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**Election 2023**

## Challengers Pompei, McKinney, Sekatawa; Incumbent Weaver File for City Council

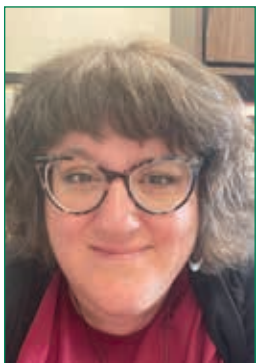
One incumbent, Kristen Weaver, and three challengers, Jenni Pompei, Moses Sekatawa and Danielle McKinney, have filed for Greenbelt City Council. Their nomination forms have been certified by City Clerk Bonita Anderson. Candidate biographies are prepared by the candidates and published as they are received by the paper.

### Jenni Pompei

Jenni Pompei has been living in Prince George's County for more than 25 years, and she and her family have been living in Old Greenbelt since 2018. They decided to move here after outgrowing their previous home because they were already involved in Greenbelt Little League and the local camps and knew this was a community they wanted to be a part of.

Pompi has two children who both attend Prince George's County Public Schools – Oscar is a junior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School and Miles is a freshman in the pre-IB program at

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Jenni Pompei

PHOTO COURTESY JENNI POMPI

### Danielle McKinney

Danielle McKinney is passionate about serving the community, building connections and inspiring collective action.

McKinney learned the importance of embracing other cultures, education and using her unique strengths in service to the community through volunteering, participating in arts and leadership organizations and recreation activities starting at an early age. She carried these interests and values with her when she moved to Prince George's County in 1999 to complete her master's degree in educational leadership and policy at the University of

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Danielle McKinney

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### Moses Sekatawa

Now a citizen of the United States, I was born and raised in Uganda. As a young boy, I witnessed several traumatic events during the Idi Amin regime. My parents told me: "It doesn't matter how the government treats us, we will still dream our dreams." Those painful moments served to build the resilient person that I finally became.

I graduated from Makerere University as a high school teacher in 1989. I've served as a pastor since 1990. My travel history includes several countries in Africa and Europe. My pastoral work

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Moses Sekatawa

PHOTO COURTESY MOSES SEKATAWA

### Kristen Weaver

Kristen Weaver was born in Greeley, Colorado. She earned a bachelor's degree in computer science and psychology (2004) and a master's in education (2006) from the University of Denver. She became a certified teacher in 2005. Weaver taught science and mathematics in Denver Public Schools from 2005-2007. After reconnecting with her now-husband, A.J. Stephens, a friend from childhood, she moved to the D.C. area to teach middle school science in Montgomery County Public Schools from 2007-2013. In 2013 she became an

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Kristen Weaver

PHOTO BY HEATHER MORTIMER

## Updated BEP/BARC Facility Plan Fails to Mollify Council

by Cathie Meetre

At its September 11 meeting, Greenbelt City Council discussed the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) plan for the Department of the Treasury Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) facility and its upcoming final review by the National Capital Planning Commission (NCP). The planned facility is in the central section of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC), between Powder Mill Road to the south and Odell Road to the north. A detailed breakdown of the site plan in a briefing produced by the city's Department of Planning and Community Development can be found at [tinyurl.com/3aae9p7k](http://tinyurl.com/3aae9p7k).

The process is in the final review stage, with a supplemental review scheduled in summer 2024. City staff will testify at a

hearing in early October. The full presentation to NCP is available at [tinyurl.com/4mmm5p8m](http://tinyurl.com/4mmm5p8m).

### BEP's Updated Design

Director of Planning and Community Development Terri Hruby introduced new staff member Community Planner Ryan Sigworth, who presented the update and commented that it incorporates at least some of the city's earlier requests, including reducing the reflectivity of the building. He cautioned the audience that the process for the facility was in its final phases, leaving very little opportunity to alter the outcome.

The materials deal only with the site itself and not wider impacts on local traffic; an update on that is anticipated this fall.

### Dimensions

The height of the building

is in line with mature trees at around 48 feet at its highest point, and the footprint of the building itself is a square, 960 feet per side: ~920,000 square feet, or 22 acres. As shown in the graphic, the building's footprint is very similar to the surface area of Greenbelt Lake and the area of the overall site to that of Buddy Attick Park, including the lake.

The roof hosts 350,000 square feet (eight acres) of solar array and approximately 550,000 square feet (12.6 acres) of turf or green roof. The building is intended to meet LEED Gold standards.

The exterior of the building is mostly glass in a metallic gray inscribed with BEP's signature

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## Lead Levels May Mean Greenbelt Schools Remain on Bottled Water

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) seeks to turn all school fountains back on – after closing them for two years during Covid – but some have been shut off since long before the pandemic due to issues of lead.

When board members spoke with the capital improvements and building services leaders at the May Board of Education meeting, Jonathan Briggs (representing District 2, which includes Greenbelt) raised the question of lead in the water at schools in his district. "I have a number of community members that are reaching out about their children drinking from water bottles throughout the day ... there's an issue with the water," he told presenters.

"We want to make sure that all our students are drinking safe water," responded Associate Superintendent Dr. Mark Fossett. "If we come across a drinking source that tests above the standard and

we cannot remediate it, we'll turn it off. We do have schools in the system that are completely on bottled water ... it's just based on the age of some of our facilities and the piping. Not only the piping that is inside of some of the buildings being aged but also what's running to us from

our utilities. So, it's a precarious situation but we do prioritize certain work orders based on safety and we try to get to as many as possible but you know – \$8 billion deficit, \$2 million maintenance deficit – you need to make

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### PNC Bank ATM Stolen



An excavator is left running in front of the PNC Bank. See story, p. 11.

PHOTO BY GREENBELT POLICE DEPARTMENT

### What Goes On

**Tuesday, September 26**  
7:30 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building  
**Wednesday, September 27**  
7:30 p.m., Council Work-session: Pepco, Municipal Building

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

# Letters to the Editor

## Whole Community Feels Its Impact

Last seen on July 29, 59-year-old Dora Kennedy French Immersion School teacher Mariame Toure Sylla went missing. It was later found that she was brutally murdered. I personally did not know her; rather, I knew she taught my brothers and I would see them on Zoom calls. My brothers and the rest of my family are distraught by the whole situation and attended her funeral on September 8.

No one really expects something like this to happen in a place like Schrom Hills Park, a place where it's normal to see children playing alone at the playground or people strolling by the lake. The park has been one of our main areas of business as a robotics and community service club, there's even a community poetry garden where we invest time. On Sunday, September 10 I went to the park. While there I listened to multiple people, both friends and strangers to Mariame Sylla read out poems and express how they felt about the situation. The head of the poetry garden was never the same as not even she could step anywhere near the park except for events like this knowing what had happened.

Despite not interacting with Sylla, the city of Greenbelt as a whole is very sympathetic to the family and friends who had to deal with this loss. We aim to build and design a bookshelf in Mariame Toure Sylla's name near that garden.

*Geby Jaff*  
A senior at DuVal High School, he heads the Interact Group of Greenbelt Rotary.



## Gordon, Salmerón Save the Day

Folks coming to the 20th Anniversary Greenbelt Blues Festival this past weekend might have noticed a different stage than is usually used for Festivals in Roosevelt Center. That is because the old stage was deemed unsafe by the staff of Public Works, but it was just days before the Festival and that required immediate action to find a solution.

Much appreciation is due to Councilmember Ric Gordon and City Manager Josué Salmerón, as well as the Departments of Public Works and Recreation. These dedicated public servants took a major problem and resolved it in a way that allowed the performers to have a stage, because, as everyone knows, "The show must go on."

Quick action in a bureaucracy is difficult at best, but this time it just took hours to find a solution. And, it was the new city manager's second week on the job. Special thanks to Gordon, and welcome to Greenbelt, Mr. Salmerón, for with your leadership and decisive action in this case, you proved the wisdom of the city council in bringing you to our community.

*Michael Hartman*

## Community Church Honors Responders

Heroes sit and walk among us. Sunday, September 17, was no exception. Greenbelt Community Church held a beautiful, special service honoring our First Responders conducted by our interim minister, Reverend Clara Young.

We thanked and honored Captain Tim White and officers of the Greenbelt Police Department, Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary members,

## Correction

Matthew Inzeo, whose bio was published last week, contacted the News Review to clarify that while he was on the city's Public Safety Advisory Committee, the entire committee worked with the Rite Aid Foundation to install a drug drop box at the Greenbelt Police Station.

PGFD Captain Cole and D shift career firefighters.

Not only speaking for myself but for our Greenbelt Community Church congregants, we say and give a huge thank you to all of our First Responders. You are our everyday unspoken heroes and deserve to be recognized and thanked in a very special way, not only Sunday but every day. Thank you for your dedication, sacrifice, devotion and the protection you provide for us 365-24-7. We are extremely blessed to have the best sitting and walking among us. May God continue to

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OC = Open Captions  
CC = Closed Captions  
DVS = Descriptive Video Service

**SHOWTIMES:**  
**SEPTEMBER 22nd-28th**

**Screen 1 - Main Auditorium**

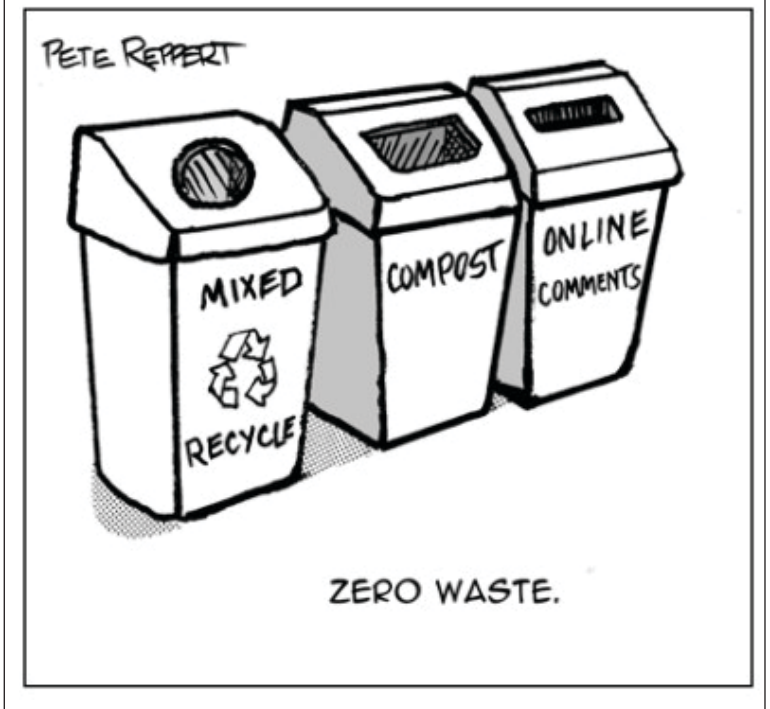
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(2023) (92 mins)  
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Sat. 2:30 PM  
Sun. 2:30 PM (OC), 5:15 PM  
Mon. 2:45 PM, 5:15 PM  
Tues. 7:30 PM  
Wed. 7:30 PM  
Thurs. 7:30 PM

