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This tree downed behind the library was just one of many snapped like toothpicks in the strong winds.

Isabel Darkens Lights but Not Spirit

Isabel blew in Thursday night with 50 m.p.h. winds and 2 1/2 inches of rain in the metropolitan area. Along the way she uprooted thousands of trees and turned out millions of lights. The category 2 hurricane came ashore in the North Carolina Outer Banks and proceeded along a northwesterly path to the west of Washington toward the Great Lakes and Canada.

The Storm: Lost Power and Lost Trees

by Mary Moien

Sometime before 4 p.m. on Thursday September 18, before the winds of Isabel really started to blow, all electric power went out in the Center City. Power remained off until Saturday when power to some homes was restored. It came on for others at various times on Sunday from very early in the morning until quite late in the day. Roosevelt Center was dark the whole time although Generous Joe's apparently was making pizza for a limited time in the dark.

Greenbelt East and Springhill Lake retained their power

through the whole period with brisk business continuing at Beltway Plaza and Greenway Center. Greenbelt Park posted a sign indicating that the park was closed until further notice. Schools were closed from Thursday through Monday with Greenbelt Middle School closed on Tuesday because it still had no power.

Trees

What does an official Tree City have if not trees? As soon as the wind started to subside, residents were out surveying damage done by and to the trees. Some trees were snapped along the main trunk; a number fell

over at the roots; many had major limbs torn off. Hillside Road was blocked for at least two days due to fallen trees and downed wires. Along Woodland Way, for instance, two 70- to 80-foot oak trees toppled at their roots. One landed on a GHI home and the other fell into the canopy of a nearby tree and was balancing there temporarily. A third tree, a fair-size Bradford pear lost several major limbs. In Greenbelt East, a tree was snapped off along Mandan Road and major limbs from other trees littered the area. This was the scene throughout the city.

For more storm coverage, see pages 2, 3, 6, 7, 12 and 13.

Power Outage Cause Known, but Unresolved

by Peter Curtis

Like most Greenbelt residents, Edward Kapplinger found his life disrupted by the lengthy power outage resulting from hurricane Isabel. But unlike most people, Kapplinger is an electrical engineer by training who worked for Westinghouse for 25 years. So when he saw a dozen "cherry-picker"-equipped PEPCO trucks lining the east side of Edmonston Road between Sunnyside Avenue and Powder Mill Road on Saturday morning following the storm, he stopped to talk with the workers.

He wanted to learn the cause of the outage that had affected the central core of Greenbelt. He observed that six utility poles on the east side of Edmonston had been snapped off by the high winds. The resulting short circuit was the cause of

central Greenbelt's loss of power.

Crews were working diligently to solve the problem, he said, by repairing lines and replacing poles. Kapplinger was impressed by their hard work and commitment. But he noticed several troubling matters. The six poles had been carrying an extremely heavy burden. Not only were they bearing the heavy cables of electrical power but also telephone and cable television lines. These six heavily-stressed poles were out in the open. When gusts of high wind hit them, they snapped off.

To his dismay, Kapplinger was informed that the workers had been told simply to replace the poles with new ones, which then would be bearing the same weight as before. In an interview with this reporter, he commented that this set of poles would thus appear to be vulnerable to future

high winds or severe weather.

He determined further that there is no circuit breaker between this location and the branch power line serving the central part of Greenbelt, so that another similar event could result in the same kind of massive power outage. The nearest breaker is further south along the east side of Kenilworth Avenue just north of Greenbelt Road. This is why Greenbelt businesses and homes along and south of Greenbelt Road did not lose power.

Understandably, calls to PEPCO concerning this matter received no response, as the utility company was still struggling with returning power to hundreds of thousands of customers. Kapplinger plans to bring his concerns to the Greenbelt City Council at its meeting on Monday, September 29.

7 Candidates Are Vying For Election to Council

There will be seven candidates vying for the five seats on the Greenbelt City Council at the November 4 city election. On September 22 positions on the ballot were determined by a drawing (see box).

The biographies of two candidates, Richard Santos and Rodney Roberts, have now been submitted and are presented below. Santos is a former national commander of the American Legion. Roberts is completing his sixth term on the city council.

Richard J. Santos

Richard J. Santos was born and grew up in New Bedford, Mass. He is one of three children and the son of Dorothy F.



Richard Santos

Santos of Mesa, Ariz. Upon completion of his high school education, he entered active military service with the U.S. Navy from June to December 1962 and on the U.S.S. Enterprise CVN-65 from April 1963 to April 1965. Santos received his Honorable Discharge in April 1967 as a Radioman 2nd Class Petty Officer.

In 1967 he moved to Greenbelt, accepting a position at Goddard Space Flight Center as a contract worker. He has remained a resident of Greenbelt for 36 years, living in the GHI North End of Greenbelt. He has been married for 35 years to the former Linda Lee Perry of College Park. They are the parents of three children - Betsy Lee, Lee, and Steffen.

Presently, Santos serves as the legislative aide to Douglas J.J. Peters, councilmember - District 4, Prince George's County Council. As the chief assistant to the county councilmember, his duties and responsibilities in-

In the Ballot Placement Drawing on September 22, the order of candidates was determined as follows:

Leta M. Mach
James H. Inzeo, Sr.
Edward V.J. Putens
Konrad E. Herling
Richard J. Santos
Rodney M. Roberts
Judith F. Davis

clude office and personnel administration, maintaining a current knowledge of content and status of county government legislation, research existing law and past-proposed legislation to assist in evaluation of pending legislation, conduct research for resolutions and other communications, conduct liaison work with other government officials and the public and coordinate constituent service operations.

Santos is a 36-year continuous, honorary life member in Greenbelt Post #136 of the American Legion, serving in many capacities from post commander to national commander. During his year (2001-2002) as national commander of our nation's largest wartime veterans' organization, he met significant challenges in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 on America. Commander Santos directed efforts to rekindle display of Blue Star Service Banners for families of those serving in the United States military. He set an example for government, business and industry by asking them to offset pay losses of their Reserve and Guard employees called to active duty. He helped lay the foundation for "A Day to Remember," a community commemoration in remembrance of September 11, 2001. This position provided executive administrative experience in positions of increased respon-

See CANDIDATES, page 13

What Goes On

Monday, September 29

8 p.m., Regular City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

Wednesday, October 1

7 p.m., Friends of Resource Advocate Meeting on Assistance in Living Program, Community Center

7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board, Community Center

8 p.m., Council Worksession, Quarterly Update from City Manager, Community Center

Thursday, October 2

7 p.m., Rescheduled GHI Member Input Session with Board of Directors and Finance Committee

7:30 p.m., GEAC Candidates' Forum, Greenbriar Community Center

Sunday, October 5

1 to 5 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center

*Editorial***Hats Off Again to You –
Our Public Works Crew**

When it comes to disaster management, Greenbelt is tops! Often in winters past we've editorialized gratefully about the champion snow-removal achievements of the city's Department of Public Works. Now storm Isabel has tested the department in new but equally stressful ways. Again its employees have done it proud.

As during blizzards they have worked often all night long, so during the hurricane and its aftermath they put in almost superhuman hours. All night Thursday, with wind and rain pounding down, they kept storm drains free of debris and dealt with emergency downed tree blockages. All day Friday, until dark, they cleared away trees blocking roadways and city rights of way. They also picked up branches and yard debris at curbside that had been collected by residents. All day Saturday they were still at work.

Lights stayed on in Greenbelt East and in Springhill Lake, but virtually all of Greenbelt's historic district was dark – a first in the city's history. As time passes, we will learn more about what our community endured. But we already know we were in the best of hands during our long ordeal.



PHOTO BY MARAT MOORE

Cleanup was essential along Crescent Road and public works crews started early Friday morning to remove the damage.



