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PHOTO BY REBEKAH SUTFIN

Children and counselors join hands in a circle of inclusion and unity at Creative Kids Camp.

## Counselors Ensure All Campers Are Included at Summer Camp

by Chris Rogers-Spatuzzi

Each summer, the Greenbelt Department of Recreation hosts summer camps for kids ages three- and-a-half to 17. Over 250 children take part in each two-week session of these programs. Part of the Department of Recreation's mission is to make every child feel comfortable and at home in camp.

Unlike some other camps in the area, Greenbelt Recreation

does not offer separate camps for children with mental or physical disabilities or kids who have dealt with recent stress or trauma. Instead, inclusion counselors work one-on-one and in group settings with kids who may need extra assistance, integrating them into the larger camp setting as smoothly as possible.

It's a different, more inclusive approach to summer pro-

grams that has been evolving in Greenbelt for nearly 30 years, said Rebekah Sutfin, Greenbelt's therapeutic recreation supervisor.

Each session of camp is different, and it's not always clear on paper which children may need one-on-one work with an inclusion counselor, according to Sutfin. Some parents don't offer

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## Greenbelt Welcomes Visitors Seeking Knowledge of Co-ops

by Leta Mach

Being well-known for its many cooperatives, Greenbelt frequently welcomes visitors who wish to learn more about co-op businesses. On behalf of the Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance, Leta Mach recently helped arrange two such visits. On May 11, visitors came from the Na-

tional Cooperative Business Association, Cooperative League of the USA (NCBA/CLUSA) and on July 9 the Bermuda director of Economic and Cooperative Development toured Greenbelt.

Both visits began with a discussion of co-op practices, opportunities and challenges as

Greenbelt co-op representatives shared their experiences. Participants then visited and learned more about the Greenbelt Consumer Co-op & Pharmacy, MakerSpace, the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, the New Deal Café, Greenbelt Nursery School,

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PHOTO BY STEPHEN MCDOW

Visitors check out the offerings in the Co-op produce department. From left, NCBA/CLUSA CEO Doug O'Brien, Co-op General Manager Bob Davis, GHI President Steve Skolnik, NCBA/CLUSA Communications and Public Relations Vice President John Torres, New Deal Café Representative Michael Hartman, MakerSpace co-founder George Boyce, Councilmember Leta Mach and News Review Treasurer Sylvia Lewis

### What Goes On

- Saturday, July 21**  
10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Food Forest Volunteer Day, Springhill Lake Recreation Center
- 7 p.m., The Hidden Guest, Community Center
- Sunday, July 22**  
3 p.m., The Hidden Guest, Community Center
- Monday, July 23**  
8 p.m., Council Worksession re: 2020 Census, Municipal Building
- Saturday, July 28**  
9 a.m. to Noon, Electronics Recycling, Public Works Facility

## GCF Grants Help FONDCA, Archive Project, Pumpkin Fest

by Dorrie Bates

The Greenbelt Community Foundation (GCF) announces that three local organizations have been awarded grants in its latest funding cycle. The Greenbelt Archive Project, the Friends of the New Deal Café (FONDCA) and the Greenbelt Pumpkin Festival have all received grants ranging from \$1,500 to \$5,000 in support of projects that contribute in some way to the community at large.

The Greenbelt Archive Project will use its \$5,000 to continue its efforts to digitize 60 years of the Greenbelt News Review and its predecessor, the Greenbelt Co-

operator. There are currently an estimated 25,000 pages of Greenbelt history generated between 1943 and 2002 that are starting to crumble away. The papers will be scanned and digitally managed in order to preserve these weekly stories of Greenbelt history. Papers published prior to 1943 were recently digitized by University of Maryland Libraries and are available on the Chronicling America website ([chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn89061521/](http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn89061521/)).

The Greenbelt Pumpkin Festival will receive \$2,350 to expand this year's festival to two

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## CDCG Announces Completion Of Yearlong Greenbriar Project

by Aileen Kroll



PHOTO BY JOHN BUCK

Greenbriar residents discuss obstacles to accessing Greenbelt city services.

The Center for Dynamic Community Governance (CDCG), a Greenbelt-based non-profit organization, recently completed a yearlong, city-funded project to help Greenbriar residents address obstacles impacting their use of Greenbelt services, particularly those offered through CARES and GAIL. CDCG employed Dynamic Community Governance (DCG) processes to help the project achieve its goals.

