

2024 GHI Election: May 9–10

Check your Email!

The annual membership meeting returns to the Community Center Gym, as before the pandemic. You must be on-site to participate.

GHI has contracted a new vendor, Simply Voting, to host this year's election. Simply Voting will send emails to GHI member addresses on file with a link to your ballot.

Check your inbox(es) and spam folders for a message by May 2 from vote@simplyvoting.com.

If you plan to vote online and don't receive this email, you should update your email address by contacting GHI Member Services as soon as possible. Regardless, all members can vote in person on-site Thursday after the annual meeting, or Friday 4–8pm at the GHI Office.

Path	Prerequisite	Where & When	Method
1. Absentee	Cast ballot for Board & Audit Committee before annual meeting	GHI Office During office hours May 3, 6, or 7	Submit absentee ballot application at GHI Office, then immediately vote on paper ballot
2. Online	Current email address must be on file with GHI	Simply Voting website After annual meeting Thursday May 9 until 8pm Friday May 10	Secure personalized link from Simply Voting on your smartphone, tablet, or computer
3. Annual Meeting	Not already voted	Community Center Immediately after annual meeting	In-person supported online voting
4. In Person at GHI	Not already voted	GHI Office 4–8pm Friday May 10	In-person supported online voting

Choose your path to vote!

Sign-in for the May 9 annual membership meeting opens at 7:00pm in the Community Center Gym. Members must be in-person to participate. The election for Board and Audit Committee begins when the meeting goes into recess. Members can vote online or in-person.

Please see the official meeting announcement mailed to every member for more information.



THE COOPERATIVE

Board of Directors

(4 of 9 positions up for election for 2-year terms)

Stefan Brodd

2 Court Westway

I have been a member of GHI since 1999, and a resident of Greenbelt since 1981. I was elected to the Board of Directors in 2016, serving first as Vice-President, and as President since November of 2020. I have chaired, served as Board liaison, or served as a member on a number of committees and task forces, including Member Outreach, Legislative and Government Affairs, Zoning, Transition, and Maglev. Professionally I am a musician serving two American and three Nordic churches, and collaborating with my husband Christopher Cherry in musical programs for the City of Greenbelt and other area organizations; in a previous career I worked at NASA-Goddard Space Flight Center in software development and data analysis. I have served as a board member and volunteer for several non-profit organizations. I am committed to cooperative ideals and, in particular, to their living embodiment in GHI.

Audrey Donohue

42 Court Ridge

Audrey Donohue joined the GHI Cooperative Community in January 2024. She is a 200-hour certified yoga teacher, avid hiker, and loyal dog mom to two pups finally aging out of their adolescence. Audrey holds a Bachelor of Science in journalism and public health and will earn her master's in public health, program design, monitoring, and evaluation in August 2024.

Audrey is seeking a position on the GHI Board of Directors to help sustain the co-op and its values into 2026. Previously, Audrey completed a two-year term on the Board of Directors for the Society of American Military

Engineers Blue Ridge Post as the Relationships and Recognition Chair and both established and chaired a corporate diversity and inclusion committee for 200+ employees.

Audrey founded her career on a legacy of community service and international citizenship including time spent volunteering with Peace Corps Benin and living in Cairo, Egypt as a third culture kid. Audrey brings seven years of management consultancy and international diplomacy experience; helping manage multilateral projects for the U.S. Department of State, USAID, USACE, and the Millennium Challenge Corporation with a totaling value greater than \$1.5B. She has worked across sectors, including resource management, health, policy and system strengthening, infrastructure, journalism and media, and research and development.

Audrey believes that a successful co-op is built on civic participation, social inclusion, equitable representation, and accountability in management. If elected, Audrey will embody these principles in her tenure on the board.

Ed James

56 Court Crescent

Ed has been an active GHI member since 1977. He has been a Director for 18 years and Secretary for 16 years. He serves on the Buildings, Bicycle, Investment, Member Outreach, Finance, and Woodlands Committees and on the Sustainability Subcommittee. He also serves as Treasurer (and co-founder) of the Greenbelt Community Development Corporation.

Ed has previously served as GHI Treasurer and on the GHI Audit Committee, been a Greenbelt Jaycees Treasurer, Greenbelt CPR instructor, Greenbelt Internet Access Cooperative Director (co-founder), New Deal Cafe Director and Audit Committee member, a member of Green ACES, an Old Greenbelt Neighborhood Watch Co-Chair (co-founder), and more recently the President of

the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union Board. He has also acted as a fiscal agent (via the GCDC) for numerous GHI entities, such as the Greenbelt Theatre, the Maker Space, the Greenbelt News Review, the City of Greenbelt, and the Greenbelt Business Alliance.

