



October 2010

Dear Friends:

As always, please enjoy this month's E-News as you should find some updates about things happening in our community and some interesting events for you and your family to participate in. If you have information that you would like to be included in future newsletters that will be beneficial to other residents, please email the information to arpannell@co.pg.md.us.

Working for YOU!

Ingrid M. Turner

News You can Use!!!

Tax Assessment Forum

Council Member Ingrid M. Turner will be hosting the second Tax Assessment Forum on **October 21, 2010, at 7:00 pm.** The Forum will be held in the Glenn Dale area at Reid Temple, upstairs in the Shalom Room, 11400 Glenn Dale Blvd, Glenn Dale, MD 20769.

At the first Forum Council Member Turner along with Senator Douglas J. J. Peters, and Maryland State Delegate James W. Hubbard, spoke with over 200 residents, civic groups, and neighborhood organizations, about tax assessments and their efforts to make taxes more bearable for citizens.

As reassessments are scheduled to be issued this January, 2011, a presentation by Acting Tax Assessment Officer John Hensley and Assistant Director of Finance for Prince George's County, Stan Willis will be offered. Mr. Hensley and Mr. Willis will provide specific information to residents regarding property tax reassessments, Homestead caps with regard to the assessments and the impact on future tax bills. Residents will have the opportunity to ask questions, express viewpoints, and share their concerns. Please join Council Member Turner at the upcoming Forum to receive this important information on the reassessments that will affect your area.

For additional information, please contact Mr.



Council Member Ingrid M. Turner along with Council Chair Thomas E. Dernoga were excited to present the 37th "Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen Award" to Mr. James Giese. Mr. Giese served for 28 years as the Greenbelt City Manager. He also served as a volunteer at the [city's museum](#), [arts center](#) and as a writer, editor and board member for the [Greenbelt News Review](#).



To continue her efforts in stressing the importance of reading to young children, Council Member Ingrid M. Turner began her Read 4 Success program for the 2010-2011 school year on Thursday, September 16, 2010 at Pointer Ridge Elementary School. During her visit, Council Member Turner read from the book, [Frindle](#) by Andrew Clements to two fourth grade classes and provided each student with a copy of the book and a bookmark.

Altmann Pannell, Constituent Services Aide,
at 301-952-3094, or arpannell@co.pg.md.us.

“Camp Fit”

World Wide Community & R.A.W. Cinema presents the red carpet premiere of the new reality show entitled “Camp Fit”. Come see the official premiere of “Camp Fit” **on Thursday, October 7**, at 7:00 pm at the New Life Community Church, 13711 Old Annapolis Rd, Bowie MD, 20720. “Camp Fit” is a show about kids getting healthy & fit as well as the trials and tribulations of the parents, the trainers, & their everyday encounters. Be one of the first to see this production before it hits your local network. For more information call 240-461-8474 or visit www.campfit.tv



Council Member Ingrid M. Turner was excited to participate in the City of Greenbelt's Labor Day Parade which was the culmination of the 56th Annual Greenbelt Labor Day Festival. Council Member Turner along with a number of volunteers waved to residents as well as gave candy and prizes to parade goers.

2010 Celebration of Gorgeous Prince George's

On **Saturday, October 16, 2010**, the countywide celebration of Gorgeous Prince George's will occur from 8:00 am- 12: 00 pm. In celebrating 8 years of community cleanups, help maintain your green neighborhood by joining others for a day of beautifying the County! This is also a great opportunity for students to gain community service hours. To apply your neighborhood for Gorgeous Prince George's Day or for more information please contact Joyce A. Beck, Community Outreach Specialist, Prince Georges' s County Police Department, Bureau of Patrol, at 301-722-4880.

