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Greenbelt's newly sworn-in city council. From left, Edward Putens, Colin Byrd, Leta Mach, Emmett Jordan, Rodney Roberts, Judith Davis and Silke Pope.

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	Precinct 3 Community Center	Precinct 6 Police Station	Precinct 8 Springhill Lake	Precinct 13 Greenbriar Comm. Bldg.	Precinct 18 Schrom Hills Rec. Center	Early Voting	Absentee Voting	Total
Total Votes Cast in Council Election	3927	3733	930	1528	1364	2388	207	14077
Average # of Votes Per Voter for Council	5.6	5.5	4.7	5.9	5.4	5.4	5.6	5.5
# Voting at Polls	699	679	199	258	254	0	0	2089
# Voting Early or Absentee	---	---	---	---	---	443	37	480
Total # Voting	870	831	223	291	354	---	---	2569
# Registered Voters (active)	2799	2199	2886	2585	2306	---	---	12775
% Active Voters Voting	31.1%	37.8%	7.7%	11.3%	15.4%	---	---	20.1%

Patterns in 2017 Voting Show Both Changes and Consistency

by Kathleen Gallagher

Greenbelt election wonks (you know who you are) probably noticed that some of the information usually included in the table of election results was missing in the issue of this paper following the November 7 election last week. Mostly related to voter activity, this information was not available at press time but is available now in a table to supplement the one published last week.

Target Voting

Greenbelt voters seem to be particularly preoccupied with the practice of target voting, not only doing it themselves but wondering who else is doing it. Speculation abounded this year about likely increases in target voting because of the exceptionally high number of candidates - 13 candidates for seven places, including six incumbents and seven challengers - and the somewhat contentious nature of the competition.

Target voting means voting for fewer candidates than permitted in order to strengthen the impact of those chosen. Voters were able to vote for up to seven

candidates in this election. As it turned out, the average number of votes cast per voter in the council election this year turned out to be 5.5, which is higher than the 5.3 cast per voter in 2013 and just a tad lower than the 5.6 cast in 2015.

Voters at Greenbriar voted for the most candidates at 5.9, and one prediction—that target voting would be especially high in Franklin Park, may have proved true, with Greenbelt West voters at Springhill Lake casting only 4.7 votes per person. In the prior two elections, the lowest number of votes cast per voter was 5.2 (at the Police Station in 2013).

Early Voting

Early voting did not increase in this election. Despite the urban legend that it has continued to grow by leaps and bounds, it has held steady since the 2013 election. This year, 81 percent of voters chose to vote on election day at their precinct polling place; 18 percent chose early voting; and a little more than 1 percent voted absentee. This breakdown was identical in 2015 and nearly so in 2013, when the

comparable figures were 80 percent, 18 percent and 2 percent.

Voter Turnout

Next to “Who won?” the big question is usually “What was voter turnout?” It will surprise no one that when there is more competition, turnout is higher, and when at least one seat is vacant, it is higher yet.

As shown on the table, overall turnout for the city this year was 20.1 percent, compared with 18 percent in 2015 and 14.6 percent in 2013. The increase this year was probably less than people

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What Goes On

Monday, November 20 8 p.m., Council Worksession with Comcast, Municipal Building
Thursday, November 23 8 a.m., 2017 Gobble Wobble, Youth Center
Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 City offices will be closed.

American Education Week November 13 to 17, 2017

In celebration of American education, these columns will tell the stories of selected teachers from the schools serving the Greenbelt community. This week readers will get a glimpse inside Greenbelt Elementary School and Eleanor Roosevelt High School. In coming weeks we will focus on the other local public schools.

The stories feature two teachers or staff members at each school; these are coordinated by David Lange, who originated the series and liaises with the schools, and Alice Murray, who works with the reporters and assisted by Brett Fishburne.

Gleason Attended, Interned And Now Teaches at ERHS

by Zsyrri Ennis

When entering Room 205 at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS), one quickly notices all the posters of movies, musicians and nature. The atmosphere of this classroom is warm and welcoming. At any given time of day, a class or a group of Patrick Gleason's past, present and aspiring students can be found working, chatting or hanging out in the room. Gleason is an ERHS alumnus and has been an English teacher there for four years.

Gleason became interested in being a high school teacher when he was in high school. During an assembly he attended, students were allowed to come on stage at the end to dance and he



Patrick Gleason

PHOTO BY DARIUS FOSTER

remembers thinking “this is a fun place to be,” seeing people “having fun and enjoying life.” With the idea of being a teacher in his head and “enjoying the atmosphere in high school,” he realized that “this is the place I wanted to come back to and help,” and so

he did.

While attending the University of Maryland, he interned at ERHS and said he enjoyed the “freedom to teach.” After graduating with a degree in English and education, Gleason returned to ERHS to teach English. Gleason has taught most grade levels. This year, he teaches ninth- and

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Second-Grade Teacher Perry Shines in First Year at GES

by Carolina Velloso

This is Tamia Perry's first year at Greenbelt Elementary School (GES), so the second-grade teacher was shocked to learn that she had been selected as one of the school's honorees for American Education Week.

“I thought, ‘oh no, it can't be,’ then it was ‘wait, my name is clearly here,’” she said.

While she might be new to the school community, Perry's strengths stood out to the GES administration even before she arrived. At a county teacher recruitment event, Perry ran into Rebecca Turner, an instructional lead teacher at GES.

“She was at the vending machine and she stopped me and asked me what grade I wanted



Tamia Perry

PHOTO BY CAROLINA VELLOSO

to teach,” Perry said. “I said I would love to teach second, and then she grabbed me and we walked straight over to the principal's table. They interviewed me right on the spot, they called me back and said, ‘Tamia, you got it.’”

Perry has certainly taken her new job in stride.

“I love it,” she said. “The community is nice, I have an awesome classroom, an awesome group of students this year. I have to say, no complaints at all.”

GES Principal Monica Gaines has been equally impressed with Perry.

“Ms. Perry is amazing. She is See **PERRY**, page 6

Distribution Changes Leave Franklin Park in the Lurch

by Staff Writers

Last week we changed the method of delivery of our paper to the residents of Franklin Park from paper delivery in hallways to electronic delivery by email. Because of technical problems with the electronic delivery, however, Franklin Park residents found no paper in either their hallway or their email inbox.

We apologize to the residents of Franklin Park who were inconvenienced by this. We are working with the Franklin Park management to resolve the technical issues and expect we will successfully deliver an electronic version of this week's issue.

The News Review pays either its own carriers or local property management companies to deliver the paper citywide and is not paid for this service. It delivers to all areas of the city, observing the constraints placed by individual property owners.

Why the Change?

Since the early 60s the News Review has delivered papers to what is now Franklin Park. It has not always been a smooth road. Our deliveries have varied in consistency and timeliness over the years.

This year we asked Franklin

Park to assist us with significantly improving our delivery.

Hallway or Electronic?

Franklin Park's response surprised us. Their answer indicated overall dissatisfaction with distribution. They noted that when papers are not taken in by residents, they can become litter that Franklin Park staff must clean up and recycle.

Franklin Park management handles their in-house notifications to residents via email and offered to use this same privileged access to send the News Review to residents. Email has the potential to reach 100 percent of their residents.

In the next few weeks, we will also be placing newspaper boxes at strategic Metrobus stops and at the Metro station and potentially other locations, for example the laundry center and the leasing office. These boxes are on their way. Leftover papers will be recycled from the boxes when the new issue is dropped off.

We welcome the participation of Franklin Park residents and the Fieldstone Properties management company in optimizing delivery of the News Review.