**A Night With the Stars**  
Join us for our 85th anniversary event!  
Doors open at 6:30 PM  
Event begins at 7:00 PM

**Screen 2 - The Screening Room**

**Cassandra (R) (CC) (DVS)**  
(2023) (107 mins)  
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**Fritz Lang's M - (NR)**  
(1931) (99 mins)  
Cinema Classics Lecture -  
Must Register Online!  
Mon. 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM



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## Letters Policy During City Elections

Deadline for letters is 6 p.m. Monday. Submission does not guarantee publication. Letters should be no longer than 300 words (shorter letters are more likely to be published).

Letters may be edited for clarity, grammar, civility and space constraints. The News Review may add a comment from the editor if deemed necessary.

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 requests for the name to be withheld.

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## On Screen at Old Greenbelt Theatre

### Bottoms

A refreshingly unique raunchy comedy, the film focuses on two girls, PJ and Josie, who start a fight club as a way to lose their virginities to cheerleaders. Their bizarre plan works. The fight club gains traction and soon the most popular girls in school are beating each other up in the name of self-defense. But PJ and Josie find themselves in over their heads and in need of a way out before their plan is exposed.

### Cassandra

Saúl Armendáriz, a gay amateur wrestler from El Paso, rises to international stardom after he creates the character Cassandra, the Liberace of Lucha Libre. In the process, he upends not just the macho wrestling world, but also his own life. Starring Gael García Bernal. "Eyes sparkling, he [Bernal] plays Armendáriz with such open-hearted glee that he sweeps the film off its feet," says Tom Shone of the Sunday Times, UK.

### A Night with the Stars

Old Greenbelt Theatre celebrates 85 years on Saturday, September 23. Join Executive Director Caitlin McGrath, honored guests and community leaders for the celebration. Ticket includes event registration, seldom-seen celebrity home movies with live narration, a mini-popcorn and drink, a commemorative pin and brochure and a take-home treat.

### Fritz Lang's M

In this classic German thriller, Hans Beckert (Peter Lorre), a serial killer who preys on children, becomes the focus of a massive Berlin police manhunt. Beckert's heinous crimes are so repellant and disruptive to city life that he is even targeted by others in the seedy underworld network. With both cops and criminals in pursuit, the murderer soon realizes that people are on his trail, sending him into a tense, panicked attempt to escape justice.



# Obituaries

## Kevin Sullivan

Kevin Francis Sullivan, 67, of 12 Court Plateau Place, died unexpectedly on September 7, 2023, at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

He was the youngest of seven children, born on October 5, 1955, to James and Lorraine Sullivan at Doctors Hospital in Washington, D.C.

Kevin graduated from Suitland High School in 1973. In 1974, he became a member of the Steamfitters UA Local 602. During that time, Kevin performed the duties of recording secretary, and in 2003 was elected business agent and continued to perform the duties of business agent until his retirement in 2015.

Kevin's passions included golfing (especially with his Thursday group, The Squires), hiking, kayaking, dancing and making stained glass. He was an avid Ravens and Nationals fan, attending games with friends whenever the opportunity arose. Kevin was dedicated to his recovery over the last 33 years, deeply valued his role in the recovery community, and lived as an example and source of support to those seeking help. Above all else, Kevin loved nothing more than spending time with his beloved children and grandchildren.

Kevin will be remembered for his radiant smile and his clever sense of humor. He created a sense of safety and dependability for his children that will be



PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

Kevin Sullivan

deeply missed. Kevin was the first person to offer help when anyone was in need. He was also quite popular for his moves and presence on the dance floor.

Kevin is survived by his children Leslie Gibbons and Sean Sullivan; son-in-law Charley Gibbons; grandchildren Jack, Ryder and Eli Gibbons; and siblings Maureen Sullivan, Kathleen Sullivan, Jimmy Sullivan, Michael Sullivan and John Sullivan.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Lorraine Sullivan, and his brother, Tommy Sullivan.

A celebration of life will take place on October 15 from 1 to 4 p.m. at The Atreum at Soaring Timbers, 610 N. Bestgate Road, Annapolis, MD 21401.

In lieu of flowers or donations, Leslie and Sean ask that you memorialize Kevin by trying something new. Go dancing, kayaking or travel to somewhere you've always wanted to visit and think of him. Live like Kevin.

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bless and protect each of you.

Thank you to our wonderful minister, Rev. Young, for a beautiful service. A very emotional and moving moment was when Keith Johnson sang America The Beautiful. Accompanying Keith was Sandy Smith Hamlin, Amy S. Hansen, Rick Ransom at the

piano and Tom Gill on guitar, which was perfectly performed with their God-given talents.

Thank you, First Responders. We are forever thankful and grateful to you. May you always be safe so that you may return home to your families and loved ones.

Kathy Reynolds



PHOTO BY KEN LITTLEFIELD

Greenbelt Police Department and Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department First Responders



## Schrom Hills Garden Needs Volunteers

Three Sisters Garden in Schrom Hills Park is in urgent need of volunteers to help maintain and beautify the community garden.


For more information, call Effie at 443-415-1053.



Condolences to the family, friends and neighbors of Kevin Sullivan. He will be remembered fondly by his neighbors on Plateau.

Congratulations to Joseph A. McDougal, a senior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, who was named a National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist. This gives him an opportunity to advance to become a finalist and compete for some of the 7,140 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$28 million that will be offered next spring.


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



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**Greenbelt Bahá’i Community**  
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## Cookies on the Bridge Seeks Volunteers

It's time for some sweetness for the students. This is a call for volunteers who are looking for something fun and worthwhile to do: consider Cookies on the Bridge. On weekdays from 3:15 to 4 p.m., volunteers meet at the Spellman Overpass to offer cookies (and carrots) to students coming home from Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The goal is to ensure the safety of the students as they make their way home.

Those interested or who have questions should contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler, RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness), at spreadruak@gmail.com or 301-345-8755 and leave a message.



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 Exodus 20:7

**IN PERSON Sunday Worship Services**  
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Rev. Ann Kadlecek with Worship Associate Carol Boston

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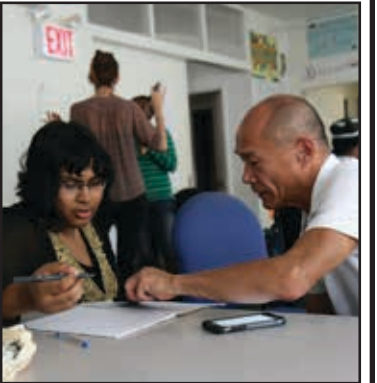


# City Information & Events

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.

## GREENBELT CITY CALENDAR

Be sure to check out the City calendar for all up to date events at [greenbeltmd.gov/calendar](http://greenbeltmd.gov/calendar).



## COMMITTEES & BOARDS VACANCIES VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Volunteering for City of Greenbelt Committees & Boards is an excellent opportunity to engage with your community and make a difference. Choose from a number of committees & boards such as the **Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, the Youth Advisory Committee, or the Advisory Committee on Education**, and make a difference in Greenbelt!

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

Call (301) 474-8000.

## ANNUAL OPEN FORUM September 23, 1 - 2:30 pm Greenbelt Community Center

Hosted by Greenbelt's Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, this forum seeks your input on Greenbelt. Let us know what you like living in Greenbelt, what challenges you face, and more. Main comments will then be reported to City Council.

For information, call (301) 397-2200.

## GREENBELT ARTS

### ARTFUL AFTERNOON EXTRAVAGANZA Sunday, October 1, 1 - 4 pm

Mingle and shop with the Greenbelt Community Center Artists in Residence, participate in free art activities and much more! Visit <https://bit.ly/44LArqF>.

## CITY ELECTION INFORMATION

### DRAWING FOR ORDER OF BALLOT PLACEMENT

A drawing to determine the order of candidates' names on the ballot for the November 7th election will take place in the City Council Room of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 7 pm. Immediately following, a drawing will be held to determine the order for placement of campaign signs on public property for any candidates choosing to participate in that program. For more information, call Bonita Anderson, City Clerk, at (301) 474-8000, or send an e-mail to [banderson@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:banderson@greenbeltmd.gov).

## GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 7:30 pm

### ORGANIZATION

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

### COMMUNICATIONS

- Presentations
- \* Minutes of Council Meetings
- Administrative Reports
- \* Committee Reports

### LEGISLATION

- A Resolution of the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, providing for a Referendum to be held at the Regular Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, to submit to the Voters of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, the Question of Amending the City Charter and Code to Allow Voting by Resident Noncitizens for City Elections; - 2nd Reading, Adoption
- A Resolution Regarding Petition to Referendum to Revoke Charter Amendment Resolution 2023-1 / Resolution 2105 Changing the Language of the City Manager Residency Requirement
- 1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules; 2nd Reading, Adoption

### OTHER BUSINESS

- Contract to Upgrade/Replace City Cameras in Various Buildings (ARPA)
- Contract to Install Fiber between City Buildings (ARPA)
- Purchase of Additional Computers to Support Staff (ARPA)
- Purchase of Replacement Network Switches
- Purchase of a Network Attached Storage Device
- ARPA Status Update
- Reallocation of ARPA Funds – Springhill Lake Recreation Center
- Arched Cantilever Shade – Greenbelt Station
- Briefing on Blue/Orange/Silver Capacity & Reliability Study
- Application for Liquor License – Friends of the Greenbelt Theatre
- Council Activities
- Council Reports
- \* Meetings
- \* Stakeholders
- \* Approval of an on-call contract for engineering services to Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. (GPI)

In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email [banderson@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:banderson@greenbeltmd.gov).

## MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 25-29

Monday, September 25, **NO MEETING - YOM KIPPUR**

Tuesday, September 26 at 7:30 pm, **REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday, September 26 at 3:30 pm, **SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, On the Agenda: Approval of August 29 Minutes, Discussion of Annual Open Forum Event

Tuesday, September 26 at 7 pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**, On the Agenda: Minutes of August Meeting, Labor Day Parade, Grants Update, Preparation for PTA Presidents Meeting

Tuesday, September 26 at 7:30 pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND GREEN TEAM**, On the Agenda: SMC Recertification, EV Event at Beltway Plaza on 9/30, Bring Your Own Bag Ordinance, Curbside Compost Pickup Grant

Wednesday, September 27 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION - PEP CO**

Thursday, September 28 at 7 pm, **FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD**, On the Agenda: Pumpkin Walk, Lessons Learned from Information Day Table, Chair Election Process Under the Dynamic Governance Guidelines, Setting Priorities

In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email [banderson@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:banderson@greenbeltmd.gov). This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call (301) 474-8000. For information on public participation for the meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar).

## GREENBELT JOB FAIR October 14, 12 - 2 PM Beltway Plaza by TJ Maxx

Dive into endless career options at the Greenbelt Job Fair. Ignite your journey with local employers and thrive! Visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov/jobfair](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/jobfair).

## ELECTRIC VEHICLE EVENT September 30, 10 am - 2 pm Beltway Plaza Back Parking Lot

Talk with local Electric Vehicle (EV) owners and their experiences.

Email [sdskolnik@gmail.com](mailto:sdskolnik@gmail.com) for more information.

## GREENBELT LEARN 2 EARN Youth Workforce Development Program Program Starts October 2023

Topics include financial literacy, interview preparation, skills assessments, and more! Hear from local businesses on what they are looking for, paid internships and employment opportunities, stipend rewarded for excellent attendance.

11th and 12th grade Greenbelt residents may apply. This program starts in October and meets for 2 hours every other Saturday. Visit <https://forms.office.com/r/QVjVVeTrB9>.

## NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

SEPTEMBER 23, 10 AM - 1 PM BUDDY ATTICK PARK

Be a part of the community effort to remove invasive plant species from the environment at Buddy Attick Park. Volunteers will work with Public Works staff to remove invasive vines from native trees and to pull other invasive plant species.

Register by email at [kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov).

## EARLY AND MAIL-IN VOTING ANY REGISTERED GREENBELT VOTER MAY CHOOSE TO VOTE BY EARLY VOTING or VOTE BY MAIL-IN 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 Community Center** – (15 Crescent Road)

Saturday, November 4, 10 am – 3 pm and  
Sunday, November 5, 10 am – 3 pm

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

Saturday, November 4, 10 am – 3 pm and  
Sunday, November 5, 10 am – 3 pm

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

Saturday, November 4, 10 am – 3 pm and  
Sunday, November 5, 10 am – 3 pm

**VOTING BY MAIL:** Any qualified voter of the City of Greenbelt may choose to vote by MAIL-IN BALLOT.

**ALL REGISTERED VOTERS WILL RECEIVE IN THE MAIL AN APPLICATION TO VOTE BY MAIL-IN BALLOT. IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO VOTE BY MAIL, YOU MAY DISREGARD THE APPLICATION. YOU MAY VOTE AT ANY POLLING LOCATION ON ELECTION DAY.**

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 mail-in ballot must be received by noon on **Monday, November 6, 2023**. We encourage you to return your application (by mail or in-person) as soon as possible.

Return your executed mail-in ballot by

- 1) Sending it through the U.S. mail in time to arrive by **November 6**,
- 2) Hand-delivering it to the City Clerk's office, or
- 3) Placing it into one of the three drop-box locations. (**Police Station, Schrom Hills Park, and Springhill Lake Recreation Center**)

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

## CITY ELECTION INFORMATION ELECTION CLERKS NEEDED

The City of Greenbelt Board of Elections is seeking several residents who would be willing to serve as election officials on November 7, 2023, from 6 am until about 9 pm. Clerks must also attend a training session on November 6 from 7 pm until about 9 pm.

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

There may also be a need for additional clerks to count mail-in and early voting ballots. This job would entail working for three to four hours in the late afternoon/early evening of November 7. No preliminary training is necessary. The pay for mail-in and early voting ballot clerks is \$50.

Application forms are available on City's website [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov) and at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, by **APPOINTMENT ONLY**. The deadline to apply is September 29, 2023.

For further information, call or e-mail Bonita Anderson, City Clerk, at (301) 474-8000 or [elections@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:elections@greenbeltmd.gov).

## CITY ELECTION INFORMATION Dates & Deadlines for 2023 City Council Elections

First day to receive papers and file nomination petition	8/21
Last day to file nomination petition (5 pm)	9/26
Date of drawing for placement on ballot (7:30 pm)	9/26
First interim Campaign Contributions & Expenditures Report (by 12 pm)	9/29
First day to send out mail-in ballots	10/06
Last day to register to vote (must be received by 4:30 pm in Upper Marlboro)	10/09
Second interim Campaign Contributions & Expenditures Report (by 12 pm)	10/27
Early voting begins	11/04
Training session for election judges and clerks	11/06
Election (7 am - 8 pm)	11/07
Mail-in ballots must be received (by 6 pm)	11/07
Final Campaign Contributions & Expenditures Report (12 pm)	11/10
Charter meeting for swearing-in (7:30 pm)	11/13

For additional information, contact Bonita Anderson, City Clerk, at (301) 474-8000 or email [banderson@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:banderson@greenbeltmd.gov).

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Parkdale. She has been married to her husband, Nelson, for more than 18 years. The family has two pets – a sweet dog, Rocket and a mean cat, Clementine.

Pompi attended the University of Maryland where she earned degrees in journalism and women's studies. In her professional life, she spent many years working as a fundraiser at progressive nonprofit organizations, including Maryland NARAL, the D.C. Rape Crisis Center and a union advocacy organization. She also worked as a community journalist covering several cities in northern Prince George's County, including Bowie, Riverdale Park, University Park and Hyattsville. As a journalist, Pompi had a passion for covering municipal government and grew to know and respect city leaders and the work they do, and as such is an engaged citizen who attends as many local meetings and events as she can. Presently, Pompi works as a magazine editor at a nonprofit membership association located in Annapolis.

Pompi believes in intentional community building and loves making personal connections, which is why she and her whole family are deeply involved in Greenbelt. She is vice president of the ERHS PTSA, and holds membership in Greenbelt's Advisory Committee on Education, the Greenbelt Library, the planning committee for Greenbelt PRIDE in 2023, is a reporter for the Greenbelt News Review, a parishioner at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in College Park and a board member of the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club.

Pompi's husband is an assistant leader for both Greenbelt's local BSA Troop and BSA Venture Crew, of which their children are members.

In her free time, Pompi loves to read books of all genres, play board games with her family, spend time with friends and neighbors and enjoy time outdoors on her back patio.

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Maryland. While at UMD, she created the America Reads-America Counts afterschool tutoring program at Springhill Lake Elementary School.

Following graduate school, McKinney continued to work for educational equity in leadership roles, training educators, community organizations and leaders. For the past 12 years, McKinney has worked for Marriott International, currently serving as senior director of learning and development where she designs and facilitates training programs on service, leadership and hotel operations.

When looking for a home in 2018, McKinney and her husband felt that Greenbelt aligned with their values and interests. She joined the Greenbelt Station Homeowner's Association Grounds Committee. In 2021, she was elected to the HOA Board, serving as treasurer. In 2022, she established the Greenbelt Station Greenspace Collective working with the city and the Neighborhood Design Center to create a master plan bringing residents together to better utilize the green space in the community.

McKinney is passionate about building a healthy lifestyle and inspiring others to do the same. She is a member of the Greenbelt Community Garden Club and enjoys connecting with other Greenbelters while taking classes at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center. For the last six years, McKinney has also served as a volunteer leader for a national nonprofit which offers monthly outdoor recreation activities such as biking, kayaking, hiking and camping in Greenbelt and other local parks.

Born in Rochester, N.Y., McKinney holds a B.A. in government with a minor in Black studies from Claremont McKenna College in southern California. She is an alumna of Teach For America's 1997 corps, where she taught fifth grade and created an arts, science and recreation after-school program in the Long Beach Unified School District.

McKinney looks forward to joining Greenbelt residents on their journey forward.

## College Park Day Festival on Oct. 7

College Park Day is Saturday, October 7 from noon to 6 p.m. at the College Park Aviation Museum and Airport. This annual festival has free activities and entertainment for all ages.

There will be live entertainment on two stages – a main stage with bands and live music and a family stage with performances for children and families.

Aviation enthusiasts of all ages will enjoy browsing the College Park Aviation Museum's exhibits and a helicopter fly-in. The event features a wide variety of food and drink vendors with local restaurants, food trucks and breweries in attendance. Free parking will be available nearby, along with a free shuttle service from select locations, and bike racks. For more information, visit [collegeparkday.org](http://collegeparkday.org).



## At the Library

The Greenbelt Library is open Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m. In case of inclement weather or an emergency, real-time updates to the Library's schedule are posted at [pgcmls.info/alerts](http://pgcmls.info/alerts).

### Storytimes

Friday, September 22, 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/8723447](http://pgcmls.info/event/8723447).

Monday, September 25, 10:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/8723502](http://pgcmls.info/event/8723502).

Wednesday, September 27, 12:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/8723488](http://pgcmls.info/event/8723488).

### Health Help and Talk

Monday, September 25, 11 a.m. ages 18 and over. Under the supervision of registered nurses, University of Maryland (UM) School of Nursing students will conduct free weekly health screenings, referrals, health education and classes on a variety of topics, including stress reduction, healthy eating and nutrition, managing chronic illness and low impact exercises.

