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Glowing Tradition: Greenbelt's North Woods Pumpkin Walk

by Diya Shah



PHOTO BY MICHAEL G. STEWART

Thrills! Chills! A composite overview of the Greenbelt Pumpkin Walk. Beware the Goat Man!

Hundreds of jack-o'-lanterns flickered against the trees, illuminating a path for the Greenbelt community during the annual Pumpkin Walk through the North Woods on Saturday, October 19.

While the Pumpkin Walk has been a tradition since 1988, the event this year garnered unprecedented numbers. According to this year's Pumpkin Queen, event organizer Stacy Stewart, over 320 pumpkins were carved by the community and placed along the woodland trail.

"This has been a big year; the crowds have been huge," she said. "This is a tradition Greenbelters love."

Stewart's words echoed the enthusiasm felt along the path, as Greenbelters young and old took their time to marvel at each glowing jack-o'-lantern. For many, the walk was more than a stroll through the woods – it was a chance to experience the results of the artistry from the previous

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New Deal Café "Experience" Begins Friday, November 1

by Dee Vida

On Friday, November 1, the New Deal Café (NDC) will open with new vendor Kenny Hilliard. Hilliard plans to debut "The New Deal Café Experience," to offer more variety in memorable experiences, food choices with exhilarating flavors and new stage performances. Elements of the Café will remain the same, such as a cozy setting where patrons can connect with friends or enjoy a cup of coffee. Some of the same friendly staff members that patrons have known for years will be in place to greet them and excellent food will continue to be served, says Hilliard; however, there will be more for the patrons of the NDC – an elevated Experience.

Teachers Bring Creativity

Hilliard was a teacher for almost 20 years, and musician, songwriter and owner of two other restaurant locations. During a recent interview with the News Review, Hilliard recalled that the only knowledge he had of entrepreneurship in his family was through discussions about an uncle who owned a business. He learned financial lessons from his early years earning money



PHOTO BY ANNA BEDFORD-DILLOW

The New Deal Café will reopen on November 1 with Kenny Hilliard heading the restaurant.

by bagging papers and selling candy. Like many young people, he worked at McDonald's and Roy Rogers, gaining food industry skills from the ground up. Hilliard plans to apply all his years of experience, creativity and outstanding customer service to deliver only the best to Café

patrons. He said he is bringing a head chef and top-notch management team to work alongside existing Café staff.

His curiosity, teaching experience and lessons from his first cooking teacher, his mom, "Boss," drove him to create new ways to achieve optimal results. He creates and curates his own unique seasonings,

dressings and dishes. When asked how he would describe his food, he called it "universal" because it will appeal to all patrons. The New Deal Café Experience will bring meat, fish and vegan dishes, including avocado fries and his

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Buddy Attick Park Master Plan Draft is Reviewed by Council

by Matthew Arbach



PHOTO BY LOIS ROSADO

Maintaining the natural environment and enhancing accessibility are goals of the Buddy Attick Park Master Plan.

The latest draft of the Buddy Attick Park Master Plan was presented for council review at the worksession on October 16. It was developed by consultant Mahan Rykiel Associates and represented by two of its landscape designers, Scott Scarphone and Anthony Dye. Also on hand at the meeting were Greenbelt Recreation Department Director Greg Varda and Jake Chestnut and Matt Sickle, respectively chair and co-chair of the city's Park and Recreation Advisory

Board (PRAB). The city made use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the plan.

According to the draft, the goal is to provide a "vision and strategic plan for future utilization" of the park to "protect the park's natural resources and improve management practices."

Mayor Emmett Jordan began the meeting by stating that the plan had both a long- and short-term framework and was not a detailed account for actual construction. This would require

future consultation and would be done in a phased manner over years when funds become available.

Two of the main factors discussed were ensuring both maximum accessibility, most importantly ADA compliance for individuals with disabilities, and retaining as much of a naturalistic approach as possible. Scarphone said that the realistic expectation is an "equitable experience" and that not all needs may be accommodated.

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What Goes On

Monday, November 4 7:30 p.m., City Council Retreat: Economic Development and Local Legislative Priorities

Wednesday, November 6
No Council Meeting, Maryland Municipal League Fall Conference

See the city ad on page 5 or the meetings calendar at greenbeltmd.gov for more information.

Council Deliberates on Charter Review and Vacancy Process

by Michael Zelif

At its October 14 meeting, Greenbelt City Council considered a resolution authorizing a 15-member task force to review Greenbelt's charter in accordance with state guidelines.

Councilmember Kristen Weaver called for amending the stipulation that four members must come from city businesses to instead require that one of those members come from a cooperative.

Resident Bill Orleans objected to the task force since, he pointed out, council has changed the charter in the past after holding public hearings. Mayor Emmett Jordan and Weaver defended this review process as being not only required roughly every 10 years but also as more comprehensive and holistic than those piecemeal changes.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts objected to the provision that grants citizens only 40 days to collect a large number of signatures to block

changes to the city charter. This, in effect, denies citizens a say in government, he said. Resident Fred Gasper supported Roberts but Weaver disagreed that there would be inadequate public feedback.

Assistant City Manager Tim George pointed out that city staff will spend at least two months getting word out to Greenbelt

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PHOTO BY ERICA JOHNS

A giant friendly monster puppet mingles with the crowd at the Wild Rumpus on Friday, October 25. See more photos on page 9.

Letters to the Editor

Thanks for Warnings About Deadly Gases

Many thanks to Greenbelt resident Steve Mirsky for his valuable presentation on the life-threatening dangers of radon and carbon monoxide in our homes. Steve's highlighting the silent danger of these invisible, odorless, deadly gases was enlightening.

His talk provided specific information about the potential perilousness of the situation, unknown to most of us, including simple ways to determine their presence in our home. He also provided practical recommendations as how to protect against severe weather events, including important items that should be in a previously prepared "Go Bag" if immediate evacuation is needed.

Steve is a nuclear engineer with advanced knowledge of both radon and carbon monoxide and a member of the Greenbelt Public Safety Advisory Committee who hosted the citywide presentations.

For those interested who were unable to attend, both the slides and video of his 35-minute presentation are available on the city website at greenbeltmd.gov/government/boards-committees/public-safety-advisory-committee/presentations. Further, Steve's articles Life Threatening Dangers

of Radon and Home Dangers of Carbon Monoxide are in the May 2 and October 10 News Review issues, respectively.

Peggy Higgins, Chair
Greenbelt Public Safety
Advisory Committee

What to Do with Armory

Recent papers have discussed the aging and inadequate facilities for the pet shelter. I thought maybe the old Armory building could be used for a new pet shelter. It has a good-sized parking lot and part of it could be used for kennels. I am unsure if the costs to renovate/rebuild at the armory would be comparable to the current plan to rebuild on the existing shelter site. However, it is a suggestion worth exploring.

Kathryn Beard

Don't forget to set your
clocks back on Sunday



On Screen at Greenbelt Cinema

Conclave

The film follows one of the world's most secretive and ancient events: selecting the new Pope. Cardinal Lawrence (Ralph Fiennes) is tasked with running this covert process after the unexpected death of the beloved Pope. Once the Catholic Church's most powerful leaders have gathered from around the world and are locked together in the Vatican halls, Lawrence uncovers a trail of deep secrets left in the dead Pope's wake, secrets which could shake the foundations of the Church. Critics' consensus, according to Rotten Tomatoes: "Carrying off papal pulp with immaculate execution and career-highlight work from Ralph Fiennes, Conclave is a godsend for audiences who crave intelligent entertainment."

We Live in Time

Almut (Florence Pugh) and Tobias (Andrew Garfield) are brought together in a surprise encounter that changes their lives. Through snapshots of their life together – falling for each other, building a home, becoming a family – a difficult truth is revealed that rocks its foundation. As they embark on a path challenged by the limits of time, they learn to cherish each moment of the unconventional route their love story has taken, in filmmaker John Crowley's decade-spanning, deeply moving romance. Said critic Adam Graham of the Detroit News, "Even when the script by Nick Payne gets a little too cutesy – the birth scene in the convenience store bathroom immediately comes to mind – Garfield and Pugh make it worth the ride."

It's Such A Beautiful Day / ME

Two short films from animator Don Hertzfeldt. In the first, Bill struggles to put together his shattered psyche, while ME is a musical odyssey about the retreat of humanity into itself.

Just Another Bombing? This is Donal and Iona's Story

See Emancipation Day Programs story on p.6.

The Candidate

Without a candidate to run for the senate seat against admired Republican Crocker Jarmon (Don Porter), campaign manager Marvin Lucas (Peter Boyle) recruits leftist lawyer Bill McKay (Robert Redford). McKay's appearance piques the public's interest, and gradually Lucas pushes McKay toward a more centrist message. As McKay's original and honest platform gets watered down, his popularity increases so much that he is running even with Jarmon as Election Day approaches.



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OC = Open Captions
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SHOWTIMES:

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Conclave (PG) (CC)

(DVS) (2024) (120 mins)

Screen 1 - Main Auditorium

Fri. 5:00 PM, 7:45 PM

Mon. 5:30 PM

Tues. 7:00 PM

Wed. 7:00 PM

Screen 2 - The Screening Room

Sat. 5:00 PM, 7:45 PM

Sun. 2:30 PM (OC), 5:15 PM

Mon. 6:00 PM

Thurs. 7:45 PM

We Live in Time (R) (CC)

(DVS) (2024) (108 mins)

Screen 1 - Main Auditorium

Sat. 5:15 PM, 8:00 PM

Sun. 12:00 PM (OC), 2:30 PM

Thurs. 5:30 PM

Screen 2 - The Screening Room

Fri. 5:15 PM, 8:00 PM

Mon. 1:15 PM, 3:40 PM

Tues. 7:15 PM

Wed. 7:15 PM

Animation Workshop - Partnership with GATe (90 mins)

Screen 2 - The Screening Room/

The Media Lab

Sat. 11:30 AM

ME/It's Such a Beautiful Day

Double Feature

(NR) (91 mins)

Celebrating International

Animation Day

Screen 1 - Main Auditorium

Sat. 1:00 PM

Just Another Bombing? This is Donal and Iona's Story

(NR) (25 mins)

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Screen 1 - Main Auditorium

Sun. 5:30 PM

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The Candidate

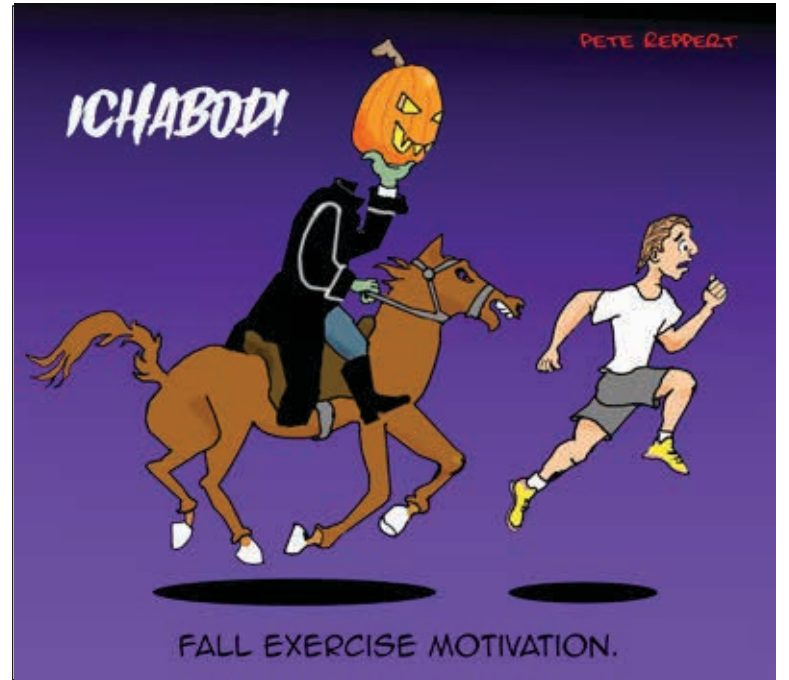
(PG) (1972) (110 mins)

Free Cinema Classic

Screen 1 - Main Auditorium

Mon. 1:00 PM

Thurs. 8:00 PM



Correction

In the October 24 article about council approving an award to the AMAR consulting firm for a study about needed renovations to the newly acquired armory, we misstated AMAR and associate principal Taylora Imes-Thomas' past work. Imes-Thomas worked on renovations to the Grimke School in Washington, D.C., under a previous employer, before she joined AMAR. The renovation did not include the African American Civil War Museum collection.