Letters to the Editor

Vandalism and Hate

Last Thursday a Greenbelt police officer took a vandalism report on Walker Drive (near Global Science & Tech, Capitol Buick GMC, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, TGI Fridays, Capitol Cadillac, etc.). Someone carved the words "Die Niggers" in an elevator. The Police Department is investigating the incident and has contacted the County Human Relations Commission, with which we are having ongoing conversations. As a Greenbelter and as an African American, I am deeply disturbed by this, and I take racism, hate crimes and (specific and generalized) death threats very seriously. They have no place in Greenbelt or anywhere, for that matter. I look forward to working hand-in-hand with the Police Department, CRAB, GREA and other Greenbelt residents to promptly address the matter.

Colin Byrd

Thanks

I would like to take this time to recognize and thank everyone who voted in the city council election. I am especially pleased that Greenbelt citizens supported

both referendums. And, I want to thank those who supported me. I am honored to have your trust.

During the campaign, I appreciated meeting and talking with many citizens and hearing your thoughts and concerns. As a councilmember, I aim to do my best for all Greenbelt citizens. I promise to work hard, listen attentively, consider all issues thoughtfully and thoroughly and always act in the best interests of the city.

My campaign theme is Building on the Spirit of Greenbelt and Expanding the Possibilities. That spirit is the spirit of working together, the spirit of cooperation. Together council, citizens and staff work to make Greenbelt a better community and I am committed to doing my part.

Leta Mach

More Thanks

I wish to express my sincerest thanks to all who voted for me in the council election held November 7. I am deeply honored that the citizens of Greenbelt have returned me once again to the city council. My gratitude also

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On Screen

A Tarnished American Dream

In *The Florida Project*, a tawdry motel almost in the shadow of that happy fantasy, Disneyland, is home to 6-year-old Moonie (Brooklynn Prince) and her impecunious single mom (Bria Vinaite). Blithely unaware of her precarious situation, Moonie and her kid pals lead enchanted, adventurous lives. Kindly motel manager Bobby (Willem Dafoe) does his best to keep them from falling between the cracks, even when they drive him crazy.

Directed and co-written by Sean Baker, *The Florida Project* avoids mawkishness, speaking truth about American poverty and the American Dream. One critic calls it "one of the best movies on childhood ever." It comes to the Old Greenbelt Theatre this Friday, November 17.

Rated: R

Running Time: 1 hour, 50 min.

- Jim Link

Thanksgiving Week Deadline Changes

Due to the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 23 the deadline for the News Review will have to change since our printer will not be available Thanksgiving morning. The Thanksgiving issue will be printed on Wednesday, November 22. All deadlines will be moved back a day to finish the paper in time to be printed before the holiday.

The deadline for stories, letters and camera ready ads will be Monday, November 20 at 8 p.m. Ads that need work must be in by Sunday, November 19 at 4 p.m.

The usual Wednesday composition work and final proofing will be done Tuesday.

Notice to All

All copy - ads, articles, photos, letters - must reach us no later than Monday, November 20 to be included in the November 23 issue. Any material received after Monday evening will be held for the issue of November 30.



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OC = Open Captions
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SHOWTIMES

Nov 17th - Nov 23rd

THE FLORIDA PROJECT
(R) (115 mins)

Fri. 2:30, 5:15, 7:45 PM

Sat. 2:30, 5:15, 7:45 PM

Sun. 1:30 (OC), 4:15 PM

Mon. 5:15 PM

Tues. 5:15, 7:45 PM

Wed. 2:30, 5:15, 7:45 PM

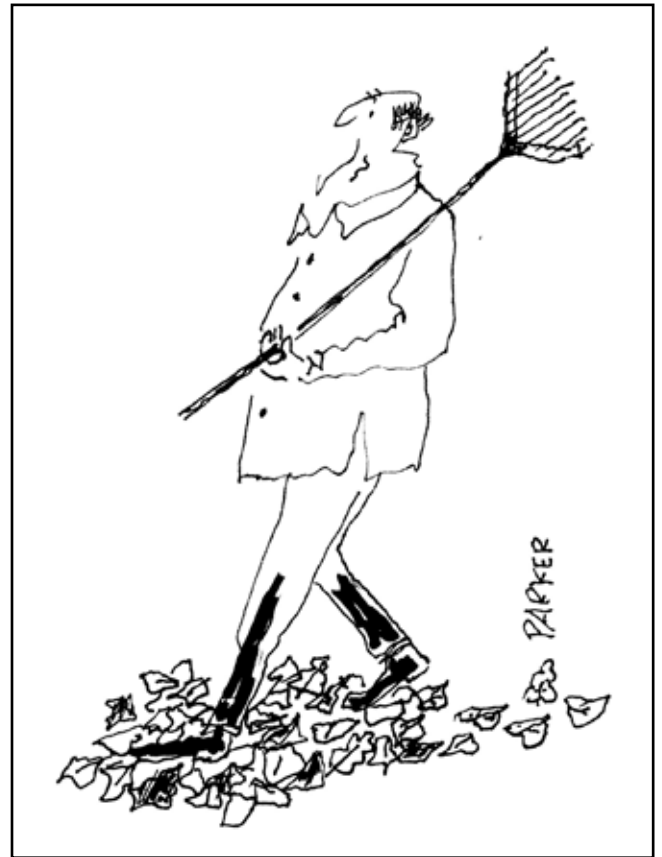
Thurs. 5:15 PM

Family Fall Series:
MY NEIGHBORS THE
YAMADAS
(G) (103 mins) (1989)
Sat. 11:00 AM

We The People: FREE!
AMERICAN INDIAN
HERITAGE: RUMBLE
Sun. 6:45 PM

Miyazaki Mondays:
CASTLE IN THE SKY
Mon. 8:00 PM

The Old Curmudgeon



"Next year I'm planting evergreen trees..."

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The News Review reserves the right not to publish any letter submitted. Letters are considered accepted when published.

All letters must include the letter writer's name, physical address and telephone number. Only the name will be published; the News Review will consider withholding the name upon request.

All letters are subject to editing for reasons of space, libel, privacy, taste, copyright and clarity.



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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 6 - 10 p.m.

Community Events

Annual Service Of Thanksgiving

The Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association (GILA) is holding its annual Thanksgiving service at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Road, on Wednesday, November 22 at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome. A freewill offering collected that evening will benefit the Greenbelt Emergency Relief Fund. Checks should be made out to the City of Greenbelt (memo line – Emergency Relief Fund).

Tasting Trifecta Friday At the Co-op Grocery

Be sure to swing by the Co-op this Friday, November 17 between 4 and 7 p.m. for a three-way tasting event. It's a tasting trifecta. Abby Massey from The Common Market, "delivering local food for the common good," will showcase some of the new, local products they are offering. John Haley from Bold Rock Hard Cider, "real apples, real craft, real people," will offer samples of their wares, and John Mealy, Co-op's resident wine expert, will pour some new wines from the wine aisle. It is shaping up to be quite an event. Be sure to stop by and get in on the action.

GCF Needs Volunteers

The Greenbelt Community Foundation (GCF) needs volunteers to help in several areas. The time commitment is from five to eight hours a month. Volunteers would work from home. They may join the GCF committees if they desire, but it is not required.

Editor and writer to develop stories with other writers that showcase the work of organizations funded by the Foundation as well as to highlight the GCF grant process, workshops and other services. This content would be published on GCF's website, Facebook page and in press releases with bylines.

Website manager to develop strategy to keep the website current and running smoothly. This includes posting and managing content, links and files; monitoring, analyzing and reporting on usage; and ensuring quick response to website inquiries. Experience with WordPress would be helpful.

Facebook manager to guide GCF's Facebook strategy to help increase visibility and traffic. This person would develop, post and monitor content and Facebook events; measure, analyze and report on Facebook activity; and mentor and train volunteers in producing content for Facebook.

