

## Chief James Craze Nears Retirement after 45 Years



PHOTO BY AMANDA LEIGH BROZANA

Chief Craze in his office

### Letter of Resignation

Dear Mike,

Please accept this letter as notice of my intent to retire from the city at the conclusion of my commitment as an elected Board Member of the IACP in October. Today is my anniversary date having entered city service on May 10, 1971. In so doing, I will have served forty-five and a half years with the city and a total of over fifty years in law enforcement at the time of departure. If able, I would continue on but where the will survives, the flesh is less forgiving. Policing is a young person's pursuit. I have come to terms with the realization that while the passion remains, it is time to step aside.

I have found that the act of retiring has been a process rather than a mere decision. It is difficult to separate from service due to the calling one has for the work as well as the friendships enjoyed with coworkers, colleagues within the law en-

### Thanks the Chief, Appoints Interim

With Chief James Craze retiring at the end of the month, I will be appointing Deputy Chief Thomas Kemp as Interim Chief of Police. I expect he will be in this role for approximately a year, so that the next city manager can appoint the next chief.

Deputy Chief Kemp has earned this opportunity based on his service to the community – first with the volunteer fire department and for the past 31 years with the Police Department. Please give him all your support.

We all thank and congratulate Chief Craze for his 45 years of service to the department, the organization and the citizens of Greenbelt. His is a record of service second to none in a community and organization where long exemplary service is something of a tradition. Chief, you have made thousands of lives better and Greenbelt has benefitted greatly from your leadership. Congratulations and thank you!

Chief Craze asked me to share his letter of resignation.

– Michael McLaughlin

forcement profession and the community.

As I look back over my career, I will be forever thankful for the opportunity to serve Greenbelt. Little did I know that when I first crossed the threshold

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## Zoning Rewrite: Rounding Third Module and Heading For Home

by Kathleen Gallagher

Work by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) on rewriting the Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations started in 2014 and will be completed in 2017. Many public presentations have been conducted countywide by M-NCPPC planning division staff and by Clarion Associates, the consulting firm that is spearheading the preparation of the draft revision.

Chad Williams, project manager for the zoning rewrite, attended an October 5 worksession with the Greenbelt City Council to provide an update on the third and last module of the document, which deals with process, administration and enforcement. Released to the public in late August, Module 3 was the topic of several presentations offered in September in the county by Clarion, including one in College Park on September 15. To date, the recommendations in the document are Clarion's. Neither the county staff nor the County

Planning Board have yet adopted those recommendations.

The first two modules of the draft document dealt, respectively, with Zones and Use Regulations (what can be built where) and Development Standards (how good does it have to be). With its focus on administration and process, Module 3 looks at who will make decisions about what and how they'll do it.

Williams gave an overview of the remaining schedule for the project and then addressed the highlights of the module. After that, Celia Craze, planning director for the city, provided the staff critique that had been given to the city council.

The remaining schedule includes testing eight sample locations to which the rewritten draft will be applied to see if it works as desired and anticipated. Greenbelt has the honor of having one of the test sites: a portion of Beltway Plaza, focusing on the front area with the above-ground parking deck out to Greenbelt Road. Beltway Plaza was selected

in part because it is in one of the new transit-oriented activity center-based zones, which, as it happens, is also located on the county's Plan 2035 Innovation Corridor, which includes part of Route 193 in Greenbelt, down to Hanover Parkway. A second municipal test area is located at the College Park Shopping Center, on Route 1, south of Knox Road.

### "Best Consideration"?

The target or "best consideration" deadline for comments on Module 3 is November 1, though comments sent in later will continue to be reviewed. Councilmember Judith Davis asked Williams to clarify that point since a letter to the editor published in this newspaper took the city to task for not meeting an earlier "best consideration" deadline. Williams assured Davis there was no problem, since that deadline serves to encourage early submissions. He said Greenbelt's recom-

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## Council Salutes Co-ops, Nonprofits; Approves Various Other Items

by Kathleen Gallagher

The Greenbelt City Council had a relatively light agenda for its October 10 regular meeting, which opened with recognition of the month of October as National Co-op Month and the week of October 10 as Nonprofit Awareness Week. Other items included contracting for the development of a Tree Master Plan, approval of guidelines for city recognition groups, bonuses for recruiting new police officers, insurance for the Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES), a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Greenbelt Access Television (GATE) and new locations for red light cameras.

National Co-op Month is sponsored by the National Co-operative Business Association. Representatives from five of the city's six active co-ops received proclamations on behalf of their groups, including the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative, Inc. (Joe Gareri), the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union (Ed James), Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (Stephan Brodd), the Greenbelt News Review (Sylvia Lewis) and the Greenbelt Nursery School (Anna Bedford Dillow). Not represented was the New Deal Café.

The Human Services Coalition of Prince George's County sponsored Nonprofit Awareness Week for the fifth year to celebrate the work of the county's nonprofits

and the people who sustain them. Some of the nonprofit groups present to receive proclamations at the meeting were Help by Phone, the Greenbelt Community Foundation, the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum, the Friends of the Old Greenbelt Theatre and the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts.

### Tree Master Plan

A resolution was introduced for first reading to enlist the services of the Davey Resource Group of Kent, Ohio, to develop a Tree Master Plan, including a review of current practices and tree inventory, in addition to the development of a planning and

maintenance program to guide the city's tree-related planning decisions over the next five to ten years. Public outreach and stakeholder components are included. The cost of the work will be \$23,900.

Since it was not clearly specified in the written materials, Councilmember Judith Davis hastened to clarify that this plan does not include any of the Forest Preserve tracts but rather applies only to the rest of the city's trees, such as street trees and those in city parks and on other city properties. According

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### What Goes On

#### Saturday, October 22

9 a.m. to noon, Electronics Recycling, Public Works Yard, 555 Crescent Road

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off – until the truck is full

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Drug Take-back Day, Police Station, 550 Crescent Road (see city ad for details)

#### Monday, October 24

7:30 p.m., Greenbelt CERT at the Police Station

8 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building, live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at greenbeltmd.gov/municipalvtv

#### Tuesday, October 25

3:30 p.m., Senior Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting, Community Center

6:30 p.m., Advisory Committee on Education Meeting, Community Center

7:30 p.m., Four Cities Meeting, Municipal Building

#### Thursday, October 27

2:30 to 3:30 p.m., Free Produce Distribution, Green Ridge House. See city ad for details.

#### Friday, October 28

4:30 p.m., Costume Parade, Roosevelt Center, south end at the underpass. Parade followed by free showing of Shrek at the Old Greenbelt Theatre

#### Saturday, October 29

9 a.m. to noon, Paper Shredding, Parking Lot behind Municipal Building

10 a.m. to noon, Pumpkin Olympics at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center. There is a charge (see city ad for details)



PHOTO BY HELEN PARSHALL

A child shows off her pumpkin to Acting Captain Gordon Pracht at the Schrom Hills Fall Fest. See story on page 4.



## Election Clarifications

The News Review regrets any problems that may have resulted from a misstatement on page 1 of last week's paper regarding the deadline for registering to vote or changing voting information prior to the upcoming General Election. While the date of October 18 was correct, the 9 p.m. deadline applied only to online registration. Registration forms sent by U.S. mail had to be postmarked October 18, and the deadline for in-person registration at the County Board of Elections in Largo was 4:30 p.m.

The good news is that anyone who missed the October 18 deadline for any reason can still register or change data, as well as vote, at any of the early voting locations in the county. For eight days from Thursday, October 27 through Thursday, November 3, early voting will be underway daily from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. To register to vote, bring a document that shows a date and gives proof of the residence address, such as a driver's license or identification card issued by the Motor Vehicle Administration, a change of address card, a paycheck, bank statement, utility bill or other government document with the name and new address.

The Early Voting centers closest to Greenbelt are the College Park Community Center, 5051 Pierce Avenue, College Park; the Wayne Curry Sports & Learning Center, 8001 Sheriff Road, Landover; the Laurel-Beltsville Senior Center, 7120 Contee Road, Laurel; and the Bowie Gymnasium, 4100 Northview Drive, Bowie.

The article also suggested that elderly or disabled voters might need to apply to be transferred to an accessible polling place. That is not the case for Greenbelt voters. All five of the city's polling places and all of the Early Voting centers in Prince George's County are accessible.

The last error was that the article was incorrectly credited to Kathleen Gallagher, who did not write it.

## Letters to the Editor

### THANKS

I wanted to say thank you to the Greenbelt Department of Public Works crew who came out to repaint lines on our end of Gardenway today. Their crew was timely, efficient and courteous!

Many thanks for a great job!

Dr. Jay McCarl  
McCarl Dental Group

### Drivers, Slow Down

This is a letter I've been meaning to write for some time now. I feel I must at least make an attempt to bring this issue the attention it deserves. You see, I live on Ridge Road just down a bit and across the way from the Green Ridge House. There are a lot of us here, parking on Ridge and walking to and from our homes every day. And the one thing we all notice is the high rate of speed at which traffic travels in either direction on this particular stretch of road.

Vehicles zoom down the hill to the stop sign at Southway. And vehicles fly up the hill and past Green Ridge House towards Gardenway. These are not occasional isolated incidents of speeding, but are occurring all day, every day. Of particular concern are the numerous school buses flagrantly disregarding the speed limit as they gallop off toward Greenbelt Elementary School to pick up or drop off their little charges.

And that pesky traffic light at the crosswalk of the Green Ridge House! Why, a school bus narrowly missed having to stop for a red light by accelerating and sliding through the yellow light doing what appeared to be at least 45 mph. All while an elderly pedestrian holding onto a walker waited patiently for the light to cross.

This particular stretch of Ridge Road is home to some of our most vulnerable citizens. Our elders and disabled friends live not just at the Green Ridge House, but all around us. Even the able-bodied are often challenged to cross the road or enter/exit our vehicles safely on this section of road.

Another concerned neighbor recently took the time to go directly to the Police Station with concerns regarding the speeding school buses mentioned earlier. After finally getting someone to come to the window and acknowledge their presence and after relating the speeding school bus concerns, the suggestion was

made to contact Prince George's County regarding the matter. Querying the police station staff as to why one would go to the county when we have a police force within the city, our concerned neighbor also recounted to the police desk staff the many phone calls that had been made prior regarding the speeding school buses, to no avail. Staff said these concerns would be shared with the appropriate person. Oh, the hand wringing that has ensued while we await a timely response!

Drivers...Please Slow Down!