PHOTO BY LINDA SIADYS

Downed trees were responsible for most of the damage to both structures and roadways. With a close affinity to trees in this "Tree City," residents were in awe of the damage and mourned the loss to the environment. For those stories and more storm coverage, see pages 1, 3, 6, 7, 12 and 13.

**Artful Afternoon Has Three
Workshops on Sunday**

On Sunday, October 5, the Greenbelt Recreation Department will host an Artful Afternoon program at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. The event will include a variety of free arts activities for all ages.

From 1 to 3 p.m., three workshops will be held. Artist in Residence Celestine Ranney-Howes will lead a Halloween costume clinic. A professional costume designer recently retired from Arena Stage, Ranney-Howes invites families to brainstorm about costume ideas and offers tips for realizing one's vision simply and inexpensively. Children accompanied by an adult can make spooky Halloween paper crafts with volunteers from the Greenbelt Mamas and Papas. Guests of all ages are invited to participate in a collage workshop with artist Jefferson Pinder, whose work is currently on display at the Community Center art gallery.

The exhibition, "Lost and Found: Works in Mixed Media" by John Olson and Jefferson

Pinder will continue through October 11. Children 10 and under can visit the exhibit and enter to win a prize by answering questions in the "i spy" gallery guide; entries must be received by 3 p.m. on October 5.

Other activities taking place on October 5 will include a studio open house with the Community Center's Artists in Residence and tours of the Greenbelt Museum's nearby historic home, both from 1 to 5 p.m. The Greenbelt Museum's current exhibit at the Community Center, featuring the editorial cartoons of Isadore "Izzy" Parker will be open for viewing.

Artful Afternoons are an ongoing series sponsored by the City of Greenbelt Department of Recreation on the first Sunday of every month. For additional information call 301-397-2208. Arts programs of the City of Greenbelt are sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council, the Prince George's Arts Council and the PG Super Circle.

Letters**Open Letter
To City Council**

Great idea and what a joy it is to see the youngsters skateboarding on the tennis courts across from me. At last you have given the skateboard enthusiasts a place to do their thing. About time, too!

I now suggest you go ahead and give the skateboarders the use of the other tennis court. These courts are hardly used most of the time – I know this to be a fact from living here in view of the courts for 18 years. It is good to see our tax money at work for a worthwhile project. Great idea!

Also, I'd like to see the program continue and if there is anything I can do to help see that this program keeps going, I'd be happy to help. I'd like to discuss this with someone.

Thanking you all for all you do. Blessings.

Pauline Grant

THANKS

I wish to thank the City of Greenbelt, the committee, the Rotary Club and all those connected with the 2003 Greenbelt Citizen of the Year award which was recently bestowed upon me at this year's Labor Day Festival.

As mentioned during the ceremony, I'm completely overwhelmed and I don't think any greater honor could be bestowed upon an individual by one's neighbors and the citizens of Greenbelt.

Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Emory A. Harman

Greenbelt CARES

The week of September 8 Greenbelt CARES welcomed graduate student Kate Carrigan as a new intern. Carrigan lives in Greenbelt and graduated from the University of Maryland at College Park. She is currently pursuing a masters in social work at the University of Maryland at Baltimore.

Reminder

The final day to register to vote in the Greenbelt City Council election is Monday, October 6, 2003. All forms must be received by the County Board of Elections in Upper Marlboro no later than 4:30 p.m. Monday, October 6, 2003. Call Kathleen Gallagher for more information at 301-474-3870.

**OLD GREENBELT
THEATRE**

Week of Sept. 26
Lost in Translation (R)

Friday
*5:00, 7:30, 9:50

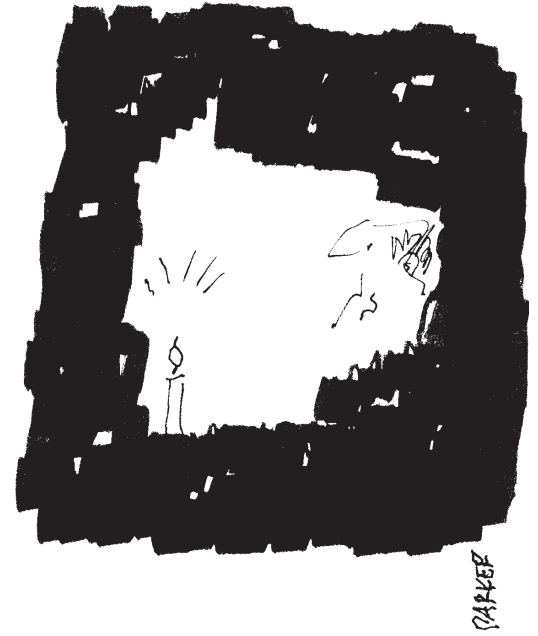
Saturday
*2:30, *5:00, 7:30, 9:50

Sunday
*2:30, *5:00, 7:30

Monday - Thursday
*5:00, 7:30

*These shows at \$5.00

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The Old Curmudgeon

I. J. PARKER © 2003

"Now we know who has weapons of
mass destruction."

**ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS**

Co-op Fee Structure is Changing in 2004.

**Informational meetings are being held
Oct. 9th and 15th to explain this change.**

**You are invited to attend a session to learn how the
fee restructuring will affect your monthly fee.**

**Please join staff and Treasurer, Sylvia Lewis
in the GHI Boardroom**

Thursday, Oct. 9th at 7:30 PM,

or

Wednesday, Oct. 15th at 2:00 PM

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DEADLINES: Letters, articles and ads—10 p.m. Tuesday. Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, during office hours. Mail subscriptions—\$35/year.

Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Solar Home Tour In Greenbelt

Some Greenbelt residents are striving to keep the "green" in Greenbelt. This was evident during the Labor Day parade, when eight green vehicles (seven hybrid-electric cars representing all three commercially available hybrid-electric models currently on the market - all owned by Greenbelt residents - and one all-battery-electric pickup truck) paraded down Crescent Road. The cars and banner proclaiming "Green Transportation" met with interest, applause and cheers.

On Sunday, October 5 Greenbelt is again going for the green by showing off some of its "green" homes. As part of the national annual Solar Home Tour, sponsored by the American Solar Energy Society, five solar homes will open their doors to interested parties in the Greater Washington area to show off their "green" or sustainable features. In Greenbelt, the tour features a passive solar home deriving a large part of its heating energy from the sun, a home with a solar water heater that's been successfully supplying hot water for decades, and three homes with solar cells mounted on their roofs that generate a portion of their electricity from the sun. In addition, a wide range of energy-saving and water-conserving items, as well as two of the parade's hybrid-electric cars, will be on display.

The Solar Home Tour will take place in the D.C. metropolitan area October 4 and 5; the designated day for the Greenbelt solar homes is Sunday, October 5. Participants need to purchase a booklet listing the homes, their addresses and energy features. Locally, booklets may be purchased at the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and REI in College Park. For more information, call John Lippert at 301-507-6765 or 301-345-5324.

At the Library

Wednesday, October 1, 10:30 a.m. Cuddletime for ages 12 to 24 months with caregiver.

Thursday, October 2, 10:30 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5.

Co-op Will Seek Board Candidates

The Greenbelt Consumer Co-operative will be holding elections for three positions on its board of directors. Candidates will be presented and voting will take place at the cooperative's annual meeting to be held Saturday, October 25 in the Greenbelt library.

Any voting member of the Co-op may be nominated for a position on the board. Those interested need to fill out a nominating form, available from the cooperative's office, and obtain the signatures of five voting members who support their candidacy. The completed forms must be returned to the office by October 6.

Board members are responsible for the operation of the supermarket and meet once a month. For further information contact Tom Moran 301-345-1429 or Dorrie Bates 301-982-8993.

