

## City's Gateway Signage Revisited By Council After Many Years

by Kathleen Gallagher

Gateway signage, a topic that comes and goes as a topic of conversation for city government, was dusted off and reviewed again at a city council worksession on August 5. Gateway signs are the ones that say, or at least imply, welcome to travelers who cross a boundary from one jurisdiction into another.

Except for welcome signs that sprouted during the city's 75th Anniversary year, Greenbelt's gateway signage historically has been limited to the entrance to Old Greenbelt as one comes in on Southway from Greenbelt Road or from southbound Baltimore-Washington Parkway. Although other sites have been discussed, the conversation has been on hold for a number of years, primarily because of sign planting efforts on the part of the county and the state. With that activity having leveled off, and with \$20,000 in this year's capital projects budget for improvements to the Southway entrance sign, the worksession was held for city staff to seek guidance from the current council on how to proceed.

In aid of getting everyone up to speed, Assistant Planning Director Terri Hruby had provided a memorandum on the history of the project. Fourteen years ago, when only three of the current seven members of council were in office, council reviewed design concept drawings prepared by Greenbelt resident Sharon Bradley of Bradley Site Design, Inc. for signs to be placed not only on Southway but also at other major and minor entrances to the city. Council at that time approved an art deco style monument sign and a modified pole sign designed by Bradley.

Following those discussions, the project was put on hold as a number of agencies and organizations approached the city with plans to place identification signs throughout Greenbelt. According to Hruby, since the initial work on the project, the county has installed a welcome sign on Kenilworth Avenue, and the 75th Anniversary Committee installed temporary welcome signs throughout the city. Most recently, as a bump for economic development under its

Tourist Area and Corridor Signing Program, the state installed wayfinding signs on major and minor state roadways, including signs directing visitors to Historic Greenbelt.

Hruby said that at the behest of the 75th Anniversary Committee, the signage on Southway was also improved, the plexiglass display case replaced, and the existing stone wall repaired, though these improvements were understood to be stopgap measures. Since then, the Southway sign has been significantly damaged by vehicles crashing into it and the stone wall. At this point, even after repair, it is obvious that the wall has been damaged.

Mayor Emmett Jordan pointed out that there is another, possibly related topic that has been under discussion for some time: finding a way to consolidate the signs of churches and service organizations along the entrance to the city on Crescent Road from Kenilworth Avenue to the entrance to Buddy Attick Park.

Regarding the Southway entrance, Jordan said he would be See **SIGNAGE**, page 6



PHOTO BY JON GARDNER

Alexi Clarke plants the US flag on a rolling globe moon at the Circus Camp performance. See associated story and more photos on page 16.

## Greenbelt Station Park Plan Reviewed by City Council

by Bill Wilkerson

On August 19, more than 20 residents of a new South Core neighborhood attended a city council worksession on a proposed Greenbelt Station park plan. The 2.7 acre neighborhood park is proposed to be a central gathering area on land to be dedicated by the developer as a city-owned and managed park. The meeting was held with the goal of gaining city approval of the detailed design in sufficient time to bring the park online as an operational community asset in spring 2016.

### Plan Elements

The design plan is a collaborative effort of Woodlawn Development Group LLC and city staff. The goal of the plan is threefold. First, the plan is intended to produce a flexible design that can respond to community input and needs after full build-out of the neighborhood. Second, the plan is designed to develop a multi-functional space to accommodate informal and formal, as well as passive and active uses. And third, the plan seeks to efficiently allocate development agreement funds. Jessica Bellah, a community planner with the city Department of Planning and Community Development, displayed the proposed park plan and stated that the park will need to be graded

in a gradual stair-step fashion to deal with topography that drops off from southeast to northwest.

The plan shows an urban park area on the northwestern third of the park near Greenbelt Station Parkway. This portion of the park could potentially accommodate a small amphitheater, consisting of several rows of curved seating facing a turf area surrounded by hardscape. Above and east of the seating area, an active urban space is proposed to contain a north-south pedestrian thoroughway connecting North Center Drive to South Center Drive. A larger area southeast of the active urban space extends to Stream Bank Lane and is proposed as an open area consisting of a turf field that will measure 150 feet by 350 feet, an area approximately 15 percent smaller than a regulation soccer field.

Bellah emphasized that the open nature of the large active play area provides the flexibility to add other uses at a later time. "Only 70 residents now live in Phase 1 of the Greenbelt Station development; however, at full build-out the community may want other uses," she explained. Councilmember Leta Mach agreed, saying "It's a good plan because it leaves room for leeway to adjust for future needs."

The entire park will be surrounded by shade trees and a nine-foot sidewalk, with ornamental trees added to the urban park area on the west. The park plan shows other amenities scattered throughout the park, such as light posts, banner posts, trash receptacles, benches and a bike rack. A statement sent by Councilmember Judith Davis expressed her suggestion for the inclusion of a water feature and restrooms.

### Resident Concerns

Councilmember Rodney Roberts pointed out that the residents were seeing the park plan for the first time and that council needed to hear from residents. Florence Awosika and other speakers were in general agreement that the park should be developed now in order to grade the land, plant trees and construct the proposed park features. Residents are concerned about the potential parking, security and noise problems that could be caused if too many visitors from elsewhere are attracted to the large open space or to the possible programming of movies at the amphitheater.

City officials sought to address these concerns. Councilmember Silke Pope said that the city has many parks for other residents

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## First Step for 2015 Election: Register to Vote in Greenbelt

by Kathleen Gallagher

Participating in the November 3 city election to run for office, to sign a candidate's petition or to vote requires being registered with Prince George's County at a residence address that lies within the boundaries of the City of Greenbelt. This year, with new residential streets at Greenbelt Station with exotic names like Sable Court and Settling Pond Lane, the city's address list for voting will expand for the first time since its 2001 election.

For those not already registered, the deadline to do so and be able to vote in the city election is Monday, October 5. Registrations must be received by the Prince George's County Board of Elections no later than 4:30 p.m. at 1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A, in Largo. Since glitches may occur at any level, would-be voters are advised not to wait until the last minute.

### Verify Registration

Newly registered residents can

call the county Board of Elections at 301-341-7300 if they have not received a voter notification card within three weeks of registering. Alternatively, they or any others who wish to be sure they are properly registered can look up their registration on the website for the Maryland Board of Elections at elections.state.md.us. From the home page, click on Voter Services under the heading Hot Topics. While this information will confirm the residence address at which the voter is registered, users should be aware that the polling place listed for them on this site will be the one to be used for county, state and federal elections and not necessarily their voting place for the city election.

### Eligibility to Register

Besides residing at an address within the city limits at the time of registration, a resident wishing

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### What Goes On

#### Monday, August 31

8 p.m., Council Worksession – Forest Preserve Health Assessment, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at [greenbeltd.gov/municipaltv](http://greenbeltd.gov/municipaltv)

#### Tuesday, September 1

7 p.m., Arts Advisory Board, Community Center

#### Wednesday, September 2

8 p.m., Council Worksession with Pepco, Community Center

# Letters to the Editor

## Middle Ground On Playgrounds

Following up on Cathie Meetre's article (August 6) and Mary Ann Hartnett's suggestions in her letter to the editor (August 13), I'd suggest a middle ground. While the population of old Greenbelt may be changing – older perhaps, less children perhaps – our family is still thrilled with the variety of choices for playground equipment. With two young children with plenty of friends from GHI units, the apartments on Westway, the condos across the bridge, we enjoy the ability to always find something to do when we walk or bike through town.

But, we are always looking for intergenerational opportunities. Ms. Hartnett's suggests places to gather and talk, play checkers, etc. What about opportunities for our children to see and engage with older residents? Maybe these are chances to teach the young people that are here about living in a village. A chance to learn by example. And perhaps opportunities for older populations to learn from the young too. I'd propose that instead of removing or repurposing playgrounds, perhaps they simply need to "age in place."

I'm all for making sure Greenbelt continues to adjust to a human landscape that is changing – less couples having kids today, more adults reaching much older ages – but let's make sure that Greenbelt doesn't lose the opportunity to support young families and young children that are here.

Aaron Marcavitch

## Thank You

St. Hugh Ladies of Charity want to express our heartfelt thanks to the 2015 Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee led by Linda Ivy. The Festival Committee has agreed to allow the placement of several tents in the St. Hugh Church Bingo area located in the grassy area in front of the Community Center. The tents will provide much needed shade to elderly and other bingo participants sensitive to the hot weather. Last year we witnessed a number of participants having to leave the bingo due to not being able to tolerate the heat and we wanted to attempt to rectify this situation with tents.

We are also very appreciative of the guidance and support the Festival Committee has provided to the new volunteer leadership of the St. Hugh Bingo in making a smooth transition in coordinating the bingo fundraiser for the Ladies of Charity and St. Hugh Youth Group.

Mary Ann Tretler  
President, Ladies of Charity

## Embrace Demographics

I have been reading the last few months of the Greenbelt News Review with interest regarding the economic development of downtown Greenbelt and the article "What would Eleanor say if she could see us now." I see a lot of focus on the lack of children and interest in bringing more young families here (specifically to GHI, as there are a lot of children in greater Greenbelt).

I think we should embrace the demographics that we have.

In fact 70 percent of disposable income in this country is held by people over the age of 50. Instead of a hip coffee shop, how about a tax break for a hardware store with pet section, and a knitting store?

Maya Robinson

## Process Problems

I agree that council should stop the city from awarding a contract to a Forest Conservation Act (FCA) Service Provider to assess the health of the Preserve (see advertisement "Protect the Forest Preserve – Come to the August 31st Work Session").

This started with a recommendation to hire a forest ecologist but has grown into the selection of a firm to do more than just assess the health of the Preserve (it now includes recommending changes to the Preserve Guidelines).

It appears council has been working with staff to expand the assessment into a comprehensive study without limitations (i.e. not limited to invasive plants).

Robert Snyder, former chairman of the Forest Preserve Advisory Board (Board), sent Report 2014-04 to council on October 23. The report recommends that council hire forest ecologist Dr. Joan Maloof of the Maryland-based organization Old-Growth Forest Network to assess the health of the Preserve.

At the November 24 meeting, council chose not to consider this recommendation and directed staff to hire a forest biologist or ecologist, but this time opened the door to changes that could weaken the documents that provide protection of the Preserve. These changes are not limited to invasive plants.

Councilmember Judith Davis, according to the minutes, points out there were disagreements within the board. The board's motion recommending Maloof passed (6-3). According to the minutes, Davis acknowledges that staff gave council several actions to consider. The public needs to know more about these actions.

Davis has attended board meetings since January even though the official council liaison is Councilmember Rodney Roberts. During this time the board worked with Celia Craze, staff liaison, to develop the Request for Proposals (RFP). The RFP heavily favors FCA Service Providers (who generally act as consultants to developers) which received 25 times more solicitations than forest biologists or ecologists. According to Snyder, unexplained acronyms were used on the three meeting agendas that included the RFP as a topic for discussion and the RFP was discussed for a total of only 50 minutes at these meetings. The board never voted on the RFP.

The board has not provided a position on the RFP or the firms. This process appears to be driven by council and staff with almost no participation from the public.

Brian Almquist

## A Problem

A baby rabbit fell into the large bowl of the Greenbelt Skate Park. Aug 17 2015; discovered at 8 a.m., called Greenbelt Animal Shelter at 8:30 a.m. left message – they open at 8 but no one answers the phone.

As per recording at Animal Shelter, called non-emergency Police Station number to report. Spoke with an officer, answered all her questions.

No shade and no water and all concrete in bowl of skate park. Will be hot today.

Mercedes Seman

## Heartfelt Appreciation

We would like to acknowledge and honor the leadership of Suzette Agans and Carol Malveaux for their past year of service on the Greenbelt Community Foundation's executive board.

As president and vice chair, Suzette and Carol respectively have helped nurture the Foundation in lasting ways. In addition to embodying the spirit of Greenbelt and our community roots, these powerful women have recruited four new advisory board members, secured a new \$25,000 discretionary grant from the Prince George's County Council to support grantmaking that

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Fri.-Sun. 5:30 PM  
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Tues. & Thurs. 5:30 PM

ROSENWALD (NR)  
(100m.)  
Fri. & Sun. 8:00 PM  
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Mon. & Weds. 5:30 PM  
Tues. & Thurs. 8:00 PM

SPECIAL EVENT!  
ROSENWALD DIRECTOR,  
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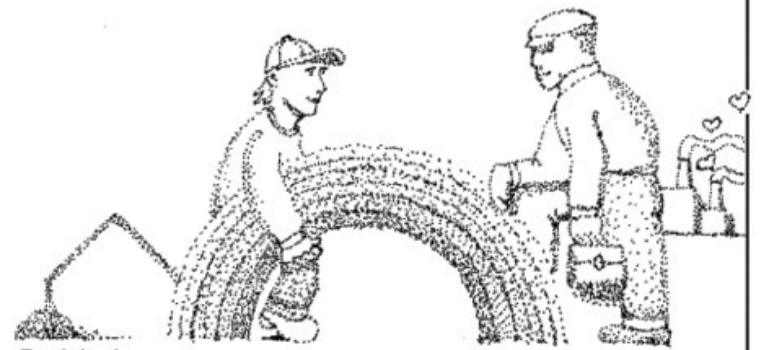
KID'S SERIES: HOOK  
(1991) (PG) (142m.)  
Sat. Aug. 29, 11:00 AM

DEAF PEOPLE IN  
HAVANA (NR) (Free!)  
Sun. Aug. 30, 1:00 PM.  
Fundraiser for International  
Deaf Partnerships  
In ASL, Interpreters  
for the discussion.

## Bas Relief Revisited

Pete Reppert

Original: "ENSURE DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY"



Revisited:

ENSURE DOMESTIC EQUALITY



## Corrections

The front page of the August 20 issue of the GNR gives an outdated web site URL for the Greenbelt Elementary School PTA. The organization had to move its hosting last year, and the web site is now at [greenbeltelementarypta.org/](http://greenbeltelementarypta.org/)

The e-mail address given is correct ([greenbeltespta@gmail.com](mailto:greenbeltespta@gmail.com)).

The spelling of the speaker's name in the Golden Age Club news of August 6 was incorrectly spelled. The ophthalmologist was Dr. Robert Hsieh.

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# Community Events

## Mishkan Torah Shows Climate Change Film

The Social Action Committee of Mishkan Torah is presenting a viewing of the documentary, "Our Year of Extremes" on Sunday, August 30 at 2 p.m. This 51 minute report by Anne Curry of the state of the world as it is affected by climate change is a riveting call to action. A discussion of things that we all can do to reduce our carbon footprints will follow the documentary. A climate scientist will be present to answer questions.

The event is free, and open to the public. Mishkan Torah is located at 10 Ridge Road. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

## Ice Cream / Game Party

Thursday, September 3, 4 p.m., for teens (ages 13 to 18). Enjoy an after-school activity with ice cream, music and board games.