Prince George's County Holiday Food and Fitness Expo

The Prince George's County Health Department, in partnership with the Prince George's County Public Schools is hosting its sixth annual Holiday Food & Fitness Expo on **November 6, 2010, from 9:00 am- 2:00 pm** at the Wayne K. Curry Sports and Learning



Council Member Ingrid M. Turner presented a Council Proclamation to Miss Maryland Princess State Cover Girl Miss Alysa N. Jackson during Council Session on Tuesday September 28, 2010. Miss Jackson, a second grader at Heather Hills Elementary School, was crowned Miss Maryland Princess State Cover Girl on August 14, 2010. She has also won various competitions and will compete in Anaheim, CA for the national title.

Complex, 8001 Sherriff Road, Landover MD 20785.

The Purpose of the Expo is to promote healthy lifestyle behaviors in Prince George's County and reduce the incidence of diseases such as diabetes, high blood pressure, and heart disease. Guest are encouraged to participate in healthy food tasting, cooking contest/demonstrations, and "dance your way to fitness" sessions. An "Ask the Expert" area will also be provided where guess will have the opportunity to interact with health care providers and fitness experts. Holiday gift/craft vendors as well as flu shots and immunizations stations will be provided on site.

For more information please, call the Expo Hotline at 301-780-5905 or visit www.pgcps.org.

If you are interested in attending, Council Member Ingrid M. Turner would like to offer **FREE** transportation. Please sign up with Ms. Dionne Brown at 301-464-683 by Friday, October 8, 2010.

DPW&T Public Hearing on TheBus Revisions

On **October 12, 2010**, the Department of Public Works & Transportation will hold a public hearing for proposed revisions to **TheBus** Routes 11, 15, 15 Express and 16. The public hearing will take place at the Greenbelt Community Center located at 15 Crescent Road, Room 201, in Greenbelt, Md.

The Department of Public Works & Transportation welcomes your oral and/or written comments. Comments will be accepted at the hearing and the hearing docket will remain open until November 12, 2010. Each speaker will have two minutes



On September 27, Council Member Ingrid M. Turner along with Superintendent Dr. William R. Hite and Principal Sharon H. Porter were proud to participate in the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Greenbelt Middle School hosted by the Prince George's County Public Schools. The new school will be located on Breezewood Drive in Greenbelt, MD . [Read more in the September 27 edition of Education Insight](#)



Council Member Ingrid M. Turner is pictured with Ms. Kelly L. Pierce,

for public comments. An interpreter for the hearing impaired is available upon request by calling 301-883-5656 or TDD 1-800-735-2258. Written comments should be sent to:

Mr. James Raszewski
Acting Associate Director
Office of Transportation
9400 Peppercorn Place, Suite 320
Largo, Maryland 20770

Should you have any questions please contact Mr. J. Rick Gordon, Acting Deputy Director, at 301-883-5700.

M-NCPPC Budget Forum

The Prince George's County Planning Board of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) would like to hear your comments on M-NCPPC's budget for planning, parks and recreation in Prince George's County for the next fiscal year, which begins July 1, 2011.

The budget forum will take place on **Monday October 4, 2010**, at the Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex, 8001 Sheriff Road, Landover MD. The forum will be held in the Landover Rooms A & B.

You may register in advanced online at www.pgplanning.org, or by calling 301-952-4584, TTY 301-952-4366. Written comments will also be accepted until close of business, Friday, October 8, 2010 and should be addressed to: 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

For additional information on all M-NCCP programs, projects, and services, as well as the budget, please visit the family of websites: www.mncppc.org,
www.pgplanning.org, and
www.pgparcs.com.

Executive Director of the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce and Mr. James Dixon, Youth Leadership Bowie Steering Committee Chair, at the Youth Leadership Bowie Opening Day Orientation program.

Council Member Turner presented a \$1,000 grant to Youth Leadership Bowie at the Opening Day Orientation. The grant funding will support their programs that prepare future leaders to meet the challenges of community service.



