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Candidates

As a public service, the News Review is providing biographies for all of the candidates who are running in the new District 22.

Paul G. Pinsky

Paul Pinsky is seeking reelection to the Maryland State Senate as a democratic candidate in the 22nd legislative district. He was first elected to the senate in 1994 and is now completing his second term. Pinsky serves on the Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee and its health and education subcommittees. He is also chair of the licensing and regulatory affairs subcommittee. Other committees of which he is a member are the Joint Committee on Federal Regulations, the Special Joint Committee on Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program, the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review and the Special Committee on Substance Abuse. He also serves as the senate chair of the Prince George's County Delegation.



PHOTO BY WARREN KAHLE

Prior to his election to the senate, Pinsky served two terms in the Maryland House of Delegates, where he was a member of the Environmental Matters Committee. Born in Camden, N.J., Pinsky obtained his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in Education degrees from George Washington University. He taught high school history for 20 years in the Prince George's County public schools. He organized an affiliate of the Maryland Teachers Association and is a past president of the Prince George's County Educator's Association. Pinsky is a member of the executive board of the Maryland Citizens Action Coalition, the National Education Association and the

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What Goes On

Monday, August 26
8 p.m., City Council worksession, Non-classified position policy, Municipal Building
Wednesday, August 28
8 p.m., City Council worksession with 22nd district delegation, Community Center

Schools Open on August 26; Some Changes for Students

by Mary Moien

Prince George's County public schools will open Monday, August 26 for the 2002-2003 school year. There will be some changes for Greenbelt students at most of the schools. At Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS), it had been rumored that school hours might be changed. This has not occurred and their core class hours remain 9:25 a.m. to 4:05 p.m. The sixth grade Springhill Lake Elementary class, which has been attending Greenbelt Middle School, will be returning to Springhill Lake Elementary. Some students from Springhill Lake apartments who have been bused to Oakcrest Elementary will be returning closer to home – not to Springhill Lake Elementary but to the newly re-opened Berwyn Heights Elementary School.

Due to redrawn school boundaries, some students from Greenbelt East who have been attending Magnolia Elementary School will be transferring to Greenbelt Elementary School. But according to Magnolia principal Phyllis Gillens, it appears that some Greenbelt students will still be attending Magnolia. ERHS has reduced the number of students who may transfer there for special programs, but this will not affect Greenbelters, for whom ERHS is their community high

St. Hugh's School Opens Sept. 3

Tuesday, September 3 is the first day of school at St. Hugh's school. There will be noon dismissals the entire first week. Uniforms are required from the first day of school.

St. Hugh's school is comprised of grades kindergarten to eight, with before- and after-school care. The school now has a website which can be accessed on-line at www.StHughs.com. A few openings may still be available in the lower grades.

Back-to-school night will be held on Wednesday, September 18 at 7 p.m. For more information, contact the school at 301-474-4071.

school. The French Immersion program has been transferred from Greenbelt Middle School to Robert Goddard Middle School.

Many of the schools are still expected to be overcrowded, especially Springhill Lake with its returning sixth-grade class. Judy Austin, principal at Greenbelt Middle School, indicated that,

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For School Hours, Bus Schedules, County Dress Code and more, see page 3

Council Okays More Bingo, Defers on Beer and Wine

by Barbara Hopkins

In its more than four-hour regular meeting of Monday, August 12, the Greenbelt City Council considered many items of business. It deferred action on a request to support a beer and wine alcoholic beverage license for the New Deal Café, agreed to permit the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department to run bingo games up to three times a week at the city-owned firehouse, gave a go-ahead to get proposals for an assessment study of senior citizen needs and heard about the town of LaPlata's appreciation for Greenbelt's aid following the destruction caused by a tornado there.

Beer and Wine

Ray Stevens, president of the New Deal Café, and Terri Rutledge, its general manager, told council that the Café co-op board of directors has decided to apply to the Board of License Commissioners (Liquor Control Board) for a license to sell beer and wine for consumption in the Café. The Café board wants to sell a limited variety of wines and beers from microbreweries. In a letter Rutledge sent to city council,

she said that the request is based on customer feedback, and the co-op's board expects such a license to improve business to a degree that the Café could survive. She assured council that there is no attempt to "convert the New Deal Café to a tavern."

In response to questions from councilmembers, Stevens and Rutledge explained that the board had acted quickly to get its paper work in by the September 24 meeting of the commissioners and had not yet met to determine details of the change. Councilmembers expressed concerns about the time of day alcohol would be available, how excessive consumption would be handled or prevented and who would verify age qualifications of patrons for alcohol.

Roberts spoke against the café selling beer and wine, saying that the specialness of the New Deal Café is its family atmosphere. He thought it sends a poor message to children to add alcohol to the menu.

Davis also spoke against hav-

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Countdown for 48th Annual Labor Day Festival Begins

by Patti Brothers

The City's 48th Annual Greenbelt Labor Day Festival is almost here. The Festival starts Friday, August 30 and goes through Monday, September 2 and if the wishes of all are granted, bright sunny days will be the background for this year's festival once again.

The festival marks the culmination of a year of planning by an independent, all-volunteer committee and the participation and involvement of hundreds of citizens, businesses and organizations throughout the city. Festival proceeds benefit the many city service organizations that operate the festival booths.

Toss and turn on the many carnival rides or twist and shout to the music of the area's top bands. Stroll through the carnival and visit the many booths and savor some of the tremendous variety of foods and goodies. Browse the photo exhibit and the art show in the Community Center and cheer for local performers at the talent show. Kids can participate in a variety of kids games sponsored by the Recreation Department and enter their pets in the Pet Show and afterwards interact with the animals

in the Petting Zoo.

Be there for all three nights of the Miss Greenbelt Pageant and feel the suspense mount prior to the crowning on Sunday of Little Miss, Junior Miss and Miss Greenbelt for the year 2002-2003. Then stroll down to a favorite observation point along Crescent Road to watch the Labor Day Parade on Monday. A detailed schedule of events is included in the special pullout in this paper – which can be saved as a souvenir program. A summary of highlights follows.

The stage will be located in front of the aquatic center, with nonstop acts throughout the weekend. The carnival will operate in the parking lot of the Roosevelt Center mall and on the lawn in front of the Community Center (next to the library).

Major events will also occur inside the Community Center, at Braden Field and at the ballfields on Northway. In the event of rain (that is a dirty word), stage events, bingo and selected activities will continue in the Community Center and the booths will be relocated there as well.

See FESTIVAL, page 6

PULL OUT & SAVE

Labor Day Festival Schedule on centerfold pages. Fold and cut as shown to obtain conveniently-sized, 8 page Festival Program.

Council Seeks Feedback On Goddard Master Plan

by Barbara Hopkins

The Greenbelt City Council burned the midnight oil on Monday, August 12, wrapping up its regular meeting over two hours past the goal of 10 p.m. announced early in the evening by Mayor Judith Davis, the city's hopeful and optimistic leader. Much of the council's time was spent in reviewing city staff's proposals for city recommendations on the Goddard Master Plan.

Kristen Ward, of the city's Department of Planning and Community Development, briefed council on the draft Master Facilities Plan and Environmental Assessment that had been received from NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) and

reviewed by city staff. NASA's 20-year plan is designed to upgrade, remodel and reconfigure the campus to facilitate interaction between its scientists by encouraging pedestrian travel between buildings.

Ward said that staff recommended sending their report to the appropriate personnel at NASA GSFC and also to the Maryland Department of Planning, which is also collecting comments on the plan. If adopted by NASA, staff recommendations contained in the report will enable the City of Greenbelt to keep informed of NASA's decisions and implemen-

See MASTER PLAN, page 11

Correction

The News Review regrets the misleading headline last week on the story concerning the new 20-year Master Plan for the NASA-Goddard Space Flight Center. Far from provoking criticism, the proposed new design for the campus received a favorable response from those attending the public hearing on August 6.

Previously, many of the facility's neighbors were angered by plans to realign Soil Conservation Road to the west. Since that plan has been abandoned in favor of an eastern alignment, no controversy remains.

Letters to the Editor

Water Polo Wasn't Solo

Thursday night Water Polo in Greenbelt was a great success. I want to thank the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center staff, especially Ginny's Thursday night staff, the volunteer coaches, Mark Otto and Peter Hardy; and especially the kids who not only showed up on Thursday nights, but showed up week after week with excellent attitudes.

It also took a lot of up front planning with Julie McHale and Kenny Gray and Di Quynn implemented the program, scheduling the pool and the staff. Nancy Wilmot, Amber Thompson and Katie Broderick helped us integrate water polo into the Rec Department Quarterly Newsletter and the Counselors in Training (CIT) program. Thanks to Linda Fabian, we even gave the CIT kids some taste of water polo during their camp right after swim practice one morning.

We found some good swimmers in water polo. We hope you consider the fall swim team sign ups. The sports are excellent for cross-training. Learning a new sport that requires lots of stamina and teamwork is hard work physically and mentally; but it sure didn't seem that way — it just seemed like fun. Most weeks we had 20 to 30 water polo players and the summer lightning

storms were the only thing that slowed us down.

The News Review and Gazette also ran our articles and pictures in a timely fashion; and the swim team coaches, parents and swimmers kept the buzz going with their enthusiastic support. We couldn't have done it without the accompaniment. Aqua Polo was definitely not a capella. We hope to get an encore soon!

Larry Hilliard

Campaign Sign Thefts Unfair

Stealing campaign signs seems to happen during many elections. This year [a candidate] for state delegate from our 22nd district is the victim. Two signs are missing from Lakeside Drive and I understand that others in town have also been removed.

Let's give everyone a fair chance.

Citizens and the police need to identify all those who dare to disrupt the fair, democratic election process by stealing or defiling signs and other election property for any candidate. Disruption is not only a sign of desperation and immaturity, but sets up a dangerous precedent down the road to eroding our democratic way of life. The culprits need to be brought to justice!