Community Events

Explore Chiropractic

On Friday, October 3 "Explorations Unlimited" will present Dr. Shaun M. Bezak who will speak on "Muscle and Joint Pain and Stiffness: The Aches of Aging." Bezak will focus on causes and treatment for neck and upper back pain, lower back pain, shoulder and knee pain and other aches and pains associated with the aging process. He will address how chiropractic care can help to alleviate or even eliminate various muscle and joint related problems.

Bezak is a licensed chiropractor with physical therapy privileges. His office, Bezak Chiropractic and Rehabilitation, is located inside the Bally Total Fitness in Greenway Center. Bezak received his chiropractic degree from Northwestern College of Chiropractic. He received a bachelor of science degree in human biology from Northwestern Health Sciences University. He is also a certified strength and conditioning specialist through the National Strength and Conditioning Association.

"Explorations Unlimited" is a speaker series held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Riversdale Slave Genealogical Topic

The Prince George's County Genealogical Society will present Reverend Jerome Fowler speaking on "Research on Riversdale Slave, Adam Francis Plummer, and His Son, a U.S. Army Chaplain." The event takes place 7 to 9 p.m., Wednesday, October 1, at the Greenbelt Public Library. Park in the rear and use the ground-level entrance. A brief business meeting is held to update attendees on upcoming society activities, followed by a short refreshment break and then the guest speaker for the evening. Guests are always welcome. For further information, call 301-262-2063 (Wed. only).

Festival Craft Show Offers Booth Space

The Greenbelt Recreation Department is currently accepting applications for the annual Festival of Lights Juried Art and Craft Fair. This event will take place December 6 and 7 at the Greenbelt Community Center. Participation is open to youth, non-profit groups, and professional exhibitors. Fees apply. All items must be the original, handmade creations of the exhibitor. Wares typically include ceramics, photography, custom clothing, paintings, jewelry, stained glass, home goods and edible goods as well as other categories. For information, call 301-397-2208. Applications are available at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. Completed applications, including sample photos, are due October 10.

FORA Meets Oct. 1

The Friends of the Resource Advocate (FORA) will meet Wednesday, October 1 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center's Gallery Room. The FORA meeting has a twofold purpose. First Christal Batey, the city's resource advocate, will answer questions. Second, people will have an opportunity to assist Batey with the Senior Health Fair which she organized to occur on the same day as the city's health fair, October 23, but at a later time. Volunteers are needed immediately for the fair (such as guiding visitors to the right places). Also assistance is needed writing newspaper articles, for speaking engagements, office work, etc.

Batey has been on board since March. She has extended the scope of the Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program (GAIL). GAIL's goal is to enable seniors to remain in their homes rather than being moved to nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

Everyone is invited to the meeting.

Pooch Plunge Profits for Animals

On September 5, the first annual "Pooch Plunge" was held. The event raised \$150. The city suggests that the funds be donated to the Davidsonville Wildlife Rescue, which has taken many animals for the city in the past. An announcement as to whom the funds will be donated will be published in a later News Review.

Code of Conduct On Council Agenda

A revised proposed Code of Conduct sign for Roosevelt Center will be placed on the September 29 Greenbelt City Council agenda. There are differences of opinion on whether or not to address on the sign the use of alcohol and drugs and the issue of underage smoking.

Goddard to Hold Space Chat

Space Chats is a series of free interactive presentations for the public held at the Goddard Visitor Center to inform attendees of the latest findings in space and Earth research at Goddard. The presentations are held monthly and are given by Goddard scientists, researchers and program managers.

While the events are free, registration is required. For more information about Space Chats or to register for an event, visit the Goddard home page at <http://www.gsfc.nasa.gov> and click on "Space Chats" or call 301-286-8102. The next space chat will be held Friday, October 3 at 7 p.m.

**Greenbelt
Pink Ribbon
Ride
Sat., Oct. 4**

Y-Me Interviews To Air on GATE

by Konrad Herling

Greenbelt Access Television's GATE interviews with two leaders of the National Capital Chapter of the Y-Me Breast Cancer Organization will air Friday, September 26, Wednesday, October 1 and Friday, October 3. The programs will air at 7 p.m. on Municipal Access Channel B-71. A Bike4Breast Cancer ride will be held in Greenbelt on Saturday, October 4 to raise funds for Y-Me and to raise awareness of breast cancer.

Dina Clevenson, president, and Kathy Alleman, executive director of the organization, discuss the origins of Y-Me and the services offered by the organization, as well as some of the critical tasks, such as self examination and exercise. Over 200,000 women in the United States have been discovered to have breast cancer, and approximately 1,000 men, including former U.S. Senator Edward Brooke, have also been found to have the disease. Interviews with Mayor Judith Davis, who is Honorary Chair of Greenbelt's Pink Ribbon Ride and landscape designer Sharon Bradley, two breast cancer survivors, will also be aired on Wednesday and Friday evenings of next week.

Saturday Night Water Polo

On September 27 the Greenbelt Water Polo Team, a.k.a. Bullish on Water Polo (BullWP), will host their indoor water polo from 9 to 11 p.m. at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center. Call Larry Hilliard at 301-474-7504 or Clement Lau at 301-345-6110 for more information.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The birthday meeting on September 17 was well attended. September birthday honorees present were Shirley Egenreider, Mary McKinley, Katherine Reynolds, Bud Hinson, Dorothea Leslie, Cathy Holcombe, Jack Owens, Betty Deitch, Ken Keeney, Pat Parker, Bea Bronstein, Don Davis, Jane Findlay, J Davis and Dorothy Wilhelm. The birthday raffle winners were Betty Deitch and Don Davis. Ruth Huggins read the September birthday poem by Joe Rimar.

The trip to the National Zoo was cancelled due to lack of participation.

Rudy Pugliese and Jane Findlay were the 50/50 winners.

Everyone is thankful Greenbelt survived Isabel and now on to the cleanup.

Kudos to the Public Works Department, police and firefighters and all the good neighbors who pitched in to help.

Candidates' Forum

A candidates' forum will be held in the Greenbriar Community Center on Thursday, October 2 at 7:30 p.m. The program will be held by the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC).

First Friday Movie Club Begins Oct. 3

On October 3, the First Friday Movie Club will host a presentation of "Spy Kids 3D: Game Over" at the P&G Old Greenbelt Theatre. The film starts at 1:30 p.m. The event is run with the cooperation of the Friends of the Greenbelt Theatre, Greenbelt Community Center and St. Hugh's School. These family-friendly films are run once a month during the school year and the public is welcome. Call Larry Hilliard at 301-474-7504 or Andrew Culhane at 301-552-7233 for more information.



PHOTO BY LINDA SIADYS

Even the playgrounds fell victim to the storm's fury.

YARD SALE

Saturday, October 4, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Rain or Shine (inside if it rains)
Electronic stuff, furniture, misc. household,
clothes, baby items...

Greenbelt Baptist Church

Corner of Crescent and Greenhill Roads, 301-474-4212
All proceeds will benefit the GBC Youth Program.

**Boxwood Civic Association
Community Yard Sale**

Sat., Oct. 4, 2003 9-Noon
(Raindate: Sun., Oct. 5, 2003)

TREASURES GALORE

Corner of Lastner and Ivy Lanes in Greenbelt
Turn at the Boxwood sign opposite
Buddy Attick Park

Register to Vote

Greenbelt residents who wish to vote in the upcoming City elections must be registered to vote in Prince George's County. Deadline is Monday, October 6.

Obituaries

Joseph R. Brubaker, City Logo Designer

A memorial service for Joseph R. "Jay" Brubaker will be held on October 2 at 4 p.m. at Greenbelt Community Church. Brubaker, who died on August 12 of cancer, has been cremated and his ashes will be placed in the church's memorial grove following the service. A reception will follow.

Brubaker was born in Salem, Va. on June 2, 1921. He was 82 years old.