Letters Policy during 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.

The News Review will not print letters endorsing candidates. The News Review will not print a letter raising a new issue the week prior to election day, when no other party would have a chance to respond.

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Community Events

At the Library

Greenbelt Library's regular hours are Mondays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays noon to 8 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays 1 to 5 p.m. Face masks are recommended for all customers over the age of 2.

Storytimes

Friday, November 1, 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at pgcmls.info/event/11866465.

Wednesday, November 6, 12:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at pgcmls.info/event/11866385.

Thursday, November 7, 10:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2. Register at pgcmls.info/event/11866447.

Come for stories, songs, fingerplays and more.

Talk Health

Friday, November 1, 11 a.m., ages 18+. Free blood pressure screening session. Attendees can get their blood pressure checked and bring their medications for a personalized review. Open to all. Register at pgcmls.info/event/11663027.

Friday, November 1, 11:45 a.m., all ages. Stop Those Germs! Come to the Talk Health's information table after the storytime where children and their caregivers will find education, resources and hands-on activities about ways to encourage healthy eating. Register at pgcmls.info/event/11665095.

Books at Bedtime

Wednesday, November 6, 6:30 p.m., ages newborn to 3. Stories, music and activities for children with and without special needs. Presented by the PGCPIS Infants and Toddlers Program for early intervention students and up to 12 community families. Register at pgcmls.info/event/11866477.

Ride and Read

Thursday, November 7, 11 a.m., ages 16+ (adult). Get some physical activity in while at the library. Sign up for an hour ride on a stationary bike with great free apps from PGCMIS like Libby, Kanopy and Hoopla to enjoy while working out. Participants must be 16 or older, sign a waiver before beginning to ride, and be wearing loose-fitting clothing and closed-toed shoes. Register at pgcmls.info/event/11866533.

Cinema Has Film Screening, Workshop

Come to an all-ages animation workshop at Greenbelt Cinema on Saturday, November 2 at 11:30 a.m. Greenbelt Access Television Animation Instructor Ali Everitt will be conducting an animation workshop that will precede a special double-feature screening of Don Hertzfeldt's animated films *It's Such a Beautiful Day* and *ME* at 1 p.m. There is a fee for this workshop.

For ticket sales and other information, visit GreenbeltCinema.org.

Museum House Glows With Decorations

The Greenbelt Museum is aglow and decorated for Halloween. Come out for a tour of the festive house at 10-B Crescent Road on Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. and learn more about Halloween history in Greenbelt. The first families moved into Greenbelt in October of 1937, just in time for the holiday and the celebratory traditions began from the start. Visit the Museum at a drop-in tour or just walk by to see the blow-mold pumpkins casting a warm and welcoming light for passersby. There's also a children's scavenger hunt available on the Museum's website. Stop by the Museum house on Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. for a prize when the hunt is completed. Happy Hunting and Happy Halloween.



Dance for Hurricane Relief at Legion

Help those in western North Carolina affected by Hurricane Helene and have a good time doing it by attending a special dance being held at Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 on Friday, November 8 from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Local band The Relics will be providing the music, as will band member and DJ Rick Ransom.

Contributions will be collected for the organization BeLoved Asheville, which is an all-volunteer direct relief standard operation dedicated currently to providing shelter and immediate needs to those displaced. Cards will be provided to be signed by all attending who want to send a personal message to the people of the area who are trying to recover from this devastating natural disaster.

Donate Thanksgiving Dinners to Families

The Greenbelt Rotary Club will accept donations of nonperishable food items for Thanksgiving dinner on Saturdays, November 2 and November 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the hallway outside the Beltway Plaza Giant Food for food-insecure families of Springhill Lake Elementary and Greenbelt Elementary students.

In 2023 the club provided dinners to 75 school families. This year the schools report greater need and the club plans to support 100 families. The club requests stuffing, canned yams, canned cranberry sauce, canned green beans, instant mashed potatoes, turkey gravy (canned or dry packets), Giant Food gift cards or cash donations.

Those wishing to donate who cannot make it there at those times should call Steve Kemp, Greenbelt Rotary Club Sergeant-at-Arms, at 301-237-8098. Every donation helps a family in need.



Earnest Starts Friday At Greenbelt Arts Center

The Importance of Being Earnest: A Trivial Comedy for Serious People is a comedy from the supremely witty pen of Oscar Wilde. It skewers the exaggerated, prim manners of Victorian society and the follies of ascribing too much importance to fanciful surface ideals. The play will be performed at the Greenbelt Arts Center from November 1 through November 16, with 8 p.m. performances on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sunday matinees. (Audience masking is required on Sunday, November 10 for the benefit of our immunocompromised patrons.) GAC is located at 123 Centerway, down the stairs alongside the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket. Visit greenbeltartscenter.org for more information.

Community Shred Day

On Saturday, November 2, from 9 a.m. until noon or until the truck is full, Lafayette Federal Credit Union at 7537 Greenbelt Road invites the community to attend a free and secure document shredding event. This is the perfect opportunity for residents to safely dispose of sensitive paperwork while supporting a greener environment. There will be giveaways, prizes and answers to financial questions. Complimentary coffee and donuts will be offered.

Essential Worker Homebuying Seminar

On Saturday, November 23 from 12:30 until 2:30 p.m. Lafayette Federal Credit Union will provide a seminar designed to provide essential workers with the information and tools they need to navigate the homebuying process. Covered will be exclusive mortgage options, financial resources and key steps to take when purchasing a home. This is a great opportunity for healthcare workers, teachers, first responders and other essential personnel to gain insights from industry professionals. Lunch is included. Register for the event at lfcu.org or at 240-747-2471. Lafayette Federal Credit Union is located at 7537 Greenbelt Road.

GVFD Community Indoor Yard Sale

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will hold its last of the season Indoor Community Yard Sale on Saturday, November 16 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 125 Crescent Road. Come help support the Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary. Refreshments, as well as homemade baked goods, will be available for purchase. Tables are still available to rent. See the classified ad for details.

Masks are not required but may be worn if desired. The fire hall is handicapped accessible and has designated parking in the rear.

Golden Age Club's November Schedule

The Golden Age Club meets on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to noon in the Community Center, Room 201. Members must live in Greenbelt, but visitors are welcome.

The programs for the November meetings are as follows:

November 6, business meeting.

November 13, fall ticket auction where for a token amount of money tickets are placed in a bag beneath each item offered and one of the tickets is drawn from each item's bag to identify the winner of that item.

November 20, birthday celebration (everyone is asked to bring a snack to share).

November 27, there will be no club meeting.



Mary Poppins At MAD Theater


NASA Goddard's Music & Drama Club (MAD) presents the musical *Mary Poppins* for four weekends, November 1 to 23 at the Barney & Bea Recreation Center at 9998 Good Luck Road. Tickets must be bought in advance and some shows are already sold out.

The play is based on the beloved Disney movie and features songs like *A Spoonful of Sugar*, *Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious* and *Chim Chim Cher-ee*. With an 11-piece live orchestra and a cast of 52 talented actors and dancers performing in the round, the audience can expect a large and colorful spectacle.

The show is directed by Greenbelter Jon Gardner. Many of the roles are double-cast and the show features several Greenbelt residents, so check the website to find out which shows your favorite actor(s) are in.

Visit madtheater.org for more information and ticket sales.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.



This Week at the New Deal Café

SUPPORT Greenbelt's only venue with BOTH dinner AND a show!

TH 10/31	FRI 11/01	SAT 11/02	SUN 11/03
CAFE CLOSED FOR TRANSITION TO NEW VENDOR	CAFE OPENS 11am llyAIMY 8-11pm <small>Mixing genres from rock to folk to soul to bluegrass; an eclectic show</small>	Still Standing 8-11pm <small>Rockin' blues, American roots, jump, swing and rockabilly</small>	The Chromatics 6-8pm <small>A high-energy a cappella band with a full spectrum of songs</small>
MON 11/04	TUES 11/05	WED 11/06	SPECIALS!
The Monday Mauveness Karaoke 6-9pm <small>Drop it like it's HOT!</small>	S.A.W. Open Mic 6-9:30pm <small>Sign-ups at 6pm; featured act plays 8-8:30pm</small>	The Campfire Session 7-9pm <small>A monthly "listening room"</small>	HAPPY HOUR 4-7pm <small>\$1 OFF BEER AND WINE WEDNESDAY \$1 OFF PER GLASS \$5 OFF A BOTTLE</small>

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Saturday Nov. 2nd

Animated Film Screening & Workshop

Join us for an all-ages animation workshop, "Animate Yourself," hosted by GATE instructor, Ali Everitt.

Afterward, don't miss a rare screening of *It's Such a Beautiful Day* by acclaimed animator Don Hertzfeldt, plus his newest short film, *ME*, on the big screen this Saturday only!

Date: Saturday, November 2nd at Greenbelt Cinema
Workshop: 11:30 AM | \$15 non-members, \$10 members
Film Screening: 1:00 PM | \$7 Adult, \$5 Child

Tickets available at www.greenbeltcinema.org

Obituaries



John Hall Sr.



PHOTO COURTESY DEBBY COULTER

John W. Hall Sr.

John W. Hall Sr. died on Sunday, October 27, 2024, surrounded by his family. John was a longtime resident of Greenbelt, living here for most of his 78 years. He had many close friends and neighbors whom he held dear to his heart. John loved animals, and especially his last dog, a Boston Terrier named Kolby, his constant companion. John loved music and playing the guitar. John's family and faith were most important to him, and he enjoyed his Bible Study group.

John was predeceased by his parents, Alvin Hall Sr. and Doris Peterman Hall, his brother Ronald Hall, and his sister Susan Hall. He is survived by his sons John W. Hall Jr. (Jennifer) and Michael G. Hall; stepchildren Eric Vandegrift (Cassie) and Kim Vandegrift; grandchildren Daniel Hall (Megan), Alex Hall, Nicholas Hall, Mia Hall, Taylor Vandegrift, Evan Vandegrift, Emma Vandegrift and Ella Vandegrift; and great-granddaughter Tallulah Hall. He is also survived by his brother Alvin Hall Jr. (Judy), his sister Linda Hall and many loving nieces, nephews and cousins.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 2 at 11 a.m. at Greenbelt Baptist Church of which John was a member.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF GREENBELT MASS
 Sunday 10:00 a.m.
 City Council Room
 25 Crescent Rd
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Theresa Crowley



PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

Theresa Crowley

Theresa "Pidge" Crowley died on Saturday, October 26, 2024. She was born September 28, 1938, the daughter of Eugene Proulx and Sylvina LaBrecque Proulx, and raised in Elmira, N.Y. Theresa was the sixth child in her family of seven children.