The topic for this week's noon talk: Healthy Eating. In this wellness education session, led by UM School of Nursing students and a nutritionist, discover valuable insights into balanced nutrition, meal planning tips and mindful eating practices and a live cooking demonstration. Library participants and community members are welcome to join to savor the flavors of well-being together. The full schedule is available at [pgcmls.info/event/8976245](http://pgcmls.info/event/8976245).

### Hispanic Heritage

The Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) is proud to celebrate Hispanic heritage all year round, and to coincide with National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, PGCMLS is offering programming for all ages countywide. This fall's lineup includes performances from musicians representing Colombia, the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico; a cooking demonstration of the Mexican dish frijoles charros with University of Maryland Extension; a bilingual play with Teatro La Bolsa; a conversation with the editor and a contributor for the anthology Daughters of Latin America co-hosted with the Prince George's County Office of Human Rights; book discussions; crafts; storytimes; STEM activities; and the Library's third annual Festival of Cultures featuring performers from all over the world, including Latin America.

## Toastmasters Meet

Join Greenbelt Toastmasters Club online every first, third and fifth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The club provides a friendly environment for anyone interested in improving their public speaking and leadership skills. Learn more at [greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org](http://greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org).

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in Uganda involved providing counsel and support to prisoners, ex-convicts and their families. I encouraged the church and civic groups to address the needs of high-risk communities in the war-ravaged parts of Uganda.

I am a married man, father of four children and grandfather of five.

I speak several languages fluently including English, Luganda, Swahili, Lusoga, Runyakitara and Lingala. Right now, I am learning Spanish.

I am studying at Regent University for a bachelor's degree in law. After graduation, I plan to use my skills and experience to advocate for the rights of the disadvantaged people.

I hold a view that everyone is valuable, regardless of background, race, gender, age, beliefs, level of education or what society says about them. Human value is neither determined by one's achievements, or failures, nor by the opinions of society. This is well explained in our Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." I believe everyone has rights, and a purpose. The Declaration of Independence further states that "to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their powers from the consent of the governed." So, I intend to cooperate with the government to ensure these natural rights continue to be protected.

I envisage a safer Greenbelt, free of crime, where the disadvantaged are motivated and the well-to-dos don't have to feel sorry for their success. I am also passionate about the protection of our environment.

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outreach specialist at Goddard Space Flight Center, currently with Science Systems and Applications, Inc.

In 2015, Weaver and A.J. moved to the Greenbelt Station neighborhood for proximity to both her work and the Metro. She was also drawn to Greenbelt's history and cooperative ethos. Weaver soon began attending city council meetings to learn more about plans for the walking path to the Metro station. Events such as the Labor Day parade brought back fond memories of July Fourth festivities in her hometown, where neighborhood gatherings were frequent. After years of living in apartments and barely knowing neighbors by sight, Weaver was excited to find in Greenbelt the sense of community she had known growing up.

Since moving to Greenbelt Station, Weaver has been involved in the homeowner's association, currently serving as chair of the Activities Committee, as well as taking a leadership role in the Greenbelt Neighborhood Composting group at Springhill Lake Recreation Center. She served on the Park and Recreation Advisory Board from 2018 until her election to council in 2021, and continues to serve as council liaison to PRAB. She also serves as liaison to the Greenbelt Advisory Committee for Environmental Sustainability, which meshes well with her interest in environmental causes, such as supporting the Better Bag ordinance and promoting electric vehicles and infrastructure, stormwater management and other climate resilience issues as part of the city's planning processes.

As a member of Greenbelt City Council, Weaver is proud to have participated in the distribution of the federal American Rescue Plan Act funding through a variety of projects that support individual Greenbelters, businesses and nonprofits and catching up on infrastructure improvements delayed by the pandemic. Personally, she feels she has been able to contribute to making online meetings more effective and facilitating resident participation during hybrid sessions. If re-elected, she hopes to continue to be part of bringing neighborhoods together and building a stronger sense of community for all city residents.



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# Mail-in Voter Application Delay, Other Voting Updates

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

Despite a September 13 memo from the Board of Elections stating that mail-in voting applications would be sent to registered voters that week, no mail-in applications were mailed. Board of Elections Co-Chair Steve Gilbert says they'll go out this week instead.

The Postal Service delayed approval of the Board of Elections' prepaid postage permit, said Gilbert, and consequently their vendor was not able to mail the applications last week. Another consequence of the prepaid postage difficulties is that mail-in voting applications will require a stamp this year.

**Voting by Mail**

To apply to vote by mail, a voter must first fill out the application and submit it by mail (using a stamp) or via the drop box, located beside the Municipal Building, or in person to the city clerk's office (25 Crescent Road). They will then receive a ballot in the mail, with two envelopes for submission. Any voter who does not receive the ballot and envelopes in the mail after submitting

their application can obtain another set from the clerk's office.

**Paper Ballots Only**

This year everyone who votes will use the same paper ballot, Gilbert told the News Review, regardless of whether they are voting by mail, during the two days of early voting (Saturday, November 4 and Sunday, November 5) or on election day (Tuesday, November 7). This differs from last year when voters were able to cast ballots using voting machines.

**Any Location**

The five voting locations will again be the Community Center, Greenbelt Police Station, Greenbriar Community Center, Schrom Hills Park and Springhill Lake Recreation Center. However, unlike last year, voters can cast their ballot at any of the locations regardless of the precinct they live in.

Gilbert encouraged everyone to vote, be it via mail-in, early voting or on election day.



# Council Concerns Continue With Maglev Train Project

by Cathie Meetre

Two back-to-back development concerns were discussed at the council meeting of September 11, the proposed maglev train project and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing facility (covered in a separate article). Council also delayed approval of the referendum on noncitizen voting for clarification on qualifications for voting, e.g. length of residency or the immigration status of the individual – tabling the vote to the next meeting. In response to a request from Jenni Pompei, council also acknowledged the ongoing concerns with the new ownership of Charlestowne North Apartments.

Other items included congratulations to Greenbelt's summer lifeguards: Aquatics Coordinator Cynthia Brown and two of her team were on hand to receive applause and a certificate. Mayor Emmett Jordan read two proclamations: one for National Public Lands Day and one for National

Hispanic Heritage Month. The retirement of Councilmember Judith Davis and appointment of Konrad Herling to complete the term of Colin Byrd were covered in the issue of September 14.

**Maglev**

In a report by Jill Grant of Jill Grant and Associates on the status of the maglev train project, she emphasized that the city needed to keep its guard up because maglev is not dead and its proponents are well funded, determined and savvy.

Grant explained that although maglev is currently suspended by the Federal Railway Administration (FRA), developers are still moving forward, aiming to be a step ahead in the event that the project restarts.

Precipitating this discussion was a request by the Baltimore-Washington Rapid Rail (BWRR) for a water quality certification for the maglev project. Public comments are required by November 2 and public meetings (in person and online) are scheduled during October. The certification is required because construction impacts wetlands.

Two permits are required – a dredge and fill permit issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and a State of Maryland permit for discharge into waterways and wetlands. Grant

explained that although the state won't issue the permit until the hold is removed, failure by those opposed to review the request within a year – perhaps due to a mistaken sense that the fight is over – would forfeit their right to object if the project is later released by FRA.

Susan McCutchen of the Maryland Coalition for Responsible Transit encouraged the city to continue to participate. She said that the water quality application review is a technical and not a legal decision and echoed that commenting would preserve the right to challenge any final certification.

Grant also discussed the Baltimore station planned for Westport. She said that, although the eminent domain suit failed because BWRR failed to demonstrate "public necessity" (the city filed an amicus brief against the request during that proceeding), negotiations remain ongoing for site acquisition. Grant expected this will result in some compromise on ownership and not necessarily the need to relocate the station.

Council reaffirmed its commitment to opposing maglev, authorizing Jill Grant and Associates to keep representing the city's stake with the already-committed funding.

## Shofar sounds at Center for Rosh Hashanah



Rosh Hashanah gathering at Roosevelt Center



Aviva Glaser and her daughter with Robert Goldberg-Strasser at the Rosh Hashanah gathering

- Photos by Aileen Kroll

## Latinas in Aviation Fly in College Park

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, College Park Aviation Museum and Airport will honor Latinas in Aviation on Saturday, October 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Watch as pilots featured in the Latinas in Aviation book fly into the College Park Airport and share their unique experiences and passion for aviation. This one-of-a-kind event provides an opportunity to meet and hear from contributing authors while learning about the magic of aviation. Explore static aircraft display interactives, presentations, children's activities, mentorship circles and scholarship opportunities throughout the event.

The Museum is located at 1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive, College Park.

## Food Rescue Group Needs Volunteers

Prince George's County Food Equity Council (pgfec.org) has collaborated with Food Rescue US to try to prevent food waste by taking surplus food from restaurants, grocery stores or farmers markets and delivering it to public food banks and soup kitchens in the county. One such "rescue" is located right here in Greenbelt at our local Farmers Market, scheduled each Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. until mid-November. Two volunteers with two cars will show up around 1:45 p.m. and will check in with farmers and vendors to see if they would be willing/able at the close of the market to donate surplus food to a church-run food bank in Laurel. Volunteers will bring cardboard boxes to collect food, then drive for 15 minutes up to Laurel to drop off collected food to church staff, who will keep that food in cold storage until ready to distribute to those in need. If interested, one of the local Food Rescue volunteers, Joe Robbins (robbins629@gmail.com), is happy to answer any questions. Sign up at the following website: [bit.ly/pgcfr\\_signup](http://bit.ly/pgcfr_signup). The group's motto is Be the Rescue.

## Rotary Celebrates International Peace Day

Join Greenbelt Rotary for their International Peace Day celebration on Saturday, September 23 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Buddy Attick Park (555 Crescent Road, Greenbelt).

## Français, s'il vous plaît: French at the Café

A French conversation group meets at the New Deal Café on Thursdays at 6 p.m. All levels and ages welcome.