## Used Books Wanted

Throughout August, the Greenbelt Elementary School PTA will be collecting used books, cassette tapes, VHS tapes, DVDs and CDs to sell at the Labor Day Festival. No textbooks or reference books will be accepted. Donations may be dropped off either at the Co-op Supermarket or the Greenbriar community building no later than Wednesday, September 2. For large donations, call 956-639-6434 and leave a message. Details are available at <http://bit.ly/1BcbF4k>.

## At the Library Weekly Storytimes

Wednesday, September 2, Preschool Storytime, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 people.

Thursday, September 3, Baby Storytime, 10:15 a.m., for ages 12 to 24 months, limit 20 people; Baby Laptime Storytime, 11:15 a.m., for ages birth to 12 months, limit 20 people; Toddler Storytime, 4:15 p.m., for ages 2 to 3, limit 20 people.

Library stories help make reading a positive experience for children. Each program contains a mixture of engaging activities and age-appropriate stories that support early literacy. Tickets are available at the information desk on a first-come, first-served basis on the day of the event.

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

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

All meals include coffee or tea and skim milk.

## Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, September 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads.

The group offers professionals, students, stay-at-home parents and retirees a supportive environment to improve skills in communication and leadership.

## Kids' School Supplies Sought for SHL School

The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union is collecting school supplies for Kids in Need at Springhill Lake Elementary School. A list of needed items is available online at [pgcps.org/springhilllake/](http://pgcps.org/springhilllake/) as well as at the Credit Union and the Co-op Supermarket, both of which have drop boxes for donations. Cash donations can be made at the Credit Union; checks can be made payable to Springhill Lake Elementary School.

## GHI Notes

Friday, August 28, OFFICE CLOSED, Emergency Maintenance Service at 301-474-6011

Saturday, August 29, 11 a.m., Pre Purchase Orientation, Board Room

Thursday, September 3, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room

Monday, September 7, OFFICE CLOSED (Labor Day), Emergency Maintenance Service at 301-474-6011

Tuesday, September 8, 7 p.m., Pre Purchase Orientation, GHI Lobby

Tuesday, September 8, 7:30 p.m., Historic Preservation Taskforce Meeting, Board Room

## GCAN Parade Prep

At its first meeting of the fall, the Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN) will use the evening to prepare for the Labor Day parade. The meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 2 at the Community Center, Room 114, from 7 to 9:15 p.m.

The GCAN Parade Committee (Marjorie Gray, Susan Stewart, Barbara Stevens) has been working on the theme of Pieces of the Puzzle – the many positive solutions that add up to a cleaner, safer, healthier world. These solutions include wind, solar, gardening, electric vehicles and many more, all of which are already happening in Greenbelt.

All are invited to come brainstorm which solutions to highlight in the parade and to help the parade delegation put together posters. This will be a fun evening of art and conversation and a chance to reconnect after a summer apart.

As always, local announcements and updates on Greenbelt sustainability projects will be offered in the last portion of the meeting.

Those interested in helping out at the GCAN Info Day or marching with GCAN in the Labor Day parade can contact Lore Rosenthal [lore@simplicity-matters.org](mailto:lore@simplicity-matters.org), 301-345-2234 for a link to the sign-up chart or for more information.

## Cub Scout Activities

Attention current and future Cub Scouts. Cub Scout Pack 202 is holding two upcoming events in old Greenbelt for those wishing to get involved.

On Saturday, September 5 from 5 to 7 p.m., there is a meeting to prepare a float for participation in the Greenbelt Labor Day Parade.

On Thursday, September 10, there will be a fall Pack 202 open house from 7 to 8 p.m.

For more information on where to meet or other related queries, contact Jonathan Murray at [jdblockhead@yahoo.com](mailto:jdblockhead@yahoo.com) or 301-351-6325.

## Arts Advisory Board Meets

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, September 1st at 7 p.m. at the Community Center. For additional information, contact Nicole DeWald, staff liaison at [ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov) or 240-542-2057.

## No Donations

American Rescue Workers will not receive donations on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month for the time being due to a shortage of staff. Donations are expected to resume on Saturday, September 12. See City ad for details.

Utopia Film Festival Presents  
Sunday, August 30 & Wednesday, September 2  
Beginning at 8 PM

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and "Lands End"

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Nine-week class on Wednesdays  
Beginning Sept. 2nd, 7:30-10PM

Adobe Premiere Pro-\$\$\$  
Nine-week class on Thursdays  
Beginning Sept. 3rd, 7:30-10PM

For more information, visit the GATe website or e-mail [greenbeltaccess@gmail.com](mailto:greenbeltaccess@gmail.com)  
See what's showing on Comcast 77 and Verizon FIOS 19 by visiting [www.greenbeltaccessstv.org](http://www.greenbeltaccessstv.org) and click on "Channel"

## Ready 2 Read At The Library

Helping families with young children to talk, sing, read, draw/write, play and learn together is the goal of the recently opened Ready 2 Read Center at the Greenbelt library. This space gives very young children the opportunity to enjoy literacy-rich, hands-on experiences and activities, such as blocks, dramatic play and puzzles. As they engage children in play, parents and caregivers strengthen their role as the child's first teacher and excite young minds to think creatively. An early literacy information display provides adults with ideas to take home and try. For more information, call 301-345-5800 or stop by the library at 11 Crescent Road.

## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club always welcomes visitors. Come to the Community Center on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. and meet with us.

On the last meeting of the month we will play bingo. Come join the fun.

We are in the dog days of summer, so try to keep cool and drink lots of water.

## Calling All Pollinators

Join the Butterfly Brigade in the Labor Day Parade. Help raise awareness about the importance and plight of pollinators. All welcome: bees, butterflies, bats, etc. Make your own costume or let us know if you will need wings – we will have a limited supply. Contact Susan Barnett at [susnbarn@earthlink.net](mailto:susnbarn@earthlink.net).

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### Week of August 28

#### FRIDAY – SATURDAY

No Escape, PG-13 (!)  
11:10, 1:35, 4:05, 7, 9:40  
Hitman 47, R (!!)  
11:30, 2, 4:30, 7:20, 9:50  
Sinister 2, R (!!)  
11:20, 1:50, 4:10, 7:10, 10  
American Ultra, R (!!)  
11:15, 1:40, 4:40, 7:05, 10  
Straight Outta Compton, R  
11, 1:30, 3:55, 6:55, 9:20  
The Man from U.N.C.L.E., PG  
10:55, 9:50  
Fantastic 4, PG-13  
2:10, 4:40, 7:10  
Mission Impossible:  
Rogue Nation, PG-13  
4:20, 7:10, 9:30  
Minions, PG  
11:30, 1:55

#### SUNDAY – WEDNESDAY

No Escape, PG-13 (!)  
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#### THURSDAY

Transporter: Refueled,  
PG-13 (!) 7  
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The Rude Mechanicals Questionably Present  
**THE LIFE AND DEATH OF KING JOHN**  
By William Shakespeare  
[www.rudematerials.com](http://www.rudematerials.com)

Fridays and Saturdays at 8 PM  
August 28 & 29, Sept. 4 & 5  
Sunday September 30 at 2:00

Greenbelt Arts Center  
123 Centerway  
Greenbelt, MD

All tickets for Friday 4 Sept. include free admission to the 11PM showing of Monty Python and the Holy Grail, just a silly walk upstairs to The Old Greenbelt Theatre!

# Obituaries

## In Memoriam – Ronnie Fendlay

Ronald Fendlay, a Greenbelt boy from birth, passed away on July 17 at Magnolia Nursing Home after a series of up and downs mostly related to his diabetes and liver problems. He was 60 years old. He was the son of the late Lee and Jane Fendlay, longtime residents on Southway. Ronnie is survived by his two older brothers, Bunky and Davey, a younger sister Patty Fendlay Rousseau, and two younger brothers, Harry and Kevin, as well as his in-laws and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial gathering was held at the Greenbelt American Legion on Thursday, August 13 with about 75 persons in attendance. Ronnie was a long-time member of the Sons of The Legion, his Dad being a long-time Legion member. Ronnie had two son, Ronnie and Derrick, from Salem, Virginia, near Roanoke. He lived there for a couple of years when he was married to his wife Babs. His elder son Ronnie, who is 35, attended the gathering.

Ronnie had the normal experience of being a youth in Greenbelt. He attended Greenbelt Center Elementary School and later Greenbelt Junior High School. He played on the Indians Little League team (somehow you always remember your team's name) and later played some football for the Boys Club. He worked as a drywall hanger and at other construction and labor jobs. He had an accident that caused him to lose some of the use of his arm and made heavy lifting problematic.

You could say that Ronnie was often a man of few words. Patty's husband Marty, another Greenbelt boy of course, tells of how he first went to meet the family in the court on Southway. Patty's brother Bunky lived in the same court at the time. When Marty knocked at the family home, Ronnie peered out of the screen door. Marty asked if Patty was home, Ronnie just

said "No" and started to walk away. Marty knew she sometimes spent time at Bunky's so he asked if she was there instead. Ronnie answered "Yes" and walked away completely at that point. Patty noted that, at other times, he liked to tell stories and make up wild details when talking to his nieces and nephews.

Being somewhat of a daredevil, Ronnie tried to score points with his Greenbelt friends by engaging in various adventures (as a group, we were easily impressed). He was one who learned from experience. Jack Leslie tells of the time that he and Ronnie and others were at a water swing. That's a contraption with a rope knotted for your hands to grip, that swings out over the water where you can then let go and jump in (diving was a little too extravagant for Greenbelt kids). When Ronnie grabbed hold and started to swing out, the rope broke and Ronnie fell to the ground tumbling a few times. Jack noted that Ronnie just got up and shook it off and said, "That was fun. Let's do it again!"

As an adult, Ronnie liked to watch football and to play bingo and was a bingo caller at Green Ridge House, where he lived until he could no longer care for himself. The diabetes that later plagued him had cost Ronnie his right leg below the knee towards the end of his life. He had a motorized scooter that he liked to ride down to Roosevelt Center. You were likely to hear a shouted "Hey Man!" from him if you were there when he was passing through in one of his Harley Davidson berets that he always wore.

I imagine that whatever awaits Ronnie in the next life, he will begin it by offering a hearty "Hey Man!" to whoever greets him at the entrance.

Rick Ransom



Condolences to the friends and family of Ronald Fendlay, who died July 17. He grew up in Greenbelt, attending Greenbelt Elementary and Middle Schools and playing Little League baseball.

A big Greenbelt welcome to 16-year-old Ramona Luetze of Albeck, Germany, who will be here for a year with Linda Curtis, attending Eleanor Roosevelt High School as a junior. Albeck is a little village in southern Germany near the city of Ulm (Einstein's birthplace), about 100 miles from Munich. Ramona is Curtis' 26th foreign exchange student. She loves skiing, music and reading and plays the



PHOTOS BY KATHLEEN MCFARLAND

Ramona Luetze, exchange student from Germany hosted by Linda Curtis

clarinet. She's hoping to make new American friends at school;



Mary and Barry Moien celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with the Golden Age Club over pizza.

look for her at the Labor Day Festival!

Congratulations to Mary and Barry Moien on their 50th wedding anniversary. The couple celebrated with the Golden Age Club at a gala pizza luncheon on August 19.

We'd like to honor more of our Greenbelt graduates! Leave a message at 301-474-6892 to have the announcement published next week.

To send information for Our Neighbors, email us at editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

Kathleen McFarland

## Healing Arts Day

Community Hospices is sponsoring a Healing Arts Day as part of the Health and Wellness Fair that the City of Greenbelt, Doctors Hospital and Greenbelt Homes Inc. holds annually. The event takes place on Tuesday, October 20 from 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Healing Arts Day will feature a variety of creative, holistic and preventive health and healing resources and activities for all ages. This free, family-friendly event is open to the public.

Health and healing vendors can reserve free space by contacting Margaret Capurso at 301-560-6002 or mcapurso@communityhospices.org. Community Hospices serves Prince George's County and Washington, D.C., and is dedicated to compassionate end-of-life care and making the most of life at any age.

# The Bus

Seniors and Customers with Disabilities RIDE FREE

## Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

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.

## Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church



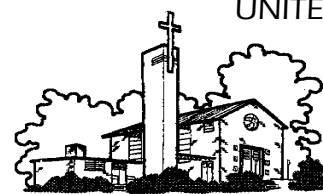
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt  
Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors  
www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410



Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

Worship Service 10 a.m.  
Mark your calendar 9/11 Concert.

## Greenbelt Community Church



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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



Sunday Worship  
10:15 a.m.

Rev. Glennyce Grindstaff, Pastor

## Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church



3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi  
Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org



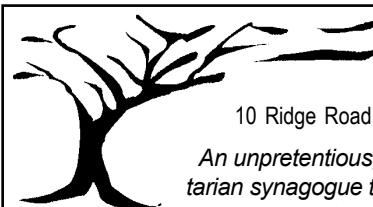
Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

August 30 10 a.m.

"Dear Vegan: Please Go Away"

Mary "Tyrle" Rooke

It's common and natural for many non-vegans to react negatively to veganism. Learn tips to get beyond this stage.



## Mishkan Torah Congregation

10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-474-4223

An unpretentious, historic, welcoming, liberal, egalitarian synagogue that respects tradition and becomes your extended family in the 21st century.

Shabbat services: Friday evening at 8:00 PM, except 1st Friday of the month, i.e. family service at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning services at 9:30 AM. Educational programs for children K-12 and for adults. Combined innovative full family educational program for parents and children. Conversion classes. Concert choir. Social Action program. Opportunity for leadership development. Moderate, flexible dues. High holiday seating for visitors. Sisterhood. Men's Club. Other Social Activities. Interfaith families are welcome.

Historic synagogue dually affiliated with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation



"Prejudices of any kind are the destroyers of human happiness & welfare."  
- Baha'i Writings

## Greenbelt Baha'i Community

1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918  
Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com www.greenbeltbahais.org

## ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-474-4322



### Mass Schedule:

Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

## GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH



## Come worship God with us!

Sunday School 9:45AM

Worship Service 11:00AM

101 Greenhill Road Greenbelt, MD 20770  
(301) 474-4212 www.greenbeltbaptist.org

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6905 Greenbelt Road  
Greenbelt, Md. 301-345-5111



Catholic Community of Greenbelt

SUNDAY MASS, 10:00 AM  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

SERVE BREAKFAST  
AT S.O.M.E.

Sunday, August 30  
Meet at St. Hugh's School  
Parking Lot, 6:00 AM  
All are welcome.