She graduated from Notre Dame High School in 1956 and Mercyhurst University in 1960. After graduation, Theresa married Robert Crowley, Sr., and together they had three children. After she became a single mother, Theresa continued to raise her children in her cherished community of Old Greenbelt. She had wonderful neighbors and lived there for 59 years until her death.

Theresa retired from the Bureau of National Affairs, where she started as a reporter and was promoted to editor. She had a daily deadline that many may not believe she was able to meet so successfully, as she is lovingly remembered as someone who "ran a little late."

Theresa loved spending time

with her family, bead collecting, crossword puzzles, correcting grammar and playing with dogs. In her retirement, Theresa enjoyed traveling with her sister Alice. They had many adventures and a few mishaps that Theresa often laughed about in her later years.

Theresa was preceded in death by her siblings Alice McNally, Eugene "Bud" Proulx, William F. Proulx, Joseph "Bob" Proulx, Edward Proulx and John Proulx. She is survived by her three children, Robert "Bobby" (Kathy) of Kent Island, Md., Carolyn (Ronnie) of Annapolis and James (Sarrina) of San Diego; three

grandchildren, Jaclyn "Jackie" Crowley, William "Billy" Crowley, Christopher Joseph "CJ" Holt; bonus grandson Kristopher Effler; and great-granddaughter Layla Lynn Crowley.

A celebration of life in Theresa's memory will be held on December 13 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the American Legion Greenbelt Post 136. Friends and family are welcome to say a few words and share fond memories. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Theresa's memory to the Prince George's County Humane Society/SPCA, P.O. Box 925, Bowie, MD 20718 or online at PGSPCA.org.

In Memoriam

Gary Barbour, a Country Boy Who Became a Greenbelter

by Rick Ransom and Kelly Kotche

Gary Barbour, a well-known member of the Greenbelt American Legion, died peacefully at home on Tuesday, October 1, 2024. He was 79. He was diagnosed with brain cancer in early 2023 and after "living his best life" for the past year and a half, he lost the battle with his illness.

His daughter Kelly lived with and cared for her father for the

past year and a half and was assisted frequently by her mother, Gaylen Sue Barbour, who was married to Gary for 11 years. She and Gary had met in Greenbelt and they remained friends after their divorce. Gary subsequently married Linda VanWagenen of Washington, D.C. Linda preceded Gary in death after 18 years of marriage and 27 years together.

Memorial Service Monday For Elaine Weisel Eubanks

The memorial service for Elaine Eubanks will be held at the Greenbelt Community Church on Monday, November 4 at 11 a.m.

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
 40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
 Open hearts, Open Minds, Open doors
 Find us on [facebook.com/mowattumc](https://www.facebook.com/mowattumc)
 301-474-5410
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Our condolences to the family and friends of John Hall, Sr., especially those at the Greenbelt Baptist Church. He died on October 27.

Our sympathies also to the many friends and family of Gary Barbour who died on October 1. His attractive landscaping at the American Legion Post 136 is much appreciated.

Condolences also to the family and friends of Theresa "Pidge" Crowley who died on October 26. She loved her 59 years of living in Greenbelt.

Congratulations to Kaleb Moore on his selection as the 2024 Boxwood Village Civic Association Scholarship recipient. Kaleb, of Lastner Lane, is a May 2024 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School. He is currently a freshman at Hampton University in Hampton, Va. The Boxwood Village Scholarship Committee members were greatly impressed by Kaleb's strong academic credentials, extracurricular activities and active volunteer record with Greenbelt organizations. He was awarded \$500 by Boxwood Village. The News Review joins in wishing Kaleb continued success as he maps out a record of achievement, without limit.

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

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"The task of building a mature, peaceful, just, and united world is a vast undertaking in which every people and nation must be able to participate."
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The Bible Says...

The Ten Commandments #8-You Shall Not Steal
 Exodus 20:15

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November 3, 2024 at 3:00 pm
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Anthony Jenkins with Worship Associate Jacqui Walpole

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Streaming on PBUUC's Facebook page, on Zoom, and in person. Worship service held at University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, MD

Greenbelt Orchestra Free Concert Nov. 10

Greenbelt Community Orchestra will give a free concert in the Community Center gym on Sunday, November 10 at 4 p.m. The program will include Dvorak's New World Symphony, as well as Fanny Mendelssohn's Overture, a tango by Carlos Gardel, Florence Price's Adoration and one of Dvorak's Slavonic Dances. All are invited. Find out more about the orchestra at greenbeltorchestra.org.

Concert Band Hosts Holiday Spectacular

Come hear the Greenbelt Concert Band perform holiday and classic favorites on Sunday, December 1 at 3 p.m. at the Community Center. This concert is open to the general public and free of charge.

The Greenbelt Concert Band is a volunteer adult musical organization dedicated to providing quality musical performances. Learn more at greenbeltconcertband.org.

St. Hugh's Annual Christmas Bazaar

St. Hugh of Grenoble Church will hold its annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday and Sunday, November 2 and 3 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be vendors, crafts, a white elephant sale, a bake sale and door prizes. Come enjoy great buys at 135 Crescent Road. Admission is free.



Mahjongg Now On Wednesdays

Those with some experience with American mahjongg are welcome to come play on Wednesdays from 1 to 4 p.m. in Room 109 in the Community Center.

For those who would like to learn the game, Abby Crowley will be offering a free four-week class in 2025. Look for more information when the Winter Activity Guide is available.

Greenbelt Chess Club Meetings for November

The Greenbelt Chess Club will meet on Tuesdays, November 12, November 19 and November 26. The meetings will take place at the Youth Center from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. The club welcomes people of all ages and skill levels. To be added to the mailing list, place this URL (tinyurl.com/yey2nz4m) in your browser and complete the brief form. Email questions to greenbeltchessclub@gmail.com.



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 www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar.



MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER 4 - 8

Monday, November 4 at 7:30 pm, **COUNCIL RETREAT - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

Tuesday, November 5 at 3:30 pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE, On the Agenda:**

Wednesday, November 6, **NO MEETING - MML CONFERENCE**

Thursday, November 7 at 12 pm, **ETHICS COMMISSION, On the Agenda: Call to Order, Approve Agenda/Minutes, Review & Discuss Ethics Ordinance, Other Business**

In advance, the hearing impaired are 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. 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.

EMERGENCY DIAPER DISTRIBUTION November Registration Opens November 1

YOU MUST REGISTER EACH MONTH.

Parents must present proof of Greenbelt residency displaying parent's name and residential address, state-issued photo ID, each child's birth certificate.

To register: <https://forms.gle/mkmAzJf6toZ6Xuhg8> or call Brendy Garcia Maddox at (240) 424-0302.



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- Donate \$500 to sponsor 10 children
- Donate \$750 to sponsor 15 children
- Donate \$1000 to sponsor 20 children.

Please make checks payable to the City of Greenbelt and add "Feed a Family" or "Winter Wonderland" on the memo line. You may schedule an appointment with Katherine Farzin to drop-off donations by emailing kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov or (240) 542-2019.

GREENBELT EMANCIPATION DAY PROGRAMS

Just Another Bombing? This is Donal and Iona's Story
Sunday, November 3 / 5 pm, Greenbelt Cinema
 This film "takes audiences on a poignant journey through a little-known incident of the 1960s Civil Rights era. Iona Godfrey King and her son Donal Godfrey share their deeply moving account of surviving a Klan bombing of their home with three other family members on February 16, 1964, in Jacksonville, Florida." Film (25 min) will be followed by a Q&A with Iona King. Sponsored by Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness.

Reparations/Repatriation - Perspectives
Saturday, November 9 / 1-3 pm, Greenbelt Library Auditorium
 Panelists: Dr. Raymond Winbush, Morgan State University (Local/National Perspective); Dreisen Heath, Human Rights Watch (International Perspective); Rico Newman, Member of Choptico Band of Elders - Piscataway-Conoy Tribe of Indians (Indigenous Perspective)

Presented by the Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee, Prince George's County Office of Human Rights, Greenbelt Recreation, and the Greenbelt Museum.

YOUTH CRAFT SALE Apply by Friday, November 1

Artists and crafters ages 17 and older are invited to apply to sell their work during Sparkle Mart! The youth sale will take place on Sunday, Cember 8. Open to Greenbelt residents and Greenbelt Recreation arts program participants. Access the application online at: bit.ly/4fnddNk.

For more information, email agardner@greenbeltmd.gov.

HOLIDAY FOOD BOXES Save the Date - Friday, November 1

Registrations open for the Holiday Food Box. Save the date for December 1. To register, contact Brendy Garcia at bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov or (240) 424-0302.

FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

UPCOMING PRODUCE DISTRIBUTIONS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21 - TWO LOCATIONS

Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Lower Parking Lot: 1 - 3 pm, while supplies last. Open to all Greenbelt residents. **Must have a registration card** via Brendy Garcia Maddox at (240) 424-0302 or bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.

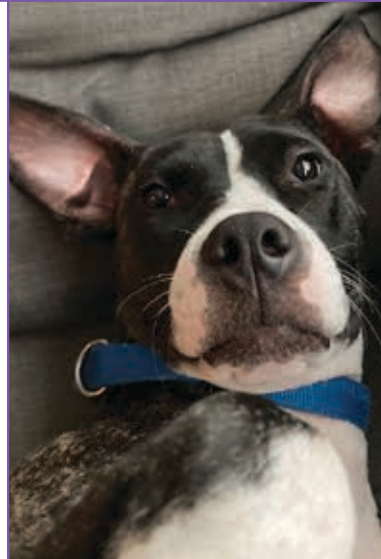
Springhill Lake Recreation Center: 3 - 4 pm, registration required. For Greenbelt West residents only. Register via email bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov or register online at <https://forms.gle/RFBH8oYgCiKjvrCM8>.

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If you're interested in adopting the amiable Amethyst, call (301) 474-6124 or animalservices@greenbeltmd.gov!



CURRENT CARES PROGRAMS

CARES is happy to provide the following programs FREE of charge:

- **A Caregiver's Journey** *Thursday, November 7, 7 pm.* Join Bell Allen, a former care partner and educator for AlzOC, as he shares insightful perspectives from his caregiving journey. The course aims to equip caregivers with emotional support, effective strategies, and valuable resources to enhance their caregiving journey.
- **Healthy Living for Your Brain & Body** *Thursday, November 14, 7 pm.* Join Evans Favor, a Howard University student pursuing a Bachelor of Science and a passionate advocate, for a discussion focused on strategies for healthy aging in four key areas.
- **Aging Solo.** *Tuesdays, October 8 - November 12. 11-12:30 pm via Zoom.* This nationally awarded program focuses on taking charge of your aging. Aging Solo will help you reflect on priorities, map out support network, and put plans in place. To register call (240) 424-0302 or email bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.
- **Greenbelt Nursery Project.** Our Greenbelt Nursery project is dedicated to supporting families with young children. We provide 6 Home Visits that offer personalized care and resources. To register call (240) 424-0302 or email bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.
- **Produce Distribution** at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, Lower Level Parking Lot, 25 Crescent Road
Upcoming Dates: September 19, from 1 - 3 pm
- **Produce Distribution** at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Ln (Greenbelt West Residents Only)
Upcoming Dates: September 19, from 3 - 4:15 pm

For descriptions and information, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/CARESprograms and see ads on this page!