Grant application reviewers to review grant applications and to update and make the GCF grant application more user friendly, particularly for small organizations.

Organizers to develop a "Roots & Shoots" initiative that would engage youth in philanthropy, showcase our inter-generational community and expand the number of people that support GCF and local organizations.

If interested, go to greenbeltfoundation.net/volunteer and complete the volunteer interest form.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

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

All meals include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of November 20 are as follows:

Monday, November 20: Grilled pork patty with mushroom gravy, mashed spiced yams, mixed vegetables, wheat bread, diced pears, cranberry juice.

Tuesday, November 21: Sloppy Joe, mixed beans, hot glazed peaches, coleslaw, wheat hamburger bun, orange juice.

Wednesday, November 22: Sliced turkey with gravy, bread dressing, French green beans, whipped potatoes, ambrosia, pumpkin pie, cranberry sauce.

Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24: All sites closed for Thanksgiving holiday.

Suicide Prevention Walk November 18

A walk for suicide prevention and awareness will be held Saturday, November 18 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine. The walk begins at 11 a.m. at Buddy Attick Playground (parking is limited) and, by way of the lake path, ends at Roosevelt Center, where mental health resources will be available.

This is a family event. Friendly, leashed dogs are also welcome.

Festival of Lights December 2 and 3

Coming Soon! The 2017 Festival of Lights Juried Art and Craft Fair, sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department, will take place at the Community Center on Saturday and Sunday, December 2 and 3. Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event features about 75 regional artists and authors, as well as performers and crafts events. Parking and admission are free.



MakerSpace Events

Thursday, November 16: Coder Dojo (kids) 5 to 6:30 p.m.; Gadget Workshop, 7 to 8:30 p.m.; Coder Projects (adults), 8:30 to 10 p.m.

Friday, November 17: Labradoodles from 7 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, November 18: First Lego League (FLL) Team 3 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 19: Animation from 2 to 4 p.m.

Monday, November 20: FLL Team 1 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 21: Labradoodles from 7:30 to 9 p.m. (No early team this week.)

Wednesday, November 22: Fiber Fans from 6 to 9 p.m.

Time Bank Social, Potluck Nov. 18

The Greenbelt Time Bank welcomes both members and non-members to its social and finger-food potluck on Saturday, November 18 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Community Center, Room 103.

Topics for discussion include how to earn hours by supporting the Time Bank while it grows and thrives; fun activities will help identify gifts and needs and locate other members with whom to exchange services. There will be questions, anecdotes and success stories about the Greenbelt Time Bank.

Potluck finger foods are encouraged and appreciated but not required. This is a zero-waste event, with the time bank hosts providing all napkins, utensils and dishware.

For questions or to RSVP contact Jane Young at 301-507-6765 or gccjane@aol.com.

GHI Notes

Friday, November 17, office closed. For emergency maintenance service, call 301-474-6011.

Tuesday, November 21, 7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee meeting, GHI Lobby.

Tuesday, November 21, 7:30 p.m., Legislative and Government Affairs Committee meeting, Board Room.

Thursday, November 23, office closed (Thanksgiving Day). For emergency maintenance service, call 301-474-6011.

Friday, November 24, office closed. For emergency maintenance service, call 301-474-6011.

MAGLEV Train Discussion at ERHS

State Delegate Alonzo Washington has rescheduled the community meeting to discuss the MAGLEV high-speed train proposal. The meeting will occur on Monday, November 27 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, 7601 Hanover Parkway.

Washington says he has requested the attendance of the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) and Baltimore Washington Rapid Rail (BWRR) but so far they have refused. He suggests citizens register their concerns about the MAGLEV to the MTA and BWRR directly.

Washington said the meeting will include other transportation experts and citizens groups.

Star Party Saturday

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday evening, November 18 at the City Observatory located at Northway Fields. Through the Observatory telescope attendees may expect to see deep sky objects such as galaxies, nebulae and star clusters viewed with our astronomical camera. As always, visitors are welcome to set up their own telescopes on the hill.

Observing will begin at around 6 p.m. and continue for 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.

Greenbelt Park Events

Saturday, November 18, Welcome to Washington. Greenbelt Park serves as a launch point for visitors to the Washington, D.C., area. Join a park ranger to learn about special historical and cultural points of interest in our nation's capital. Meet at the Ranger Station at 10 a.m.

Saturday, November 18, Campfire Talk: Greenbelt Park, Yesterday and Today. Hear about the history of Greenbelt Park, from the Girl Scout Camp Conestoga (1938) to NPS Mission '66 and the construction of the campground, to what might have been, including the 1972 proposal for a theme park, The Spirit of America. Golf course? Horse stables? A youth dormitory? All of these were originally planned for the urban oasis of Greenbelt. Meet at Campfire Circle at 5 p.m.

Sunday, November 19, Fall Trail Walk. Enjoy some fresh air and sunshine as we discover the forest in fall and learn how the forest is preparing for winter. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area at 1 p.m.

Thursday, November 23, Happy Thanksgiving. The ranger station is closed for the holiday, but the park and campground are open.

Drop Us a Line!

Electronically, that is.
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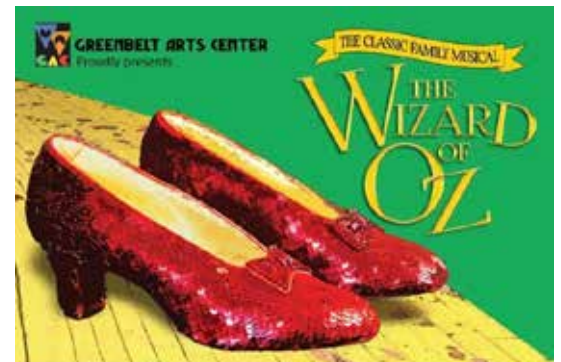
Utopia Film Festival Presents
Sunday, Nov. 19th, Wed., Nov. 22nd, & Fri., Nov. 24th
Beginning at 8 PM

"Music of the Brain (2010)," "Cardboard (2012),"
"Families Are Forever (2014),"
and "Utopia Festival Shorts: Land That We Love"

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Greenbelt Arts Center OPENING NEXT WEEK

THE WIZARD OF OZ



by L. Frank Baum
Music and Lyrics by Harold Arlen and E. Y. Harburg
Background Music by Herbert Stothard,
Dance and Vocal Arrangements by Peter Howard, Orchestration by Larry Wilcox
Adapted by John Kane for the Royal Shakespeare Company

Directed by Jon Gardner, Produced by Win Britt
Musical Direction by Daniel Flores, Choreography by Rikki Howie Laceywell and Elizabeth Gardner

November 24, 25, December 1, 2, 8, 9, 15 at 8PM
Matinees: November 26, December 3, 10, 16, 17 at 2PM

Ticket prices: \$25 General Admission, \$22 Students/Seniors/Military, \$14 Youth (12 and under with adult)

COMING SOON

The Chromatics – Annual Holiday Concert – December 3
AUDITIONS – Angel Street – December 10 - 11
Almost, Maine – Jan 26 – Feb 17, 2018 - Executive Directed by Bob Kleinberg

For information & reservations, call 301-441-8770 or
email: info@greenbeltartscenter.org or
BOOK TICKETS ONLINE at www.greenbeltartscenter.org

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are located throughout the paper.

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Free and Open to the Public Orientation

Wed., Dec. 6th, 7-10PM

Board of Directors' Meeting

Monday, Nov. 20th, 7:30PM

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

Obituary

Patricia Barrett Brown

Patricia (Pat) Barrett Brown, 80, of Shepherdstown, W.Va., formerly of Greenbelt, died on Wednesday, November 8, 2017.

