bedroom units. Only applicants who would consider moving within the next 6 months to one year should apply. Green Ridge House is a Non-Smoking Building. Green Ridge House follows Federal HUD Guidelines with regards to smoking compliance which prohibits marijuana use, medical or otherwise on its properties. Therefore, regardless of any other permitted use by either prescription, State or local law, or any mechanism that permits medical marijuana use, such medical marijuana use is not permitted on any part of Green Ridge House property.

# Board of Education Elects New Leadership Following Impasse

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

This summer Judy Mickens-Murray along with Juanita Miller and Jocelyn Route, all of whom were appointed members, left the Prince George's County Board of Education, which is transitioning to a fully elected body. Madeleine LaSalle Frazier (District 8) is the only remaining appointed member and her term will expire this year. Mickens-Murray was elected chair of the board in January 2023 and the term does not end until December 5 of this year. It took two meetings, numerous rounds of deadlocked voting and an off-camera recess to elect a new chair and vice chair.



Lolita E. Walker Kenneth F. Harris II  
- Photos courtesy PGCPs

## July 1 Meeting

At a special virtual meeting on July 1 the board voted to elect a new chair rather than have the vice chair automatically succeed for the remainder of the term. However, it could not agree on who should fill that role and found itself split 5-5 between votes for Brannon Jackson, who represents District 5, and Lolita Walker, who represents District 9 and was the current vice chair and acting chair. Some concerns were expressed about Walker overseeing the special meeting to appoint a chair when she was one of the candidates. After two rounds of voting ending in a dead heat the board voted to reconvene on July 11 to vote again.

## Walker Elected Chair

On July 11, the board held a second session of a special meeting to determine leadership of the board. During the first round of voting, Jackson conceded his candidacy for chair for the sake of unity on the board and in hope to bring the board together, he said. Even following his concession, board members continued to vote for Jackson but Jackson's own vote was sufficient to change the outcome with the final tally 6-4 in favor of Walker.

## Impasse Over Vice Chair

Walker immediately resigned from her position as vice chair and called for nominations. Shay-

la Adams-Stafford nominated Jackson and Frazier nominated Kenneth F. Harris II. Though called on by the chair to turn his camera on, former board member David Murray, who has since resigned after it was revealed he was living and working in a different state, was allowed to participate and vote with his camera off, despite the board's rules to the contrary.

Two rounds of voting ended in a tie of 5-5.

The chair presented the option to set a time to reconvene before the next meeting or to continue the vote at the next meeting on August 29. Neither option could garner a majority of votes from the board so the rounds of voting for vice chair continued.

Two further rounds of voting ended in a stalemate of the same five members voting for Jackson and the same five for Harris.

## Calls to Meet in Private

Board Member Zipporah Miller asked for the possibility of a room to convene in. Walker clarified to the parliamentarian the suggestion was for a small group to convene and then come back to voting. The parliamentarian advised such a move would interfere with voting that was already in progress.

Walker then asked if she could ask for a recess and was told she could without objection or with a majority vote. She then attempted to clarify if the recess was "a pause" or if it would be "with cameras off" but withdrew the question.

Adams-Stafford asked if the board could suspend voting and

Roberts Rules to have an executive session to talk amongst themselves before voting. She reiterated her desire to suspend voting "so that we can have a sidebar as a group and solve this." Walker suggested that coming back to vote on August 29 would give the group several days in advance to do just that. The parliamentarian read from the Open Meetings Act the 15 reasons an executive session can be called and suggested none fit the circumstances. "I don't see any reason that would fit," he told the group in conclusion. Adams-Stafford then asked to go ahead with a recess.

Walker called for a five-minute recess without objections.

## Harris Elected Vice Chair

Immediately following the five-minute recess, which was not recorded, the meeting continued with a fifth vote. This time Board Member Pamela Boozer-Strother (District 3) changed her vote from Jackson to Harris and Harris was elected vice chair 6-4.

