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WITH THE HELP OF GHI MEMBERS, OLD GREENBELT THEATRE CELEBRATES ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY

By Jenny Moser Jurling

The Old Greenbelt Theatre celebrates the first anniversary of its reopening this month. The OGT is now managed and supported by several GHI members. OGT director Caitlin McGrath has lived in GHI since 2011. She learned about Greenbelt in 2000, during her master's degree program at SUNY Stony Brook. While researching films from the 1939 New York World's Fair, McGrath found *The City*, a short film presenting Greenbelt as a utopian community. She didn't know that the GHI townhouses still existed. In 2011, her husband got a job that brought their family to Maryland.

"When I realized I could live in one of those units," she says, it seemed like a natural choice. Realizing that the Old Greenbelt Theatre had also survived was "the icing on the cake - We have to move here!" McGrath loves GHI as a kid-safe, close-knit community with responsive staff.

While Old Greenbelt is often called a "hidden gem" of the DC Metro area, McGrath wants Greenbelt to be "proudly known." She sees the Old Greenbelt Theatre as a way to help Roosevelt Center thrive, drawing visitors from outside Old Greenbelt to

patronize the theatre and other businesses. Already, the Old Greenbelt Theatre has attracted residents of Virginia and Baltimore (based on information from visitors and Google Analytics data from the theatre's website).

What's McGrath's favorite among the movies she's brought to the Old Greenbelt Theatre? It's hard for her to choose, but she settled on *Phoenix* among new releases, and *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington* among classic films, especially because it played on the OGT's 35mm film projector.

She says that, like GHI, the



L-R: Carol MacAdam, Mary-Denise Smith and Caitlin McGrath outside the Greenbelt Theatre. Photo credit: Gretchen Schock

theatre depends on community involvement. Several GHI members volunteer for the OGT.

Carol MacAdam, who has lived in GHI for nine years, helps with administrative & office tasks. Her favorite OGT movie is *Mr. Holmes*.

Mary-Denise Smith, GHI resident since 2012, "shovels popcorn" and cleans the theatre. She praises the OGT's community service: "as a cooling center in hot weather, as a warming center when ALL the other public buildings were closed, and as a safe place for anyone to go to get assistance." Her favorite OGT movie is whatever she's just seen, plus any sold-out show!

Anna Socrates, a GHI neighbor of 7.5 years, writes movie reviews to post on Susan Harris's Greenbelt Live blog. She loves the local treats at the OGT concession stand and the OGT's response to community suggestions, including film series like Cult Classics and Film Noir. Some of her favorite films so far have been *Spotlight*, *Brooklyn*, *Phoenix*, *Bridge of Spies*, and *Boys n the Hood*.

The theatre welcomes volunteers in every role from office work to concessions to marketing. If you can't volunteer, McGrath says you can help the Old Greenbelt Theatre by spreading the word to your friends.

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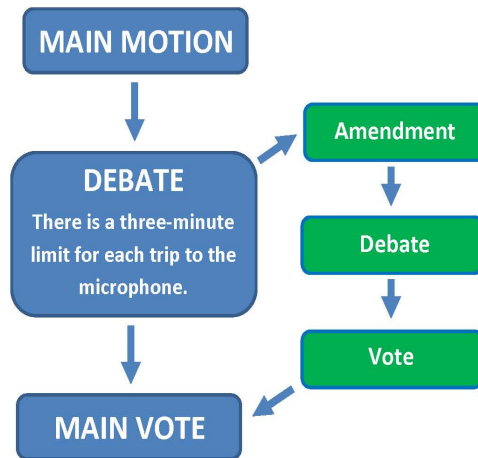
By Lauren Cummings

GHI follows Robert's Rules of Order for all meetings. At our Annual Meeting, which will be held on May 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, we hire a parliamentarian to ensure that the rules are followed.

This chart is a simplified version of Robert's Rules and we hope it helps you feel more prepared to participate at the Annual Meeting.

Below is a list of debate interrupting motions that members can use.

As a reminder, if you cannot attend the Annual Meeting, **absentee ballots** are available from Member Services beginning May 5th at noon, and are due back by 5pm on May 11th, or you can vote on Friday, May 13 from 7:00-10:00 a.m. or 5:00-8:00 pm at the GHI offices on One Hamilton Place.



Other dates to remember: **proxy forms** are due by 5pm on May 5th to Member Services, or May 7th to Ed James at 56D Crescent. Also, the **Candidates' Forum** is Tuesday, May 3rd at 7:30pm, in the City Council Room of the Greenbelt Municipal Building.

More information: <http://www.ghi.coop/content/ghi-elections>

Debate Interrupting Motions

Parliamentary Inquiry

- Used to ask the current state of the situation or to determine what the outcome would be if approved or disapproved.
- "I call a parliamentary inquiry."

Point of Information

- Used to request additional information on the matter being discussed.
- "Point of information"

Point of Order

- Used if a member feels a breach of the rules has occurred.
- "Point of order."

Previous Question

- Used to bring debate to an end. Requires 2/3 vote to end debate and vote on the motion being debated.
- "I call (or move) the question."

Lay on the Table

- Used to stop debate and hold further discussion/decisions until a future date.
- "I motion to table the proposed motion (or amendment)."

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.

May

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| 2 | 7:00 pm | Pre Purchase Orientation |
| 3 | 7:30 pm | Candidates Forum - <i>City Office</i> |
| 5 | 7:30 pm | Board Meeting |
| 6 | - - | OFFICE CLOSED |
| 8 | 9:00 am | Woodlands Booth @ Farmers Market |
| 10 | 7:30 pm | Historic Preservation Task Force |
| 10 | 7:00 pm | Nominations and Elections |
| 11 | 7:30 pm | Architectural Review Committee |
| 12 | 7:30 pm | Annual Membership Meeting |
| 13 | 7-10 am 5-8 pm | Polls Open for GHI Elections |
| 15 | 12:00 pm | Community Wide Open House |
| 15 | 2:00 pm | Woodlands Spring Plant Swap |
| 17 | 7:30 pm | Companion Animal Committee |
| 17 | 7:30 pm | Legislative & Gov't Affairs Committee |
| 18 | 7:00 pm | Woodlands Committee |
| 19 | 7:30 pm | Board Meeting |
| 20 | — | OFFICES CLOSED |
| 23 | 7:00 pm | Communications Committee |
| 25 | 7:00 pm | Buildings Committee |
| 28 | 11:00 am | Pre Purchase Orientation |
| 30 | - - | OFFICE CLOSED - <i>Memorial Day</i> |

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

Member Announcements

Yard Inspections Begin in May

Beginning May 2nd, the annual Community Beautification Program inspections will begin, beginning with 1 Court Ridge Road. The inspector will leave a report on the door knob of the service side entrance. To learn about the minimum yard maintenance standards, visit www.ghi.coop/content/community-beautification-program-overview. We all have a part to play in making GHI an attractive community!

Garden Contest Deadline is June 15

Share your gardening success with other members by entering the GHI Garden Contest!

Visit www.ghi.coop/content/garden-contest for more information and to download the entry form.



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