There are children playing in the grassy areas and the elderly walking their dogs and blind folks crossing the street with their canes. Folks with wheelchairs and walkers are moving through on their way to the Center or home again. There are mothers trying to get their little ones safely strapped into their vehicles and able-bodied folks trying to park their cars carefully along the street. We are a neighborhood of many diversities but there is one thing we all hold precious. And that is our own safety and the safety of our friends and family. Slow down! Think of the lives you might save.

Amy D'Esposito

### THANKS

On Saturday, October 1 friends and family gathered at the Community Center to celebrate the life and memories of our brother "Jimmy" Williams who died suddenly on September 7. Our family was blessed to meet with Jimmy's friends and remember him as he was and will always be – a very quiet and humble person. We would like to praise each and every one of his friends for such a beautiful tribute to him. We also wanted everyone to know that their words of kindness and sympathy will remain in our hearts forever.

Finally, we are grateful to the News Review for the wonderful "In Memoriam" tribute to Jimmy by Rick Ransom. We note that the News Review is an integral part of the Greenbelt community and hope that it will continue to serve not only Greenbelt but those who are no longer living there.

Thank you all for your special gift to our family.

The Williams Family  
Ellen, Wilma, Jeff and Joe

### Correction

The term "supermajority" was described incorrectly the October 6 story about the standing rules of council. According to City Clerk Cindy Murray, a supermajority is a majority plus one.

### Drop Us a Line!

Electronically, that is.  
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Thurs. 5:15PM

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CHOCOLAT  
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Storytime on Screen  
Mon. 10:30 AM (free!)



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## Celebrate Teddy Roosevelt's Birthday

On Saturday, October 22 between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., visit Theodore Roosevelt Island to celebrate President Theodore Roosevelt's 158th birthday. Activities include a birthday party and cupcakes with Theodore Roosevelt re-enactor Joe Wiegand, story times, birdhouse making, Junior Ranger Program, games, displays, ranger-led island tours, self-guided nature hikes, an island scavenger hunt and special exhibits highlighting Theodore Roosevelt and the National Park Service.

Theodore Roosevelt Island is located on the George Washington Memorial Parkway traveling westbound between the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge and Key Bridge. On-site parking is limited. Additional parking is located within a 15-minute walk to Theodore Roosevelt Island from Rosslyn, Va., via N. Lynn Street to the pedestrian bridge leading to the Mount Vernon Trail.

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# Community Events

## Compost Collected At the Market

Everyone is invited to drop off vegetable food scraps at the Greenbelt Farmers Market for composting. Those living in an apartment or who for other reasons do not have a backyard compost pile... bring kitchen food scraps!

The Greenbelt Compost Group of the Greenbelt Zero Waste Circle will be collecting food scraps at the Greenbelt Farmers Market every Sunday until the end of the market for this year, November 20.

Bring: All vegetable food scraps from the kitchen (no meat).

Do not include any paper products such as paper towels or paper plates.

Bring the food scraps in a reusable container to take back home. (No plastic bags).

Drop off point is the Farmers Market information table at the center of the market. There is a sign and a covered bin for collection, and someone at the desk to answer questions.

Using these food scraps, the group will be starting a batch of hot compost in late November. Those interested in keeping up-to-date with the activities of the Greenbelt Compost Group or in helping to build this batch of compost are invited to leave their name and email address at the Farmers Market desk or email [bleamond@gmail.com](mailto:bleamond@gmail.com).

## GIVESponsors AARP Safe Driving Course

Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Services (GIVES) is taking calls for drivers to register for the AARP Safe Driving program. The course will be offered on Monday, November 21 at the Community Center, Room 202 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., with a half-hour lunch break. Sign in will begin at 9:30 a.m.

To register, call the GIVES office at 301-507-6580. The office is open from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. from Monday through Friday. Registration for the course is limited to 20 students. There is a fee, higher for non-AARP members.

Certification of having taken the course can result in a lower car insurance rate for some insurance companies.

## Haunted House At St. Hugh's

St. Hugh's Youth presents a Haunted House: School on Lock-down! on Friday, October 21 and Saturday, October 22 from 6 to 10 p.m. in the St. Hugh's school building. Tours begin at the side entrance of the school from the rear church parking lot. Donations help fund the youth group's annual summer retreat. This event may be too scary for younger children.



## Shredding Day For Paper Only

Greenbelt Federal Credit Union will have a Shredding Day on Saturday, October 29 from 9 a.m. to noon (or until truck is full) behind the credit union.

Personal papers only will be shredded. The following items will not be accepted: contaminants, batteries, plastic or binders, magazines, newspapers, CDs or floppy disks, phones, hard drives, hanging file folders, accordion files, cardboard, binder clips, divided folders and Tyvek/FedEx envelopes. There is a five-box maximum for each individual (no businesses).

All shredded material is recycled. Unattended paper will not be shredded.

For more information, call 301-474-5900 or email [memberservices@greenbeltfcu.com](mailto:memberservices@greenbeltfcu.com) or visit the website at [greenbeltfcu.com](http://greenbeltfcu.com).

## Staged Reading Of Frankenstein

Greenbelters Melissa Sites and Ian Blackwell Rogers are bringing a staged reading of Frankenstein to College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE). The new one-act version of Frankenstein is set for Saturday, October 22 at 7:30 p.m. at College Park United Methodist Church, 9601 Rhode Island Avenue. The show is free and open to the public; donations to CPAE are gratefully accepted. There will be a discussion after the show.

## Writers Group

The Greenbelt Writers Group will meet Friday, October 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. All interested writers are welcome.



## Next Art Drop-in Features Weaving

Art materials are all around us and that includes the great outdoors. The Greenbelt Recreation Department Arts Program invites guests to create colorful weavings using sticks as looms. All ages are invited to participate in this free Community Art Drop-in workshop on Sunday, November 6, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Community Center. The workshop will be led by Rachel Cross, one of eight artists in residence with studios at the Community Center. All materials will be provided. No reservations are needed.


For more information about the city's art programs, visit [greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://greenbeltmd.gov/arts), follow Greenbelt Recreation ARTS on Facebook or call 301-397-2208. Arts programs are sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.

## Astronomical Society Meets October 27

The October meeting of the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will feature a lecture by Dr. Andrey Timokhin entitled How Electricity Lets the Stellar Undead Live Again. Timokhin is a research scientist at the Astrophysics Science Division of NASA Goddard Space Flight Center and a visiting member of the Astronomy Department of the University of Maryland, College Park. As a theoretical astrophysicist his research is currently concentrated on compact objects such as pulsars, magnetars, microquasars and galaxy clusters.

The meeting will be held Thursday, October 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Planetarium of the Howard B. Owens Science Center, 9601 Greenbelt Road, Lanham (adjacent to DuVal High School). All are welcome. There is no charge.


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Saturday, Nov. 19th from 1-3 PM

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November 8th and 9th from 7 – 10 PM  
Reservation required

Check out our Channel on Comcast 77 and Verizon Fios 19.  
To view our schedule, visit: [www.greenbeltaccessstv.org](http://www.greenbeltaccessstv.org)  
And click on "Channel"

## Explore the FDR Memorial on the Mall

On Friday, October 21 Explorations Unlimited welcomes back National Park Service Rangers Brad Berger and Jennifer Epstein, who will talk about the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial. Tucked into the southwest corner of the Tidal Basin, the Memorial, which was dedicated in 1997, presents the visitor with words and imagery reminiscent of the relationship of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and the American people.

Berger got his start with the National Park Service as an intern at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park and since April 2002 has served as a ranger on the staff of the National Mall and Memorial Parks. Epstein is the park education coordinator.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday beginning at 1 p.m. at the Community Center. This presentation will be held in Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information

## City Sponsors Free Flu Clinic

The City of Greenbelt, in partnership with the Prince George's County Health Department, will be hosting a free family flu clinic on Monday, October 31 from 1 to 7 p.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. For more information call Aida Martinez at 240-542-2033.



## GAC Production of Dinner with Friends

Coming to the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC), is Dinner with Friends on November 4, 5, 11, 12, 18 and 19 at 8 p.m. and November 6, 13 and 20 at 2 p.m. Directed by Bob Kleinberg and produced by Malca Giblin and Wynne Kleinberg.

Married couples Karen and Gabe and Beth and Tom have been best friends for years, raising their children like a family, sharing their summers at Martha's Vineyard and dreaming how they will grow old together. Yet one evening at dinner, with Tom heading out of town, Beth breaks down and tells Karen and Gabe that her marriage to Tom is falling apart, starting a chain reaction as each one attempts to come to terms about their relationship with each other.

For ticket information call 301-441-8770 or check the website at [greenbeltartscenter.org](http://greenbeltartscenter.org).

Special Note: Dinner With Friends is teaming with So Others Might Eat (S.O.M.E.). To help out those in need during this upcoming holiday season, GAC has committed to donating 10 percent of its net proceeds for the Dinner With Friends run. In conjunction with this, GAC is also sponsoring a Can for Candy program. We will exchange a candy of the patron's choice at our concessions for a can or non-perishable box of food.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

Utopia Film Festival Presents  
Sunday, Oct. 30th & Wednesday, Nov. 2nd  
Beginning at 8 PM

"The Spam Job," and  
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directed by Bob Kleinberg  
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Friday and Saturday at 8:00  
Sunday at 2:00  
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to a memo from Richard Fink, the city's superintendent of parks and grounds, Davey Resource Group is aware of the ongoing assessment effort for the Forest Preserve and will take into consideration any suggestions resulting from that process.

The Tree Master Plan work will continue independent of the schedule for the Forest Preserve work because the public works department hopes to make use of its recommendations to inform planting decisions in conjunction with the tree credits and replacements Pepco is scheduled to provide the city in spring 2017. The credits and replacements from Pepco are a result of its vegetation management work in 2015 and 2016.

### Recognition Groups

The city council held worksessions with staff of the recreation department on July 25 and August 31 to undertake a thorough review of the proposed new guidelines for city in-kind services and funding for the groups formerly known as recognition groups, contribution groups and civic associations. The purpose of the revision was to create a more logical structure for the classification of the groups and to improve the application and review process.

A major change is that all groups will apply for recognition status and be called city recognition groups, with the opportunity to apply subsequently for project grants or operating funds requiring matching funds. Also new is the creation of a grant review panel, made up of representatives from the city council's advisory boards and committees, to review applications and make recommendations on the allocation of the available funding each year.

At the October 10 meeting, the council voted to approve the revised guidelines and application materials, which will be effective for applications for recognition status as they come up and will apply to applications for Fiscal Year 2018 funding.

