Moments After Whaples, who said he was teaching and still happy, told the issue had been placed on the agenda by Kathleen Gallagher, as well as Co-op officials, have told WSSC that such a schedule is not acceptable. He was expecting a response from WSSC, but of Tuesday afternoon, there was no change. Several of the merchants also complained of high water bills. Michael Hartman of the New Deal Café said that their water bill had recently tripled. There are four meters for the building they are in, but the billing is done by the landlord. The final utility issue was the shared problem of bringing in high-speed internet to connect to the Center’s antiquated systems. The merchants need this service to power their credit card operations, normal computer usage and point-of-sale systems. While some merchants have successfully brought in broadband service, albeit in some cases with major time delays, others are having problems getting service from either major provider in the city. In some cases, the issue is who will pay to bring the line to the business.

In 2013, Takoma Park became the second city to do so. Greenbelt’s Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) is exploring if Greenbelt will be the third.

In July 2015 YAC submitted a recommendation to the city council recommending that 16- and 17-year-olds be allowed to vote in city elections. If such a change were made, only city elections would be affected. The voting age for state and federal elections would remain at 18.

A year later, Emma Smith, chair, and other members of the committee attended a regular meeting of the city council to request information on the status of their 2015 report. They were told the issue had been placed on the Community Questionnaire circulated at the time of the 2015 election and was also on the list of council worksessions to be scheduled. The worksession was held on November 2, with Smith the committee member Hunter Whaples representing YAC. Mayor Pro Tem Judith Davis, who presided over the meeting, asked Smith to give an overview of the reasons for the committee’s request. Smith outlined the rationale that had been provided in the original report, saying that at 16, young people are able to obtain a driving permit, work with few restrictions and pay taxes. At this age, Smith added, under the current curriculum, they are also most likely taking required high school classes on local, state and national government, which the committee suggests is an ideal time to be introduced to the privilege and duty of voting.

Whaples, who said he was 17 and a senior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, confirmed that almost all sophomores in the City of Greenbelt take one of the required government courses, so this is a good time to introduce voting. “People who understand government should be able to vote,” he said. He also supported another argument presented in the committee report, that for long-term commitment to voting and civic involvement, introducing it in conjunction with school subjects prior to students’ moving away from their home communities to college could be an advantage.

Questionnaire Response Davis pointed out that there had been a high level of opposition expressed on the Community Questionnaire to lowering the minimum voting age. Only 19 percent of the respondents supported the proposition, with 77 percent opposing it and the remaining 4 percent not responding. It should be noted that it was the Community Questionnaire is not statistically based and does not provide any background information on the topic of the question. Smith said she thought perhaps voters were concerned with large numbers of young people turning out and having too much impact on issues or “diluting the vote.” If the early days of the lowered voting age in Takoma Park and Hyattsville are any indication, however, that is unlikely to be a threat. To date, registration by the age group in both cities has been quite modest, as reported by their city clerks.

More promising is that the 16- and 17-year-olds who do register are substantially more likely to turn out to vote than registered voters as a whole. Both Takoma Park and Hyattsville historically have had low voter turnout. In its last election, 20 to 25 percent of the young voters in Hyattsville showed up to vote, while older voters have shown up in the 50 percent range.

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American Education Week November 14 to 18

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

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

Teacher Tara Yates-Reeves: Creativity Shines Through

by Dylan Sinn

Tara Yates-Reeves has been teaching and working with kids since middle school and even then her colleagues noticed her knack for it. “I was a summer camp counselor and my boss was always telling me, ‘You have a natural way with these children,’” she said. “They said, ‘You should consider teaching and I was like, ‘No I’m just going to be a performer.’” Over a decade later, she teaches vocal music at Magnolia Elementary School in Lanham, instructing students from pre-kindergarten through sixth grade. “This is my third year and I love it,” Yates-Reeves said. “The kids are amazing and the staff is so supportive. I can’t lie, as a teacher you’re always tired but it’s so worth it because you know you’re teaching and you’re making a difference.”