**Fall Yard Sale**  
at  
**Greenbriar Condos**  
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September 23, 2023  
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Rain or Shine

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**What: Greenbelt's 2nd Electric Vehicle Event**  
**Free Admission**

**When: Saturday, September 30, 10am-2pm**  
**Where: Back Parking Lot at Beltway Plaza by Target**

**Talk with local Electric Vehicle (EV) owners\* See their cars and ask about their EV experiences, EV costs, driving and charging an EV, types of EV chargers, etc.**

**\* If you are an EV owner, and would like to show your vehicle or talk to visitors, please email Steve Skolnik <Sdskolnik@gmail.com>**

**This Event is sponsored by Greenbelt's Green Team & the City of Greenbelt.**

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guilloché\* patterns similar to those used on banknotes to deter forgers. This patterning is designed to minimize bird strikes.

### BEP Traffic Impacts

The entrance for trucks and cars will be on Poultry Road at a new traffic signal on Powder Mill Road. There is an exit onto Odell Road for emergencies and the bulk of the traffic will flow from Interstate 95, either via Route 1 or Kenilworth Avenue/Edmonston Road. All the access roads are currently only one lane in each direction.

### Choked Intersections

Councilmember Rodney Roberts noted that these routes to the Beltway are already choked with traffic and the intersections overwhelmed, so the pressure of the additional 1,200+ employees, constant truck traffic, 40,000 visitors annually and 24/7 operations, in his view, almost inevitably will lead to widening Edmonston Road and the loss of wetlands. Roberts also noted the possibility of extending Sunnyside Road (recently widened) east into BARC fields, turning north along an extended Poultry Road.

Vijay Parameshwaran, commenting from the audience, noted that BEP should have already reported any additional impacts but has now delayed doing so until next year. When Parameshwaran asked BEP about vehicle access via Edmonston Road, the categorical reply he received was that Edmonston would be widened. The review documents do show awareness that the intersections between the Beltway and the facility are already inadequate. (Note: when utility poles were recently replaced on the east side of Edmonston Road starting at the recently widened Sunnyside Road and running north to Powder Mill Road, they were relocated about 50' away from the current roadbed, suggesting that Edmonston Road may be widened.)

### Waste Water

USACE has made a change in how wastewater is to be managed compared to its original plan from April this year. In the April plan, the approximately 120,000 gallons per day of wastewater were to be discharged to USDA's sanitary sewer system and the treated water thence to a tributary of Beaverdam Creek and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay. Contaminants were to be trucked offsite. The plan now proposes that wastewater will go to WSSC Water for disposal via a connection point on Odell Road with pretreatment to remove contami-



When the 920,000 sf footprint of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing building (orange square) proposed for BARC is compared to the city, the building's footprint (~21 acres) is comparable to the Lake's surface area (~23 acres). The site (yellow shape) is equivalent to Buddy Attick Park in its entirety.

nants to be trucked out as before.

When resident Edith Beauchamp recently inquired about the USACE strategy with WSSC's Office of Public Affairs, they were apparently unaware of the plan.

Stormwater is to be handled within the site.

At the council meeting, it was incorrectly stated that WSSC does not deal with industrial wastewater, whereas in fact they have a robust and longstanding program for this.

### Actions

Council requested staff to prepare a comments document for

transmission to USACE and BEP and to follow up on the questions raised at the council meeting, including the wastewater concerns.

\*Wikipedia says, "Guilloché (/ɡɪˈlɒʃ/; or guilloche) is a decorative technique in which a very precise, intricate and repetitive pattern is mechanically engraved into an underlying material via engine turning, which uses a machine of the same name, also called a rose engine lathe.

Guilloché is used extensively in designing and printing currency to deter forgers."



Greenbelt Lake at sunset

PHOTO BY MARA HEMMINGER

# Parke Crescent Worksession Includes Wider Discussion

by Michael Zeliff

The Greenbelt City Council met for a worksession on Wednesday, September 13 to discuss flooding problems at Parke Crescent Apartments. Since the Parke Crescent representative was unable to attend, other matters were discussed. Mayor Emmett Jordan asked for legislative priorities that he can take to an upcoming meeting of mayors from District 22.

### Priorities

Initially, plans to build the maglev train project and a new Bureau of Engraving print facility on land in the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center were mentioned and Councilmember Silke Pope reported problems with air conditioning and the cafeteria at one Greenbelt school, and the recent shooting of a student near DuVal High School.

Concerns got gradually less state level and more city oriented as Councilmember Ric Gordon identified the need for safe pedestrian crossings at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, among other locations.

When Jordan mentioned that the city's outdoor bleachers for special events like the upcoming Blues Festival are in poor condition, City Manager Josué Salmorón answered that he is pursuing rentals and other options.

### Water Management

The discussion turned in general to water management problems, with Councilmember Rodney Roberts recounting his conversation recently with a man in Greenbelt carrying architectural plans for possibly laying down a 60-inch pipe for channeling stormwater into a local creek. Roberts thought a better idea would be to capture that water on higher ground instead of flooding the creek. Director of City Plan-

ning and Community Development Terri Hruby responded online that the person Roberts met is part of an assessment study to be completed in two weeks in consultation with Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

Jordan asked Hruby about the water retention pond located near Bank of America and Greenwood Village Apartments on Hanover Parkway. Hruby responded that the company hired to solve the sedimentation problem there is honoring their contract signed with the city.

### Charlestowne North Pool

As part of a broader discussion, Pope mentioned problems with dirty water in the swimming pool at Charlestowne North Apartments. Hruby responded that the challenge is educating the building's staff on regulations governing swimming pools. She also explained that longtime residents at Charlestowne North have become uncomfortable with its new owners and that the city intends to inspect all of the apartments there, up from the normal rate of 50 percent. (See additional coverage of Charlestowne North in the September 14 issue of the News Review).

### Parke Crescent License

The worksession concluded with Hruby stating that Parke Crescent Apartments's rental license is due for renewal this month. She confirmed that smoke alarms have been replaced and there are no open violations. With regard to flooding problems there, Hruby added that the supervising inspector reported there were no plans to rent affected apartments already empty, but she could not confirm compliance with eviction notices to clear affected apartments that still are occupied.



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# School News

## Roosevelt Launches Chapter Of Youth Climate Institute

by Jenni Pompi



PHOTO BY ERHS GREEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Eleanor Roosevelt student members of the ERHS Green School Committee participate in the Schmidt Center's Green Institute at Bladensburg Waterfront Park spring 2023, collecting data on muscels, which are used for cleaning the Anacostia River. Students at Roosevelt are already very environmentally conscious, so the Youth Climate Institute will complement current activities well.

This year, Eleanor Roosevelt High School will be among the first of Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) to launch a chapter of the Youth Climate Institute, a program started by the Howard County Conservancy to "educate and certify the next generation of leaders on climate science, environmental justice and real-world solutions."

As a 2023 Maryland Certified Green School, students and faculty at Roosevelt are no strangers to the concepts of sustainability and environmental conservation. The school's construction club does a lot of refurbishing, the school pantry collects used clothing and distributes it to those in need and even the tech club and astronomy club do green-related school projects.

David Eisenberger is the engineering teacher and co-chair of the school's Green School Committee, which is behind the effort to bring the Youth Climate Institute to Roosevelt.

Eisenberg met Jessica Kahout, manager of the Youth Climate Institute, at PGCPS's Schmidt Outdoor Education Center earlier this year. "I was looking to expand opportunities and networks for students," said Eisenberg.

The Institute started in 2021, according to its website, in response to students who wanted to stay engaged with climate action and education during the pandemic. The program was so successful it spawned new chapters to meet growing interest. Eisenberg thought a chapter would work well at Roosevelt, and would complement the work students are already doing.

"We have a lot of kids in school who are green conscious,"

he said. Students at the school have a very strong presence on the Green School Committee, which is made up of staff and student representatives from various clubs whose activities contribute to the school's Green School Certification.

Eisenberg sees the Youth Climate Institute as a way to enhance learning and compliment the green programs already at Roosevelt. "Students really love taking ownership over these things," he said, "but I also see this as a way for them to learn what's going on with other students from other schools - that way they can share ideas and brainstorm. This would help strengthen our already strong program."

In addition to the environmental science classes offered at Roosevelt, a lot of the school's green initiatives already fight climate change, Eisenberg said. For example, last year, Roosevelt students launched an on-site composting program. This year, the Get into Tech Club will be readying a boat to deploy to the north Atlantic, where it will collect temperature data, and Roosevelt's E4USA class is looking into piloting a unit working with windmills.

"There is so much going on. I thought, why don't we take what's going on and share what they are doing and give them a chance to network with other schools?" Eisenberg said.

Students interested in joining the Roosevelt chapter of the Youth Climate Institute should email Eisenberg at david.eisenberg@pgcps.org.



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choices."

Briggs asked if access to drinking water was factored into the capital improvements prioritization and the answer appeared to be "no," in part because it may not be possible to remediate lead in the water during renovations and refurbishments and "you're talking about a total rebuild" to get drinkable water in some cases, Fossett said.

### Lead Levels in Greenbelt

Greenbelt schools may be waiting for lead remediation before they have access to all their water fountains. In what appear to be the most recent lead testing results, all Greenbelt schools have at least one water source with unacceptable levels of lead. Greenbelt Elementary, tested in 2019, had one water source at or above 5 ppb. Springhill Lake Elementary, tested in 2017, had three such water sources. Magnolia Elementary, tested in 2017

and 2019, shows 13 sources at or above 5 ppb (these appear to be different sources tested in different years based on their location codes). Dora Kennedy French Immersion was tested in 2017 and had two water sources above 5 ppb. Greenbelt Middle, tested in 2017, had one source with lead over allowable levels, and Eleanor Roosevelt High, tested in 2017, had 10. The Code of Maryland Regulations requires that lead testing take place every three years in schools. Exceptions may have been made during Covid since several Greenbelt schools don't appear to have been tested for five years. Briggs and Director of Building Services Sam Stefanelli did not respond to questions from the News Review about the timeline for retesting Greenbelt schools nor the prospects for and history of success with remediation efforts in Greenbelt.



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Participants display mixed reactions to a ride at the 2023 Greenbelt Labor Day Festival.