Although concerns of individual councilmembers still held over from the worksessions, including Councilmember Edward Putens' desire for more detail on evaluation criteria for scoring and Mayor Emmett Jordan's preference for expanding the grant review panel to include residents not currently serving on city advisory groups, neither was shared by enough members to result in changes at this time. Councilmember Leta Mach spoke strongly in favor of working with the documents as written for at least the next year before considering more changes.

Recreation department staff members are available to help organizations make the transition to the new guidelines and application forms. An information meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 15 at 7 p.m. in Room 201 of the Community Center for any groups interested in applying for project or operating grants for FY 2018, including but not limited to current contribution groups. The July and August worksessions on these revisions were covered in greater detail in the August 4 and September 15 issues of this paper, respectively.

### Police Recruitment Bonuses

Because of the intense competition in this region for recruiting new police officers, the Greenbelt Police Department proposed that the city council approve offering

a \$500 bonus as an incentive to any city employee who successfully recruits a new police officer hire. The funding will come from the existing police department budget.

With the goal of enlarging the recruitment pool and increasing diversity, the mayor suggested that any city resident also be qualified to receive the bonus. The other councilmembers agreed and voted to approve the program for up to a year.

Would-be recruiters are advised that success in this context is defined as completion of the appropriate training (police academy for new officers and comparable training for experienced officers) and the completion of field training.

### GIVES Insurance

GIVES has for the last 22 years been providing volunteer services to city residents with a particular focus on assisting older residents or others who need short-term assistance in order to be able to continue to live independently.

The City of Greenbelt played a role in the establishment of GIVES and provides office space, phone and computer access to the organization. For many years, it was assumed that GIVES volunteers were covered under the city's insurance with the Local Government Insurance Trust, but it was recently recognized that this was not the case. Insurance is a particular concern since often GIVES services involve car transportation or assistance with tasks within the home of the member needing service.

GIVES President Jean Cook described the difficulties that she and the city solicitor had in identifying an appropriate insurance policy at a reasonable price, though eventually they succeeded. Davis proposed that the amount of the annual premium be made as a grant so it could be incorporated into the budget process. The council agreed to support it in that form.

### GATE-City MOU

Several items were an approved on the consent agenda, which means the staff recommendations were adopted without council discussion. Included was a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with GATE that would include payment by GATE for its offices in the Community Center and payment by the city for services provided by GATE at the request of the city, such as coverage of city meetings and events.

### Red Light Cameras

An increase in vehicle crashes in two areas resulted in the council's approval on the consent agenda of the police department's recommendation for four new red light camera sites. Two are at the intersection of Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway. The other two are on Greenbelt Road at the southbound and northbound ramps to Kenilworth Avenue.

# Fall Fest Is a Family Affair

by Julie Depenbrock

It was perfect hayride weather at the 17th Annual Fall Festival in Schrom Hills Park Saturday, but that's not the only reason Cathy Pracht was enjoying the sunny October day. "It's like a family reunion," the 18-year Greenbelt Recreation Department employee said, looking at the line for the hayride. "You see these kids grow up."

With moon bounces, scarecrows, pumpkin patches, face painting, live music, hayrides and a mechanical bull, the fall festival seemed to live up to the hype. "Kids look forward to it every year," said Gaye Houchens, a pre-school teacher who has been helping with special events in Greenbelt for 28 years. "It's just great."

Though it's tough to measure exactly how many turn up for Fall Fest, event coordinator Andrew Phelan estimates that between 500 and 600 people attended. The best way to estimate attendance, Phelan said, is a pumpkin count. "We get about 250 pumpkins and every year we sell out," Phelan said. "That's not counting people who come and don't buy pumpkins."

Little Miss Greenbelt Giulia Blough was in attendance. Her favorite part of Fall Fest? "Probably how the town gets together. And I like the bull a lot," Blough said, referring to the popular mechanical bull ride.

The event also presented a prime opportunity for recruiting - with booths for everything from the volunteer fire department to the senior softball league. As team manager, George Harrison manned the booth for Greenbelt Senior Softball. Harrison has been on the team eight years and admits that it's been harder and harder to lure people into the sport. The schedule can be grueling so players have to be healthy, Harrison said. The co-ed team is "very competitive," according to Harrison. They play Mondays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and total around 46 games per season.

Indeed, when it is not Fall Festival weekend, Schrom Hills Park plays host to a variety of competitive sports. "If it wasn't for Fall Fest, there'd be anywhere from five to six soccer games going on here," Phelan said. "Check back next Saturday."

Helen Parshall and Julie Depenbrock are University of Maryland graduate students studying journalism and working for the News Review.



Families have a lot of fun watching each other try to stay on the mechanical bull as long as possible.

Photos by Helen Parshall

Families make sure to grab the perfect pumpkin from the patch to take home.



Kids try their hands at riding bulls and showing off their rope tricks.



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mendations are also reflected in the notes taken at meetings and the many conversations held with city planning staff.

### More Time for Review

After county planning staff have reviewed and analyzed the comments for further revisions, the project will be passed to Clarion for preparation of the draft. The recommendations in the draft become those of the county planning staff. This draft will be available for two or three months for further public review and comment. Once those comments have been addressed, the document will go to the Prince George's County Council, which has authority over zoning matters when sitting as the District Council. The hope is to get it to the county council in March 2017. Because of the timing of county budget adoption, however, if the March deadline slips, the draft will likely not be presented until June.

### New Zones

A big segment of work that will have to be undertaken once the District Council adopts the Zoning Ordinance will be applying the new zones to all the properties in the county. Necessary because of the reduction in the number of zones to be employed, this rezoning is not for the purpose of changing zoning status; rather the goal is to match the new zone to the existing zone as closely as possible. Earlier information indicated that this assignment of new zones was expected to be straightforward in more than 90 percent of the property in the county.

As required by state law, county property owners will be notified of the changes in zoning, as well as of the fact that there may be changes in property values. Williams said usually there are no changes at all, but the state requires that property owners be notified of the potential for that to happen.

A countywide map amendment will also be required to implement the new zoning ordinance in late 2017 or early 2018. This county-wide remapping project will be a first for Prince George's County.

### Review Process

As Williams began to present the review procedures, Davis objected to the reduction of the time the property must be posted (10 days) and the elimination of the requirement to notify the affected municipality. Williams said the Clarion model is that

public hearings are held only for major cases. According to Clarion the national trend is that about 60 percent of projects are reviewed by staff administratively or "by right," about 25 percent go to the planning board, and about 15 percent go to the District Council. The latter would be mostly for rezoning requests or comprehensive plans. At the September 15 presentation in College Park, Don Elliott of Clarion Associates explained that administrative review is intended for applications where the only question is whether or not the plan complies with the law.

Director of Planning and Community Development Celia Craze noted to council that one of the staff comments to be provided to M-NCPPC is that 10 days does not qualify as adequate public notice and that, in general, notice needs to be more robust.

Williams announced that Clarion recommends the development of a process or procedures manual that would be below the level of an ordinance and subject to timely revision. Until a revised Zoning Ordinance is adopted, county staff cannot proceed with the manual.

Councilmember Edward Putens asked Williams, "How can we know that municipal and other public comments are being adequately reviewed and considered?"

Williams assured him that all the comments and analyses would be posted online as soon as they are forwarded to Clarion. In addition, as has previously been the process in other reviews, Williams said he will send a response from staff to the comments submitted. Putens said he appreciated that information, adding that there are concerns in Northern Prince George's.

"If we totally disagree about something," he added, "We want to sure that's heard loud and clear at the point when the serious decisions are being made."

### District Council Role

Williams said that concern was understood but he added that when the draft moves forward to the District Council, it will be important for elected officials to deal with it at the legislative level. He stressed that once the legislation moves forward to the council, it is their code and will be handled by their own procedures.

One of the earliest alarms set off for municipal officials was the total lack of mention of municipa-

lities on a table listing columns for "review and decision-making bodies." To the great pleasure of the city council, when this table appeared tonight, Williams said he is almost certain that municipalities will be given a column on the table for the review process. He also pointed out that all authorities currently delegated to municipalities will be maintained.

### Thumbs Down on Call-ups

According to Williams, Clarion had initially recommended allowing no appeals to the council and no call-ups by the council. Call-ups are a process whereby the council can pull an application for reconsideration in the absence of an existing appeal of a decision of the county planning board. Williams added that only aggrieved parties may appeal. Clarion has revised its current draft to allow appeals to be made to the District Council only following appeals to the Planning Board.

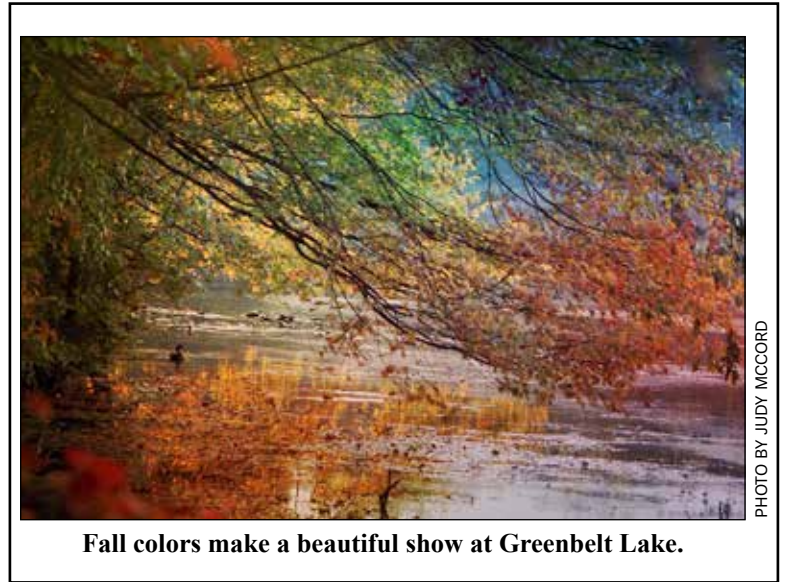
At the Clarion presentation on Module 3, Elliott claimed that the existing call-up procedure is permitted only in Prince George's County and that it is designed to allow getting around the planning board. According to Elliott, these actions are overall a deterrent to development in the county because applications are not consistently handled and decisions involve last-minute changes. The solution, he said, is to have a high-quality Zoning Ordinance administered by planning professionals.