Teacher Melissa Pinkney Uses Real-Life Situations

by Dylan Sinn

Melissa Pinkney is only in her second year teaching first grade at Magnolia Elementary School in Lanham, but she is no stranger to the classroom. Pinkney’s mother teaches in Anne Arundel County and the younger Pinkney helped set up her mother’s room during the summer each year and met all of her mother’s friends in the profession. “Being around my mother and seeing how happy she was teaching”, the fact that “she still is teaching and still happy”, motivated me to “want to try this,” Pinkney said.

Pinkney’s deep connection to teaching is not lost on Magnolia principal Phyllis Gillens. “One of her first mentors was her mother and it seems as though all of

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What Goes On

Saturday, November 19

9 a.m. to noon, Volunteer Clean-up of Indian Creek, Springhill Lake Recreation Center
Sunday, November 20

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Bake Sale for Animal Shelter, Co-op Ramp
Monday, November 21

8 p.m., Council Worksession on Police Body Cameras, Municipal Building. Live on Comcast 71, Verizon 21 and streaming at greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25

City Offices Closed

Thursday, November 24

9 a.m., Gobble Wobble, 5K Race, 1½ mile walk, Youth Center
Pet Fooled

I am writing this because only about one percent of Greenbelt cat “owners” showed up for the Pet Fooled documentary at the recent Utopia Film Festival, and because I wish to augment the online trailer.

In this documentary bewildered consumers are misleading wording on so many beautiful pet food packages. And here we learn about the condition of some of the animals used as ingredients in conventional pet foods.

One pet food recall involves many pet deaths, while the product remained on the shelves for several years. They inform that a tainted food coming from a single source may appear in many pet food brands. One devastated owner tells of how she had with her own hands poisoned and killed her own dog with tainted dog food.

They explain how in mainstream pet foods some of the ingredients are not “species appropriate,” which is to say that a dog or cat does not need, and will be harmed by, these cheapest possible wheat and corn major ingredients.

Happily, they tell of new smaller pet food companies who proudly provide the “species-appropriate” diets recommended, and that is because of the transience of the animals, the shortage of funding and the low prevalence of local species-appropriate feeding by owners.

Bill Norwood

Evasive Response

This is a response to the article ‘Council Requests Changes to County Draft Zoning Law,’ written by Diane Oberg and published in the November 3 edition of the Greenbelt News Review (GNR).

According to Oberg, William Orleans petitioned the Greenbelt City Council at the October 24 council meeting to provide information regarding council’s executive sessions dealing with the search for a new city manager.

According to the Maryland Open Meetings Act (the Act), when a public body (such as the council) holds a meeting subject to the Act, the council must keep the minutes of executive sessions. Council’s response was evasive, did not address Orleans’ petition for information and failed to advise Orleans of his right to file a complaint with the Open Meetings Act Compliance Board.

We encourage Orleans to file a complaint with the Compliance Board. We share Orleans’ desire for more information about the executive session and congratulate his willingness to question council on this matter.

Information about the Open Meetings Act and the process for filing a complaint may be found at marylandpetgeneral.gov.

Brian Almquist

Thanksgiving Week Deadline Changes

Due to the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 24, the deadline for the News Review will have to change, since printers will not be able to print the paper Thanksgiving morning. The Thanksgiving issue will be printed on Wednesday. All deadlines will be moved back a day to finish the paper in time to be printed before the holiday.

Thanksgiving Week the deadline for stories, letters and camera ready ads will be Monday, November 21 at 8 p.m. Ads that need work must be in by Sunday, November 20 at 4 p.m.