FALL/WINTER ARTS FOR ALL AGES

See the current Greenbelt Recreation Activity Guide at www.greenbeltmd.gov/activityguide for information about workshops, classes, meet-ups and events for all ages! For additional arts information, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts and follow [greenbeltrecreationarts](https://www.facebook.com/greenbeltrecreationarts) on Facebook and Instagram.

Highlights this winter include:

- **Sparkle Mart: Greenbelt's Juried Art and Craft Fair** *December 7 (10 am - 5 pm), December 8 (10 am - 4 pm), Greenbelt Community Center.* Shop for original fine crafts and artwork, direct from about 80 local makers! Enjoy live music both days, 1 - 3 pm.
- **The Snow Queen: a Greenbelt Dance Studio Production.** *Saturday, December 14 (3 pm), Sunday, December 15 (11 am and 3 pm), Greenbelt Community Center.* Enjoy an imaginative retelling of Hans Christian Anderson's tale through ballet, jazz, contemporary, ballroom and tap. Tickets: \$5. Advance sales (highly recommended), starting 11/18: (301) 397-2208.
- **Secret Circus: the 2025 Greenbelt Youth Musical** *Saturday, March 1 (7 pm), Sunday, March 2 (3 pm), Saturday, March 8 (2 pm & 7 pm), Greenbelt Community Center.* As the tide of fascism rises in 1930's Europe, a traveling circus races against time to smuggle a disabled girl named Anya to safety. Tickets: \$5. Advance sales (highly recommended), starting 2/4: (301) 397-2208.

PUBLIC STATEMENT REGARDING PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FIRE/EMS SUMMER STAFFING PLAN FOR GREENBELT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Greenbelt, MD - The City of Greenbelt is disappointed in the County's decision to reassign 24 career personnel from Greenbelt Station 835 on July 1, resulting in the removal of all career personnel from our Station. County Fire Chief Tiffany Green and County leadership ordered the redeployment of 55 career firefighters from Berwyn Heights, Greenbelt, Bunker Hill, and Bowie Station. We are gravely concerned with the impact in response times of emergencies in Greenbelt and our surrounding areas.

Greenbelt will continue to work in tandem with College Park and Berwyn Heights alongside County leadership in addressing our concerns and fighting for the City of Greenbelt.

WHO CAN I CONTACT?

Office of the County Executive
countyexecutive@co.pg.md.us
 (301) 952-4131

Office of the County Fire Chief
tdgreen@co.pg.md.us
 (301) 883-5200

At-Large County Council Member Hawkins
At-LargeMemberHawkins@co.pg.md.us
 (301) 952-2195

County Council Member District 4
councildistrict4@co.pg.md.us
 (301) 952-3094

Letters of Support to keep/return career staffing to Greenbelt Station 835 can be sent to:

City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 or council@greenbeltmd.gov.

PROPOSED COUNCIL VACANCY PROCESS

The Greenbelt Board of Elections has proposed two options for Council to consider in the event of a vacancy on City Council.

To learn more, visit <https://www.greenbeltmd.gov/government/boards-committees/board-of-elections/council-vacancy-report>.

Maryland Emancipation Day Programs Here in November

by Lois Rosado

Two programs have been organized by the Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee in collaboration with other city and county groups to further the knowledge of the history of African Americans and Indigenous people. On Sunday, November 3, Just Another Bombing tells the story of Iona Godfrey King, an 84-year-old Greenbelt resident. Sixty years ago her home in Jacksonville, Fla., was destroyed by the Ku Klux Klan because she wanted a better educational opportunity for her son Donal. They were fortunate to live to tell this tale. The showing will be at the Greenbelt Cinema, 129 Centerway, at 5 p.m.

On Saturday, November 9 at the Greenbelt Library Auditorium, 11 Crescent Road, from 1 to 3 p.m. there will be three speakers: Raymond Winbush, Ph.D., professor and director of the Institute for Urban Research at Morgan State University and author of several books, including Belinda's Petition; Dreisen Heath, formerly with Human Rights Watch, who now serves as co-chair of the Public Education and Narrative Committee on the New Jersey Reparations Council; and Rico Newman, Elder Council Member, Choptico Band of Piscataway Indians, who has done a number of videos about the history and culture of the Piscataway people. The speakers will share their knowledge, scholarship and experiences related to reparations and repatriation from local, national and international perspectives.

Manumission came to enslaved people in Maryland on November 1, 1864. When they were emancipated from chattel slavery, there were no resources to ensure that their lives would improve. They had been prevented from learning to read and write during enslavement, and many lacked basic literacy skills. They were not compensated in any way for their free labor. They were not given land where they could grow crops in order to survive. Many did ask for help with locating family members who had been sold away. Ads were placed in newspapers, like those posted after the World Trade Center bombing in New York City, to try to reconnect people with their families. Recovery from the horrors they had experienced for so long and for so many generations was difficult. What were the traumatic effects of such experiences?

After emancipation, Jim Crow

laws and practices were established. There was no value for the Black body after the system of slavery was dismantled. Men and women were lynched for petty infractions or accused of crimes that they seldom committed. Lynching served to control and contain the population and reminded Black Americans that they were not full or free citizens. Again, for generations these traumatic experiences severely impacted men, women and children. African Americans continued to strive as they could and where they could, but as long as systemic racism rules the United States, there will be challenges to opportunities and advancement. Senator Tom Cotton of Arkansas once said: "Slavery was a necessary evil." If slavery was a necessary evil, then reparations are a necessary repair.

One only needs to remember the response and backlash to the election of Barack Obama. Ignorance, fear, hatred and violence are still evident in the wake of a Black man serving as U.S. President.

It is hoped that with knowledge and truth telling, everyone will benefit from programs designed to inform, uplift and educate. So, join the dialogue, ask questions and share thoughts by emailing blackhistoryandculturegb@gmail.com.

Empty Bowls Event Nov. 17 at St. Hugh's

The Empty Bowls event will take place on Sunday, November 17 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at St. Hugh's church. The event will benefit the St. Hugh's Food Pantry, which provides food weekly to over 60 families.

Participants can purchase a ticket for \$30 (200 tickets will be sold), select a unique handcrafted ceramic bowl made by Greenbelt Pottery Group members and enjoy a cup of soup, bread, drinks and dessert with others in the community. Kids 6 and under eat free. Tickets can be purchased by emailing Mary Ann Tretler at mary_tretler@yahoo.com or by calling 240-517-7559.

Music will be provided by local Greenbelt groups. At the event there will be additional pottery pieces available for purchase.



36th Annual Public Safety Awards

by Butch Hicks



PHOTO BY BUTCH HICKS

Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 36th Annual Public Service Awards program participants, from left: Richard Bowers, chief of Greenbelt Police Department; Josué Salmerón, Greenbelt city manager; Mike Moore, adjutant, American Legion Post 136; Luisa Robles, Greenbelt Public Works sustainability coordinator; Jenni Pompei, Greenbelt City Council; Michael Barnes, Department of Public Works, Employee of the Year; Greenbelt Mayor Emmett Jordan; Amy Knesel, Greenbelt City Council; Officer Abbey Kipke, Greenbelt Police Department, Officer of the Year; Silke Pope, Greenbelt City Council; Jackson Cole, Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department, Firefighter/EMT of the Year; Danielle McKinney, Greenbelt City Council; Neshia Cabrera-Pearson, Greenbelt Police Department, Civilian Employee of the Year; Kendra Mariner and Lisa Paulo, daughters of Wayne Lewis, Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad Firefighter of the Year (posthumous award); Kristen Weaver, Greenbelt City Council; Ben Ross, Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department chief; Greg Gigliotti, Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 commander

The 36th Annual Public Safety Awards Program was held Saturday at Greenbelt American Legion Post 136. Greg Gigliotti, Post 136 commander, welcomed attendees to the banquet and awards ceremony held in Samuel M. Hofberg Hall. The Legion family joined Greenbelt City councilmembers and family, friends and colleagues acknowledging award recipients' community safety contributions.

Mayor Emmett Jordan offered his appreciation for the post family's support for the public safety awards program and support for the City of Greenbelt. "Tonight, we are here to honor the first responders, those who put themselves in harm's way to assist others," he said. "They are first on the scene when things happen in the city. Our first responders are trained very well to do what they do ... Tonight, we are taking the occasion to recognize those who have gone beyond their training and do extraordinary things."

Gigliotti said it was an honor for the post to host the program acknowledging the police officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians and public works employees. "These brave men and

women respond day in and day out to emergencies and the needs of our citizens. Their dedication to the safety and welfare of our citizens is inspirational," he said.

Former GVFD president Gigliotti named Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad retired firefighter and Secretary of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department Wayne Lewis as the Firefighter of the Year, posthumously. Chief Richard Bowers of the Greenbelt Police Department named officer Abbey Kipke Officer of the Year and Neshia Cabrera-Pearson Civilian Employee of the Year. Luisa Robles, Greenbelt Department of Public Works sustainability coordinator, named Michael Barnes, Department of Public Works Refuse and Recycling supervisor, Employee of the Year; Chief Ben Ross, Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. named Jackson Cole Firefighter of the Year. Organizational leaders and Jordan presented each award.

Wayne Lewis' daughters, Lisa Paulo and Kendra Mariner, received Lewis' posthumous award. It showed he performed the duties of the secretary flawlessly from 1997 to 2024. "He was

the glue that kept the GVFD administration together," said Jordan. Paulo recalled some fond memories of her father's dedication to the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department. On a trip to Ocean City, while walking along the boardwalk, he mentioned he would like to have a brick in the firefighters memorial monument in Ocean City. His daughters had a paving brick created in his name and presented it as a surprise 70th birthday gift. Paulo said, "I remember at the time we had the inscription made it was in honor of instead of in memory of." Paulo and Mariner said how happy they were for him receiving the Firefighter of the Year award: "We're receiving this award on what would have been his 82nd birthday. I know he's beyond grateful. I'm sure he's smiling down and appreciating the recognition for all his time and energy and effort that he's put in and dedication and loyalty."

Officer Abbey Kipke, a five-year member of the Greenbelt Police Department (GPD), has served in several roles and is currently assigned to the traffic unit

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Meetings of the GHI Board of Directors
on November 7, 2024



GHI Closed Meeting – starts at 7:00 p.m. - closed to members and visitors

- Approval of Minutes of the Closed Meeting held on August 8, 2024
- Contract for Employee Benefits – 2nd Reading
- Contract for Repairs
- 2024-2025 Contract for Pest Control Services
- Member Financial Matters

GHI Open Meeting – starts at 7:30 p.m. - open to members and visitors

- Statement of Closed Meeting held on November 7, 2024
- Statement of Closed Meeting held on August 8, 2024
- 2024 Strategic Plan Values
- 2025 Board Meeting Schedule from January-May
- Congressman Ivey Community Meeting
- Pipe Replacement Program Request to Engage Sage Water
- Pipe Replacement Program Funding Recommendation
- 2025 Budget – 1st Reading
- Motion to Hold a Closed Meeting on November 21, 2024

GDC Open Meeting – starts after GHI Open Meeting- open to members and visitors

- Approval of Minutes of the Open Meeting held on April 18, 2024
- 2025 Budget

Members and visitors who wish to attend the Open meetings must register in advance via the following link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZwtd-uuqzoiG9XHGq9rswP_N9LZj33gbi9r

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Election 2024

The Five Candidates for Circuit Court Judge on Your Ballot

In the 2024 general election, voters will decide which four out of five candidates will be judges for Maryland's Circuit Court for Prince George's County. The candidates run as individuals and not as a member of any political party.

In Maryland, judges typically are appointed by the governor but must then stand for election.