### Nonconformities

Changes are proposed, at least in the areas considered "inside the beltway," regarding non-conforming uses that would allow substitution of one nonconforming use for another, with the goal of keeping buildings from simply falling into disuse. On the same principle, nonconforming structures could be modified or expanded. Many questions need to be worked out to implement these changes but the concepts may be expanded to "outside the beltway" communities who have begun to ask, "Why can't we do this, too?"

### City Comments

At the request of Mayor Emmett Jordan, Craze addressed the staff comments on Module 3, which had been prepared for city council review for submission to M-NCPPC. At the worksessions on the prior modules, the length of the comments and objections from the city's planning staff sometimes left little room for



Fall colors make a beautiful show at Greenbelt Lake.

PHOTO BY JUDY MCCORD

even faint praise, but Craze's comments on the draft administrative regulations were surprisingly positive.

"This is such a huge improvement," she said. "It's a pleasure to read." She went on to characterize it as "logical, consistent and easy to understand."

Nonetheless, there were still questions to raise, mostly in the areas of public notice and opportunities for the public to participate.

### Major vs. Minor

Regarding the threshold between what are deemed to be "major" and "minor" site plans, Craze cited a cutoff point of 75 units with a posting time of only 10 days. She said it was "way too high for Greenbelt" and would result in no opportunity for public input. It is the line between major and minor plans that determines whether public input is required. Craze identified this lack as the city's most important objection. She also emphasized that the clarifications on times for public review should be defined in the ordinance itself, not wait until later when a sub-code procedures manual may be developed.

Craze also cited a lack of clarity in the discussion of "in lieu of" fees, which she said should

go to the municipality, not to the county. She complimented the change on text amendments, which would require holding a public hearing before the planning board prior to going to the district council.

It is worth noting that a number of the issues raised by staff and council at this meeting had been identified at the September 15 meeting by Elliott as being items the county had already asked Clarion to revisit, including a possible shift in the line between major and minor plans, adding municipalities to the table of review and decision-making bodies, and expanding the 10-day notification period.

In closing, Williams replied to a question from the audience regarding what zoning decisions were under consideration for Historic Greenbelt, a topic that has received little to no public attention. Williams said discussions are ongoing with city planning staff about how to handle Historic Greenbelt, which currently falls into an RPC Zone that is not planned to continue in the new Zoning Ordinance. It has been said that discussions have included a possible Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zone as well as a possible reconsideration of historic district status.



## Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance

### Celebrate Co-op Month 2016 in Greenbelt

**Oct. 17 - 28**

GFCU Fall Auto Sale special terms and a car buyer service

**Oct. 17 - Nov 14**

GCA Display in Greenbelt Library

**Oct. 20**

**8:30 am-2 pm** International Credit Union Day; Refreshments in GFCU lobby

**Oct. 23**

**10 am-2 pm** GCA Booth at Farmers Market

**2 pm-4 pm** GCA Party at the New Deal Café

**Oct. 26**

**9 am-9pm** Patron Appreciation Day, GCS&P

**4-7pm** Delectables: Pumpkin Mousse, GCS&P

**Oct. 29**

**9 am-noon** GFCU Shredding Day, behind the Credit Union

**Oct. 31**

**3-5 pm** Trick or Treat at GHI Offices

**4-7 pm** Tasting of Co-op Winemakers' Wines, GCC

**5 pm** Seasonal and Savory Demonstration, GCC

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Abbreviations: (GNS) Greenbelt Nursery School; (GFCU) Greenbelt Federal Credit Union; (GHI) Greenbelt Homes Inc.; (NDC) New Deal Café; (GNR) Greenbelt News Review; (GCS&P) Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy; (GCA) Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance..



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# Obituaries

## Joy T. Greig

Joy Greig died peacefully in her sleep on October 7, 2016, with her husband Bob and their three children, Elizabeth, Andrew and Katherine by her bedside.

Joy Greig was born on May 18, 1938, in Maidenhead, England. She was born Joy T. Ford to Alice Florence Ford (Blick) and Hugh Cecil Treleaven Ford. Her father was a fireman during WWII, and her mother was a seamstress. Joy and I met in the summer of 1951 at the local swimming pool and loosely kept in touch until 1962. Joy left high school in 1956 and went to the Middlesex Hospital in London, taking a certificate in the treatment of cancer with radiation therapy. She worked first at Middlesex, then moved to the Royal Sussex Hospital in Brighton.

When we met again in 1962, I invited her to a party in London that evening. She went home and asked her mother. The answer was "yes" and we have been together ever since. We married on March 14, 1964. We had a very simple wedding before a judge, then danced the night away at the Maidenhead Rowing Club.

We moved to an apartment in Twickenham and Joy began working at St. Thomas' Hospital in London. Our older daughter, Elizabeth, was born in April, 1965. Joy started delivering Meals on Wheels, taking Elizabeth with her in the car. We moved to the U.S. in September, 1965, to a duplex house in Lewisdale, Md. We stayed there for a year or more, then moved to the apartments behind Prince George's Plaza. Andrew was born in March, 1967, and we moved to Greenbelt in 1968. We stayed in Greenbelt until June of 1970. We sailed back to England on the QEII. In June 1973 I secured a job with the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory. So we came back to Greenbelt and bought what was then known as the Skillman House at 103 Northway, where we have been for 43 years. We raised our children Elizabeth, Andrew and Katherine (who was born in April, 1974), and were in the process of retiring here.

Joy was a stay-at-home mom for a total of 12 years. During that time we both did a lot of volunteering. We were both heavily involved in the Green-



Joy Grieg

PHOTO COURTESY BOB GRIEG

belt swim team. Joy maintained a supply of team swimsuits so our swimmers came to the house to try on and purchase their suits. When Joy became the circulation manager for the Greenbelt News Review all the carriers came to our house on Thursdays to pick up papers for their routes. When carriers did not show up, Andrew and I delivered their papers. Joy was also an early member of Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Services (GIVES), mostly driving people to and from appointments. She was also a volunteer with Greenbelt Association for Independent Living (GAIL).

Joy felt she was wasting her professional training staying at home, so thinking she would have to do some re-training, she called George Washington University (GWU) in answer to an ad they had in the Washington Post. This was a Thursday in March 1977, and Kate was not yet three. Joy started work at GWU the following Monday, after a hectic scramble to get Kate into daycare. From then on Joy worked full-time until about 2000, at GWU, Georgetown University and the National Cancer Institute, where she was very proud to be chief therapist. She also worked various freestanding therapy clinics.

Joy always liked to sew, knit and crochet; I guess she learned a lot from her mother. When Elizabeth got married, Joy made the wedding dress and three bridesmaid's dresses. She was one very proud mother.

Over the years, Joy enjoyed visiting and camping in Shenandoah National Park and visiting Ocean City. She also seemed to enjoy our camping trips to Florida. Originally, these trips involved the whole family, but as

the children grew and dispersed, it became just Joy and I.

Joy suffered from vascular dementia and before that, depression. The dementia started to have an effect about 11 years ago, but became really evident over four years ago. Joy remained functional through August, 2016. She had an indoor walker, an outdoor walker, a wheelchair and more recently, a handicapped mobility scooter that she rode on the boardwalk in Ocean City in August.

Visitation will be Sunday, October 23 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Borgwardt Funeral Home in Beltsville. A reception follows at the Greig home afterwards.

- Bob Greig

## In Memoriam

### Nancy DePlatchett

by Robin Olson

I met Nancy in 1975 when I was hired to teach science at Benjamin Tasker Junior High in Bowie. Nancy was the art teacher. I admired her so much. One of the first things that impressed me was how she did not let things get under her skin or obsess about anything. She was relaxed and calm and embracing.

Nancy gave an after-school class for teachers, guiding them through art projects. I, of no artistic talent, with her encouragement said, "Why not?" I had a great time. I still have the sand terrarium I made. She helped me integrate art into my science lessons and it was great.

As we moved to different schools and different homes, we remained close friends for 41 years. The kind of friend who listens and does not judge, and is always there in good times and bad. One of my jokes is that Nancy knew me when I was thin! She was at my wedding, in the

## Mowatt Seeks Cantata Singers

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church Choir is looking for singers (soprano, alto, tenor and bass) to join the annual Christmas Cantata on December 16. Rehearsals have just begun. Come to Mowatt at 40 Ridge Road on Thursday evenings at 6:15 p.m. Contact Lisa Sedares at lmsedares@gmail.com.

This year's cantata is called What Sweeter Music by John Leavitt and blends familiar Christmas songs with new arrangements of the telling of the Christmas story. Rehearsals are every Thursday except Thanksgiving until the final performance on Friday, December 16, at 6:30 p.m. There will be one additional dress rehearsal on Tuesday, December 13.



Condolences to the family and friends of Nancy DePlatchett, who died unexpectedly on Friday, October 14, 2016. Details on a Memorial Mass will be available at a later date. Ms. DePlatchett's death was commemorated by the city flying its flag at half-staff from Tuesday, October 18 to Thursday, October 20.

Greenbelt teacher Erin Henry will compete on Jeopardy! on Wednesday, October 26. Tune in and cheer her on.

"Bonjour!" from St. Antonin in southwest France from Sheila Maffay-Tuthill and son Jackson Tuthill, who are spending the school year in a small village to help Jackson further his French. Jackson is at Collège Bayrou and continues with his violin studies. Sheila is studying beginning French and doing some writing and singing. They miss Greenbelt!



Jackson Tuthill

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- Karen Yoho



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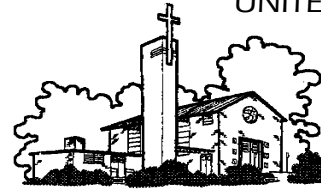
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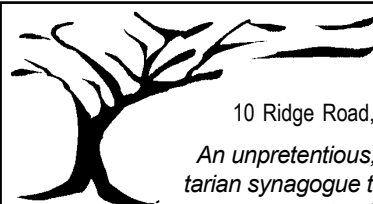
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# City Information

## GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING Municipal Building, October 24, 2016 – 8:00 p.m.

### ORGANIZATION

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

### COMMUNICATIONS

- Presentations
  - America Recycles Month Proclamation
  - Local Government Insurance Trust – Police Training Grant Presentation
- Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)
- \* Minutes of Council Meetings
- Administrative Reports
- \*Committee Reports

### LEGISLATION

- A Resolution for the Negotiated Purchase for a Tree Master Plan from Davey Resource Group of Kent, Ohio, at a Cost of \$23,900 -2nd Reading, Adoption

### OTHER BUSINESS

- Application for Liquor License – Gus’s World Famous Fried Chicken
- Application for Temporary Liquor License – Friends of Greenbelt Museum
- Maryland’s Draft Consolidated Transportation Program
- Letter to Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission – Zoning Rewrite Module 3 Review
- Council Reports
- \*- Letter of Support – New Deal Café
- \*- Designation of Voting Delegate and Alternate for the National League of Cities Congress of Cities
- \*- Reappointments to Advisory Groups
- \*- Resignation from Advisory Group

### MEETINGS

*NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.*

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

The Emergency Assistance 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 City’s Emergency Assistance 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.