After four years' service with the U. S. Navy during World War II and graduation from Wake Forest University in North Carolina in 1951, Brubaker moved to

Georgetown to work in the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (APL) in Silver Spring as a technical illustrator. He married Greenbelt resident Evamarian "Sherry" Beulah on August 15, 1952 at Greenbelt Community Church. They then moved to 6-R Ridge Road where they lived for 46 years. Brubaker retired from the APL, where he produced over 300 films for NASA, NIH and the Marine Corps. He was in on the ground floor of missile launches with NASA and won many film awards. He produced a special film for the APL 50th Anniversary time capsule. Upon his retirement he spent another three years cataloging over 1,000 films for the APL Archive Library.

Brubaker was active in the Greenbelt Community Church where he once served as church moderator. He was also a member of the Greenbelt Lions Club for 24 years and served in sev-



Joseph Brubaker and the Greenbelt logo he designed.



eral offices including that of King Lion (president) in 1971-72. In the 1960's, the Lions Club annually prepared Greenbelt telephone directories as a fundraiser and Brubaker did the artwork for the front covers, usually a roaring lion in some form. He was also a charter member of the Penguins, a Wake Forest alumni group that performs a variety of charitable activities.

In about 1965, then City Manager James Giese asked Brubaker to design a letterhead for city stationery. Up to that point, the city had used the city seal on its letterhead. Giese felt that the seal, which is a map of original Greenbelt, was no longer appropriate because of new development in other parts of the city. Brubaker's letterhead included the blue and green logo that shows a view of Greenbelt Lake with a single pine tree to represent the pine tree in Greenbelt's flag. Since then, the logo has been used as a symbol of the city in many ways - on police cars and city trucks, on bus shelters and in city advertisements.

In 1998, the Brubakers moved to Tulsa, Okla. to be near their daughter, Betsy. Sherry Brubaker died April 14, 2000. Survivors are two daughters, Betsy (Michael) Callahan of Broken Arrow, Okla. and Barbara (Gordon) Lambert of Woodstock, Va., four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren (with another on the way).

Byers and Miller Inspire All with Patriotic Songs

by Rick Ransom

When the City of Greenbelt and American Legion Post 136 commemorated the second anniversary of the September 11 tragedy at Greenbelt Lake, Heather Byers started the program by singing the Star Spangled Banner as she does each year at Legion services for Memorial Day and Veterans' Day. This tall, good-looking redhead appears frequently at these and other city events. With her clear, full voice, singing a capella (without musical accompaniment), she brings professionalism and class to all of these performances. She donates her time and talent because she says, "It's what I can do to contribute."

Byers grew up in Buffalo and started performing in high school. She attended St. Bonaventure College, where she minored in performing arts, appearing in plays and a variety of musical settings. She gained excellent experience singing the national anthem for the Buffalo Sabers hockey team. She was an emergency medical technician when she met and subsequently married Barry Byers from the Greenbelt police force. Besides her musical talent she is a lovely person to talk to and generous with her smile.

Another Greenbelt singer is Wayne Miller, a veteran who lost a leg above the knee in Vietnam on July 4, 1969. Perhaps you've caught his presentation on one of the programs where Heather also

sings. He performs the Lee Greenwood number "God Bless the USA." I wrote in this paper previously about his performance at the Legion benefit for the USO.

I spoke to Miller at the "Post Everlasting" ceremony at the Legion in May, where he performed once again, this time with his prosthetic leg and full trousers. When I asked why he sings in this manner and goes to what is clearly a lot of trouble to get himself and his equipment to these events, he answered right away, "Because I love America no matter what."

He added, "I sing for all those who can't, because they gave their lives." Miller noted that 23 men in his unit had been killed in Vietnam and many others wounded. In his spare time Wayne is a DJ who performs at parties and other events. He is married with children and thus "relates," as he says, to the line in his song about perhaps having to start all over with "just my children and my wife."

These two interesting people dedicate time and talent toward a specialized service for their community. We're lucky to have them.



Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of former Greenbelter, Emeline Hawksworth. Mrs. Hawksworth had lived on Hillside Road for over 20 years before she moved to Arizona.

Greenbelters in the Arts

- Keith Brown will play the role of Mr. Paranicini in the Prince George's Little Theatre, Inc's presentation of Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap." The play runs October 17, 18, 24 and 25 at 8 p.m. and October 19 at 2 p.m.

- Katherine Osborne of Ridge Road will play the female lead in Franz Haydn's Lo speciale (The Apothecary) on October 4 and 5 in the Opera Theatre of Northern Virginia (OTNV). She was presented with the Artist of the Year award for 2003-2004 at OTNV's annual Sunday brunch on September 14.

- Barbara Tyroler of Lakeside Drive is one of four artists using the common theme of water whose work is being exhibited through October 9 at Prince George's Community Center Marlboro Gallery.

Dave Meadows of Greenbelt Citgo is now recuperating at the Kernan Rehab Hospital, Room 711, 2200 Kernan Drive, Baltimore, MD 21207. He would welcome cards from his Greenbelt friends.

Patuxent Fetes Conservation Years

Celebrate a Century of Conservation at the fourth annual Patuxent Wildlife Festival, Saturday October 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the National Wildlife Visitor Center, Patuxent Research Refuge in Laurel. Activities held at the event include live animal demonstrations; wildlife conservation tram tours; research exhibits; trail hiking; wildlife crafts for kids; performances by an environmental music group, Magpie; and behind the scenes tours of the center.

According to Dr. Judd A. Howell, center director, "The Patuxent Research Refuge is the only National Wildlife Refuge created specifically to support wildlife research. Wildlife research conducted at Patuxent has included studying the effects of the pesticide DDT on birds and the captive breeding of endangered bald eagles and whooping cranes for reintroduction into the wild. The festival will showcase a number of programs highlighting our research activities."

The National Wildlife Visitor Center is located off Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore/Washington Parkway and Rt. 197 just south of Laurel. For more information, call 301-497-5763.

GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH
 Corner of Crescent and Greenhill Roads 301-474-4212
www.greenbeltbaptist.org greenbelt.baptist@verizon.net
 Dr. Mark Johnson, Pastor

Sun. Worship 8:35 am, 11:00 am, 6:00 pm
Wed. Praise and Prayer 7:00 pm
Wed. Living Proof, Youth Event 7:00 pm

"Building Bridges to the Family of God thru the Love of Christ"

MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday 8, 9:30, 11 a.m.
 Saturday 5 p.m.

Daily Mass: As announced
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
 Rev. Thomas F. Crowley, Pastor
 Rev. R. Scott Hurd, Pastoral Associate
 Part Time Ministry

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 135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Md.

Greenbelt Community Church
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www.greenbelt.com/gccucc/
Sunday Worship
10:15 a.m.
 Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

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Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Worship
	8:45 a.m.	Fellowship
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:15 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
Wednesday	7:30 p.m.	Evening Worship

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 7010 Glenn Dale Road
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9:00 am Christian Education for All Ages
10:00 am Sung Mass with Organ and Folk Music, ASL Interpreted

Nursery Provided 9:00-11:30 am

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
 40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
301-474-9410

SUNDAY

Sunday School	9:45 am
Talk & Listen (Coffee Hr.)	10:15 am
Worship Service	11:00 am

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Tues. Lectionary Study	7:00 am
Wed. Prayer Meeting	7:00 pm
Third Friday, Games Night	7:30 pm

Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor
 September 28, 16th Sunday after Pentecost
 Christian Education Sunday
 Sermon Title: Healing One Another

Soccer Girls Win Second Straight

Nathalie Hamlin scored two goals in a 2-0 post-hurricane victory over College Park by the Greenbelt 8 and under girls soccer team on Saturday, September 20. Tough defense and excellent goalkeeping by Samantha Nash and Amritha Jayanti held the College Park team scoreless. The team's record improved to two wins and no losses. Erin Bistany, Lillian Childress, Rachel Dwivedi, Cidnee Greenfield, Ajia Hopkins, Phoebe McFarb, Claire Morse, Maya Tooley and Emily Winner contributed to the win.