# City Information

## MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF AUG. 31 - SEPT. 4

Monday, August 31 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION-Forest Preserve Health Assessment** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv)

Tuesday, September 1 at 7:00pm, **ARTS ADVISORY BOARD** at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. Info, [ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov)

Wednesday, September 2 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION with Pepco** at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

*The schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.*



**University of Maryland Shuttle Passes expire on August 31, 2015!**  
**RENEW YOUR PASS TODAY!**

You can renew your pass at the following locations\*:

- ◆ Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center
- ◆ Greenbelt Youth Center
- ◆ Springhill Lake Recreation Center

\*Contact the Greenbelt Recreation Department at 301.397.2200 for each facility's hours of operation.

The new annual passes will expire on August 31, 2016. Passes are \$10 each. This fee can be waived in cases of economic hardship. Only Greenbelt residents and City employees are eligible to obtain these passes.

Residents seeking a pass must show proof of residency (State issued photo ID or current lease with a valid Greenbelt address).

For more information about Shuttle-UM visit:  
<http://www.transportation.umd.edu/schedules.html>

## CITY ELECTION INFORMATION VOTER REGISTRATION

To vote in the City Council election on November 3, 2015, you must be a qualified Greenbelt voter by October 5.

For information about registering to vote in Prince George's County, contact the County Board of Elections at 301-341-7391 or visit [www.elections.state.md.us](http://www.elections.state.md.us). Forms for voter registration and address/name change are available at the Municipal Building, the Greenbelt Library and on the city website, [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov).

All forms must be received by the County Board of Elections, 1100 Mercantile Lane – Suite 115A, Largo, MD no later than 4:30 p.m., Monday, October 5.

For additional information, contact Cindy Murray, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000 or [cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov).

*If you are already registered to vote in Prince George's County but have moved or changed your name since the last election, you must complete an application to have this information changed.*

*\*This can also be done online at [www.elections.state.md.us](http://www.elections.state.md.us)*

## ELECTION CLERKS NEEDED

The City of Greenbelt Board of Elections is seeking several residents who would be willing to serve as election officials on November 3, 2015, from 6 a.m. until about 9 p.m. Clerks must also attend a training session on November 2 from 7:00 p.m. until about 9 p.m.

This is a rewarding experience for anyone who is interested in the political process and would like to play an active role in the local election. There is a stipend of \$175, plus a training fee of \$25.

There may also be a need for additional clerks to assist in the counting of absentee and early voting ballots. This job would entail working for three to four hours in the late afternoon/early evening of November 3. No preliminary training is necessary. The pay for absentee and early voting ballot clerks is \$50.

Application forms are available at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, and on the City website [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov). For further information, call or e-mail Cindy Murray, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000 or [cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov).

## FALL GED COURSES

Greenbelt CARES will provide 2 different GED courses this fall in 2 different locations:

**Springhill Lake Recreation Club House**, 6101 Cherrywood Lane. Registration on Tuesday, September 8 at 10am. Class will meet every Tuesday and Thursday through December 3rd. GED I will be from 10am-12noon. GED II will be from 1-3pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**Municipal Building**, 25 Crescent Road. Registration on Monday, September 9 at 10am. Class is held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10am-12noon through December 2.

Students are required to purchase a copy of the GED textbook, calculator and test-taking materials for \$45 (purchased from Greenbelt CARES). There is no registration fee for GREENBELT RESIDENTS. Non-Greenbelt residents are required to pay a \$175 registration fee.

For more information, contact Judy Hering at 301-345-6660, ext. 2016 or [jhering@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:jhering@greenbeltmd.gov).

## VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, and Youth Advisory Committee  
**For information call 301-474-8000.**

## FIT 'N' FUN CARDIO 452203-1 Ages 16+

Participants experience a variety of cardio including dance, boot camp, weights and floorwork set to great music! You will need to bring weights, water and a mat, jump rope is optional.

**M/W/F 10:00am-11:15am/CC-106 36 mtgs: 9/9 - 12/11 (No class 9/14, 9/23, 9/30, 11/11, 11/27)**

**R: \$108, NR: \$118, Drop-in: R: \$4, NR: \$5**

**Instructor: Judy Cocchiaro**

**Register on-line at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation), mail in, or walk into Community Center.**

**Greenbelt CityLink: [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov).**

## CARES INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING

Greenbelt CARES offers Individual Adult Counseling. Individual counseling is conducted using a Cognitive Behavioral Approach. Counselors work with clients to determine the goals of therapy, and then help clients implement strategies that improve overall functioning. Services are free of charge for Greenbelt residents, and for those in several zip codes surrounding the city. CARES currently has a short waiting list for appointments.

**CARES 301-345-6660**

## Consider Making a Charitable Donation to Help a Neighbor in Need

The Emergency Relief Fund is in need of donations. This fund assists Greenbelt residents who pay rent and are at-risk of eviction. Requests for assistance are reviewed by the Greenbelt CARES' Emergency Relief Fund Volunteer who conducts an assessment of the individual's financial need and provides information about, and assists in connecting to, other financial community resources available.

These Funds are managed but not financed by the City. All donations used for the eviction relief purposes.

Checks may be made payable to the City of Greenbelt. Donations are tax deductible and upon request a letter acknowledging your gift will be issued.

Thank you to all residents who have contributed in years past.

## DONATION DROP-OFF TO RESUME ON SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>!



GreenDrop will be collecting your items on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month in the Municipal Center Parking lot from 9:00am-12:00pm.

Items to be collected include: Small Appliances, Bedding, Draperies, Games/Toys, Books, CDs and Videos, Clothing, Electronics NO MONITORS, Kitchen Items, Household Items, Sporting Goods and more. Please visit their website at <https://www.gogreen-drop.com> for a complete list of acceptable items.

## GREENBELT RETRO TOWN FAIR

**Sunday, Sept. 6, 2015, 2-4pm**  
**Roosevelt Center**



Categories:

- Flowers
- Vegetables
- Baked goods
- Home canned goods
- Needlework



### Retro Town Fair Registration Form

Please check off category(ies) you are entering—only one entry per person per category, please.

Flower and Vegetable Contest:	Town Fair Schedule
Cut flower: <input type="checkbox"/> Floral arrangement <input type="checkbox"/>	Please drop off ALL entries between 11am-12pm at Roosevelt Center
Root Crop: <input type="checkbox"/> Fruit <input type="checkbox"/> Leafy Green <input type="checkbox"/>	Open to public for viewing from 2pm-4pm
Baked Goods Contest:	Please plan to pick up ALL items by 5pm
Please include an index card with ingredients with item	
Cake <input type="checkbox"/> Pie <input type="checkbox"/> Cookies <input type="checkbox"/>	Name: _____
Canned Goods Contest:	Address: _____
Preserves/Jams <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetables <input type="checkbox"/> Pickles <input type="checkbox"/>	Phone Number: _____
Needlework Contest:	E-mail: _____
Crochet <input type="checkbox"/> Knitting <input type="checkbox"/> Embroidery <input type="checkbox"/> Sewing <input type="checkbox"/>	Questions? Contact Sheila Maffay-Tuthill, 240-542-2064 or <a href="mailto:greenbeltmuseumedu@gmail.com">greenbeltmuseumedu@gmail.com</a> . Info? <a href="http://greenbeltmuseum.org">greenbeltmuseum.org</a>
Crafts, Open Category: _____	
(examples: jewelry, woodworking, dollmaking)	



## RAIDERS BASKETBALL SKILLS CLINIC

8 Week Session  
Wednesdays 9/9-10/28  
Springhill Lake Recreation Ctr.  
6101 Cherrywood Lane, 301-397-2212  
Ages 10-14: 4:15-5:00pm  
Ages 15-18: 5:15-6:00 pm  
Residents: \$80 Non-Residents \$100

Clinic will be run by Eleanor Roosevelt's boys varsity basketball coach Brendan O'Connell. It will focus on skill development such as shooting, ball handling and defensive principles.

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happy just to have a new and updated map, with any needed repairs to the sign and stone wall. Councilmember Rodney Roberts also spoke in favor of keeping the city's traditional sign and map as the gateway for Southway.

Councilmember Judith Davis questioned whether having a map was meaningful anymore now that travelers have GPS units and all manner of mobile devices with internet access. She also stressed that the issue was not only about Southway but rather required planning for at least three or four gateway signs. Davis also suggested having all the church and service group signs at the Southway entrance, but that idea did not meet with enthusiasm from all. Nor did a suggestion from Councilmember Konrad Herling that entrance signs be lighted.

Councilmember Leta Mach said she had been envisioning a gateway sign that would include logos or medallions for the organizations, so she was thinking of it as one problem, not two. Councilmember Silke Pope commented that what could be done in that regard would be limited by the size of the sign.

There was general agreement that in Greenbelt East a sign should be placed on Greenbelt Road westbound near the city boundary at the end of Windsor Green. When the entrance on Research Road from BARC was also proposed, Hruby confirmed that that site had been approved by council at the time of the earlier review.

Hruby pointed out that in some instances the use of a monument sign versus a pole sign might not be a sign of status but rather what was permissible. When this work was done earlier, staff learned that the state does not permit monument signs on state-maintained highways. Since she was unsure whether that was still true, she said she would investigate.

Jordan pointed toward Haver Park and Good Luck Road as a significant gateway that should be marked. City Manager Michael McLaughlin said there was no city property there except right of way and no room for a monument sign. Hruby was also uncertain about the extent of city right of way at Kenilworth Avenue and Good Luck Road.

Hruby commented that she has not seen many monument entrance signs in this area, which she thought might be a simple cost/benefit decision since all that jurisdictions are attempting to achieve is announcing to people that they have arrived in the city. As a result, although staff members agree there should be a monument sign at Southway, they suggest rethinking whether pole signs would do just as well elsewhere.

Hruby added that staff was concerned about clutter if other signs were to be placed on the monument and thought perhaps a second structure further in on Southway might be a better place for church and service group signs. McLaughlin added that

since some of the existing organization signs are fairly large, issues would arise about size and amount of text.

Hruby advised against restoring the map, which she pointed out would be in a state of nearly perpetual obsolescence for the next several years as Greenbelt Station develops.

Roberts said he thought the monument sign should be separate and that multiple monument signs, especially with lighting, were unnecessary, with poles being good enough for the job.

Mach objected to the idea that the only monument sign would be at the Southway entrance, pointing out that council has decided the three sections of Greenbelt should be treated equally. She believed there should be a monument sign in all three areas.

Council agreed to move forward with discussing the project and asked staff to request Bradley to review her 2001 designs to see if she had any further recommendations or advice. The mayor said that despite the range of opinion he thought council was in general agreement to go with three monuments if locations permitted with pole signs to go elsewhere.

What to do about the signs from the fraternal groups and churches was less defined. Putens and Pope agreed that they did not want to see medallions cluttering up a plain art deco sign. Pope suggested that the existing signs might be a separate problem after all. She concluded, "We might need to look at the whole city on that."

### How Many Signs Are There?

Throughout the city council's discussion of the appearance of the signs clustered in the first tenth of a mile of Crescent Road off Kenilworth Avenue — from Kenilworth to the entrance of Buddy Attick Park — questions were raised about how many signs there actually were. No one knew, but there sure seemed to be a lot of them!

The questions being asked were targeted at the signs posted by churches and service organizations, but a bit of investigative journalism undertaken by this reporter revealed the shocking fact that the majority of signs at that location are either directly or indirectly attributable to the City of Greenbelt.

Of the 24 signs, two belong to service organization (Lions and Rotary). Four belong to churches (Redeemed Christian Church of God; St. Hugh's; Mowatt Memorial United Methodist; and Greenbelt Baptist Church). Although the Community Church has a sign on Crescent, it is considerably farther down the road and stands alone.

There is one sign for the county's TheBus at the bus stop.

The remaining 17 signs (71 percent of the total) are city-related. Twelve regulate traffic or parking. Three are directional (Police Department, Public Works Department, Fire Department). The remaining two are signs for the 75th Anniversary and Neighborhood Watch.

At the intersection of Southway and Ridge, however, it is true that the churches and service organizations have pride of place. The same six organizations have signs there, with no clutter at all contributed by the city.

- Kathleen Gallagher

## College Park Farmers Market

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*A Review*

# Rudacious Audacity, Audacious Rudacity

by Jim Link

I had a mild epiphany after seeing Shakespeare's *The Life and Death of King John*, as creatively tweaked – nay, rather morphed completely – by *The Rude Mechanicals'* irreverent brilliance.

Now at the Greenbelt Arts Center, the Rudes offer a carnival of fun – excellent acting, sumptuous costumes, spot-on comedic timing, enormous physical energy and original conceits.

A puzzlement. I'm a huge Rudes fan, so why didn't I like the play? It's a peculiar, paradoxical feeling to be pleased again and again throughout the evening (90 minutes, including a 15-minute intermission) and leave pouting with disappointment.

One of many pleasures was the grafting of Monty Python-esque comic moments onto the plot. Josh Engel, as Philip the Bastard – a lovely moniker – gets to trot about on an invisible horse trailed by Trevor Jones (Mr. Gumby) clacking two coconut halves together to simulate hoof beats. A French nobleman hurls insults from the ramparts of Angiers down on the besieging English army. Remember "You silly King!"?

Director Alan Duda hilariously breaks the fourth wall, talking directly to the audience, never letting us forget that we are watching a play. He enters from stage left prematurely to urge the audience to recommend the play, beginning next week at the GAC. "We are at GAC," he is reminded, and the play is not over.

At the real end of the play, the cast all take a bow, gesture in homage toward the light and sound people (Jeff Paretsky and Eric Honour) and leave the stage. All but the corpse of King John (Evan Ockershausen), who irritatingly lingers on his throne after an ignominious death. As intended, the audience doesn't know whether or not to exit the premises, until we are shoed out by Mr. Gumby. The conceit works.

More moments of hilarity: Jaki Demarest as the sneering French Dolphin (Dauphin) repeatedly spits on English dignity – "Patool!" Lovely.



PHOTO BY JAE ROBINSON

**King John (Evan Ockershausen) plots with Hubert of Angiers (Paul Brinkley).**

Melissa Schick, very unhappy with her role as the corpse of Queen Elinor, whines "I must really talk with my agent!" while miming rigor mortis. Excellent.

Carol Calhoun, as a papal legate sent to quell the bickering French and English rivals, beautifully bloviates at length on matters of faith and morality, promptly rendering her listeners comatose with boredom. Lovely.

Is it my imagination or did Sam David, as a black-cowled monk, subtly imitate the crazed look of Marty Feldman in *Young Frankenstein*? The Rudes are that slick.

So. My epiphany... at home, wrenched by contradictory impulses, wrestling with my critical angst, how could I have had so much fun and still wallow in a serious pout?

I read Duda's detailed director's notes for the first time and voila! The clear explanation of the dynastic maze and plethora of assassinations, battles, arranged marriages, power struggles which inform KJ's plot, dissipated my confusion and banished my silly pout.