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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.*



### RECYCLE RIGHT CONTEST “WIN WITH YOUR BIN”

You can win prizes by properly preparing your residential recycling bin during the week of Oct 17 – Oct 27. Five winners will be selected: one winner from each of the four City Recycling Collection Routes and one winner from a Contractual Recycling Collection Route. Make sure you have clean, properly prepared recyclables set out on your collection day!

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### DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY October 22, 2016 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM GREENBELT POLICE STATION 550 Crescent Road

The National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications.



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### MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 24-28

Monday, October 24 at 7:30pm, GREENBELT CERT at Police Department, 550 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Coordinator Report, T-Shirts, New Business, Announcements, Mini Table Top Exercise (TTX)*

Monday, October 24 at 8:00pm **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming on [www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv)

Tuesday, October 25 at 3:30pm, **SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Recognition Groups (Nicole DeWald), FORA/GAIL update, Widowed Persons update, Open Forum discussion, Elections.*

Tuesday, October 25 at 6:30pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION** in the Council Room at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: PTA Presidents Meeting.*

Wednesday, October 26 at 7:30pm, **FOUR CITIES MEETING** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

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



### COSTUME PARADE

Friday, October 28, Parade begins at 4:30pm SHARP! (Lineup as early as 4:00pm) Roosevelt Center – South end, at the underpass FREE

The Greenbelt Community joins together to put on a costume parade in Roosevelt Center! Trick-or-Treaters of all ages will parade through the Center and receive treats from the generous Roosevelt Center Merchant Association on (RCMA) members. Parade ends at the Old Greenbelt Theatre where all are invited to a free showing of **Scared Shrekless**. In the event of inclement weather, call the weather hotline at 301-474-0646 for an updated event status.



### PUMPKIN OLYMPICS

Saturday, October 29 from 10:00am-12:00pm Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, 101 Centerway Registration is required. The cost is \$2 per participant.

Finish out the Greenbelt Pumpkin Festival with the Pumpkin Olympics! There will be relays and games for the children and the adults will participate in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Capture The Pumpkin. Info call 301-397-2204.

### ELECTRONICS RECYCLING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22 from 9am- 12 noon Public Works Yard, 555 Crescent Road

City residents can recycle old and/or unwanted computers and other electronic items. Accepted items include: TVs, CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice printers, laptop computers, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, fax machines, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, batteries taped on one end, expanded polystyrene (block “Styrofoam” #6) – NO cups, egg-cartons, nor food trays.

**PLEASE CALL IN ADVANCE IF YOU WANT TO DROP-OFF OF MORE THAN 10 ITEMS, IF YOU HAVE MULTIPLE STYROFOAM PIECES, OR ITEMS OVER 50 LBS.**

Info: Greenbelt Sustainability Office at 240-542-2153

### CITY MANAGER SEARCH UPDATE

The search for Greenbelt’s next City Manager is well underway. Advertising for the position began September 23 and GovHR, the firm conducting the search for the City, displayed the position at the annual conference of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) from September 25 thru 28. It was also advertised in the ICMA newsletter, the Maryland Municipal League newsletter, various internet sites and on GovHR’s website.

Ms. Joellen Earl of GovHR is receiving and compiling the resumes and applications of interested candidates. She is scheduled to meet with City Council in executive session on October 31 to review the candidates and establish a list of 6 to 10 candidates for Council to interview on November 13 with a second interview possibly on November 14.

### FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION Thursday, October 27 2:30 pm-3:30 pm Green Ridge House 22 Ridge Road

Bring carts, or luggage with wheels to pick up your items. Please do not park in the Green Ridge House parking lot. Volunteers will be on site to assist.

Produce will begin being distributed at Springhill Lake Elementary School - 6060 Springhill Drive, Greenbelt, MD 20770 on Thursday, November 3, 2016 at 2:30 pm. Please note you cannot enter the school until 2:15 pm.

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Buddy Attick Park, 555 Crescent Road  
Saturday, October 29 from 9 am – 12 pm  
Meet at the bottom of the hill in front of the lake.  
Gloves, bags and tools will be provided.

### REMINDERS:

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes for possible muddy lakeside sites.
- Bring a reusable water bottle.
- High School Students: Bring your service-learning forms!

To RSVP contact Connor Roessler at [croessler@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:croessler@greenbeltmd.gov) or (240)-542-2150

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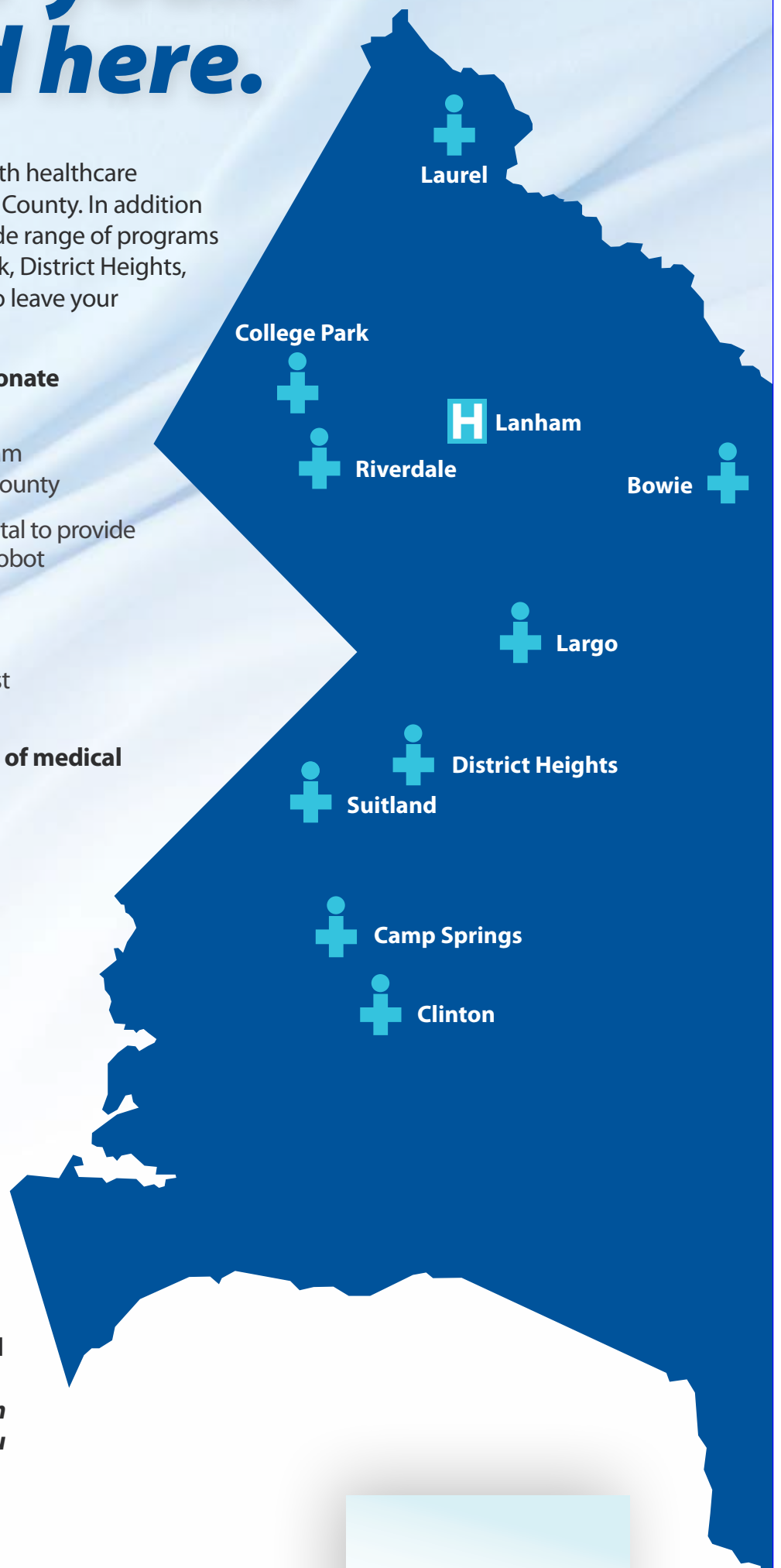
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# Pickleball a Hit Among Seniors and Others All Ages

by Mia O'Neill

Drop by the Community Center any Monday or Thursday afternoon this fall and find a small but committed group playing what looks like a miniature version of tennis, the court marked out with tape on the gym floor.

The game is called pickleball and it's one of the fastest-growing sports in the country, particularly among seniors. Part tennis, part badminton with a hint of ping pong, pickleball offers the same basic structure as larger-scale racquet and paddle games, but with less running. This helps even the playing field across age lines, said Karen Haseley, therapeutic recreation supervisor for the City of Greenbelt.

"It's a little bit less intense than racquetball or tennis," agreed Barry Holober, a lifelong tennis player who's now a regular at the Greenbelt pickleball games. "[But] you still get a really good workout."

Greenbelters have Haseley to thank for bringing pickleball to the community. She said she first heard of the sport when she was working with adolescents at a private psychiatric hospital. Always looking for new activities to engage her patients, she ordered equipment for the teens in hopes that it would catch on. The kids liked the game all right, but it was the staff who really grew to love it. "We would stay after work and play in the gym," Haseley said.

When she came to Greenbelt, Haseley first incorporated pickleball into a few of the city's Seasoned Adults Growing Educationally (SAGE) continuing education fitness classes, but said that the program stopped when some of the classes were discontinued.

A few years ago, Haseley said, someone asked about starting up pickleball again. "I did a demo during Active Aging Week,"



PHOTO BY MIA O'NEILL

Wayne Cumberland (with his back to the camera) takes on Patrick Knight (left) and Barry Holober (right) in pickleball at the Community Center.

Haseley said. "They all had a great time, they loved it. We've been playing ever since."