Pumpkin Carving

Get into the Halloween spirit early this year and learn how to turn a pumpkin into a flower. Watch master pumpkin-carver Hugh McMahan make a familiar face or flower appear on a pumpkin. The pumpkin carving demonstration will be held on Tuesday, September 30 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the U.S. Botanic Garden Conservatory, 100 Maryland Avenue, S.W. The demonstration is free and registration is not required. Further information is available by calling 202-225-8333 or visiting website www.usbg.gov.

Health, Fitness Day At Glenn Dale Site

On Saturday, September 27 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., join others at the Glenn Dale Community Center and take part in the family soccer challenge as part of the Family Health and Fitness Day celebration.

As part of this celebration there will be a judo demonstration by the Prince George's Judo Club and free blood pressure screening offered by the Wholistic Health Network.

This activity is free and all ages are welcome. Glenn Dale Community Center is located at 11901 Glenn Dale Boulevard, Glenn Dale.

For more information call 301-352-8983; TTY 301-218-6768.

Free Workshop Given on S.A.T.

A free S.A.T. workshop will be held at Charles Herbert Flowers High School auditorium on Saturday, October 4 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Sponsored by local chapters of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the workshop is for students, while a financial aid workshop for parents will be held concurrently.

Pre-registration is recommended, but on-site registration the day of the workshop is allowed. For pre-registration, call 301-808-9651 or contact guideright@hlcapsi.org.

Garden Club Sale

The Beltsville Garden Club's annual fall plant sale will be held, rain or shine, on Saturday, October 4 from 8 a.m. until noon at the High Point High School parking lot located at 3601 Powder Mill Road, one mile west of I-95 in Beltsville. On sale will be a variety of houseplants, perennials, trees, shrubs and evergreens.

For more information, contact Geoff White at 301-937-1539.



City Information

Regular Council Meeting-Monday, September 29, 2003
Municipal Building Council Room at 8:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

- Peace Month – Proclamation
- Eleanor Roosevelt Week – Proclamation

Petitions and Requests (*Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.*)

***Committee Reports** (*Items on the Consent Agenda marked by an asterisk will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.*)

Arts Advisory Board, Report #04-001 (Greenbelt Arts Policy)

LEGISLATION

A Resolution to Repeal Resolution 862 and to Provide for the Number of Judges and Clerks of Election, to Provide for Their Compensation, and to Provide for the Rate of Compensation to Be Paid to the Chairman and Members of the Board of Elections for the 2003 Regular City Council Election (2nd Reading, Adoption)

OTHER BUSINESS

- Briefing on Assistance in Living Program
- Employee Health Insurance Benefit Policy – Review
- Property Assessment Cap – Proposed Change
- Take-Home Cruiser Policy – Proposed Change
- Approval of Election Questionnaire
- *Resignation from Advisory Group
- *Appointment to Advisory Group

MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10 a.m. on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail kgallagher@ci.greenbelt.md.us to reach the City Clerk.

CITY OF GREENBELT ELECTION INFORMATION REMINDER - VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE

The final day to register to vote in the Greenbelt City Council election is Monday, October 6, 2003.

If you need to change your address: If you are already registered to vote in Prince George's County but have moved within the county, you may pick up a change-of-address postcard in the City Clerk's Office in the Municipal Building to mail to the County Board of Elections. Or call the County Board of Elections at 301-952-3270 (TTY 301-627-3352).

If you live within the corporate boundaries of Greenbelt but are not registered to vote in Prince George's County: you may obtain the registration form from the City Clerk's office, the public library, the Prince George's County Web site, or the County Board of Elections in the County Administration Building in Upper Marlboro. All forms must be received by the County Board of Elections in Upper Marlboro no later than 4:30 p.m., Monday, October 6, 2003.

For additional information, call Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or send e-mail to kgallagher@ci.greenbelt.md.us.

ELECTION CLERKS NEEDED

The City of Greenbelt Board of Elections is seeking several residents who would be willing to serve as election officials on November 4, 2003, from 6 a.m. until about 9 p.m. Clerks must also attend a training session on November 3 from 7:30 p.m. until about 9 p.m.

This is a rewarding experience for anyone who is interested in the political process and would like to play an active role in the local election. There is a stipend of \$135, plus a training fee of \$25. but the real compensation is the satisfaction of contributing to the community. Please visit the City offices to submit an application, or call or e-mail Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000 or kgallagher@ci.greenbelt.md.us.

OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.

Vacancies exist on the:

- **RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
- **PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 3

Monday, September 29, 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**, Council Room. (Live on Channel 71)

Wednesday, October 1, 8:00pm, **CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**, Quarterly Update from City Manager, Community Center.

Wednesday, October 1, 7:30pm, **Advisory Planning Board**, Re: APB Elections, Review of proposed Silver Diner, and the Greenlands Ordinance, Community Center.

An Artful Afternoon

Sunday, October 5 from 1-5pm

Greenbelt Community Center

FEATURING HALLOWEEN CRAFTS!

Enjoy this free mini arts festival featuring a studio open house, art exhibits, projects, Greenbelt Museum tours, etc.

1-3pm: Workshops: Halloween Costume Clinic w/ Celestine Ranney-Howes, Halloween Crafts w/Greenbelt Mamas and Papas and Collage Workshop with Jefferson Pinder.

For more info, call 301-397-2208

Celebrate Fall; Celebrate Flight

SCHROM FEST

Saturday, October 11th
11am-3pm

Schrom Hills Park, Hanover Parkway

Music with 2-4U from 1-3pm

Hayrides with singer Jim Hossick

Space Shuttle Moon Bounce

Free Cider, Popcorn and Doughnuts

Free Balsa Gliders for the First 500 Kids

Caricature Artist

Dedication of New Footbridge & Trail at 11am

Tree Tour at 11:30am

Vehicle Display by City Departments

Dedication of Eleanor Roosevelt Tree on

Greenbelt Community Center Front Lawn at 1pm

Sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department
301-397-2200.

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

Municipal Access: 301-474-8000: Monday, September 29th at 8pm: City Council Meeting "live" Tuesday & Thursday, September 30 & October 2: 6:00pm "Shoe Suede Blues"

7:30pm "Labor Day Festival Talent Show" 8:30pm Replay of Council Meeting 9/29

Public Access: 301-507-6581: Wednesdays & Fridays

Caregivers Needed for Survey

Persons who care for Greenbelt seniors are needed for a City of Greenbelt Needs Assessment Survey. Brief interviews will be conducted via telephone. Please call Gwen Worley at 301-474-8000 to volunteer as a respondent.

Across Greenbelt, Residents Pondered Over the Damage . . .



Leslie Meekins demonstrates the size of the root system of one of several trees that fell behind 20 court of Ridge Road.

Greenbelters and Trees

by Marat Moore

Above the wind on Thursday night, Donna Silver heard five loud cracks in the woods behind her home in 20 Court of Ridge. She was at home with her four children, ages 8 months to 11 years, while her husband worked at the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

"I was holding down the fort," she laughed, "and we're lucky that all the trees fell in the woods."

Her neighbor Joyce Meekins at 20-E, and her daughter Leslie, brought mattresses down to the living room and worked on big jigsaw puzzles. In the woods behind the court, huge stumps were uprooted, with one tree apparently having knocked down another. Leslie stood beside a root system that towered over her head.

At 2 Court of Southway, a group of neighbors watched a public works crew saw off limbs



Donna Silver, her husband Jeff, and their youngest of four children, took a break from cleanup the day after the storm to recall the five trees that fell nearby.

from a large damaged tree near the intersection with Crescent Road. Bill Uber of 2-A Southway was lucky. His son had a generator, and he added, "I couldn't believe public works came so fast to help us."