His education includes degrees in Physics, Biochemistry, Zoology, and Computer Science. His professional experience includes Martin Marietta Labs, the International Monetary Fund, Sprint, the University of Maryland, EPA, NASA, and DOT. He retired early as a Software Engineer.

Ed was heavily involved with the recent HIP project by working on the test and production portions of HIP. Ed is involved with the planning of upcoming programs, such as the proposed WSSC pipe replacement program, and future replacement programs for some electrical and plumbing systems. Ed works to keep GHI on solid footing financially, physically, and culturally.

Debbie McKinley

55 Court Ridge

My husband and I have lived in GHI since 2009. We very much enjoy the community spirit in GHI as well as its garden-like setting. I am currently serving on the Board of Directors as the Vice President. I am also the Chair of the Stormwater Management Subcommittee and Member Handbook and Board Policies Standardization Task Force. I also serve as the Board Liaison for the Buildings Committee.

My education and career are in environmental engineering. My focus while on the Board of Directors has been on building resiliency within GHI to climate change as well as standardizing the Member Handbook and Board policies to make them easier to use. I believe my skills and attention to detail have made me a valuable member of the Board of Directors and I would like to continue my service for another 2-year term.

I am excited by the new energy brought to the senior management team at GHI and wish to continue working in this invigorated environment. I hope you are pleased with my performance on the Board of Directors to date and will support my reelection to another term.

James Whipple

14 Court Hillside

Almost immediately after moving to GHI, I ran for the board of directors because I knew what I stand for benefits all of GHI, even Greenbelt as a whole. I knew that keeping to Greenbelt's founding values while adapting to the modern age is the right path for all of us. Those values of cooperation between neighbors and reinforcing community spirit are core to my philosophy as a member of the board of directors. Now that I've completed my first term as a board of directors, and ran for city council, I am even more informed, even more prepared, to continue the work needed to guide GHI into the future.

I grew up in Prince Georges' County, regularly came to Greenbelt in my youth, studied Engineering at the nearby University of Maryland College Park. I am fully devoted to improving our community through principles of engineering and urban development. I have participated and led volunteer efforts to build a sense of community and, more importantly, help our most vulnerable neighbors. Apart from board, I currently serve as minute taker for the Handbook Task Force and as chair of the LGAC to maintain GHI's seat at the legislative tables.

My plans are based on the urban development lessons that we can see from comparable communities worldwide, like in Europe and Japan. These lessons we can incorporate into our own community and make them full-blooded American, to make people feel connected again to their neighbors, and transform our way of life.

Candidates for GHI Election

The following GHI members have formally indicated their agreement to serve if elected, and provided these biographical sketches to the Nominations & Elections (N&E) Committee. GHI Members will elect N&E Committee members during the annual meeting. Ballots for the separate election for Board of Directors and Audit Committee will be cast online and in-person, described in the graphic above. Members of our 9-member board are elected to staggered 2-year terms, with 4 positions elected in even years and 5 in odd years. There are 4 open Board positions this year. Here, candidates are listed in alphabetical order by last name, but each online ballot will list candidates in random order.

Candidates for GHI Election

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Audit Committee

(All 3 positions up for election for 1-year terms.)

Zach Conron

65 Court Ridge

I am running for Audit Committee, because I love GHI and always feel most fulfilled in life when I am serving others. My wife Sarah and I moved to Greenbelt in 2018 because we love the close and collaborative nature of the community. We also love living next to all the things that keep Greenbelt "green", especially the preserved woods. I have been on the Woodlands Committee for several years now focusing on invasive removal and the restoration of native ecology. I have also served for almost a year on the GHI Audit Committee where we asked questions and offered suggestions to improve or simply clarify the decisions of the Board of Directors. I believe in GHI's mission and will continue to do my best to serve the interests of the whole membership as well as future generations in our community. Please vote for me for Audit Committee in 2024!

Stephen Holland

56 Court Ridge

I moved to Greenbelt 21 years ago and have lived in GHI for most of those years. I was attracted to GHI's walkability, green spaces, and strong sense of community. I was also impressed by its tradition of long-term planning. Over the years, I have served on GHI's Board of Directors and various committees and task forces. I currently serve

on the Finance Committee, which has given me insight into GHI's budget process and some of the financial challenges we will face when we replace our plumbing infrastructure during the next two decades. In the larger Greenbelt community, I was treasurer of the Greenbelt Soccer Alliance for several years and am active in local efforts to improve public transit, an essential service if GHI intends to pursue aging-in-place plans for our members. During the day, I work at NASA/Goddard as a scientist and programmer. My job involves analyzing large, complex datasets and finding practical solutions to unexpected problems. I would like the opportunity to apply these skills to help our cooperative by serving on the Audit Committee.