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## Volunteers Are Needed For Pollinator Festival

The Friends of the Patuxent Wildlife Center are seeking volunteers for the Pollinator Festival on Saturday, September 23. From 8 to 9:30 a.m., volunteers are needed to help set up shade structures, tables and chairs, parking signs and to help educational presenters get to their tables. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., volunteers are needed for distributing site maps; answering questions; general public engagement and safety; checking on trashcans and bathroom supplies; purchasing ice ahead of time and stocking, setting out and checking on coolers.

From 2:15 to 2:45 p.m., volunteers are needed to help take down and store tents; wipe down and store tables and chairs; pick up trash; break down water coolers; and assist with other tasks.

The Festival is being held at the National Wildlife Visitor Center, 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop.

Contact Liz Humes at remeadowl@gmail.com to volunteer.

Volunteers are also needed for Friends of Patuxent's Team Whooping Crane first annual Walk for the Wild, Saturday, October 7 at South Tract. Volunteers are needed October 7 between about 8 a.m. to noon to help set out mile-markers along the trail before the scheduled 10 a.m. walk and to staff the Walk Participant Sign-in and Swag table(s), and other tasks. Contact Stephanie Kaufman at stephaniekaufman.fop@gmail.com or 202-316-8776 or Karen Atwood at atwoodkaren54@gmail.com or 717-602-8031.



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# Herber's Sculptures, Paintings Transform Shapes into Nature

by Liz Faust

The Community Center art gallery is currently presenting the exhibition Memory, Place, Trace, featuring sculptures and mixed media paintings by Artemis Herber. The gallery is filled with a captivating array of forms and figures adorned with bold, vivid striped patterns on geometric shapes, patterns referred to by the artist as Danger Zones. These patterns are recognizable, resembling traffic cones, painted roads and warning signs that caution us about potential dangers. Herber takes these distinctive stripes and applies them to wooden panels, complementing her unique cardboard sculptures.



Starless Rivers and Sea of Knowledge by Artemis Herber

The cardboard elements contort, fold and bend in unconventional ways, departing from the usual cubical forms. Glimpses of body parts briefly appear amidst the folds; an arm here, a shoulder there, rising from rugged and cavernous landscapes. These works are, in essence, landscapes themselves.

On two walls, clouds, mountains and geological formations take shape, some rendered in vibrant hues, others in muted natural tones. Herber's choice of recycled materials prompts a compelling question. Can we still discern our presence within the natural landscape, which we've rapidly depleted since the Industrial Revolution, disrupting the delicate balance of growth and decay?

One notable work in this context is Sea of Knowledge, a large painting adorning the entrance wall. It portrays a dark expanse against a softly muted, stormy sky.

This piece underscores the contrast between nature and the man-made, as Herber employs deconstructed Amazon boxes as her canvas, embellishing them with diverse found materials like coffee, dried flowers and sand.

What is emblematic of our modern culture – online shopping and shipping – has been ingeniously transformed into a representation of nature.

The larger freestanding sculptures, fusing human forms, landscapes and Danger Zones, along with the use of diverse materials, both natural and man-made, serve to provoke thoughts on the consequences of our actions on the environment.

What remains hidden, with only faint traces visible, is an underlying collaboration between Herber and Cynthia Word of the Word Dance Theater. By scanning a QR code near the entrance or referring to the provided handout, visitors can access a short video showcasing this process. Herber and her team wet and drape large sheets of cardboard over dancers who clutch, grasp and roll within the confines of this material in an outdoor setting. Eventually, the dancers emerge from the cardboard shells, revealing their final positions, and are now visible before us in the gallery, a transformation from the human-made back into the natural.

Through the amalgamation of materials, process and visually captivating elements, Memory, Place, and Trace offers a poignant reflection on our interconnectedness with the environment and the indelible traces we leave behind. It leaves us with a profound and compelling perspective on our place in the world.

The exhibition continues through Monday, October 9. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sun-



Persephone by Artemis Herber

- Photos by Vivian Marie Doering

day, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Participate in a cardboard sculpture workshop with Artemis Herber on Sunday, October 1 (ages 14 to adult). See page 6 of the Greenbelt Recreation Fall Activity Guide for details: [bit.ly/3OGrNDW](https://bit.ly/3OGrNDW).

City of Greenbelt arts programs are supported in part by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the Maryland State Arts Council. For more program information, visit [greenbeltmd.gov/arts](https://greenbeltmd.gov/arts).



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# 17-Year-Old Arrested for Murder of DuVal Student Medrano-Moore

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

On Friday, September 15, Prince George's County Police Chief Malik Aziz announced the arrest of a 17-year-old for the murder of 16-year-old Jayda Medrano-Moore. Medrano-Moore was fatally shot shortly after leaving her high school on September 11. Police now believe she was attempting to intervene in a conflict between two groups of students, including her brother.

The teenager charged in her murder is also a Prince George's County Public Schools student from Charles Herbert Flowers High School. He is being held without bond and being charged as an adult.

At the press conference, Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks said the issue of youth crime couldn't be remedied by the government alone but required the community and home involvement. The young people are not responsible for themselves, she said, asking where the parents, aunts, uncles and others were.

Prince George's County State's Attorney Aisha Braveboy spoke to youths directly, warning them that their peers would not be intimidated and would speak up as they have in this case and that they would be charged as adults for adult crimes.

## Pollinator Festival At Patuxent Refuge

The Pollinator Festival will be held at the National Wildlife Visitor Center, 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, on Saturday, September 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This is a family-friendly event that has something for all ages, with information on how to attract pollinators to a yard or garden. Kids activities including the release of live monarch butterflies to continue on their incredible migration, live insects, beekeeping demonstrations, pollinator hikes and free native plant giveaways.

This is an outdoor event, so prepare accordingly. In the event of inclement weather, activities will move indoors. The Pollinator Festival will occur rain or shine.

## Community Orchestra Welcomes Musicians

A community orchestra has started up in Greenbelt, rehearsing on Thursday evenings. There is still room for more strings and some brass instruments. For more information, visit [GreenbeltOrchestra.org](https://GreenbeltOrchestra.org).



## Audubon to Celebrate Wildlife Migration

Prince George's Audubon Society will have its annual Mi Casa Es Su Casa Wildlife Migration Celebration on Saturday, September 23, at Lake Artemesia Park at Berwyn Road and 55th Avenue, Berwyn Heights, between 9 a.m. and noon. Free bilingual activities will include kids' nature crafts, bird walk, advice on native plant gardening and a monarch butterfly display. Live birds of prey will be there from 10 to noon. Come to learn about and celebrate the amazing migration of diverse wildlife through Maryland.

## Donate Sneakers For People in Need

Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ (GCC) is collecting athletic shoes by partnering with GotSneakers. This sneaker recycling program helps to keep sneakers out of landfills, where they have harmful effects on the environment.

A donation box is located outside the Fellowship Center (the small building behind the church) for people to drop off sneakers at any time.



Work is underway on the stormwater retention pond at Ora Glen Drive and Hanover Parkway. The retrofit of the pond will allow for improved removal of pollutants from storm runoff before releasing it into local waterways.

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# Police Blotter

Incidents reported here occurred September 11-17, 2023. Readers are encouraged to contact the police if they have information that may aid in an enquiry. Call the non-emergency number 301-474-7200 or email [pd@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:pd@greenbeltmd.gov). Times provided are when the incidents were reported.

Greenbelt Police Department reported three domestic disputes, one involving a warrant, and one mental health diversion involving suicide.

**Assault**

On September 15 at 2:05 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a man was walking on the foot trail from Breezewood Drive toward the mall when he was pushed from behind. He fell to the ground and was punched in the stomach by a suspect who said "stupid gay guy" and threatened to kill him. The man suffered minor injuries to his knees and ran to the mall for help.

**Robbery**

On September 13 at 4:11 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, officers responded to the rear of Beltway Plaza for a reported fight. A juvenile had been attacked by approximately eight juveniles who beat him, took his sneakers and cell phone, and fled. The suspects arrived in an SUV still on the scene, which had been stolen from Greenbelt. The man was treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

**Break-in**

On September 13 at 10:07 a.m. near 6000 Breezewood Drive, a woman was at home when a man entered her residence with a key. He fled when she called the police. Officers looked for a man fitting the description but didn't find him. Maintenance changed the locks.

**Attempted Robbery**

On September 17 at 9:22 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a man said another man tried to rob him at the ATM. When the man fought back the suspect fled on foot toward Greenbelt Road.

**Robbery**

On September 11 at 4:15 p.m. near Springhill Lane and Breezewood Court, a juvenile was attacked by six juveniles wearing Greenbelt Middle School eighth-grade uniforms, who struck him and stole his shoes.

**Bank Robbery**

On September 14 at 1:49 p.m. near 6200 Greenbelt Road, officers responded to a reported robbery and met with the bank manager who stated that a subpoena would be needed to obtain the victim's information and the CCTV footage. This incident will be investigated.

**DUI Arrest**

On September 15 at 12:22 a.m. near 6100 Cherrywood Lane, an officer during a traffic stop noticed empty beer bottles and three unopened beer bottles in the front passenger area. The driver stated that he did not have a license, and the officer had him step out of the vehicle. A strong odor of alcohol was on his breath. He underwent a standardized field sobriety test which showed multiple signs of impairment. He was placed under arrest for the suspicion of DUI and taken to the station.

**Suspicious Person**

On September 15 at 11:49 p.m. near 6400 Cherrywood Lane, a man wearing a white hat opened a woman's front door and entered her residence. Upon making eye contact with her, he ran away toward the stairs. The property manager changed the locks.

On September 17 at 1:01 a.m. near 200 Lakeside Drive, a wom-

an watching TV noticed a red laser shine through her balcony window. She went to see where it was coming from and saw two subjects dressed in all black running away toward the playground.

**Fraud**

On September 12 near 9100 Springhill Lane, a woman received a check to purchase equipment for a new job. Upon depositing it the bank notified her the check was fraudulent. The bank is investigating.

On September 12 near 225 Lakeside Drive, money was withdrawn from a woman's EBT card still in her possession. The charges came from Delaware.