John Nichols of 2-D Southway agreed. "That's what's great about Greenbelt – city services and neighbors."



Not many residents were thinking about playing tennis in the storm's aftermath. The fence sustained significant damage when large limbs snapped from the strong winds.

My Tree: An Ongoing Saga

by Mary Moien

After hearing the wind howling in the pitch dark all of Thursday night, my family finally dozed around dawn. Then came a knock at the door. A neighbor wondered if we had "noticed" that a giant tree was teetering in our back yard. Just what we had always feared! We have lived in a Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) house on Woodland Way for more than a quarter century and for that entire period we thought every storm would cause this gigantic tree in our back yard to fall on the house.

However, when we reached

the yard, we discovered that a different, but equally large, tree had fallen and was caught in the canopy of the tree we always thought would fall. Neighbors were also staring at 1 court Woodland Way where another large old tree had tipped onto the roof of an end unit. Soon staff from GHI were on the scene.

GHI had a contract with Bartlett Tree Service and they were on the scene quickly with a giant crane. The crane reached out and over the two-story roof of 1 court and lifted the giant logs out as the tree was taken apart limb by limb.

Then they came to my house.

Looking Out The Window

by Mary Lou Williamson

I spent most of the day Thursday planting dozens of impatiens a friend had torn out of her garden until I got a little too wet. Not long after the rain began in earnest, the power went out. I sat in my favorite spot to watch out the picture window. The tops of the trees were dancing in the wind, bits of leaves and twigs were falling. I tried to take a nap, but after lying in bed listening to the wind howl, I had to get up and go sit by the window again to watch the drama unfold. No drama unfolded so I crawled back into bed and fell asleep.

I missed seeing the big dead tree fall in the yard and later, after dark, a large dead branch fell. Four sections of my neighbor's privacy screen dropped on the garden, flattening shrubs and small trees. About 7 p.m. we went out for something hot to eat, knowing we should stay home and eat sandwiches. We drove by the Center, where all was dark and headed for Greenbelt Road and Greenway Center – all lighted up, but almost no cars. Wendy's was doing a good business. On the way home around 8 p.m. we followed a Public Works truck as it turned down our street, orange lights flashing. Behind that truck we felt safer on our street, that was so very dark without even street lights. We went right to bed; there was nothing else to do. About 3:30 a.m. I saw the truck again, still patrolling Greenbelt's streets looking for problems.

On Friday I got up early, shocked to see the mess in the back yard. I went off in search of hot coffee. Chesapeake Bagel had so many cars around the store that I decided to try Atlanta Bread at Beltway Plaza. They, too, were doing a land-office business. I stood in a long line waiting to order. The man behind me, an Allstate rep, had cruised Route 1 looking for a hot meal (nothing was open all the way to Laurel, he said). He knew he needed fortification before hearing from his customers as soon as he got in to his office. The manager called out to say, "No more croissants!" Four of six coffee thermoses were empty. The staff were struggling to keep things moving even with customers trying to help out.

Popular Tulip Poplar Tree Topples, Evokes Memories

by Virginia Beauchamp

Some 40 years ago that towering tulip poplar on the garden side of 8-A Crescent gave warning of its vulnerability when, during a spectacular thunderstorm, a major limb was fractured and crashed to the ground below. This was my home at that time but I was not there. It was a Tuesday night and, as I did every week, I was working at the News Review.

I remember that storm – how the lightning flashed and the lights dimmed in our old basement office on Parkway and how the almost instantaneous thunder nearly deafened us. My children, I hoped, were sleeping soundly in their beds, under the care of a fellow member of the Greenbelt Babysitting Co-op, the wonderful group that made possible a social life for young parents.

When I later returned, the storm had blown over. All seemed safe and in order. Beyond a brief conversation in general terms about the violence of the storm, our sitter at once departed. The children, indeed, were safely asleep.

On the following morning I wondered how the brevity of that exchange had been possible. Looking out the living room window in daylight, I saw a massive cascading structure of green branches and leaves blocking entirely the sidewalk leading out from the porch. On the ground immediately at my feet as I walked out was a squirrel's nest, with a dead squirrel nearby totally flattened against the grass. The view is indelible in my memory. And in my son's.

George, then a preschooler, remembers to this day the look of that squirrel and something more – the tremendous crack, like a cannon shot, when the branch had broken off the night before at the height of the storm. He talked of nothing else that morning. How the sitter, in conversation with the returning parent, could have omitted

mentioning that ominous event – a sound so obviously near and so alarming – still bewilders me.

I live now in one of the courts off Lakeside Drive. Almost daily I drive by 8-A Crescent as I head toward the Center. Each time I feel a twinge of nostalgia for that former home with its five years of happy memories and appreciation for the care with which later occupants have landscaped its surroundings.

And now that tulip poplar is gone – done away with in its entirety by hurricane Isabel. Towering and immense 40 years ago, the tree long dominated the neighborhood. Now it has broken off, about a man's height from off the ground.

Twin trunks grew out of the same root structure and both have been sheared off. Miraculously, one fell to the east, the other to the west. Only a whirlwind, it seems to me, could have created such a pattern. The two trunks, end to end, have formed a long horizontal across two yards. They have smashed across two fences and a nearby hedge.

The tree's crown covers most of the right-of-way lying between Westway and the homes on Crescent Road. Yet it totally missed both houses of the duplex which it dominated.

After viewing this stunning scene, I phoned George, now living in Florida, to report on the fate of that tree of his childhood. He spoke at once of that earlier episode in that storm – the sound of that cannon crack as that earlier limb came down and the look of that squirrel, smashed and dead.

Tulip poplars were favorites, we've been told, of President Franklin Roosevelt. For that reason many were planted here in Greenbelt. This particular specimen was a grand old warrior. I'm saddened to see it gone.



For more storm coverage, see pages 1, 2, 3, 7, 12 and 13.

We sat in the dark and waited until the lights came back on Sunday morning. When I called GHI on Monday, I was told that it would be Tuesday before Bartlett would get to my "priority" tree.

Monday night an unexpected storm blew up with heavy rain. Again, some of us moved to the living room to sleep. Then with daylight, trucks lumbered down Woodland Way. Men strapped on their cleated boots and heavy ropes. These men had been brought down from Philadelphia to work with Bartlett at GHI or other areas for the entire week.

As I write, one man has

climbed to the top of the 80-foot tree and is held there with ropes secured to neighboring trees. Chain saws are roaring and the tree is coming down. The chipper machine is deafening. Neighbors will use some of the smaller logs for their wood stove next year. Tonight we will not worry (hopefully) that the other tree will fall onto the house.

GHI members needing assistance should call in work orders to the maintenance department.

Once the Initial Shock Wore Off, the Harder Work Began . . .



PHOTO BY MARAT MOORE

The porch awning came down, but the home was spared by a tree that fell at 20-A Ridge Road.

A Quick Response by GHI

by Marat Moore

When the phones started ringing early Friday at GHI, the phone lines were down, but that didn't stop GHI staff and elected leaders from responding to members' needs. "The calls went first to the emergency service, then we got them and called people back," said GHI president Julia Eichhorst. Around noon on Friday, the GHI phone lines were hooked up to generators, which channeled calls about downed trees and limbs, as well as routine maintenance calls, to the maintenance department, which sent crews out immediately. Around 15 GHI staff worked to assist members after the storm.

"What was amazing was how little serious damage we sustained. No one was hurt and most trees fell away from the homes," Eichhorst said, noting that four trees fell in her court, but none hit homes. Perhaps the

closest call came at 19-A Hillside, where a large tree fell directly alongside the home, with no space between the two.

The worst damage occurred at 11 Court Ridge, when a tree struck the brickwork.