## Recess

Asked about the use of a recess when the board members clearly wished to meet off-camera and privately but could not legally call an executive session, Walker responded to the News Review, "As the chair of the Prince George's County Board of Education, I am responsible for ensuring that our meetings are conducted in a manner that is legal, productive and conducive to moving the board's business forward. During the recess, the chair did not call for discussions, thus, no formal discussions were held, as this is a violation of the Maryland Open Meetings Act." Walker stressed that proposing a recess in situations of impasse is typical. The recess "provided a much-needed moment of repose, allowing members to return to the meeting with a renewed focus and, ultimately, contributed to resolving the impasse," she stated.

## Pie-eating Champion



PHOTO BY ANNA BEDFORD-DILLOW

Mayor Emmett Jordan wins the annual pie-eating competition.

## 2025 Miss College Park Competition

### COMPETITION DATE

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

### REGISTRATION DEADLINE

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

### SCORING

- ✓ INTERVIEW
- ✓ APPLICATION ( COMMUNITY SERVICE ESSAY, TRANSCRIPT AND PHOTO)
- ✓ 30 SEC SPEECH (WHY YOU WANT TO BE MISS COLLEGE PARK)
- ✓ OVERALL FIRST IMPRESSION

### PRIZES

- ★ \$2000 SCHOLARSHIP
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AGE GROUP  
17-24

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[MISSCOLLEGEPAK@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MISSCOLLEGEPAK@GMAIL.COM)



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The Jim Cassels Community Service Award honors its namesakes' many years of volunteer work in the Greenbelt community.

Applications are available at the customer service office at Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and online at [www.greenbelt.coop/cms/community/jim-cassels-award](http://www.greenbelt.coop/cms/community/jim-cassels-award) For more information contact Donna Hoffmeister at [donna.hoffmeister@verizon.net](mailto:donna.hoffmeister@verizon.net)



**Deadline for submissions is September 15, 2024**



# Greenbelter Banishes Bamboo, Encourages Native Plantings

by Amy Hansen

Working with hand-held clippers close to the ground, Kimberly Schmidt attacked sprouts of bamboo that dared to sprout. Schmidt and her co-gardener, Xochitl Zamora Thompson, have worked for two years clearing the bamboo that once bracketed the city's blacktop path between Lakeside Drive and Ridge Road.

Schmidt said they get some assistance from the public works department when necessary, and that they've been working with the guidance of Greenbelt's Environmental Coordinator, Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll. For his part, Carpenter-Driscoll added, that Schmidt and Thompson "have been volunteering their time to help steward that area and the City greatly appreciates their efforts."

But even with the backup of city professionals, their task seems almost Sisyphean. In Greek myth, Sisyphus pushes a boulder uphill every day. Every night, the boulder rolls back and Sisyphus has to start all over again.

In the plant world, bamboo, poison ivy and other invasives seem to roll back into cleared areas despite people actively trying to banish them. Schmidt, however, is determined. If she needs to cut the bamboo down sprout by sprout she is willing to do so. "All you can do is just cut, cut, cut until there is no more energy in the roots," she said. "It's a five-to-10-year process."

Schmidt is trained as a Prince George's County Audubon native habitat advisor, but she says her love of plants came from her



The yellow dot on the leaf is a zebra swallowtail egg. The rare butterflies often lay eggs on pawpaw leaves.

grandmother. "My grandmother taught me how to spread manure. We had a huge garden when I grew up; it was how I was raised."

On the hill next to the blacktop, she pointed out all the native plants that are now growing in the area. The city planted pawpaw trees after the July 2022 storm knocked out five mature oak trees that used to shade the whole path. Now the pawpaws take in the sun. They're only about five feet tall, but they look healthy. And they are important for the whole ecosystem, Schmidt said, pointing at one of the long, oblong leaves with a tiny spot. "That's a zebra swallowtail egg," she said. The butterfly species is listed as rare and pawpaws are one of its chosen habitats. In addition, she pointed out native

cutleaf coneflowers, late-blooming boneset and ironweed, all of which feed pollinating insects.

"It's a slow process, but it is already so much better than last year," Schmidt said.

- Photos by Amy Hansen



Kimberly Schmidt stands with cutleaf cone flowers.