Some support judicial elections as a check on governors' appointments. Others, including those appointed, argue non-appointed candidates have not been vetted and may not be well qualified.

Below are brief details about each judicial candidate on the ballot.

Darren Johnson, 47

Johnson is a current judge for the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. He was appointed by former governor Larry Hogan on January 9, 2023. Prior to his appointment he was a domestic magistrate for Prince George's County for five years and previously worked for the National Appeals Division for the

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and in private practice.

Stenise Rolle, 46

Rolle was appointed by former governor Larry Hogan on January 9, 2023. She began her career as a civil litigator in wrongful death and personal injury cases before starting her own law firm. She also worked as manager of judicial education in courts and director of graduate student legal aid at the University of Maryland College Park and was a magistrate for the Circuit Court for Prince George's County.

Michael Sheehan, 35

Sheehan is the only candidate not an appointed judge and is running as a challenger. He is a Marine Corps Veteran currently practicing tax law and describes himself as a progressive.

Cheri Simpkins, 50

Simpkins was appointed by Governor Wes Moore on November 21, 2023. She has served as a former district court judge for six years and for 14 years she was a prosecutor specializing in child abuse and sexual assault cases.

Simpkins is also an adjunct professor at Georgetown Law School and the University of Baltimore Legal Studies Program.

Donnell Turner, 56

Turner was appointed by former governor Larry Hogan on September 1, 2022. He is a former labor and employment attorney and former assistant state's attorney for Prince George's County. He was a U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) attorney from 2001 to 2012, a principal deputy state's attorney for Prince George's County and inspector general for the Prince George's County Police Department (2018 to 22), as well as director of the Prince George's County Office of Integrity, Compliance and Police Accountability (2021 to 22). He was an adjunct professor at Prince George's Community College from 1998 to 2017.

For more information on the five judicial candidates, see the May 2 issue of the News Review and the voter guide in Streetcar Suburb News.



-Cartoon by Sandy Rodgers

Election 2024

Question F: Charter Amendment To Increase Personnel Flexibility

Question F on the ballot is a Charter amendment on agency staffing levels. The proposed language of the charter amendment is:

"To provide that during any fiscal year, no agency of County government may exceed the number of positions for that agency as approved in the operating budget without the prior approval of the Council." Voters are asked to vote for or against the amendment.

The language in the current charter is as follows:

Section 815. - Supplementary Appropriations; Staffing Level Increases.

(b) During any fiscal year, no agency of County government may exceed the number of positions in each grade for that agency as approved in the operating budget without the prior approval of the Council.

The difference is the removal of the stipulation "in each grade." The charter review commission

that recommended the change notes of the recommendation: "The Budget and Fiscal Matters Subcommittee recommended to amend Charter Section 815 to provide that no agency may exceed the number of positions for that agency as approved in the operating budget without prior approval of the Council. This changes the current language of Charter Section 815 which provides that no agency may exceed the number of positions in each grade for that agency as approved in the operating budget without prior approval of the Council. This recommended amendment would add personnel flexibility to County agencies." (Prince George's County Charter Review Commission 2021-2022).



Election 2024

Bond Issues On Your Ballot: What the County Would Borrow For

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

Voter approval is required for public bonds in Prince George's County. These questions ask voters to approve the county's borrowing or debt. Questions A to E on this year's ballot would enable the county to borrow money, and issue bonds that total over \$660 million to "finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation or repair of" various county facilities. They include money planned for FBI Headquarters Infrastructure Improvements in Greenbelt (under Question D) and for homeless shelters (within Question A) among numerous other projects.

Question A: \$96,720,000 for county buildings

This borrowing would finance capital projects for county buildings, including a Prince George's County homeless shelter, Shepherd's Cove Family Shelter, Warm Nights Homeless Shelter, a domestic violence/human trafficking shelter, county building renovations, a county administration building refresh and health facilities renovations.

Question B: \$17,284,000 to finance library facilities

This borrowing would finance capital projects for library facilities, including the replacement of the Hillcrest Heights branch, money for the Langley Park branch and countywide library branch renovations.

Question C: \$194,380,000 to finance community college facilities

Planned use for this borrowed money includes the Southern Region Campus; college improvements; the renovations of Marlboro Hall, the Dr. Charlene

Mickens Dukes Student Center and Bladen Hall; as well as the renovation and addition of Chesapeake Hall.

Question D: \$311,873,000 to finance Public Works and Transportation Facilities

Plans for this money include \$131 million planned for FBI headquarters infrastructure improvements at the Greenbelt Metro Station and its vicinity. This also includes bridge rehabilitation in the county, street lights and traffic signals, road rehabilitation, transportation enhancements, tree removal and replacement, transit-oriented development infrastructure, pedestrian safety improvements and countywide unassigned planning and site acquisition (which primarily involves acquiring land to preserve right-of-way for future highways).

Question E: \$40,205,000 to finance Public Safety Facilities

This money would be used for District 6's police station, a special operations division facility, police station renovations, Laurel Fire/EMS Station #849, Oxon Hill Fire/EMS Station, other county fire station renovations yet unassigned, detention center housing renovations, a cen-

tral control/administrative wing expansion and a community corrections complex.

Voters rarely vote down the issue of bonds. In 2020 all five of the county's bond questions, which totaled over \$506 million, were approved with only one (county buildings) receiving less than 86 percent support.



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School News

Janna Ryon Wins Student Praise As New EHRS Chorus Teacher

by Melany Mejia Ibanez and Yoseph Vanterpool



New choir teacher Janna Ryon directs class.

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Janna Ryon is the new chorus and piano teacher at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS). From Tennessee, she completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Cincinnati Conservatory of Music in Ohio. She also has a master's in music from Yale University and a doctorate from the University of Maryland.

Ryon is well known by students for her unique way of interacting with them and making them feel "like a big family." Before becoming a teacher she "would have never known in a million years" that her passion would guide her to a classroom. But once there, something made Ryon realize it would be "cool to teach music," so she stayed where everything she learned and studied for would be useful for others. ERHS senior Chizara Odoemene shares how not only has Ryon helped her with her vocals for singing, she has also helped her come out of her comfort zone: "During my freshman year, I wasn't really talking to a lot of people," said Odoemene. However, as the new school year began, she joined Ryon's chorus class where she started to interact with other students more and even with the teacher. This made Odoemene "come out as a person and express [myself]." She describes Ryon as being "not like other teachers," because she is "very understanding" and always "helping out people with whatever they need."

Besides having a fun and en-

joyable class, students say Ryon's class always has something new to learn. Whether one is interested in learning an instrument or singing, "it's a good class to be in," sophomore Takiyah McDonald comments. Senior Lorna Lomgotagne encourages everybody to take this class, considering her experience has also been outstanding thanks to Ryon's welcoming atmosphere since the first day. "I love how she's so patient and lets me express myself in class," shares Lomgotagne.

Ryon also aims to help students develop the necessary skills to succeed in music, regardless of their prior experience. "It's my job as a teacher to get students to the point of reading music and not feel left out," she said. She believes everyone was born with the capacity to learn to read music and sing to the best of their ability, and doesn't want any student to feel they weren't given the same opportunities as anybody else.

Ryon also emphasizes the close-knit community of music teachers in Prince George's County and the support she received from colleagues like Mrs. Ford, Mr. Jackson and Kevin Hawk. She has enjoyed the welcoming atmosphere and strong connections she has found at Roosevelt.

Melany Mejia Ibanez and Yoseph Vanterpool are ERHS students writing for the Raider Review, the school's student-run paper, where this article first appeared.



Students sing in choir class.



Ellen Ochoa School Highlights Sustainable Design, Electric Buses

by Laura Charleston

This month Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) spotlighted their new green initiative, hosting a press event at Ellen Ochoa Middle School, a facility designed to meet net-zero energy standards, where they also offered tours of an electric school bus. These initiatives are part of the district's broader Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP), which aims to reduce the district's carbon footprint and advance environmental sustainability. The net-zero school with multiple green features provided a preview of what the Springhill Lake Elementary School community can look forward to in their new school, planned to open in 2028.

"There's all kinds of policy that's statewide, but nothing for the school system," said Dorothy Morrison, director of the PGCPS Office of Sustainability and Resiliency. "We've always been exempt, but we have a very large environmental footprint."

Ellen Ochoa Middle School, located in Landover Hills, is a newly constructed facility for 1,200 students. The school is LEED Silver certified and net-zero ready, with geothermal heating and cooling systems powered by wells located beneath the school's playing fields. Additionally, a 65,000-square-foot array of solar panels provides energy to the building, designed to produce more energy than it consumes, generating 111 percent of its energy needs.

Other green features of the school include a central CO2 monitoring system to maintain air quality, solar shading to reduce energy usage, food composting and extensive stormwater management systems to control water runoff.

"We put more shading up, more tree shading ... So this is not going to be a heat island in the middle of the summer," said Shawn Matlock, director of Capital Programs for PGCPS.

These elements alongside the school's design align with the district's goal of promoting sustainable, energy-efficient facilities.

In phase two of the county's Public Private Partnership (PPP), eight more schools will be constructed with the same net-zero energy standards, including Springhill Lake Elementary School.



Tony Spruill, senior operations supervisor for PGCPS, shows the engine on an electric bus.



Ellen Ochoa Middle School was designed to meet net-zero energy standards.

- Photos by Laura Charleston

"The only school that won't have geothermal is Hyattsville Elementary," said Matlock. "And that's because it's too small a footprint, but it will have the same type of solar arrays."

Electric Buses

As part of its sustainability initiatives, PGCPS is also transitioning its school bus fleet from diesel to electric vehicles. Currently there are 28 buses in use within the Greenbelt area. The buses are manufactured by Bluebird Bus company and Thomas Built, an international company according to David Burgess, assistant fleet manager.

Attendees were introduced to one of the district's new electric buses. On a full charge, it can travel 120 miles. This shift to electric transportation aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality for students and the broader community.

According to Tony Spruill, senior operations supervisor for PGCPS, the district's pilot program, the Mullikin Electrification Microgrid, will provide charg-

ing infrastructure for 91 electric buses. Supported by grants from the Maryland Energy Administration's Decarbonizing Public Schools program, the electric bus fleet represents a broader push by the state to invest in clean energy and reduce reliance on fossil fuels in public institutions.

Several other PGCPS schools under construction are being designed with similar sustainability features, further advancing the district's climate goals. District leaders view the electric bus fleet and net-zero energy school projects as investments in environmental sustainability and long-term operational savings.

"And we are looking at developing a curriculum to bring the students in early to learn about climate change education as well as environmental justice education. So we're doing a lot," said Morrison.

Laura Charleston is a student at the University of Maryland's Philip Merrill College of Journalism writing for the News Review.

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Greenbelt's Wild Things Enjoy Rumpus in Roosevelt Center

by Leo Casalini

This past Friday, revelers gathered at Roosevelt Center for the third installment of Greenbelt's Wild Rumpus celebration. Festivities began with a flash mob, which was soon followed by five giant puppets, inspired by the 1963 children's book *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak. They danced and marched in a cordoned-off section, buoyed on all sides by the cheers and music echoing throughout the plaza, before the lines were thrown back and a flurry of ghosts, cats, pumpkins and everything else joined the fray.

Nicole DeWald, Greenbelt's Arts Supervisor who has headed the event since its inception in 2022 says, "I'm always so nervous in the beginning, and then it's hard to get them [the puppets] to stop." She laughed when this reporter drew a comparison between the quick repairs she was constantly having to make on damaged puppet costumes and the never-ending reconstruction of props and costumes in the Youth Musical that takes place every winter. "It's a fun event for all ages," she said. "Fun is hard to be had without a ripped costume here and there," DeWald added, seeming to take it in stride.