Eichhorst noted the many instances of neighbors helping each other to weather Isabel, with people sharing generators. And the collaboration between GHI and the public works department went smoothly — "we work so well together," she said.

But not all the news was positive, she said. "The break-ins at the New Deal Café and Greenbelt Video are upsetting. The businesses were vulnerable without power and it hurt local business owners. It's like robbing yourself."

Members needing more assistance should call in work orders to the maintenance department at GHI.

Co-op Food Store Weathers Storm, but Faces Loss

by Judy Bell

There's been a "significant loss," reported Bob Davis, Greenbelt Consumer Co-op's manager, when reached for comment regarding Hurricane Isabel. The extent of the damage had not been determined as of Monday morning, September 22, when the store opened for business at 9 a.m. By Monday evening, there was little available from the meat department, no milk and very little bread.

The store lost power at 5 p.m. on Thursday, September 18. Some power was gained through the use of a generator and full power was restored early Saturday morning. Davis stated that as long as people are not "real selective," most needs could be met.

He surmised that the store would be in "much better shape" by Tuesday. He hoped for a delivery "as soon as possible" but also said that Co-op was "queuing up" with other stores for delivery service.

Davis stated that the store is insured, but it is "unclear yet of the degree of coverage. We don't have the bottom line yet . . . but we're positive we'll be ongoing. We're going to be here for a long time." Davis reported no damage to the store's structure and no injuries as a result of the storm.

When reached again Tuesday morning, Davis reported that Co-op had gotten in new products and that staff was "filling in what was emptied out yesterday."



PHOTO BY LINDA SIADYS

Signs of the times at the Greenbelt Co-op.

Public Works Kept Busy

by Judy Bell

As soon as the storm hit on Thursday, September 18, public works crews were out working to keep the streets clear of trees and debris. They worked all night Thursday, Friday until dark, all day Saturday, took Sunday off and were back out on Monday. "I'm very proud of my guys," Public Works Director Ken Hall declared, commenting on the work done during the cleanup in the wake of Isabel's path through Greenbelt. "They're a good working crew," Hall said.

Hall reported one minor flood in Springhill Lake and "lots of downed trees" throughout Greenbelt. He was unable to estimate the number, saying that they are "focusing on the cleanup."

Some minor damage was done to playground equipment and tennis courts (a tree fell, crushing the fence on one court near the woods). Some power lines — located along the asphalt path from the underpass near the library to the tennis courts, through Braden Field and across Crescent Road — were "pretty damaged," according to Hall. The city is responsible for those lines.

Hall remarked that University Square, Greenbelt East, Springhill Lake and a few houses on Southway entering Greenbelt did not lose power, but virtually the entire historic district of Greenbelt was dark. He reminisced that he had never seen the whole of Old Greenbelt without power at the same time.

Post Office

by Barbara Likowski

"Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds."

Staff members at the Greenbelt Post Office certainly lived up to their unofficial motto (above) during hurricane Isabel. Losing power, like most of Old Greenbelt, these able folks set up a service station outside the post office. There they sorted the mail, then gave it to the drivers waiting in their trucks. After sorting the mail for their routes, the drivers delivered the mail. Greenbelters didn't miss a delivery — thanks to such an innovative crew.

Minor Damage At BARC

by Barbara Hopkins

One can easily imagine scientists at the Henry A. Wallace Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) giving a collective sigh of relief that hurricane Isabel did not repeat the devastation caused by a tornado in 2001. Kim Kaplan, public affairs spokesperson for BARC, said the facility experienced some trees down, including one that damaged a turkey barn, and crews were still busy clearing the debris. A sump pump back-up will require mold and dampness repairs, but on the whole, the center survived the storm with relatively minor damage. Kaplan said a crew was busy over the weekend keeping generators supplied with fuel to protect research projects until regular power was restored.

Izzy's Black Out Is Cover For Burglaries in Center

by Virginia Beauchamp

At 11:10 p.m. on that stormy Thursday night when hurricane Isabel blew through the area, the Greenbelt Police Department received a report of breaking glass in Roosevelt Center. Isabel was not the cause, however, though she did plenty of damage around the city. Instead, the involuntary black-out affecting all of Old Greenbelt provided apparent cover for a mean-spirited burglar. He used it to gain access to the financially struggling New Deal Café by breaking out glass from its front door; reportedly, although police would not release the figure, he made off with a substantial amount of cash.

This was apparently the only crime reported in the town center during the black-out period. But sometime after the lights came on at 6:51 a.m. on Sunday, police received a call that the video store behind the café was robbed in the same way, with glass broken out on the door.

During the entire period the Police Department, with auxiliary power, was able to operate at something beyond its normal mode. Officers worked 12-hour shifts, providing high visibility and closely monitoring the emergency situation, according to department spokesman MPO George Mathews. Officers manned two intersections without traffic lights, one at Greenbelt Road and Cherrywood Lane and the other at Kenilworth Avenue and the Beltway.



PHOTO BY LINDA SIADYS

Allen Huff and daughter Adrianna work on boarding up the broken glass door of the Greenbelt Video shop. Not pictured here is Kate Terrell, Allen's wife. They are the owners.

The major events throughout the city turned out to be downed trees blocking roadways. One tree that fell at the 2 court of Gardenway damaged two vehicles. A small but multi-trunked apple tree fell against the owner's car in a Lakeside driveway. Downed trees were also reported on Edmonston Road and Cherrywood Court in Springhill Lake, on Mandan Road and Hanover Parkway in Greenbelt East, on Kenilworth Avenue at Old Calvert Road and on Hillside between Laurel Hill and Research Roads. Fences were also reported down at several locations.

Although few people seemed to receive word, since most radios were out in the absence of electricity, emergency shelter was made available at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. In another vein, one citizen on Maplewood Court frightened his neighbors by setting off fireworks after dark on Thursday night.



PHOTO BY LINDA SIADYS

The Greenbelt Barber and Stylist shop was open for business Friday and Saturday. With no electricity at their Beltsville home, Amal and Anwar Saleh decided they might as well work. Anwar is trimming up Lucas Desclotres, age 2 1/2.

For more storm coverage, see pages 1, 2, 3, 6, 12 and 13.

Greenbelt Consumer Co-op Ad

Greenbelt Consumer Co-op Ad

POLICE BLOTTER

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

Child Endangerment

9100 block Edmonston Court, September 11, 11:12 p.m., a 24-year-old nonresident woman was arrested and charged with leaving a child unattended in a vehicle after she allegedly left a four-year-old child in a vehicle while she went to visit a friend. The child got out of the vehicle and was found by a person, who called police. The suspect was released on citation pending trial.

Drugs

6200 block Breezewood Drive, September 13, 6:18 p.m., a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia after he was observed sitting in a parked vehicle with paraphernalia commonly used to smoke marijuana. He was released on citation pending trial.

Burglary

6600 block Springcrest Drive, September 11, 12:00 p.m., unknown person(s) entered a residence by prying open a rear door. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

7700 block Hanover Parkway, September 11, 12:43 p.m., a woman was in her home when she heard someone attempting to open her locked front door. She then observed a man jump onto her balcony and begin to pry open the sliding glass door. He fled the scene upon seeing the woman. The suspect is described as a black male in his thirties, 6' tall with a thin build and black hair, wearing a blue shirt and blue jeans.

7700 block Hanover Parkway, September 12, 8:46 a.m., unknown person(s) attempted to force open the sliding glass door of a residence, damaging the door lock.

Theft

Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department, September 16, 9:44 p.m., unknown person(s) removed 50 metal folding chairs from a training room.