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## Cyclists, Save the Date For GHI Fall Social

Cyclists, mark those calendars: on Saturday, October 19 from 1 to 3 p.m., the GHI Bicycle Committee will hold its annual Fall Social at the GHI Building on Hamilton Place. Presentations will include a basic bicycle safety check and tips for backpacking with a bicycle. More details to follow.



## Senior Nutrition Program Luncheon

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

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

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Southway and Centerway



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SCHOL for Scandal

the dish of the day, best served cold.

BY RICHARD BRINSLEY SHERIDAN

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Have you written a poem that lends itself to interpretation in a painting or drawing? Have you created a painting or drawing that would inspire a poet to write a companion piece? This might be the show for you!

We are seeking 15 artists and 15 poets to create pieces for this show.

Here's how it works: poets and artists interested in participating submit a poem or a drawing or painting. We'll select 15 poems and 15 paintings or drawings from the submissions. Each poem will be assigned to a visual artist and each piece of visual art will be assigned to a poet for creation of a new piece in response. Identities of the poets and artists will be secret until the show is hung.

Please send submissions to [julieawinters@verizon.net](mailto:julieawinters@verizon.net) by Sunday, September 22. Poems should be sent as Word documents or Google documents if possible. For visual art, please send a good-quality photograph of the piece, along with title, dimensions, and description (mixed media, watercolor, pencil, etc.). Participants will receive confirmation of selection and assignment of pieces for creation of response art/poetry by September 29; the deadline for the new pieces is October 27.



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wrote contract proposals for her employer and later for clients of her own small business.

Organizing is a constant theme in Meetre's life. News Review Editor Mary Lou Williamson said she has a "knack for finding wrinkles in a system and wanting to make it work better." Also ever-present are her wonderful writing skills, dry British wit, generous hospitality and the boundless energy that keeps her going with her many activities, interests and large family.

### Greenbelt News Review

After earlier stints, Meetre rejoined the News Review in 2011 and was elected president of the board of directors in 2015. Readers may appreciate the News Review on their doorstep every week, without knowing what it takes to make that happen. Amid challenges in 2015, including increasing production costs, Meetre led the board to think about the paper as a business.

She applied business experience, technical expertise and energy to update electronic capabilities for the paper's production and business functions. She identified the risks of out-sourcing the paper's layout, leading to bringing the layout process in-house. This offered paid work to Greenbelters, made production more efficient and reduced the late-night hours some volunteers had been working. Meetre's technical skills offered ways for staff to work remotely during the 2020 pandemic lockdown, and the paper never missed an issue for Greenbelters who appreciated the comfort of getting their weekly community news throughout that difficult time.

When much of Greenbelt East abruptly lost doorstep distribution of the News Review in 2022, Meetre noticed. It took her some time and a bit of finagling, but the weekly newspaper returned to those doorsteps.

Meetre led the move from black-and-white to color printing at a lower cost with a new printing company. Since the paper depends on ad revenue, she created electronic tools to smooth the transfer of ads to the layout team and reduce errors in ad accounting, along with tools to manage billing.

She established – with others – the Greenbelt Archive Project to preserve in a digital archive the deteriorating paper issues published since 1937. Meetre formed a 501c(3) nonprofit to seek grants and secured funding, office space, equipment and University of Maryland Libraries' support. Past and current issues of the Greenbelt Cooperator and Greenbelt News Review are now accessible online to social histo-



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2024 Outstanding Citizen Cathie Meetre, center, receives a mother and child statuette from Mayor Emmett Jordan, right, and Councilmember Kristen Weaver.

rians, urban planners, Greenbelt residents and anyone interested in this iconic planned community.

Meetre is always looking for grants and writing proposals, a theme echoed in her Farmers Market and Co-op service. Williamson said she gathers ideas and presents them well. Other News Review examples include a Covid recovery grant to address financial losses and a 2024 grant to upgrade the website for easier maintenance and to better enable advertisers to size, price, submit and pay for classified and display ads online.

