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## CRAB Report Lists Guidelines For Police Military Equipment Use

by Sara Chernikoff

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At its Monday, September 23 meeting, the Greenbelt City Council voted to accept a report from the Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB) concerning local police departments obtaining and using military equipment. Accepting the report means that council will consider the topic at an upcoming meeting.

Council asked CRAB to report on this issue in 2017 after a group of Greenbelt residents submitted a petition to council. The petition called for Congress to stop the 1033 program, which transfers excess military equipment to civilian law enforcement agencies.

The petition was signed by "Greenbelters who do not want military equipment as part of our police department's arsenal ...

and who do not want the police considering the public to be the enemy."

"Our communities are not warzones," Greenbelt resident Elizabeth Gaines wrote in the original petition. "Grenade launchers, tanks and equipment built for combat zones don't belong in local law enforcement for use against citizens."

CRAB's report outlines recommended steps council and city government should take to meet the needs of both petitioner's concerns and the Greenbelt police department. However, board members concluded that they did not have legal power to recommend Congress terminate program 1033. Instead, they recognized that civilian oversight is necessary to maintain a strong relationship between community members and police.

The report stated, "While See CRAB, page 11

## Public Lands Day at SHLES



PHOTO BY KAITLYN LEVINSON

Volunteers spend National Public Lands Day spreading mulch over the lawn between Springhill Lake Elementary School and the Franklin Park apartment complex. See story, p. 16.

## October Is National Co-op Month. What, Exactly, Is a Cooperative?

by Leta Mach

*Co-op Month has been celebrated annually in October across the United States for more than half a century. It is a time for cooperative businesses to reflect on their shared principles and to educate others about the value of belonging to a cooperative. In honor of Co-op Month, here is the first of three co-op related articles to be published in the News Review.*

October is Co-op Month – a time to recognize and celebrate cooperatives. This year's Co-op Month theme is Co-ops: By the

Community, For the Community, which highlights the many ways co-ops are making an impact in their communities and around the world to ensure a better future for everyone.

Cooperatives have been working on behalf of their members and communities since 1844 when the Rochdale Equitable Pioneers Society opened a consumer co-op store in England. The success of the pioneers came from the practices and procedures under which they operated. These practices have been

updated through the years by the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) and they form the basis for today's cooperative principles. Greenbelt's many cooperatives are part of this tradition. The Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance (GCA) is an informal grouping of all the cooperative businesses and entities operating in Greenbelt.

By working together in GCA, Greenbelt cooperatives carry out one of the most important principles, Cooperation among

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### Election 2019

## Candidates Discuss Why They are Running for Council

*This week, we are publishing council candidates' answers to the question, "Why are you running for council?" The answers are listed randomly. Not all of the candidates responded with answers to this question. Each week of October, the News Review will be publishing answers to questions posed by the paper. Next week's question, to be published in the October 10 issue is: What do you think are the key issues facing Greenbelt? We ask candidates to submit their answers to the News Review offices by 8 p.m. on the Monday preceding the question's publication date, preferably by email to [editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com). We will limit answers to 250 words.*

### Judith Davis

For me, the question is not why I seek this office, but why I wish to continue. While on council, I have performed constituent service, offered constructive suggestions and worked with other councilmembers to actuate ideas and formulate policy. Greater challenges, however, face our city. I am well suited to meet those challenges and turn them into opportunities.

Community service is an important civic responsibility. Residing in Greenbelt for almost 45 years has given me countless opportunities to be an active volunteer, thereby increasing my awareness of and appreciation for Greenbelt's core values and diversity. My willingness to listen has added to my experience.

My years on council have honed my leadership skills. I have held many leadership positions within county, state, regional and national governmental organizations. Networking with other leaders has enabled me to bring new ideas to Greenbelt. In turn, I take Greenbelt's viewpoints beyond the borders of our

city, ensuring that its voice is heard and respected. My greatest skill, I believe, is looking at all sides of an issue to find common ground. I actively reach out to all areas of our city by participating in a wide range of community and social events, which are excellent places to hear concerns.

Though I wasn't raised in Greenbelt, I am proud to say that Greenbelt is my hometown, a city known for its progressive,

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October is proclaimed Co-op Month at the city council meeting on Monday, September 23. From left, Michael Hartman (New Deal Café), Jill Stevenson (Co-op Supermarket), Sylvia Lewis (News Review), Jill Connor and 3-year-old Sara Connor (Nursery School) and Steve Skolnik (GHI)

### What Goes On

- Sunday, October 6**  
1 to 4 p.m. Artful Afternoon, Community Center
- Monday, October 7**  
7:15 p.m. Council Special Meeting, open to public before 7:30 p.m. closed session, Municipal Building. See city ad for details.
- Thursday, October 10**  
1 to 7 p.m., Free Flu Shots, Springhill Lake Recreation Center



## Letters to the Editor

### Science Out, Industry In?

Hiked out this evening to the Forest Preserve. Sometimes you just want to see the night. I needed some nature healing spirit learning that the North American bird population is plummeting. Soon calmed, by forest presence I pondered one of my favorite features of Greenbelt: that it's nestled up to the Beltsville Farms. Looking northward towards the USDA at night, you can see darker skies and stars. These farms are a comfort to many of us and help make Greenbelt's heart beat as we lie open on one side to the deeps of its forests n' fields. I gazed off Blueberry Hill down towards, what is considered by the Department of Natural Resources to be "a wetland of special state concern." It provides sanctuary for birds which gave me some solace. It hugs Goddard Branch and Beaver Dam Creeks into the USDA.

But then I see something unbelievable coming around the bend, making me want to sound a siren call. A proposed 100-acre, 1 million sq. ft. facility, for the Farms. It's one of three proposed sites for the Federal Bureau of Engraving and Printing to be located near the end of Research Rd., on Poultry Road approximately one mile from Greenbelt. It will operate 24/7, 365 days a year and be ablaze in bright security lights because money will be printed there.

Standing in the soothing dark I wondered what will become of surrounding nocturnal wildlife. What will become of the forest preserve flooded in glare? Anyone think the eagles nesting off Research Rd. are sticking around for this? And the folks whose homes border the farms; their night sky – a memory?

And then there's the number one downfall of our region: TRAFFIC CONGESTION. Do we really need the constant flow of tractor-trailers? What about folks living along Ridge, Lastner

Lane and other streets leading to the Research Road gate? What's three times daily, 1600 cars pouring onto roads and Greenbelt becoming a convenient cut through.

And how's Beaver Dam Creek watershed with 50,000 gallons of wastewater into Beaver Dam Creek, daily, equaling 18 million gallons per year. How's the Astronomy Club to continue star parties with a sky awash in light. Then there's air quality, our region being ranked some of the worst. Do we need additional air pollution 24/7? And what about noise? What will 3 a.m. be like with tractor-trailers traversing nearby roadways. Will there be a hush of silence anymore?

But we're not just losing nighttime stars. Note the steady erosion of our government institutions and the attack on science. Many Greenbelters work at the USDA. Friends and neighbors among us who've given their careers for the betterment of mankind through science. Many USDA employees are being muzzled and sent away with 30 days' notice. But we're not muzzled so how can we not ask: Is the USDA switching from a science-based research endeavor to an industrial one? How can we not ask what other industrial projects are planned? Do the blazing lights of this proposed facility being turned on trend towards the lights of science being turned off? I implore my fellow Greenbelters to consider: Two other sites are contemplated for this project. Please encourage our City Council to oppose this location and help send this mammoth project to a place it's truly needed.

If not, will we still call it The Farms? If not, will there be anything resembling The Farms when the eagles have flown away leaving the golden fields behind. Let's keep our Agriculture Research alive along with the birds. The time to act: Now.

*Paul Downs  
Chair, Committee to  
Save The Green Belt*

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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.

In an election year, the News Review will not print a letter raising a new issue the week prior to election day, when no other party would have a chance to respond.



### Correction

An article in the September 26 News Review reported that the waiting list for Green Ridge House would be open until October 5. The actual date the waiting list will be open until is October 4.

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5:00\*, 8:00\* PM

Sun. 11:00 AM, 2:00\*(OC),  
5:00\*, 8:00 PM

Mon. 5:00, 8:00 PM

Tues. 5:00, 8:00 PM

Wed. 2:00\*, 5:00, 8:00 PM

Thurs. 5:00, 8:00 PM

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### On Screen

### Downton Abbey: The Movie

The worldwide phenomenon Downton Abbey becomes a grand motion picture event as the beloved Crawleys and their intrepid staff prepare for the most important moment of their lives. A royal visit from the King and Queen of England will unleash scandal, romance and intrigue that leaves the future of Downton hanging in the balance.

"This is Julian Fellowes' Avengers; they can assemble over and over, and there will always be enough tea cakes to go around," said Dave White of The Wrap.

Haven't watched Downton Abbey since it went off the air? No problem. The theater is presenting a special featurette that will recap the whole series before the movie starts.

Rated PG, running time: 123 minutes



# Community Events

## Parents Night Out

Greenbelt Recreation Arts hosts a childcare art activity on the second Friday of every month. Drop the kids with us, then go have a relaxing night out. While parents are having dinner at their favorite restaurant, their children will enjoy art activities, a pizza dinner and a movie. Parents are welcome to drop their child(ren) off for all or part of the time. Dinner will be served at 6:15 p.m. All children must be potty trained to participate. Friday, October 11, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., ages 4 to 12. Advance registration required. For more information, contact Amanda Larsen at [alarsen@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:alarsen@greenbeltmd.gov) or 240-542-2062.

## Artful Afternoon

The Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program welcomes visitors of all ages to an Artful Afternoon on Sunday, October 6 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Community Center. Times vary for individual activities. At 1 p.m., enjoy a free performance of Faerie by Greenbelt's own Alight Dance Theater. If the weather is dry, bring a blanket or camp chair, as the performance will be held outdoors. (In case of rain, the performance will take place in the dance studio and seating will be provided.)

At 2 and 3 p.m., guests can make a clothespin faerie in a workshop with instructor Aaron Springer. Materials will be provided, but guests are also welcome to bring any special materials or embellishments they would like to incorporate. Reservations are recommended. To ensure a seat, follow the link at [greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://greenbeltmd.gov/arts) to sign up online. From 1 to 4 p.m., meet the Community Center artists in residence at an open house.

From 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., meet painter Bobby Coleman and sculptor Kathy Guo at a reception for their current Art Gallery exhibition Co:Structure.

See the Greenbelt Museum's current exhibit at the Community Center, The Knowing Hands That Carve This Stone: The New Deal Art of Lenore Thomas Straus, the creator of the iconic Mother and Child statue in Roosevelt Center and the bas reliefs on the Community Center's wall.

From 1 to 5 p.m., for a small admission fee, enjoy a guided tour of the museum's historic house across the street at 10-B Crescent Road. For more information about City of Greenbelt art programs, visit [greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://greenbeltmd.gov/arts) or call 301-397-2208. Arts programs are sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.