The project was born when a

Greenbriar board member asked CDCG co-directors Aileen Kroll and John Buck to bring Dynamic Community Governance training to Greenbriar to encourage community engagement. After addressing specific issues and meeting with Greenbriar residents, Kroll and Buck came to recognize that many Greenbriar residents were unfamiliar with basic services, programs and

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PHOTO BY KATE MAGILL ROBINSON

The Camp Encore production of Shakespeare's Cymbeline included a wicked queen (Madeline Hille, right) and her son Coten (Findley Holland). See page 12.

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offerings available to all Greenbelt residents.

### The Process

The process began with a meeting between CDCG co-directors and Liz Park, the director of CARES/GAIL. She and her staff were instrumental in ensuring the success of the program and were eager to expand their offerings to underserved parts of Greenbelt.

CDCG then introduced the concept behind the project to the Greenbriar Condominium Association. They offered use of their Community Center for the project and collaborated with Kroll and Buck to distribute flyers promoting CDCG-run community meetings throughout Greenbriar, at community meeting places where Greenbriar residents were likely to go, in the Greenbelt News Review and through social media.

As CDCG staff began to work with Greenbriar staff, they expanded their outreach to publications in the Greenbriar Crier and developed a link on the Greenbriar website to publish writings and notices by and for Greenbriar residents. They also encouraged participants to use Greenbelt Nextdoor, a private social networking site designed to encourage neighborhood development, promoted the project through the Greenbriar National Night Out, and met with News Review staff to explain the project and give the paper a heads-up that participating Greenbriar residents would be submitting articles. CDCG also received support and encouragement from residents throughout Greenbelt including city councilmembers, some of whom attended or made appearances at the group's sessions.

### Specifics

Over the course of the year, Kroll and Buck conducted a series of six meetings open to all residents of Greenbriar. In addition, they made numerous contacts by email, phone, text and in-person sessions designed to reinforce the principles they were trying to teach to ensure that the group could be self-sustaining by the end of the year.

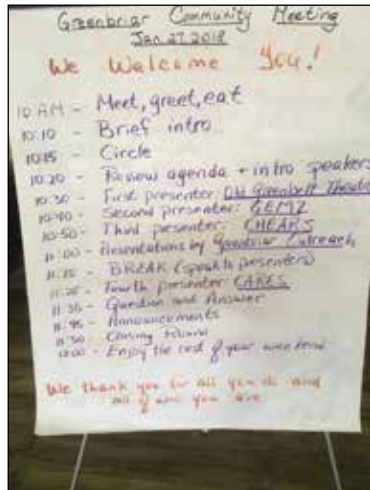
The CDCG team began by introducing residents to basic principles of DCG, focusing on transparent communication to ensure that all voices were heard and all ideas were respected. They worked closely with CARES and GAIL staff who attended, shared information and resources and supported all ideas suggested by the group. The group also heard presentations from numerous community groups including the Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS), Old Greenbelt Theatre, GEMZ, Greenbelt Time Bank and the Calvert Farms CSA. Participants were educated about available resources in Greenbelt in the context of becoming empowered to act as a community using DCG processes to make decisions about how to best use city services.

Some of the ideas the group explored include accessing no-cost space in the Greenbriar Community Center for GAIL programs focused on caregiver support for aged loved ones or those living with disabilities; familiarizing Greenbriar (and Greenbelt) residents about no-cost and/or low-cost transportation options; learning about and accessing legal, financial, consumer protection resources; addressing cultural and linguistic challenges in a

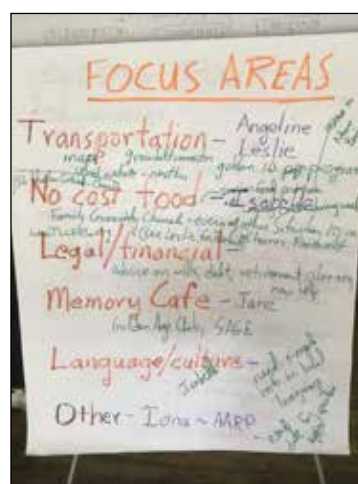


The Old Greenbelt Theatre gave a presentation (complete with a door prize of a one year family subscription plus popcorn ) at one of the Greenbriar Outreach Group meetings. Pictured from left: Angeline Butler, Leslie Cummings, Isabella Wilkinson and Aileen Kroll.

- Photos by John Buck



Agenda for the Greenbriar Outreach Group Meet and Greet



Results of brainstorming about focus areas

learn-about-your neighbor way; learning about and accessing no-cost and low-cost food options; learning about and accessing Greenbelt's Memory Café; and working with the city to have a bus tour from Greenbriar to Old Greenbelt.