Douglas and Ann Sutherland

GAVA/GATE Pupils On MPT Aug. 29, 31

Last June, students in the GAVA/GATE animation program and their instructor George Kochell spent an exciting afternoon when the project director and cameraman for MPT's "Artworks This Week" came to GATE's studio to film their class. The animation program will be featured in the MPT broadcast of "Artworks" on television Thursday, August 29 at 8 p.m. and repeated Saturday, August 31 at 10:30 a.m. "Artworks" showcases arts events and projects throughout Maryland. The segment on the animation program includes animation shorts made by students and scenes of the class at GATE studios in the Greenbelt Community Center, where the program is co-produced by GATE (Greenbelt Access Television) and GAVA (the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts). Animation classes for young people 10 to 16 years old are offered year-round. For information, call Barbara Simon, program manager, at 301-474-2192.



City Notes

During the week of August 12 the horticulture crew watered landscaping and young trees throughout the city. It repaired irrigation at Roosevelt Center and the entrance to Boxwood and ordered irrigation parts. The crew removed fallen branches on Hanover Parkway and pruned shrubs and cleaned landscaped areas at Roosevelt Center and Lakewood.

The parks crew repaired a safety barrier, installed a new bench and plaque and removed graffiti from a picnic table at the Lake Park. It installed new swing seats at the playground near I Court Southway and hung new basketball nets on the outdoor court near the Youth Center. The crew repaired the fence at the Braden tennis courts and replaced a fence rail in the playground at Ivy and Lastner. It repaired a bench at Schrom Hills Park and continued repair of the base of the statue in Roosevelt Center.

The streets crew assisted with repair of the Labor Day booths and repaired the playground water fountain at the Lake Park.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

Week of August 23

My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG)

Lilo & Stitch (PG)

Friday

My Big Fat Greek Wedding *5:25, 7:30, 9:40

Saturday

Lilo & Stitch *1:30
My Big Fat Greek Wedding *3:20, *5:25, 7:30, 9:40

Sunday

Lilo & Stitch *1:30
My Big Fat Greek Wedding *3:20, *5:25, 7:30

Monday - Thursday

My Big Fat Greek Wedding *5:45, 7:45

*These shows at \$4.00

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The Old Curmudgeon



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"Viewing Stones" Show Closes Sunday

Discover the intrigue of Japanese viewing stones through Sunday, August 25, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. during an exhibit of the U.S. National Arboretum's permanent collection. Japanese viewing stones are valued for their untouched, naturally weathered

beauty and for the images they suggest of natural scenes or objects. The highlights of this year's show are the new donations from China, Italy, and Japan. Admission is free. Visit www.usna.usda.gov or call 202-245-5898 for more information.

Pioneer Recalls Childhood

by Judy Bell

Craig Turner, 66, visited the News Review office on a hot summer's day when the office was in disarray, with the electricity having bit the dust and the typists having vacated the premises to type at their homes in Greenbelt East, which still had power. He had stopped by to relay his memories of a childhood growing up in Greenbelt.

Turner moved to 2-H Southway in 1938 with his parents Kathryn and Edward Turner and his younger brother Rice. Ed was a captain with the Minutemen and after that a private in the Army. Turner's sister Kathy was the first delivery for Dr. Eisner, whose bailiwick was a Ridge Road clinic. However, Kathy couldn't wait to be delivered there, so Eisner made a house call to attend her birth.

Catching lizards, turtles and snakes was a favorite pastime of Turner's. He used to keep them in the front yard, as opposed to the back yard, where everybody who was coming to the house entered. He kept guinea pigs as well, since cats and dogs weren't allowed as pets at that time.

Turner attended Greenbelt Center School and Greenbelt High School, as at that time the high school went from seventh through twelfth grades. His family moved to Leonardtown when he was in the seventh grade but moved back two years later to 35-G Ridge Road. He attended

Northwestern High School for the ninth grade and was in the first class to graduate from that school.

Turner's brother Rice married "Tootsie Bradley" and became a policeman, serving as acting police chief of Prince George's County for two years before retiring. He is now gravely ill with cancer.

As Turner reminisced he began to recall more of his childhood experiences, such as going to Greenbelt Lake for the 4th of July. He remembers being called to the elementary school, now Greenbelt Community Center, on August 9, 1945 to hear an announcement from the stage that the war was over. In the winter he and his friends would lug their sleds down behind "that ugly statue" in the Center to race down the hill. He also recalled his parents and their friends playing cards all night drinking just one six-pack of beer.

He was taken with all the large trees in present-day Greenbelt, stating that the trees were little "twigs" when he was little, and also that everybody had small hedges. He mentioned the names of the Taylors, the D'Espositos, the Bowmans and the Schroms as families he knew in those early years.

In 1957 his family moved to Riverdale and then to Berwyn Heights. During the Korean War he moved out to Pasadena, Cal. where he still resides with his wife Susan.

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ERHS Students In Robot Contest

by Mark Hess

Eleanor Roosevelt High School students are one of 24 teams from six states and Washington, D.C., that will take their robots to the Maryland State Fair August 31 to September 2, to compete for \$24,000 in prize money and trophies as part of the second annual NASA/FIRST Robotics Display and "Zone Zeal" Competition.

Each team's champion robot will be on display from Friday, August 23 through Thursday, August 30 at the Timonium Fairgrounds in Baltimore County. Beginning on Friday, August 31, the teams will compete in a three-day, spirited, no-holds-barred tournament complete with referees, cheerleaders and time clocks. The "Zone Zeal" competition will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Awards will be presented at 4:30 p.m., Sunday, September 2.

FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology), is a highly regarded national engineering robotics competition that immerses high school students in the exciting world of engineering.

"The FIRST program gives students a hands-on, inside look at the engineering profession," said Mike Wade, a senior aerospace engineering technician at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center who coordinates the competition. "The students design and build these robots and then compete with other schools from around the country. The tournaments are fun and exciting, and through building and competing these robots, the students discover the important connection between what they learn in the classroom and real-world application of that knowledge."

Other Maryland schools competing in the contest are Woodlawn and Parkville High Schools in Baltimore, Linganore High School in Frederick, the Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center in Leonardtown and Glenelg High School in Glenelg.

The remaining teams are six from Virginia, eight from Pennsylvania, two from the District of Columbia and one each from Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

For more information on the NASA/FIRST competition, check out their website at <http://web547.gsfc.nasa.gov/first/index.html>.

For information about the Maryland State Fair, visit the web at www.marylandstatefair.com.

Filmworks Festival GATE Production

On Saturday, August 31, Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATE) will be sponsoring the Greenbelt Filmworks Festival at the Old Greenbelt Theatre in Roosevelt Center. The entries will be productions of GATE members.

The showing will begin at midnight after the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival closes for the evening. Attendees must be 17 or older. A donation will be accepted at the door; refreshments will be available at the snack bar.

The entries will include: animation by Alan Haley; "Love is Blind," a drama by West Brooks; and excerpts from "Channel Zero News," a satire piece by Paul Allen.

People with questions should contact Malia Murray, administrator, at the GATE studio, 301-507-8581.

Community Events



PHOTO BY BETTY DEITCH

Greenbelt seniors enjoy warm sunshine as they cruise the Potomac on the Odyssey. The trip included lunch onboard the ship as well as a sightseeing excursion.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

President Ima Davis presided over the August 14 meeting and after opening exercises thanked the people who worked to make the yard sale a success.

Bill Souser presented a check to Karen Haseley who represented the Recreation Department. This money from the yard sale will help support the scholarship fund for Greenbelt's Camp Pinetree.

Travel committee member Shirley Egenrieder reminded the club of the trip to the Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania on September 23, 24 and 25. The trip is open to everyone. A trip is planned to visit Williamsburg in December and one to the zoo in October.

The 50/50 Raffle winners were Maxine Smith and Don Davis.

Julie Neal from Senior Health Insurance Program Assistance was guest speaker. Neal suggested that people with Medicare and Medicaid problems and appeals call 301-699-2893.

Condolences to Charles and Gudrun Mills on the death of their granddaughter, Jessica.

At the Library

Tuesday, August 27, 7 p.m. Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.

Thursday, August 29, 10:15 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5.



Free Vision Exam Offered by Lions

The Greenbelt Lions Club has a new project of free vision screening for children ages 6 months to 5 years. They will be tested for amblyopia, and factors that cause amblyopia (strabismus, anisometropia, myopia, astigmatism, etc.) Amblyopia, which develops most rapidly in the early years of a child's life, is most easily treatable if addressed by the age of 4 years.

The condition affects 3 percent to 5 percent of all American children; and, if left untreated, has the potential to cause vision loss in one or both of a child's eyes. Of the 1,387 children screened in Lions Club District 22-C between January and June, 70 children (5 percent) were referred for follow-up attention.

In the testing process, two photographs are taken of the child's eyes. The results are sent to Vanderbilt Ophthalmic Imaging Center in Nashville, Tenn., for reading. All costs for screening are paid for by the Lions Club. Results are returned to the parents in a sealed envelope.

On Saturday, August 31, at the Labor Day Festival, the Lions Club information table in the midway will have information for parents, grandparents, and others about having their children screened. Parental permission slips are mandatory before testing. The first screening is scheduled for October 2. Help Greenbelt Lions ensure the gift of sight for children. For questions, call Lynda Varda at 301-474-8964.

Parade to Include FDR's Grandson

James Roosevelt, Jr., grandson of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, will be accompanying Greenbelt resident Justin Ross, candidate for the House of Delegates from the 22nd district, in the Greenbelt Labor Day parade.

Roosevelt and Ross will also be visiting several senior citizen homes, located within the district during the course of the day.

Roosevelt has a special affinity for Greenbelt as his grandparents, Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, played a pivotal role in the design of the community. He is looking forward to taking part in the parade and meeting many Greenbelters.

GHI Notes

The Member and Community Relations Committee meets August 27 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Aquatic Center.

The Architect and Environment Committee meets August 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the GHI Conference Room.

The regular Board of Directors meetings are scheduled for September 12 and 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the GHI Board Room.

The next scheduled Pre-Purchase Orientation will be September 21 at 11 a.m. in the GHI Board Room.

Members are welcome to attend committee and board meetings.

Larry Noel 15K Race Is Festival Event

Stay fit by taking part in an annual tradition. The Larry Noel Greenbelt 15K (named after the long time Greenbelt resident) is held in conjunction with the annual Greenbelt Labor Day Festival. There is also a 3K race. Help celebrate the 44th running of this historic race. The fee includes a T-shirt. Entry forms are available at the Youth Center. Race day registration is also an option at the Youth Center from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m.