## 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, which provide at least one-third of Recommended Dietary Allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of October 7 are as follows:

Monday, October 7: potato-crust fish, macaroni and cheese, herbed green beans, dinner roll, sliced peaches, orange juice

Tuesday, October 8: honey-BBQ chicken leg, baked beans, cabbage, whole-wheat bread, tropical fruit, apple juice

Wednesday, October 9: navy bean soup, beef ziti bake, kale, hot spiced fruit, Italian bread, fruit punch

Thursday, October 10: sliced turkey with brown gravy, whipped potatoes, broccoli, biscuit, pineapple tidbits, apple juice

Friday, October 11: Swedish meatballs, whole-grain herbed penne, sliced carrots, whole-wheat bread, fresh fruit, cranberry juice.



## GCAN Meets

Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN) will meet on Wednesday, October 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. in Room 114 of the Community Center. At this month's meeting, Zach Perkins will lead a workshop about activating emotions, persuasive arguments and how to apply these skills in the climate-action arena. In the second half of the evening, attendees will use those new-found skills to help brainstorm about what new green project to plan for the town. Following this new meeting format, the workshop will be the first of three on related topics.

The format will alternate between having a speaker and a workshop; the second half of each evening will be spent developing an action plan focusing on a particular global-warming solution. As always, the last portion of the evening will be reserved for announcements and updates on current local and national issues. For more information, contact Lore Rosenthal by emailing [lore@simplicity-matters.org](mailto:lore@simplicity-matters.org) or calling 301-345-2234.

## Star Party to View The Moon Saturday

The public is invited to a special star party on Saturday evening, October 5, to celebrate Astronomy Day and International Observe the Moon Night. This event, free of charge and hosted by the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG), will take place at the City of Greenbelt Observatory, located at Northway Fields. Viewers will be observing the moon through eyepieces with a filter to reduce the brightness. ASG members will be on hand with handouts to guide observation of the moon and the visible constellations and asterisms, and to answer questions. As always, visitors are welcome to set up their own telescopes on the hill.

Observing will begin at around 8 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.

## Intro to Sketching For Artists 10 to 15

Young artists are invited to participate in this exciting workshop on Friday, October 4 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. In this workshop participants will examine the drawings of a variety of artists and explore the basics of sketching. Participants will explore a variety of drawing mediums and mark-making techniques for this incredibly versatile and portable medium. Perfect for all levels. Advance registration required; there is a fee. For more information, contact Amanda Larsen at [alarsen@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:alarsen@greenbeltmd.gov).

## Thoughtful Discussion At Youth Center

Two concepts about keepsakes exist in tension: decluttering vs. preservation. "The lamp is ugly and is not your mother," but "she read me stories by the light of this lamp and so she and all the stories live in it." What makes an object worth keeping? Utility, intrinsic value, beauty, the memories it evokes, the joy it sparks?

The MakerSpace thoughtful discussion group will explore how are such choices made on Tuesday, October 8, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Youth Center. All are welcome to share their theories and listen to what others think.

## Forest Garden Session

Volunteers are invited to join a Forest Garden Workday on Sunday, October 6 from 2 to 5 p.m. on Laurel Hill Road, between 8 and 10 Courts. Come learn about installing a forest garden, which includes fruit and nut trees. Native blackberry canes will be mulched and invasive vines will be pulled. Bring heavy work gloves. Shovels, wheelbarrows and garden shears are also helpful.

Credit for volunteer hours is available for high school students. This workday is cosponsored by the GHI Woodlands Committee and the Sowing Strength Collective.

## Learn to Hot Compost At Springhill Lake

Learn how to recycle food scraps at the hot compost station near Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Join with neighbors to participate in a system that turns food scraps and wood chips into compost. Keep food scraps from creating methane at the landfill. Instead, return them to the earth to nurture new plants and flowers.

A free 90-minute training session will be held on Saturday, October 12 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Additional trainings are scheduled for November 9 and December 7 at the same time and place.

To participate and sign up for training, apply online at [tinyurl.com/GBCapp1](http://tinyurl.com/GBCapp1). Send questions to [GreenbeltNeighborhoodCompost@gmail.com](mailto:GreenbeltNeighborhoodCompost@gmail.com).

## October Art Share

Local artists are invited to meet on Sunday, October 13 from 2 to 3 p.m. in Room 113 of the Community Center. This event is for teens and adults. Bring one to three pieces in any medium and join in a constructive and informal discussion of everyone's work. All experience levels welcome.

## School Events

Eleanor Roosevelt High School: Homecoming is on Friday, October 4.

Greenbelt Middle School: Picture day is Monday, October 7; copies can be ordered beforehand at [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com) using the picture day ID: MJ019139Q0.

## Time to Sign Up For Rafael's Race

The Greenbelt Elementary School PTA is sponsoring the annual Rafael's Race 1K fun run and 5K race on Saturday, October 12. The event remembers Rafael Martins, a GES student who died in 2009, and raises funds the PTA provides to support student field trips. Both runs start and end at Greenbelt Elementary School, with the 1K starting at 8:40 a.m. and the 5K at 9 a.m. Registration and more information are available at the GES PTA website: [bit.ly/RR\\_GESPTA](http://bit.ly/RR_GESPTA).

## Kohn Memorial Fund Has Mini Golf Event

On Sunday, October 6 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. there will be a fundraiser for the Dena Kohn Theatre Lab Scholarship Fund as a celebration of life-long Greenbelter Dena Kohn, who died just before her 23d birthday.

The Dena Kohn Scholarship Fund provides scholarships each summer to teenagers to participate in the Theatre Lab's Musical Theatre Institute for teens. The Fund was established to perpetuate the memory and spirit of Dena Kohn and the values of giving back that she cherished.

The event will be held at Rocky Gorge Four Seasons Golf Fairway on U.S. Route 29 and Old Columbia Road, Laurel.

Call Robert Goldberg-Strassler at 301-345-8755 to sponsor a hole or with any questions.



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**Program Schedule**  
**Friday Oct 4 - Thursday Oct 10**

<b>7 am</b>	Greenbelt News Reel
<b>8 am</b>	Democracy Now!
<b>9 am</b>	Classic Film: And Then There Were None (1945) Agatha Christie
<b>11 am</b>	Greenbelt Discussion
<b>12 pm</b>	Greenbelt News Reel
<b>1 pm</b>	Strata (Archaeology)
<b>2 pm</b>	Greenbelt News Reel
<b>3 pm</b>	Classic Film: And Then There Were None (1945) Agatha Christie
<b>5 pm</b>	Strata (Archaeology)
<b>6 pm</b>	Greenbelt News Reel
<b>7 pm</b>	Democracy Now!
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Alight Dance Theater will perform on Sunday, 1 p.m. at the Community Center for the Artful Afternoon.



**DON'T MISS**  
**Jekyll and Hyde: The Musical**  
A guest production from the Wolf Pack Theatre Company

October 4, 5, 11, 12 at 8PM  
Sunday matinees: October 6 & 13 at 2PM

Ticket prices:  
\$27 General Admission, \$24 Seniors/Military, \$14 Student/Youth

A portion of Jekyll and Hyde the Musical's proceeds will be utilized for Community Crisis Services suicide prevention/intervention efforts.

**Coming Soon to the Greenbelt Arts Center**  
Oct 14 & 15 AUDITIONS - *Quadrille: A Romantic Play*  
Oct 25 - Nov 10 - *Motherhood Out Loud*



# Obituaries



## Michael (Mick) Schauer

Michael LeRoy Schauer, known to most everyone as Mick, died on September 15, 2019, at the age of 46. He was born on December 18, 1972, in Washington, D.C. He grew up in Hyattsville and lived in nearby cities his entire life. Since 2016, he lived in the Greenbelt Homes, Inc., neighborhood of old Greenbelt. From the very start, he was clever and creative. He built intricate models, drew elaborate pictures and excelled at piano lessons. The lessons stuck – his enthusiasm and talent for music would shape his entire life.

His mother, Carole, was the director of a nonprofit serving people who are deaf in Washington, D.C., and his father, LeRoy, was a Methodist pastor who spent a large part of his ministry serving a church for the deaf. Mick's brother Andrew joined the family in 1976.

In the summers, Mick and the family would spend weeks with paternal grandparents in Ocean City, a tradition that would continue into his teens. Long days on the beach turned his light blonde hair into an almost impossibly bright shock of white. As he became more independent, he would take to the boardwalk with his cousins in the evenings to enjoy arcades and amusements. He would return to Ocean City often to play gigs, visit family and enjoy life with friends.

Most years, the Schauers also spent time in South Dakota visiting Mick's mother's side of the family, where he shared an endless stream of pranks and inside jokes with his cousins. Mick helped out with farm chores and enjoyed the close-knit, small town life with his extended family. The family also took many summer road trips, hauling a pop-up trailer to campgrounds up and



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE FAMILY.

Michael (Mick) Schauer

down the East Coast.

In his youth, Mick's family had a piano in their living room, an organ in the basement and a classic Casio electric keyboard. Mick developed his skills on them all. He also played trumpet for his grade school band, and he was great at that too.

In 6th grade, Mick joined the Boy Scouts, and he became the quintessential Eagle Scout. As a teen, he thrived at Camp Gorton in upstate New York. While there, he forged long-lasting friendships and earned his reputation as a fixer – there wasn't a problem that he couldn't solve with a pocket knife and duct tape. Later in life, Mick would serve as a scoutmaster for the troop.

He went to Eleanor Roosevelt High School starting in 1986. Sporting a very-1980s pom-pom of curly hair on top of his head, Mick was invigorated by music. Formally, he studied the baritone

and euphonium in the school bands, but at home he continued to master the keys, taking a special interest in the vintage sounds he heard in classic rock. Also, fueled by dubbed tapes of local D.C. hardcore bands, he taught himself to play bass.

In 1990, Mick started as a freshman at the University of Maryland. Though he eventually majored in natural resources management, his real inspiration came from the music scene. In college, he joined his first rock band, Swoon, and began playing shows locally.

In the summer of 1994, Mick and his brother were gifted a month-long road trip across the U.S. from their parents on their graduations from college and high school. In his binder of cassette tapes, one tape was on almost constant replay – it was a band called Jook. Mick had been given the tape so he could learn the songs. He had just joined as their new keyboard player.

Jook released a self-titled album in 1996, and though they evolved dramatically over the years, Mick and his bandmates inspired a dedicated following. They travelled a lot, driving rental vans to far-flung locations on the East Coast and sometimes opening for performers they idolized, like George Clinton and Maceo Parker. For a time, the band even played weekly gigs in Ocean City, lugging all their gear in cramped vehicles and crashing

on couches after the shows.