### Passing the Baton

At the conclusion of the year, CDCG staff passed the baton to the members of the newly formed outreach group at Greenbriar. One of the group's newest projects is to organize tours of Greenbelt for Greenbriar residents. These tours are designed to break down barriers that have precluded full inclusion. Many Greenbriar residents, new and old, are largely unaware of the city services, programs, businesses and institutions that exist in Old Greenbelt. The first bus tour this summer was a resounding success.

The outreach group at Greenbriar has also been exploring the possibility of having a part-time

CARES/GAIL satellite office on-site. They are also working with their boards and management to improve resident access to community information and services. Valuable community linkages have been established. This project is now on-going and self-sustaining as CDCG's formal involvement draws to a close.

Most significantly, community bonds have been created and strengthened and community leaders have emerged. CDCG staff and participants at Greenbriar acknowledge the key role the City of Greenbelt's support played in this project.

CDCG invites Greenbelt residents to Greenbriar's National Night Out on August 7. Guests will have the opportunity to meet CDCG board members and Greenbriar residents who will familiarize those stopping by with the workings of the ongoing outreach group at Greenbriar and the CDCG process.

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the Greenbelt News Review and Greenbelt Homes, Incorporated (GHI).

During the May visit, representatives from Greenbelt co-ops met with Doug O'Brien, the NCBA/CLUSA CEO; John Torres, NCBA/CLUSA vice president for communications and public relations; and Stephen McDow, NCBA/CLUSA manager of membership and stakeholder relations. While explaining how GHI works, GHI President Steve Skolnik took the group on a walking tour of Greenbelt with a short detour to Greenbelt Lake.

NCBA/CLUSA helped arrange the July visit of William Spriggs,

Bermuda director of Economic and Cooperative Development, as Bermuda's new Labor government is looking to cooperatives as a way to spur economic development. Spriggs was particularly interested in ideas for youth cooperatives, senior day care, affordable housing and food and agricultural cooperatives. Mayor Emmett Jordan, Councilmembers Judith Davis and Leta Mach, former councilmember Konrad Herling and co-op developers Jim Johnson and Ron Hantz joined Greenbelt co-op representatives in a wide-ranging discussion of cooperative opportunities.

## Greenbelter Retrofits Van For Camping, Adventures

by Matthew Arbach

Greenbelt resident Leonard Wallace has transformed a used van into a recreational vehicle appropriate for any trip. Inspired by a similar effort he observed at Greenbelt MakerSpace, he has devoted a month to this project, using only simple, inexpensive materials costing around a few hundred dollars.

Wallace said that when he gauged the six-foot interior height and "learned how inexpensive the used vans were priced, the lightbulb went off." After extensive research on sites like craigslist and autotrader.com, he eventually settled on a used Ram Promaster cargo van from Criswell Auto in Gaithersburg for a price in the low 20 thousands. Criswell obtained the used van from Enterprise Rental Cars. It was a year old with only 18,000 miles on it.

Wallace's approach was utilitarian, with an emphasis on simplicity. All his work was completely self-designed. He said, "I wanted to waste as little space as possible." After gutting the van, Wallace's additions ended up weighing a modest 260 pounds. The materials he used were both lightweight and remarkably basic. These included: ATV rails used to make a removable twin bed; a small, folding IKEA table; cheap fabric to line the walls; carpet mats that are easy to remove and clean; velcro fasteners; nylon screens held by strip magnets; sturdy plastic cardboard walls; elastic speaker-cabinet fabric over the wheel wells; and milk crates for storage. No plywood was used. An extra battery necessary to run additional features like track lighting and mini-fans fit easily beneath the front seat. He



PHOTO BY MATTHEW ARBACH

Leonard Wallace stands in front of his recently retrofitted van. He put in insulation, beds, and screens for comfortable camping.

even self-installed cruise control.

The low cumulative weight of his additions enables the van to get from 25 to 27 miles to the gallon, an extra plus.

Wallace has been a Greenbelt resident since 1977, when he moved from Kentucky. He graduated from Eleanor Roosevelt High School in 1980. In 1986, he started Realty One with an office in Roosevelt Center, where he deals with a broad range of properties, including Greenbelt Homes, Inc., and single-family homes.

Said Wallace, "I've never done anything like this before. I am very glad I did this. I had to come up with ways to do stuff. It was a long, labor-intensive process. I had to think outside the box. It's better than a new van."

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You may be contacted for additional information. If you prefer, send this form now and complete the statement later, but no later than the July 30th deadline.

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