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

Notice to All

All copy – ads, articles, photos, letters – must reach us no later than Monday, November 21 to be included in the November 24 issue. Any material received after Monday evening will be held for the issue of December 1.
City of Greenbelt Remembers Men, Women Who Served
by Butch Hicks

The Greenbelt community, Greenbelt City Council and county government representatives joined the Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 family in Veterans Day ceremonies held at the Roosevelt Center on November 11. Post 136 Commander Mike Moore said the annual event "commemorates the service of veterans of all wars. We remember how men and women set aside their civilian pursuits to serve their nation's cause, defending the freedom of mankind and preserving our precious heritage."

Held on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 and the City of Greenbelt used the service to thank veterans and their families for their service. Over 100 people, many of them in uniform, turned out for the ceremony. Included in the crowd were Brownie Troop 23007, Cub Scout Pack 202 and Boy Scout Troop 746.

Commander Moore was also the MC and introduced County Councilmember Todd Turner first. "Thank you," Turner said to the service members. "We are here because of your service. We went through this election, and though we have our differences, we are hopeful because of this peaceful transition."

The election was also on State Representative Anne Healey’s mind. "We have to remember that we are the United States of America," she said emphasizing the word united. "We need to be kind and remember community."

Before reading a proclamation from the city, Mayor Emmett Jordan also said thank you. "Greenbelt is a special community," he added. "And it is part of our nature to help each other and to remember the service of veterans."

Long-time resident of Greenbelt, keynote speaker Greg Gigliotti, second vice commander of Greenbelt American Legion Post 136, reminded listeners that most people go into the service when they are young. "They are ordinary people who accomplish extraordinary things."

The ceremony ended with the placement of five wreathes next to the city’s memorial, a rifle volley and Taps, saluting those who have served and those who continue to serve America through military service.

Butch Hicks is the public affairs officer for Greenbelt American Legion Post 136. Amy Hansen also contributed to this article.
Veterans Day 2016

As part of the Veteran Day service, representatives position wreaths in front of the memorial next to Roosevelt Center. From left, Post Auxiliary member Judy Farrell, Councilmember Rodney Roberts, Sons of American Legion member Chris Field, Councilmember Konrad Herling and Acting Police Chief Thomas Kemp.

Some veterans wore uniforms to the service and others wore commemorative jackets.

A crowd of over 100 listens to the Veterans Day service held in Roosevelt Center.

Veterans attend the service held in Roosevelt Center.

Michael Moore, of Greenbelt American Legion Post 136, leads the Veterans Day service. Shown behind him are several of the speakers, (from left) Greg Gigliotti, the Legion's second vice commander; Mayor Emmett Jordan; Councilmember Judith Davis; County Councilmember Todd Turner; and State Representative Anne Healey.

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In keeping with November’s theme of America Recycles Month in Greenbelt, on Monday, November 21 Reel and Meal and Greenbelt’s Green Team’s Zero Waste efforts will be featured in a film Racing to Zero: In Pursuit of Zero Waste. The Reel and Meal is held on the third Monday of every month at the New Deal Café. An optional vegan buffet is available for purchase beginning at 6:30 p.m. and the free film screening will begin at 7 p.m.

We are running out of room for our waste. Our landfills create a wealth of industries can emerge. The evening will highlight efforts in Greenbelt to move towards a system of curbside recycling. The Reel and Meal offers Nature craft activity. Children and adults of all ages are welcome to learn about and continue the journey to zero. The film presents waste stream diversion tactics and presents innovative new solutions to waste. This film documents a surprising, engaging and inspiring race to zero.

The evening will highlight a brief overview of the newly prioritized zero waste plan for Prince George’s County. This will be presented by Adam Ortz, the director of the County’s Department of the Environment. All of Reel and Meal’s efforts of the Sierra Club and the Prince George’s Sierra Club group will present the concerns and efforts of the Sierra Club. Racae Jean Leinster of Yuck Old Paint will also introduce her program. Yuck Old Paint is the only company in the region that diverts paint waste away from landfills to a new purpose. In addition, members of the only group in the region that diverts paint waste away from landfills is the Zero Waste Circle, a part of Greenbelt’s Green Team. Reel and Meal will also have available to discuss efforts in Greenbelt to move toward zero waste. A discussion will follow the film.