The moral? First, never begin a play review with the pronoun "I" – the play's the thing, not the reviewer. Next, always read the program before seeing the play, so you'll know what the heck is going on. Last, go enjoy this rudaciously flamboyant production on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. on August 28 and 29, September 4 and 5, and on Sunday, August 30 at 2 p.m.



PHOTO BY JAE ROBINSON

**The Executioner (Sam David) stands guard as Prince Arthur (Holly Trout) tries to persuade Hubert (Paul Brinkley) not to follow the king's orders to kill Arthur.**

# Labor Day Festival Offers Zero Waste Games

by Erin Josephitis

Bring your family, friends, and neighbors to the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival and test your skills and knowledge with the Zero Waste Circle's fun and educational games. Learn from local volunteers as they share tips on how to reduce, reuse, recycle and compost. Participants will win prizes, such as reusable shopping bags from MOM's and coupons from local vendors. Don't forget to B.Y.O.R. (bring your own reusable) water bottle, and visit the Zero Waste Circle's booth to be included in a tally of festival-goers who remember to B.Y.O.R.!

When you arrive, let us know that you B.Y.O.R. and ask for a map of the Greenbelt Water Works Scavenger Hunt. Show off how fast you can visit all of the different Greenbelt Water Works stations, and feel free to drink from their fountain or fill up your reusable water bottle at each stop. All of the Greenbelt Water Works locations will have a visible sign indicating festival-goers are welcome to come in for free water. The Greenbelt Water Works locations include the Aquatic & Fitness Center, the Greenbelt Theater, Municipal Building, Community Center and Co-Op Grocery Store, all of which have water fountains you may use. You may refill with a reusable bottle at Generous Joe's, New Deal Café, Makers' Space and maybe more to come! Take a picture at the Greenbelt Water Works locations and share the pictures by emailing Volunteer@

## Water Bottle Refill Station



**Logo for Greenbelt Water Works will be posted to show festival-goers which merchants or buildings allow you to refill your water bottle free of charge.**

CHEARS.org. You can pick a prize after you complete the scavenger hunt or any of the other Zero Waste Circle's games.

Also, be on the lookout for the Zero Waste Circle's new "Decomposition Timeline," which illustrates the different rates at which various materials decompose. You will be shocked when you learn the difference between the rates of decomposition for Styrofoam or glass when compared to a banana peel or an apple core. Discover the answers and learn even more about re-

ducing your household waste through reusing, recycling and composting!

In the "Choose the Right Bin" challenge, you can test your eye-hand coordination while juggling which waste item goes into which bin – recycle, compost or landfill. Choose the right bin, win a prize and learn how to be a better "Zero Waster"!

Our zero waste efforts would not be as successful as they are without the time and energy of dedicated volunteers. We invite you to join us in our efforts – volunteer to help Zero Waste the Labor Day Festival: lead games, teach festival-goers how to Choose the Right Bin and have fun! It is highly encouraged that volunteers attend the training session on Tuesday, September 1 if they missed the August 20 session. Training will be held in the Department of Public Works Building, 555 Crescent Road. Service-learning hours are provided for both training and serving over the festival weekend. Help us plan by sending an RSVP in advance to [signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4caba929a2fd0-greening2](http://signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4caba929a2fd0-greening2).

The Labor Day Zero Waste effort is a project of the Zero Waste Circle, comprised of members of Greenbelt's Green Team and affinity groups, with support from the Department of Public Works and the Chesapeake Education Arts and Research Society (CHEARS).

*Susan Barnett and Jane Young contributed to this article.*

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# RUN/WALK FOR SIDS

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**GREENBELT LAKE, BUDDY ATTICK PARK • RAIN OR SHINE!**

**START SITE** Buddy Attick Park Entrance: 555 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
**PARKING** Closest & Best for Runners: At the START SITE and along adjacent Crescent Road.  
**Additional Parking:** At the Library/Community Center lots. Enter from the library driveway at 11 Crescent Road.

**3.0 MILE RUN  
AGES 10 AND OLDER**

**REGISTRATION & FEES:**  
Pre-register at a savings online at [GetMeRegistered.com](http://GetMeRegistered.com) through September 10, Thursday, Midnight close; or day of event on site.  
FEES: \$20 in advance, \$25 day of event. Free: ages 9 and younger.

**SCHEDULE:**  
7:00 a.m. **Registration begins** on site  
8:00 a.m. **START:** ages 10 and older  
9:00 a.m. **Race Awards Presentation**

**TO DONATE:**  
Fees & donations are tax-deductible. Extra donations are greatly needed and appreciated. Donate online or send checks payable to **CJ Foundation for SIDS** to 2905 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Cheverly, MD 20785.

**WHY WE'RE HERE:**  
Proceeds fund Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) research and family support programs and also help provide free **Cribs for Kids for Infants at Risk & Teen Parenting** programs in Prince George's County, Maryland.

**1.25 MILE WALK  
ALL AGES**

**REGISTRATION & FEES:**  
Pre-Register at [SidsSurvivalGuide.org](http://SidsSurvivalGuide.org) through Friday, September 11 or day of walk. Free registration. However, tax-deductible donations are greatly needed and appreciated.

**SCHEDULE:**  
8:00 a.m. **Registration begins** on site  
9:15 a.m. **Opening Ceremony**  
9:30 a.m. - Noon **START:** Walkers may start anytime in this time period.  
9:30 a.m. Most Walkers **START** around this time  
10:00 a.m. **Fun Kids' Races & Games**

**TO DONATE:**  
Donations, greatly needed and appreciated, are tax-deductible. Donate online or send checks payable to **CJ Foundation for SIDS** to P.O. Box 2426, Hyattsville, MD 20784. To meet our goal, we'd appreciate \$25 from each walker or \$35 per family.

**EVENT EXTRAS:**

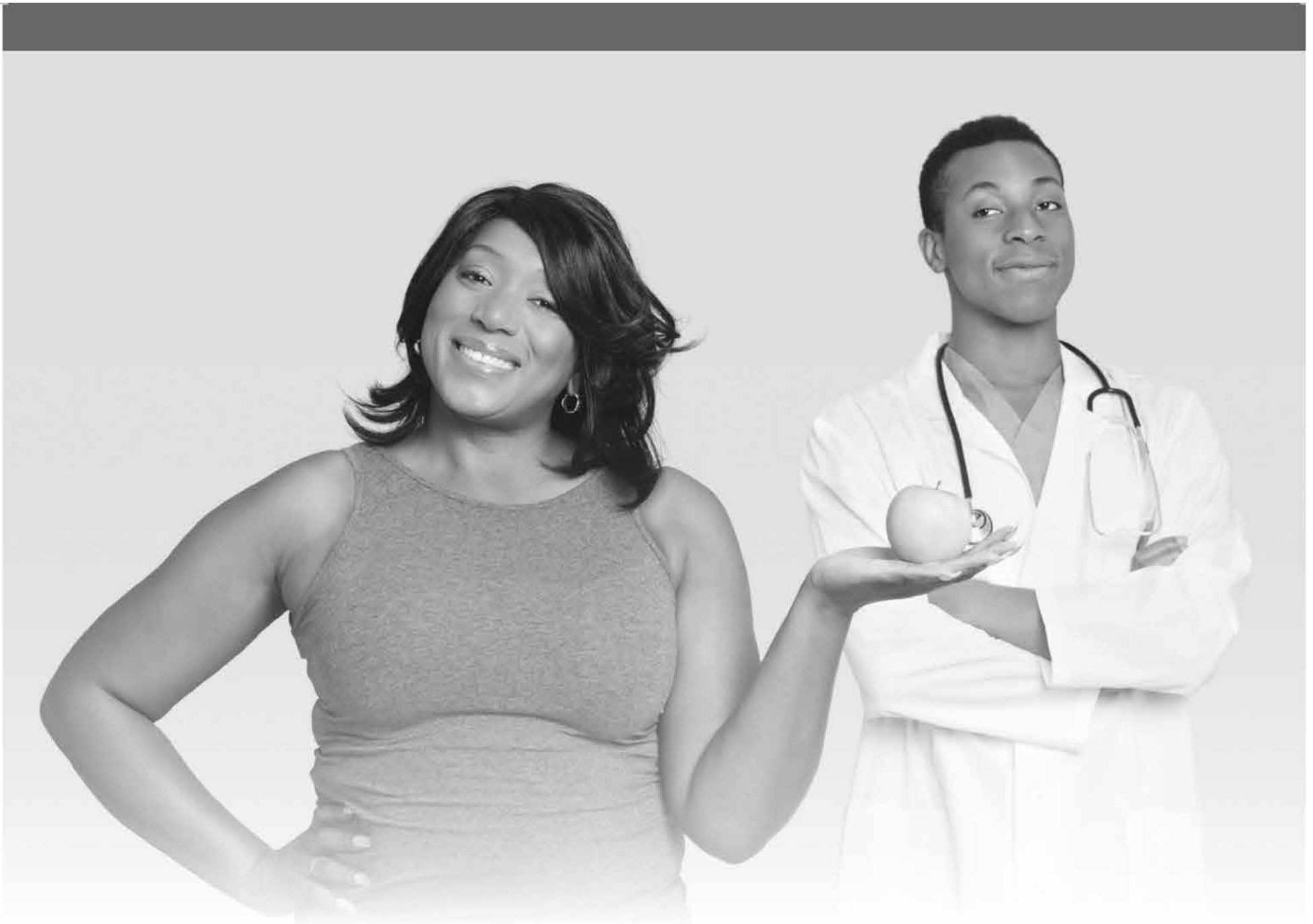
- Guitar Sing-Along with Jim, Jack, and David Stemmler and Friends.
- Free Breakfast!
- Face-Painting Clown Will Entertain Your Kids.
- Pets on Leashes Are Welcome at the WALK!  
*So Sorry! We will NOT BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE PETS AT THE RUN.*

**CONTACT US:**  
**Pre-Register or Volunteer\* at**  
[www.SidsSurvivalGuide.org](http://www.SidsSurvivalGuide.org)

**Donate at**  
<https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/SIDS-ES>

**Call or Write**  
Joani Horchler\*  
Office Tel 1-877-WeLoveYou, toll free.  
Cell: 301 802-7445  
[sidses@aol.com](mailto:sidses@aol.com)  
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\*Joani & Gabe lost their only son, Christian, to SIDS in 1991.



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**Shuttle buses will pick up and drop off Festival goers approximately every 30 minutes along two routes:**

**Original route:**

Greenbelt Elementary School, Green Ridge House (residents only), Eleanor Roosevelt High School  
 Friday 6pm to 11pm; Saturday 10:30am to 11pm  
 Sunday Noon to 11pm; Monday 1pm to 6pm

**Additional route:**

Springhill Lake Recreation Center Parking Lot, Greenbelt Metro Kiss & Ride Lot, Greenbelt Station Townhouses at the parking lot for model houses  
 Friday 6pm to 10pm; Saturday 3pm to 10pm  
 Sunday 3pm to 10pm; Monday 9am to 3pm

Parking also available at Greenbelt Armory but no shuttle pickup. Armory parkers will walk 0.4 mile to the Festival.

At the Festival, the shuttles will depart from in front of the city offices and from Roosevelt Center. During the parade, the shuttles will depart from the Festival grounds and return parade participants to Buddy Attick Park.



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# 61st Annual Greenbelt Labor Day Festival

**Friday, Sept. 4 through Monday, Sept. 7, 2015**

*"Unity through community involvement"*

Dear Festival Visitor:

Welcome to the 61st Annual Greenbelt Labor Day Festival! The City of Greenbelt is honored to host this unique community celebration, which is the largest event of its kind in the State of Maryland and provides so much enjoyment to all its citizens. Many family and friend reunions occur during this special weekend. The Festival also provides a great opportunity for many of our City's nonprofit, service and religious organizations to participate and make themselves known to our residents and visitors.

This Festival is organized and conducted by an independent volunteer group, the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee. These generous and dedicated citizens have worked long hours over the past year to ensure that we all have a wonderful time. We are grateful for their efforts and those of all the other community volunteers and City employees who make this event possible.

We hope you enjoy this weekend's festivities. Plan to come all four days and take full advantage of the wide range of activities being offered, from the Opening Ceremony and Concert on Friday evening to the Labor Day Parade on Monday. If you have any questions about the City of Greenbelt, please call us at 301-474-8000.

Best wishes for a great weekend!



The Greenbelt City Council, standing from left, Councilmembers Edward Putens, Leta Mach, Konrad Herling and Silke Pope; sitting from left, Councilmember Rodney Roberts, Mayor Emmett Jordan and Mayor Pro Tem Judith Davis.



**2015 Labor Day Festival Committee**

**Board of Directors**  
 Linda Ivy, Keith Zevallos, Carol Goddard, Diane Siegel, Barbara Simon, Lester Whitmer and Brian York.  
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**City Liaisons to the Committee**  
 Frank Kellaher, Capt. Tom Kemp and Rebekah Sutfin

**Greenbelt Rising Stars/Talent Show**

Sunday, September 6, Main Stage, 4:30-7:30pm



Emily Armoa (left) and "RPG" (right) perform at last year's Rising Stars, a program that gives performers age 17 years or younger the opportunity to display their talent.

**Festival Hours**

Friday – 6 to 11pm  
 Saturday – 10:30am to 11pm  
 Sunday – Noon to 11pm  
 Monday – 11am to 6pm

See shuttle schedule on page 8.

**"Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Replenish!"**

Help us keep the Green in Greenbelt!

To receive updates on the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival, follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

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# Why Cook?

Relax Over the Weekend . . .  
Eat Out at the Festival!

Food Booths in the Carnival Midway include:

- Ancestral Knowledge – Snoballs
  - Astronomical Society of Greenbelt
    - German Sausage, Butterfly Chips
  - Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club
    - Lemonade, Pretzels, Funnel Cake
  - Greenbelt Babe Ruth
    - Cheeseburgers, Nachos, Fried Candy Bars
  - Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police
    - Turkey, Ham, Crab Cake
    - Italian and Polish Sausage
  - Greenbelt Knights of Columbus
    - Italian and Polish Sausage
  - Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee
    - Chicken on a Stick, Pad Thai, Fried Rice, Egg Roll
  - Greenbelt Community Development Corp.
    - Vegan Ribs, Spinach Pies, French Fries
  - Green Vegan Networking
    - Jerk Chicken, Chicken Curry, Fried Broccoli
- Sodas and Beverages Available at Many Booths

## Recycling

at the

### Labor Day Festival

Please help green the Labor Day Festival! The Public Works/Green Team booths and volunteers will have new information regarding recycling and filling up your water bottles. We will also have some fun informational games and green prizes.

There are water fountains at the Community Center, Municipal Building, Aquatic Center, and the Co-op grocery store. Some businesses and restaurants will also let you fill your water bottle. Look for the water bottle flyer in store windows.

Trash, composting and recycling bins with instructional decals will be placed side by side throughout the festival grounds.