Born July 31, 1937, in Syracuse, N.Y., she was the daughter of the late Lawrence J. and Estanna M. (Boyce) Barrett. Pat lived at 17-E Ridge Road for about 15 years during the late 1960s and 1970s. She was a proofreader for the News Review for many years and had also been on the Labor Day Festival Committee, where she had been an announcer and scheduler (she loved announcing the parade participants). Pat and her husband Charlie loved Greenbelt and raised a son Eric here.

She was co-owner of Rest Haven Cemetery and Funeral Home in Hagerstown and was co-founder of Baby Basics of Greater Hagerstown.

Pat retired from the Frederick County Health Department as a public health nurse.

She was a long-time member of First Christian Church in Hagerstown, attended the Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church, was a member of the Mecklenburg Garden Club and belonged to local book clubs.

Pat is survived by her husband Charles S. Brown and son Eric Brown (Ana) of Shepherdstown, four brothers, two sisters, three grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 18 at 2:30 p.m. at Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church, 100 W. Washington Street, Shepherdstown, W.Va.

Burial will be private in Rest Haven Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Pat's name to Baby Basics of Greater Hagerstown, 1601 Pennsylvania Ave, Hagerstown, MD 21742 or to Hospice of the Panhandle, 320 Hospice Lane, Kearneysville, WV 25443.

Rest Haven Funeral Home is handling the arrangements and online condolences may be sent to rsthvn.com.

Free Mental Health, Memory Screening

The GAIL Program in partnership with the Washington Adventist School of Nursing will be offering free memory and mental health screening on Wednesday, November 29 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Municipal Building. For homebound residents, registered nurses will do home visits.

Pre-registration is required. Contact Nima Shamsa at 240-542-2033 or nshamsa@greenbeltmd.gov.

Senior Nutrition Program Is Combating Loneliness

by Taylor Roar

Although Prince George's County's Senior Nutrition Program aims to provide county residents over age 60 with well-balanced meals, frequent attendants of the Greenbelt program cited a different reason for attending the daily food service – combating loneliness.

Some seniors attend the program because they have nowhere else to get human interaction, said Bhameney Fishbeck, a food service manager at the Community Center. "It's basically called food and fellowship," said Fishbeck.

The nutrition program provides pre-made lunches to community centers around the county Monday through Friday. About 10 seniors gathered around two tables with their lunch trays inside a small classroom at the Community Center on Thursday, November 9. However, attendees mentioned the friends they have made in the program much more than the food itself.

Marlena Gross, 65, said the meals have kept her from being home alone since she retired. "It adds structure to my day and gets me with people," said Gross. She also enjoys attending classes in the Community Center before and after lunch.

Another Greenbelt resident,

Frank Pearlman, 85, said he began attending lunch to be with other people as well. After his wife died in 2008, he struggled with being alone for the first time in his life, he said. Now all of the people at the Community Center are his friends.

Pearlman also said he attends daily classes. The Community Center offers classes from line dancing to opera history throughout the week in order to accommodate the large senior population in the city. The Center "gives me something to look forward to every day," said Pearlman.

Taylor Roar is a University of Maryland journalism student and an alumna of Eleanor Roosevelt High School.



Our sympathies to the family and many friends of Patricia Brown, formerly of Greenbelt, who died recently at the age of 80.

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

Thanksgiving Day Service
Christian Science Church
8300 Adelphi Rd., Hyattsville, MD

Please join us for a Special Thanksgiving Day Service
Thursday, Nov. 23rd
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Give gratitude to God for all the blessings that have been bestowed on you and your family this past year. Or just listen and rejoice with others in sharing their praise and gratitude to God.

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ERHS Girls Volleyball Team Plays in State Semifinals

by Coach Scott Fifield

Eleanor Roosevelt High School's girls volleyball team won three matches last week to win the 4A South Region and advance to the state semifinals. They will face Arundel High School Thursday, November 16 at 8 p.m. at the University of Maryland's Ritchie Coliseum. Last week, the Raiders defeated Wise High School in straight sets, won a thrilling region semifinal over Bowie High School three sets to one and swept Northwestern High School in the region final. On November 1, Roosevelt also defeated Douglass High School to

win the Prince George's County championship.

Sophomore outside hitter Jordan Page continues to lead the team with 94 kills and 59 aces. Senior setter Leilani Djaouga leads with 150 assists and is a close second with 56 aces. Senior libero Nia Scott leads the team with 47 digs.

Should the Raiders win on Thursday, the 4A state championship match will be on Saturday, November 18 at 2:30 p.m. at Ritchie Coliseum. Results will be posted at mpssaa.org.

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**Coop Month:
3 Words Results**

As part of National Co-operative Month's drawing, Greenbelters were asked to write on their raffle tickets the "three words that best describe a co-op to you." Though some focused on the grocery co-operative rather than co-ops in general, here, in more or less than three words, are the responses:

- Great, co-op
- Friendly, cozy, cool
- Friendly, customer-owned
- Community, sharing, helping
- Community, walking, activity
- Friendly, walkable, small
- Caring, concerned, cooperative
- Kindness, personalized, quality
- Great deli and produce
- Everybody has "skin in the game"
- A friendly place
- Togetherness, exchange, community
- Great community spirit
- Working together cooperatively
- Cooperation, employment, fun
- Owned by the members
- Community, cooperation, fun
- Cheese-GHI-wine
- Community serving community
- Collaborative friendly cost effective
- Community, friends, joy
- Friendly, helpful, smart
- Fun, excitement, frivolity
- Smart, humane, collective
- Awesome, great, nice
- Friends
- Fun, functional, anarchy
- Efficient, personal, convenient
- Community, sharing, support
- Helpful, efficient, affordable
- Community help
- Polite, generous, convenient
- Best bank ever
- Member owned great
- Convenient, great, cheap
- Community, support, gardens
- Convenient, personable, efficient
- Fantastic, fresh feeds, friendly cashiers
- Fun, aware, open
- Neighborhood, friends, here
- Community, local, value people
- Better homes, friends
- Strong, kind, equal
- Cooperate, organized, less stress
- Friendly community ownership
- Convenience, affordability, service
- Working together for all
- People, pool, commons
- Sharing in joy
- Together, work, community
- Pays the bills
- Company

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Letters continued

goes to those who contributed generously to my campaign and worked so hard on my behalf, especially those who have supported me for over 24 years. I pledge to do my very best to serve all the citizens of Greenbelt with renewed energy and enthusiasm. I congratulate all those elected to city council and look forward to working with them in meeting the challenges our city will certainly face in the next two years. I remain, as always, "Committed to Community."

J Davis

Blue Book Box

As one of many Friends of the Greenbelt Library, I am sure to give my books to the Library. I would not want them to go any-

where else, just into the Library building. As one of the taxpayers who help support the Greenbelt Library, I want to know all about the blue box that asks for our books. Perhaps an audit is needed to give us all the information about the money that is given to the Library by the commercial firm and what the Library does with that money.

Jean Snyder

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New Lights at ERHS



PHOTO BY STEVE BLUCCA

Eleanor Roosevelt High School teams practice on their field under the newly installed lights on October 25. The lights enable more event practices and evening games to be held at the school.

City Information

MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20-24

Monday, November 20 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION Stakeholder meeting with Comcast** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming on www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

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

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Recreation and Park Facilities Master Plan Survey
We want your input!

Please make sure to check your mail box, you may have received a postcard last week from the Greenbelt Recreation Department asking you to participate in an important survey. Your assistance will help the City develop a Recreation and Park Facilities Master Plan AND you will be eligible to win one of three \$100 gift cards. Only a limited number of households have been randomly selected to receive this survey, so your responses are critical to the future of Greenbelt's recreation, parks, programs, facilities and services. Responses are important and will be kept confidential.