Council Member Ingrid M. Turner along with Council Chair Tomas E. Dernoga, Council Member Andrea C. Harrison, Council Member Marilyn M. Bland, Council Member Eric C. Olson, and Council Member Tony Knotts were proud to present a proclamation stating that October 2010 is "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in Prince George's County. Ms. Myra Ball received the proclamation on behalf of the Prince George's County Health Department.



Early Voting for the General Election

The General Election for County, State, and Congressional offices is **Tuesday, November 2nd**. Polls will be open on that date from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Voters can cast their votes before Election Day by voting at the Bowie Library or at any of the other four early voting sites in the County. Early voting will be available between October 22nd and October 28th (with the exception of Sunday, October 24th) between the hours of 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. For more information, contact the Prince George's County Board of Elections at 301-430-8020.

New Maryland Cell Phone Law Effective October 1, 2010

Beginning today, **October 1st**, a new Maryland law prohibits drivers from using a cell phone while operating a motor vehicle in motion on a street or highway, unless they are using a hands-free device. Phone calls placed to 911, ambulance, hospital, fire, or law enforcement agencies are allowed, as are calls made by emergency and law enforcement personnel. A driver is allowed to turn a handheld phone on or off and to initiate or terminate a call. The new law is a secondary offense, meaning that a driver must first be detained for another offense, such as speeding or negligent driving, before he or she can be ticketed for a cell phone offense. However, be advised that "negligent driving" is a primary offense in Maryland and can be used as a precursor to citing violators of the new cell phone law. The fine for a first offense is \$40 and subsequent offenses are \$100. Points will not be assessed to a first-time violator's driving record, although three points can be assessed if the violation contributed to a crash. One point is assessed for a second or subsequent offense. More information about the law can be found at



On Saturday, September 25, 2010, Council Member Ingrid M. Turner and State Senator Douglas JJ Peters were excited to help make blankets at the 5th Annual Blankets of Hope event at the Ascension Catholic Church in Bowie, MD. The blankets are sent to Landstuhl Military Hospital in Germany for the wounded warriors.

Age 12, Colleen Dick, age 7 Kylie Dick, and age 21 Amanda King have been making blankets for 5 years. They are pictured with some of the 348 blankets made at the event and are proud to help the wounded and ill US servicemen and women.

HALLOWEEN EVENTS

Halloween Happening

On October 23, 2010, at 7:00 pm, bring your child to the Belair Mansion to hear a spooky story, play games, roast marshmallows, and get a surprise treat! Remember to dress in Halloween costumes. Registration is required, please email amartinek@cityofbowie.org or call 301-809-2397 to sign up. Belair Mansion is located at 12207 Tulip Grove Drive, Bowie, MD 20715.

Halloween Party on Ice!

Like to ice skate or want to learn? You are invited to celebrate Halloween at the

<http://www.maryland.gov>.

Bowie Ice Arena. **On October 30, 2010, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm**, ice skate in your Halloween costume and remember to bring a friend! The Bowie Ice

Greenbelt Halloween Costume Contest and Parade

You are invited to join in Greenbelt's Halloween Costume Contest and Parade on **Friday, October 29**. A tradition in Greenbelt! All ages are encouraged to come dressed in their Halloween finest and prize packs will be awarded to the best costumes for ages 18 months through 6th grade. There will also be a category for the best in family and best pet. Contest and parade registration will take place from 4:00pm-4:30pm at the Roosevelt Center, 131 Centerway Greenbelt, MD 20770. The Parade will start at 4:30pm sharp! Stay for the entertainment that follows - ***The Mayhem Magical Circus***.

Trick-Or-Treat

On **Sunday, October 31**, the City of Greenbelt would like its residents to know that if they wish to participate in this year's trick-or-treat, they are asked to turn on their porch lights. Apartment dwellers should tie a piece of white cloth on their door. This will help to ensure that all citizens will have a safe and fun Halloween. For more information please call the City of Greenbelt at 301-474-8000.