Though it is listed in the Community Center brochure as a seniors' program, there's no age limit, Haseley said. "Anybody's invited to come out." Although the regulars are comprised of mostly seniors, locals of all ages have shown up and had a good time, including a parent-child homeschooling pair. It's free, too; all participants have to do is sign a waiver, Haseley said.

Created in 1965, pickleball has enjoyed a boom in recent years. According to the USA Pickleball Association's (USAPA) official website, over 2.5 million people were estimated to be playing pickleball nationwide in 2016. The spike in popularity likely has to do with the baby boomer generation hitting retirement age, Justin Maloof, executive director of the USAPA, told The New York Times in 2014.

Pickleball is popular both as a recreational and social sport and in competitive circles, with USAPA sanctioning local, regional and national tournaments. In Greenbelt, the format is much more relaxed and pickup style, Haseley said. Still, the core group who keep coming out are energetic and committed, she said, and they're always looking for new players, regardless of experience or skill level.

"[The experienced players] take the new people under their wing," she said. The enthusiasm and spirit of the Greenbelt contingent may be what's attracted some players to come from farther away in recent months. Haseley said some players from Bowie, for example, are coming to Greenbelt to play and more novices are making the drive to see what it's all about.

Said Haseley, "Anybody's invited to come out and try it. They'd be surprised at how much fun it is."

Mia O'Neill is a University of Maryland graduate student studying journalism and writing for the News Review.

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## Rotary Gardeners Honored By Rivers of Life Church



Rotary Butterfly Garden volunteers Anne Wallace (left) and Helen Svensen receive recognition from Rev. Kendra Smith of AME Rivers of Life Church.

"Bloom where you are planted" applies not just to the butterfly garden in front of Springhill Lake Elementary School in the Franklin Park neighborhood, but also to Rivers of Life AME Church, which currently meets in the facility.

Octogenarian Helen Svensen, the anchor gardener, and Anne Wallace, both members of the Greenbelt Rotary Club, tend the Rotary-sponsored garden year-round.

This past Sunday, Pastor Kendra Smith honored these two unsung volunteers by presenting them with certificates for a full body massage.

As Smith made the presentation she quipped, "We can't thank the Creator and then just walk past the creation."

The Greenbelt Rotary Club meets every Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. at the Greenbelt Marriott.

- Rene Sewell-Raysor



Members of the AME Rivers of Life Church recognize the Rotary Butterfly Garden volunteers.

- Photos by Rene Sewell-Raysor



PHOTO BY MICHAEL LENTZ

The Greenbelt Chamber Orchestra from Greenbelt Middle School plays at the opening of the Music & Arts store in Greenway Center on Saturday, October 15, under the direction of Anna Lentz.

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of City Hall on my first day of work that I would be entering into a dream job that would take me to the heights of my profession. To say that it has been an honor to serve not only the city but also at the regional, state and national levels does not adequately convey the depth of my appreciation for the opportunities I have enjoyed.

I wish to acknowledge former City Manager Jim Giese for hiring me as a police officer in 1971 and as the Chief of Police years later in 1987. To Jim I owe a lifetime of gratitude and the recognition that he changed my life.

Mike, you have been the best boss a person could want. I could not have survived as long as I have without your steadfast support. We have celebrated a number of successes and faced a few challenges along the way. All the while you remained stalwart and encouraging to me when the job seemed very lonely indeed. Your own departure only adds to my will to separate so that a new city manager may select his own management team.

To my fellow department heads past and present, a hearty thank you. You are true professionals who have willingly given of your time and talent over and over. It has been an honor to work with you throughout my tenure.

To the men and women of

the Department I say that any achievement this agency has gained has been through the spirit of teamwork. You are family, a family bound by a calling unlike any other. Keep in mind the reason you wanted to serve – to make the world a better place. Don't squander the opportunity. Look out for one another as you look over those you serve.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the many, many, perhaps thousands, of everyday citizens whom I have met along the way. While it is important to acknowledge those with whom I have worked, those whom I have worked for will forever remain

close to my heart. I love this community. It has been very easy to devote my life's work to it. Thank you one and all.

In closing, I want to thank city council for making public safety the priority it does. Government has no greater duty than to provide a safe environment for those who live, work and visit within its boundaries. Thank you for providing that safety net to the best of your ability.

I leave in good spirit with nothing but fond memories. Carry on the legacy. You have much of which to be proud.

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Jim



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## Stop the Lakeside North Development Vote 'No' on Ballot Question D

We oppose Question D because developers and other special interests will be the greatest beneficiaries should Question D be approved. One impact on Greenbelt will be that Question D could facilitate the proposed Lakeside North Development.

Question D seeks to amend the Prince George's County charter to add two additional at-large seats to the County Council. The County Council would therefore increase from nine district seats to eleven total seats.

By adding two additional at-large seats the County Council is attempting to circumvent term limits, which were placed in the County's charter in 1992 through a citizen-driven initiative.

The at-large seats do not represent Districts (Greenbelt is in District 4 and represented by Todd Turner). Candidates for at-large seats are elected by voters countywide. Countywide campaigns are expensive and funded by developers and special interests, and such elected at-large members would not be responsive to individual communities. Therefore, at-large members will be responsive to the demands of developers and special interests – NOT the people.

The most recent attempt to circumvent term limits was funded by developers. Developers and special interests contributed \$142,550 to support Question J, which sought to extend term limits and was placed on the 2014 ballot. Southern Management Corporation (SMC), and the Apartment and Office Building Association of the State of Maryland (the Association) were contributors to Question J. David Hillman is president of SMC and is a key figure in the Association. Hillman is also owner of the Lakeside North Apartments.

On April 4, the Greenbelt City Council held a work session to meet with Hillman, to discuss his proposal to build a 25-story 400 unit luxury high rise apartment complex on 5 acres of forested land adjacent to the existing Lakeside North Apartments. This forested land is part of the original green belt. The current apartments are clustered on one side of the property and current zoning regulations require this forested land to remain undeveloped. Therefore, the property is fully developed and would need to be rezoned to allow for the proposed development. Hillman conceded that SMC would not fight opposition to the proposed development. The Greenbelt City Council has not expressed this opposition.

If Hillman does proceed with the proposed development, final approval of the changes to the zoning, and the development, will rest with the County Council. If Question D is approved, it is anticipated that at-large members will interfere in District zoning cases to help developers, such as Hillman, that contributed to their campaigns.

We need everyone's help to stop the Lakeside North Development. Please contact us at the address below if you would like to sign our petition, which asks the Greenbelt City Council to oppose the Lakeside North Development. It has been signed by over 500 Greenbelt residents.

We may hold another information day so watch for additional ads.

Contact Brian or Donna Almquist for information at: [GreenbeltAdvocates.ESJ@gmail.com](mailto:GreenbeltAdvocates.ESJ@gmail.com)

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### Upcoming Events At the New Deal

Thursday, October 20, Mid-Day melodies from noon to 2 p.m. Open Mic hosted by Joe Harris from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, October 21, John Guernsey plays jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Zydeco Jed offer up East Coast roots music including rock, jazz, funk and grateful delta from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 22, Jazz Jam with Greg Meyer from 1 to 5 p.m. John Guernsey plays American standards from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Fast Eddy and the Slowpokes perform a blend of Chicago, West Coast, swing and jump blues from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 23, Deaf Brunch from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance Party, celebrating National Cooperative Month, from 2 to 4 p.m. The Petrified Pickers perform bluegrass and country classics from 5 to 8 p.m.

Monday, October 24, The New Deal Café Board of Directors meeting from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Members and visitors welcome.

Tuesday, October 25, The New Deal Laugh-In hosted by CLAW Comedy Productions from 7 to 9 p.m. Stand-up comedy right here in Greenbelt. Parental guidance suggested.

Wednesday, October 26, The Marianna Previti Quartet, a jazz group fronted by an amazing singer from 7 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, October 27, Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft from noon to 2 p.m. SAW Open Mic hosted by Lynn Hollyfield from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, October 28, John Guernsey plays jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The 5-1-2 Experience perform tantalizing R&B, neo-soul and inspired covers of music greats past and present from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.



# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, [www.greenbeltmd.gov/police](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police)  
 Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

## Robbery

October 9, 12:01 a.m., 7600 block Greenbelt Road. Two people working inside the garage at Greenbelt Exxon reported that two men got out of a vehicle described as a black Acura MDX SUV. Each produced a handgun and ordered the two workers to the ground. One man struck one of the workers in the head with a gun. The second man kicked the other worker in the face. They took each worker's wallet, got back into the vehicle and fled, with a third man as driver. One worker refused treatment for a head laceration.

October 10, 4:15 p.m., Crescent Road near Hillside. A man approached two people walking down the path near the underpass, displayed a handgun and announced a robbery. As many as three other young men surrounded the walkers. They fled on foot after getting money from one of the walkers and a purse from the other.

## Assault

October 9, 11:56 p.m., 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive. A 41-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with second degree assault after he spit on an officer responding to a report of a suspicious person in the parking lot of the Greenbelt Metro Station. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

October 12, 4:13 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A woman reported she almost struck a man when making a U-turn on Cherrywood Lane. She then parked in the 6000 block Greenbelt Road and entered Chipotle Mexican Grill. The man she almost struck came into the restaurant and engaged her in a verbal altercation and at one point threatened to shoot her. When she produced a knife to protect herself, the man pulled out an object that she thought might possibly have been a handgun. Both she and he fled. The man is described as Latino, 18 to 23 years old, 5'9" to 5'11" tall, 160 pounds, wearing all white clothing.

## Trespass

October 11, 9 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. A 21-year-old man was arrested and charged with trespass after he was located inside a vacant apartment by officers responding to a report of a trespasser. He was released on citation pending trial.

## Theft

October 8, 3:10 p.m., 7300 block Greenbelt Road. A wallet was taken from a purse at Pollo Cabana.

October 10, 5:30 p.m., 99

Centerway. An unattended coat was taken at the Youth Center.

## Burglary

October 5, 8:30 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Court. Jewelry was taken from a residence after a window was broken out.

October 8, 5:23 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace. A man reported that someone climbed onto his balcony and removed a black Purefix men's touring bicycle between September 30 and October 1.

October 9, 1:38 a.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. Two purses were taken after a residence was entered, possibly by way of an unlocked sliding glass door.

October 11, 11:47 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. Keys were taken after a residence was entered by way of an unsecured sliding glass door.

## Vehicle Crime

A 4-door 2006 Honda Accord taken October 9 was recovered October 12 in the 9100 block Edmonston Court.