The band eventually wound down around 2002. Through it all, the chemistry between the Jook boys was incredible to see. Picture four 20-something-year-old guys – one minute they would be trying their hardest to crack each other up, in the next, they would be challenging themselves with intensely complex arrangements and music textures.

2003 was a rough year for Mick. His father died after two heart transplants, a kidney transplant and years of health complications. Mick adored his dad, and he felt a sharp pain from that loss that never faded.

The band Clutch reached out to Mick in 2004. They had released an album with organ tracks on it, and they were looking for a performer who could take those sounds on the road. Tour after tour, he crisscrossed the country with Clutch, playing to packed clubs at every destination. They travelled the world, rocking crowds in Europe, Russia, Australia, Japan and more. Roadies lugged Mick's gear. Techs would set it up. And Mick delivered the chops – his solos sent the music soaring and his growling Hammond organ added a deep, dark texture to the band's sound. Many, many Clutch fans

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Condolences to the family and friends of Mick Schauer who died on September 15. He had lived in Greenbelt since 2016 and was a fixture in the College Park area for decades.

Condolences also to the family and friends of Karen DeNeal who died on September 20.

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



## Karen DeNeal

Karen DeNeal, mother, daughter and sister, died at the age of 58 on Friday, September 20, 2019. Karen will be forever remembered by her beloved family and friends for her unwavering faith and infectious smile.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, October 3, 2019 at noon., at Judah Temple AME Zion Church located at 14500 Mount Oak Road, Bowie, MD 20721.

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 John 3:16



Sunday Worship Services  
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[Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com](mailto:Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com) [www.greenbeltbahais.org](http://www.greenbeltbahais.org)

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**Comfort Cases**  
 Guest Speaker Rob Scheer; and Chris McCann, DMRE and PBUUC's Sabrina Jones; Worship Associate Tricia Most; and the Choir  
 Guest speaker Rob Scheer, co-founder with his husband Reece of Comfort Cases that helps kids in foster care, will speak on his own time in the foster care system, fostering and eventually adopting his own children, as well as founding [comfortcases.org](http://comfortcases.org). We will also collect donated items for Comfort Cases.

Worship with us at  
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 Biblical Confessional Reformed Gospel Centered  
 Sunday School Worship Service Evening Service  
 9:15 am 10:30 am 6:00 pm  
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[www.greenbeltbaptist.org](http://www.greenbeltbaptist.org)  
 301-474-4212  
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 135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
 301-474-4322  
**Mass Schedule:**  
 Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.  
 Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.  
 Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.  
 Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
 Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

**Christian Science Church**  
 8300 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, MD  
 "The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil." Psalms  
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.  
 Church Service 10:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday meeting 7:30 p.m.





**Blessing of Animals**

Bring pets to be blessed at the annual Greenbelt Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 6, at 4:30 p.m. at Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ. The Rev. Glenyce Grindstaff and the Rev. Fay Lundin of Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church will bless all the animals: live, photographs or toys. After the blessing, WAGS (Well-Wishers for the Animals of the Greenbelt Shelter) will sponsor a craft giveaway.

The Blessing of the Animals honors St. Francis of Assisi, a well-known animal lover of the 13th century. The long tradition of blessing animals may date back as far as the 4th century.

So that everyone can fully enjoy the Greenbelt Blessing of the Animals, make sure each animal friend is safely and comfortably transported to and from the event, with water and food on hand as needed. Bring dogs on a leash and cats or other pets in a carrier. Dogs and cats should wear a collar with current ID.

If a pet does not do well around other animals or people, or might be frightened in a crowd, a picture of the pet can be brought instead to be blessed.

In households with no live animals, children may bring a beloved toy animal and they will be gladly blessed.

Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ is located at 1 Hillside Road, on the corner of Hillside and Crescent. All are welcome.



**Proposal Deadline Nears for GCF Grants**

Since 2006, the Greenbelt Community Foundation (GCF) has given over \$220,000 to 75 programs. Nonprofit organizations, cooperatives, churches, schools and any group with a tax-exempt status are eligible to apply for grants from \$500 to \$5,000. GCF funds programs and services that will enhance the cultural, artistic, recreational, social or environmental vitality of Greenbelt, impact residents in all parts of Greenbelt and can be completed in one year or less.

October 15 is the deadline for submission of proposals applying for funding.

A full description of eligibility criteria, application instructions and the application form can be found on our web site at [greenbeltfoundation.org](http://greenbeltfoundation.org). To apply, organizations are required to submit proposals by email to [greenbeltcommunityfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:greenbeltcommunityfoundation@gmail.com) by midnight on October 15.

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**City Information & Events**

*The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched.*

*We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.*

**MEETINGS FOR OCTOBER 7-11**

Monday, October 7 at 7:30pm **Special Meeting/Closed Meeting - Legal matter regarding the Proposed MAGLEV and Beltway Widening Projects** (please see notice below)

Thursday, October 10 at 7:30pm, **COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (CRAB)** at Municipal Building (Council Room), 25 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Approval of Minutes, Community Feedback, Planning for Youth Forum, Council Work Session on November 13, Reports from CRAB Members and other matters as time permits. This agenda is subject to change.*

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

**OFFICIAL NOTICE**

In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(7) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, a closed session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Monday, October 7, 2019, at 7:30 pm, in the Library of the Municipal Building: 1) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter regarding the Proposed MAGLEV and Beltway Widening Projects.

*\*The public may attend the Special Meeting of the City Council immediately prior to the closed session and observe the vote of Council to move into closed session on Monday, October 7, 2019, at 7:30 pm.*

Bonita Anderson, City Clerk,

**SHREDDING DAY**

Saturday, October 19, 9 AM – 12 NOON  
(or until the truck is full)

The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union will be shredding your documents in the parking lot behind the Credit Union at 112 Centerway

Only 5 file boxes/bags per person. Must be present for shredding; abandoned boxes/bags will be put in the trash. Personal records only (no business). No contaminants accepted. NO BATTERIES. No plastic binders and sheets. For more information, call the Sustainability Office at 240-542-2153

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Contact Greenbelt CARES at 301 345-6660 x2018  
PCIT is free of charge to Prince George's county residents



**AN ARTFUL AFTERNOON**  
Sunday, October 6 1-4pm  
Community Center  
15 Crescent Road

1pm: Free performance of "Fagerie" by Greenbelt's own Alight Dance

2pm and 3pm: FREE Workshop. Make a clothespin faerie with instructor Aaron Springer. Materials

will be provided, but guests are also welcome to bring any special materials or embellishments they would like to incorporate.

1-4pm: Meet Artists in Residence at an open house and sale. Find beautiful and affordable paintings, prints, ceramics, sculpture, funky jewelry, assemblages and more. You can even order a custom violin for the budding musician in your life!

1:30-3:30pm: Meet painter Bobby Coleman and sculptor Kathy Guo at a reception for their current Art Gallery exhibition "Co:Structure". The show includes sculptures that visitors can alternately climb into and ride on; it is not to be missed!

For more information about City of Greenbelt art programs, visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts) or call 301-397-2208. Arts programs are sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.

**FREE BABYSITTING COURSE**

Saturday, October 19, from 1:00 - 4:00pm

Springhill Lake Rec. Center Clubhouse, 6101 Cherrywood Lane  
The course is for students in grades 5-8 (ages 11-14). Students will learn responsibilities of watching children, as well as learn about resources like poison control, 911, police, and fire prevention.

Please call 301-345-6660 or email [jhering@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:jhering@greenbeltmd.gov) to register.

**CITY ELECTION INFORMATION**  
**ANY REGISTERED GREENBELT VOTER**  
**MAY CHOOSE TO VOTE BY**  
**EARLY VOTING or ABSENTEE VOTING**  
**NO MORE EXCUSES!**

EARLY VOTING: Any qualified voter of the City of Greenbelt may choose to vote by EARLY VOTING.

**EARLY VOTING DATES AND LOCATIONS**

**Greenbelt Municipal Building** – (25 Crescent Road)

Saturday, October 12th, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm and

Sunday, October 13th, 11 am – 2:00 pm

October 14th – November 1st:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Tuesday 9:00 am – 8:00 pm

**Schrom Hills Park Clubhouse** – (6915 Hanover Parkway)

Saturday, October 19th, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and

Sunday, October 20th, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

**Springhill Lake Recreation Center** – (6101 Cherrywood Lane)

Saturday, October 26th, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and

Sunday, October 27th, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

**ABSENTEE VOTING:** Any qualified voter of the City of Greenbelt may choose to vote by absentee ballot.

An ABSENTEE BALLOT may be requested in one of two ways. Each individual requesting a ballot must submit a separate, signed application form or letter.

- Fill out an application form that you may: 1) pick up in the City Clerk's office, 2) request from the City Clerk by phone at 301-474-8000 or by e-mail at [banderson@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:banderson@greenbeltmd.gov), or 3) print from the City's Web site at <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov>; or
- Write a letter of application to the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, including your full name, domicile address in Greenbelt, signature, and telephone number.

Military service members, their families, and other U.S. citizens abroad who are covered under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act may also use the Federal Post Card Application (<http://www.fvap.gov>) to request an absentee ballot for City election.

Applications to receive absentee ballots must be received by noon on Monday, November 4, 2019. The completed ballot must be received by the City Clerk no later than 6 p.m. the day of the regular election, November 5, 2019. No absentee ballots will be distributed prior to October 16.

Return your executed absentee ballot by 1) sending it through the U.S. mail in time to arrive by November 4, 2) hand-delivering it to the City Clerk's office, or 3) placing it in the locked drop-box at the east door of the Municipal Building at 25 Crescent Road.

Questions? Call the City Clerk at 301-474-8000, or send email to [banderson@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:banderson@greenbeltmd.gov)

**FREE FLU SHOTS**

Thursday, October 10, 2019  
1:00 PM to 7:00 PM

- **Injectable (shot) vaccine will be offered**
- **Free flu shots are available for all family members from six months and older**
- **Children under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian**

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**VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Ethics Commission, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, and Youth Advisory Committee

For more information: 301-474-8000

**Greenbelt Lake Dam Improvements are Underway WHAT TO EXPECT:**

- Temporary Lake Path Closures
- Lower Lake Level (4 to 5 feet) Construction Equipment
- Construction Noise
- Strong Odor

**Informational signs will be posted around the lake.**

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Crofton, Maryland 21114  
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### District Heights

(Primary Care and Family Medicine)

6400 Marlboro Pike  
District Heights, Maryland 20747  
301-327-0953

## Doctors Community Practices at Laurel

(Primary Care and Diabetes Care)

13900 Baltimore Avenue  
Laurel, Maryland 20707  
301-276-7396

## Doctors Community Practices at Riverdale

(Primary Care, Family Medicine and  
Endocrinology)

6502 Kenilworth Avenue, Suite 100  
Riverdale, Maryland 20737  
301-278-8637

## Doctors Community Practices at Temple Hills

(Primary Care and Family Medicine)

5859 Allentown Way  
Temple Hills, Maryland 20728  
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# Tribute to an Old Oak Tree

by Bill Wilkerson

Old Greenbelt was constructed in the late 1930s and so we have many old trees. There was a big old white oak in the park behind our house at 60 Court Crescent Road. Several types of oaks surround and shade the park, including the oak whose branch is shown hanging over the sliding board in the photo. I occasionally sat on a bench which was placed under the tree's branches. White oaks are one of my favorite trees. This white oak had a beautiful shape, even as it aged.