Williamson said that during Meetre's tenure, the board became more cohesive, actively contributing to understanding challenges, deciding how to address them and acting on their decisions. She described Meetre as ensuring everyone can contribute their ideas. Meetre demonstrated this during a 2023 profile of the News Review, saying, "Innovative ideas are successful only because the staff is brave enough to try them. ... All the staff provide leadership, since our democratic nature means anyone

who suggests an idea can be a leader."

Meetre's service has ensured an attractive, readable newspaper, reduced the effort and cost to produce it, increased its ability to attract and retain volunteers and enables all Greenbelt residents to see themselves in their community newspaper. She has positioned the paper to continue serving Greenbelt for the next 87 years and beyond, with independent local news to equip city residents for informed public debate and decision making, the backbone of democracy.

### Farmers Market

Meetre used her organizational skills to improve the Greenbelt Farmers Market operation in its early days and served as board member and treasurer from 2013-2021. She obtained county occupancy permits annually, wrote grant applications, organized accounting, digitized the market layout (for occupancy permits and weekly market planning) and wrote News Review stories to entice shoppers. She opened her house for business meetings and still honors volunteers with a yearly party.

### Co-op's Leaky Roof

In 2018, Meetre, Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket board member Dorrie Bates and volunteer Steve Skolnik, understanding the dire condition of the Co-op roof, created the Rays on the Roof project to provide a new roof with a solar array. Meetre promoted the project in the News Review, raising over \$400,000 in matching funds from Co-op members to qualify for a \$350,000 state grant. The array began operating in early 2021, producing electricity for the store, dramatically reducing its utility bills and offsetting nearly 1.3 million pounds of carbon dioxide, not to mention avoiding spending thousands of dollars to replace food and merchandise damaged

by rain pouring through the roof. The project enabled the Co-op to become more financially secure and helped Greenbelt retain one of its most important businesses in the heart of the city.

### Spare Time

In her spare time, Meetre doesn't stop organizing. She's known for renovating houses, organizing group ski vacations and planning international biking trips with Rick, not to mention the marching kazoo band in 1980s Labor Day parades. She coordinated a 2020 effort that sewed and distributed thousands of free Covid masks. She loves cooking and socializing, hosting volunteer appreciation parties, Christmas

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Greenbelt Police Department reported a domestic incident involving assault, a mental health diversion and an incident involving Child Protective Services.

### Attempted Robbery

On August 29 at 3:32 p.m. near 7730 Hanover Parkway, suspects threatened a boy and demanded his property, but ran away before taking anything.

### DUI Arrests

On August 26 at 4:35 a.m. near 7619 Greenbelt Road, after a two-vehicle accident, one driver was found to be under the influence of alcohol and was arrested, charged, and later released on citation.

On August 28 at 8:04 p.m. near 9148 Edmonston Road, a drunk man was operating a vehicle, and was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

### Threats

On August 29 at 8:29 p.m. near 550 Crescent Road, an individual threatened two other individuals with violence on a social media platform, including threatening to shoot them.

### Trespassing

On August 26 at 8:57 a.m. near 7480 Greenway Center Drive, a man was issued a criminal citation for trespassing after refusing to leave a hotel property. He was transported to a nearby hospital complaining of back pain.

### Fraud

On August 26 near 6000 Greenbelt Road, three people paid money to someone who promised them a job, but after the person received the funds, no jobs were provided; near 7303 Hanover Parkway, a check was mailed, intercepted and cashed by an unknown suspect; near 8015 Mandan Road, unauthorized charges resulted in negative impacts on a woman's credit score.

On August 27 at 3:08 p.m. near 7505 Greenway Center Drive, someone tried to deposit an altered check for over \$100,000.

On August 28 near 550 Crescent Road, money was taken from an account without permission.



### Theft

On September 1 at 9:33 p.m. near 105 Centerway, a boy left his bicycle in front of a store without securing it, and when he returned it was gone.

### Commercial Theft

On August 28 at 3:59 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a man stole one item; at 11:39 a.m. near 7583 Greenbelt Road, two women stole several items and fled in an SUV bearing a tag stolen from a different vehicle.

On August 29 at 12:42 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, someone stole merchandise.