There will be numerous awards and post race refreshments courtesy of Greenbelt Cop. For more details or to volunteer call Joe Broderick at 301-661-5019 or the D.C. Road Runners Club hotline at 703-241-0395.

"As You Like It" Is Free Performance

The Greenbelt Arts Center's production of "As You Like It," a comedy, will be presented free of charge at the following times and locations: Sunday, August 25 at Buddy Attick Park at 5 p.m.; Sunday, September 1 at the GAC theater at 4 p.m.; Saturday, September 7 at Schrom Hills Park at 5 p.m.; Sunday, September 8 at Springhill Lake at 5 p.m.

Reservations are not necessary. The play is jointly produced and directed by Charlie Jones and Ginny Zanner. Any musician who would like to participate is invited to contact Ginny Zanner at 301-220-0552.

Exchange Students Seek Host Families

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive very soon for academic semester and year program homestays and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local families.

The students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families.

Host families are eligible to claim a \$50 charitable contribution deduction on their itemized tax returns for each month they host a sponsored student.

Greenbelt area families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging for a meeting with a community representative may call Pacific Intercultural Exchange, toll-free, at 1-800-631-1818.

Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club Fall Soccer, Cheerleading and Football

Register at Greenbelt Youth Center:

TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS ONLY from 7pm-8pm

Ages 7+

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Don't forget to ask about family discounts
For more info. call our 24HR Voicemail at 301-794-0100 press #7



ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS

You are invited to meet with the Board of Directors & Finance Committee to offer your input prior to the preparation of the 2003 operating budget.

Where: GHI Boardroom

When: Thursday, August 29, 2002

Time: 8:00 p.m.

This is your opportunity to make your needs and wishes known to the decision makers of the cooperative.

Citizens Raise Awareness, Funds for Breast Cancer

by Sylvia Lewis

It's a fact that one out of eight women in the United States will develop breast cancer in her lifetime. But it is also a fact that there are over two million breast cancer survivors in the U.S. today. A group of Greenbelters, including cyclists, survivors and supporters are planning an event to raise the community's awareness of the disease and the importance of early detection and also to raise funds for Y-ME of the National Capital Area.

Bike4BreastCancer's Greenbelt Pink Ribbon Ride will kick off at the Youth Center on Saturday, September 21. Bill Clarke, chairman of the Greenbelt Bicycle Coalition, has mapped out routes that will allow cyclists to ride 10 miles, 25 miles or 50 miles in and around Greenbelt. In addition to scenic routes covering Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center and Goddard Space Flight Center, there will also be a two-mile route around Greenbelt Lake for families and those who wish to show their support but prefer a shorter ride.

Mayor Judith Davis, honorary chairperson of the event, is a 12-year breast cancer survivor. After being diagnosed with the disease, she underwent a double mastectomy. Today those diagnosed early enough are able to survive with less drastic procedures, thanks to the strides that have been made in medical research. Mayor Davis and other survivors on the planning committee, Sharon Bradley Papp (seven-year survivor) and Gwen Turnbull (15-year survivor), emphasize the importance to their recovery of support they received from other survivors.

The views of these survivors were instrumental in having the committee choose Y-ME of the National Capital Area to be the local beneficiary of money raised by the event. Y-ME offers workshops and lectures to the community and a 24 hour HOPE-line (1-800-970-4411) that newly diagnosed breast cancer patients and their family members may call to have their questions answered by a trained breast cancer survivor.

Y-ME will be holding workshops in the Community Center on September 21 at 10 a.m. and 2



PHOTO BY SHARON NATOLI

Mayor Judith Davis, left, receives a check from Doctor's Community Hospital Executive Vice President Thomas Crowley and Women's Health Specialist Barbara Pearson, right, for the Bike 4 Breast Cancer Ride on September 21 in Greenbelt.

p.m. These workshops will be free and open to the general public on a first come first served basis.

The Greenbelt Pink Ribbon Ride is supported by the City of Greenbelt which, as a sponsor, is providing in kind support through its Public Works, Recreation and Police Departments. Major corporate sponsors so far include Doctors Community Hospital, Potomac Printing, Gold's Gym and CVS Pharmacy.

The cyclists on the planning committee, Fred Gasper, Renee Landen, Alan Turnbull and Bill Clarke are busy testing the routes. Landen is also recruiting city employees to participate.

For more information or to sign up to ride or volunteer in the Greenbelt Pink Ribbon Ride, call 301-474-3635, or e-mail sylvialewis@bike4breastcancer.com, or visit the web site www.bike4breastcancer.org.

Doctors Hospital Has Blood Drive

Doctors Community Hospital, in partnership with the American Red Cross, will hold its third blood drive this year on Tuesday, August 27 on the hospital's campus from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A three-day blood supply is the minimum inventory level required for this region. The region currently has less than half a day supply of types O negative and B negative blood. Weather conditions across the country have affected the ability to receive blood imported from other Red Cross regions.

Hospital patients throughout the community require blood daily. Each unit of blood can save up to three lives. The community supply is perishable and must be replenished daily. More than 1,100 units of blood must be collected each day to meet patient needs in the community. The Red Cross states that only 5 percent of the eligible population donates blood. Donors are able to give blood every 56 days or about six times a year, yet most people give only once per year. Once is not enough. Donors are asked to give at least three times per year.

It only takes 20 minutes to donate and people will receive a free T-shirt after donating. There are also plenty of goodies and giveaways.

Call 301-552-8021 to make an appointment.

August Is National Immunization Month

A recent study measuring the public's protection against tetanus and diphtheria illustrates why it is important to keep immunizations up-to-date. According to the study, 91 percent of Americans between the ages of six to 11 years had protective levels of both the tetanus and diphtheria antibodies, which can be attributed to strong school vaccination requirements for young children. However, the study also showed what happens when people let a Td booster lapse. The proportion of protective levels decreased to 47 percent among persons 20 years of age or older.

Every August the National Federation for Infectious Disease (NFID) helps sponsor National Immunization Awareness Month to increase understanding about immunization across the lifespan as parents and children prepare to return to school, and the medical community begins preparing for the annual flu season. For more information about immunizations required for children and adults, consumers should consult their physicians or contact their local public health department.

More information about infectious diseases and immunization can also be found by visiting the NFID's website at www.nfid.org or by contacting the group at 4733 Bethesda Ave., Suite 750, Bethesda, MD 20814 or by calling 301-656-0003.



Marine Corps Pvt. Calvin O. Brooks, son of Priscilla A. Dog of Springhill Court, recently graduated from the Basic Hygiene Equipment Operator Course at Marine Corps Engineer School, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C.

During the course, Brooks received instruction in basic plumbing, maintenance management, military water supply, water purification and hygiene equipment and field sanitation.

Bonsai Demo

Ever wonder how bonsai is created? Drop in for a free informal demonstration at the U.S. National Arboretum on August 24 and 25, 1 to 2 p.m. and learn basic bonsai techniques as a bonsai expert transforms a nursery plant into a beautiful bonsai. No registration is required. Visit www.usna.usda.gov or call 202-245-5898 for more information.

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Traditional Service



Catholic Community of Greenbelt

MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

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without the sixth grade, her school will now be at capacity, not over capacity.

Registration

The need for new students to bring all of the necessary paperwork to register for school was emphasized by Austin. This applies to new students and transferring students at all age levels. Students must have six specific documents with them when registering. These include birth certificate, immunization record, child's social security number, proof of residency, name and address of previous school, and the child's last report card. Immunizations needed include diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, poliomyelitis, measles (rubeola) and rubella (German measles).

Proof of residency in Prince George's County could include a deed or an apartment rental contract. Austin emphasized the importance of the last report card as the courses taken and grades received can help place the child quickly in the appropriate classroom.

Attendance

State law requires school attendance for every child between the ages of five and 16. All children in the state of Maryland are required to attend kindergarten or an alternative program. A law was passed several years ago that lowered the age of compulsory school attendance to five years of age; it affects all children who will be five by December 31, 2002. It requires that children attend kindergarten before entering first grade. The law permits some exemptions. Five-year-olds may be enrolled in a child care center or Head Start or homeschool program. When appropriate, a child may be granted a one-year level-of-maturity waiver.

A parent or guardian of a child who attended an alternative program must register the child for first grade prior to the opening of school of the school year in which the child becomes six years old and must provide documentation showing proof of attendance in the alternate setting. Documentation includes the date the child was enrolled and the number of days the child was absent.

A six-year-old child who moves into Maryland who has not had a kindergarten experience may be enrolled in kindergarten or first grade. The local school system will determine the appropriate grade placement. New this year, preschoolers must be four by November 30, 2002, and not December 31.

Lunch Prices

At the present time, lunch and breakfast prices will remain the same as for the last several years. Elementary school children's lunch will be \$1.75. Lunch for middle and high schoolers will be \$1.85. Reduced price lunches will be 40 cents for all grades. Adult lunches will be \$2.50, excluding a beverage. Breakfast in elementary schools will be \$1.10; reduced price breakfasts, 30 cents. Middle and high school breakfasts will be \$1.25. Adult breakfasts will be \$1.50. Milk prices will stay the same - 40 cents.

Children will be bringing home information about free or reduced cost lunches close to the first day of school. A report of new income requirements is in the News Review's August 15 issue. For example a child in a household of two would be eligible for a free lunch if the household annual income is below \$15,522.

Extracurricular Activities

High school students need to have a 2.0 or better quarterly grade point average in order to participate in extra-curricular sports or activities.

Expulsion Policy

Strict standards will continue to be upheld for drug, alcohol and weapons (including knives) abuse. Students need to be aware that none of these may be brought to school at any time and that expulsion will result should the rule be broken. According to the Code of Student Conduct, students will be expelled for the first offense involving the use of or possession of weapons.

For incidents involving drugs or alcohol, the students will be expelled for the first offense involving distribution and the second offense involving possession. Most of these students are not eligible for re-admission to the Prince George's County school until the following fall semester. They must also present documentation of satisfactory participation in the alcohol/drug treatment program. Should a child bring a loaded weapon to school, the parent will be prosecuted under state law.

Medication

The Department of Health and Human Services within Prince George's County Public Schools, acting on a recommendation from the state of Maryland, changed school policy several years ago regarding the dispensing of prescription and non-prescription medicine to students.