## The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival offers a unique opportunity for local residents to display their talents and creativity.

### Art Show

Community Center. Pre-registration for the art show is not required; bring your artwork to the Community Center between 5-7pm on Thursday, 10am-Noon or 5-7pm on Friday.

Participating children must live or go to school in Greenbelt or have a parent or grandparent who lives or works in Greenbelt. Participating adult artists must be from Greenbelt or the surrounding communities.

Adult artists are limited to four entries, and children and teens are limited to three entries. Adult two-dimensional art work must be framed for hanging. Children's art can be matted or mounted. Adult artists must volunteer to help with hanging the artwork Friday evening or sit with the show for one hour during the Festival.

Viewing will be Saturday and Sunday 1-6 pm. Awards will be presented on the stage Monday at 12:30pm. Viewing will take place Monday 1-4pm, except during the award ceremony, and pick-up will run from 4-5pm. The committee is not responsible for unclaimed work.

For information see: [www.greenbeltlaborday.com/events-and-activities/art-show/](http://www.greenbeltlaborday.com/events-and-activities/art-show/) or contact Barbara Simon at 301-474-2192.

Sponsored by Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA)

#### Categories:

- |  |                           |
|--|---------------------------|
| <b>ADULT</b>                           | <b>CHILDREN</b>           |
| • Oil and Acrylic Painting             | Pre-School to age 6       |
| • Watercolor Painting                  | Ages 7 to 10 years        |
| • Drawing                              | Ages 11 to 14 years       |
| • Graphics/Mixed Media/ 2 Dimensional  | Ages 15 to 18 years       |
| • Fine Crafts                          | • Painting                |
| • Sculpture/Mixed Media/ 3 Dimensional | • Drawing/Prints/Collages |
|  | • Sculpture/3 Dimensional |

The **Cipriano Award** is given each year to one adult winner and one child for art depicting "Americans at Work."

### Photo Show

Community Center. Pre-registration for the photo show is not required; bring up to two photos per person and a completed registration form to the Community Center between 5-7pm on Thursday or Friday. Outside of frame must be less than 16" by 20" and be ready to hang. Viewing will be Saturday and Sunday 1-6pm, Monday 1-4pm, except during the award ceremony. Visitors can vote for their "Community Favorites" on Saturday and Sunday. All winning photos will have ribbons displayed on photos on Saturday and announced on stage Monday at 12:30pm. Pick-up will run from 4-5pm on Monday. For information see [www.greenbeltlaborday.com/events-and-activities/photo-show/](http://www.greenbeltlaborday.com/events-and-activities/photo-show/) or contact Keith Zevallos at 240-355-2908.

#### Categories:

- Proud America
- Extreme Weather
- Those Who Serve and Protect Us
- Greener Living in Greenbelt
- My Greenbelt/Greenbelt Memories
- Produced in Greenbelt Darkroom
- Landscapes – Sunrise/Sunset
- Landscapes – All Other
- People – Photos of Children
- People – Photos of Adults & Families
- Flowers • Wild Animals and Nature
- Pets • Travel • Buildings & Architecture
- Still Life/Pictorial/Abstract



## Carnival Midway Booths and Activities

Ride tickets - \$1.00/each, \$20.00 for 25 tickets, and \$25.00 for the "All You Can Ride Wristband" for unlimited rides during certain times on ONE DAY ONLY. Choose between 11am to 4pm Saturday OR Noon to 4pm Sunday. No charge for entertainment, shows or events unless noted. Vouchers for wristbands may be purchased for \$12.00 at the Co-op Supermarket until Noon on Friday, September 4. These vouchers can be redeemed at the Festival for the wristband. Prices subject to change without notice. No refunds.

- Greenbelt Animal Control - Dunk Tank, Pooch Plunge & Informational Handouts
- Greenbelt Bahai Community – Button Making
- Greenbelt Baptist Church – Information, activity
- Greenbelt Elementary School PTA – Used Book Sale
- Greenbelt Nursery School – Greenbelt Is Great T-shirts
- St. Hugh's Ladies of Charity – Bingo, Soda, Water

Rides by Sherwood Amusements. Booths constructed and wired by Greenbelt Public Works Department.



## Retro Town Fair

Residents bring their flowers, vegetables, fruits, baked goods, canned goods, and needlework to be displayed and judged by a panel of experts.

Grassy area behind the Mother and Child Statue: Sunday, 2-4pm; entries accepted 11am-noon.



# Monday, Sept. 7

**9am-5:30pm GREENBELT MUSEUM EXHIBITION**  
See Friday 9am entry for description.

**9:30-10am LIONS CLUB BIKES AND TRIKES**  
Roosevelt Center. Decorate your bike or trike and ride it in the parade! All contestants meet at the Mother and Child statue.  
*Sponsored by Greenbelt Lions Club*

**10am-Noon 60th ANNUAL GREENBELT LABOR DAY PARADE**  
The 60th Annual Labor Day Parade will entertain you with a variety of groups, demonstrate our community spirit and accentuate our diverse cultural backgrounds. There will be bands, fire trucks, color guard, community organizations and more. The Grand Marshal is Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen. Parade Route: Down Crescent Rd. from Greenhill to Southway. Parade is marshaled by the Prince George's County Emergency Radio Association (PGCERA) with assistance from Prince George's County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (PG-ARES) and the Eleanor Roosevelt High School National Honor Society.



The 2014 Parade

PHOTO BY CYNTHIA CUMMINGS

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee would like to thank the Eleanor Roosevelt High School National Honor Society members who have volunteered their time at this year's Festival.

**11am-6pm CARNIVAL AND BOOTHS**  
See Carnival Midway entry at 6pm Friday.

**11:30am-1pm TOURS OF THE GREENBELT MUSEUM**  
10-B Crescent Rd. Immediately following the parade, come by the Museum house for a quick tour. The Greenbelt Museum's historic home has been restored and furnished with objects from the period 1937-1952. See how Greenbelt's families lived back then. FREE.

**Noon-2pm LUNCHEON ON THE LAWN**  
Greenbelt Community Church, Corner of Hillside and Crescent Rd. After parade. Barbeque sandwich or hot dog, baked beans, slaw, chips, drink and dessert for one reasonable price.

**Noon-6pm CRAFT FAIR**  
See Sunday Noon entry for description.

**12:30-1:30pm AWARD PRESENTATIONS**  
Stage. Presentation of awards for the Art Show, Photo Show, Best Entry in each parade category and Best in Parade.

**1-3pm YOUTH SCAVENGER HUNT (TEAMS OF 2)**  
Youth Center. Can you find them all? Team up with a friend and see if you can find all Greenbelt has to offer. Ages 15 & under. Registration begins at 12:45pm in front of the Youth Center entrance. Trophies will be awarded to the winner and runner-up.  
*Sponsored by Greenbelt Recreation Department*

**1-4pm ART SHOW AND PHOTO SHOW**  
Community Center. See entry at 1pm Saturday. Awards will be presented on stage from 12:30-1:30pm. Exhibitors pick up their items at 4pm.

**1-4pm ART EXHIBITION**  
Community Center Art Gallery, Room 112. Relics: Sculpture and Costumes by Hoesy Corona.  
*Sponsored by Greenbelt Recreation Department*

**2-6pm THE FABULOUS HUBCAPS**  
Stage. The Fabulous Hubcaps present a unique and spirited show of classic American rock 'n' roll from the 1950s and 1960s.



The Fabulous Hubcaps

# Friday, Sept. 4

All events will take place in the Roosevelt Center parking lots unless otherwise noted. No advance registration is required unless stated. No alcoholic beverages will be sold at the Festival. City ordinances prohibit the consumption of alcoholic beverages in city parks, buildings and the Festival area.

In case of rain, stage events and some booth activities will be moved to the Community Center and the Youth Center. Carnival rides may close without refunds. For Festival information and a schedule, check Verizon Channel 21 and Comcast Channel 71 or see [greenbelllaborday.com](http://greenbelllaborday.com). Carnival directory signs are located at the Information Booth, Upper Lot Entry and Southway/Crescent Road entrance.

Avoid parking problems, ride the FREE Festival shuttle. Vans will pick up at parking locations at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Greenbelt Elementary School, Green Ridge House (residents only), Springhill Lake Recreation Center, Greenbelt Metro Kiss & Ride Lot and Greenbelt Station Townhomes and deliver the riders to the Festival area. Armory for parking only; no shuttle pickup from Armory. Walk 0.4 mile to Festival from Armory.

This schedule is subject to change without notice. Questions? Call Festival Information at 301-821-3141 or visit the website at [greenbelllaborday.com](http://greenbelllaborday.com) or visit the Information Booth on the grounds.

**9am-9:30pm GREENBELT MUSEUM EXHIBITION**  
Community Center, Rm. 110, The Knowing Hands That Carve This Stone: The New Deal Art of Lenore Thomas Straus. FREE.

*Sponsored by Maryland Heritage Areas Authority, Prince George's County Councilmember for 4th District – Todd M. Turner, The Estate of Sue Hoya Sellers, City of Greenbelt, and the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum*

**6:30-7:15pm OPENING CEREMONIES**  
Stage. Police and color guard. Musician First Class Bill Edwards will sing the national anthem. Introduction of dignitaries. Presentation of Outstanding Citizen Award, the major civic event in Greenbelt each year, honoring all the outstanding citizens who make Greenbelt great. Sign language interpreter.

**7:15pm 2015 OUTSTANDING CITIZEN RECEPTION**  
Municipal Building, Council Meeting Room. Public is invited.

**7:15-8:30pm BAND TO BE ANNOUNCED**  
Stage.

**5-7pm PHOTO SHOW ENTRIES ACCEPTED**  
Community Center. Entries also accepted Thursday 5-7pm. See page 7.

**9-11pm PATTY REESE**  
Stage. Patty Reese's soulful expression and powerhouse pipes have prompted comparisons with the likes of Janis Joplin, Aretha Franklin and Bob Dylan.

**5-7pm TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT**  
Youth Center. Open to anyone 16 years & older. Trophies to winners. Singles & Doubles. Registration from 4:30-5pm. See page 5 for Youth Table Tennis tournament.  
*Sponsored by Greenbelt Recreation Department*

**6-10pm CARNIVAL MIDWAY OPENS**  
Midway. Rides by Sherwood Amusements. Games, food sale and information booths organized by Greenbelt organizations. Booths constructed and wired by Greenbelt Public Works Department. Ride tickets sold by volunteers from the Eleanor Roosevelt High School National Honor Society. No charge for entertainment, shows or events unless noted.



## Opening Ceremonies Featured Vocalist

Musician 1st Class Bill Edwards earned a Bachelor of Music from the State University of New York in Geneseo, where he received the Judi M. Houston Memorial Scholarship in Musical Theatre. He has taken first place in both the district and regional National Association of Teachers of Singing competitions. Before joining the Navy, Edwards was a featured vocalist at the Tokyo Disney Resort and performed in numerous regional theater productions, including

*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Evita, and Big River.*



Patty Reese

# Saturday, Sept. 5

**9am- GREENBELT MUSEUM EXHIBITION**  
See Friday 9am entry for description.

**9-11am RICHARD "REDS" ROLAND MEMORIAL HORSE SHOES TOURNAMENT**  
Horseshoe Pits (adjacent to Aquatic Center). Registration at 9-9:30am; competition begins at 9:30am.  
*Sponsored by Greenbelt Recreation Department*

**9:30- CHILDREN'S PET SHOW**

**10:30am COMMUNITY CENTER LAWN**. All kinds, types, sizes of pets. Bring your pet to register at 9:30am. Judging at 10am. Awards at 10:30am. Greenbelt's greatest pets get some well-deserved attention. Rain or Shine!  
*Sponsored by Girl Scout Troop #2799 of Greenbelt*

**10:30am INFORMATION DAY & COMMUNITY EXHIBITS**

**4pm** Roosevelt Center. Visit the information and display tables set up by local groups and learn about your community! Participating groups listed in box below.

**10:30am BOOTHS**

**10pm** See Carnival Midway entry at 6pm Friday.

**11am- CARNIVAL**

See Carnival Midway entry at 6pm Friday.

**11- YOUTH CIRCUS PERFORMANCE TEAM SHOW**

**11:40am INCLUDING AERIALS**  
Stage. The Center Ring Circus School Performance Team will amaze you in a show packed with trapeze, tightrope walking, juggling and more! See also Saturday 1pm entry. All ages are welcome!

**11am & GREENBELT MUSEUM WALKING TOURS**  
**11am** 10-B Crescent Rd. Tours will leave at 11am and 1pm from the museum's historic house at 10-B Crescent Road, which has been restored and furnished with objects from the period 1937-1952. See how Greenbelt's families lived in the 1930s and 1940s. Walking tours are free but space is limited.

**Noon- TRIO ANAYA**  
**1:30pm** Stage. Mariachi band.

**1:3pm CIRCUS SCHOOL AREA**

Between the stage area and the book sale area. Mini circus school, during which Greg May and his circus students will teach various skills such as scarves, balls, devil sticks, diabolo, poi, hoops, feather balancing, plate spinning and more. All ages are welcome!

**1-6pm ART SHOW AND PHOTO SHOW**

Community Center. See displays of art and photographs by local artists of all ages. See page 7.

**2-4pm ROLLER SKATING**

Youth Center Gym. Grab your skates and save the date! Join family and friends to participate in a storied Greenbelt tradition. Roller skates are provided FREE of charge or bring your own.  
*Sponsored by Greenbelt Recreation Department and M-WCPPC*

**2- THE "ORIGINAL" MOONLIGHTERS**

**4:30pm** Stage. Known as DC's #1 Motown and variety dance band, the "Original" Moonlighters perform a mix of jazz, rhythm and blues, and a whole lot more.

**4&6pm MEMORIAL GATHERING**

Grassy area behind Mother and Child statue. Come to honor those friends and relatives who have passed before us. There will be a motorcycle ride at 4pm, followed by a memorial gathering at 6pm. Please feel free to bring flowers to lay on the hill during the memorial service.

**5- MARY SHAVER AND THE SMOKIN' POLECATS**

**7:30pm** Stage. DC's premier rock and blues vocalist pairs up with the best blues band in the DC metropolitan area.

**8-11pm JOHNNY SEATON AND BAD BEHAVIOR**

Stage. Johnny Seaton and Bad Behavior wow audiences with their performance of the music of Elvis Presley.



Johnny Seaton and Bad Behavior

# Sunday, Sept. 6

**9am- GREENBELT MUSEUM EXHIBITION**  
**8:30pm** See Friday 9am entry for description.

**10am- CRAFTY KIDS CORNER**

Noon Community Center Front Lawn (Rain location: Community Center Gym). A variety of arts, crafts and face painting.  
*Sponsored by Greenbelt Recreation Department*

**Noon- CRAFT FAIR**

**8pm** Roosevelt Center. Visit with local artists as they display their handmade crafts. See box below for list of crafts.