On August 30 at 9:40 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, officers located a shoplifter and recovered the items; the thief was identified and banned from the property. At 12:06 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a man was recorded on surveillance as he put items in a cart and wheeled them out the emergency exit.

On September 1 at 8:10 a.m. near 7607 Greenbelt Road, two men stole several items and fled in a white Hyundai Elantra. At 2:20 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a man who had stolen several items was taken into custody; the items were recovered, and he was issued a criminal citation.

### Vehicle Crime Stolen Vehicles

On September 1, two vehicles were stolen: near 5902 Cherrywood Terrace, a white Hyundai Elantra (Md. 5CX4297); and near 5901 Cherrywood Lane, a black 2020 Zhejiang Riya motor scooter (Md. 332Y54).

### Stolen Vehicles Located

On August 27 near 6001 Springhill Drive, a vehicle was reported stolen after the owner's relative took it without permission.

On August 28 near 5807 Cherrywood Lane, a vehicle reported stolen from Charles County was recovered.

### Theft from Auto

On August 30, wheels were stolen from vehicles near 6320 Golden Triangle Drive and near 6700 Lake Park Drive.

### Vandalism to Auto

On August 27 near 16 Ridge Road, a car was vandalized for the second time in two months.

On August 29 near 7423 Greenbelt Road, a vehicle's tire was punctured by a sharp object.

Vehicle windows were broken on August 30 near 13 Ridge Road, and on August 31 near 9308 Edmonston Road.

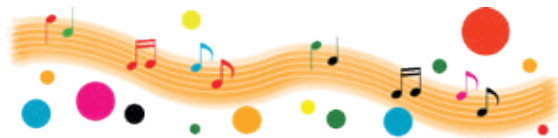
## Art Show Favorites



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Winners of the Community Choice awards for art are Bailey by Amanda Spaid (cat painting, top left), Enchanted Forest and Rough Waters, both by Ward Kennedy (bottom left and center), Little Engine that Could by Mary Wirick (hanging, at right) and Pipeline by Ward Kennedy (bottom right).

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## DC Labor Chorus



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In one of the swaggiest, loudest and most enthusiastic celebrations of the workers of the Labor Movement at the Labor Day Festival, the DC Labor Chorus led a sing-along at the New Deal Café on Labor Day. The chorus led the standing-room-only audience in songs about equity, civil rights and workers' contributions to the betterment of lives in America and across the world.



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This year's Greenbelt crews included two young rowers, Henry Turner and Sam Winternitz (both 12), who each expressed their enthusiasm for the sport and the environment. Turner shared, "I love rowing because each rower has to move together like segments of a centipede. Each rower has to trust the others in order to move as one."

Glenn Needham, who crewed with (and made the team bandanas for) Erg, Not Again, said, "I've always wanted to try rowing, but never had access to the sport. I took a Learn to Scull class at Washington Rowing School and found out about the community challenge; one month later I jumped in a boat with eight other Greenbelters and gave it all I had. What a great challenge!"

As the crews paddled their way down the Anacostia, they embodied the spirit of community – working together not only to achieve their rowing goals but also to contribute to the ongoing efforts to protect the local environment. Neither of the Greenbelt teams made it to the third-round championship race, but they had tons of fun.

For both seasoned rowers or someone looking to make a difference, there are plenty of ways to get involved. Join a cleanup, advocate for environmental policies or even pick up a pair of oars – every bit counts. As Coach Cindy Cole, a WRS founder, encouraged one rower, "You are more capable than you give yourself credit for!"

*Amy Knesel is one of the Greenbelt rowers.*



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Both Greenbelt crews: Oar the Rainbow in tie-dye and Erg, Not Again in green

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dinners, New Year's Day open houses and regular dinners for family including three daughters, 14 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren (with another on the way) and in-laws. Not stopping there, she has started taking piano lessons in recent years.

### Appreciation

Consider the breadth of Meetre's contributions and the scope of her impact. Between the News Review, the Farmers Market and the Co-op, her efforts may have touched every Greenbelter. Beneficiaries know little of how the Farmers Market came to be available for them, what it took to fund Rays on the Roof to preserve the Co-op's service to Greenbelters, or the business and technical acumen it takes to ensure they can read the News Review into the future. Meetre downplays her role, describing her activities as team efforts in which others were key to success. But thinking about the vision, leadership and hours this amazing woman has donated to these causes, and the passion, enthusiasm, humor and modesty

she brings to them, makes it easy to agree that Cathie Meetre is an Outstanding Citizen of Greenbelt.