A graphic with the text "HAPPY HALLOWEEN" in a stylized, bubbly, orange and yellow font with black outlines. The letter 'O' in "HALLOWEEN" is replaced by a simple smiley face. The background is a light blue gradient.

More News For You

“How 2” Business Conference

Business owners and entrepreneurs are invited to attend the 6th "How 2" Conference on **Wednesday, October 27, 2010, from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.** The “How 2” Conference is the Premier Conference for Small, Minority and Disadvantaged Businesses. This year’s conference will feature keynote speaker, Mary Grate-Pyos, MBA, Author & President, Financially Focused, Inc. Chief PearlPreneur, My Pearl Power. Topics for the conference will include:

- Success Strategies for Taking Your Business to the Next Level
- Financing - Everybody Needs Some
- Women's Roundtable: Women Taking Charge In Non-Traditional Occupations
- Certifications, Challenges, Solutions and What Happens Once You Are Certified: MDOT, WMATA, Small Business Development Center
- How CMBD Can Assist with the Development of Your Business
- How to Have Successful Grant Submissions and Grow Your Non-Profit
- Utilizing the Small Business Initiative (SBI)
- Opportunities Right Here in Prince George’s County, MD
- Social Media—Using the Internet to Your Advantage
- Developing a Professional Capability Statement
- Veterans: Learning the Ropes is the Key to Success
- How to Better Manage Your Operations

The conference will be held at the Comfort Inn, 4500 Crain Highway Bowie, MD 20715. More detail can be found at <http://www.howtoconference.com>. For more information please contact Ms. KC Ford at 301-218-1065.

Need Help With Energy Bills?

- **Financial Assistance for Home Energy Bills**
The Maryland Office of Home Energy programs has a number of programs designed to help people pay their energy bills. The amount of assistance depends on the type of heating fuel, household size, yearly energy usage and income.
- **MARYLAND ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MEAP):** Federal funds are distributed to Maryland to assist eligible customers in paying winter heating bills.
- **UTILITY SERVICE PROTECTION PROGRAM (USPP):** Residents eligible for MEAP are eligible for USPP and can receive a natural gas bill for the same amount each month. Payment plans depend on natural gas usage from the previous year and the outstanding balance owed on a customer's gas bill. Customers must complete applications for MEAP in their county.
- **WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE:** Energy-saving measures are provided at no cost to eligible families.

For more information on these programs, contact the Maryland Department of Human Resources at 1-800-352-1446, the Prince George's County Department of Social Services at 301-909-6300 or visit dhr.state.md.us/meap.

Bowie International Festival

All are welcome to participate in this year's annual Bowie International Festival on **October 2, 2010**. Come experience a variety of cultures and lifestyles including Greek Music, Latin music, Irish Bands, Bolivian Dance, Crafts from Nepal and Ecuador, Chinese Dragon Dance international vendors, and a variety of free children's activities. The festival will take place from 11:00 am – 5:00 pm at Allen Pond Park, 3330 Northview Drive, Bowie MD.

Also, at this year's Bowie International Festival, please think of those in the community who are going through some rough times, and bring non-perishable food to donate to the Bowie Food Pantry! The numbers of people in need of assistance continue to grow in the current economic situation. Please help your friends and neighbors, by supporting the Bowie Food Pantry.

Stream Team Clean-Up

Join the City of Bowie on **October 2, 2010**, for this fall's stream clean-up. Hundreds of volunteers turn out each spring and fall to help clean streams across the city. Bowie's volunteer Stream Teams walk along specific stream segments and pick up trash and litter. The clean-ups have removed 4,500 pounds of trash and 4,400 pounds of recyclable items from Bowie streams. Some

of the more interesting items found: a riding lawnmower, a car door, a television set, a rusted box spring embedded in a tree, and a pink flamingo (the plastic kind).