No medicines will be given to students without a physician's medication authorization form PS-51 or PS51-EPIPEN. Forms are available at all schools. All medications will be kept in the health room and not taken to the child's classroom.

Parents are asked to inform the school principal, health services staff and the classroom teacher of any known allergy or serious health problem their child(ren) may have. Every effort will be made to protect all students from injury and to provide a healthful environment.

Students will be transported by ambulance to the nearest medical facility should they require emergency treatment that cannot be provided at the school site. Parents will be notified as soon as possible.

Websites

Most schools in Greenbelt have a website. Some are more detailed than others and, as of mid-August, not all had been updated to reflect the new school year. The site for Greenbelt Middle School is still under construction. The Prince George's County School system has an elaborate website containing general information about the school system as well as detailed information on bus schedules, policy issues, future plans, school board meetings and agendas, and information about individual schools in the system. The most popular site at the county level is a listing of lunch menus for an entire month. Students, parents, and community members are encouraged to access these websites. Greenbelters without children in school may even want to learn more about the school system, its philosophy and activities. One particularly useful service available to parents is an email notification that is issued if schools close early for any reason.



Hours for Local Schools

Berwyn Heights Elementary – Opens 9:30 a.m.; Closes 3:40 p.m.

Greenbelt Elementary – Opens 9 a.m.; Closes 3:10 p.m.

Magnolia Elementary – Opens 9 a.m.; Closes 3:10 p.m.

Springhill Lake Elementary – Opens 8 a.m.; Closes 2:10 p.m.

Greenbelt Middle – Opens 9:05 a.m.; Closes 3:45 p.m.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School – Opens 9:25 a.m.; Closes 4:05 p.m.

Bus Schedules

Since school bus schedules have been computerized, the school system was unable to provide Greenbelt bus schedules to the News Review.

Bus information letters have gone to all parents including those who will not have bus service. Elementary school students are considered "walkers" if they live within 1.5 miles of school; the radius for middle school and high school students is two miles. For more information call the school system's Department of Transportation at 301-952-6570.

County Dress Code

Springhill Lake Elementary School is the only public school in Greenbelt with a voluntary uniform system. For other schools, the following dress code was initiated over five years ago.

Headress can be worn indoors for religious or health reasons only.

Shirts and blouses should be continuous from neckline to waist. The entire mid-section should not show. There can be no tank tops or muscle shirts; no clothing with vulgar language, obscene pictures, weapons, drug/alcohol or drug paraphernalia or tobacco products; and no see-through clothing.

Skirts, dresses, shorts and spandex skirts should be approximately six inches below the buttocks, or not shorter than fingertip level.

Pants should be secured at waist – no sagging below waist to expose undergarments.

Tights, stretch pants, leggings and spandex body suits must be worn with clothing long enough to cover buttocks.

Shoes must be worn.

Schools to Close For Three Days

Prince George's public schools will be closed three days within the first few weeks of school. They will be closed September 2 for Labor Day, September 10 for the primary elections and September 16 for Yom Kippur.

As children take to the streets in large numbers on buses or walking to school, citizens are asked to take special precautions and

DRIVE SAFELY!

The American Red Cross has these tips for observing school bus safety. Children should:

- Line up facing the school bus door – not along the side of the bus.
- Not play in the street while waiting for the school bus.
- Carry belongings in a backpack or book bag.
- Never reach under a school bus to get anything that has rolled or fallen underneath.
- Move immediately onto the sidewalk or road shoulder, out of traffic, after getting off the bus.
- Wait for a signal from the bus driver before crossing the street.
- Walk at least 10 steps away from the front of the bus so that the bus driver can see them.

Websites for Local Schools

Berwyn Heights Elementary	www.pgcps.org/~berwyn
Greenbelt Elementary	www.pgcps.pg.k12.md.us~gbeltes/
Magnolia Elementary	www.pgcps.org~magnolia/
Springhill Lake Elementary	www.pgcps.org/~spring/
ERHS	http://eroosevelths.pgcps.org/

Greenbelt Nursery School Gets NAEYC Accreditation

Greenbelt Nursery School has been accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). "Accreditation serves to recognize the quality that the school is committed to providing," stated Pat Schreiber, director of the school. Greenbelt Nursery School is one of 12 accredited programs in Prince George's County. As of June 1 this recognition had been achieved by only seven percent of early childhood programs nationwide.

NAEYC accreditation is a rigorous, voluntary process by which early childhood programs demonstrate that they meet national standards of excellence. Approximately 10,000 programs are seeking accreditation. Programs seeking accreditation undergo an intensive self-study, collecting information from parents, teachers, administrators and classroom observations. They receive an on-site visit, conducted by early childhood professionals especially trained by NAEYC, to validate their self-study results. A team of national experts independently reviews all of this information to determine if the program meets accreditation criteria. When awarded, accreditation is valid for three years.

The process considers all aspects of a program including health and safety, staff to student ratios, staff qualifications and physical environment. The greatest emphasis is on the children's relationships with the staff and how the program helps each

child grow and learn intellectually, physically, socially and emotionally.

According to Barbara Willer of NAEYC research supports the value of accreditation for children. Children's language and social skills especially benefit from the better quality found in NAEYC-accredited programs. "These are critical areas for children's success in school as well as in life," said Willer.

NAEYC accreditation began in 1985, with the first program accredited in 1986. NAEYC is the nation's oldest and largest organization of early childhood professionals dedicated to the improvement of early childhood education.

Greenbelt Nursery School is located at 15 Crescent Road in the Community Center. A parent co-op founded in 1941, the school offers nursery school classes for children ages two, three and four as well as extended day programs for children ages three and four.

Greenbelt Nursery School will now proudly display the NAEYC torch – the sign of NAEYC accreditation. Parents who look for the torch when choosing early education programs or child care for their children will find programs committed to excellence.

Greenbelt Nursery School is accepting applications for September 2002. The child to staff ratio is 6:1. For information call Director Pat Schreiber at 301-474-5570, or visit the GNS website at www.greenbelt.com/gnsk.

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Getting There

Free shuttle buses leave the Municipal Building every hour on the hour throughout each day to pick up and drop off festival goers at three locations: Eleanor Roosevelt High School (at 15 minutes past the hour), Greenbelt Elementary School (at 30 minutes past the hour), and Green Ridge House (at 45 minutes past the hour). The last runs will be timed each night to coincide with the close of the carnival. There is more information on the shuttles in the festival schedule located in the center of this issue. Call 301-397-2206 during the festival for more information. The shuttle still has some driver positions available. Call John or Gloria Winfrey at 301-345-3794 if you can lend a hand.

Friday Festivities

The festival officially opens Friday evening at 7 p.m. on the festival stage where the Greenbelt Police Department Honor Guard will present the colors, Jean Cook will sing the national anthem and the area's dignitaries will be introduced to the audience. Then, after weeks of submissions and the final selection, the Outstanding Citizen will be named. Each year the selection is a well-guarded surprise but the honoree is always greeted with rounds of applause from the audience, in recognition of all of the activities and contributions that individual has made to the city. A reception for the Outstanding Citizen will be held in the Municipal Building immediately following the award. Notlim the Clown – another festival tradition – will roam the carnival area entertaining children with his antics preceding and during the opening ceremonies.

At approximately 7:45 p.m., the 2002 Miss Greenbelt Pageant contestants will be introduced on stage. Ranging in age from 7 to 19, they exemplify some of the best qualities of young women today in terms of community involvement, academic achievement and interests and abilities in sports and the arts.

At 9 p.m., "Diamond Alley" will return to the Labor Day stage after a year's absence and fill the nighttime air with their wonderful, get-you-up-and-moving sounds. They open the festival on the right note!

Carnival Rides

Friday evening the carnival starts its four-day run of rides designed for all ages from toddlers to teens (and beyond). Ride a horse (wooden, of course) on the carousel, whirl and twirl on the many thrilling rides and get the "view from the top" on the ever-traditional Ferris wheel. Toddlers and infants can also grab the wheel, fly the plane and bang the gong on the "kiddee" rides.

Bracelets which allow a wearer to ride all rides until 5:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday for one price will be sold again this year. Discount coupons for the "rides" bracelet are available throughout Greenbelt, including city offices, the recreation and youth centers and businesses in old Greenbelt and Greenbelt East (see the pull-out for the list of locations for discount coupons).

Carnival Booths

The carnival booths, which are sponsored by community organizations, are for many of the groups their main fund-raisers of the year. The booths provide an

opportunity to talk with neighbors, volunteers and visitors, and to become acquainted with many of the activities and programs that make up this great community. A complete listing of booths and their menu selections is in the festival pull-out. There's the traditional bingo, always very popular, as well as the Used Book Sale, sponsored

by the Greenbelt Elementary School PTA. Other popular booths return, including the Goldfish Toss, the Zoo Dip, bean bag and ball throwing. Kids can have their faces painted, have a temporary tattoo applied, have their fortune told, make a button, create with paint and learn about public and traffic safety.

Food Fare

Funnel cakes are a Labor Day Festival tradition – as evidenced by the long lines at this booth. Maryland's Chesapeake Bay is honored with crab cakes and fish sandwiches. The festival food is far-ranging, including cheese steaks from Philadelphia, Cajun chicken sandwiches by way of New Orleans, Italian and Polish sausages, gyros, fajitas, bratwurst and other exotic sounding but now familiar delicacies.

Round out the offerings with pit beef and turkey sandwiches, baked potatoes, fruit cups, many types of drinks from Frappacinos to iced tea, lemonade, herbal chillers and even bottled water. Desserts are not left out – try sundaes, cookies, Dove bars, milkshakes and floats. Traditional fare is present with hamburgers, hot dogs, french fries and, of course, pizza. There is literally something for everyone – leave your diet at home!

Sporting Contests

The Greenbelt Recreation Department plans and coordinates tournaments and sports activities including softball, tennis, swimming, table tennis, T-ball, volleyball, horseshoes, golf and races during the Labor Day weekend. Activities also include kids' games and a children's and adults' walking scavenger hunts. For the scavenger hunts, participants are given a list of items to find and the first team to find all the items wins. There is great fun and prizes for all contests. Check the pullout for details and times of events. The department also coordinates the annual Larry K. Noel 15K Foot Race on Sunday at 5 p.m. and a 3K Fun Run at 5:10 p.m. Registration for both events is from 4 to 4:45 p.m. at the Youth Center.