Racing To Zero is a quick-moving, upbeat documentary that tells the surprising, engaging and inspiring story of the Greenbelt Zero Waste Circle. The Zero Waste Circle is defined as a philosophy that for the word garbage, a culture that can be transformed, and a new wealth of industries can emerge.

Three years ago the mayor of San Francisco pledged to achieve zero waste by 2009 and the city defined as a philosophy that encourages the redesign of resource life cycles so that all products are reused. No trash is sent to landfills and incinerators. Reel and Meal tracks San Francisco’s efforts to achieve zero waste. The film presents waste stream diversion tactics and presents innovative new solutions to waste. This film documents a surprising, engaging and inspiring race to zero.

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**Thanksgiving Interfaith Celebration Nov. 23**

The Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association (GILA) invites all to an Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration. The celebration will be held Wednesday, November 23 at 7:30 p.m. at Mishkan Torah Synagogue. All are welcome.

Donations received that evening will go to the Greenbelt Emergency Relief Fund. Checks should be made out to the City of Greenbelt (memo line: Emergency Relief Fund).

**Volunteers Needed For Indian Creek**

To help celebrate America Recycles Day, the City of Greenbelt, in partnership with Indian Creek, is looking for volunteers to help clean up trash from Indian Creek on Sunday, November 19. Meet at the Springfield Lake Recreation Center at 9 a.m.; cleanup will last until noon. Wear closed-toed shoes and wear appropriate clothes that you don’t mind getting dirty. Bring a reusable water bottle and, if you’re a student, your service-learning form. For more information, contact Corin Roessler at 240-542-2150 or croessler@greenbeltmd.gov.

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The Clarice Hosts 2 Free Choral Groups
The Clarice Chorus and UMD Men’s Chorus will take part in a free Choral Collage on Sunday, November 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Kreeb Hollow Center. The Clarice Chorus, one of the most popular choral ensembles present an evening of eclectic repertoire ranging from Renaissance madrigals to barber-shop arrangements.

Riversdale Hosts Free Chamber Concert
The Riversdale Chamber Music Society will present a chamber music concert on Sunday, November 20 at 2 p.m. Enjoy a performance by talented area musicians and mingle with them at a reception after the concert.

This event will take place at the Riversdale House Museum.
Call 301-864-0420; TTY 301-699-2544 or visit riversdale@pgp.com for more information.

City Information

MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 21-23

Monday, November 21 at 8:00pm, COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Police Body Camera Briefing
Monday, November 21 at 7:00pm, EXECUTIVE SESSION, immediately following Work Session. (See below)
Tuesday, November 22 at 7:00pm, EXECUTIVE SESSION. (See below)

OFFICIAL NOTICE
In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(9) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, an Executive Session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Monday, November 21, 2016, immediately following the Work Session which begins at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building.

The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss upcoming collective bargaining negotiations.

OFFICIAL NOTICE
In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(9) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, the Executive Session of the Greenbelt City Council of November 14, 2016, will be re-convened on Tuesday, November 22, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building.

The purpose of this meeting will be to consider a Personnel Matter.

Cindy Murray, City Clerk

Family Fun: Getting Ready for Winter
On Friday, November 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, November 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Patuxent Research Refuge offers a program for ages 3 to adult about getting ready for winter. This is a drop-in program, so come and go as time permits; no registration is required.

Winter weather is almost here. Come learn what the animals at Patuxent Research Refuge are doing in preparation for the cold. There will be hands-on games and activities for all ages. Public programs at the Patuxent Research Refuge are free. For more information visit the website at fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent. The Visitor Center is on Porter Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 197.