The trunk was quite large. Once I made a treasure hunt for the neighborhood kids, and the hunt ended when they found a stash of coins that I hid around the tree trunk. I liked all the furrows, knobs and gray bark.

The tree had been losing branches over the past 10 years and was probably diseased. In the winter photo above, the tree is shown truncated after losing parts of its crown over several years. The tree was pruned and left to grow because it was a prized old tree.

After a large branch recently fell on the sidewalk, the tree was marked for removal. The stump is all that remains.

I counted the rings and determined that the tree was 84 years old. Therefore, the tree started growing in 1935, when my mother was 5 years old, and my father was 10 years old. I have dated almost all the big trees that have been cut down in Old Greenbelt back to circa 1937, when our house was built. If this tree was planted as a two-year-old sapling, then it would have been installed here in 1937. The tree stood through many wars: WWII, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War. It was there when we reached the moon, when the Berlin Wall fell and during 9/11.

It seems that the tree enjoyed steady growth until 1985. The period of 1975 to 1985 has the largest rings. We moved into our house in 1979, so we watched the tree as it moved through the seasons for 40 years, almost half its life.

Thirty-five years ago, the tree experienced the most traumatic event of its life. I noticed a strange red ring around the year marked as 1984 (and with a question mark) in the photo at right. This red ring goes around the entire tree. I figured out that this was the year(s) that the damaging gypsy moth infestation entered our area of Maryland. The caterpillars defoliated many trees, and many died.

This tree survived, but I wonder if the damage done to the tree by the gypsy moths weakened the tree's defenses, and led to its slow gradual decline. The rings after 1985 are still a good size for about eight years, similar to the rings before the attack, but eventually the rings become smaller and smaller. While the stump shows no rot, the old branches that fell were rotten, and the branches cut last week showed evidence of internal damage. If my theory is correct, the tree managed to overcome the insect attack, but the effects of the event were responsible for its ultimate demise.

I enjoyed the tree and will remember its beauty. It was like a constant friend. Fortunately, we have many large trees left, as well as many new trees that have



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- Photos by Bill Wilkerson

been planted. I'm sad to see this tree is gone, but I will remember it fondly.



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There was a big old white oak in the park behind our house at 60 Court Crescent Road. Several types of oaks surround and shade the park, including the oak whose branch is shown here hanging over the sliding board.



The trunk was quite large around (for scale, the sidewalk in the background is four feet wide).

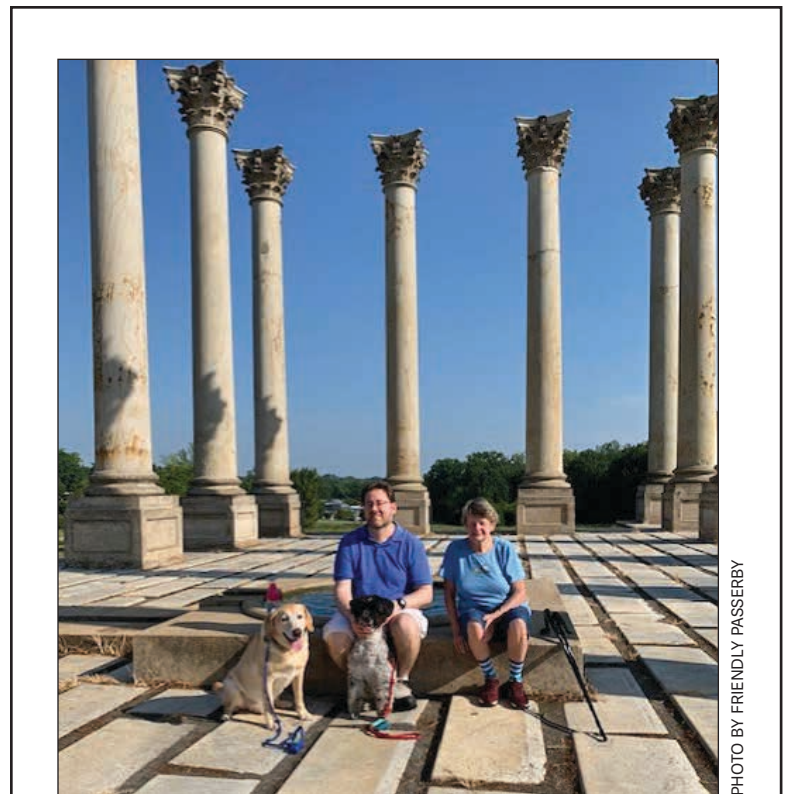


PHOTO BY FRIENDLY PASSERBY

Patricia Novinski (right), Ian Hillman, Jiro and Traffic sit in the colonnade at the National Arboretum. Having read the August 8 article in the News Review about fellow Greenbelter Carole Bordelon, Novinski and Hillman visited the National Arboretum in Washington, D.C., accompanied by Hillman's dogs. Jiro is from Japan and therefore enjoys experiencing plants native to his country of birth. Though blind, he enjoys the outing.

Are you looking for a Jewish community in Greenbelt?



**Join Mishkan Torah  
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on **Sunday, Oct. 13** from 4-6 PM  
Current and prospective members, friends  
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or by phone (301-474-4223)  
or email ([membership@mishkantorah.org](mailto:membership@mishkantorah.org))



# Greenbelt Citizens Propose Site for Firefly Sanctuary

by Kayla Kozak

The Greenbelt Park and Recreation Advisory Board discussed a unique agenda addition in the form of a proposed firefly sanctuary during their meeting on September 18. Committee member Mary Ann Canter requested that part of Lakewood-Northway Stream Valley Park be turned into a protected habitat for the large population of fireflies in the area.

According to Canter, the park's fireflies and their midsummer light shows have been one of Greenbelt's best kept secrets for decades. It is a secret she now wants to share.

"The end of June and the first two weeks of July, those trees are lit from the ground to the tops of the trees. It's not just a lot of fireflies, it's a huge amount of fireflies," Canter said. "We have this special place and I think it should be preserved."

The place in question is a small strip of land that runs almost parallel to the residences of Fayette Place and behind Northway. A stream separates the land which can be accessed by trails stemming from Fayette Place, Northway and Crescent Road.

Half of the area is owned by the city. This is the area Canter and her committee are most interested in. Greenbelt Homes, Inc., owns the other half. A small field on the site was once used for T-ball games, but is now largely unused despite being mowed and maintained by the city.

Canter, a former technician in insect reproduction, and fellow committee member and retired ecologist Arnold "Butch" Norden hope to protect this environment and its habitats. The proposal suggests that this be done by creating an unmowed, grassy buffer between the trails and the tree line, with informational placards and signs educating people on its importance. This buffer would provide the most optimal space and conditions for firefly mating. To mate, the insects find one another in the darkness of the trees and then lay their eggs in the tall grasses.

While the fireflies are the focus of the proposed project, Norden believes the sanctuary would have benefits that extend far beyond the glow-in-the-dark insects.

"My first thought was, it'd be a nice opportunity to do more," Norden said. "The wider the stream buffer, the less pollutants get into the water, and the pollut-



PHOTO BY KAYLA KOZAK

The proposed site for the firefly sanctuary is the field along the Stream Valley Park trail between Lakewood and Northway.

ants that get into the water here shoot right down into the lake (at Buddy Attick Park)."

Additionally, the buffer would help bolster other populations, such as small rodents, reptiles, keystone plants and pollinators. However, for this to happen, the area must be designated for the project and therefore protected from potential development.

"There are a couple times when it's been in danger of being developed and we'd like that not to happen. Insects are declining... like other species, (the fireflies) are going to be dying out too," Canter said.

She cited past consideration of the area for a dog park as a recent threat to the habitat. There

was also the prior restoration of the nearby spillway that dramatically decreased the visible firefly population, despite being necessary and beneficial to the environment.

The proposal was met with general positivity by the advisory board members. Yet, a few concerns meant no official action for the moment. The impact of the project on nearby residences and homeowners still required research.

"I think it's a great idea, personally," said board member Michael Lee. "But we tabled anything formal... More work needs to be done for ensuring there's a plan and a buy-in from the City of Greenbelt."



PHOTO BY STEVE BUCCA

A zinnia blooms at Schrom Hills Park.

# Maryland General Assembly New Laws in Force, October 1

by Lesley Kash

Hundreds of Maryland laws passed by the General Assembly in the 2018 and 2019 legislative sessions went into effect on October 1, according to Maryland State Delegate Alonzo T. Washington. The new laws include stricter gun control regulations and measures to raise the legal age to buy tobacco, implement Election Day voter registration and protect student loan borrowers.

Gun use is affected by at least two of the new laws. Senate Bill (SB) 345 forbids a gun owner from lending a gun if the owner knows, or should know, that the borrower may harm themselves or others, or that the borrower is legally barred from possessing a gun. SB707 bans the transportation, possession, sale, manufacture, receipt or purchase of rapid fire trigger activators, also known as bump stocks.

House Bill (HB) 1169 raises

the age from 18 to 21 for buying any tobacco products, including e-smoking devices or "vapes."

Student loan borrowers will now be better protected from predatory lenders by HB594, which bans loan companies from unfair, deceptive, abusive or misleading practices.

Voters will now be able to register to vote at their polling place on Election Day, thanks to SB449.

A five-year, \$3.5 million annual fund has been established by SB569 to reduce the state's backlog of more than 6,000 untested rape kits.

The state Prescription Drug Monitoring Program is now required by HB25 to determine misuse or abuse of certain drugs or other violations by drug providers or dispensers.

More information about these and the many other new laws may be found at [marylandmatters.org](http://marylandmatters.org).

## Send Us Your High Resolution Photos!

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

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



GREENBELT COOPERATIVE ALLIANCE



## Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance Celebrate Co-op Month 2019 in Greenbelt

Co-op Month will be celebrated throughout October with a GCA banner strung across some Greenbelt roads, a display in the Greenbelt Library, Co-op trivia slides shown in the Old Greenbelt Theatre, interviews with local co-ops aired by GATE and articles and event calendar in this paper.