If you know you did not receive a postcard, we still want your input. Please go to this link <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/open> and take a few moments to give us your feedback on your experiences, needs and desires for the City of Greenbelt, Department of Recreation.

Thank you in advance for your assistance!

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Committee on Education, Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board and Youth Advisory Committee.

For information on how to apply call 301-474-8000.

Visit Greenbelt CityLink at www.greenbeltmd.gov for City Services, Events and Information.
Go to www.greenbeltmd.gov/infowall to access all city social media!

Greenbelt Recreation Department

2017 GOBBLE WOBBLE



Thursday, November 23
5K Run/1.5 mile Walk
Begins at 9:00am/Same Day Registration at 8am
Greenbelt Youth Center, 99 Centerway

Join us on Thanksgiving morning for the Gobble Wobble Family Fun Run & Walk. The Gobble Wobble is roughly a 5K race (2 laps) and a 1.5 mile fun run/walk (1 lap) around Buddy Attick Park lake path. Join your family, friends, and neighbors in this great opportunity to Get Active before a Thanksgiving feast.

Entry Fees

- Pre-registration: Individual - \$15, Family 4-pack - \$50
- Day of Race: Individual - \$20, Family 4-pack - \$70

Registration form is available at

<http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/4051>
Call 301-397-2200 for more information.

GREENBELT COMMUNITY PLEDGE

"The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate people of many cultures, faiths, and races living together. By sharing together all are enriched."

We pledge to foster a community which is respectful, safe, and fair for all people."

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24, for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The GREENBELT CONNECTION will not be operating.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of November 20

- Monday Route - Refuse & Recycling Regular Schedule
- Tuesday Route - Refuse & Recycling Regular Schedule
- Wednesday Route - Refuse & Recycling Regular Schedule
- Thursday Route - Refuse collected on Wednesday - No Recycling Collection

There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, November 24

GREEN DROP: There will be NO donation drop off truck on Saturday November 25

SEWING HELP WANTED!

Help bring 1930s Greenbelt to life on stage in the upcoming Winter Youth Musical!

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Contact Nicole DeWald, Arts Supervisor, for more information:
ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov.

The City of Greenbelt wishes everyone a very safe, happy and thankful Thanksgiving Holiday!
Look for our Festival of Lights full page ad in next week's paper!

Nagy Brings Real-World Applications to Art at GES

by Carolina Velloso

Zsolt Nagy, the art teacher at Greenbelt Elementary School (GES), is a Prince George's County native. But art education was much different when he attended its schools.

"Growing up, we didn't have art in elementary school," he said. "They assigned that to the homeroom teachers. I remember that one of the teachers that I had actually taught us real art lessons, like observational drawing. Ever since then, I realized that I am good at visual art and that I learn better through seeing things. So when I went to college, I decided that I could provide the same experiences for kids who need the visual learning."

Nagy earned his bachelor's degree in art education from Towson University and a master's degree in special education from American College of Education. He started teaching in Prince George's County Public Schools in 2012. For his first three years, art teachers were assigned to several schools, so Nagy taught at GES and two other schools.

"Then in my fourth year, they asked me to be full-time here," he said.

One of the reasons Nagy is passionate about art education is because he believes that art can



Zsolt Nagy

have a wide range of applications.

"I approach teaching by using art as a vehicle to teach pretty much anything," he said. "I integrate a lot of subjects into art because art is something that is naturally integrated into everything. So I start out with an art concept and figure out ways to integrate math, science, social studies and anything else that would be important to that grade level."

Nagy collaborates with classroom teachers to see what students are learning and thinks about how he can make connections between art and other subjects, said GES Principal Monica Gaines.

"Mr. Nagy is an extraordinary art teacher," she said. "He has definitely been an asset to our school. He brings such a positive attitude to teaching."

Nagy believes it is essential for every elementary school to have a full-time art teacher. The number of such positions in the county is increasing, he said.

"As a society, we want to provide a holistic educational experience, and visual art definitely needs to be a component," Nagy said. "I struggled in math and numbers in school, so I think that if I did have art in my elementary years, it would have helped me a lot more. If I had had integrated math and art lessons, I would have understood math better."

Setting an open-ended assignment and observing the creativity of the students in responding to it is one of Nagy's favorite aspects of teaching.

"I enjoy seeing the ideas that sprout out," he said. "Seeing the various ways that children solve a visual problem I think is really fun and interesting to see."

Carolina Velloso is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism writing for the News Review.

At the Library

All Prince George's County Memorial Library System branches will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 22 for the Thanksgiving Day holiday. All branches will remain closed on Thursday, November 23. The Greenbelt Library will reopen on Friday, November 24 at 10 a.m.

Page 115: Playing with Words. Dive into the world of books and movement on Saturday, November 18 at 10:30 a.m. This is a Greenbelt-based workshop series designed to engage participants of all ages with literature, dance and innovative storytelling. The project is supported by a grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation. This presentation will be in lieu of the Bibliobop Dance Party normally conducted at this time. Bibliobop Dance Party will resume on December 16.

English Conversation Club, Monday, November 20 at 6:30 p.m. Learning to speak English? Join the club and practice speaking English in a friendly atmosphere with people from diverse backgrounds. Registration is recommended, as space is limited. (This club will meet weekly on Monday evenings.)

Weekly Ready 2 Read Storytimes: Tuesday, November 21, ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, November 22, ages 3 to 5, 10:15 a.m.; ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m. Each group is limited 20 people.

On Tuesday, November 21, 7 p.m., Genius of Command: Noted African Generals from the Nile to the Niger will be the final session of the season in this audiovisual lecture series presented by historian C.R. Gibbs.



Delegate Tawanna Gaines Receives Cornerstone Award

The Maryland Association of Youth Service Bureaus presented Delegate Tawanna Gaines with the Cornerstone Award for her dedication to the youth and families of Maryland. The award was presented at the Greenbelt City Council meeting on October 23. Gaines has been a long-time supporter of Youth Service Bureaus, including Greenbelt CARES. She believes in the prevention work the bureaus offer to families throughout Maryland. Gaines works to ensure that funding for these important programs remains available.



Liz Park, director of Greenbelt CARES and Beverly Sargent, director of District Heights Family and Youth Services, flank Cornerstone Award recipient Tawanna Gaines.

PHOTO BY PEGGY HIGGINS

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definitely what I would consider a natural-born teacher," Gaines said. "She has been able to create a very inviting classroom, and the positive attitude she displays really reflects upon her students. I am really impressed with her as a first-year teacher."

Perry describes her teaching style as "stern, but still fun." She lets the students know her expectations upfront so that, having established the rules from the beginning, she can then take learning and make it fun for them.

One of Perry's favorite aspects of teaching is the responses she gets from her students. She has implemented a unique system of communicating with them.

"At the end of the day, they have time to send me a note in my mailbox, and I'm able to see what they like, what they dislike, some things that they love and things they want to change about school," she said. "They can put anything in my mailbox. I read those weekly and respond back

to the kids."

Before joining GES, Perry worked as an instructional assistant in the Fairfax County Public Schools in Virginia. While she has taken very well to her new classroom, Perry says there are still some challenges to the job. One is balancing the needs of all the students in her classroom, which include English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and Talented and Gifted (TAG) students along with grade-level students.

"Differentiating work for all of my students and accommodating everyone's needs has been my challenge this year," she said. "But I'm learning. It's a learning process."

While helping her second-graders advance their academic

potential, Perry hopes to further her own education. She has a bachelor's degree in integrative studies with a concentration in elementary education and a minor in childhood studies from George Mason University and plans to return to school to obtain a master's degree in leadership.

Carolina Velloso is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism writing for the News Review.