Art & Photo Shows

The exhibitions of paintings, sculpture and photos are popular ways for visitors to spend a portion of their time at the Labor Day Festival. There are many types of artistic work on display by adults and children in the art and photo shows in the galleries inside the Community Center. Entries are accepted on Friday and the galleries are open to the public Saturday through Monday. These shows are judged by professional artists and photogra-



One of the favorite carnival rides at the festival continues to be the old-fashioned Ferris wheel shown here.

phers and awards are given in each category.

Information Day

On Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. many community organizations and businesses will operate tables in Roosevelt Center to provide information to the community about their causes and products. The tables give small groups a chance to reach the public without operating a four-day booth. There are no sales at the tables, but information and opinions are freely distributed.

Kids' Day

Saturday is Kids' Day with games, events and entertainment especially designed with children in mind. Games for all ages from crawlers competing in the diaper derby to tests of skill for older children begin at 8:30 a.m. on Braden Field. The Children's Pet Show is also on Saturday morning. All types of pets are welcome and prizes will be awarded in many categories. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. on the lawn in front of the Community Center. Following the Pet Show there is a Petting Zoo with lots of friendly farm animals.

Opening the entertainment on stage at 1 p.m. on Saturday is Joe Pipik and his Backpack Puppets, who will take the kids on a special journey through the land of imagination. At 2 p.m. the Amazing Lulu will juggle, unicycle, perform magic and many other antics – and get the kids involved as well. Over on the Community Center lawn, the fifth annual pie-eating contest, sponsored by the New Deal Café, will take place. Come see some neighbors show their true colors – as pie-stuffers. Will they eat more than they wear? Back on the stage, at 3 p.m., Mister Don will take adults and children alike for a joyous sing-a-long ride. Norman Evans brings his contemporary, original jazz to the stage at 4 p.m. – and provides an afternoon of relaxing, sit back and chill, music. Homegrown entertainers take the stage at 6 p.m. when the Talent Show unfolds. Come see neighbors perform and see the talents they've been hiding! The Miss Greenbelt contestants present their own talents beginning at 7:15 p.m., followed by "The Nighthawks" – back on their regular Festival night – with their world-renowned rhythm and blues.

Family Day

Sunday is billed as Family Day with entertainment appealing to all members of the family. The carnival and rides continue and there are a variety of acts on the festival stage starting at noon. The Festival Committee is thrilled

to have a nationally known group, "Shoe Suede Blues," featuring Peter Tork, this year. This group, with their wonderful blues, oldies and yes, "The Monkees," tunes should not be missed – especially by fans of "The Monkees." At 3 p.m., John Hill,

who has performed at prior festivals and New Year celebrations, drives down Route 95 to take the stage and make it easy for festival goers to just lie back and enjoy a Sunday afternoon, as he fills the carnival area with his beautiful voice and skilled guitar playing. Ida Seibert, the very talented and stylish vocalist, brings her special, full sound to the stage at 5 p.m. The Greenbelt Arts Center will be performing Shakespeare's "As You Like It" on the Arts Center lawn at 4 p.m. The crowning of Little Miss, Junior Miss and Miss Greenbelt begins at 6 p.m. The stage presentation is sponsored by Capitol Cadillac, while each contestant has her own, separate sponsor. Questions are posed to the contestants as the final portion of the contest. The announcement of the queens is ultimately the most exciting moment of the weekend for many of the festival goers. At 9 p.m. "Wayne Brown and 2nd Conspiracy" will bring decades of music to the Labor Day stage. Go back in time with this great group.

Parade

Greenbelt has long been known for its Labor Day parade and this year promises to continue the tradition. Area dignitaries will attend as they have in the past. The 2002 Outstanding

Citizen will be the parade marshal and members of the city council will appear. There will be floats, Smokey the Bear, the ERHS Pom-Pom girls, the Miss Greenbelt pageant participants, dogs from Greenbelt Dog Training and many other varied acts parading down Crescent Road from Buddy Attick Lake Park to the reviewing stand at Southway, beginning promptly at 10 a.m. The Lions Club is again sponsoring the Kids Bikes & Trikes entry which take place in Roosevelt Center at 9:30 a.m., just before the parade. Don't forget the traditional "Luncheon on the Lawn" at the Greenbelt Community Church immediately following the parade. The presentations of the art show, photo show, parade and best booth awards will be announced at 12:30 p.m. on the Festival stage. At 1 p.m. the group "24U" (pronounced two-for-you) returns to the festival with their delightful blend of tunes – from Patsy Cline, to Celine Dion, to Elvis. It's a great performance by a duo that encourages the audience to enjoy themselves and get lost in familiar melodies – it's a great way to sit back and enjoy the last afternoon of this year's festival. The carnival midway is open until approximately 4 p.m. The Greenbelt Museum will be open on Monday after the parade until the closing of the festival.

Planning

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee begins meeting soon after the end of this year's festival to plan the next one. The committee is always in need of both volunteer and monetary support. It is currently seeking volunteers for next year's festival, even as this one is going on. To volunteer, make a donation, provide a suggestion or even file a complaint, stop by the festival Information Booth directly across from the stage – and while there, purchase grocery raffle tickets, T-shirts or glow sticks and necklaces – all part of the ongoing fundraising efforts of the committee.

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ing the café turned into a “bar” or “pub,” but had no objections to the license if the café otherwise remains as it currently is. Putens was in favor of the license, but asked that council’s concerns be addressed by the café board by or at council’s September 9 meeting and that any action by council be deferred until that time when more information is available.

After discussion, Putens’ motion to this effect was adopted four to one, with Roberts voting against it. Roberts said he did not want to talk about the license again, period.

Bingo

Jay Remenick, President of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, asked council to approve amending the fire station’s lease in order to permit two additional daytime bingo games each week. Currently there is one bingo game per week at the station and another at the Elk’s Club in Riverdale. County law allows three games a week at the same site. Remenick explained that with cutbacks in funding and services from the county, the department has retained a fund-raising consultant and would like to act on an existing opportunity to obtain the two additional bingo games. The once-a-week game in place at the station at this time is profitable and has helped the department procure necessary goods and services.

In response to concerns expressed by White, Remenick said that there have been no problems in the time the current weekly game has been held. He said the game draws a crowd of about 100 people each week, mostly Greenbelt citizens, he thinks. Days the additional games will be held have not been determined, and Davis asked that they not conflict with current activities for senior citizens, such as the Golden Age Club.

Council approved the change and asked City Manager Michael McLaughlin to draw up a new lease in a timely way.

Assistance-in-Living

City staff submitted for council’s approval a draft request for proposals (RFP) to conduct an assessment of the needs of the city’s elderly citizens for assistance in living. Using a grant from NORC (Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities), a firm or individual will be retained to conduct an assessment survey to determine the needs of Greenbelt citizens for assistance in living.

Results of the survey will be used to design and provide programs and services for the city’s senior citizens requiring assistance in various activities of daily living. A survey of this type was recommended by the city’s Assisted Living Task Force. The draft request for proposals has already incorporated changes recommended upon review by Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI), the Friends of the Resource Advocate, and the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee.

Council approved the draft RFP, with minor changes, unanimously. The RFP will be sent to potential vendors on a list submitted to council along with the draft RFP and will be advertised locally as well. Staff estimates that responses to the RFP will be received by early September and that the assessment will be conducted in the fall.

USO Fundraiser

Davis joined American Legion National Commander Richard Santos, a Greenbelt citizen, in presenting a check for \$10,119 to Margó Dueham of the USO (United Service Organization). The check represented money collected for the recent fund-raising dinner dance held at the Greenbelt Marriott. Bailey Shields, from the Marriott, and several members of American Legion Post No. 136 were also at the presentation.

LaPlata Appreciation

Davis rode in LaPlata’s July 28 parade held to show appreciation to those citizens who had helped them in cleaning up and recovering from the tornado last spring. Will Smith, from the Greenbelt Department of Public Works, accepted the plaque presented to Greenbelt, along with a commemorative cap and a Greenbelt watch.

Davis commended the clean-up coordinators for their organization. She said the whole process was a good example of what cities can do when working together. She added that LaPlata is still rebuilding, but she was impressed with the spirit exuded by its citizens. “It was wonderful to see,” she said.

Limo Parking Lot

McLaughlin reported to council that, after the mayor brought the condition of the old BWI Limo parking lot to his attention, he had contacted the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) regarding the lack of maintenance there. The landscaping needed attention, he said, and there were a number of MDOT trucks and abandoned vehicles there, even though the lot had been closed since September 11 because of its proximity to the armory.

MDOT responded promptly, he said, and the lot was already showing improvement and had been re-opened to commuter parking. McLaughlin told councilmembers they would be getting a copy of a letter of appreciation that he was sending to MDOT for their efficient correction of this problem.

Removal of Hoops

Sheldon Goldberg, chair of the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC), petitioned council to remove the basketball hoops at the Mandan ballfields because of the number of incidents occurring there. He said fights, robberies and litter are among the problems that prompted GEAC to make the request. Council agreed to refer the request to the Community Relations Advisory Board and the Recreation Department for review.

Electronic Recycling

Davis said the city’s electronic recycling collected 2,700 pounds of electronic equipment in April and 4,071 pounds in July – the largest yet. Davis commended the city on the success of the program, noting that the amount collected represents



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At the beginning of the city council meeting Mayor Judith Davis gave the oath of office to Greenbelt’s newest police officer, Christopher Bladzinski. His wife Reiko accompanied him.

space not consumed in the landfill, where many electronic components should not go anyway.

New Bike Trails Will Link County with DC

The city was notified recently by the Maryland Department of Transportation that Governor Parris Glendening has approved funding to plan, design and construct the Anacostia River Trail between the Bladensburg Waterfront Park and the Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens in Northeast Washington, D.C. When the new trail is completed it will link the Anacostia Tributary Trail System and the



entire Anacostia Riverwalk, as proposed by D.C. Mayor Anthony Williams. This is one of two proposed trails under the \$1.3 million allocation that will connect Prince George’s County with the District of Columbia. The other will create a bikeway between the Northwest Branch Trail segment of the Anacostia Trail to the proposed Metro Branch Trail corridor at Fort Totten.