On September 14 near 6900 Lady Anne Court, an unauthorized transfer was made out of a man's bank account. The bank is investigating.

On September 14 near 9100 Springhill Lane, a man's bank account was hacked when someone posing as an account manager from his bank called claiming there was suspicious activity on his account. The caller asked him to verify his name, date of birth and address, and the man complied. The caller then asked him to open a link and read a security code sent to his cell phone. The man then saw that all the money was taken from his account.

**Theft**

On September 11 at 9:04 a.m. near Lakeside Drive and Westway, a man left his backpack while getting on the Metro bus and when he returned it was gone.

Packages were stolen September 11 at 7:53 p.m. near 6400 Cherrywood Lane, and September 13 at 11:47 a.m. near 9300 Edmonston Road.

Commercial theft occurred September 14 at 5:21 p.m. near 7500 Greenbelt Road; September 15 at 2:32 p.m. near 5900 Greenbelt Road (when questioned the man returned all the items and left); September 16 at 6:45 p.m. near 5910 Greenbelt Road, and at 6:59 p.m. near 5910 Greenbelt Road.

**D.C. Juvenile Found**

On September 13 at 2:20 a.m. near Cherrywood Lane and Springhill Drive, a juvenile from D.C. was located and returned safely to the parent.

**Vehicle Crimes  
Stolen Vehicles**

The following vehicles have been stolen: on September 12 near 9300 Edmonston Road, a 2019 black Kia Sorrento (Md. 1DS3108), and near 5800 Cherrywood Terrace, a black 2012 Jeep wrangler (Md. 7FJ0473); on September 13 near 9300 Edmonston Road, a 2016 Audi Q3 (Md. 7DB3082); on September 14 near 7800 Walker Drive, a white Mazda 3 (Pa. MBN1894), near 124 Westway, a black Hyundai Sonata (Md. 4ET7374), near 6200 Springhill Court, a red Kia Soul (N.C. JFS4570), and near 9300 Edmonston Road, a blue Kia Forte (Md. 4EZ3742); on September 16 near 200 Lakeside Drive, a white 2012 BMW 328i (Va. TNY7144); on September 17 near 8200 Canning Terrace, a 2013 Hyundai Sonata (the victim could not provide the tag number); and near 6000 Springhill Drive, a gray 2015 Nissan Altima (Va. TPA8572).

**Attempted Theft of Vehicle**

Several vehicles, attempted stolen, were found with damaged windows and ignition: on September 13 near 9100 Edmonston Road, a 2013 Hyundai Elantra; on September 14 near 6100 Breezewood Drive, a 2017 Hyundai Santa Fe; on September 15 near 9100 Edmonston Court, a 2012 Hyundai Elantra, and near 9100 Springhill Lane, a 2013 Hyundai Elantra. On September 16 near 6100 Breezewood Court, a 2015 Kia Forte had a damaged window.

On September 15 near 6116 Breezewood Drive, a witness reported two people attempting to break into a vehicle, who then left on foot toward a nearby building. Officers located the 2015 Hyundai Elantra with a window shattered and ignition damaged. Contact was made with the owner who said nothing inside had been stolen.

**Stolen Vehicles Recovered**

On September 11 near 6100 Breezewood Court, a 2020 black Hyundai Tucson was found running with the window broken and the ignition switch damaged.

On September 12 near 7200 Hanover Parkway, an officer found a 2013 Hyundai Elantra with ignition damage and front and rear windshields smashed. The vehicle had been stolen from New Carrollton and was impounded for safekeeping.

On September 14 at 6:51 p.m. near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace, a juvenile male was speeding in a black 2015 Kia Optima and lost control, striking a gray 2020 Dodge Ram. The juvenile fled on foot. The Kia had a broken window and ignition damage, and the owner had reported his vehicle missing.

On September 15 near 6000 Springhill Drive, a 2014 Kia Forte was reported stolen and found the same day with a damaged window and ignition.

On September 15 near Hanover Parkway and Greenbelt Road, a Hyundai Sonata was found with ignition damage, running in the roadway while unoccupied. It was towed for safekeeping, and later that day the owner reported it stolen.

**Theft from Auto**

On September 11 near 9100 Edmonston Court, a 2017 Toyota Rav4 had a broken window and cash and a disability placard were stolen.

On September 14 near 7800 Walker Drive, a Chevy Equinox had a damaged window and a wallet was missing; near 6400 Cherrywood Lane, a 2019 black Mazda had an Amazon keyboard with mouse and a 55-inch Samsung TV stolen; near 10 Southway, a Honda Civic was ransacked but nothing was stolen.

On September 16 near 7800 Mandan Road, a 2006 Jeep

Wrangler had the tags stolen.

On September 17 near 7500 Mandan Road, a 2016 Mercedes Benz C300 had the steering wheel airbag and a pair of black sneakers stolen.

**Vandalism of Auto**

On September 11 near 6100 Breezewood Court, a 2022 Toyota Highlander had spray paint on the side of the vehicle covering most panels and windows. The owner reported a parking dispute with a neighbor. On September 11 near 7700 Hanover Parkway, a 2018 Toyota Rav4 had all four doors and trunk scratched with a sharp object.

Damaged windows occurred on September 11 near 6100 Breezewood Court on a 2010 Ford Fusion; September 12 near 6100 Breezewood Court on a

2013 Hyundai Sonata; and September 13 near 9100 Springhill Court on a 2013 Sonata. Broken windows but nothing stolen were reported September 11 near 9100 Springhill Lane on a 2013 Hyundai Accent; September 16 near 8100 Lakecrest Drive on a 2009 Hyundai Santa Fe, and a vehicle near 9300 Edmonston Road.

**Accident**

On September 15 at 2:31 p.m. near Megan Lane and Hanover Parkway, the father of a driver that hit a tree and street sign walked into the Greenbelt police station to report his son's accident. He advised that his son was running late for work and couldn't wait, and had asked his father to report the incident for him.

## Thief Uses Excavator to Steal ATM From Bank on Hanover

In the early hours of Sunday morning, September 17, a thief stole an excavator from the construction site at Hanover Parkway, where a stormwater management project has been underway at the pond. According to a witness, the thief drove the excavator across Hanover Parkway to PNC Bank and used the excavator to rip out the ATM and lift it onto a pickup truck. The thief then fled the scene with the ATM.

Greenbelt Police were called to PNC Bank around 4:30 a.m. for an alarm at the ATM. They arrived to find the excavator still running at the scene and the ATM gone.



Debris left after ATM theft at the PNC Bank

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# Traces of the Trade: A Story From a Family of the North

by Mary Moien

On August 21, film documentarian Katrina Browne presented her film *Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North* at the Reel & Meal monthly series at the New Deal Café. The Prince George's County Peace & Justice Coalition and the Utopia Film Festival committee organize this series of films. This specific presentation was hosted by the Greenbelt Bahá'i Community.

A large in-person and Zoom group heard Browne describe how her ancestors in Rhode Island were significant in what is known as the triangle slave trade. The movie followed her family history and included some contemporary family members who actually traveled to Africa to visit that point of the triangle. Many people have felt that slavery was only an issue in the South, but this film showed that there was substantial collaboration by the North, especially the Northeast.

A large part of the evening was spent in small group and general discussions to see how this new information can be used by individuals and groups to change how slavery is viewed. And to see if or how the information can be used by individuals and the Greenbelt Reparations Commission. One important point made was that individuals can work on their own to help with change even while groups are discussing larger issues.

For those who wish to learn more about the film and follow-up activities, information can be found at [TracesoftheTrade.org](http://TracesoftheTrade.org).

There was also discussion about having dialogue circles in Greenbelt for those who want to be more involved. Jim Fischer of the Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association is the contact and can be reached at [jfischer2@verizon.net](mailto:jfischer2@verizon.net).



PHOTO BY DONNA HOFMEISTER

Documentarian Katrina Browne discusses her video *Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North* at the August 21 Reel and Meal.

# 60th Anniversary of 1963 March Elicits Memories of MLK, Family

by Edith J. Beauchamp

Thousands of people came from all over the country – from California, Michigan, Kentucky and also from Greenbelt – to hear the speakers at the 60th anniversary of the original 1963 March on Washington, famously known for Martin Luther King Jr.'s *I Have a Dream* speech.

The Commemorative March on Saturday, August 26 (the original was on August 28, 1963) was described as a “continuation” of the work for civil rights and equal rights and the need to continue to move forward with hope and direct action. Hundreds of different groups collaborated, just as they had 60 years ago, to coordinate this year’s event. The King family and the Rev. Al Sharpton headlined the event as the keynote speakers, along with Congressional leaders, nonprofit leaders and a few celebrities, who spoke in turn continuously from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. The peaceful yet enthusiastic crowd was then asked to march from the Lincoln Memorial to the MLK Jr. Memorial, which concluded the day’s events.

The King family also emphasized the need for gun sense legislation in their speeches, as survivors of the tragic loss of their father and grandfather, Martin Luther King Jr., who was shot, because gun violence is now the leading cause of death of children in the United States. Martin Luther King III followed a moving speech by his young daughter, Yolanda Renee King, and his wife Arndrea Waters King. Yolanda King, now in high school, also spoke with the student group Students Demand



PHOTO COURTESY EDITH BEAUCHAMP

Edith Beauchamp arrives early for the 60th Commemoration of the March on Washington and to honor her mother’s legacy of work on civil rights, equal rights and freedom of the press.

Action and Everytown for Gun Safety at the 2018 March for Our Lives, at Freedom Plaza in D.C.

People on Saturday carried signs of all types, professionally printed and handmade, including Ban Assault Rifles, Not Books.

Edith Beauchamp was there to honor her mother, Dr. Virginia Walcott Beauchamp, who worked on the News Review staff from 1957 to 2016 (she died in 2019), but in 1952 had participated in a successful lunch counter sit-in in Columbia, Mo., where she was teaching at a women’s college. The events were with the Congress of Racial Equality, founded by James Farmer in 1948. Beauchamp married her husband in 1954 when both were graduate students at the University of Chicago. Her father-in-law, a religious leader in D.C., had worked with Mary McLeod Bethune and A. Philip Randolph to organize

the clergy and other nonprofit groups to support the Brown v Board of Education case, and with Farmer and the NAACP in D.C. from 1950-52 to desegregate the National Theatre. The NAACP and Beauchamp’s congregation picketed every night for two years at what is now called Freedom Plaza, in front of the National Theatre.