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The Wizard of Oz is Coming To Arts Center Next Week

by Norma Ozur

We're off to see the wizard. On stage. At the Greenbelt Arts Center. This production of The Wizard of Oz, which runs for 12 performances on weekends from November 24 (the day after Thanksgiving) through December 17, will fill the heart with the joy of the holiday season. Watch an amazing cast of 23 singers-dancers-actors who range in age from 7 to over 60, including many Greenbelters.

Recall the musical adventures faced by Dorothy Gale and her intrepid companions, the scarecrow, the tinman and the cowardly lion from the classic 1939 film. This play is based upon that beloved movie. Director

Jon Gardner has enlisted a terrific team, including producer Win Britt, music director Daniel Flores and choreographers Rikki Howie Lacewell and Elizabeth Gardner to bring it all to life.

Cheer for the heroes, hiss at the Wicked Witch of the West and sing along to the lilting tunes. This is a delightful family experience that you won't want to miss. Plan to attend on Fridays and Saturdays, November 24, 25, December 1, 2, 8, 9, and 15 at 8 p.m. or Sundays, November 26, December 3, 10, 17 and Saturday, December 16 all at 2 p.m.

For more information and ticket sales, visit greenbeltartscenter.org.



PHOTO BY JON GARDNER

The tinman (Marie Nearing), Dorothy (Loraine Hamlett), the scarecrow (Dallas DeFord) and the cowardly lion (Steve Yednock) are off to see the wizard at Greenbelt Arts Center.



PHOTO BY NATE JACKSON

Glinda the good fairy (Courtney James) poses with the munchkins. Back row from left: Julia May, Shawford Jackson, Felix Retterer, Miracle Omar, Beatrice Marcavitch. Front row from left: Snowdenn Jackson, Sophie Cooper, Hannah Collins.



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The Giants Among Us

by Greg Fisanich

If you like large, towering trees and can't get to California to see the redwoods, the Perimeter Trail at Greenbelt Park offers some very big trees right here in town. There are some huge tulip poplar trees that average nearly 4 feet in diameter and tower at and above 100 feet. There are also a lot of tall pines and oak trees throughout the park, but there is one tulip poplar that could stand amongst the redwoods. This tree at its base measures 6.4 feet in diameter and soars to 120 feet if not higher. By size comparison, the large oak trees at Ridge Road and Hamilton Place and behind the Community Center each measure just over 5 feet in diameter. Greenbelt Park offers so many different trails, with a variety of trees and plant life, that each walk is a new journey. As the leaves have begun falling for another year, this is a perfect time to go to the park and enjoy a walk in the woods.

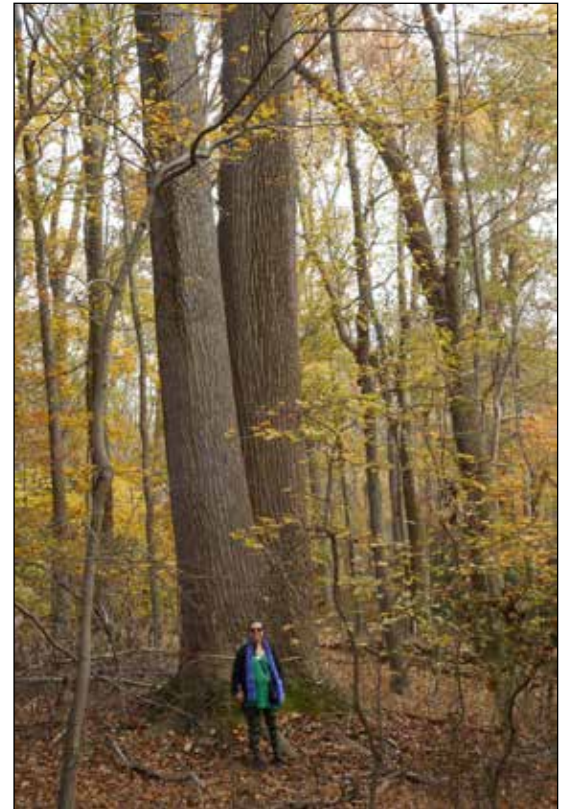


At right - Poplar Trees in Greenbelt Park



This poplar tree measures more than 20 feet in circumference.

- Photos by Greg Fisanich



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M. Levy Began his Career Teaching High School Pals

by Bessie Huang

“Would it be wrong to say - to have the summers off?” Matthew Levy joked, in regard to his reasons for becoming a teacher. While access to summer breaks is not a benefit to be overlooked, it is far from the only one he enjoys.



Matthew Levy

strategy, technology, etc. I learned early on that, as teachers, if we make a mistake, we have the next day to re-teach that material. I normally keep that in mind.” This has served him and his students well.

Levy found himself drawn to teaching from as early as high school. “I saw more joy in seeing my friends succeed than [myself] ... seeing them understand the material through my explanations,” Levy recalled. Decades later, he is still teaching high school students as a vocation. “I have the ability to always stay in that mindset of being young. I have the honor of helping shape young minds and young citizens. So if I can give one student a desire to explore and learn more about a topic, then I can go home happy,” he said. “And also, I [have] the summers off to recharge my battery.”

Levy is a graduate from University of Maryland in College Park. Before ERHS, he taught social studies (government, world history, AP human geography and IB research methods) at Crossland High School in Temple Hills, for eight years. Upon arriving at ERHS Levy resumed teaching government and world history. This year, his second, he is a government and U.S. history honors teacher.

“I like to keep the classroom full of laughter or comedy, even if the jokes are corny,” said Levy. Freshman Cameron Connelley, who takes Levy’s U.S. history honors course, can certainly attest to that. “Mr. Levy is really fun,” he said. In regard to teaching style, Connelley remarked that Levy “explains stuff in history [in a way that] I can understand.” Perhaps this is because, according to Levy, “[I’m] willing to attempt anything ... I’m not afraid to try something new in my class -

Upcoming Events At the New Deal

Sunday, November 19, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Deaf Group: Weekly Brunch Meeting. 6 to 8 p.m., Fez Tones Hafla. Join us for an evening of live Middle Eastern music and dance.

Monday, November 20, 7 to 9 p.m., Reel and Meal at the New Deal.

Tuesday, November 21, 7 to 9:30 p.m., Rising Star Karaoke hosted by Kelley Hildebrand.

Wednesday, November 22, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Steve Smith and his Meteors. Old school blues rooted in the Chicago tradition, swinging jump blues, a dose of fun, and a little 50’s rock n’ roll/rockabilly.

Thursday, November 23, closed for Thanksgiving.

Friday, November 24, 6:30 to 8 p.m., jazz and blues piano by John Guernsey. 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., The Badger Band. One of the Mid-Atlantic’s premier purveyors of fresh jams, inspired originals, rockin’ tunes and sonorous songs features members of the legendary Jello Boys. Opening set by Drawn This Way.

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12th-grade honors.

Sophomore Natalia Rincon describes Gleason’s class as “unforgettable.”

Gleason said he would describe his teaching style as “open ... being more a student than a teacher.” At the end of each class Gleason would like for each of his students to think. He said he wants students to “learn about life just as much as they learn about English.”

Senior Shahanaaz Soumah said, “Mr. Gleason cares a lot and I have yet to meet another teacher that cares so much about his students,” and he “gives a lot of great advice and incorporates

it into his lessons.”

Other students agreed. Sophomore Jeremy Mejia, a former student, said “it was impossible for me not to smile in his class.” Outside of the classroom, Gleason can be found on the new turf field coaching his junior varsity soccer team. He started coaching a year before his internship, which makes the 2017-2018 soccer season his sixth year. With soccer starting around the same time that school starts in the fall, Gleason said he balances both by staying organized. He feels that “before school gets intense a lot of the season is already going on.” Overall he said he just likes

“teaching and coaching” even if he does not “get home till 7 p.m. after soccer - I like coaching so much that it’s worth it.”