The Greenbelt S.I.T.Y. Stars



Evelyn Spaid, 4, said of her costume: "It lights up and it's so cool!"

PHOTO BY ERICA JOHNS

the costume parade. The following year in 1940 prizes were introduced in the form of a "\$3.00 credit at the Greenbelt grocery store" given to the winner with the hope that they would be "most considerate" and exchange it for the cash equivalent "as most people will have already stocked up for the week-end before the dance starts."

Trick-or-treating made its appearance on the scene some five years later in 1945 in the form of a "Beggars' Night." Residents handed out popcorn, candy, and apples to "ghostly visitors" who haunted the town "from dark till bedtime all of Halloween evening."

These traditions would go on to cement themselves as stalwarts of the city's Halloween celebration in the decades to follow. Although there were some occasional outliers, for instance when in 1949, Beggars' Night was accompanied by a Halloween Mardi Gras celebration in the post office's parking lot.

Continuity

A common thread ran through all happenings during the spooky season year after year: Greenbelt's ability to show up and show out. The Wild Rumpus, going into its third year, has displayed this in full, and just might be on its way to becoming another of the city's treasured traditions. We'll just have to stick around till next year to find out!

Leo Casalini is a senior at Northwestern High School writing for the News Review.

City Notes

Many departments supported the Wild Rumpus event and the Advisory Board dinner. The city manager attended the Four Cities Meeting in New Carrollton. Economic Development visited four businesses and attended a Women's Small Business Month event spotlighting Beltway Hardware; Maryland Comptroller Brooke Lierman attended.

Environmental/Sustainability offered an electronics recycling event and hosted a Pollinator Circle meeting. The Animal Shelter's residents are three dogs, one cat and a kitten.

The Community Center hosted a GILA (Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association) event and Public Works added safety paint on the east entrance steps. Recreation and Park Rangers participated in a kayaking event at Greenbelt Lake and Therapeutic Recreation took seniors to the Ballet Theatre of Maryland. Park Rangers facilitated pumpkin festivities and the HUG Walk.

Museum staff hosted a Reparations Commission meeting and were interviewed for two documentary films.

CARES' English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program began providing job-related language instruction to Spanish-speaking Public Works employees.

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took center stage next, hopping over and through jump ropes of different lengths and colors. Performing individual as well as group acts, the talented troupe executed stunts which had the crowd's spirits jumping along with them. Also in attendance at various ends of the plaza were juggler Salih Mahammed, hula hoop dancer Jess Greiner and puppeteer Cecilia Cackley. All the while young, costumed people made their way to and from stands set up by local businesses to distribute treats.

Halloween History in Greenbelt

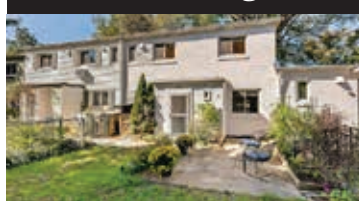
Halloween celebrations have a long history in Greenbelt, "Going all the way back to the 1930s," Councilmember Kristen Weaver said, over the din of parties. A quick look into the News Review's archives confirmed this. The first recorded "Hollow'en" celebrations took place on October 29, 1938, in the form of a dance and costume contest. A short paragraph at the bottom of the issue's last page hailed it as "Greenbelt's first masquerade."

In 1939, the Halloween dance had made its way onto the first page, and alongside it we see the emergence of another of the city's most prominent traditions,

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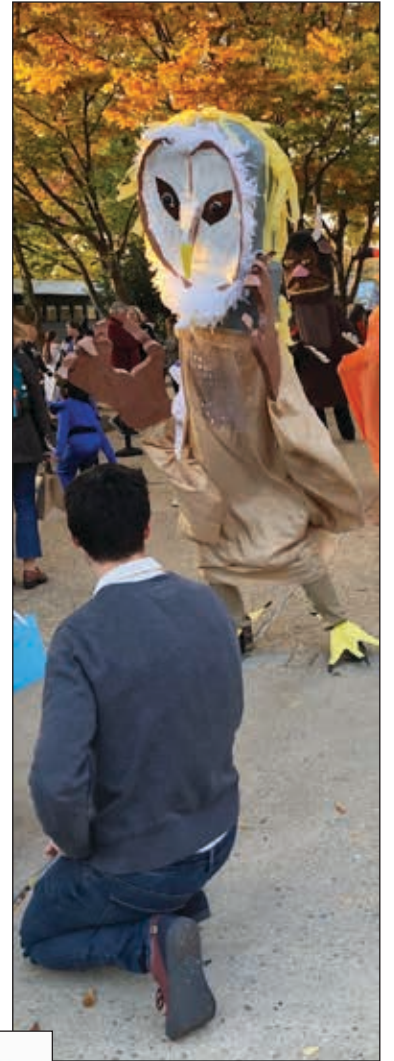
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Felicity Black, 8, attended as Carmen Sandiego.

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One of several giant friendly monster puppets that mingled among the crowd.



Juggler Salih Mahammed performs a range of tricks for an audience.



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where she focuses on traffic safety. Her award states that, "During the last year, Officer Kipke made numerous traffic stops resulting in 22 driving under the influence (DUI) arrests and 288 traffic violations." Kipke's other roles with the department have included providing DUI training and mentoring other officers.

Greenbelt police officers' community involvement has become a hallmark, emphasizing their role beyond being authority figures. Kipke's role with the Community Action Team involved her in numerous projects and events. Examples include planning walk-to-school days at Springhill Lake and Greenbelt Elementary schools. "We meet the kids in the neighborhood and walk with them to school," she said. "It was an opportunity to see police officers other than as authority figures." Another activity was at Donuts with a Cop at Roosevelt Center. "We could talk to the community and see a different side of things, like seeing their concerns, especially from my traffic involvement end. It's nice to talk to people and kind of come up with different ways to address issues."

Bowers spoke of the extensive involvement of Officer Kipke's variety of GPD support. "Just to give you an idea," he said, "in addition to her regular assignment as traffic safety officer, during some staff shortages, she volunteered to go to the midnight shift, and did two duties, which is managing the traffic safety unit and all of our DUI radar and lidar equipment. You also handled the responsibilities of midnight shift officer and for a time were an action corporal on the midnight shift. Officer Kipke's excellent work throughout 2024 has demonstrated her worthiness in being recognized as Officer of the Year."

Neshia Cabrera-Pearson earned her Police Department Civilian Employee of the Year, according to her award, through her unwavering dedication, professionalism and commitment to excellence in service. She works directly for Bowers as his administrative coordinator. "The list of tasks is long and it keeps me very busy," she said. Cabrera-Pearson came to Greenbelt after five years with the New York City Police Department, and noted the difference: "It's not as fast paced here as in New York and I brought skills writing, processing time sheets, expressing myself and talking to the public; using all the administrative skills to enhance police department support. I didn't realize how important my job was until I became a police worker. One hand can't clap without the



PHOTO BY BUTCH HICKS

Firefighter and GVFD Secretary Wayne Lewis received, posthumously, the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department Firefighter of the Year award for performing his duties flawlessly for more than 26 years. His award showed he was the glue that kept the GVFD administration together. His daughters Lisa Paulo and Kendra Mariner received Lewis' posthumous award from Greenbelt Mayor Emmett Jordan and Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 Commander Greg Gigliotti.

other. You need the officers as well as the civilians."

Bowers provided extensive appreciation for Cabrera-Pearson's selection as Civilian Employee of the Year. His award commentary summarized her dedication, integrity and teamwork. "She serves as a shining example of the positive difference civilian employees make in law enforcement ... Her work has enhanced the effectiveness of our operations and strengthened the bond between the department and the citizens of Greenbelt."

Berwyn Heights firefighter Jackson Cole, while responding to an active fire, showed quick thinking and calm decision-making that contributed to saving the life of another firefighter.

He said the event that brought about the award "was pretty life altering for me. It's something I never thought I'd have to do." His award shows that on December 17, 2023, Cole responded to a house fire with smoke showing from a single-family dwelling.

Another firefighter, Reilly Gilligan, had forced entry into the structure and just inside the entry fell through the floor up to his armpits as fire vented from the hole around him. Cole, without hesitation, entered the house and pulled the firefighter from the hole in the floor and both men exited the building. "The fire was all around him," Cole said. "I guess it was adrenaline that caused me to finally pull him out." Cole's timely response to the rescued firefighter saved his life; he experienced minor burns and returned to duty the next day. Berwyn Heights Fire Department Chief Ben Ross said, "Firefighter Cole exhibited unusual courage, demonstrated superior decision-making and zeal when he went to the assistance of firefighter Reilly Gilligan, putting his crew member's well-being ahead of his own personal safety. Because of firefighter Cole's actions, firefighter Gilligan received minor injuries. This evening, it is my distinct honor to join firefighter

Gilligan as he presents the Firefighter of the Year award to his friend firefighter Jackson Cole."

Michael Barnes supervises a Greenbelt support activity vital to having a safe and pleasant place to live. Department of Public Works leaders commented that, "He excelled at managing operations, leading his team with integrity and implementing efficient practices that benefit both our staff and the residents we serve."

His section manages trash and bulk pickup. "The recycling is picking up a lot because now we have a community that's trying to save the earth," said Barnes. "We're trying to educate them about not dumping plastics and other refuse that doesn't break down. You can see the difference, the shift in household disposal."

Robles, Michael's sponsor for Public Works Department Employee of the Year, said in her presentation, "What truly sets Michael apart is his positive attitude. He approaches every challenge with a solution-oriented mindset, always ready to lend a hand to his colleagues and share his expertise. His passion for his work and for our community is evident in everything he does."

Barnes said his was not the most glamorous job, but it was a job that was always going to be there. "No matter how rich or how poor you are, you still have trash," he said. He developed his working mantra that has served him well. "It's all about the way you look at it. You can look at the positive instead of the negative and go a long way."

Beltway Plaza Construction



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Construction begins on a garage behind Beltway Plaza.

Site work has begun for the garage associated with the development approved several years ago for Beltway Plaza. The garage foundations are underway in the parking lot between the rear of Target and Breezewood Drive, although the developer informed council at a recent worksession that the parking structure itself will not be completed until the residential

buildings also planned for the site are commenced. The News Review issue of March 5, 2020, describes the plan approved by the county council. Progress had been suspended since the Covid pandemic: the groundbreaking for the garage is the first resurgence. For more information, go to greenbeltnewsreview.com/issues/GNR20200305.pdf.



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Incident Summary

Greenbelt Police reported three domestic incidents, two with arrests; one incident involving Child Protective Services; and three suicide attempts, two of which resulted in mental health diversions and one where the subject was deemed to not be in danger by the caller.

Armed Carjacking

On October 21 at 11:02 p.m. near 7913 Mandan Road, a man was carjacked at gunpoint by three men, two of whom were wearing masks; one who was armed with a handgun struck the victim in the head. The carjacked vehicle was later recovered.

Assault

On October 25 at 1:32 a.m. near 6021 Springhill Drive, an unknown man tackled another man and began punching him.

Disorderly

On October 21 at 7:54 p.m. near 26 Crescent Road, a man in a building common area who appeared to be in an altered mental state was yelling, cursing and threatening officers. He was arrested and charged with being disorderly and taken to Upper Marlboro Department of Corrections.

DUI Arrest

On October 26 at 11:02 p.m. near Kenilworth Avenue and Ivy Lane, a man was asleep at the wheel in the middle of the travel lanes; he was arrested and charged with DUI.