### Sunday October 6

10 am-2 pm Greenbelt Farmers Market Booth (GCA)

**Monday October 14 - Sunday October 20**  
Organic Apple Festival (GCS&P)

### Wednesday October 16

7-9 GHI Volunteer Appreciation Social (GHI)  
Trivia Night (NDC)

### Thursday October 17

International Credit Union Day,  
Refreshments in the lobby (GFCU)

### Friday October 18

4-7 pm Co-op Beer & Co-op Wine Tasting 4-7 (GCS&P)

### Saturday October 19

9 am - noon Shredding Day (GFCU)

### Sunday October 20

2-4 p.m. Annual Meeting (GNR)

### Thursday October 24

9 am-9 pm One Day Meat Sale (GCS&P)

### Friday October 25

4-7 pm Members Favorite Wine Tasting (GCS&P)

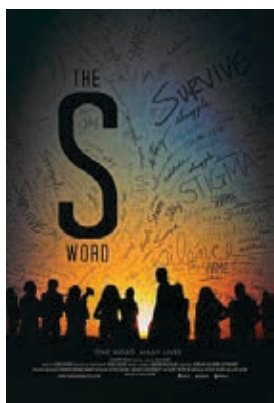
### Thursday October 31

10:30 - 11:30 am Radio Show (NDC)

Abbreviations:

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

## The S Word



The Michael D. Maxwell Jr. Foundation for Mental Awareness is proud to be a part of this upcoming event at the University of Maryland. In addition to working closely with Choice Clinical Services (a Greenbelt counseling facility), we are also excited to be partnered with The Joshua York Legacy Foundation and the Maryland Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention for this event.

The S Word is a documentary that seeks to amplify the voices of those living after suicide attempts and loss and raise awareness about suicide prevention and resources.

Following the screening there will be a short panel discussion as well as resources.

This event is free and open to the community. For more information visit [go.umd.edu/thesword](http://go.umd.edu/thesword)

Monday, October 7, 6 p.m.

The Hoff Theater, Student Union



## Garden Award Winner



PHOTO BY LOIS ROSADO

An Chung, Greenbelt gardener, received her second recognition for Garden Sustainability from the Prince George's County Beautification Committee, on Wednesday, September 25, at the Newton White Mansion. She is flanked by Dawn Hawkins-Nixon, associate director, Sustainability Division, Department of the Environment, left, and Gwendolyn T. Clerkley, deputy director, Department of Public Works and Transportation.

## City Notes

Horticulture/Parks prepared for National Public Lands Day by preparing vehicles and equipment and delivering mulch and compost to Springhill Lake and Greenbelt elementary schools.

Refuse/Recycling collected 26.16 tons of refuse and 12.03 tons of recyclable material.

Many recreation department staff attended the National Recreation and Parks Association annual conference in Baltimore.

Street Maintenance/Special Details began installing city council campaign signage.

Greenbelt Station Central Park featured a concert by University of Maryland's Clarinet Quintet and a Moonlight Movie, Mary Poppins Returns.

The Arts programs this fall include 40 visual arts classes, workshops and open studio programs. Currently, 322 students are enrolled and more are welcome.

The annual Empty Bowls fundraiser, presented by Greenbelt Potters and the Greenbelt Community Church, will take place on Sunday, November 3 at the church. Tickets are now on sale and proceeds will benefit Help-by-Phone.

Park rangers are alerting visitors to avoid the hazardous mud, newly exposed as the lake is being drained for the dam renovation project.

Animal Control picked up two dogs, one running loose and one from an eviction. One cat was impounded and one was surrendered. The shelter is now caring for one dog, 12 cats, one rabbit and one turtle.



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

Dylan Swift (right) and Maeve Wolfrun play with the water feature at Melissa Mackey's garden on September 22. Mackey (background left) and Melissa Thompson, Maeve's mother, discuss the garden features.



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# Re-Elect Judith F. 'J' Davis



### J's Service...

- 26 Years on Council, 16 of those as Mayor
- 10 Years on the Advisory Planning Board prior to election to Council
- Commissioner on the Prince George's County Commission for Women and Central Maryland Transportation/Mobility Commission
- Past President of Maryland Municipal League, Maryland Mayors Association, Prince George's County Municipal Association, Prince George's Elected Municipal Women
- Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), Past Chair, Board of Directors, Past Corporate President
- National League of Cities, Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Policy Committee
- Member: GIVES, FOGM, FOGT, GAC, Greenbelt Lions, American Legion Auxiliary, Past Carnival Chair, Labor Day Festival Committee

### J's Goals...

- Oppose** the Maglev and Widening Beltway and Baltimore Washington Parkway proposals
- Ensure** our police officers have up-to-date equipment and superior training
- Balance** budgetary restraint with maintaining programs and services that are unique to Greenbelt, especially those for our youth, families, and seniors
- Build** Council consensus on crucial issues facing the City, including sound Greenbelt West development
- Ensure** funding for renovation and replacement of our City's vital infrastructure, including street trees, and **Promote** Public Art
- Protect** our priceless Green Belt, including BARC and Greenbelt Park
- Attract** quality businesses to Greenbelt
- Maintain** our productive ties with County, State, and Regional leaders

*"Many challenges lie ahead for our City. I believe I am well-suited to help turn them into opportunities. To keep me working for you, I need your vote!"*

Questions? Concerns? Contact J at [jfintakdavis@aol.com](mailto:jfintakdavis@aol.com)  
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## Business

The News Review invites Greenbelt businesses to submit brief announcements for the business column. Tell us about events such as new employees, anniversaries, awards won, new programs, and other newsworthy items. Send brief (40-50 words) items to [editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com).

### Cindy Comproni Retires, Muse Takes Helm at GFCU

by Joe Timer

After 38 years of working at the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union (GFCU), Cynthia A. Comproni has decided to retire. She has been GFCU's General Manager since May 1985. Joe Timer, GFCU's president, stated "Cindy has been the face of the Credit Union – an outstanding leader who has seen the GFCU grow to \$31+ million in total assets with membership of 2,800+. Her accomplishments have been extensive. Most recently, they have included a major upgrade to the website and guiding the Credit Union into mobile banking. She will be missed. The board of directors, the staff and GFCU's members convey their sincere thanks for a job well done and extend best wishes as Cindy retires."

The board of directors engaged Credit Union Resources to conduct a search nationally to identify GFCU's next leader. The extensive process resulted in the board unanimously selecting David Muse as its new chief executive officer. He plans on starting work at the GFCU on October 15.

Timer commented that "Muse's 10+ years of operations experience will be a valuable asset to GFCU. His passion for business development, revenue growth and strategic planning will help Greenbelt continue to provide exceptional service to its members."

Muse comes to Greenbelt from the Department of Labor Federal Credit Union in Washington, D.C., where he served as chief operating officer/BSA compliance officer. He was responsible for



PHOTO COURTESY OF DAVID MUSE

#### David Muse

leading all branch operations including retail operations, lending, marketing, vendor management, audit, compliance and strategic partnerships.

Prior to working at the Department of Labor FCU, Muse was the branch manager at SunTrust Bank in Washington. He was responsible for all branch operations including sales and service.

Muse is no stranger to Greenbelt. His family lived in Springhill Lake apartments (now Franklin Park) for seven years. He attended Springhill Lake Elementary School for one year before the family moved. He has fond memories of walking around Greenbelt Lake with his father. His daughter graduated from the Eleanor Roosevelt High School STEM program last year. Muse now lives in Brandywine. He commented, "I'm looking forward to working with the board, the staff and the credit union members. I'm also excited about getting back to Greenbelt where it all started for me."

- Joe Timer is on the Board of Directors of the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union.

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have shared stories about how Mick was always friendly and easy-to-approach after the shows. He loved talking with the band's fans, and they gushed over him.

Mick recorded two albums with Clutch – Robot Hive/Exodus in 2005 and From Beale Street to Oblivion in 2007 – and was credited as a member of the band in the liner notes. Mick was hugely influential on those albums, and he was proud that his work reached so many people. In 2008, Clutch chose to return to their original formation and no longer tour with an organ player. A decade later, the walls of Mick's new home in Greenbelt would be adorned with Clutch posters.

Always rooted in the College Park community, Mick found work at Atomic Music, handling internet sales and some repairs of the used gear they sold. His depth of knowledge about instruments and music tech made him an expert resource for the business, and many customers expressed their appreciation for the tall rocker who knew everything about everything. Mick also appreciated the eccentric

cast of characters at the store – they ended up being his friends, bandmates, mentors, mentees and a second family. He recorded and played with various performers and bands throughout this time, including Vasudeva. Mick worked at Atomic until 2018.

Recently, Mick had been working as a technician for a music gear rental business. Once again, he was the expert. He described himself as "the old man" that knew all the tech, and though it sometimes meant long hours, the work really excited him. He routinely made stops to manage projects at some of the area's most notable venues, like the Kennedy Center and Wolf Trap.

He died in his sleep on the morning of September 15, due to complications related to cancer. He is survived by his mother, Carole Herlyn Schauer of Ocean Pines, brother Andrew, sister-in-law Inna-Marie Strazhnik and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

A memorial service was held in Hyattsville on September 20. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Rev.

LeRoy E. Schauer Scholarship (Wesley Theological Seminary, Attention: Development Office, Rev. LeRoy E. Schauer Scholarship, 4500 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20016), which supports students who are preparing for ministry to the deaf community, or the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123.

- Carole Herlyn Schauer

#### Obituaries

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

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

### Movie Night at Greenbelt Station Park



PHOTO BY KRISTEN WEAVER

Activities planned by the recreation department in Greenbelt Station Central Park continue with an outdoor screening of "Mary Poppins Returns" on September 28.

### Greenbelt Pottery Raises Funds

On Sunday, November 3 at 4:30 p.m. and again at 6:30 p.m. the Greenbelt Pottery Group, in partnership with the Greenbelt Community Church, is hosting an Empty Bowls fundraiser to raise money for Help-by-Phone. The dinner event will be held at the Greenbelt Community Church at 1 Hillside Road.

Attendees will get a seat at a dinner of homemade soups and desserts and can choose an original ceramic bowl made by one of the many potters who work at the ceramic studios at the Community Center.

The Greenbelt Potters are excited about once again raising money for Help-by-Phone, an organization that provides food to pantries, and prescription medications and children's warm clothing to people in need.

The Greenbelt Pottery Group will be at the Greenbelt Farmers Market on Sunday, October 13. Tickets can be purchased at the Greenbelt Community Church or by calling Judy Goldberg-Strasser at 301-345-8755.

### New Deal Mixer

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board (GAAB) encourages local practitioners and patrons of the arts to attend an upcoming mixer at the New Deal Café. In addition to networking opportunities, the event will feature a presentation by the Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council (PGAHC) about their services and their upcoming Prince George's Got Talent showcase and brunch. PGAHC offers grant programs for individual artists and non-profit cultural organizations, as well as supporting public art, art education, the Office of the Poet Laureate, the Film Office and resources for fashion designers and other creative entrepreneurs. The mixer will take place on Tuesday, October 15 from 5 to 7 p.m. RSVP by visiting [greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://greenbeltmd.gov/arts). For additional information, contact Nicole DeWald, arts supervisor, at [ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov) or 301-397-2208.

### Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club meets every 1st, 3rd and 5th (if any) Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church. The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 16. Toastmasters provides a supportive environment for anyone interested in improving communication, public speaking or leadership skills. Learn more at [greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org](http://greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org).



### Springhill Lake Family Activities

Every Sunday afternoon from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. through December 15 there are group games and drop-in gym time for families at Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Join us to celebrate  
Co-op Month!

### Greenbelt Federal Credit Union

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# 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

September 23, 2:40 a.m., 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive. A man armed with a handgun approached two people who were walking from a vehicle to the Residence Inn and ordered them to the ground. Two more men also armed with handguns arrived. They took jewelry, watches and clothing before fleeing on foot.

## Carjacking

September 24, 4:06 p.m., Ivy Lane near Kenilworth Avenue. A man who was being given a ride by a woman asked her to drive him to a different location. When she refused he pulled her from the vehicle, punched her and fled in her vehicle. It is described as a blue 2002 Ford Explorer with Maryland tags 7BF8538. The woman refused treatment for minor injuries. The man is known to her and the investigation is ongoing.

## Assault

September 20, 7:45 p.m., 9200 block Edmonston Road. Two men were involved in a minor traffic accident in a parking lot when one of them assaulted the other by slapping the cell phone out of his hand. He then fled in a vehicle described as a plumbing van bearing Maryland tags.

## Disorderly Conduct

September 24, 5:50 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. Two women, a 35-year-old nonresident and a 58-year-old resident, were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after they were involved in a physical altercation. Both were released on citation pending trial.

## Theft

September 23, 5:30 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. An unsecured green bicycle was taken from in front of Planet Fitness.

September 25, 2:30 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. An unattended wallet was taken from the self-checkout line at Giant.

## Trespass

September 25, 12:10 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A 33-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with trespass after being found on the grounds of Beltway Plaza after having been banned from the mall by agents of the property. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

## Burglary

September 20, 6:30 p.m., 5400

block Stream Bank Lane. The front door of a residence was found to be unlocked, with no sign of it having been forced open. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

September 24, 6:43 a.m., 26 Court Crescent Road. A woman went to sleep and heard a loud noise but did not investigate it. The next morning she discovered that someone had attempted to force open her front door. Entry was not gained.

September 25, 2:33 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. A 17-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with fourth degree burglary after a window in a vacant apartment was found broken out and he was sleeping inside. He was released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

## Vandalism

September 19, 4:06 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. A juvenile was seen running from the area where a brick was used to break out the bedroom window of a residence.

## Vehicle Crime

A 2019 Chevrolet Silverado pick-up truck stolen from the 9100 block Edmonston Road was located the same day on Accokeek Road near Cedar Lawn Drive in Fort Washington.

On September 25 as many as four people were observed taking tires and rims from several vehicles at the Capitol Cadillac dealership, 6500 Capitol Drive. They fled in a vehicle described as a dark-colored truck.

Four tires and rims were taken from a vehicle in the 9300 block Edmonston Road.

Tags were taken from three vehicles, Maryland 205647X in the 6200 block Springhill Drive, Maryland 7CK1016 from the 9100 block Edmonston Terrace and Maryland 6CH2383 from the 6300 block Ivy Lane.

Catalytic converters were taken from the undercarriage of two vehicles in the 8000 block Mandan Road.

Two carry bags and a laptop computer were taken from a possibly unlocked vehicle in the 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A credit card in one of the carry bags was later used to make unauthorized purchases.

The driver's side window of a vehicle was broken out in the 7600 block Hanover Parkway.

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sometimes outwardly apparent military equipment may be required for protection, as a community we must be diligent to ensure that it remains a rare exception and does not become the norm."

CRAB also called for police to minimize the "outward militaristic appearance" of their equipment. For example, armored personnel carriers should be painted blue and Greenbelt logos should be placed on military equipment.

CRAB encouraged council and other advisory committees to monitor the issue and provide opportunities for the community to share concerns if more military equipment is acquired.

According to the report, CRAB recommends that the city manager ensure that the following steps are taken in sequence whenever local police need to use military equipment:

The mission need for any piece of equipment is identified first.

The item to fulfill the need is identified along with the cost.

A surplus catalog is reviewed to order the item.

If appropriate, the items can be acquired for free (through program 1033).

For the past three years, CRAB has been working with Police Chief Richard Bowers, representatives of community organizations and Gaines to better understand the issue of police militarization and make reasonable and sustainable recommendations to the city council.

Bowers met with CRAB members in June to answer questions about military equipment currently in use and the type of training Greenbelt police undergo.

CRAB co-chair Jamie Krauk said, "We (CRAB) took numerous opportunities to meet with the petitioner and police force to take time and understand how the use of military equipment could drive more barriers and create an us vs them mentality between police and the community."

Krauk continued, "Police should enforce an appearance of being part of the community rather than separate."

According to Assistant City Manager and CRAB liaison David Moran, the petition is not the first police related issue to which this committee has responded. "The topics CRAB deals with tend to differ. Community relations is a broad topic," Moran said.

The original purpose of CRAB is to "foster sympathetic understanding" and "practical cooperation among all groups and individuals in the community," according to their website mission statement.

The report will be shared with council and the petitioner, said Moran. It is also available for the public to read online at:

[legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/data/file/436514/Report\\_2019-2.pdf](http://legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/data/file/436514/Report_2019-2.pdf).

# At the Library

The Greenbelt Library is open on Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.; Monday and Tuesday, 1 to 9 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGC-MLS) branches will be closed on Monday, October 14, for Staff Development Day. The Greenbelt Library will reopen on Tuesday, October 15 at 1 p.m.

## Teen Advisory Board

Monday, October 7, 4 p.m., ages 13 to 18, limit 15 participants. Earn service hours while making the local library a great place for teens. Enjoy snacks, meet new people, become a leader. Registration required. For further information, contact the library either in person or by calling 301-345-5800. TAB meets weekly on Monday afternoons.

## English Conversation

Tuesday, October 8, 6 p.m. Learning to speak English? Join this club and practice speaking English in a friendly atmosphere with people from diverse backgrounds. The club meets weekly as a walk-in event on Tuesday evenings.

## Weekly Storytimes

Tuesday, October 8, 7 p.m., ages 3 to 5, limit 30 people. Wednesday, October 9, 10:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2, limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3, limit 30 people. Thursday, October 10, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2, limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s).

## African History

Tuesday, October 8, 7 p.m. Tangled Web: Race, Urban Renewal and Gentrification will be the next session in this audiovisual lecture series presented by C.R. Gibbs. On Tuesday, October 15, 7 p.m., the topic will be Science in Ancient and Medieval Africa. No registration required.

## French Conversation

Thursday, October 10, 5 p.m. Learning to speak French? Join this club and practice speaking French in a friendly atmosphere with people from diverse backgrounds. No registration required.

## Book Discussion

Tuesday, October 15, 7 p.m. Join friends and neighbors to discuss great contemporary books every month. This month's book will be What the Eyes Don't See: A Story of Crisis, Resistance, and Hope in an American City, by Mona Hanna-Attisha.



Sue Krofchik pictured with her copy of the News Review. Rome? Bangkok? Where in the world is Sue Krofchik?

PHOTO BY CATHIE MEETRE

## TEA (Taking Effective Action) Time at Café

On the fourth Friday of every month, a group supporting women during their personal and professional development through positivity and progress meets from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the New Deal Café. All are welcome to attend to support one another and the Café.

## Is Greenbelt a Strong Town?

Greenbelt Community Center, Room 201  
8 p.m. Tuesday October 8

Charles L. "Chuck" Marohn, Jr., founder of Strong Towns and author of "Strong Towns: a Bottom-Up Revolution to Rebuild American Prosperity," will discuss his book followed by a book signing and community discussion.



The author focuses on livability improvements to local streets and demonstrates that too much emphasis on designing places for high-speed traffic and parking not only hurts livability, but hurts local government budgets.

The Strong Towns book events in Prince George's county are co-sponsored by the Greenbelt Community Development Corporation, Maryland Milestones/ATHA Inc., and Proteus Bicycles.

[www.strongtowns.org/events](http://www.strongtowns.org/events)

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

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The deadline for submitting proposals to GCF is

**October 15, 2019**

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Organizations serving the Greenbelt community are invited to apply for a one-year grant.

For the application form and instructions, please visit [Greenbeltfoundation.org/Grants/How to Apply](http://Greenbeltfoundation.org/Grants/How to Apply)

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Parking Lot  
Roosevelt Center  
Old Greenbelt

**FARMERS MARKET**

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innovative programs and services. With your support, I will continue to dedicate my time, skills and energy to making Greenbelt even greater.

### Leta Mach

I am running for city council for many reasons, but primarily because Greenbelt is a wonderful city that has enriched my life and I want to return the favor. As a councilmember, I want to help build Greenbelt's future by working together and respecting the rich heritage and lessons of Greenbelt's past.

I would like to help council accomplish many things including:

- Advocate for and work to see that all Greenbelt children can attend Greenbelt schools.
- Foster economic development focusing on ways the cooperative model can be used and expanded.
- Support the Friends of Greenbelt Theatre and complete phase II of the renovation.
- Continue to ensure public safety through community policing and partnerships.
- Complete gateway signage as a welcome to Greenbelt.
- Repair the Greenbelt Lake dam and make the parking lot environmentally friendly.
- Implement more of the sustainability and pedestrian and bicycle master plans and make Cherrywood Lane a complete, green street.

I feel it is important to undertake these activities in a spirit of respect and cooperation. We must work together to see that the unfortunate, reprehensible tone of discourse that exists in many areas does not infect Greenbelt. As we always have, I feel we must work together to address issues. Because new issues and concerns often arise, people must be willing to research, ask questions, listen and work with others. As a councilmember, I would like to foster a working and respectful relationship throughout Greenbelt.

### Ed Putens

I have been in public service for all my adult life. I have served as a member of this city council, as a federal employee and at one point for the State of Maryland. I am running in this election for the same reason as in previous years: I care about my city.

I also have specific reasons for wanting to serve during the upcoming two-year term. First, the city is in the midst of a major challenge with The Federal Railroad Administration and the Maryland Department of Transportation on a proposed Baltimore-Washington Maglev project. Currently the two remaining alignments run through Greenbelt East. The impact on the communities are just now coming to light. This project does nothing to benefit our residents. If anything, it will harm our residents.

Second, repairs to the Greenbelt Lake Dam are finally underway. We were originally going to phase these repairs over a period of time, which would have drained our reserves and postponed other capital projects such as roads, building repairs, park improvements, etc. With a loan, we can now move forward. However, just recently we ran into a problem. Nothing major,

but it needs to be watched.