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Gobble Wobble Thursday, November 24
9:00 am
Greenbelt Youth Center, Centerway
Spend Thanksgiving morning with the Greenbelt Recreation Department as we host the ninth annual Gobble Wobble. The Gobble Wobble is roughly a 5K race (2 laps) and a 1.5 mile fun run/walk (1 lap) around Buddy Attick Park lake path. All registrants will receive a Gobble Wobble shirt.
$15/individual, $50/family 4-pack (before 11/24)
$20/individual, $70/family 4-pack (on 11/24)
For more information or to register, visit http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3587

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
City Offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25, for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The GREENBELT CONNECTION will not be operating.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE
Monday Route – Refuse & Recycling Regular Schedule
Tuesday Route – Refuse collected on Wednesday
Wednesday Route – Recycling collection
Thursday Route – Refuse & Recycling Regular Schedule
Thursday Route – Refuse collected on Wednesday
No Recycling Collection
There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, November 25.

WAGS (Well-Wishers for the Animals of the Greenbelt Animal Shelter)
BAKE SALE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH
10am-2pm in front of the Greenbelt Coop
Come out and support the Greenbelt Animal Shelter!
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- Cardiology Services and Outpatient Vascular Studies
- Center for Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Medicine
- Comprehensive Orthopedic Services
- Doctors Community Breast Center
- Doctors Community Rehabilitation and Patient Care Center (transitional care)
- Doctors Community Surgical Associates
- Doctors Regional Cancer Center
- Emergency Department (24/7)
- Imaging Services
- Infusion Center
- Primary Care Services (Bowie, District Heights, Greenbelt, Landover Hills, Lanham, Laurel and Riverdale)
- Sleep Center
- Vascular Health Program

For more than 40 years, Doctors Community Hospital has provided comprehensive and high-quality care. We’ll continue to be here when you need us... wherever in Prince George’s County you happen to be.
Greenbelt History in Photos – The Turner Family

by James Giese

(This is part of a series of historic photograph presentations that help tell the story of Greenbelt’s early history. The photo of the Turner historic marker is courtesy Greenbelt Museum from its collection of photographs first published in Greenbelt: History of a New Town, 1937-87 and of the gravestone by Kyla Hanington. Some of this information was obtained from the Prologue to the Greenbelt: History of a New Town (1937 – 1987) written by Alan Virta.)

Wild Cat plantation, located in the vicinity of Capital Office Park on Ivy Lane, was patented in 1750 and purchased by Shadrick Turner in 1759. He and his wife, Sarah, were active Methodists and early members of what is now the First Methodist Church of Hyattsville. They hosted itinerant preacher and church builder Bishop Francis Asbury on numerous occasions and helped to start up other neighboring congregations. At one time there was a Methodist Church on Ridge Road in the vicinity of the water tower.

A state historic marker commemorates Asbury’s visits to the city that date back to Colonial times. The original Turner burial ground became covered with trees and the stones were vandalized until the city removed the last ground. Thomas Turner’s stone has since been encased and mounted on a sign board at the cemetery. The Turners, as well as other area farmers, maintained slaves and it is believed that slaves were also buried at the graveyard, their graves marked simply with rocks. However, lacking carved stones, early settlers also used stones to mark graves. Recently two rows of stones were uncovered by Kyla Hanington and Dan Hamlin and the city removed the underbrush from this portion of the cemetery and gave the property to the city, which subdivided part of it into cemetery lots since sold to residents. It continues to be administered and maintained by the city. This is one of three known family burial grounds within the city that date back to Colonial times.

The Turner family cemetery was located at the crest of a hill above the home and was purchased for Greenbelt from the Turner family along with the land for the town. The government administered and maintained the Turner family burial grounds within the city. This is one of three known family burial grounds within the city that date back to Colonial times.

A large number of emergency vehicles gathered at the lake Wednesday afternoon after a worker at the dam project became stuck in a trench. Mark Brady of the Prince George’s County Fire Department public information office said that fire fighters, medics and technical crew were cooperating to get the man out. After five hours the man was freed and was on his way to the Prince George’s Trauma Center by helicopter in critical but stable condition.