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Monday, August 26, CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, Policy on Non-Classified Positions, 8:00pm, Council Room. Live on Channel 71.

Wednesday, August 28, MEETING WITH 22ND DISTRICT DELEGATION, 8:00pm, Community Center.

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Wednesday & Friday, 8/28 & 8/29: 7pm “Miss Greenbelt Interviews”; 9pm “Pittsburgh Comicon 2002”

POLICE BLOTTER

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery

6000 block Springhill Drive, August 11, 8:33 p.m., a pizza delivery person had made a delivery and was walking back to his vehicle when he was approached by a suspect who had a towel wrapped around his hand as if covering a weapon. The man demanded money. Meanwhile, a second suspect grabbed the victim from behind. After getting money, the two fled on foot. They are described as a black male in his teens, 6'1", 150 lbs., dark complexion, thin, wearing a white tank top shirt and black shorts, and a black male in his teens, 5'7", 140 lbs., wearing a white tank top shirt.

5000 block Springhill Drive, August 12, 11:02 p.m., a man was doing laundry in the apartment laundry room when three suspects entered the room and assaulted him with a handgun and a stun gun. One of the suspects struck the victim in the head with the gun before all three fled on foot. The victim refused treatment for a minor cut to his ear. The suspects are described as a black male, 20 to 25, 5'11", 200 lbs., wearing a black baseball cap, black shirt and black boots, and a black male, 20 to 25, wearing a black shirt, grey pants and black boots. No description was given of the third suspect.

Theft

Aquatics and Fitness Center, August 10, 3:25 p.m., someone took a wallet from an unsecured locker.

5700 block Cherrywood Lane, August 11, 7:25 p.m., someone took an unattended black Performance brand mountain bike.

7415 Greenbelt Road, August 11, 11:35 a.m., someone removed a wallet from a locker at Bally's Health and Fitness. A credit card in the wallet was later used to make unauthorized purchases.

Drug Arrests

Area of Springhill Drive and Springhill Terrace, August 9, 3:53 p.m., a 26-year-old Greenbelt resident was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia. An officer responded to a report of drug activity in the area of the Springhill Lake Shopping Center, and upon his arrival, a suspect fled the area. He was located nearby and found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released on citation pending trial.

6100 block Breezewood Drive, August 13, 4:46 p.m., a 14-year-old Greenbelt resident was arrested for possession of marijuana. He was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Area of Southway and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, August 14, 4:52 p.m., a 45-year-old resident of northeast D.C. was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia after a traffic stop. Inside the vehicle was paraphernalia used to smoke crack cocaine. The suspect was released on citation pending trial.

Vehicle Crime

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a 1988 Toyota Camry four-door, August 5 from Beltway Plaza, was recovered August 8 by County police in Hyattsville; a black 1996 Jaguar Vanderplas, two-door, Md. tags JTW144, August 10 from the 9100 block Edmonston Terrace; a 1995

Nissan Maxima four-door reported stolen August 8 from the 6200 block of Springhill Drive, was recovered August 12 by Metropolitan (D.C.) Police in southeast D.C.; a blue 2000 Yamaha RG motorcycle, Md. tag 921D40, August 13, from the 7300 block Mandan Road; a 1999 Dodge Intrepid four-door, August 14, from the 6000 block Springhill Drive, was recovered the next day by the owner in the 7200 block of Springhill Drive.

Unauthorized use is alleged of a burgundy 1994 Infiniti J-30 four-door, Texas tags 2 MH47R, August 12, 6100 block Springhill Terrace.

In the area of Walker Drive and Greenbelt Road on August 9, after a traffic stop a stolen tag was recovered and a 35-year-old Capitol Heights woman was arrested and charged with theft. The suspect was released on citation to the Department of Corrections for service of an open warrant with the county Sheriff's Department.

6500 block of Capitol Drive, August 10, a D.C. resident, 26, was arrested and charged with attempted theft after an officer saw him lying in the parking lot next to a lug wrench, attempting to hide behind a vehicle. As the officer approached, the suspect tried to flee on foot but was caught after a short foot chase. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

6200 block Springhill Drive, August 13, an officer saw a suspicious motorcycle being driven through the Springhill Lake Apartments, and a computer check revealed that it had been reported stolen to Hagerstown police. The driver jumped off the vehicle and fled the scene on foot. He is described as a black male, 5'8", 190 lbs., wearing a blue motorcycle helmet, white T-shirt and blue jeans.

Recovery was made of six previously stolen vehicles, and one arrest was involved in the incidents.

Vandalism to, thefts from and attempted thefts were reported in the following areas: Westway and Lakeside Drive; 200 block Lakeside Drive; 400 block Ridge Road; 53 Court Ridge Road; 7800 block Mandan Road (four incidents); 200 block Lakeside Drive; 7700 block Hanover Parkway; 6200 block Springhill Court; 7200 block Hanover Parkway; 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive (two incidents); Beltway Plaza; 7200 block Hanover Drive; 6500 block Springcrest Drive.

Fight Ends In Murder

During a fight on August 16 at about 8:30 p.m., Ruben Mote Juarez, 26, of Springhill Lake, was fatally stabbed by David Durand Cleveland, 27, a resident of the 6100 block of Breezewood Court.

Police arrested Cleveland and charged him with first-degree murder, according to a release prepared by MPO George Mathews.

MVA Will Close For Labor Day

Employees at the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) will have a three-day holiday at the end of the summer when the MVA closes its full service and express offices on Saturday, August 31 and Monday, September 2 in observance of the Labor Day holiday. All Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program (VEIP) stations will also be closed on Saturday and Monday in observance of the holiday.

Customers needing to renew a vehicle registration for a passenger vehicle, motorcycle, light duty truck or small trailer, are encouraged to use the MVA's options of renewing on-line on the web at www.marylandmva.com or by phone at 1-888-834-7344.

People can also renew at a kiosk location at Beltsville MVA or Beltway Plaza Mall.

Either a major credit card or personal check can make payment for on-line vehicle registration renewals and are also accepted at the kiosks. Telephone renewals require a major credit card. Additional services offered on MVA's redesigned website include the ability to obtain a personal identification number, make address changes, and to view or order copies of individual driving records.

Contact the MVA Customer Service Center at 1-800-950-1MVA (1682) for more information or visit the MVA website on-line at www.marylandmva.com.

Volunteer for Blind

Adult volunteers are needed by the Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind to assist blind and visually-impaired individuals to read materials including mail, magazines and newspapers. Volunteers also help clients with clerical duties, shopping and running errands. For more information, call 202-454-6400.

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tation of the plan.

The city staff's report recommended that NASA should advise Greenbelt of any revisions to the facilities master plan that would significantly impact the community. Mitigation of wetlands and reforestation should occur on-site and NASA should not seek wetland banking or off-site mitigation. The city should also receive a copy of the mitigation plan when it is developed. The staff also recommended that NASA should develop a plan to actively reforest sites where buildings are to be demolished. Councilmember Rodney Roberts asked that the city's recommendations include a request for clarification about which areas of proposed demolition will be reforested, and which will not. He suggested that the reforestation sites be as large and contiguous as possible, since small, fragmented forests do not equate to the larger treed areas that will be destroyed. He also asked that the city continue to pursue the annexation of 80 acres of woodland that form a buffer area between NASA and the city. Davis said she would like to continue this effort, but did not want to attach it to the city's comments on the master plan.

Road Relocation

Soil Conservation Service Road will be reconfigured to "create a consolidated, more secure campus by eliminating public access to the road within the NASA campus, while still serving the needs of the public to travel through the area," according to the staff report. When a decision has been made on the relocation of the road, Greenbelt should receive a copy of the route survey. There was much discussion about the relocation of this road. Roberts was "totally opposed" to

the eastern route now favored by NASA. He said that NASA was trying to route traffic off its campus by passing it through BARC (Beltsville Agricultural Research Center). He pointed out that the city had gone to "extreme measures" to prevent the extension of Kenilworth Avenue through BARC. He asked that the new road be closed in evenings and weekends for recreational purposes, as Research Road is. Ward said there are people living on BARC property who may be adversely affected by such closure. Roberts could not garner sufficient support for this idea to have it included in the modified recommendations. Later Councilmember Thomas White asked that NASA further explore using the existing route of the road as an option. Davis and Councilmember Edward Putens disagreed with this because they thought NASA's plans have gone too far at this point. However, White, Roberts and Councilmember Alan Turnbull supported it, so it will be included in the modified recommendations. The staff report included the recommendation that NASA submit their chosen route for realigning Soil Conservation Road to the city for review when a firm decision has been made.

Traffic Management

The city also requests that NASA provide a definitive scheme for traffic management improvements designed to mitigate congestion that may be increased by changes brought about by the plan. Staff recommends that the city should not support the facilities master plan if it appears that congestion would become unacceptable. NASA should also work with city and county officials to establish improved transit connections to GSFC, and NASA should involve the city in decid-

ing transportation options, such as HOV lanes. Turnbull said he was glad to see that NASA would attempt to reduce the number of vehicles commuting to GSFC. He asked Ward if there were any dates for implementing the reductions and she said there were not. Turnbull asked that they give a time frame for this. White noted the great impact this would have on the area's air quality.

Davis expressed concerns about the partnering and outreach zone where NASA plans for a limited number of its contractors to be located. Davis thinks this concept is too "nebulous" because the number of vendors to be located in this zone may increase over time drawing from the city's offices and businesses. This could result in a loss of tax base for the city. She wants Greenbelt to share in decisions on this part of the plan. Turnbull suggested that NASA commit to the reverse of a tax-free zone. He said it would show good faith on their part to demonstrate they would not be luring prime corporate members of the community to NASA property. Putens suggested a separate memo about this part of the plan be sent to county officials with copies to state delegates and other appropriate parties.

After considerable discussion, council gave approval to sending the staff report to NASA. Supported modifications will be made first.

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An Evening with Friends Offers Artists Rick, Brandis

by Konrad Herling

A great place to unwind after the Labor Day Festival will be the Greenbelt Arts Center. When? Saturday, September 7, 8 p.m. at the Greenbelt Arts Center. Why? One reason - local vocalist, guitarist and songwriter Ren Rick. Reason number two - local thespian and stage performer, Phil Brandis.



