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FIRST IMPRESSIONS: NEW MEMBER PERSPECTIVES ON LIVING IN GHI & GREENBELT

By Jenny Moser Jurling and Jonathan Lebolt



When my husband Alden got a job at NASA-Goddard, we rented a temporary apartment in College Park. As we began our house hunt, a friend introduced us to Old Greenbelt.

We fell in love with Roosevelt Center and bought a home two blocks away. We can have a nice dinner out, attend a movie or play, and walk home afterward: how great is that? I would rather walk than drive, so I appreciate my easy access to the library and the supermarket.

Our neighbors have welcomed us warmly. Everyone in GHI seems eager to make friends.

Highlights of my calendar include the monthly game night at MakerSpace (aka Club 125) and the monthly "Pub Quiz" trivia night at the New Deal Café.

I'm very glad that word-of-mouth brought us to GHI, so I've started spreading the word myself. Join me in telling your friends about our great community!



Twelve years ago, I gave up precious connections with fellow psychoanalysts and group psychotherapists in New York so that my husband, Robin, could pastor a church in Richmond, Virginia. When Robin

decided to focus on his writing last year, I joined a psychoanalytic institute and a group psychotherapy society in the DC area. I was hooked, and we decided to move.

Needing to find a place we could afford, we never dreamt that we that we'd find personal, as well as professional, community. We love the New Deal history and the diversity of GHI and cooperative living, the Greenbelt Arts Center (I'm a performer), and the Old Greenbelt Theatre (I'm a film junkie). Since we moved in July, I have started playing piano and singing at the New Deal Café's Open Mic; Robin has read at the Poetry Night Open Mic, and has joined the Greenbelt Writers Group. We look forward to participating in GHI and getting to know you—our new neighbors!



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A CORNUCOPIA OF CELEBRATIONS

By Lauren Cummings & Jonathan Lebolt

Greenbelt was originally built with land set aside for many religious institutions to build on and thus GHI members are fortunate to have access to many congregations within and nearby to our cooperative. Outlined below are some of the various traditions celebrated during the fall and winter months as well as a list of many nearby houses of worship. Happy Holidays!

Chanukah, the Jewish Festival of Lights, celebrates the lasting of the menorah (candelabrum) flame for eight days and nights in the Temple in Jerusalem during the Maccabean rebellion against the Syrian Greeks around 200 BCE. Christmas is most commonly celebrated on December 25th to commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ as well as festivities leading up to the date during Advent. Unitarian Universalists draw from most of the major world religious traditions, so regardless of your background, you are bound to feel at home at their holiday service. Kwanzaa celebrations often include songs and dances, African drums, storytelling, poetry reading, and a large traditional meal. At the core are seven principles called the Nguzo Saba which contributes to building and reinforcing community among African-Americans. Marked by prayer, Eid al-Adha, the Sacrifice Feast, is the Muslim commemoration of the intention of Ibrahim (Abraham) to sacrifice his son, Ishaq (Isaac). Eid occurred in September this year. Deepavali (known as Diwali in northern India), the Hindu Festival of Lights, took place on November 11th this year and celebrants partake of sweet treats and blessings of the lovely Goddess Lakshmi. (Opera buffs: Delibes' *Lakme* is about this Goddess.) "The pivotal principle of the Bahá'í Faith is to unite all races and peoples in one universal Cause, the betterment of the world" and study groups meet in Greenbelt.

Resources

Greenbelt Baha'i Community - www.GreenbeltBahais.org

Greenbelt Baptist Church - www.greenbeltbaptist.org

Greenbelt Community Church -

www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org

Holy Cross Lutheran Church - www.myholycross.org

Islamic Community Center of Laurel - www.ICCLMD.org

Mishkan Torah - www.mishkantorah.org

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church - <http://mowattumc.org/>

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church (UUC) - www.PBUUC.org

RCCG Restoration Center - <https://www.facebook.com/RCCG-Restoration-Center-132603493431528/>

Adelphi Friends Meeting (Quakers) - www.adelphifriends.org

Saint Hugh's of Grenoble Catholic Church www.sthughofgrenoble.org

Sri Siva Vishnu Temple - www.SSVT.org

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at the GHI Administration Offices on Hamilton Place, and are open to all GHI members. Dates are subject to change.

December

3	7:30 pm	Board Meeting
4	—	OFFICE CLOSED
5	11:00 am	Pre-Purchase Orientation
7	7:00 pm	Task Force—Existing Windows & Doors
8	7:30 pm	Historic Preservation Task Force
9	7:30 pm	Architectural Review Committee
10	6:30 pm	Investment Committee
10	7:30 pm	Finance Committee
14	7:00 pm	Member Outreach Committee
14	7:30 pm	Marketing Committee
15	7:30 pm	Companion Animal Committee
16	7:00 pm	Woodlands Committee
17	7:30 pm	Board Meeting
18	—	OFFICE CLOSED
21	7:00 pm	Pre-Purchase Orientation
23	7:00 pm	Buildings Committee
24	—	OFFICE CLOSED
25	—	OFFICE CLOSED: Christmas Day
28	7:00 pm	Communications Committee

Call 301-474-6011 for emergency maintenance outside of normal hours or when GHI is closed.

Member Announcements

Board Meeting Actions Related to HIP

Stay up to date on important decisions being made regarding the Homes Improvement Program. Recent actions are online at <http://www.ghi.coop/content/homes-improvement-program> or you can request a hard copy at the GHI Office.

Tips for Weathering Winter

The winter heating season is just around the corner. Make sure you are ready. Here are a few simple tips that will save you money and keep you more comfortable. For tips, visit <http://www.ghi.coop/content/staying-warm-and-saving-money-tips-weathering-winter>

Volunteer for the Nominations & Elections Committee

GHI's Nominations & Elections (N&E) Committee needs 2 more members to complete its 5 positions for this term. N&E meets roughly monthly to plan and conduct fair and accurate elections. Members identify candidates, host a candidate forum, talk to members at GHI events, and register members at the annual meeting. If you're willing to help your fellow members, please contact chair Tom Jones at tom@spril.com or 301-474-6001.