Show Engages Pre-schoolers

免费音乐会周日全国美术馆

The National Gallery of Art presents a free concert, A Far Cry, on Sunday, November 20 at 3:30 p.m. in the West Building. The performances include Dreams and Prayers with guest clarinetist David Krakauer.

自然托特：Gobble Gobble

On Tuesday, November 29 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Patuxent Wildlife Refuge children ages 3 and 4 can learn about November’s famous bird in this interactive program with stories, songs and crafts.

公共项目在Patuxent研究中心免费，尽管参加需在patux.gov/refuge/Patuxent游客中心的网站上提前注册。The Visitor Center is on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 197.

节日节日

Nothing says “thanks!” like glitter and all the mess can stay in our classroom. Families are encouraged to bring their own items to decorate but can also choose from a limited selection of free centerpiece items at the workshop. All ages are welcome.

Cranksgiving: Thanksgiving SALE & Celebration!

November 25-27

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Greenbelt Consumer Co-op Finishes Fiscal Year in Black

By Amy Hansen

Brinks took Manager Bob Kline in reporting on the general well-being of the store. Davis was out on surgery, and Brinks, who is also a manager in the store, reported that sales were up about $200,000 from last year. Furthermore, sales were up in every part of the store, which is divided into grocery, meat, produce, pharmacy and beer.

Brinks said the store has come through some "squeaky moments" and that the managers took a three percent pay appeal, as well as cuts in benefits.

"These were all little things that added up," he said. We are all pleased to be in the black and in the position to give some bonuses. "We're confident we're having a good year this year."

In other business, member Tom Taylor reported that the grocery store had made an effort to be greener in its business including stopping the use of polystyrene containers for soup, recycling containers in the store and dropping all micro-head-containing products from shelves. Taylor is part of a group of members who challenged the Co-op last year to go greener. He said he was pleased with the progress and said there will be more changes this year.

The Co-op Supermarket & Pharmacy

Drive a Stale Through Energy Vampires

Electricity vampires and any other faulty or inefficient equipment that is using more energy than it needs to maintain.” If these devices are found, make necessary repairs or replacements or take an extra moment to switch them off or unplug them when they are not being used.

These strategies won’t eliminate one’s electric bill entirely, but together these tricks can help lower energy vampires while saving money, a treat one can appreciate long after Halloween has passed.

Greenbelt Consumer Co-op Finishes Fiscal Year in Black

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Tips for Sustainable Holidays
by Connor Roessler

Thanksgiving is a time of reflection and gratitude for families, loved ones and community. Greenbelters can be thankful that the community and residents have made a commitment to sustainability. While reflecting on the things to be thankful for, consider a few ways to introduce sustainable practices into the Thanksgiving holiday.

If traveling to a destination for Thanksgiving, consider staying in a hotel or motel that decreases air quality and impacts climate change. Better yet, use public transport like trains to reduce your holiday carbon footprint. If flying this holiday, consider buying carbon offsets for the trip. Since one round-trip flight from New York to Europe or to San Francisco creates a warming effect equivalent to two or three tons of carbon dioxide per person, companies now offer opportunities for consumers to purchase "offsets," such as funding reforestation or planting trees. If interested, research carbon offset options at terrapass.com.

An important part of the Thanksgiving holiday is the meal. There are several ways to reduce one’s environmental footprint during the preparation of this annual feast. Consider fresh, organic, local and plant-based foods for the table. Canned foods require energy, and frozen foods require energy, which may from fresh, vegetables and fruits will reduce energy footprints and taste better. Local foods, especially those purchased directly from the farmer, reduce the overall impact of the food miles and carbon emissions. If interested, research carbon offset options at terrapass.com.

For some beneficiaries, the spirit of giving without producing partially or completely offset increases in Medicare premiums.

Waterkins Center Fall Colors Hike
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Teacher Bonnie Merryman Finds Reading is Everything

This is Bonnie Merryman’s second year as a reading specialist at Springhill Lake Elementary School. She taught first graders for 17 years prior to her current position.