Ren Rick

Patrons of the New Deal Café, like Bill Barber, have heard Rick's voice before. Her vocal style is often compared to Joni Mitchell and Joan Baez, quite a comparison for such a young artist. She performs an eclectic mix of thoughtful original music - both a capella and accompanied by her acoustic guitar. Her presence is very soothing, perfect for a coffeehouse setting such as the Café, or an intimate theater setting associated with the Arts Center. Rick has performed in a backup harmony role with a few Baltimore bands and as an ensemble singer, as well as an actress in various productions for Center Stage in Maryland's "Charm City."

In contrast is the 77-year young Phil Brandis, currently gracing the stage of the Arts Center's "Marvin's Room." A resident of GHI for 13 years, he

has been active as a vocalist and actor. He has performed with the "Seasoned Players," a group of senior actors and musicians who produce variety shows at the Publik Playhouse in Cheverly and the Queen Anne Theater at the Prince George's Community College campus. Brandis will be performing "Always" and "When I was Young." He will play the role of Jacques in the Arts Center's production of "As You Like It" during Labor Day Weekend and the weekend after.

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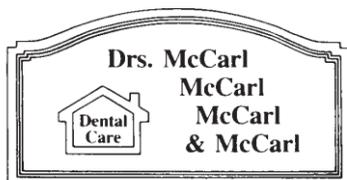
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Candidates on Slate Express Their Views

by Sandy Smith

Declaring their slate a "good match with Greenbelt" Senator Paul Pinsky, Delegates Anne Healey and Tawanna Gaines, and candidate David Merkowitz spoke at a candidates gathering held August 14, at Greenbriar Condominiums and open to the public. Hosted by Democratic Central Committee candidates Pat Unger and Kurt Walter, who are also members of the slate, the event gave the candidates for the state legislature on the democratic slate in the 22nd district primary election a chance to describe their goals and interests and to take questions from the audience which grew through the evening to about 75. In response to a question on whether they favored the proposed development at the Greenbelt Metro station, the candidates said that were not up on the specifics of that proposal and needed more time to study the details. Later, all said they favored appropriate development in general, declared they were against vouchers, generally opposed to slots, and endorsed Rushern Baker for election as the next county executive.

Pinsky

Senator Paul Pinsky spoke first. Speaking about the redistricting that drew Greenbelt out of the 23rd and into the 22nd district, he said that change can sometimes be hard. He said that he is pleased to serve Greenbelt, that he knows Greenbelt and that he supports many of the traditional movements, such as empowering people, which have their roots in Greenbelt. He spoke about his key concerns – health care, the environment, a living wage and development. He said that his efforts to bring about universal health coverage had not made him "the poster child" for the insurance industry. In Maryland 600,000 lack health insurance and most of those without health insurance are working people, he said. Pinsky said he has been working for "affordable, quality health care for all" for 15 years. Turning to the environment he spoke of protecting green space, controlling development and of the need for smart growth, the initiative to concentrate growth around existing services or in areas needing revitalization rather than opening new communities or open space to development. He's in favor of better mass transportation, including the purple Metro line, the proposed east-west connector. He is a strong advocate of a living wage for employees, which he said had been adopted in Baltimore City and Montgomery County without the adverse effects on small business that opponents had predicted. Finally he said that he knows and appreciates the community spirit in Greenbelt. He wants not "a band-aid, but a vision" for Prince George's County.

Healey

Declaring schools in Prince Georges County as one of her greatest interests, Delegate Anne Healey said that "she had a lot to do with the new Northwestern High School." From her position as chair of the Ways and Means Committee, she was heavily involved in developing policies for dealing with education, taxes and the lottery. She emphasized that Prince George's County has the

largest population of students with the greatest need. She's happy that Greenbelt is part of the 22nd district and says that she's found a community of interest with Greenbelt not only from her current work in the legislature but dating back to her service as a member of the Hyattsville City Council.

Gaines

Tawanna Gaines, former mayor of Berwyn Heights and current State delegate, calls municipal issues her forte. She said that she had worked closely with Greenbelt and Greenbelt's Mayor Judith Davis on issues involving the four cities: New Carrollton, College Park, Greenbelt and Berwyn Heights. All now within the 22nd district, this coalition was formed to enable the cities to work together on issues of mutual concern and to enhance and leverage their power and effectiveness. She has been active in addressing the issue of tax returns to municipalities through the county tax differential. Gaines believes in team work – with all the cities and towns in the district – and mentions home owners' associations as another logical group to form alliances.

Merkowitz

Echoing many of the principles and goals of the other members of this democratic slate, David Merkowitz candidate for delegate from the 22nd district focused on his background in education, legislation, government and policies. He served as president of the PTSA at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, said his children had received a first class education in Prince George's schools and wants the same for all children. He said he's new to running for elective office but not new to politics and expects to be an active and effective legislator "from day one."

Questions

The first question from the audience concerned the candidates' views on vouchers, charter schools and public money for private schools. All of the candidates said that they opposed vouchers and public monies directed to private schools. Anne Healey and Tawanna Gaines said that they had an open mind to charter schools, if they could be established without diverting resources from public schools. Healey suggested that federal funds might be available in certain instances for charter schools.

Overcrowding was a concern of another in the audience. Merkowitz addressed this question saying that success in dealing with this issue had been uneven. New construction is required to deal with overcrowding and pointed to the newly renovated old school re-opening this fall in Berwyn Heights. He said the problem isn't going to get better and predicted in the next 10 to 15 years there will be a significant increase in the number of students. Pinsky pointed to matching funds which could be used for new construction and to the fact that Montgomery County received more from the state than Prince George's County. He blamed TRIM, the county's cap on its ability to tax.

Gambling

Gambling was the next issue raised by the audience – with a series of related questions on slot machines. Pinsky, Gaines and Berkowitz were against bringing

slot machines to the county at the race track or other locations. Healey is not opposed to slot machines in principle, if they could be operated with "every possible safeguard" to make sure they are operated honestly. This elicited some laughter from several audience members but also another question about states which allow slot machines and whether those states had seen an increase in crime. Healey said that results were mixed. Some states had done a good job in putting controls in place and others had experienced some problems. Another question concerned whether a state referendum could be held to determine public opinion. Pinsky said that initiative referendums were not permitted in Maryland but that election dialogue was a good indication of citizen opinion.

A number of people wanted to know about development – why there were not more and better services and stores in this county and how development can be managed to protect environmentally-sensitive areas and be responsive to citizen concerns. All of the candidates spoke in support of planned and managed development. Pinsky thought that the issues of taxes, schools and development were related. He advocated raising wages to increase income, taxing appropriately to raise revenues and improving education as the way to getting more businesses to want to locate here. He said one impediment to development was a perception that schools are not as good in this county as in others in the Washington area. While the group wasn't prepared to talk

specifically about the Greenbelt Metro station development, they did go on record as being in favor of mixed development, planned with citizen input, and designed to upgrade the types of services and products currently available. Gaines, from her previous involvement in this issue as the former mayor of Berwyn Heights, expressed concern as to the impact of the proposed development on Berwyn Heights.

No other candidates for state senator or delegate were present at this forum but others are in the race. Greenbelt's former Mayor Richard Pilski is running for Senator and Greenbelt resident Justin Ross for the House of Delegates. Other Democratic delegate candidates include Michael Wein and John Shields.

Board of Ed Will Host Outreach

Dr. Beatrice P. Tignor, Chair of the Prince George's County Board of Education, has announced that the board will convene a Community Outreach meeting on Tuesday, August 27 at 6:30 p.m. at Robert R. Gray Elementary School in the multipurpose room, 4949 Addison Road, District Heights.

The meeting will be open with public participation. All persons interested in speaking must register with the Office of the Board of Education by 4 p.m. on the day of the meeting by calling 301-952-6308. All registered speakers will be given two minutes to make their statement.

Contact Cheryl Landis, Office Manager, Board of Education, 301-952-6117, for additional information.

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Maryland State Teachers Association. He has received the Legislative Award from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, the Betty Tyler Award from Planned Parenthood, the Outstanding Contribution to Youth Award from the Prince George's County Council of PTAs and, on behalf of the Prince George's County Educators Association, the Outstanding Contribution to the Community Award of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Prince George's Chapter.

Pinsky lives in University Park with his wife, Joan Rothgeb, and his two daughters, Sarah and Laura.

Battle of the Bulge Veterans to Meet

The Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge will hold their 2002 National Convention & Annual Meeting in Baltimore from August 29 to September 2. The host hotel and headquarters will be the BWI Marriott Hotel at 1743 West Nursery Road in Baltimore. A full round of activities has been planned including a hospitality and memorabilia room, tours, luncheon cruise and banquet. In addition, a memorial service will be held at Fort Meade at the VBOB monument on Saturday, August 31 at 10 am.

Further information or interviews with veterans may be received by contacting John D. Bowen, national secretary, on 301-384-6533 or 613 Chichester Lane, Silver Spring MD 20904-3331 or by e-mail at johndbowen@earthlink.net.

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Blue Stars Recognize Active Military Service

by Barbara Hopkins

In a proclamation read at the Greenbelt City Council meeting on August 12, Mayor Judith Davis declared the city's support for reinstating the tradition of the Blue Star Service Banner and Blue Star Flag.

The Blue Star Banner was designed during World War I and since then has been displayed as a sign of pride during wartimes in the window of family homes where a loved one is serving in the armed forces. The American Legion has also designed a Blue Star Service Flag for communities and businesses to display in recognition of those in the military.

The proclamation says that the Blue Star Service Banner and Blue Star Flag "will be honored as symbols of our unity with our women and men serving in the armed forces against the evils of terrorism and will be flown until their safe and victorious return home." The proclamation was

first read by Mayor pro tem Rodney Roberts during the July 4 celebration held by American Legion Post No. 136 in Greenbelt.

American Legion National Commander Richard Santos, a citizen of Greenbelt, spoke at the meeting and presented a Blue Star Service Flag for the city to display while citizens are serving in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Noble Eagle. He explained that the American Legion adopted the reinstatement of the tradition on August 27, 2001, and said that in light of the events of September 11, "it was a mission of fate."

Santos explained that the Blue Star Banner is 8 by 16 inches and Greenbelt citizens with family members now actively serving in the military can obtain one for display in their front window by calling Post No. 136 at 301-345-0136.



