

Letters to the Editor

An Unfair Practice

In the sample ballot for the November 4 election some elected positions are listed without reference to the candidates' political party. That omission is deliberate in order to preserve the non-political nature of those positions, such as for a member of the Board of Education. Unfortunately, one of the candidates for the District 2 Board of Education position (Lupi Grady) has violated that practice by including reference to her political party in her full-page ad on page 16 of the October 30 issue of the Greenbelt News Review. The injection of politics into that race constitutes an unfair advantage because it implies to the voter that she/he should vote for that person solely because of party affiliation.

Jim Gray

Sunday Bus?

Imagine my excitement when I read the October 30 article about possible WMATA Sunday bus service. The resumption of bus service in Greenbelt on Sunday would also enable Metro Access vans to once again enter Greenbelt to transport those of us who rely on them as our only means of going places and doing things on Sunday. Please consider this aspect of the service in your ongoing talks, and we pray for a favorable outcome.

Carolyn M. Karch

Pumpkin Festival Composts!

Greenbelt Compost Co-op was pleased to be able to partner with the Greenbelt Pumpkin Festival to compost all of the leftover pumpkins from the festival. We followed the food hierarchy, which encourages human consumption first, then animal feed, then composting. With the help of volunteers, we were able to pick up some of the seeds and eyes-nose-mouths on Friday night, cook them up, and deliver them back to the Pumpkin Walk on Saturday night in the form of roasted seeds and pumpkin bread. Thanks to a local chicken farmer, we were able to deliver several buckets of "pumpkin guts", which the chickens love to eat! Finally, thanks to the generosity of the Cheers.org Three Sisters Garden and nine local gardeners, we were able to compost over 110 pumpkins that were left behind on Sunday morning.

Our team of 27 volunteers included pick-up truck drivers (Deeda McInnes, Steve Skolnik, Craig Roberts and Erin Gatewood, Ben Fischler), seed roasters (Kim

Knox, Katherine McElhenny, Amy Drew, Sara and Sieglinde Peterson), chicken farmers (Lil Becker and Tim Howe), gardener/composers (Maggie Cahalan, Jean Newcomb, Lucy Duff, Carolyn Davis, Ben Fischler, Katherine McElhenny, Beth Leamond, Paul Downs, Melissa Mackey, CC Lackaye, Martha Tomecek, Claude Aubert, and L'il Dan Celdran), and pumpkin schleppers (Beth Leamond, Nathan Sparks, Elena, Ian Dickens, and David Gonzalez).

Thanks to Melissa Ehrenreich and the entire Pumpkin Festival Committee for giving us an opportunity to be a part of the festival.

Lore Rosenthal
Greenbelt Compost Co-op

Advice for Scoopers

I am a member of GHI's Companion Pet Committee but I am writing this letter as an individual. To help facilitate dog owners, the committee has placed "Scoop Your Dog Poop" signs. Attached to each sign is a plastic bag dispenser in which volunteers put plastic bags. These signs are usually within 30 feet of a garbage can so you can conveniently dispose of dog waste.

Unfortunately at several of our bag dispensers people are putting their bag filled with dog waste back in the bag dispensers. I find this very upsetting. Please do not put your dog waste in the bag dispensers. Put it in a garbage can.

Thank You.

Eldridge Brown

Hello, GHI members,

It was really great to see so many neighbors at the October 30 GHI board worksession on

the Homes Improvement Program (HIP) where the need for extensive remediation of all types of crawl spaces was summarized. There is an additional meeting this week where you can learn more, the Board of Directors regular meeting on Thursday, November 6, 7:30 p.m.

The Buildings Committee will be presenting its recommendations for HIP procedures and outreach strategy.

For additional meetings, check the following link regularly. You may find additional opportunities to contribute to our cooperative at ghi.coop/about-ghi/calendar.

Please note that a growing number of concerned members are collecting signatures on a petition to the board to delay HIP and to distinguish it from the needed improvements covered in the Replacement Reserve Program (RRP) in part due to the likely large costs of crawl space problems.

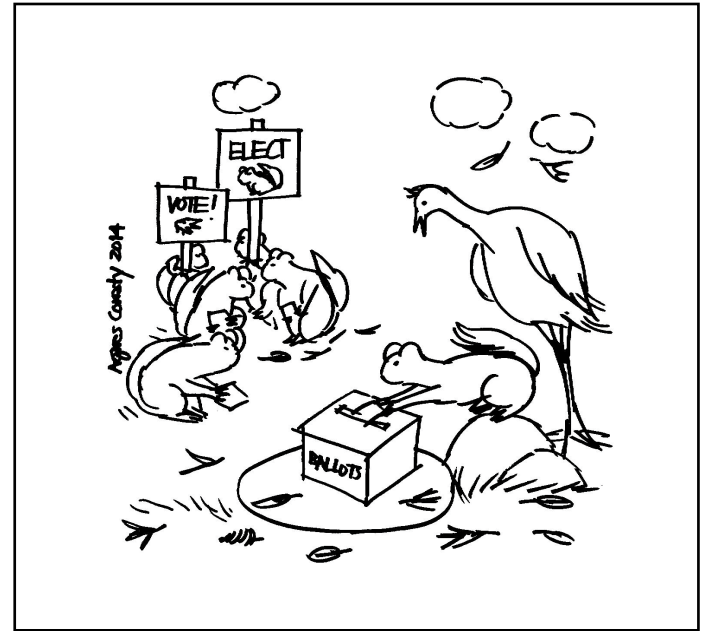
For those who would like a reminder of what is covered under the RRP, go to this pdf on the GHI web site and read page 6: ghi.coop/sites/default/files/TownHallMeeting_Final_20110123.pdf.

If you are also concerned about all the costs of what is not covered by the RRP, please read the petition at the link below, sign and share it with others who share your concerns (you can unsubscribe after one message). We also have paper petitions circulating, so if you see us out in Greenbelt, feel free to stop to chat and to sign (if you haven't done so already at the link here): petitions.moveon.org/sign/greenbelt-homes-inc-ghi.

Hope to see you at a meeting again soon.

Christopher Shuman

Grin Belt



"If I fold my ballot in a certain way,
my candidates may win"

Patuxent Refuge Focus Is on Deer

The Patuxent Research Refuge's Wildlife Visitor Center will offer a program, Whitetails in the Woods, on Friday, November 14, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. for ages 5 to 7.

Discover how white-tailed deer are busy preparing for winter. Search for signs of deer on refuge trails and finish with a "deer" craft. Call 301-497-5887.

Two Free Jazz Concerts at Clarice

The UM Chamber Jazz will perform concerts this Tuesday and Wednesday, November 11 and 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Swing with the UM jazz combos as they play favorite standards, as well as new tunes arranged by UM jazz students.

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