Bring your class, church group or civic association to join in the action, additionally Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts also welcome and encouraged to participate. Volunteers will be provided with all supplies and a commemorative t-shirt. Please wear sturdy boots (or shoes), and a long sleeve shirt. Participants are also asked to bring a water bottle, and a smile!

To register for a Stream Team or for more information, call Tiffany Wright at 301-809-3043 or email at twright@cityofbowie.org.

Education Grants Available from the City of Bowie

Grants of up to \$1,000 each, for up to a total of \$15,000, are available for programs that enrich the learning opportunities for students attending eligible schools located in Bowie. Applications may be submitted by teachers, PTA/PTOs (or other parent organizations), or individuals to fully or partially cover the costs of planned projects. **The deadline for applications is October 14, 2010.** Applications are available on the City website. For more information, please contact Leni Stern, Education Committee Liaison at lstern@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3068.

Internet Safety for Children

The Bowie Education Committee is planning an Education Forum on the topic **Internet Safety for Children**, on **October 27, 2010**. The forum will be held at the Bowie City Hall Multipurpose Room, 2614 Kenhill Drive, Bowie, MD 20715. The presenter will be Marlene Trestman, Special Assistant to the Maryland Attorney General. This forum will be open to community members and will be of most interest to parents, grandparents, and others who spend times with children where computers are available and they may be using the internet.

Bowie Residents! Are You Prepared for Extreme Weather?

Disasters come in all sizes. From house fires, to chemical spills that require evacuations, to hurricanes --it's always good to be prepared in case you find yourself unexpectedly without power or suddenly must leave your home. If severe weather is in the forecast, be prepared for power outages by locating flashlights, portable radios and batteries, charging cell phones and medical devices, filling the gas tank and having some food on hand that does not require cooking. Stay tuned to local news for weather updates. Also if you haven't already done so, sign up for Alert Bowie so that you can receive important, Bowie-specific information via email and text messages, during any emergency. To register go to <http://alert.cityofbowie.org> or call 301-809-3032.

For more information about preparing for emergencies, visit the following sites:

www.ready.gov

www.fema.gov

www.maryland.gov

www.redcross.org

Arena is located at 3330 Northview Dr, Bowie, MD 20716.

An Artful Afternoon

On **Sunday, October 3, from 1:00 – 4:00 pm**, you are invited to attend, An Artful Afternoon at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD. Playing card crafts and magic tricks will be featured at this month's event.

From 1:00pm-3:00pm, make your own playing card mini-notebooks with artist Mary Gawlik. Ms. Gawlik is a clay tile artist and teacher as well as a Greenbelt Artist in Residence.

Then enjoy a magic show inspired by children's literature from the "Cat in the Hat" to "Harry Potter" is presented by Joe Romano beginning at 3:00 pm. Romano has worked with literally every major theme park in the country including Universal Studios, Knotts' Berry Farm, Six Flags, and Walt Disney Cruise Lines. He has appeared with Larry King, Celine Dion, and Ricky Martin.

Also, just before the magic show, a drawing will be held for two tickets to IBEX Puppetry's "Panther and Crane." IBEX Puppetry's Heather Henson carries forward the legacy of her father Jim Henson (UM '60) through her own artistic vision. Panther and Crane tells the story of a young crane's journey of survival through Florida's ecosystem — its wild places and its sprawling man-made landscapes. A second winner will receive two tickets to the performance of their choice at the Greenbelt Arts Center. Enter the drawing for free at the Greenbelt Community Center Art Gallery now through 2:30pm on October 3. All ages are welcome at this **FREE** event.

Greenbelt's Artful Afternoon will offer a studio open house and sale with the Center's Artists in Residence, plus tours of the Greenbelt Museum historic home. Artful Afternoon activities are open to the public and free, with the exception of a nominal fee for the house tour. This event is a great introduction to the many great art classes and activities offered by the City. For more information about City of Greenbelt art programs, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts or call 240-542-2057.