Meetre was further recognized by proclamations presented by or on behalf of Greenbelt's mayor and city council, Prince George's County Councilmember Ingrid Watson, the Maryland state legislative delegation and U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen. These were accompanied by gift certificates and gifts from Cedars of Lebanon, East Pearl Asian Bistro, Generous Joe's, Greenbelt Barber and Stylist, Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket, Greenbelt Exxon, Greenbelt Liquors, Jersey Mike's, New Deal Café, Silver Diner, Three Brothers and Wood's Flowers and Gifts at the ceremony, which was sponsored by the Greenbelt Rotary Club, Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS), Franklin Park owner Fieldstone Properties, The SPACE and Prince George's Community Federal Credit Union.

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**College Park** 5 bedroom home in Calvert Hill. Large wooded lot with garage, deck & greenhouse. Fin. Basement with 2 offices. Space galore!



**Single Level Living** One bedroom GHI home with large, fenced corner lot. New a/c and stacking washer/dryer. Freshly painted throughout - No stairs!



**2 Bedroom Townhome** Large corner lot with shed, fenced on 3 sides. Remodeled kitchen with new dishwasher, and all-in-one washer dryer. Very nice!



**Upper Level 1 Bedroom GHI Home** Refinished hardwood flooring throughout. Remodeled kitchen. Full-sized washer/dryer in separate laundry room.

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### Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Parade Winners 2024

**Best in Parade**

Greenbelt S.I.T.Y. Stars, \$400+Trophy

**Best in Parade – Fire/Emergency**

Greenbelt VFD Antique Fire Truck, \$100+Trophy

1st Runner-up: PG Sheriff's Office, \$50

**Best in Parade – Car**

Greenbelt Cinema, \$100+Trophy

1st Runner-up: C-Ryderz Corvette, \$50

**Most Humorous**

Greenbelt Girl Scout Service Unit 22-5, \$100+Trophy

1st Runner-up: Town Center Realty, \$50

**Best Pet Unit**

Greenbelt Dog training, \$200+Trophy

1st Runner-up: Greenbelt Police McGruff Mascot, \$100

**Best Performing Group**

Greenbelt Honk! Situation, \$300+Trophy

1st Runner-up: Eleanor Roosevelt High School Cheerleaders, \$200

**Best Novelty**

Seabrook Seahawks Pathfinder Club, \$100+Trophy

1st Runner-up: Friends of the Greenbelt Museum, \$50

**Best Theme**

Maser, \$200+Trophy

1st Runner-up: Greenbelt Elementary School PTA, \$100

**People's Choice**

Shay Fierce Dance Academy, \$100+Trophy

1st Runner-up: Royal Diamond Athletic Cheerleaders, \$50

**Best Community**

Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team, \$200+Trophy

1st Runner-up: Greenbelt Art, \$100

**Most Entertaining**

DuVal High School Marching Band, \$100+Trophy

1st Runner-up: Greenbelt Nursery School, \$50



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Greenbelt Honk! Situation wins Best Performing Group in the Parade.



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Greenbelt Girl Scout Service Unit 22-5 wins Most Humorous.



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Angela Alsobrooks walks in the Parade with a large contingent of supporters.



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The Eleanor Roosevelt High School cheerleaders perform at the Parade, winning 1st Runner-up Best Performing Group.



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Greenbelt Elementary School students fly to new heights in the Parade, with the PTA winning 1st Runner-up in Best Theme.



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US Representatives Steny Hoyer, left, and Glenn Ivey, take part in the Greenbelt Labor Day Parade.



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The S.I.T.Y. Stars win Best in Parade.



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The Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team wins Best Community in the Parade. Their float had a painted barracuda on each side, balloon "bubbles," team members operating bubble blowers from the float and plenty of cheers and signs among the marchers.