**Noon- CARNIVAL AND BOOTHS**

**10pm** See Carnival Midway entry at 6pm Friday.

**Noon- JAMES DAVID BALDWIN**

**2pm** Stage. James David Baldwin is an award-winning singer-songwriter who has developed a unique recording style drawn from his many early influences, combining rich vocal harmonies and open tunings with sometimes autobiographical, sometimes historical storytelling.

**Noon- YOUTH TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT (SINGLES ONLY)**

**2pm** Youth Center Gym. Open to anyone 15 years & younger. Registration from 11:30am-noon. Trophies to winner and runner-up. See page 3 for '16 & older' tournament.  
*Sponsored by Greenbelt Recreation Department*

**1-5pm GREENBELT MUSEUM HOUSE**

**10-B Crescent Rd.** The Greenbelt Museum's historic home has been restored and furnished with objects from the period 1937-1952. See how Greenbelt's families lived in the 1930s and 1940s. Even if you have visited the museum before, we invite you to come again. FREE.

**1-6pm ART SHOW AND PHOTO SHOW**

Community Center. See entry at 1pm Saturday.

**2-4pm FAST EDDIE AND THE SLOWPOKES**

Stage. The Slowpokes' playlist is inspired by classic blues material from Chicago to West Coast Swing, Motown to Muscle Shoals, and all the rock 'n' roll in between. Their goal is to get you up on your feet, and they never miss their target!



Fast Eddie and the Slowpokes

**2-4pm HOT SHOT HOOPS**

Youth Center Gym. Ages 12 & under. Registration at 2pm; tournament begins at 2:30pm. Participants have two minutes to make as many shots as they can within a half-court area. Trophies will be awarded to the winner and runner-up.  
*Sponsored by Greenbelt Recreation Department*

**2-4pm RETRO TOWN FAIR**

Grassy area behind Mother and Child Statue. The Greenbelt Museum is organizing a Retro Town Fair much like those the earliest Greenbelters enjoyed starting back in 1939. Ribbons will be awarded for the best entries in a number of categories, including Flowers, Vegetables, Baked Goods, Canned Goods and Needlework/Sewing. Entries accepted 11am-noon. All items must be picked up between 4-5pm.

**4-15- TWO BALL TOURNAMENT (TEAMS OF 2)**

**5:15pm** Youth Center Gym. Ages 13 & over. Registration at 3:45pm; tournament begins at 4:15pm. Trophies will be awarded to the winner and runner-up.  
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**4:30- RISING STARS AND TALENT SHOW**

**7:30pm** Stage. Performers age 17 years or younger will have the chance to display their talent, whether it be singing, dancing, playing a musical instrument or other.

**5pm LARRY NOEL 15K RACE**

**5:10pm 3K FUN RUN**  
The DC Road Runners Club is conducting its annual Larry Noel Greenbelt 15K Race and 3K Fun Run. As in past years, the 15K race will start on Northway at 5pm, and the 3K Fun Run will start near the Youth Center at 5:10pm.  
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**8-11pm THE NOWHERE MEN**

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## Information Day and Community Exhibits

- Astronomical Society of Greenbelt
- Berwyn Baptist Church • Better Birth Maryland
- ChasenBoscolo Lawyers That Care
- College Savings Plans of Maryland
- District 36 Toastmasters
- GHI Companion Animal Committee
- Greenbelt Branch, Prince George's Memorial Public Library
- Greenbelt CERT • Greenbelt Community Church
- Greenbelt Federal Credit Union
- Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES)
- Kitchen Saver • Maryland Milestones/ATHA Inc.
- Margaret Stricklett Vocal Studio
- Metro DC Democratic Socialists of America
- Mind & Muscle Fitness
- Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America
- Narcotics Anonymous
- Patuxent Widowed Persons Service
- PM Pediatrics • Prince George's Audubon Society
- Prince George's Philharmonic, Inc.
- QCI Behavioral Health
- Register of Wills • AIDS Educational Services, Inc.
- St. Columba's Scottish Country Dance
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
- Whole Healthy Wellness

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and that the city wants to work with residents to plan appropriate uses for the park. City Planning Director Celia Craze stated that the active play area would be for open play and not for soccer league play. Craze pointed out that "the park is intended for the neighborhood's use and that with limited parking and strong connections to the path system, walking to the park will be encouraged.

Bellah explained that the existing parking problems are being caused by construction vehicles and that more parking should be available for residents as development proceeds. Norman Rivera, attorney for Woodlawn, reminded council that the developer has contributed \$240,000 for two new Greenbelt police officers and that city police have been patrolling the area. Councilmember Konrad Herling told residents that "he hopes they will find the park to be an instrument to develop interpersonal connections with neighbors that can create a strong sense of community."

A. J. Stevens, a resident in attendance, reported that it has been difficult for residents to get information about the status of shuttle bus service and trails to Metro. Kristen Weaver told council that residents want to keep informed and are distributing the Greenbelt News Review and using an online service to improve communications among neighbors. Justin Frye, representing the developer, said he would absolutely address the problems of residents not being able to

contact the Homeowners Association. Councilmember Edward Putens strongly urged Frye to schedule a forum with residents in order to improve communication with residents about the park and other matters such as the status of the traffic light at South Core Parkway and Greenbelt Road (Md.193).

### Financing

A memorandum from Assistant City Manager David Moran cited a 2012 agreement between the city and Woodlawn Development Group that outlines the provisions for recreational amenities in the Greenbelt Station South Core, including approximately \$1.5 million for nature trails, public recreational facilities, playgrounds and sitting areas. In addition, \$1 million is to be provided for public recreational facilities for future use on site or in Greenbelt West. The developer is to execute the work as approved by the city pursuant to conditions of the South Core's detailed site plan (DSP 04081).

### Next Steps

Mayor Emmett Jordan said that the city is trying to approve the detailed park plan in time for construction to start this fall. Frye agreed, saying that "the fall is the prime construction season and the best time for planting trees."

The staff reported that the city Advisory Planning Board reviewed the park plan and had a favorable reaction. The staff has referred the park plan to the city Park and Recreation Advisory Board who will meet on Sep-

tember 16. The mayor said that council could possibly be ready to act on the plan in October.

### Streets

The cross sections for streets surrounding the park are designed to fit into the walkable nature of the community, with street trees, sidewalks, parallel parking along the residential side of the street and two nine-foot lanes for cars. The lanes for cars are slightly narrower than traditional lanes and will have the effect of encouraging slower traffic speeds.

There are two options for a small 0.35 acre park area across Stream Bank Lane concerning the amount of landscaping to be installed, with a balance to be struck between the need for a buffer between the park and the homes versus the goal of having "eyes on the park" for security. Another small 0.24 acre area across Greenbelt Station Parkway from the neighborhood park is designated for either retail development or parkland according to certain conditions to be reviewed as part of the development of Phase Three of the South Core, located west of Greenbelt Station Parkway. Other recreational elements of the community, but not covered in the detailed park plan, are an existing tot lot and trails which are under review for tree impacts by the city and the county.



## Cookies at the Bridge Needs Volunteers

The highly-successful Cookies at the Bridge project is continuing into another school year and needs assistance to keep the students safe. Cookies at the Bridge is a project that began several years ago after rumors of violence and gang fights on the Greenbelt Homes side of the Spellman Overpass were noted after school let out.

Spearheaded by Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, the project of handing out cookies and having a friendly adult presence near the bridge has

helped prevent violence and bullying. Teams of volunteers come from Mowatt and College Park United Methodist Churches, Greenbelt Community Church, Greenbelt Safety Patrol and Greenbelt City Council.

Volunteers are needed to help form groups of two or more that meet once a week from 3:25 until around 4 p.m. to smile and hand out cookies to students crossing the Spellman Overpass into Old Greenbelt. Those interested in helping just one afternoon per week or on an on-call basis may call 301-474-9410 and leave a name and telephone number. Calls will be returned ASAP.



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Spellman Overpass Bridge

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# Police Blotter

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

## Robbery

August 16, 2:07 p.m., 8000 block Mandan Road. A woman was assaulted in the hallway of a condominium building by two people. One pushed her down a flight of stairs and both of them punched her. They then went through her pockets and removed money and a cell phone before fleeing on foot. She was transported to Prince George's Medical Center for treatment. Both people are known by the woman and an investigation is continuing.

## Sex Offense

August 19, 10:10 a.m., 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive. A man approached a housekeeper at the Marriott Courtyard hotel and asked a question. He thanked her, asked for her phone number, and then attempted to hug her while touching her inappropriately. He then left the area. He is described as being black, 5'5" tall, with a slim build, tattoos on both arms and hair in dreadlocks, wearing a blue shirt and dark pants.

## Reckless Endangerment

August 18, 7:40 p.m., 7900 block Brooks Place. A woman heard what sounded like two gunshots outside. She looked and saw a man wearing black clothing run from the area and a vehicle described as silver or white leave at a high rate of speed.

## Assault

August 13, 5:15 p.m., 6500 block Cherrywood Lane. When a man traveling south on Kenilworth Avenue near Cherrywood Lane attempted to change lanes, he observed a motorcycle traveling at a high rate of speed in that lane. The motorcycle driver then pulled in front of his vehicle and motioned for him to pull over to the side of the road. The motorcycle driver claimed to be a police officer and demanded the man's license. The man said to him that he was calling the police. The motorcycle driver then grabbed the man by the shoulder and claimed he was a gang member and would shoot up his house. He then fled on the motorcycle. The motorcycle is described as a silver and grey racing bike with a partial Md. tag of JAZ.

## DWI/DUI

August 8, 11:13 p.m., Greenbelt Road near Edmonston Road. A 19-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with alcohol- and traffic-related charges after being stopped for a traffic violation. He was released on citations pending trial.

## Theft

August 15, 8 a.m., 100 block Hedgewood Drive. A girl's mountain bike was taken from the backyard of a residence.

August 15, 12:59 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A gym bag containing a wallet, keys and clothing was taken from a locker at Planet Fitness.

August 17, 6:15 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. Two unsecured, unattended bicycles were taken: an orange 24" Mongoose mountain bike and a white and black 20" Kent Ambush bike.

August 17, 7:45 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace. A cell phone was taken at the Franklin Park swimming pool.

## Burglary

August 13, 10:50 p.m., 8100 block Bird Lane. Money was taken from a residence after entry was gained by breaking out a rear window.

August 15, 3:46 p.m., 8000 block Lakecrest Drive. A safe, cash, headphones and a tablet computer were taken from a residence after entry was gained by breaking out a window.

## Rogue and Vagabond

August 18, 1 court Eastway. A 20-year-old Greenbelt woman was arrested and charged with rogue and vagabond after she was seen entering and rummaging through a vehicle and attempting to get into several others. She was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

## Vandalism

August 13, 9:08 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Drive. A man inside his home heard a cracking sound coming from the bedroom and discovered a bedroom window had been broken out. He then looked out and saw three juveniles wearing white tank top shirts and black pants running from the area.

## Vehicle Crime

One vehicle was stolen, a white 2012 Ford Econoline van with Md. tags 7AV906, taken from the 200 block Lakeside Drive.

Two stolen vehicles were recovered. A 2008 Chevrolet Impala 4-door reported stolen by Prince George's County police was recovered in the 6300 block Breezewood Drive. A witness saw four men exit the vehicle and run. A 2002 Ford Explorer reported stolen to the Baltimore County police was recovered in the 9100 block Edmonston Road after it had been set on fire.

One stolen tag, rear S. Car., KEF397, was recovered by D.C. Metropolitan police in the 2300 block 14th Street N.E., Washington, D.C. It belongs to a 4-door silver 2014 Chevrolet Impala reported stolen August 2 from the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace and not yet recovered.

Eight thefts from vehicles were reported.

Four were from unsecured or possibly unsecured vehicles: 7700 block Mandan Road (tablet computer and wallet), 8000 block Mandan Road (parking pass) and 7900 block Mandan Road, two incidents (credit card; GoPro camera, laptop computer, watch and jewelry).

Tires and rims were stolen from a vehicle in the 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive and three tires and rims from a vehicle in the 7900 block Mandan Road.

Four hubcaps were taken in the 9100 block Edmonston Road. A side view mirror was taken in the 6000 block Greenbelt Road.

Vandalism was reported in the 6100 block Breezewood Drive, where a tire was punctured and a brake caliper damaged.

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to register to vote in this year's election must be a U.S. citizen and should have a birthdate no later than November 3, 1997. Individuals who have been found by a court to be incapable of voting by reason of mental disability are not eligible to register. No one is allowed to register who has been convicted of buying or selling votes. People may register who have been convicted of other felonies if they have completed their court-ordered sentence of imprisonment, including any required term of parole or probation.

## Student Registration

Otherwise qualified students attending colleges in Maryland may register to vote if they consider their local address to be their legal address or domicile. Usually that means it is the address that appears on tax returns or other government documents, driver's license, bank accounts, charge accounts and so forth. For more information about student registration, visit [election.state.md.us](http://election.state.md.us) click on voter registration and then Students Enrolled in ...

## Registering – Just Do It

There are now so many ways to register to vote in Maryland that it is easier to "just do it" than to come up with a reason not to. Registration may be accomplished online, by mail or in person. Registering online at the state Board of Elections site using Maryland's Online Voter Registration System (OLVR) requires submission of a name, date of birth, and last four digits of a Social Security number that match information on file with the Maryland Motor Vehicles Administration (MVA). The signature on file at the MVA will

become the official voter registration signature.

Anyone who has neither a valid Maryland driver's license nor a substitute MVA-issued ID card must complete a paper voter registration form and either mail it to the county Board of Elections or submit it in person at the office of the county board in Largo by the deadline. This form cannot be faxed or emailed because it requires an original signature.

Voter registration forms may be downloaded and printed from the state Board of Elections site. They are also available in hard copy at City Clerk Cindy Murray's office in the Municipal Building at 25 Crescent Road, as well as at the Greenbelt Library at 11 Crescent Road. If picking up a form is not possible, call the county Board of Elections office at 301-430-8020 and ask to receive one by mail. In addition to the county Board of Elections office, voter registration forms may also be completed and submitted at any full-service MVA office.

## Registration Changes

Registered Maryland voters are no longer required to re-register if they move to a new address within the state, even if they are crossing county lines, but they must update their information. (Of course, moving out of the city will preclude voting in the city election.) Address or name updates to existing registrations can be made using the same methods used for registering. Changes may be made online using the OLVR system at the state Board of Elections site if one has a Maryland driver's license or MVA identification card. Changes may be made using a voter reg-

istration form to be mailed to the county Board of Elections or submitted in person in Largo by the October 5 deadline. Such changes may also be made by simply writing a signed letter to the county Board of Elections. Completing a change of address form at the MVA will also send the change to the county for processing unless the voter asks that it not be.