An attempted theft from auto occurred in the 7800 block Mandan Road, where a vehicle was rummaged through but nothing appeared to have been taken.

Holes were drilled into gas tanks in the 8200 block Canning Terrace and 7800 block Lakecrest Drive. A rear windshield was broken out in the 7500 block Greenbrook Drive, possibly by using a rock.

## Police Taking Back Unwanted Drugs

On Saturday, October 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Greenbelt Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. Pills for disposal should be brought to the Greenbelt Police Department at 550 Crescent Rd. The DEA cannot accept liquids or needles or sharps, only pills or patches. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines – flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash – both pose potential safety and health hazards.

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the October 22 Take Back Day event, go to the DEA Diversion website at [deadiversion.usdoj.gov](http://deadiversion.usdoj.gov).

## At the Library

Ready 2 Read Storytimes: Wednesday, October 26 for ages 3 to 5, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 20 people. Thursday, October 27 for ages birth to 2, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m., limit 20 people.

Halloween Storytime, Monday, October 31, 5:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5, limit 30 people total. Wear a costume and come for scary (but not too scary!) stories, songs, fingerplays and more. Stop by the information desk immediately prior to the session to pick up free tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Crazy 8s! Season 3: Tuesday, October 25, 4 p.m., for grades K to 2, limit 14 children; 5 p.m., for grades 3 to 5, limit 14 children. Crazy 8s is a new after-school math club designed to get kids fired up about math. Every week Crazy 8ers build stuff, run and jump, make music and make a mess, while bonding with new friends over math.

Fall 2016 African History & Culture Lecture Series: Tuesday, October 25, 7 p.m. Grand Theft Africa: The Original Scramble for a Continent will be the next session in this audiovisual lecture series presented by historian C.R. Gibbs. Other sessions will be conducted on Tuesday evenings through November 15.



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## Children and Animals Safety Workshop

Well-Wishers for the Animals of the Greenbelt Shelter (WAGS) is holding a free Children and Animals Safety workshop on Sunday, October 23 from 2 to 3 p.m. in Room 114 of the Community Center. Volunteers and professional dog trainers will teach parents and children ages 5 to 10 about dogs and cats, with particular emphasis on identifying an animal's stress signals, how to approach unfamiliar animals, what to do if approached by an unfamiliar dog off leash and how to supervise and monitor children and dogs to avoid dog bites.

The workshop is made possible by the Jim Cassels Community Service Award and in partnership with Your Dog's Friend (a nonprofit organization with the mission of keeping dogs out of shelters by offering workshops and training) and the City of Greenbelt Animal Shelter. Register by sending an email to [wagsgbas@gmail.com](mailto:wagsgbas@gmail.com) or by calling 301-312-9603. Specify the number of children and adults attending and the ages of the children.

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40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign that has already mobilized over 700,000 people worldwide, saved over 11,700 lives from abortion, led to the conversion of 133 abortion workers, and seen 73 abortion facilities close. 40 Days for Life is made up of three components:

- Prayer and Fasting:** believers throughout our city are invited to join together for 40 days of fervent prayer and fasting for an end to abortion
- Peaceful Vigil:** stand for life during a 40-day peaceful public witness (Statement of Peace, required) on the public sidewalk outside of Metropolitan Family Planning Clinic, 5915 Greenbelt Rd, College Park, MD, between 7am and 7pm, Sep 28- Nov 6, 2016.
- Community Outreach:** help take a positive, upbeat pro-life message to every corner of our city through media efforts, advocacy, and public visibility

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## Notice of the Annual Membership Meeting of the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative

The Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative (Co-op) will hold its Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 12, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room (2nd floor) of the Greenbelt Community Center.

Light refreshments will be served.

The agenda includes:

Reports by the Treasurer and the General Manager.  
 Election of three members to the Board of Director

Two incumbents - Jon Bell and Jill Stevenson - are running for re-election. To date, one other nomination form has been received. The terms of the remaining directors - Barbara Ford, Linda Ivy, Bill Jones and Joe Timer - have not expired.

Presentation of the Jim Cassels' Community Service Award to this year's recipient.

According to the Co-op's by-laws, 25 members constitute a quorum. In the absence of a quorum, those present can schedule another meeting, which can proceed even in the absence of a quorum.

A drawing for door prizes will be held after the business portion of the meeting.

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# Green Team Encourages Backyard Wildlife Habitats

by Connor Roessler

Here in Greenbelt, we are proud to share our public and private spaces with lots of wildlife and a variety of pollinator species. The Green Team's Pathways of Sustainability encourages the expansion of wildlife corridors and pollinator-friendly backyards. Environmentally conscious citizens are invited to take the following steps to make backyards a sanctuary for wildlife and pollinators:

## 1. Plant a native pollinator garden

Native flowers and plant species provide needed food and shelter for pollinators, such as birds, butterflies and bees. Native plant species include asters, purple coneflowers, goldenrods, Joe-Pye weed and milkweed among others. Be sure to visit the pollinator garden at Buddy Attick Park for inspiration. Maryland is home to at least 400 species of native bees and over 150 butterflies that are essential to plant reproduction and food production, which furthers the need to provide adequate habitat for these crucial pollinators. Fragmentation of habitats increases the distance that migratory pollinators must travel between areas providing food and shelter along their routes, adversely impacting survival for insects, such as monarch butterflies. It is recommended to plant a wide variety of nectar and host plants that bloom from early spring into late fall.

## 2. Ditch pesticides

Broad-spectrum pesticides are a major threat to pollinators, both directly from unintentional poisoning and indirectly from habitat reduction when native forage plants are destroyed with herbicides. Research confirms that toxic neonicotinoid pesticides (aka neonics) kill and harm bees, butterflies and birds, which poses a serious threat to our nation's food supply, public health and the environment. Consequently, Maryland is the first state to pass legislation through its General Assembly that restricts consumers from using neonicotinoids. Environmentally conscious citizens should first use organic pest control options (such as attracting beneficial insects, traps and natural remedies which can be found online) and only use pesticides sparingly as a last resort after



PHOTO BY ERIN JOSEPHITIS

There is an example of a pollinator garden at Buddy Attick Park.

reading the entire label and following exact directions.

## 3. Reduce lawn mowing in one section of the yard

Let a patch of grass grow tall to provide protection for foraging mammals and birds while cutting down on labor needed to maintain your yard.

## 4. Reuse materials to create habitats

Use old or broken pots, sculptures, rocks or brush as lawn ornaments to make habitats for toads, chipmunks and snakes, creating habitats at little to no cost. Be sure that such ornaments don't hold or accumulate water to minimize mosquito breeding.

## 5. Control housecats

Cats can do a lot of damage to wild bird populations when they are let outside. Make sure your feline friend stays indoors to reduce hunting of wild bird populations. Also, by spaying or neutering your cat, you'll help

control the pet homelessness crisis, which results in more outdoor cats and millions of healthy cats being euthanized in the U.S. each year because there aren't enough homes to go around.

Research additional best practices for your backyard and get creative with ways to provide suitable habitat for local wildlife. For those who have a pollinator garden in the backyard, the Green Team's Pathways of Sustainability wants to hear about it. Contact Erin Josephitis at [ejosephitis@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:ejosephitis@greenbeltmd.gov) to have the pollinator or wildlife garden added to Greenbelt's Pathways map and to learn more about growing a corridor of wildlife sanctuaries and pollinator-friendly habitats in Greenbelt.

Connor Roessler is a Chesapeake Conservation Corps member working for the City of Greenbelt Department of Public Works.



PHOTO BY GLORIA BROWN

A ruby-crowned Kinglet perches on a branch at Greenbelt Lake.



PHOTO BY MARY LOU WILLIAMSON

Mushrooms decorate the fall garden.

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# Lake Drainage Project About Half Complete

by Lesley Kash

Despite the challenge of recent rainfall, the Greenbelt Lake dredging project continues, with the project approximately half completed. Terri Hruby, assistant planning director for the city, toured the site last week.

"Dredging is underway on the second forebay," she reported. "The rainfall last week caused challenges in dewatering. Strategies were developed,

and work is moving forward." After dredging is completed on both forebays, plantings will be installed.

"A public event is planned for the spring to celebrate the completion of the project," Hruby said. The Public Works Department will coordinate with the project contractor, Corvias Solutions, to illustrate and explain the completed project.



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

Work is approximately half completed on the forebay dredging project at the lake.



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Explore Your Greenbelt

# Enriching Young Lives With Visual Arts Classes

by Yeri Zinn

The Greenbelt Access Television (GATE) hosts the 12th annual Utopia Film Festival the weekend of October 21, 22 and 23. The festival presents films that explore utopian visions in cultural, social, political, and environmental forms. It searches to highlight films that entertain, enlighten and address themes such as community building, cultural diversity, social and economic concerns as well as environmental issues.

As part of the festival, children's animated films created in this year's Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA) will be screened on Sunday, October 23 from 11 a.m. to noon at the Greenbelt Arts Center, 123 Centerway, Greenbelt. GAVA's children's animated film classes have been funded in the past by the Greenbelt Community Foundation (GCF.) This event will conclude the Greenbelt Community Foundation's seven month long campaign, Explore Your Greenbelt, celebrating its 10th anniversary. The campaign, a series of 14 bi-monthly events, featured organizations that have received GCF funding. It was generously sponsored by Paradyme Management, Beltway Plaza and Greenbelt News Review.

Two sisters, Alexandra and Olivia, are able to experience an enriched childhood by taking the classes offered by GAVA in GATE's studio located on the second floor at the Greenbelt Community Center. GAVA offers a variety of classes targeted at educating people of all levels of experience.

Alexandra and Olivia both have enjoyed taking GAVA classes. Alexandra is twelve and in the seventh grade and Olivia is nine and in the fourth grade. Alexandra first began taking GAVA classes after she went on a field trip to the GATE studio and took a mini class. She loved the class and when she found out that the studio offered weekly classes, she signed up. Olivia first began taking classes because her mom heard positive remarks about the classes from her friends. In 2015, Olivia met Barbara Simon during the Labor Day Festival's art show and because Simon was "so nice and encouraging", Olivia wanted to try taking Simon's painting class and decided to try other classes as well.