A commemorative statue to Marian Anderson was also on display at Saturday’s March. Anderson sang at the Lincoln Memorial in 1939 after she was not allowed to perform at Constitution Hall. Eleanor Roosevelt intervened to open up the national park at the Memorial for her concert, which was nationally broadcast. This was one of the catalyzing events in galvanizing wider spread support for civil rights following World War II.

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## Happy Retirement Karen

The McCarl Dental Group thanks Karen Faherty for 39 years in our dental office. Karen started as a dental assistant in 1984 the same year doctors Clayton and Jay McCarl graduated from Dental School and joined the practice. She transitioned to the front desk and occupied the seat closest to the front door, greeting patients and friends for many years. Helping patients, answering questions, planning office events, keeping track of past and present employees were all great skills of Karen. Sometimes our office seems like “cheers, a place where everybody knows your name”. Karen was a big part of that. Thank you and enjoy your retirement.



Karen with husband Bob



Karen with Dr. Clayton and J Davis.

# Checkmate with the Chess Club at Labor Day Festival

The Greenbelt Chess club participated in the Labor Day Festival Information Day. Members provided information about the club and played chess with visitors.

- Photos by Effie Levner



A young couple encourages two of their children to participate in chess playing, urged on by Chess Club founder Effie Levner, second from right, and Matt Elliott, right, who organized the Club's Information Day booth.



Multiple boards are in use as Chess Club members and visitors of all ages engage with the game.



Madeleine Jepsen, club member, left, introduces a friend to the game.



Young visitors play chess.



Liz Perkinson, Chess Club member, plays chess with a young visitor.

# Golden Age Club Learns About Indigenous People

by Mary Moien



PHOTO BY ROBIN OLSON

Kyla Hanington gives a presentation on Indigenous people.

On August 9, Greenbelt resident Kyla Hanington introduced the Greenbelt Golden Age Club to the incredible diversity of Indigenous nations, languages and cultures in the United States and Canada today. Hanington earned a degree in Canadian history and First Nations studies. The presentation was a broad discussion of the history and current status of Indigenous peoples. Hanington mentioned that these people were always here and are still here. It is we who are the uninvited guests living on their homesteads.

Hanington stated that there are almost 600 federally-recognized bands in the U.S. and a similar number in Canada, her home country. A map on the screen showed the locations of the various tribes. She addressed the issue that settlers came to this

country and expected to be welcomed by those already here. In more recent times, she described the issue in both Canada and the U.S. of children being forcibly removed from their homes and punished for speaking their native languages.

Hanington had brought her extensive library of books about Indigenous peoples and there was some time to look at the books. Since there were many questions from the audience and the topic was so broad, the discussion only touched briefly on many issues.

Hanington mentioned two Indigenous gatherings being held this fall:

September 9 – Nanticoke Pow Wow, Milton, Del., and

October 21 – American Indian Festival, Patuxent River Park, Upper Marlboro, Md.

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# Sports

## Roosevelt Raiders Undefeated

by Patrick Gleason

The evening sky – a pristine blue – greeted the Eleanor Roosevelt Raiders varsity girls soccer team’s victory over the High Point Eagles on Monday, September 18. While the slowly crisping air hints at the season’s second half, the Raiders have enjoyed three resounding victories to start the season, each one punctuated with a hat trick from junior midfielder Jada Savage. Though the Eagles struck first on Monday, Roosevelt responded with eight unanswered goals. Gabriella Martinez, Sadie Swart, Autumn Freeman and Alena Beckmann joined in the scoring action, while freshman Claire Aolga scored her first goal of the season to cap the triumph.

With wins over Bladensburg and Parkdale last week, the Raiders look for stiffer competition with a visit to Georgetown Day School on Saturday, September 23. Aside from conceding the early goal against the Eagles, the Raider defense – solidified by seniors Kaia Booker, Victoria Obisesan and Angel Ngwane – is yet to be challenged.

Next week brings a 3:30 p.m. matchup against Wise High School on Tuesday, September 26 before the Bowie Bulldogs travel to Greenbelt on Thursday, September 28 for a 5 p.m. showdown between the county’s premier programs.

### Junior Varsity

Likewise, the Roosevelt junior varsity is off to an impressive start. Their season opener against a strong Mount de Sales team ended in a 1-1 tie after freshman Treasure Wogu evened the score for the Raiders. The deep JV roster followed their tie with a convincing 6-1 triumph over Parkdale, followed by an 8-0 win over High Point. Freshmen Ariana Cruz, Naomi Petralia, Treasure Wogu and Alima Kargbo all tallied goals, while sophomores Kira Moore, Madison Walker and Genelle Marshall also found the back of the net.

In the Parkdale victory, freshman Cristina Blanco Aria scored multiple goals as the Raiders continued to display their depth. Next up, they travel to Georgetown Day School on September 23, before their matchup with Bowie, whom they bested 4-0 a year ago, on September 28. While the Raiders hope to continue their impressive showing on the field, the September sunsets will surely follow suit, as autumn invokes its charm.

- Photos by Vanessa van der Have



Juniors Gabriella Martinez and Sadie Swart are key components of the undefeated Raider offense.



Sophomores Autumn Freeman and Esther Obisesan help lead the Raiders with their calm defensive presence.

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# Retro Town Fair Has Banner Year; 2023 Winners Announced

by Bonnie Schrack

The Retro Town Fair, held by the Greenbelt Museum, continues to grow. In 2012, as Greenbelt celebrated the 75th anniversary of its founding, Sheila Maffay-Tuthill, of the Museum, had the idea to organize this old-fashioned event for members of the community to showcase their garden produce, baked goods and hand crafts. She was inspired by the original town fairs that were held in the city's very early years, as abundant produce poured out of the allotment gardens that so many families were cultivating. The Greenbelt Garden Club had proposed the idea to the city council, and the early fairs were held in Center School (now the Community Center). The new Retro Town Fairs are held under canopies on the patio of the museum house at 10 Crescent Road. Tables this year were laden with numerous entries in categories including vegetables, plants, flower arrangements, cakes, pies, cookies, canned goods, knitting, crochet, embroidery and other crafts. The entries below were awarded prizes. In some categories not every type of prize was awarded. Ribbons awarded were: Purple, Grand Champion; Blue, First Prize; Red, Second Prize; White, Third Prize. Congratulations to all the winners.

### Flower Arrangements

Champion Purple Ribbon: Heather Mortimer  
 Blue Ribbon: Pragati Godbole  
 Red Ribbon: Jessica Shen  
 White Ribbon: Mike Reinsel

### Plants

Blue Ribbon: Helena Santos Collins  
 Red Ribbon: Petra Sanchez  
 White Ribbon: Trevor Siegel

### Vegetables

Champion Purple Ribbons: Katrina Boverman and Petra Sanchez

Blue Ribbons: Martha Tomecek, Bonnie Schrack, Marcie Walder, Charlotte Schomberg, Heather Mortimer

Red Ribbons: Prisca Mpanda, Mike Reinsel

White Ribbons: Trevor Siegel, Prisca Mpanda, Mike Reinsel, Jessica Blacksten

### Baked Goods

#### Cake

Champion Purple Ribbons: JoEllen Sarff and Maggie Brown  
 Blue Ribbon: Marni Siegel

Red Ribbons: Casey Stoyall-Mulholland, Tim Uber, Maureen Scianella

#### Pie

Champion Purple Ribbon: Donna Peterson

Blue Ribbons: JoEllen Sarff, Jessica Blacksten

Red Ribbon: Maureen Scianella

White Ribbon: Tim Uber

#### Cookies

Champion Purple Ribbon: Eileen Sutker

Blue Ribbons: Kim Kash, Judy Parker

Red Ribbons: Stephanie Burrows, Dana Cocchiarella, Julia Kender

White Ribbon: Rory Lehman

### Canned Goods

Blue Ribbons: Robert

Trumble, Marni Siegel, Helena Santos Collins

Red Ribbons: Jon Gardner, Jered Leisey, Julia Shapiro, Cathy Barth

White Ribbons: Marcie Walder, Michael Cooney

### Needlework

#### Crochet

Blue Ribbon: Petra Sanchez  
 Red Ribbon: Helen Chang  
 White Ribbon: Helen Chang, Petra Sanchez

#### Knitting

Champion Purple Ribbon: Cathy Jones

Blue Ribbon: Marni Siegel  
 Red Ribbons: Rosie Weaver, Marni Siegel

### Embroidery

Champion Purple Ribbon: Corrina S

Blue Ribbon: Cathy Barth  
 Red Ribbons: Petra Sanchez, Cathy Barth

White Ribbon: Julia Kender

### Sewing

Champion Purple Ribbons: Irena Hayner and Jessica Shen  
 Red Ribbon: Anna Bedford-Dillow

### Crafts

Blue Ribbon: Pragati Godbole  
 White Ribbon: John Kelley

*If you entered the Retro Town Fair and do not see your name listed, please email Sheila Maffay-Tuthill at [education@greenbeltmuseum.org](mailto:education@greenbeltmuseum.org).*



PHOTO BY SHEILA MAFFAY-TUTHILL

Katrina Boverman with her grand-prize winning squash



PHOTO BY MICHAEL REINSEL

Hot peppers at the Retro Town Fair



PHOTO BY MICHAEL REINSEL

Ham and cherry tomatoes grown by Prisca Mpanda and Michael Reinsel at their garden plot



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Champion cookies "Greenbelt's Forest Preserve"



PHOTO BY SHEILA MAFFAY-TUTHILL

Pickles and preserves at the Retro Town Fair

## Blues Festival

On Saturday, September 16, the sounds of the 20th Annual Greenbelt Blues Festival filled Roosevelt Center. The line-up began at 11:30 a.m. and ran until 11:30 p.m., with festival-goers dancing and singing in the center, as bands performed from a stage beside the Mother and Child statue. Katy Gaughan was master of ceremonies and the Honk! Situation band added to the music and energy during breaks.



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