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Richard Santos, American Legion National Commander, and other members of Greenbelt's American Legion Post No. 136 present the city with a Blue Star Flag to honor citizens on active military duty.

Electronic Recycling Is a Huge Success

by Al Geiger

Over 4000 pounds of old or unwanted computers and other electronic items were collected on July 27, said Cindy Murray of the Greenbelt Public Works Department. The July collection far exceeded those of prior months.

The program began in April, 2001, and takes place every three months. The drop-off points alternate between the Public Works yard and Schrom Hills Park.

The items are picked up at no charge to the city by Computer Donation Management, Inc. (CDM) and taken to Baltimore where they are evaluated. Items in good condition are reformatted and sold or donated (without operating systems). About half of those reformatted are sold and half donated to charities such as Ronald McDonald House, Goodwill industries and inner-city school systems. All useable Apple computers are donated to Baltimore County schools. On average, about 40% of items turned in can be reformatted.

The rest are dismantled to salvage usable electronic components and small amounts of copper, silver, gold and platinum as well as glass. The dismantling is done by subcontractors using mostly mentally disabled workers. They use only hand tools and they do not work with hazardous materials. According to Michael Fannon of CDM they follow all regulations and guidelines set by the federal, state and local regulatory agencies.

CDM does not accept televisions or large stereo units. These, says Murray, still end up in the land fill.



A Greenbelt Gardener

by Rosie Rhubarb

There can be no doubt about it - we are in a drought. The signs of stress on plants are everywhere: leaves dropping in the yard in numbers not usually seen until early autumn, some leaves turning color on many trees and leaves wilting.



water.

goes directly down to the plant roots. A good method for watering shrubs and trees is to place the hose at the base of the plant and put the water on a very slow drip. This will allow the plant to really soak up the

Hard Choices

There is an issue that has to be faced in a time of drought. And that is possible loss of all or part of the garden. This is a hard, hard thing for a gardener to face because the gardener loves the plants and the quiet space that is the garden. But the bounty of nature is ever uncertain and so we garden for a time only.

Give serious thought to the fact that the drought could continue for months. Consider what can be saved and what must be let go. Planning now can maximize the possibility of saving some. Water with the intention of keeping certain plants and let others take care of themselves. I personally would try to save what is costly, hard work, or impossible to replace. For example, by the latter I mean plants that have sentimental value.

The good news is that some plants are very hardy and will survive. Brown grass looks awful, but grass does that in hot dry weather. It can come back in cooler, moister weather. Flowering bulbs, like daffodils, will just wait out the dry weather. Plants with thickened roots or tubers, like daylily and iris, also have a good chance of survival.

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Candidates Discuss Fire Department Changes

by Marat Moore

More than 250 area citizens, firefighters and elected officials packed a meeting room at the Branchville fire station on August 18 to hear from candidates for Prince George's County Executive about how they would rectify the recent loss of paid firefighters from three nearby communities.

Four candidates attended the forum and answered a series of questions related to the loss of paid firefighters on August 1 from Branchville, Cottage City/Colmar Manor and Ritchie. The fire stations were given barely 24 hours notice of the removal, forcing the fire companies to reschedule volunteers – most of whom work full-time jobs – to cover critical daytime shifts.

Candidates Rushern Baker III, Jim Estep, Major Riddick and Audrey Scott spoke at the forum, answering a series of questions delivered by College Park Mayor Stephen Brayman.

The role of the county executive – who makes the budget decisions that could provide money to fund local fire departments – is key to reversing the redeployment of career firefighters in northern Prince George's County to towns with fewer volunteer staff. A new county executive will be elected on November 5.

Although Greenbelt has not yet lost paid staff, the threat remains following the county's conclusion this spring that Greenbelt and Berwyn Heights were also being considered for reductions. City residents will feel the impact of the Branchville reduction, since that fire station responds to calls from Springhill Lake.

The Saturday afternoon meeting had the air of a political rally, with candidates' signs, vans, and T-shirts much in evidence. Other T-shirts were worn by firefighters and auxiliary members and by Branchville Fire Chief Mike Hughes, whose shirt said, "100 percent volunteer." An array of elected municipal and state officials were in the audience, including Greenbelt Councilmembers Thomas White and Rodney Roberts.

A group of about 20 elderly



Greenbelt still has its four career firefighters on duty, but that could change with little notice, as it did in Branchville, Cottage City/Colmar Manor and Ritchie. Springhill Lake is covered by the Branchville station and will feel the impact of the loss of paid staff.

residents from Attick Towers in College Park attended to show their concern about the loss of emergency medical and fire services.

"We're very upset at this loss of career firefighters," said Attick Towers resident Ann Grasso. "We have a hard enough time getting around. Who's going to help us when we need it?"

Resident Wilma Appenzeller added that two separate ambulance calls had responded to the towers just the day before.

Greenbelt resident Pauline Bordas attended to demonstrate the importance of career firefighters to area communities. Her family has a total of 126 years' volunteer service in firefighting in Greenbelt, including her late husband Jim's 48 years, her son Barry's 30 years, and her own 48 years as an auxiliary member. "I'm very upset. We need career firefighters on duty in these communities during the days," she said. "The county is showing no dedication to our emergency medical and firefighting service."

Berwyn Heights residents Vince McDonnell and his wife Carol sat in the audience with their young daughter. "As a nurse, I know how valuable ambulance and fire services are," she said. She noted that the Berwyn Heights fire station lacks a pumper and that their family relies on the Branchville station. "What if my daughter has to call 911 and there aren't enough staff to get to us quickly?"

Branchville

Introducing the candidates, Brayman praised the efforts of the Branchville volunteers.

"Volunteers have stepped up for 75 years in this fire station," he said. "Now they have had to step up for 24 hours a day, seven days a week – and that's why we're here today."

With three fire companies hit so far with the staffing losses Brayman said, "We're wondering who's next?"

Brayman recalled that in March, county fire officials had contacted Branchville and other local departments to inform them that they were considered "not

essential." A coalition of city officials from Greenbelt, College Park, New Carrollton and Berwyn Heights – the Four Cities Coalition – met with county fire officials to try to resolve the problem, and chief Ron Blackwell told city officials that "there was no plan, it was just a concept and there would be more dialogue," Brayman recalled. A coalition letter requesting a meeting with current County Executive Wayne Curry met with no response.

Instead, the county simply informed the fire departments that their career firefighters would be leaving. As a result, the volunteer firefighting staff had to cancel days off and lose time with their families to provide essential services to their communities.

Questions

In the first question posed to the candidates, Brayman asked if elected, would they restore the paid firefighters to the communities which have lost them; and if so, how soon would local citizens see the return of paid firefighters.

All four candidates stated that they would restore the paid firefighters if they were elected county executive. Baker said he "would look at the budget and move forward as quickly as possible" and would open up dialogue with the communities. Estep, a former county fire chief, referred to his 10-point plan for public safety and vowed to build the county's fire services to the point that it "would be the envy of the country." Riddick said he would meet with citizens, and with the volunteer and career firefighters, whom he described as a "tremendous asset." Scott said that her son is a career firefighter in the county and that recruitment needed to be addressed "to ensure all our fire stations are staffed to their full complement."

Friction?

Brayman posed the second question: How would candidates address the friction between career and volunteer firefighters if elected?

In his response, Estep pointed out that the career and volunteer firefighters "are inte-

grated into a single chain of command." He added, "They have to be given equal treatment and to be supported administratively and in the field."

Riddick said that there needed to be better communication and a commitment to funding all aspects of the fire services. Scott responded that having career and volunteer firefighters is not the problem. The problem, she said, "is making sure that they get the resources and support they need. It all comes down to revenues."

She and Estep commented that, as county council members, they had supported the use of \$1 million to fund the fire services, but that County Executive Curry had not acted on the council's proposal.

Baker agreed that "funding and respect" are critical, and added that "when you call 911, you don't know if you'll get a career or volunteer firefighter and it doesn't matter as long as you get the help you need."

Tactics

In the third question, Brayman noted that Chief Blackwell did not keep his commitment to have further dialogue before any plan was implemented and that Curry did not meet with the coalition. He asked: What do you think of the current administration's tactics, and what would you do?

Riddick replied that staffing needed to be taken care of and the fire chief should come with the county executive to the communities. Scott said, "Where is Chief Blackwell? I don't see him here," which drew applause. "This meeting should not have been necessary," she said. "As county executive, I will be involved. My fire chief would have been here."

Baker said that he would make a commitment to "be involved in your daily lives" on this and other issues and Estep pointed again to the importance of his public safety platform in his campaign.

Funding

Brayman asked next about funding – what budget changes would candidates make related to reallocation of money for fire and emergency service?

Scott responded, "The fire de-

partment is underfunded both in the career and volunteer areas." She vowed to seek budget funds to restore the paid staff.

Baker said the county executive should be the contact to the municipalities on issues involving public safety. In addition to full staffing, he said, fire departments needed money for better equipment and training. Estep, referring to his public safety platform, said that the fire department needed to work toward accreditation, equipment and buildings needed to be modernized, and the communications system needed to be replaced to be compatible with surrounding jurisdictions.

Riddick replied that recruitment and training needed to be improved and that the budget needed to address both the short-term and long-term strategies with regard to generating public safety revenues.

Comments

For the final question, Brayman asked for general comments on public safety in the county.

In his response, Baker said, "Education and public safety are the most important things in this county. That's what will make this county grow, because that's why people stay here or decide to leave."

Estep said public service is "a fundamental core service," and added that "it is the young and old who are most in need of public safety." He added that he would bring more experience in public safety to the job than the other candidates. Riddick said that he had been closely involved with public safety issues as the county's former budget director and that it would be a top priority.

Scott responded that the two-way street between the county executive and local communities "would be extremely busy" if she got the job.

In closing, Brayman thanked the candidates who participated and noted that all the candidates were invited and given a week's notice – "much longer than the county executive gave us" when the paid firefighters were redeployed.



Jim Estep was one of the four candidates for county executive to speak to a standing-room-only crowd at Branchville Volunteer Fire Department about the recent loss of paid firefighters in northern Prince George's County.



Citizens concerned about the loss of firefighters jammed the room, including many elderly residents of Attick Towers in College Park.



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