Junior Salah Thom, a soccer player, calls Gleason’s coaching style “really inspiring.” She “came to try-outs not knowing anything about soccer and with his help I was able to grow.” Junior Jade Thompson said, “he’s a nice coach, gives good direction to his players” and “he doesn’t put people down.” Whether he is on the field or in the classroom, Gleason is enjoying himself.

Zsyrii Ennis is a student at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

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anticipated. Turnout was highest at the Police Station (36 percent) and lowest in Precinct 8 at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center (7.1 percent). Election-watchers were likely hoping for a bigger turnout at Springhill Lake this year, considering there was a significant increase in voter registration, in part attributable to the increased occupancy of Greenbelt Station. Nonetheless, this year’s turnout was notable compared with 2.5 percent in 2013 and 4 percent in 2015.

This paper’s reporting of total numbers of registered voters and percentage of voters voting varies slightly from that of the City of Greenbelt because for the last two elections the paper has used the active voter registration count rather than the total voter count. The total count, which is about six percent higher than the active count, includes the inactive voters, almost all of whom are thought by the county board of

elections to be individuals who will not vote in the future at the addresses shown on their registrations.



BARK Bake Sale

The BARK Bake Sale will be held Friday, November 17 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Greenbelt Co-op Grocery Store ramp. Home-baked goods will be available for humans and pets. Donations are welcome and will benefit WAGS Greenbelt Animal Shelter. Event hosted by Greenbelt Homeschoolers.



FALL GUTTER CLEANING SCHEDULE

Gilbert Construction, DCG Gutter Cleaning and Apple 1 Enterprises are the contractors performing GHI’s fall gutter cleaning and inspections.

The week beginning November 20th - November 22nd, work will be in this approximate area (weather permitting):

- 1 to 24 Court Ridge Rd.
- 1 to 10 Court Crescent Rd.
- 1 & 2 Courts Westway
- 1 to 11 Court Southway

During that time, workers will be on ladders around buildings. Please close your window shades to preserve your privacy.

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Greenbelt will continue to look to the future while honoring the past. I will continue to be active as a parent, leader, and resident. I hope to see you around the City and can’t wait to see what comes next.

All the best,
Aaron Marcavitch & Friends of Aaron Marcavitch

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Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltmd.gov/police

Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery

November 7, 4:30 p.m., 7800 block Hanover Parkway. Four men approached a man as he was walking to a residence and as they passed him, one grabbed a phone from his hands. After a short struggle they fled on foot with his phone. The man was not injured.

Assault

November 5, 1:50 a.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. A woman advised she was assaulted by two people while at a party, where she was struck in the head and lost consciousness. She was transported to Prince George's Hospital Center for treatment. The people involved are known to her and charges are pending.

Theft

November 4, 10:30 a.m., 7500 block Mandan Road. A video game player, video games and sneakers were taken from a residence.

Counterfeit

November 11, 4:15 p.m., 7400 block Greenbelt Road. A cashier at PetSmart advised that a man entered the store and attempted to pay for merchandise with what turned out to be counterfeit money. He then fled.

Fraud

November 3, 3:52 p.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. A 46-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with counterfeiting a personal check, possession of a counterfeit personal check and other related charges after he allegedly attempted to cash the fraudulent check at Capital One. He was arrested at the bank and transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Indecent Exposure

November 2, 4:30 p.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane. A 28-year-old resident was arrested and charged with indecent exposure, disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace and other related offenses after he allegedly exposed himself to two people. He fled but was located near Edmonston Road at Edmonston Court. He was positively identified, arrested and transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner and for the service of open arrest warrants.

Trespass

November 4, 1:34 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace. A 15-year-old Greenbelt youth was arrested for trespass after he was found on the grounds of Franklin Park Apartments after having been banned from the complex by agents of the property. He

was released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Burglary

November 2, 8 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. A residence was entered, possibly by using a key. The kitchen was found in disarray and food had been cooked on the stove. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

Vandalism

November 5, 7:30 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. A rock was thrown through the bedroom window of a residence.

Vehicle Crime

A 2012 Yamaha motorcycle reported stolen September 28 from the 8000 block Mandan Road was recovered November 2 by D.C. Metropolitan police in the 2600 block 28th Street, N.E. The tag on the vehicle at the time of theft, Md. 60396Y, was not recovered and is still listed as stolen.

A 2006 Chevrolet Silverado pick-up truck reported stolen to Prince George's County police was recovered in the 5800 block Cherrywood Lane.

Two rear Md. tags were stolen from 1 Court Southway. On November 3, Md. 52754CE was taken and on November 6, Md. 6BD1377.

Paint was scratched in the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace and a front passenger window was broken out in the 7600 block Hanover Parkway.

Sobriety Checkpoint Thanksgiving Eve

The Greenbelt Police Department will join other law enforcement agencies on Wednesday, November 22 in carrying out a regional initiative, Checkpoint Strikeforce. Sobriety checkpoints will be set up the night before Thanksgiving because it is one of the deadliest nights for motorists due to drunk drivers and failure to wear seat belts.

The purpose of this campaign is to both deter motorists from driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol and to identify and arrest those who ignore the dangers of getting behind the wheel while impaired. Wearing a seat belt is the best defense against an impaired driver. Motorists who come through the checkpoint unbelted will be reminded to buckle up.

This checkpoint is funded by the Maryland Department of Transportation. Contact MPO Scott Yankowky at 240-542-2114 for more information.

Big Trees in the North Woods May Be Older than Greenbelt

by Owen Kelley

Greenbelt's North Woods contains a number of trees with particularly wide trunks and several other pieces of evidence suggesting that these trees may predate Greenbelt's founding in 1937. While exploring the area this summer, the author located several trees of great girth.

For generations, Greenbelters have affectionately referred to the forest that is located east of Ridge Road and north of Northway extended as the Great North Woods. Much of the wood's 200 acres were declared part of a forest preserve by city council in October 2003; the rest that is south of Northway extended has been owned by Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) since 1952.

To date, no official evaluation of the North Woods has included a census of the trees whose trunks are exceptionally wide. Trunk diameter is a useful measurement because it provides a clue to a tree's age.

A large tulip poplar in the North Woods may have added an inch to its trunk's diameter every two or three years on average, according to a 2013 report by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR). A tulip poplar with a trunk at least 36 inches across at chest height – a standard way to measure tree diameter – is likely to be at least 100 years old, plus or minus 20 years. During the author's walks this summer, he found 26 tulip poplars this big in the North Woods. Because oaks and red maples grow more slowly, an oak or red maple just 30 inches in diameter is likely to be 120 years old, plus or minus 20 years. The author found 52 maples and oaks of this size.