Package Theft Arrest

On October 24 at 9:51 a.m. near 9230 Springhill Lane, officers arrested a man who stole several packages. He was recorded by door cameras committing package thefts in the same complex where he resides.

Shoplifting

On October 22 at 2:09 p.m. near 7587 Greenbelt Road, a man stole merchandise.

On October 24 at 10:01 a.m. near 7483 Greenbelt Road, two men were recorded on security video stealing items.

On October 25 at 10:23 a.m. near 7583 Greenbelt Road, three women filled bags with merchandise and fled in a silver vehicle; at 2:18 p.m. near 7595 Greenbelt Road, officers arrested a shoplifter who became combative and attempted to flee; he also had four open warrants through the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department for theft, and was transported to Upper Marlboro Department of Corrections.

On October 26 at 6:36 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, store Loss Prevention detained a juvenile shoplifter; the store declined to prosecute after recovering the stolen merchandise, and the juvenile was released to his mother's custody. At 8:48 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, store Loss Prevention detained a shoplifter; officers placed her in custody, issued a criminal citation and banned her from the location.

On October 27 at 3:34 p.m. near 7583 Greenbelt Road, sus-

pects stole merchandise and fled the scene.

Threats

On October 27 at 10:27 p.m. near 6118 Breezewood Drive, multiple men with guns approached another man and told him to stop contacting an individual who owed him money.

Trespassing Arrest

On October 22 at 11:20 a.m. near 5913 Cherrywood Lane, a witness saw a man enter a vacant apartment. As he exited, he was detained by officers who recognized him for trespassing previously at the same location. He also had an active warrant in Charles County and was taken to Greenbelt Police Department for processing, then to the Department of Corrections in Upper Marlboro.

Vandalism Arrest

On October 25 at 11:22 a.m. near 5912 Cherrywood Terrace, three young people were spray-painting the playground near the pool, and were arrested and taken to the police station.

Vehicle Crimes

Stolen Vehicles

Six vehicles were stolen and one was found: on October 22 near 7511 Mandan Road, a white 2009 Ford Crown Victoria (Md. 3FC7332); on October 23 near 7730 Hanover Parkway, a red 2022 Honda Civic (Md. 9GB4210); on October 24 near 6225 Springhill Court, a white 2016 Hyundai Sonata (Fla. 52BQQE); on October 25 near 9007 Breezewood Terrace, a 2016 Infiniti (Md. 3985XP); and on October 27 near 7810 Walker Drive, a 2018 Kia Soul (N.H. 1034V). On October 25 near 8243 Canning Terrace, a gray 2011 Hyundai Elantra (Md. 6AJ7952) was stolen, and in the space next to where it had been

parked a stolen car with ignition damage was left.

Theft from Auto

On October 22 near 153 Westway, a registration year sticker was stolen. On October 23 near Mandan Road and Mathew Street, a window was broken, and several items were missing; near 8300 Greenbelt Station Parkway, several items were missing from a vehicle. On October 25 near 9005 Breezewood Terrace, a rear tag was stolen.

Vandalism to Auto

On October 22 near 6320 Golden Triangle Drive, 15 vehicles were broken into. On October 22 near 6150 Springhill Terrace, a vehicle window was broken but nothing was taken.

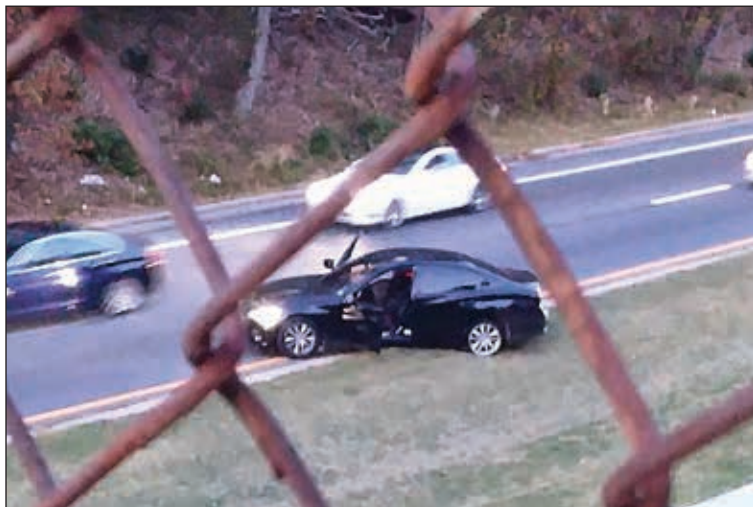
On October 22 near 6 Plateau Place, a tire was slashed on a vehicle. On October 24 near 213 Lakeside Drive, a man honked his horn at a vehicle that almost hit him; the driver of the vehicle then followed him and threw a bottle at his car, causing damage, before driving away.

Helicopters Search For Suspects

On the evening of Monday, October 28, residents noted the presence of helicopters and police vehicles in the area as a search was underway for suspects who bailed out of a stolen vehicle on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and fled on foot into Greenbelt.

The Baltimore Police Aviation unit was flying over Greenbelt searching for the subjects, with Greenbelt Police Department assisting them from the ground.

The search was later suspended without locating the individuals.



A stolen vehicle sits abandoned on the Parkway on October 28. Its occupants ran through the woods toward Greenbelt but a police search failed to locate them.

City Responds to Dismissal; Plans Community Meetings

As we reported on October 21, the Circuit Court for Prince George's County dismissed the lawsuit filed by the City of Greenbelt, the Town of Berwyn Heights and the City of College Park (to which Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. was later added as a plaintiff) against Prince George's County, Prince George's County Fire/Emergency Medical Services Department, County Executive Angela Alsobrooks and County Fire Chief Tiffany Green.

"This decision has raised concerns within the city and surrounding communities," said Mayor Emmett Jordan in a press release Friday, October 25. "City Council's responsibility is to ensure that our residents, businesses and visitors receive exceptional public safety services, including fire and emergency medical services. We will work closely with the community, firefighters and stakeholders to navigate this transition responsibly," he stated.

As part of this process, the city will host a series of community meetings to discuss the changes, gather feedback and address any concerns. The meetings will provide a platform for

residents to voice their opinions and learn more about the plans for maintaining public safety.

"We want to assure the community that their safety remains our top priority," said City Manager Josué Salmerón. "We are dedicated to finding solutions that allow us to effectively respond to emergencies and will continue our advocacy until we find a compromise where our fire and medical needs are addressed properly."

For more information about the upcoming community meetings, visit greenbeltnmd.gov.

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residents about the task force and that four public meetings are recommended at different times and places in Greenbelt to accommodate and inform its residents and to obtain feedback.

During 2023 two vacancies occurred on council due first to the resignation of Colin Byrd and then the death of Ric Gordon. In both cases, council followed Greenbelt's charter and Election Code, which allowed them to appoint a member without a new election, though one appointment would be for approximately two months and the other almost two years.

In the first instance, council selected former councilmember Konrad Herling, who pledged not to run in the upcoming election (thus avoiding an incumbent advantage that council was reluctant to bestow in the run-up to the election).

Gordon died shortly after he was re-elected in November 2023. An application period and public forums followed and in January 2024, council appointed Amy Knesel, who had not been among the candidates running for election in November. Knesel's appointment will last until the next election.

With input from city residents, council has since reexamined this process and Board of Elections chair Steve Gilbert with member Beth Terry presented two options based on these deliberations: that council either amend the city's Election Code or amend section 32 of the charter so that vacancies which occur 180 days or more before the next regular election require a special election in order to fill the seat. The procedures differ depending on the number of days before the next regular election.

0 to 60 days: seat remains vacant or filled at council's discretion

60 to 180 days: council fills seat by majority vote after public hearing within 45 days

More than 180 days: special mail-in election

Weaver noted that 180 days are needed to allow time for candidates to fulfill requirements to run and the city to prepare for residents to vote. Roberts opposes this proposed change, as he is opposed to appointments, and argued instead that even with less than 180 days the seat should remain open until residents vote to choose new members. Herling warned about council being divided 3 to 3 should a vacant seat result in six members serving over extended periods of time. Council declined to vote on the matter at this time.

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Gary spent his childhood in Barton, Md., which is in the mountains southwest of Cumberland, where his father owned and operated a bar. Gary's good friend Paul Remenick remarked that the one good thing Gary carved out of that environment was his skill at shooting pool. When his father died during Gary's teenage years, his mother uprooted the family to Greenbelt for better opportunities for them all, according to another longtime friend, Lewis Merritt.

Not long after arriving Gary met Paul, Lewis, Kirk McCauley and the late Billy Steele. Gary and Lewis both worked for a short time at Pressure Sciences Inc. in Beltsville, and they both passed the test to work for the post office. Lewis said that the local Greenbelt office called him one day at 5 a.m. and offered to put him to work as a temporary employee. Lewis laughingly recalled responding "Today? I think Gary Barbour passed that exam too. Call him to come in at 5 a.m.!" Gary reported and began a career that lasted 35 years, initially as a regular mail carrier for the route that included the house on Ridge Road where his family lived and later as a special delivery driver from the Landover facility.

Gary started a part-time landscaping business, Suburban Maintenance. After Linda died, Gary, the son of a veteran, adopted American Legion Post 136 as his second home. The Legion benefited greatly from Gary's landscaping skills, according to Legionnaire and friend Paul Faccemire, becoming known for its award-winning array of flowers and shrubs, particularly for the grand elephant ears that Gary planted and groomed with pride. He also planted a vegetable plot that provided produce for the taking by the members.

As a result of his many activities, his Legion ties and his affable nature, Gary had "more



Gary Barbour at a Crabfeed

PHOTO BY RICK RANSOM

friends than there are grains of sand," said Kelly. Kirk McCauley, who knew him probably better than anyone, said, "Gary would do what was right. You could give him a million dollars to hold onto, and when you came back, every penny would be on hand for you. He was a good man, a good father, a good brother and a great friend."

I spent many good times with Gary at the Legion, sharing laughs and perspectives. He had known my brother, Bill, who was killed in a car accident when he was 20. He told me of events that I never knew and opened up a whole new side of Bill for me.

Gary is survived by his daughters Kelly Kotche (Tim), of Gambrills, Md., and Erica Callender (Wade) of Frisco, Texas; son Ron (Sherry) of Edgewater, Md., as well as younger brother Steve (Maryann) of Terre Haute, Ind. His older brother, Ronnie, died when Gary was young. He is also survived by five grandchildren: Zack, Chase, Billy, Chloe and Vanna.

There will be a celebration of Gary's life at the Greenbelt American Legion on Saturday, November 23 from 2 to 6 p.m. All who knew and loved him are welcome.



Planting Project At Three Sisters

The Bahá'í Community and friends will return to Schrom Hills Park to plant hyacinth bulbs in the Three Sisters Garden on Saturday, November 2 at 1 p.m. Collaborating with CHEARS, which sponsors the garden, they invite children, youth and adults alike to join in the project. Students may earn one or two service hours by their participation. Schrom Hills Park is located at 6915 Hanover Parkway; the garden is located a short distance across the grass behind the pavilion.

The event is part of a two-day annual celebration of the birth of the co-founders of the Bahá'í Faith, the Báb and Bahá'u'lláh. Participating gardeners of all ages are asked to arrive promptly at 1 p.m. for a blessing and a demonstration of how to plant the bulbs, and to bring gardening gloves and a shovel if they have them. The garden work will be followed by refreshments, either at the pavilion or in the clubhouse, depending on the weather.