“It was a drastic change for me,” Merryman said. “When I graduated from college, I wanted children to read was my biggest fear. But with all of the training and classes that I took, I’m becoming a better reader. And it became my most favorite part.”

Merryman has worked for Prince George’s County Public Schools for 19 years and Springhill Lake for 16. She grew up in Berwyn Heights and attended the University of Maryland where she earned her bachelor’s degree in early education. Merryman later received a master’s degree in curriculum and instruction from McDaniel College and a masters in reading from Bowie State University. She was a student at Springhill Lake for kindergarten and third grade. “Coming back (to teach here), made me feel like it was ‘full circle,’” Merryman said.

Last year, a reading specialist position at Springhill Lake was created and Merryman decided to apply. “Reading is everything,” Merryman said. “There’s not anything without reading.”

Merryman partnered with one of her colleagues to start a reading club this year. The club is funded through Donors Choose, a crowdfunding website for public school projects.

Once a week, Merryman’s second graders mentor her-colleagues’ kindergarten students by reading poems together. The students bring poems home to their parents. Merryman expects the poems to benefit the parents who struggle with reading in English.

Merryman enjoys the network of relationships she’s built over the years at Springhill Lake. “We have teachers here who care about the students, and really, really want the students to do and be their best,” Merryman said.

Leigh McDonald is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism writing for the News Review.

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ERHS Students Score High On Tests and Attendance
by Chris Miller

In November 2015, Greenbelt citizens were among those of Greenbelt’s Zero Waste Circle who submitted the Co-op’s annual meeting report with a list of requests. These requests were focused on improving the sustainability and health of the Co-op’s shopping experience and reducing “shopping waste.”

The Co-op took these requests seriously, and has become a local leader in environmental sustainability through its efforts to meet these requests. At this year’s Co-op annual meeting on November 12, Zero Waste Circle members returned to thank the Co-op for the sustainable practices it has initiated in the past year. The Zero Waste Circle submitted and read into the meeting record a letter applauding the Co-op’s sustainability achievements. The letter highlighted the following efforts.

The Co-op has provided clear labeling and equal access for recycling and trash bins as first steps to reducing the amount of waste sent to the landfill. The Zero Waste Circle has been particularly heartened by the great labeling on the trash and recycling bins, as well as the efforts to pair them wherever possible.

Concern has been raised about the possibility of toxic BPA-laden cash register receipts. These are not only toxic to touch, but also are not compostable or recyclable. Erhs researchers have labeled these paper receipts were ultimately destined for the landfill. Co-op staff has asked to change this. The Co-op can be contacted by 2015. Also, 90 percent of the school’s computer hardware and software are now paper free. The Co-op also features a display of compostable bags, which are stronger than the Co-op’s plastic bags. The Co-op staff has urged the Co-op to consider transitioning away from plastic bags as they are not only toxic to touch, but also are not compostable or recyclable.

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The Zero Waste Circle is an English as a second language (ESL) teacher and department chair of the ESL program. Her ESL students have to take the state ACCESS 2.0 test each year – until they pass or “exit” – which assess their speaking, reading, writing and listening skills to determine their level of English proficiency. Once an ESL student exits, he or she comes into the ESL program with a very high number compared with many other local schools. Zhu said she believes the reason her ESL students, and the students as a whole, perform so well is that the school provides the students with safety and good security. When the students feel that they can focus on their academics and do well, Zhu added that great school has a very good culture, it helps the ESL students to better “assimilate into the culture.”

The Zero Waste Circle has urged the Co-op to encourage customers to shop with reusable bags. The Co-op already sells reusable bags and provides a free reusable Co-op bag to new members. The Co-op has promoted new bags called Hippo Bags made of recyclable materials, which are stronger than the regular plastic bags and can be composted. The health of our watersheds was also considered. The Zero Waste Circle raised the issue of products containing microbeads that are extremely hazardous to fish and other aquatic wildlife. The Co-op responded diligently and removed all microbead-containing products from the shelves.