## Party Affiliation

Greenbelt's city council elections are nonpartisan, which means there are no primary elections and no party designations or slates. In registering to vote, however, a resident has the option of registering with any of the state's recognized political parties for the purposes of voting in partisan primaries in presidential, state and county elections. Maryland's primary election for the 2016 presidential election will be held on Tuesday, April 26.

The political parties currently recognized in Maryland include the Democratic, Republican, Libertarian and Green parties. Choosing no political party results in an "unaffiliated" registration, which means the voter will be able to vote in general elections but usually not in primary elections other than nonpartisan primaries in a local jurisdiction—for example, to select nominees for school board elections.

For questions on voter registration for the city election, contact the county Board of Elections at 301-341-7300 or the Greenbelt city clerk's office at 301-474-8000. Additional information on the city election can be found on the city website at [greenbeltdmd.gov](http://greenbeltdmd.gov).

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## Family Picnic – Monday, Sept. 7

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## Menu

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All proceeds from events go toward American Legion Post 136 support programs for Veterans and the Community.

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# Letters Continued

enriches our community and designed community-inclusive programming and events to reconnect all neighborhoods in Greenbelt. Thanks to their executive leadership, our board now looks to the future and is primed to celebrate our tenth anniversary in 2016 in new and exciting ways.

Thank you Carol and Suzette! We salute you for all your hard work, dedication, and compassion that has truly benefited our community.

*Joanie Cohen-Mitchell,  
Michael Consalvo, Melissa Ehrenreich, Eric O'Rear, Lois Rosado, Heather Scotten and Ronnie Scotkin  
Greenbelt Community Foundation Advisory Board Members*

## Good Biologists Are In Our Own Backyard

I was very disturbed by Ms. Donna Almquist's half-page advertisement in last week's (August 20) News Review outlining the city's plan to contract a Forest Conservation Act Service Provider to assess the health and well-being of our Greenbelt Nature/Forest Preserve with the aim of "recommending changes to the city code and to the Forest Preserve Management and Maintenance Guidelines"; guidelines which have worked well and have protected the Forest Preserve for the last 12 years.

One of the reasons my husband and I bought a house in Old Greenbelt was to be able to walk in those woods and feel like we were really "in nature" even while living in one of the most densely populated regions in the United States. I have seen people of all walks of life and ethnicity walk on the peaceful trails in the Preserve. The 220 forested acres of Greenbelt are not to be bargained with for the community living here.

I agree with Ms. Almquist's remarks that a forest/biologist/ecologist (as required by the existing Greenbelt Guidelines) is a better choice for assessing the health of the forest than some management plan that will come from a FCA Service Provider which is, (like all organizations that have become influenced by neoliberal privatization and unchecked capitalist exploitation in our contemporary American society), only going to look out for its self-interests and serve those who lobby it to get a piece of the pie. These lobbyists will be represented by business and development interests that will, most probably, have their sights set on how to build on prime DC-greater-metropolitan real-estate.

I do not understand why the city council has not thought of looking to the University of Maryland to find an excellent forest biologist/ecologist capable of assessing our forest within the stipulations of the city's forest preservation guidelines. We live right next to a major research institution of higher learning with one of the best biology departments in the country. As a professor (albeit focusing in the humanities), I can attest than many of my colleagues in the biological sciences would most likely welcome the possibility to serve as an expert. The assessment of the forest would even make an amazing class project for UM students working in forest preservation. Believe me, professors are always looking for ways to engage with the communities surrounding our campuses. I'm sure if the City of Greenbelt's leaders were to reach out to the University of Maryland biological sciences department, qualified people could be found; people who appreciate the beauty of our local, natural surroundings and who are interested as much as we are in preserving them.

I strongly urge the city council to seek out experts from our own community: the Department of Biology at the University of Maryland, College Park! We could not find a better qualified cadre of ecologists: <http://biology.umd.edu/ecology-evolution-and-behavior.html>

I am sure that the citizens of Greenbelt all appreciate the peace the Nature Preserve brings us. I urge our community to turn to experts that are local and ecologically devoted to our trees. We must resist becoming co-opted by outside, "managing" provider organizations which will never have the Greenbelt community's interests as their main priority.

*Valerie K. Orlando*

## Slow Down

My son and daughter-in-law, with their baby in a stroller, were walking in the street on Lakeside Drive about 7 p.m. last week when a car sped down the road and came within inches of plowing into them. They were walking in the street because there are no sidewalks on Lakeside Drive. I am not resurrecting this controversial issue. But I am suggesting, recommending, that the city consider speed bumps on this roadway before someone is seriously injured or killed. Every day I see people walking their dogs, children running to and from school buses, parents pushing babies in strollers and motorists racing way beyond the 25 mph speed limit. It's time to take some action.

*Sandra A. Lange*

## Language Is Important

We appreciate Ms. Heil's comments in last week's issue about our previous letter 'Professionals Needed' (August 13) regarding a Forest Preserve health/condition assessment. One point that needs to be clarified – she (Heil) stated, "These people have to have forestry credentials..." We are not endorsing a forestry perspective. We are endorsing a forest ecology perspective. These terms have different meanings (please see the Forest Preserve advertisement in this week's News Review).

In her letter, Ms. Heil does raise good questions about the negative consequences for the FP that could result if the city strays from the FP Guidelines and council action passed in November, by hiring the wrong organization to conduct the assessment.

*Bob Snyder  
Yoni Siegel*

## HIP Too Costly, Problematic

Other GHI members and I feel the spiraling membership fees need to be brought under control. The cost increases are seriously affecting many, especially seniors. Members trying to sell their unit are finding it harder and harder to find buyers because of the high coop fee, several realtors tell me.

We need to chart a new course. Please come to the next GHI Board Meeting to have your voices heard on Thursday, September 3, 7:30 p.m., One Hamilton Place.

Facts you need to know:  
Product Life Expectancy

The GHI Board has argued that our windows and baseboard heaters have reached their life expectancy and need to be replaced but have given no criteria to prove it. They also say that original doors need replacing but have no objective criteria to prove that.

Economies of Scale

The GHI Board has said that for the Home Improvement Project (HIP) it will be cheaper to replace ALL the windows, doors, and baseboard heaters over 5 years, rather than when they are judged to be defective. They use the term "Economies of Scale" as their rationale. Economies of scale are proportionate savings in costs, gained by an increased level of production.

However, there is a finite upper limit to how large an organization can grow to achieve economies of scale. After reaching a certain size, it becomes increasingly expensive to manage a gigantic organization for a number of reasons, including its complexity, bureaucratic na-

ture and operating inefficiencies. This undesirable phenomenon is referred to as "diseconomies of scale".

<http://www.investopedia.com/terms/e/economiesofscale.asp>

On Thursday, August 20, at the Finance Committee Meeting, Eldon Ralph proposed an annual budget of \$430,000 to hire 4 full-time employees and one half-time employee to manage the HIP. The project is scheduled to take 5 years to complete at a total management cost of \$2,150,000. This is a good example of diseconomies of scale.

*Phillip Payette*

## Drug Overdose Awareness Day

Greenbelt Police Department and Greenbelt CARES staff and concerned residents ask the public to join them and participate in International Overdose Awareness Day on August 31. Other law enforcement and government agencies and activist groups around the world will focus that day on recognizing and spotlighting the widespread and growing epidemic of drug overdose incidents.

An information desk will be set up in the police station lobby on Monday, August 31, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., with staff present from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. to answer questions. Written materials will include how to recognize drug abuse and addiction, ways to intervene and treatment options.

A Greenbelt police public safety information outreach booth will be set up during part of the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival next week and will also focus on drugs. It will be staffed by residents, concerned friends and neighbors who have experienced first-hand the results of family members struggling with addiction and its consequences, including death.

Maryland Governor Larry Hogan has initiated a state of emergency on drug overdoses. A statewide task force has been formed specifically to address the increase in heroin overdose deaths.

## Foundation Members To Receive Free Trees

Maryland residents who join the Arbor Day Foundation in September will receive 10 free trees as part of the Foundation's Trees for America program. Through Trees for America, everyone is encouraged to plant trees, which benefits the environment and improves quality of life. With nearly one million members and supporters, the Arbor Day Foundation is the nation's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to planting trees.

Everyone joining this month will receive an eastern redbud, white pine, sugar maple, white flowering dogwood, pin oak, red maple, river birch, silver maple, northern red oak and Colorado blue spruce.

"This group of trees was carefully selected to yield year-round benefits in Maryland, including beautiful spring flowers, cool summer shade, spectacular autumn colors, winter berries and nesting sites for songbirds," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "These trees will also add to the proud heritage of Maryland's 38 Tree City USA communities," he continued. "For the past 39 years, Tree City USA has supported effective urban forestry management across Maryland, and planting these trees will enhance the state's tree-planting tradition."

The trees will be shipped post-paid at the right time for planting between October 15 and December 10. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. Easy-to-follow planting instructions are enclosed with each shipment of trees.

New members of the Arbor Day Foundation will also receive The Tree Book, which includes information about tree planting and care.

To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by September 30, or join online at [arborday.org/sepember](http://arborday.org/sepember).



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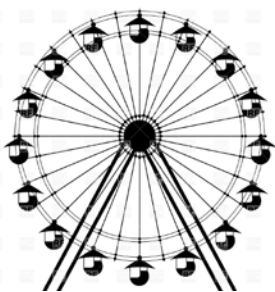
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# Is It the Golden Anniversary? GES PTA Book Sale - A History

by Kyla Hanington

Is this the 50th year of the PTA book sale at the Labor Day Festival? Calling all historians, book lovers and other curious minds.

And this loved event has been happening for so long its origin is getting somewhat lost in the sands of memory. Greenbelt resident and teacher Beth Novick re-

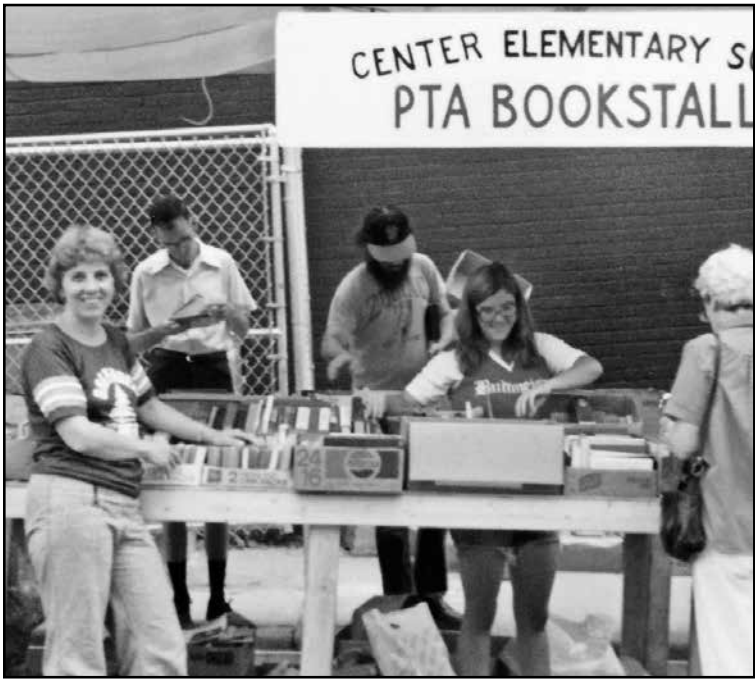
supplement their classroom libraries. "It was kind of a reciprocal arrangement," Novick said, explaining that teachers would sign up for shifts of staffing the book stall over the Labor Day weekend. Students would see their teachers working, which provided a feeling of comradery for the young people; teachers new to Greenbelt would "get a chance to see the community in action at an event that is really important to the children"; and later teachers would get financial support in return from the funds raised by the PTA.

Mary Moien, who was involved with what was then known as the book booth in the mid-1970s, described how it is "a great place to meet your neighbors." She noted that people "congregate there," checking back to see what books have been unearthed through the festival. "People in Greenbelt love to read," she said, "and they love to read cheap books and free books." Greenbelter Mary Ann Baker, who with her family was involved with the book sale from 1977 to 1979, remarked that the book sale is "one of the things folks really look forward to about the Labor Day Festival." She has seen the book sale change throughout the years and likes that people can now donate – and purchase for low cost – DVDs

and CDs as well as books.

As for when did the book sale

issue of the News Review. Under the heading "Used Books

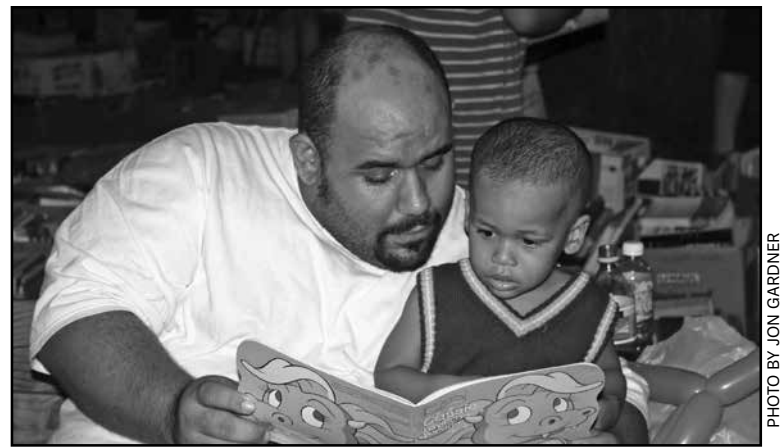


Mary Ann Baker (left) at the Center School Book Booth, early 1980s.

Greenbelters love the book sale. In the words of long-time volunteer Anne Gardner, the book sale is a "win-win for everyone! People get rid of some of the clutter in their homes, they get new books very cheap and the school gets some money. It's wonderful for everyone!"

flected that she didn't "know the history of the book fair; it's been happening for such a long time!"

Novick went on to note how critical the book sale is to the community. During the time she worked at Greenbelt Elementary, teachers would get first pick of the donated books and could



There are books to delight all ages at the book sale.

begin? Moien said the book sale was "definitely well-developed" by the time she took it over.

### Written History

The first mention of the book sale this reporter could find was an ad in the August 26, 1965

Needed", the ad referenced "the Used Book Sale at the North End PTA's booth at the Labor Day Festival."

Indisputably, the PTA book sale was started by Norman Weyel, a staunch PTA member at all the schools his children attended, according to his obituary in the Greenbelt News Review on February 28, 2002. Baker recalls that Weyel founded the book sale as part of his role with the North End School PTA. When North End School closed in 1981, the book sale, along with so many students, moved to the Center School and ultimately to Greenbelt Elementary.

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Sorted books at the elementary school, ready to be transported to the festival site.

## Protect the Forest Preserve - Come to the August 31<sup>st</sup> Work Session!

Attention all Greenbelters: Protect the Greenbelt Forest Preserve. Please come to the August 31st work session in the Municipal Building at 8 p.m. Be sure to check the city website for any changes to this date ([www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)).