Hyacinth bulbs are planted in the fall to begin their growth underground. In the spring, the multicolored fragrant flowers will emerge to complement the many daffodils that already come up every year around the Three Sisters Garden.




October asters on Eastway

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Double-breasted cormorant at the Lake

There were three main areas under review in the draft, these being the main entrance, the south cove and the peninsula.

The major idea for the main entrance is a circular path with a five percent or lower grade, permitting usage by individuals with disabilities. A resin bound aggregate was chosen for the material, which is pervious to water and less prone to erosion than the current gravel path. Even though it would be expensive, the two consultants pointed out that over the long run, this material would be less costly to maintain than what is there now. Retaining the look of crushed stone, the material is more stable to walk on. This path would connect to all the elements at the park.

Paths in general throughout the park would be narrowed to 10 feet wide. Not all the paths at the park would ultimately be paved. Some other materials proposed for paths would be stone dust, mulch and porous asphalt.

Some proposed amenities accessible to the circular path would be a flexible-use performance plaza, a large meadow of grass and pollinators surrounded by a mown path, and a fishing pier at the lake's edge.

At the south cove, stepped terrace seating is proposed, using natural stone and boulders, as well as lakeside seating. The wetlands and plantings there would be restored.

The peninsula, surrounded on three sides by the lake, would also feature lakeside rock seating, as well as an overlook deck.

The picnic area would undergo redevelopment, including a large 50-person pavilion and two additional pavilions. This area will be available for rental, an amenity of strong interest to the city's residents.

The consensus was that tree removal should be kept to an absolute minimum. The two consultants stated that very few trees would have to be removed.

A frequent concern at the meeting was the essential need for maintenance and its costs. Trucks and other vehicles will have to be used and the impact of these on the grounds and paths will have to be assessed. Resident Lola Skolnik suggested the creation of a new Park and Recreation Department to handle these needs. City Manager Josué

famous kale salad, which earned him the title of "Kale King." It's fitting that the Kale King is coming to Greenbelt, known for its "green spaces" and modeled after English garden cities. Another of his businesses is said to be the only flavored kale salad company in the world, but also offers burgers, chicken, steak, turkey and crabmeat. The flavors experienced at the NDC will be crafted just for his New Deal Café Experience customers. He will also serve bar food and drinks from smoothies to other libations. The menu will grow over time and he is open to suggestions and favorite recipes.

Community Support

Hilliard is committed to supporting the community and local farmers. He uses locally sourced ingredients in his creations. Patrons will have a choice of classic and modern dishes with a twist but top-notch table service will be available to all, while still keeping the place family friendly and cozy. In addition to breakfast, lunch and dinner, late night service will be a part of the New Deal Café Experience.

Musical Background

Experienced not only in the restaurant business but also in the music industry, Hilliard plays mu-

Wildlife Holiday Bazaar At Patuxent Refuge

The Friends of Patuxent Wildlife Refuge will host their annual Wildlife Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the National Wildlife Visitor Center. Visitors can shop from more than 20 unique vendors, as well as Baldy's Bargains for new and gently used treasures and the Crane Café and Bake Sale. There will be demonstrations by the Chesapeake Woodturners, as well as houseplants, songbird box kits, live animals and family activities.

The Visitor Center is located at 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, off Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Md. Route 197. Visit friendsofpatuxent.org for more details.



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Kenny Hilliard stands behind the bar in the New Deal Café.

sical instruments, has written music, served as a key member of a musical group and toured with Montell Jordan. Working with the existing NDC stage performance team, the Experience will bring new acts and artists. He is also considering a jazz brunch.

Holiday Orders

The holidays will be upon us soon and Hilliard is prepared. Any orders for the holiday should be placed two weeks in advance of the special day to ensure all hands on deck with his team and any special requests can be accommodated. Orders can be placed by walking in or calling. Opening weekend hours are projected to be Friday, November 1 from 11 a.m. to midnight, with music from 8 to 11 p.m.; Saturday, November 2 from 8 a.m. to midnight; and Sunday, November 3 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. These hours are tentative and subject to change as the transition proceeds, said NDC president John Campanile.

The preliminary menu includes appetizers of grilled avocado, avocado fries, rosemary lamb chops and grilled chicken wings, with medium prices. The entrees include pasta with grilled meat or

seafood, grilled or fried chicken, a burger and salmon, priced a bit higher. There will of course be flavored kale salad available – feta and onion, garlic parmesan or spicy – and the option to add protein from chicken to lump crab to baked tofu.

There's no timeframe yet on an updated look and the stylistic changes Hilliard and his team have in store. They received the keys to the Café on Tuesday, and are getting kitchen operations going and point-of-sale software in order for Friday.

As Hilliard looked forward to the opening, he reflected on the role his spiritual foundation has played in his success. He started serving under his father, who is a pastor, and learned early to give honor and recognition for the journey. He references Jeremiah 29:11 and the plan for his life. His advice to dreamers: "You never know the direction your life will end up, but become passionate and follow every step of your dreams." His next step is the NDC.

Stop by and cozy up to the New Deal Café Experience.

For more on Hilliard see the August 28 issue.

Salmerón explained that currently, three specific teams from Public Works address this scope, maintaining fields, parks and horticulture, respectively. He described their efforts as robust.

Ensuring combined safety for walking and biking was a major concern at the meeting and must be factored into the plan.

Resident Catherine Plaisant expressed worry that the park may become too formal, and not the naturalistic style which is more in keeping with the ethos of Greenbelt. Councilmember Kristen Weaver and the two consultants assured listeners that the goal was to create more intentionality and structure and avoid a more free-for-all usage, rather than a pristine, manicured appearance.

Chestnut said that PRAB approved of the plan on the whole, stating that the focus was to balance accessibility and environmental impact, with Sickle expressing the board's agreement over the use of resin bound aggregate on the paths.

Council was pleased with the plan overall, and both Jordan and Weaver felt that a slightly revised draft could be placed on the agenda in the near future for council approval.

Scarphone felt that the master plan was "solid" and would operate as an effective framework for the next five to 25 years.



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Sports

ERHS Girls Soccer Team Scores Two More Victories, Claims County Championship

by Patrick Gleason

Another first-half hat trick for Jada Savage started the game and another victory ended it on Tuesday, October 22. The county championship game against the Oxon Hill Clippers became an extended celebration for the undefeated Eleanor Roosevelt High School Raiders who entered the state playoffs with 15 wins, many of them lopsided like the 7-0 triumph last week. Though the Clippers pressured hard from the start, Gabriella Martinez and Ariana Cruz added goals from the forward position while senior Hariette Ngwatung and Autumn Freeman also joined in the scoring fun as the Raiders never doubted a victory, sealing their county supremacy along the way.

The momentum carried into their first-round playoff victory over the Bladensburg Mustangs on October 25, where the Raiders waited only 32 seconds before finding the back of the net. Savage reached the endline and found fellow winger Alyssa Casey in front of the goal for the quickest Roosevelt goal to date. Casey brought the pass to her feet before redirecting the ball into the goal. Not long after, Savage scored, before Casey tallied another with a one-touch left-footed shot from the far post assisted by none other than Savage. Ariana Cruz and Gabrielle Johnson also scored in the first-half rout that assured Roosevelt of a chance to defend its region championship title. The dominant performance advanced the Raiders to a rematch with C.H. Flowers, whom they bested 6-0 earlier this year and in last season's region final. A victory for



Eleanor Roosevelt High School girls soccer team: county champs



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the Raiders will bring them to the state quarterfinals, which would be a home contest on Saturday, November 2 at 6 p.m.



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day's pumpkin-carving event at Roosevelt Center.

The pumpkins lining the trail showcased a delightful range of designs: from cheerful grins to spooky scowls, pumpkins carved into the likenesses of cats and dogs, and others featuring witches, ghosts and magical scenes. Some were adorned with stars, swirls or crescent moons, while others took the shape of tiny fairy houses. Each jack-o'-lantern added its own unique charm to the night's walk, reflecting the community's boundless creativity.

Jack-o'-lanterns weren't the only fantastical feature of the evening – woodland creatures also greeted each passerby along the enchanted trail. Whimsical fairies were scattered throughout the forest, but the most anticipated sighting was the legendary Goat Man, who appeared from the shadows to the delight (and sometimes fright) of those who crossed his path.

Once the visitors departed the woods, they were offered hot chocolate or hot cider to enjoy under the glow of the waning supermoon.

Zhenya Chukmasova, a first-time Pumpkin Walker, was "so surprised" at how special the night turned out to be. "It was so beautiful and so fun," she said. "I'm just at a loss for words."

Seven-year-old Mabel, dressed as a unicorn, said that she has been coming to the Pumpkin Walk ever since she was a "little tiny baby."

"I made the pumpkin that was right at the end, the one with the hearts and the little dots," she said. Her parents, Michael and Rachel Canavan, shared fond memories of returning to the walk year after year. "We'll never miss a Pumpkin Walk!" proclaimed Rachel.

Jackson Maul, a student at the University of Maryland who grew up in Greenbelt, has been coming to the Pumpkin Walk for the past 15 years. "It was so wonderful," said Maul about his walk through the woods. "I love getting to see all the art and ideas, all the creativity from the people of Greenbelt."

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Halloween around Greenbelt



PHOTO BY PEGGY HIGGINS

Face painting was a huge success at the Windsor Green Fallween Celebration on Saturday, October 26. Among the children having fun were the Munoz sisters, above, who were pretty in pink, and a very poised Spiderman, Honor, and an equally cool young lady, Sky, below.



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PHOTO BY KRISTEN WEAVER

Greenbelt Station residents gathered for their annual celebration of Halloween in the neighborhood's central park on October 27. Activities included an obstacle course, maze and Halloween-themed photo backdrop, along with goodie bags for the kids, organized by the HOA Activities Committee. Pictured are Ethan (front) and Noah running the obstacle course in costume.



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The Goat Man's lair, and in the background, perhaps, the Goat Man himself.



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The Ukelele Ladies and Dave perform as folks arrive for the Pumpkin Walk.



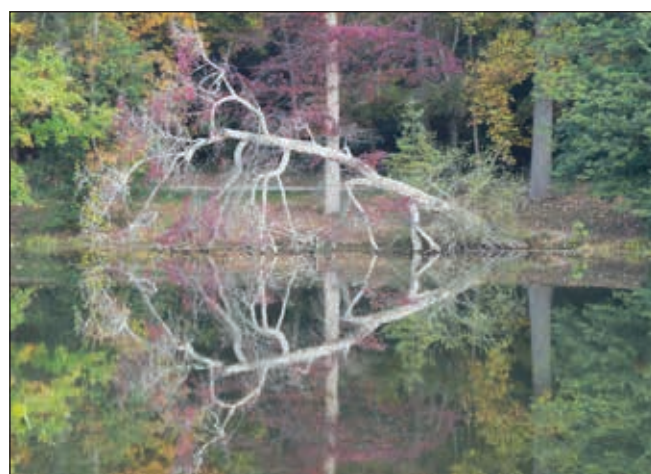
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City staff create pumpkin and treat fun for kids at Franklin Park. Trunk or Treat took place behind Beltway Plaza on Friday, October 25 with the city's third pumpkin-carving extravaganza also behind the mall. The final carving of the Pumpkin Festival, it followed one in Schrom Hills on October 12 and another in Roosevelt Center on October 18.



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Ghastly and goofball pumpkins



Greenbelt Lake reflects the fall foliage at Buddy Attick Park. But when it goes sideways . . .

- Photos by Kathryn Beard



. . . does the Goat Man or some other cryptid live in the lake?