Bill Jones

15 Court Ridge

Bill Jones is a retired math and computer science professor. He moved to GHI with his wife Ginny in 2004. He was on the GHI Board for ten years, 2011–2021, and is currently Chair of the GHI Audit Committee. He has also served for 16 years on the GHI Finance Committee and Investment Committee. This means that he brings a lot of historical knowledge to the Audit Committee, as well as his training in Actuarial Science. His primary interest is in helping maintain the long-term financial stability of GHI, so future generations have the opportunity to live here.

He has been involved in many volunteer activities in Greenbelt, such as helping people fill out their income tax forms through VITA, tutoring first graders in reading at Greenbelt Elementary,

delivering Meals On Wheels locally, and acting in plays at the Greenbelt Arts Center. Currently he is Chair of the Board of Directors of the Greenbelt Co-op Grocery and is Chair of the Membership Committee of the New Deal Cafe Co-op. He is also Treasurer of the Greenbelt Refugee Aid Committee, which brings refugee families to Greenbelt and supports them until they can become self-sufficient.

Nominations & Elections Committee

(All 5 positions up for election for 1-year terms)

Dan Gillotte

10 Court Hillside

Dan Gillotte is a long time cooperator having first become a member of a food co-op in Maine in 1992. Dan has been the manager of food co-ops since 1998 and moved here (and became a member of GHI) spring 2020. Dan has served on numerous boards over the years including:

- National Co-op Grocers (6 years total and 3 years as board chair)
- Co-op Grocers Information Network (7 years total, as president for 5 years)
- AHB Community School (3 years total, as chair for one year)
- Austin Independent Business Alliance (for more than a decade as a founding member)

Dan has worked for boards for his whole adult life and understands the importance of board perpetuation

for successful organizations. He loves living in this cooperative community of GHI and Greenbelt and is happy to serve if elected on the small but mighty nominations committee.

Theresa R. Henderson

1 Court Laurel Hill

Theresa was born and raised in the Washington, D.C. area. She has lived in GHI since 1983. She currently enjoys living on Laurel Hill Rd. with her husband Steve, their adult child Maddy, their two cats and a bird. She is currently employed at the USDA Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center as a Support Scientist/Biochemist. She is presently serving on the Nominations and Elections Committee for her tenth term and has been delighted to work with the other committee members, the GHI Board and the GHI staff. She would be honored to serve this cooperative on this committee for another term

Tom Jones

1 Court Woodland

Tom has served on Nominations & Elections for 10 years, including the past 9 years as chair. Tom grew up on Northway and has been a GHI member since 1997. His grandparents moved to 11 Court Southway in May 1942.

Tom has a Physics degree from New Mexico Tech and an MBA from Loyola University Maryland. He works as a Software Technical Program Manager at the University of Maryland Center for Advanced Transportation Technology Laboratory (CATT Lab) within the Civil Engineering department, managing the nations transportation data.

In 2010, Tom chaired the GHI Finance Report Subcommittee that drafted revisions to make the annual report easier to understand. In 2011, he chaired the GHI website redesign committee, and later served on the GHI Information Technology task force. In 2021, Tom and his wife Johanna proposed comprehensive GHI permit reform.

With other Greenbelt-founded cooperatives, Tom has served on the News Review Board of Directors since 2014. In prior years, he served on the New Deal Café Audit Committee for 5 years and the Rapidan Camps Board of Directors for 22 years, including 15 years as president.

Tom also manages the website and photography team for the Baltimore Kinetic Sculpture Race.

Joe Ralbovsky

62 Court Ridge

Joe Ralbovsky is 70% water.

Luisa Robles

32 Court Ridge

I have lived in GHI since the spring of 2001 (22 years!).

I bumped into GHI while pursuing my PhD at UMD. I came to see a movie at the theater and fell in love with the Roosevelt Center, and the layout and walkability of GHI. I knew several people that studied at UMD and lived in Old Greenbelt. My degree was in environmental sciences and sustainable development and I am now the Sustainability Coordinator for the City. I have served on the Board of Directors and the Woodlands Committee for GHI, and on the Forest Preserve Advisory Board for the City.