Third, complete the path to Greenbelt Metro for our new residents at Greenbelt Station. It's been a long-awaited and promised amenity for these residents.

Of course, I place the highest priority, as always, on strengthening our public safety.

### Bill Orleans

Evidence abounds, it can happen here! (And there . . . and everywhere)

I returned to Greenbelt in February 2004 and began attending council meetings, continuing a civic interest developed over 35 years living in NYC.

It was obvious early on that the (then) five members of council, confronting questions of much less significance and affecting a much smaller population than did members of NY council, were nonetheless just as vain and pretentious, small minded and self-serving as their like in NY.

Greenbelt council in 2004 comprised of the presider and 3.5 sycophants. Since the 2005 election, from among the incumbents, I have voted only for the half sycophant while encouraging others in town to run.

My reaction to council's antics, turning from amusement to anger, was to run after an August 2007 worksession. At that time, members spoke derogatorily of the PG Peace and Justice Coalition and expressed disdain of Greenbelt's participation in the region's first Car-free Day. I was not permitted to run because I lacked a fixed resident address, an issue resolved thereafter. In May 2006 and again in May 2007, 400 core Greenbelters had voted explicitly against me; had I been permitted to run in 2007's election, I had then, no expectation of winning election. (Nor have I subsequently, nor do I now, but I don't preclude the possibility.)

Greenbelters own council, not those elected to it. We need to improve its democratic practice.

We all are in the slow-boiling pot of fascism.

JUMP!

### Rodney M. Roberts

I am running for city council again because I love Greenbelt, and maybe more importantly because I appreciate all the thought and planning that went into creating our city.

Growing up in a GHI frame home, my family, like most others in my neighborhood didn't have much money, but we did have a very rich life. We kids had great walkable schools, beautiful woodlands just outside our doors where we could play and let our imaginations run wild, a beautiful pool in summer; a lake for fishing and ice skating, a youth center, playing fields and organized sports with the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club; the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center to explore and learn. We had wonderful arts programs. I could go on and on.

I want to make sure that every child who grows up in every Greenbelt neighborhood is able to enjoy all the experiences that I benefited from by growing up in Greenbelt.

# 16- and 17-Year-Olds Are Eligible to Vote This Year

by Fatemeh Paryavi

The upcoming Greenbelt City Council Election on November 5 will be the first election where youth will be able to vote.

"This is something the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) has worked on for the last several years, since 2015," said city recreation coordinator Alison Longworth, who helped the committee.

After building momentum and support, YAC successfully got the referendum question on the 2017 ballot to change the voting age, according to the Greenbelt City Roundup. With 53 percent support for the change, the city council unanimously voted to approve the charter amendment on January 8, 2018.

Since then, YAC has held several voting registration sessions with the aid of the League of Women's Voters at Eleanor Roosevelt High School to get high schoolers registered. "This will be the first time since 1938 – when the city was founded – that 16- and 17-year-olds have been able to vote in city elections," said Longworth. "YAC has done a great job with making it happen."

Longworth encouraged youth to get registered to vote – and soon. The deadline for registering is Monday, October 7. Information on how to register was presented in the September 26 News Review.

## 2019 Council Candidates

*In Ballot Order*

Judith Davis  
Emmett Jordan  
Edward Putens  
Rodney Roberts  
William Orleans  
Silke Pope  
Colin Byrd  
Danielle Celdran  
Leta Mach

## Progressive Greenbelt Has Candidate Forum

A Candidate Forum for a Progressive Greenbelt will be held on Sunday, October 13 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Community Center. This is an opportunity to ask questions of people running for City Council.

In 2017 the forum was standing room only, so get there early to be sure of a seat.

## Safe Driving Class Monday, October 28

The AARP Safe Driving class will be held Monday, October 28 in the Community Center. The class runs from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. with an hour off for lunch (not provided). Sign up to reserve a place in person at the GIVES office or by calling GIVES at 301-507-6580 starting September 23. Space is limited. There is a fee payable on the day of the class.



Members of the Youth Advisory Committee and the League of Women's Voters register ERHS students, age 16 and up, to vote.

- Photos by Jennifer Sterling



## Is Greenbelt A Strong Town?

On Tuesday, October 8 author Charles L. Chuck Marohn, Jr., founder of Strong Towns and author of the new book Strong Towns: a Bottom-Up Revolution to Rebuild American Prosperity, will discuss the book at 8 p.m. at the Community Center, Room 201, followed by a book signing and community discussion.

## Del. Washington Has Ice Cream Social

Maryland State Delegate Alonzo Washington will hold his annual District 22 PTA Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, October 22 at 6:30 p.m. at Yogi Castle (5501 Baltimore Avenue, Hyattsville) with special guest Prince George's County Public Schools CEO, Dr. Monica Goldson. This event was rescheduled from October 9.

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### October Cooperative Month Proclamation

The following text, proclaiming October as Cooperative Month, was read by Mayor Emmett Jordan at the September 23 regular meeting of the Greenbelt City Council.

WHEREAS, cooperatives are created through the initiative and self-reliance of Americans who come together to meet common economic, social, and cultural needs through a democratically controlled enterprise that is owned and governed by its members and exists solely to serve the members' interests; and

WHEREAS, the theme of National Co-op Month 2019 "Co-ops: by the Community, For the Community," which celebrating how co-ops are people working together to make their communities and the world a better place for everyone; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 40,000 cooperative businesses in the United States operating in every industry, including agriculture, child care, energy, financial services, publishing, food retail and distribution, housing, healthcare, insurance, telecommunications, and many others; and

WHEREAS, United States cooperatives serve some 350 million members, generate more than two million jobs, and make a substantial contribution to the economy with annual sales of \$652 billion and possessing assets of \$3 trillion; and

WHEREAS, since Greenbelt's founding in 1937, the spirit of COOPERATION has dramatically sustained and enriched our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Greenbelt itself is a member of cooperatives, including purchasing cooperatives to help reduce the city's costs; and

WHEREAS, Greenbelt's cooperatives are greatly appreciated by all our citizens as being essential to the fabric of our daily lives. They are

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WHEREAS, members of the Greenbelt Cooperative Incubator are seeking to form new cooperatives; and

WHEREAS, Greenbelt Cooperatives will celebrate with many activities throughout October Co-op Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Emmett V. Jordan, by the authority vested in me by the citizens and City Council of Greenbelt, do hereby proclaim October 2019 to be

#### COOPERATIVE MONTH

during which we will join with all cooperatives, especially those in Greenbelt, as they celebrate their achievements, reaffirm their commitment to the values of cooperative enterprise, and look to the bright future that cooperatives will help create.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland to be affixed this 23rd day of September 2019.

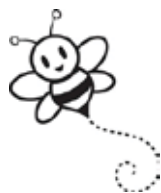
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Cooperatives. Each year, alliance members organize activities for October Co-op Month, which began on September 23 with a proclamation from Greenbelt City Council and continues throughout October.

Voluntary and open membership is the first principle listed by ICA. In many respects this is because cooperatives are membership organizations and without member support they will fail. Co-ops are open to all people able to use their services and who are willing to accept responsibilities of membership. When a family enrolls in Greenbelt Nursery School, they become members of that co-op. Its responsibilities include participating in every aspect of the school's operation from governance to fundraising to maintenance. After finding a GHI home, potential members apply for membership and their responsibilities include paying their monthly co-op fee. Volunteers who work regularly

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# St. Joseph's Wins National Academic Excellence Award

by Dr. Janine Bertolotti

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St. Joseph was recognized as an Exemplary High Performing School based on the exceptional academic achievement of its students and their high performance on nationally normed tests. Students scored in the top 15 percent in the nation in reading and math for students enrolled in grades 2 through 8.

Twelve Greenbelt residents are students at St. Joseph. The co-educational school serves 196 students and their families in grades pre-K4 through the 8th grade, including students from St. Hugh's parish. The students reflect the ethnic, cultural, socioeconomic and linguistic diversity of the region with over 32 countries and 27 languages represented. The rich diversity of the student population is embraced by a faculty and staff who fundamentally believe that each child is created in the image and likeness of God. Therefore, each child is unique and equally deserving of love, respect, kindness and mercy.

Through the adoption of a growth mindset philosophy, the staff focuses on progress in all aspects of a child's development and instills high expectations for behavior and achievement. Staff members expect that each student will be self-disciplined and behave with kindness and love based on the understanding that their actions have a direct impact on their individual person and the larger school community. Using data-driven decision-making as a tool to maintain high expecta-



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St. Joseph students play together during recess.

tions, teachers emphasize progress in academic achievement and, equally as important, the skills necessary for student success.

To best support the development of the children, the school's ideology is that faculty and staff work collaboratively with parents. Parents and staff are committed to the equal development of all aspects of the child; spiritual, socioemotional, academic and physical development systemati-

cally create and sustain opportunities for growth. Therefore, the faculty and staff, in collaboration with parents, work diligently to foster the self-discipline required of each child by focusing on how children monitor their thoughts, words and actions so that an environment conducive to learning is maintained.

Dr. Bertolotti is the principal of St. Joseph Regional Catholic School.



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# Sports

## Boys and Girls Club Fall Season Offers Opportunities

by Sean McGoey

It's autumn again, and that means that the eyes of sports fans across the country are on a new NFL season. But here in Greenbelt, it also means that it's time once again for fall sports put on by the Boys and Girls Club.

According to Anitra Byers, a board member who has been involved with the Boys and Girls club for years as a board member, coach, team mom and parent, teaching kids a healthy balance is a crucial part of the club's goal.

"We want them to be athletic and academic," Byers said, "so they need to have a good balance between the two, not just focus on sports. Just because you're a great athlete, that doesn't cut the mustard with the Boys and Girls Club."

Derrick Smith, an assistant coach who has been involved with the club's football program for six years, concurs. "The discipline that you get out of football can extend beyond football," Smith said. "You face challenges in life just like you do in football. You get knocked down. How do you get up? These are not just football skills. They're life skills."

Boys and Girls Club athletic programs are staffed entirely by volunteers, from the commissioners and coaches that run the teams to parents who volunteer to hold the chains at football games held on Saturdays at Braden Field. "We're not getting paid to be here," Byers said. "We are truly invested in our community. We're invested in our homegrown kids."

In addition to tackle football, the Boys and Girls Club competes against other Prince George's County club chapters in soccer in the fall, basketball in the winter, and flag football and track and field in the spring. There are also year-round cheerleading teams: a "sideline" team that supports the other sports, and a competition squad that has taken home three straight national championships at the U.S. Finals. "They've come up from just cheering on the side to going to competitions and slamming," Byers said.

Participating in sports can also be a great way for children to make friends, both locally and throughout the county. Isatu Jalloh says that her son Almal, who is playing tackle football for the first time this fall, is seizing that opportunity. "He's a people person," Jalloh said. "He's meeting new people every day even from the other teams."