Most of these old trees are

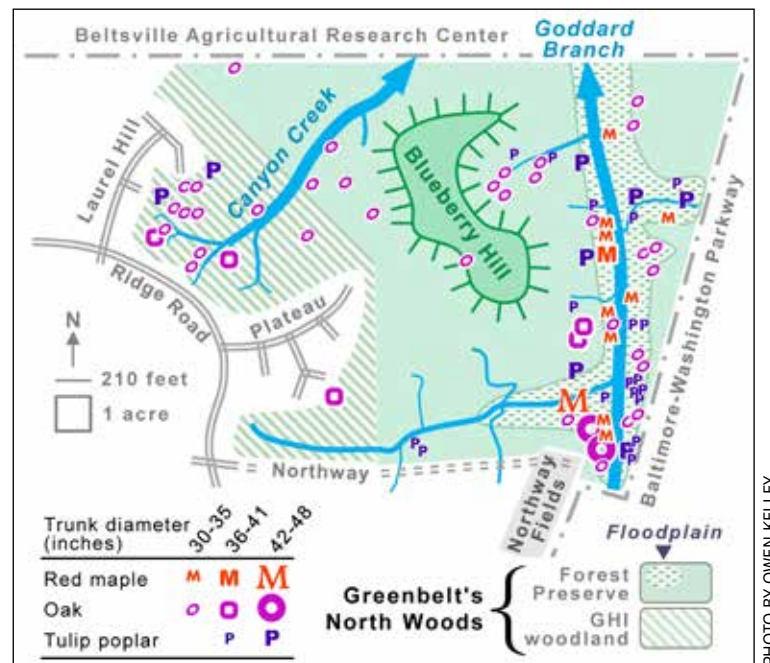


PHOTO BY OWEN KELLEY

This is a map of Greenbelt's North Woods that shows the locations of trees with wide trunks. Most likely, these trees started growing before Greenbelt was founded in 1937. Only living trees with single trunks are shown on the map. (Data collection and visualization by Owen Kelley, okelley@gmu.edu)

concentrated in about 12 acres along the floodplain of a tributary of Beaverdam Creek called Goddard tributary. There are signs that the forest here has had time to become a mature ecosystem, although it is not an old growth forest.

Some ecologists have found that a forest at least a century old may begin to exhibit some structural characteristics common to old-growth forests. To the author's untrained eye, the Goddard tributary floodplain exhibits several of these: trees with a wide range of ages; standing dead trees; fallen dead trees; shade-tolerant species; and trees that are older than half of their species' expected lifespan.

While much of what became

Greenbelt in 1937 was farmland for centuries, nothing in the historical record contradicts the possibility that some patches of forest that existed during the farming era survive today.

The two farms that included the floodplain in 1860 had one third to one half of their acreage classified as unimproved land in that year's U.S. Agricultural Census. Such land may be either a forest or an untended meadow that is reverting back to forest.

In 1860, the west bank of Goddard tributary was part of the 230-acre farm of Sarah Boteler. This included the southeastern half of present-day Blueberry Hill, Northway Fields and almost

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all of the unpaved portion of Northway. Half of Boteler's land was classified as unimproved, as was one-third of the neighboring 146-acre farm of George and Sophronia Clark.

Road maps suggest limited activity in the North Woods after the Civil War, and U.S. Geological Survey topographic maps show no road or building inside of the North Woods from 1892 to the present day.

The first county-wide inventory of forests was published in 1913, and the associated map depicted all of Blueberry Hill as culled hardwood-pine forest and all of the Goddard tributary floodplain as culled hardwood forest. Culled means that some timber had been removed but that the forest had not been recently clear-cut.

Closer to the present, there is little doubt that the floodplain has been forested ever since Greenbelt was founded in 1937, as aerial photographs taken every

decade from 1952 to the present show the area as forested.

In the 1952 aerial photograph, many of the trees in the floodplain cast shadows in the morning sun that were roughly twice as long as shadows cast by two-story GHI homes elsewhere in the photo. While no professional analysis of these aerial photos has been published, it would be reasonable to think that a tree shadow this long indicates that the tree was a few decades old, at least. It is more difficult to evaluate the hardwood trees in a 1938 aerial photograph because the photo was taken in early April before the leaves came out that spring.

Alan Virta located many of the historical records and helped to interpret them. Conversations with Damien Ossi, Jason Martin and Paul Downs helped to refine the ideas in this article.



Reel and Meal

Monday evening, November 20, Reel & Meal at the New Deal takes you on a world tour starting in Italy, then to El Paso, Texas, and finally arriving in Africa's largest slum, in Kenya. These three films, from our recent Utopia Film Festival, show the conditions people emigrate from, the risks they take to find safety and the welcome some receive.

The program will start at 7 p.m. at the New Deal Café, following an optional vegan buffet (there is a fee) served from 6:30 p.m. Discussion with speakers will follow the films.

The films are: Remember Everything: to not Forget Anyone, An American House and the award-winning documentary We are the Nation by Norwegian director Håvard Holme.

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- Close, friendly, family
- Connection and support
- Friendly, caring, community
- Fun, inventive, productive
- Ties that bind
- Supporting my community
- Friendly, helpful, caring
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- Family
- Share, care, create
- Friendly, fresh, pleasant
- Best grocery store
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- Has everything, meet the neighbors
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- Mutually beneficial organization
- Collaboration, less for more
- Community, members, city
- Kindness, wine, convenience
- Community, working together, friendly
- Lower prices, nice people, great service
- Cool, pleasant
- Fun, easy to walk to, reasonable
- Friendly, efficient, good
- Friendly, caring and "the best"
- Personal, great, wonderful
- The. Best. Ever
- I like it!
- Friendly, convenient, quality, trustworthy
- Local, great, awesome
- Community, minded, friendly
- Friendly, peaceful, nice
- The old crowd
- Local, sustainable, friendly
- Group inclusive membership
- Friendly, neighbors, cool
- Great, grocery, green
- Organized, community, improvement
- Democratic, community matters
- Collaborative, cheap, cooperative
- Community, togetherness, ownership
- Friendly, healthy, music
- Economic, close, well stocked
- Fair, just, sweet
- Reliable, friendly, family
- Independent, responsible, grassroots
- Cooperation, team, community
- Affordable, friendly, relaxed
- Down the street
- Community, local, support
- Community, sharing, caring
- Coops are family
- Charming
- The best in town
- A community coming

Veterans Day



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The honor guard presents and salutes wreaths honoring different organizations including police, city, auxiliary and sons of auxiliary at the American Legion Post on Saturday for Veterans Day.

- Photos by Jill Connor



- together
- Community, membership, cooperative
- Coops are life
- Community, friends, family
- Friendly, accessible, accommodating
- Friendly, adaptable, innovative
- Friendly, good food, generous
- Great selection, service
- Friends, family, love
- Ours, yours, mine
- Hometown, efficient, good deal
- Friendly, convenient, lovely
- Cooperation, communication, caring
- Great ideas
- Peaceful, support, friendly
- Together, community, share
- Fun, fun, fun
- Awesome, convenient, helpful
- Community, fresh produce, organic
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- Unity, community, love
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Win for Greenbelt Fusion



PHOTO BY LASHEL BARAVECHIA

Greenbelt Fusion clinches Anne Arundel Soccer League title for the second season. With 8 wins, 1 loss and 1 tie, Greenbelt Fusion dominated the fall soccer season competing in the U18 division of the Anne Arundel County Youth Soccer Association. They tied the Brooklyn Park Team for the division title. Fusion, which is part of Greenbelt Soccer Alliance, is a travel team coached by Chris Dwyer and Henok Hailemariam. Picture includes: Coaches Chris Dwyer, Henok Hailemariam. Players: Ryan Allegro, Matthew Baravechia, Abdoul Camara, Noah Cohen-Mitchell, Luis Cruz, Darwin Hernandez, Ciaran Dwyer, Sean Dwyer, Jesse Ekong, Chris Escobar, Andrew Kraske, Jamie Kraske, Berchie Kubi, Adam Ngwafor, Giris Robinson, Lenyn Serpas and Elijah Stoltzfus.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD, 2017

The Greenbelt Marriott invites you for brunch on Thanksgiving Day. With items from rosemary brined Turkey, Candied Pineapple Ham and Southern Succotash to mouth-watering desserts, there is something for everyone.

Adults \$40, Children (5-10) \$16
Children 4 and under free.

BRUNCH IS SERVED FROM 11 AM – 2 PM
Reservations are strongly encouraged by calling 301.441.3700

Add on a deluxe guestroom at the Greenbelt Marriott and make it a holiday to remember.

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