Greenbelt Fall Fest

Celebrate Greenbelt's 73rd year on **October 16**, at Schrom Hills Park from 12:00 – 6:00 pm. The Recreation Department will be joining forces with the Public Works, Police and Fire Departments to host the annual Fall Fest. Make plans now to come over to Schrom Hills Park located at 6915 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, MD, to participate in the hay rides, games, amusements, pumpkin patch, and art activities. This year's musical entertainment is JUST US. For more information please call 301-552-2004.

International Walk to School Day

On **Wednesday, October 6th**, the Greenbelt Police and other departments will walk to school with children from Springhill Lake Elementary and Greenbelt Elementary. Walk to School encourages safer routes to school, healthier kids and environmental awareness. For more information contact Kelly Lawson at klawson@greenbeltmd.gov or visit <http://www.walktoschool.org>.

Free Flu Shots

Free Flu Shots will be given on **Wednesday, October 13th from 12noon-3:00pm**, at the

Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane. No appointments necessary. Both intranasal (FluMist®) and shots will be available. This event is sponsored by the Prince George's County Health Department and the City of Greenbelt. For more information please contact the Prince George's County Health Department at 301-883-7879.

Greenbelt Senior's Oktoberfest!!

Greenbelt Senior's! You are invited to attend "Senior's Oktoberfest" on **Friday, October 15th**, at 1:00pm. Enjoy light refreshments and entertainment at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD.

Shredding Day

Citizens of and neighbors of Greenbelt, do you have old files and papers you need to shred? You are invited to participate in the Greenbelt Shredding day on **Saturday, October 16th**, from 9:00 am- 12:00 noon. Shredding day will take place at the Roosevelt Center Parking Lot, Centerway, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

Oktoberfest 2010

On Wednesday, **October 13, 2010 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce invites you to participate in *Oktoberfest 2010* hosted by Belair Engineering & Service Company. Come and experience German beer, Good food & Oktoberfest surprises. Oktoberfest 2010 will be held at Belair Engineering, 15881 Commerce Court, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774. For more information on how to participate in Oktoberfest 2010 please click [here](#):

Pet First Aid and CPR Training

The National Capital Region of the American Red Cross invites you to attend a Pet First Aid and CPR Training on **Saturday, October 16, 2010 from 9:00 am- 1:00 pm**. Learn how to handle pet emergencies such as injuries and sudden illness and how to administer pet CPR. An American Red Cross Cat First Aid or Dog First Aid Book with DVD is included with the training.

The Pet First Aid and CPR training will be held at the Price George's County Animal Services Facility, 3750 Brown Station Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772. For more information and to register for the training, please visit www.redcrossnca.org or call 240-487-2121.

Men Make A Difference Day

On **October 11, 2010**, Forest of The Rain Productions, Inc. will call on all fathers and significant male role models in the lives of children all over America to visit their child's school. Father's and all father figures are asked to observe classroom instruction, to meet school officials and to volunteer at least seven hours of your time over the school year. "Children whose fathers are involved in their education have greater academic achievement than their peers, even when taking into account their mothers' involvement. Father's involvement in their children's education was associated with greater academic achievement, even when controlling for mothers' involvement" (McBride, Brent A. 2005).

Fathers/significant male role models: Have a major impact on student success. Data shows that when fathers and significant male role models are involved students:

- Make As and Bs
- Have greater motivation to succeed
- Have higher self-esteem
- Have less health and emotional problems
- More confidence • Are less likely to use drugs
- Girls are less likely to engage in pre-marital sex

For more information please click on: <http://www.familyfacts.org/findingdetail.cfm?finding=9373> or visit parents and PGCPS at: http://parentsandpgcps.ning.com/?xg_source=msg_mes_network

If you would like to be included in our mailings, please forward your name and address to LCFerguson@co.pg.md.us. Please also pass this information on to other concerned citizens. Remember, as a team working together, much can be accomplished.

**Together
Everyone
Accomplishes
More**

"Working for YOU!"