PHOTO BY TATJANA DALE

Cheerleaders of the Day! Amiyah and Teah

Smith hopes those relationships will last long after the season ends. "You can build lifelong bonds," he said. "I have friends that I talk to every day that have been friends for 40 years. So I hope to inspire them to build those type of lifelong friendships."



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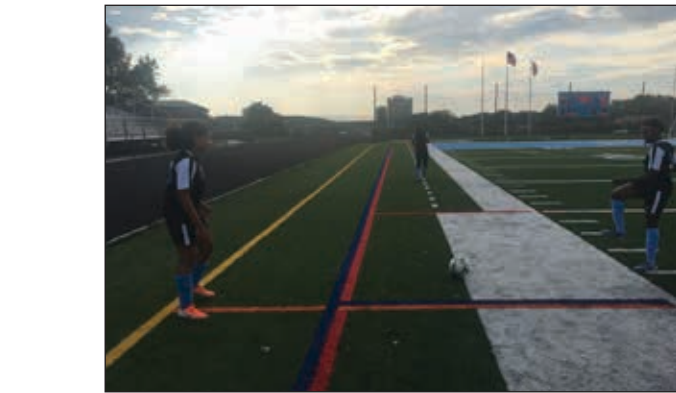


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Charlesima James passes to Mia Hamilton as Rodiat Sanni looks on for the 4-0 ERHS JV Soccer Team.

## Varsity and JV Lady Raiders Romping in County Soccer

by Patrick Gleason

The Eleanor Roosevelt Raiders girls soccer team has continued to assert itself in county play, although more challenging games loom ahead. After a 4-0 victory at Laurel on Tuesday, the Raiders sit atop the Prince George's County standings with a 5-0 league record. Sophie Swart scored twice for the Raiders while senior centerback Louisa Ellison controlled a back line that has yet to give up a goal in county. The Raiders dropped a pair of tournament games to Richard Montgomery and Damascus on September 21, but have used those games as a learning experience as they prepare for the Thursday, October 3 home contest against Parkdale – the team the Raiders have defeated for the last two region crowns. After that, the archrival Bowie Bulldogs visit Greenbelt on Monday, October 7.

### JV Team

The Junior Varsity squad has sprinted to a 4-0 record while not conceding a goal. Goalkeeper Anjalaoluwa Oludayo has yet to

make a save all year as Azinwi McKinney and Princess Olubuse-Omisore have calmly guided the Raider backline. The Raiders defeated Oakland Mills 5-0 in Columbia on September 27, with two goals from Charlesima James, including a sublime volley after a corner kick from Mia Hamilton. Junior Kalila Jenkins-Culver also shined at fullback for the Raiders, while adding an assist. It was the fullback, Hamilton, who started the scoring for the Raiders in their 3-0 victory over Laurel on Monday as she lifted a ball cleared by the Spartans over the goalkeeper. After striker Ariana Phillips continued to break through the Spartan defense, narrowly missing the net, McKinney placed a left-footed shot in the side netting. Junior Amari Muhammad added the last score of the evening, while classmate Nicole Campos sustained the Raider offense with strong play from the left wing. The JV matchups with Parkdale and Bowie will follow the varsity games.

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## A Review

# Jekyll & Hyde: The Musical

by Sandy Rodgers

Don't miss Wolf Pack Theatre's excellent production of the musical *Jekyll and Hyde* at Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) with its talented cast of actors and singers, a great score and an imaginative set and lighting. The play, which premiered on Broadway in 1997, is loosely based on the original novella by Robert Louis Stevenson about a London doctor whose mad genius leads him on a scientific quest to defeat evil, but that instead turns him into a psychopathic monster. In this terrific production, Director Bill Leary chose to emphasize Jekyll's humanity and struggle, rather than just his narcissism and hubris. Upcoming performances of *Jekyll and Hyde* at GAC are at 8 p.m., October 4, 5, 11 and 12 and matinees at 2 p.m. on October 6 and 13.

Act I begins with Dr. Henry Jekyll's (Christopher Overly) visit to his catatonic father at an insane asylum. Grief stricken, Henry vows to find a cure for his father's condition, which he believes is caused by evil. Christopher Overly gives a marvelous performance, demonstrating his acting and singing chops throughout the play. While delivering moving renditions of songs, he convinces us that he can transform from a kindly if obsessive doctor into the hideous Hyde.

Henry presents a research proposal to the Board of Governors at St. Jude's hospital, but they turn him down and accuse him of blasphemy and heresy. All of the board members – except the secretary Simon Stride (Kenneth Lautz), the board's secretary and his future father-in-law Sir Danvers Carew – are rich, pompous hypocrites; the actors do a wonderful job of satirizing them in song and action. There's the Bishop of Basingstoke (Eric Meadows), Lady Beaconsfield (Farah Kidwai), Sir Archibald Proops (Josh Carias), Lady Savage (Penni Barnett) and General Lord Glosup (Davis Wootton-Klebanoff).

When the board (except Sir Carew) rejects Henry, he vows to continue by experimenting on himself. Sequestered in his lab for days, Henry refuses to see anyone. His fiancée Emma Carew (Alexa Haines), her father Sir Carew (Daniel Douek), and Henry's friend John Utterson (Lalo Medina) grow concerned about him. As Emma,

Haines gives a virtuosic performance with her lovely voice, exuding goodness and sanity to counterbalance Henry's madness. Medina's and Douek's acting and singing also shine throughout as they try to save Henry from himself.

Henry takes time out of his research for his and Emma's engagement party, where he appears to relax. Afterwards, the men go off to a bachelor party at the Red Rat, an establishment in seedy Camden Town frequented by prostitutes where gentlemen go to indulge themselves.

The ensemble number *Bring on the Men* features the prostitutes singing, dancing and engaging with the gentlemen in not-so proper ways. The prostitutes, led by their boss Madame Spider (Alex Sands), include Lucy Harris (Lexi Haddad), Nellie (Miranda Austin Tharp), Amelia (Vashti Gray Burgess), and Guinevere (Victoria Rose Brown). They all give stellar performances. When Henry comes upon Lucy being accosted by Madame Spider, he gives her his card and offers to help her if she ever needs it. Throughout the play, Haddad as Lucy, the troubled prostitute with a heart of gold, gives an emotional and evocative performance with her beautiful voice.

Henry returns to his lab where he drinks a formula he has concocted and he transforms into the degenerate Edward Hyde. Hyde returns to the Red Rat and meets

Lucy. He beats her and develops a depraved power over her. Later she visits Henry, shows him her bruises, which he treats; he becomes the protector she trusts. She tells him she loves him, but he rebuffs her. Back in Camden Town, Hyde meets Bishop Basingstoke, argues with him and kills him.

Act 2 begins with a wonderfully energetic ensemble piece called *Murder, Murder* as the Bishop's murder is the talk of the town. Henry continues to drink various formulas, but the evil Hyde only grows stronger. More bodies pile up. Emma, John and Sir Carew try to understand Henry's bizarre behavior. John visits and finds not Henry, but Hyde, who tells him to leave. John returns later to find Henry, who admits that he is Hyde. But he promises that he's developing a formula that will rid him of Hyde.

In a poignant moment, Haines as Emma and Haddad as Lucy sing a moving interwoven set of solos and duets expressing their love for Henry. The innovative staging shows them highlighted in spotlights on opposite sides of the stage, as they're physically in two different locations.

After more troubles, Lucy comes to see Henry and he realizes that Hyde is her abuser. He tells her she must leave town, and she says she will. But Hyde finds her first.

The final scene is at Emma's and Henry's wedding, where Henry believes he has vanquished Hyde. In the denouement, good does triumph over evil, but not as Henry imagined it would.

The set design and the lighting are well done, lending the stage a Gothic atmosphere. Mostly LED candles light the dim stage with spotlights highlighting the actors. A few pieces of fabric hang randomly from the ceiling as if they are spider webs. Scenes are punctuated at times with red and blue staccato strobes that heighten the ominous feeling when Hyde appears or during frenetic dance numbers like *Murder, Murder*. Costuming by GAC is also excellent, with attention to detail in the men's and women's beautiful Victorian outfits.

For tickets, and to find out about other productions coming soon, visit [greenbeltartscenter.org](http://greenbeltartscenter.org).



In the title roles of *Jekyll and Hyde*, Christopher Overly stars in the Wolf Pack production of the play, now showing at GAC. Below, Lexi Haddad plays Lucy Harris.

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## Families, Staff on Lands Day Cover-up at SHL Elementary

by Kaitlyn Levinson



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Lina Dasher (left) and Corey Morgan add mulch to a tree in the school courtyard.

A crowd ranging from toddlers to adults came together to spread mulch over the lawn by Springhill Lake Elementary School in celebration of National Public Lands Day on Saturday, September 28.

Volunteers started their work at 10:30 a.m. under a cloudy sky by breaking up mounds of mulch and spreading it over the lawn between the elementary school and Franklin Park apartments. Children followed the lead of the adults and grabbed gloves, shovels and rakes. One boy decided to use his hands.

The goal was to cover up the bare patches of earth in order to let the soil take hold, said Jason Martin, horticulture supervisor and environmental coordinator.

The mulch, from the pile at Northway Fields, is supposed to reduce erosion. Without the compost to hold the grass and soil together, dirt from the hill flows into the parking lot's storm drain. The pollution then leads into Indian Creek and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay, Martin said.

"We try to embrace environmental stuff in all aspects," Danielle Todd-Jones, a fifth-grade teacher, said. She is counting on this project to reduce pollution in the bay.

The mulch will also make the grounds safer for students. More vegetation will cover exposed roots, which protects the trees and the people walking by, Martin said. The gap between the sidewalk and the grass, especially by the staircase, was a tripping hazard, but the filler soil will minimize that threat.

By noon, the elementary school was busy with the sound of garden tools sifting through earth and the rumble of Assistant Director of Parks Brian

Townsend's tractor. Three employees from the Public Works Department were on duty to volunteer, just like everybody else, they said.

One worker, Corey Morgan, spent his morning between the lawn and the school pushing wheelbarrows full of dirt. His mission was part of a lesser-known goal of Saturday: the revival of the school's long-neglected courtyard.

"It looks like a graveyard," Lina Dasher, a special-education teacher, said. "That's why we need the garden."

Dasher started work on the courtyard last spring after noticing its poor condition. While she managed to pull some of the weeds and plant seeds around the area, a lack of funding stunted progress. She recruited student help by creating the garden club, which as of the end of the last school year had 11 members.

"I want them to see the fruits of their labor," Dasher said. Her end goal is for students to enjoy a view of butterfly bushes, vegetables and flowers as they walk to classes.

Next year's Public Lands Day will focus on a new area, Townsend said. He named Magnolia Elementary School as a possibility.

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