Balancing profit, costs and sustainability can be challenging, and the Co-op is taking economically feasible steps to protect the environment. The claim shells used for the salted bar, baked goods, etc., are not recyclable and the Zero Waste Circle requested that the Co-op find an alternative to this. As reported by Joe Taeri, research has been ongoing and when alternatives afford an affordable price, the Co-op will consider transitioning to the environmentally-friendly alternative containers.

Related to this effort is the recent inclusion of compostable plates, cups and eating ware for safe at the Co-op. The Co-op also featured a display of compostable items during the week of the Green Man Festival. The Co-op’s ability to link its sustainable efforts with the events going on downtown is a very positive effort.

An additional request was to end the use of Styrofoam products for things such as soup, coffee, produce, dairy and meat products. The soup containers are now paper and can be recycled once they are empty and clean. Trays for some of the deli and all of the produce have been switched to NatureTRAY™ foam trays, which are made of plant material and are commercially compostable. Once the cost comes down, the trays will be considered for all packaging in the meat, deli and bakery.

Finally, the Co-op has registered as a Taght partner, allowing individuals to refill water bottles at the store and thereby reduce use of plastic water bottles.

The Zero Waste Circle expressed its appreciation to the Co-op staff and board of directors for all of these efforts to protect the environment, and expressed its hope that other businesses will follow in the Co-op’s footsteps. Appreciation also was expressed for the ongoing discussion the Zero Waste Circle has enjoyed with the Co-op over the past year, and Circle members look forward to continuing to work with Co-op staff on sustainability issues in Greenbelt.
Another issue of concern that was raised is that the city charter currently provides that any registered voter is eligible to run for city council. Whether that should be changed if the voting age is lowered would need to be considered.

Council members debated whether the topics of lowering the voting age and establishing an age requirement for council eligibility should be discussed initially at a regular meeting or a public hearing but no definite plan was set.

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Picking a City Manager
From Group of Finalists

The search for the new Greenbelt city manager is coming to a close. On Monday, November 14, the city held a public Meet and Greet with the four finalists. About a dozen citizens were able to attend the 5:30 p.m. session and speak with the candidates individually. Attendees were asked to leave comments. Council met in executive session after the gathering.

One of the finalists removed himself from consideration that evening so his picture is not included.

Nicole Ard lives in Sandusky, Ohio.

Aretha Adams lives in McKinney, Texas.

Michael Maniscalco lives in East Hampton, Connecticut.

Fred Cassels (left) and Ray Stevens (right) present Luisa Robles with the check for the Jim Cassels Community Service Award at the Co-op Grocery Store annual meeting.

Jim Cassels Service Award
Goes to Zero Waste Circle
by Amy Hansen

Greenbelt's Zero Waste Circle won the Jim Cassels Community Service Award for Upcycling plans, that is, plans to get used items to those who may use them again. Presented on November 12 at the annual membership meeting of the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy, the $1,200 grant is given to a new project or activity that benefits the Greenbelt community.

Luisa Robles accepted the award, explaining that the group of volunteers works with city festivals to create zero waste events. She said their goals are reducing, recycling, repurposing and now upcycling. Upcycling means collecting things like juice pouches that can be used to make other items.

Money from the grant will be used to create a permanent collection site. Robles said they expect to have upcycling containers and structures to hold them near the other recycling containers at 555 Crescent Road, which is next to the parking lot at Buddy Attick Park.

Coming Soon:
Festival of Lights
Greenbelt’s 2016 Festival of Lights Juried Art and Craft Fair includes hand-made wares by local artisans, as well as a hands-on workshop, prize drawing, live music, open studios and more. This event takes place at the Greenbelt Community Center on Saturday and Sunday, December 3 and 4. Parking and admission are free. Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A paddleboarder blends into the autumn foliage at Greenbelt Lake.

Ceramic plates by Karen Arriington will be among the items for sale at the Festival of Lights.