The two sisters have taken four GAVA classes so far: painting, printmaking, animation, and comic book/manga. Alexandra's favorite class so far is animation and Olivia's is comic book/manga. Alexandra's favorite video she has created is "Justice's Views on Pollution". It is an informational video that encourages people to not pollute. A super dog named Justice talks about pollution and then uses his powers to clean up a beach, setting a good example for others to follow. She is currently working on an animated video about a trip to the moon. Olivia hasn't finished her first animation yet but she has finished her own comic book. It is about a wild horse that gets lost and is eventually rescued and returned safely to the farm. In the future, she would like to make an animated film about puppies that get

into trouble in their backyard. Alexandra says that she doesn't have a favorite part about the GAVA classes because she loves everything about it. Olivia says that her favorite part is getting to see her completed work at the end of the class and seeing how much she was able to learn from the teachers. It is very easy to see the positive impact that the GAVA classes have had on Alexandra and Olivia.

Alexandra's hobbies are ice skating, reading, and performing in plays. Olivia enjoys ice skating, playing with her dogs, and reading. She especially enjoys reading graphic novels. A fun fact about Alexandra is that she went to Space Camp in Huntsville, Al and got to participate in international space station mission simulations. She would someday like to become an architect or a civil engineer. Olivia likes to make new friends and sometimes act silly. She wants to be a veterinarian when she grows up.

For more information, go to [greenbeltfoundation.net/ExploreYourGreenbelt](http://greenbeltfoundation.net/ExploreYourGreenbelt).

*Yeri Zinn is an intern working with the Greenbelt Community Foundation.*

## Free Star Party Saturday Evening

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday evening, October 22 at the city observatory located at Northway Field. The observatory telescope will start by observing Mars and then move on to deep sky objects (diffuse nebulae, planetary nebulae and star clusters). As always, visitors are welcome to set up personal telescopes on the hill. Venus and Saturn will be setting early, but Mars, Neptune and Uranus will be high in the sky. The moon will not be up, so it will be dark.

Observing will begin at around 7:30 p.m. and continue for at least two hours. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.

# Alight Dance Celebrates Old Stories, New Director

Since Greenbelter Angella Foster founded alight dance theater in 2010, she has served as the ensemble's artistic director and resident choreographer, bringing dance to local venues such as the Greenbelt Museum, the CHEARS Three Sisters Gardens and the Greenbelt theater. Next month Foster will be stepping down from her position as artistic director, and alight's current Associate Artistic Director Matina Phillips will assume full direction of the company. In celebration of this transition, Phillips and Foster have partnered together to produce a program featuring both of their work.

On October 29 and 30, alight dance theater will return to Dance Place, a hub of dance activity in Washington, D.C., with two powerful repertory works created by both Phillips and Foster. Following alight's 2010 debut at the Kennedy Center, Foster's work *Speechless* was presented at the Greenbelt Community Center as part of an Artful Afternoon and at Dance Place. The company is delighted to present a show at this venue again and hopes that many faithful Greenbelt supporters of alight will come see this program honoring the artistic contributions of the current and future directors. Appropriately, both of the works on the program – *Blue Mountain Express* and *Women's Work* – explore the complexity of women's relationships in a historical context.

In *Women's Work*, Foster imagines a community of strong women in her childhood home of rural Kentucky, as inspired by her grandma's tales of kinship and hard work. Partially autobiographical, *Women's Work* weaves together two parallel stories, one danced and one spoken. In her opening monologue, Foster describes the piece as "a place where the stories I've lived and the work I've heard, where memory and fiction breathe the same air." Many Greenbelters may recognize the beautiful 1930s and 40s style dresses created by Foster for the work, as they have also been used for alight's *Hometown Heroes* project, which honored women's contributions to Greenbelt during the 75th anniversary celebration. *Women's Work* also features original mu-



PHOTO BY ENOCH CHAN

Alight Dance Theater performs *Women's Work*, a dance by outgoing Artistic Director Angella Foster.

sic by Louisville, Ky. – based composer Rob Collier and a massive suspended quilt which Foster constructed and hand-quilted herself over a year's time. The work originally premiered at the Clarice in 2009 as Foster's MFA thesis project and will be restaged for alight dance theater for this weekend-only engagement. The program also features *Blue Mountain Express*, which was created by the choreographic team of Phillips and her long-time collaborator Eleni Grove. The work follows four women aboard a train as their stories are revealed and their similarities and differences celebrated. Set to a score of upbeat bluegrass music, *Blue Mountain Express* premiered at Anacostia Arts Center in 2013. "Bluegrass music is so infectious, driving and emotional. We really felt bluegrass would highlight what we were aiming to express through movement. The two artistic forms complement each other so well," says Grove. Dance Place is located at 3225 8th Street N.E.

There will be a post-show reception immediately following the Saturday, October 29 show. The shows are made possible with funding from the Maryland State Arts Council and friends of

alight dance theater. For more information or tickets to the performances, please visit [danceplace.org](http://danceplace.org) or call 202-269-1600.

## Exploring Valentino's Ghost Documentary

Explorations Unlimited welcomes Greenbelt resident Jean Snyder on Friday, October 28. She will be discussing the documentary *Valentino's Ghost – Why We Hate Arabs*. The documentary shows clips from the 1926 film starring Rudolph Valentino as *The Sheik* when Arabs were romanticized. Segments from many other films show how Hollywood changes what we think of Arabs today. The documentary also features commentary by history professors, authors and film critics.

Snyder has been to the Middle East several times as a tourist and twice as a student of the Bible, most recently in 2002.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday beginning at 1 p.m. at the Community Center. This presentation will be held in room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

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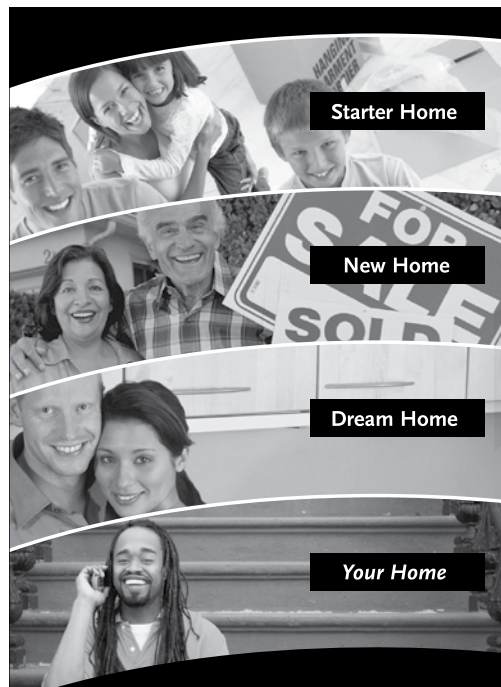
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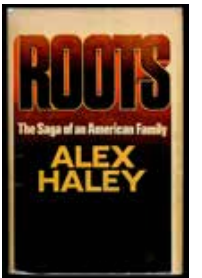
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- Manufacture of Dreams:** How an impoverished region of Italy remade itself into a mecca for art and artists.
- Pet Fooled** Investigation of the inner workings for the commercial pet food industry.
- Our Last Stand:** How an Assyrian-American woman is helping raise awareness of Christian communities threatened by civil war and Isis.
- Written Off:** Gripping personal journals reveal the secrets of a man's 10 year struggle with addition to opiates.

**Special Civil Rights & Roots Program!**

Join Utopia Director Chris Haley, nephew of **Roots** author Alex Haley, as he explores film clips and leads a panel discussion of both the old and new TV **Roots** docudramas.



**Neshoba: The Price of Freedom** investigates the 1964 Mississippi murders of civil right workers and the long-delayed trial of one of their killers.

**Saturday, Oct. 22**

**Sunday, Oct. 23**

Friday Oct. 21		ARTS CENTER
		Free Coffee
11 am - 1 pm		Free Program Docs in Progress
1-3 pm	<b>MUNICIPAL BUILDING</b> Sea of Troubles (short) The Forest's Edge (24min.) Fracking Western Maryland ? (68 min.)	Peak Phosphorus (short) Living with Fire (14 min.) Beautiful Dreamer (26 min.) The Recursion Theorem (29min.)
3-5 pm	<b>Old Greenbelt Theatre</b> Joy of Doing (short) The Island (15min.) Fallow Land Bears Sweet Fruit (24min.) Manufacturers of Dreams 50m	Fish (6 min.) Written Off (80 min.)
5-7 pm	<b>Special Civil Rights &amp; Roots Program.</b> Join Chris Haley as he explores both old and new TV Roots docudramas. <b>FREE PROGRAM</b>	Insecurity (short) Summer Park (15 min.) Verochka (22 min.) Maybe Today (22 min.) The Vultures (20 min.)
7-8 pm	<b>FREE Duo (short)</b> <b>FREE Alarm Clock Kid (short)</b> Fabrizio's Initiation (17 min.)	<b>7pm- 8pm Free Program</b> Mississippi Cold Case (42 min.)
10pm	<b>Little Shop of Horrors @ Theatre</b>	<b>8pm-10pm.</b> The Telegram Man (14min.) Our Last Stand (58 min.) Speaker

	OLD GREENBELT THEATRE	ARTS CENTER
		11am-12pm <b>FREE KIDS PROGRAM</b> Mr. Geo Animation Greenbelt's 75th Anniversary (16min.) Light Gulper (5 min.) Behind the Rocks (4 min.) Vision (8 min.) Duo (4 min.)
12-2 pm	<b>Neshoba: The Price of Freedom</b> (80 min.)	911 Gun Violence (short) Man Up (short) Insecurity (short) Hanhan's Summer Diary (short) #Skin Out Speak Out (15 min.) Summer Park (15 min.) Fabrizio's Initiation (17 min.) Verochka (22 min.)
2-4 pm	<b>A Bold Peace</b> (90 min.)	Sea of Troubles (short) Peak Phosphorus (short) Living with Fire (14min.) The Island (15 min.) Forest Edge (24 min.)
4-6 pm	<b>Predator/Prey: The Fight for Isle Royale Wolves</b> (37 min.) <b>Pet Fooled</b> (70min.)	Ribbons (short) Losing Has Never Felt So Sweet(3m) St. Paul and Thecia (short) R.E.M. (10 min.) Alarm Clock Kid (10 min.) Walk for Me (12 min.) Maybe Today (22 min.)



**Kids Animation Program**  
 Films by George Kochell's animation students.  
 Special screening of Greenbelt's 75th Anniversary Film



**Short works** created by young filmmakers from across the country



Special Friday night screening of **Little Shop of Horrors** (musical version) 10 pm. in Old Greenbelt Theater



Free

**VENUES INCLUDE:**  
 Old Greenbelt Theatre, 129 Centerway Rd.  
 Greenbelt Arts Center, 123 Centerway Rd.  
 Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Rd.

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