The council should stop the city from contracting with a Forest Conservation Act (FCA) Service Provider to assess the health of the Forest Preserve. The city intends to include language in the contract asking the FCA Service Provider to recommend changes to the city code and to the Forest Preserve Management and Maintenance Guidelines (Guidelines) which together have protected the Forest Preserve for the past twelve years.

In October 2003 the council passed legislation creating the Forest Preserve which consists of over 220 acres of forested areas in Greenbelt managed as protected, undeveloped, and undisturbed areas for the benefit of current and future generations. The council, at the time, determined the residents should be stewards to protect the natural qualities of these areas and appointed a task force to write the Forest Preserve Guidelines. The Guidelines include a provision for a forest biologist/ecologist to provide a health assessment if such an assessment were deemed necessary. They did not require a health assessment be done.

On November 24, 2014, council passed three important motions. (1) According to draft minutes, Rodney Roberts moved that council proceed on contracting with a professional forest biologist/ecologist to **assess the health of the Forest Preserve**. Mayor Jordan responded by encouraging staff to seek a professional forest biologist/ecologist. (2) According to the minutes, Judith Davis moved that council direct the Forest Preserve Advisory Board to **review the Forest Preserve Guidelines and prepare a list of recommended changes to council**. (3) Judith Davis also moved that council direct city staff to **review the Forest Preserve chapter of the city code and update it as needed** and that proposed changes be referred to the Advisory Board for review and then to council.

A Request for Proposal (RFP) was written by the city. According to Celia Craze, the city sent over 120 solicitations for proposals. These primarily went to firms identified as Forest Conservation Act (FCA) Service Providers listed on the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) web site. Only five solicitations went to individuals or firms suggested by Advisory Board members. According to Celia Craze, only five proposals were received by the city. All of the proposals are from FCA Service Providers.

FCA Service Providers are entities approved by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to assist developers in creating the Forest Conservation Plan that is required for certain planned developments in Maryland. The list includes foresters, landscape architects, and others. The mindset is controlled development rather than preservation and ecology.

According to Dr. Marc Lapin, ecologist and environmental studies professor at Middlebury College, **a forest biologist/ecologist** (as required by the Forest Preserve Guidelines) is a better choice than a forester to do the assessment (if one is done at all). A forest biologist/ecologist has a broad perspective of the relationships between plants, animals, soils, water and rocks. In contrast, a forester's perspective puts more emphasis on 'managing' the forest for use and economic gain.

A contract with a FCA Service Provider will be inconsistent with Roberts' motion (approved 7-0), Mayor Jordan's encouragement, and the Forest Preserve Guidelines.

Please contact the members of council and the city clerk to let them know that you want the process to award a contract stopped and to leave alone the documents that protect the Forest Preserve. The contact information is:

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**BOOK SALE** continued from page 12

Throughout the years the book sale has changed according to who is at its helm. In 2006 former Greenbelter Elizabeth Morisette began what is now the tradition of having students pull-

of last year any remaining books were sold to a book seller on Monday afternoon, last year raising an additional \$300 in revenue.

**Benefit**

Over the years the book sale

a period of the 1980s, recalled signing the check that paid for the school's first computers. Leta Mach remembered PTA funds going towards buying and stocking a school photocopier. More re-

to ensure the tarps laid over the books were secure.

"It's a very exhausting weekend," said Gardner, "but well worth it." Consensus is that gathering to see what books are avail-

the book booth? That is for everybody. Children and adults of all ages, the book booth is for everybody."

**Book Donations**

Books drops can be found at the Co-op, which has generously and consistently provided donation space to the PTA for many years, at Greenbriar, in Green Ridge House, and directly to Greenbelt Elementary School between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Monday-Thursday. Volunteers

As Baker said about volunteers, "all are welcome. You don't have to have a student in the school" to have fun helping out at the book sale. Christine Doran noted people come to help sort books who just want to see what's available and to spend time around all those books. Volunteers for sorting, selling and helping with set-up and take-down are greatly appreciated.

The Greenbelt PTA webpage has information about this year's book sale, as well as volunteer sign-up information. Look for them at by going to [greenbeltelementarypta.org](http://greenbeltelementarypta.org), clicking Events and Programs and choosing Labor Day Book Sale.



PHOTO BY KYLA HANINGTON

**Genevieve Kelly sorts books at the school on a recent weekday morning.**

ing wagons of books in Monday's Labor Day parade. The children pass out free books. This both gives free books to parade watchers and alerts people from out of town that there is a book sale going on at the festival grounds, drawing people to the sale after the parade. This year's chair, Christine Doran, explained that as

has attracted more and more donations and, correspondingly, raised increasingly more money. Approximately 25,000 books are donated each year. While the recent average in revenue has been \$10,000, last year the book sale brought in a whopping \$12,000 in proceeds for the Greenbelt Elementary school PTA.

**Benefits**

Funds raised from the book sale have benefited students and staff in a myriad of ways. In a letter to the editor of the News Review printed on September 14, 1972, North End Elementary School PTA member Theresa Crowley expressed her thanks to those who contributed books and to those who bought them. She wrote that the "year's proceeds will be used to begin a musical instrument lending library at the school." Darrell Mach, who served as PTA treasurer during

cently, PTA book sale money has gone to support field trips; purchase new overhead projectors; provide school-wide assemblies of performing groups such as members of the Baltimore Opera; pay for the gifts given during national Teacher Appreciation Week; purchase new carpet for the front entrance and the kindergarten room; enhance curriculum; purchase school supplies for students; support teacher projects and more.

**Challenges**

Betty Timer, who was very involved with the PTA throughout the 1980s and early 1990s, remembered when the books were kept in boxes on the ground. One year a terrible thunderstorm rolled in overnight and about one third of the books were destroyed. The following year they set up pallets for the books to rest on, so that even if it rained the water could flow underneath them. Amy Hansen, who chaired the book sale for three years in the early 2000s, recalled that "rain gave me nightmares." She remembered waking up at just the hint of a thunderstorm and rushing to the Festival grounds



PHOTO BY JON GARDNER

**Elizabeth Morisette drives the first "Bookmobile" in the parade in 2007. In the back are PTA president Anne Gardner and principal Kim Siedel.**



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**An aerial photo of the book sale in its old location outside the Community Center, taken from the top of the Ferris wheel in 2005.**

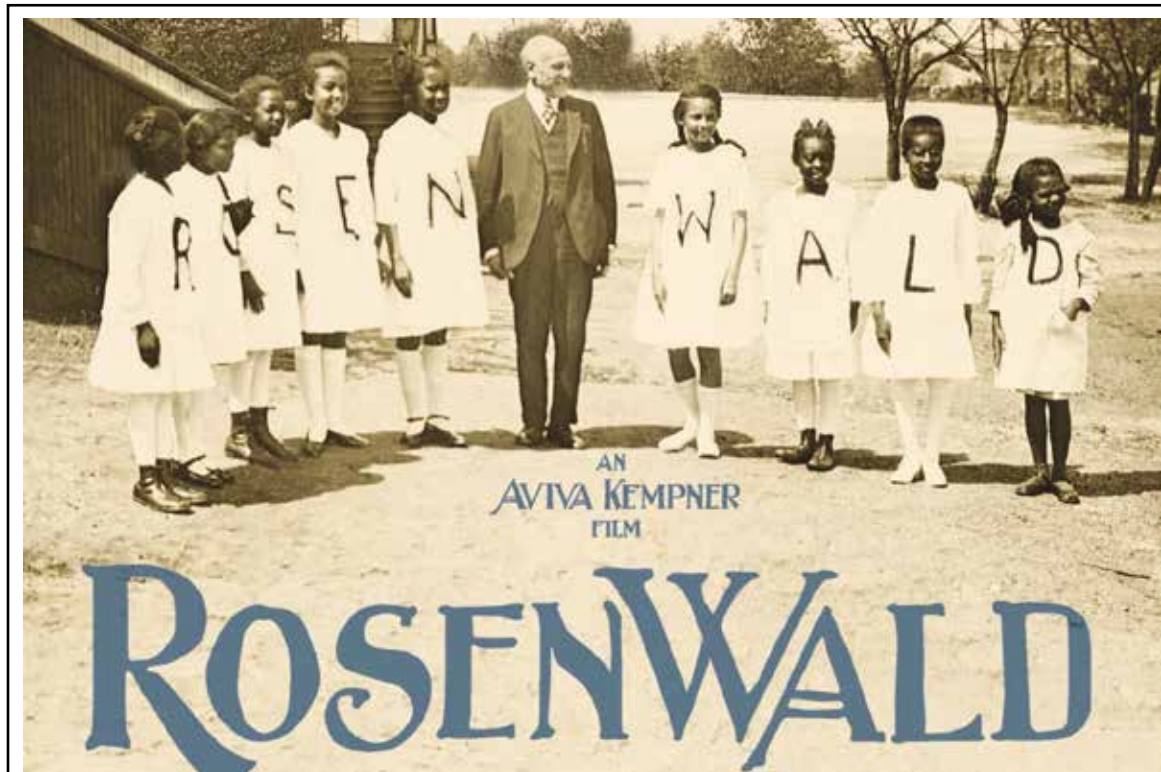
able – and to run into neighbors and friends – is a highlight of the weekend. "You see such amazing books," said Hansen, "you just want to read every single one."

As with all those interviewed, Mary Ann Baker said that the book sale is a wonderful community builder. "Rides," she said, "and the face-painting booth? Those are for young people. But



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**Mary Ann Baker, Amir Sela, Ken Baker, and Bob Baker (wearing cap) at the North End Book Booth, 1979.**



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Thursday, September 3, 2015

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 PM

**GDC Key Agenda Items:**

- Review 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial Statements

**GHI Key Agenda Items:**

- Review a Woodlands Committee's Task Force Report re: Pepco's Vegetation Control Proposal
- Architectural Review Committee's Recommendations re: Windows to be Installed During the H.I.P.
- Building Committee Recommendations re: Conditions for Members to Retain Existing Windows, Doors, Siding, Baseboard Heaters During the H.I.P.
- Request from Member of 2B Hillside to Retain Existing Entrance Doors & Baseboard Heaters During the H.I.P.
- Finance Committee Recommendations re: Financing Crawl Space Improvements; Financing Optional Improvements; Terms of a Loan Deferral Program
- Review 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial Statements
- Fall Concrete Repair Contract, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

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# French Immersion School Renamed for Dora Kennedy

by Rachel Frey

Dora Kennedy French Immersion School, formerly Robert Goddard French Immersion School, has now occupied the former Greenbelt High School – more recently the Greenbelt Middle School – for one year. As of July 1, the school has officially been renamed in honor of a local champion of language immersion schools, Dr. Dora F. Kennedy.

There is currently a huge pile of rubble beside the gym where the old administrative wing is being demolished as students come back to school. The school administration had sought its own facility for many years and the many improvements still being made to the building have made the change even more welcome.

The dedicated building in Greenbelt has allowed the school to use French language more consistently throughout the building, in signage and art. The library can focus on providing French language materials. Freedom from sharing a building with another school, often making scheduling of common space challenging, has meant greater opportunities for night-time activities like bingo, movie nights and talent shows. It also permits serving meals and providing childcare at PTA meetings. The gym has not only been accessible for school teams in season, but is available for off-season clinics in soccer, basketball and cheerleading.

For the first time in many years, the school, which carries a long wait list, is expanding, adding about 25 students every year.

Art, music, band and orchestra, formerly meeting of necessity in storage rooms and on the school stage, now have appropriate and spacious classrooms. The fifth grade, which was housed entirely in temporary classrooms, now has permanent classrooms, new furnishings and up-to-date technology. English language arts, which were in rooms designed to be office space, now enjoy high ceilings, fresh air and sunlight beaming through the windows. Although we have seen many improvements resulting from having our own building, some concerns remain. The refurbished gymnasium, for example, is unbearably hot. This results from the installation of new windows which do not open, compounded by delay in approval for air conditioning.

The whole building is alive after hours with Destination Imagination, Chess Club, Lego Robotics, Makers Club, Art Club, Sciencematics, S.M.A.R.T. Club, Rising Stars and three environmental clubs: E.S.W.A.T., Environmental Entrepreneurs and Green Team.

For all these reasons the students, faculty and staff are grateful for their move to Greenbelt. Look for Dora Kennedy French Immersion School to highlight its diverse interests in the Greenbelt Labor Day Parade.

*Rachel Frey is the mother of four children who have attended French immersion school, and Parent Teacher Association vice president for the Dora Kennedy middle school grades.*

# One Enchanted Evening Right Here in Town

by Jim Link

The choreographers of the fifth annual Greenbelt Youth Circus are nothing if not bold.

In four shows from, August 14 to 17, in the Greenbelt Community Center gymnasium, Greg May, his trusty crew and 40 young myrmidons depicted no less than the whole of creation from the Big Bang to the present day.

Well, not quite. They treated 12 salient events on the evolutionary scale with energy, flair and the deep seriousness and joyous hilarity that only kids can muster. No hubris here, just zestful ambition as these agile, earnest kids clowned, juggled, tumbled, stilt-walked, sword-fought, unicycled, tightrope-walked and danced their way through the invention of the wheel, the taming of fire, the

first Thanksgiving, the moon landing, the information era and something called the zombie apocalypse.

In a climactic time-warped ending, all 40 performers – astronauts, troglodytes, princesses, warriors and zombies – crowded the stage for a boffo dance rendition of Michael Jackson's "Thriller."

A totally doting audience of 150 parents, siblings, grandparents and friends applauded wildly for every pratfall, pie throw, or stuntlet, no matter how minuscule or elementary. Will these kids ever be so adored again?

Greg May, director of the Center Ring Circus School, his wife Sheryl, mom Betty, niece Maggie, spotters Ema Smith and Charlie Fahey and sound and light board operator Hunter Wha-

ples all basked in a cascade of praise for another brilliant production.

Also basking, to mention just a few performers, were Erin Delaney, the fire girl in the fire clown gag; Julia Sharapi, who actually jumped rope while on stilts; Sarah Earnest, solo violinist; and Tyler Pulik. Tyler played the hapless mom with the enormous balloon-enhanced derriere whose rebellious puritan children wouldn't eat their turkey at the first Thanksgiving. In a daring revision of American history, when "her" kids tossed a whipped cream pie into Tyler's face, "she" threatened to send them all back to England!

The lights went on, the enchantment faded, the memories linger.



Colette Cheng and Heather Babin on the fabric trapeze.



Nicole Miko and Julia Sharapi as royal stilt walkers.



Katie Delaney on unicycle.

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Elizabeth Gardner does the splits in the tightrope act.



Sebi Fernandez-Napp, Mira Willson, Julia Sharapi and Bella Vignola are zombies on the bar trapeze.

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