7900 block Mandan Road, September 15, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with theft, auto theft, unauthorized use and possession of cocaine. Police observed a vehicle pulling out of a parking space with its headlights off. The officer attempted to stop the vehicle, then the driver and a passenger bailed out of the vehicle and attempted to flee the scene on foot. The passenger was apprehended after a short foot chase and was found to be in possession of a quantity of suspected crack cocaine. Investigation revealed that the vehicle had been stolen from the 7700 block of Hanover Parkway. The suspect was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a 1994 Plymouth Voyager, Maryland tags 037M034, September 12, from the 6500 block of Capitol Drive; a green 2002 Chrysler Town and Country van, Maryland tags ACH35Z, September 12 from the 6500 block Capitol Drive; a 1995 Mazda Protégé 4-door, September 13 from the 9300 block Edmonston Road, recovered the same day by the University of Maryland Police, no arrests; a white 1996 Dodge Neon 4-door, Maryland tags LYS500, September 14 from the 7800 block Mandan Road; a blue 1993 Grand Marquis 4-door, Maryland tags LFC704, September 14 from the 6900 block Hanover Park-

way; a blue 1999 Ford Contour 4-door, Maryland tags A0447371, September 14 from the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace; a black and grey Chrysler New Yorker 4-door, Maryland tags HDE827, September 15, from the 5900 block Cherrywood Lane; a white 1997 Ford Crown Victoria 4-door, Maryland tags 33045B, September 15, from the 7900 block Mandan Road; a dark green 1997 Honda Accord 4-door, Maryland tags JMF421, September 16 from the 7700 block Hanover Parkway.

Two vehicles were recovered and an arrest was made in one recovery.

Vandalisms to, thefts from and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: Beltway Plaza Mall, 6900 block Hanover Parkway, 7900 block Spring Manor Drive and 6400 block Capitol Drive.

"Change the Nation" Is NAMI Topic

People are invited to a free educational program in recognition of Mental Illness Awareness Week Tuesday, October 7, 7 to 9 p.m. at New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway. The theme is "Take Action to Change the Nation" sponsored by NAMI Prince George's County. The guest speaker is Dr. James A. Dula, the director of Prince George's County, Health and Human Services.

A reception will be held immediately following the program with music provided by Matt Arbach & Co. RSVP to 301-322-1900.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Citizens may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522. Victims of the theft of lawn ornaments, tools, lawn mowers, etc., should contact Criminal Investigations at 301-507-6530. Some items have been recovered and police would like to return them to owners.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Availability

A draft Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared for the proposed Space Science Building at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC), Greenbelt, Maryland. The proposed action would be the construction of a building on the GSFC campus to centralize existing space science activities. The Space Science Building is part of the overall implementation of the GSFC Facilities Master Plan.

The draft EA is available for public review. Comments must be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice. Comments should be submitted in writing to:

NASA Goddard Space Flight Center
Safety and Environmental Division
Greenbelt, Maryland 20771
Code 250/SSB

Comments may be sent electronically to enviro@pop200.gsfc.nasa.gov
The draft EA may be viewed on-line at
http://gis.kci.com/GSFC/SpaceScienceBuilding_EA.pdf

Copies of the draft EA are available for review at the following locations:

Prince George's County Memorial Library System		
Greenbelt Branch 11 Crescent Road Greenbelt, MD 20770	Laurel Branch 507 7 th Street Laurel, MD 20707	Bowie Branch 15210 Annapolis Road Bowie, MD 20716

Copies are also available by contacting Beth Montgomery at 301-286-0469.

For further information contact Beth Montgomery at 301-286-0469
or Dave Larsen at 301-286-3918.

Free Concert at UM

The Philharmonia Ensemble, Water Bird," featuring baritone, Robert Tudor. The concert will take place in the Kay Theatre of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at UM. Presented by the School of Music, the concert is free.



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Epsilon Award To Diversity Firms

The National BDPA (Black Data Processing Associates) and WorkplaceDiversity.com, source for diversity talent, have announced that Greenbelt's Lockheed Martin, along with Allstate Insurance, Blackwell Consulting Services and FleetBoston Financial are the winners of the first Annual Best Companies for Blacks in Technology Award. The top company for Blacks in technology receives the prestigious Epsilon Award that was presented at the BDPA 2003 25th Annual National Conference in Philadelphia in August. The Epsilon Award is presented annually to the top company in the nation that promotes a workplace and environment that supports the advancement of blacks in the information technology industry.

Race for the Cure In Pink Shoelaces

For the second consecutive year, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage (CBRB) sales associates, management and employees will participate in the Susan G. Komen Maryland Race for the Cure, to be held on Saturday, October 4 at the M&T Stadium in Baltimore (formerly Baltimore Ravens stadium).

Again this year the public is invited to stop in at any local CBRB office for a pair of free pink shoelaces. The CBRB office closest to Greenbelt is located at 9410 Annapolis Road, Lanham-Seabrook.



Greenbelt's Business

CVI Promotes McGlothlin

Condominium Venture, Inc. (CVI), which manages Greenbriar Condominiums, has announced the promotion of **M i c h e l l e M c G l o t h i n**, CMCA, AMS, to vice-president of the Columbia-based community management firm.



McGlothlin has been with CVI for nearly 17 years, starting as an administrative assistant. She has been a community manager with the firm for

many years and has been instrumental in the daily operations of CVI. McGlothlin has been active in the Washington Chapter of Community Associations Institute also.

CVI was founded in 1975 to provide management services to condominium and homeowners' associations. The firm currently manages 18 communities in Prince George's, Montgomery, Howard and Anne Arundel Counties.

Local Entrepreneur Of Curiosity Shoppe

by Betty Grant

Local resident Ruth Betman is a new entrepreneur at Greenway Shopping Center.

The business is the Curiosity Shoppe. Betman, a resident of Old Greenbelt, graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School and a recent graduate of the class of 2003 at the University of Maryland is the new owner of the shop. She had been employed at the shop since her days at Roosevelt High School, working part time and doing an excellent job with her school work. Betman became the manager of the shop during her final year of college and the owner of the business this past June. Betman has a great attitude about the business and has many young and fresh ideas.

The Curiosity Shoppe has been in Greenway Center since it opened in November 1980. As the former owner (I retired in June), I always insisted that the job at the Curiosity Shoppe was the "second" job for my student employees - school was the first. The employees at the shop today are attending college and the tradition continues.

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Greenbelt businesses are encouraged to send their stories for this page.

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New Agents, Top Producer Named

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage announced its Top Producer for the Lanham/Greenbelt office (9401 Annapolis Road) for the month of July. That honor went to agent Kevin Hill.

New residential sales associates joining the company at the Lanham/Greenbelt office are: Albert Green, Veera Phillips, Vaughn Gardineer, Patrick Odidika, Tim Merritt, Robert Smith, Luline Almonacy, Shawn Johns-Shelton and Florence Miller.

Giant Customers Donate for Hungry

Thanks to customers at Giant Food and Super G stores, \$60,000 is now at work in local communities, helping to feed needy individuals and families throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. The money was raised during Giant's 2003 Check Out Hunger program, which took place in all of the company's 195 stores. All of the money collected went to local food banks. Giant will launch their annual Good Neighbor Food and Funds Drive on October 26.



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Many Trees Felled in City by Isabel's Passing Fury

by Rick Ransom

Tropical storm Isabel, which roared through Greenbelt Thursday night, September 18, not only knocked out power to the inner city for three days, but also knocked down many large trees. From the looks of broken and uprooted trunks, sheared branches and thousands of smaller leaves and tree parts, one might think weather officials erred when they downgraded Isabel from a hurricane. Fortunately, none of the large trees that were easily glimpsed on a walk around town fell directly onto the houses they buttressed.

The GHI home at 21-H Ridge Road survived the falling of not one but two very large trees and a third smaller tree that one of the others took

with it. The owners of the house, Deborah Greene and Evelyn Morales, felt very lucky that none of the trees did any structural damage. According to Deb-

"No one could remember more downed trees in one storm in many years. Indeed, several of the homeowners felt spared from catastrophe."

orah, the first tree fell about 12:30 a.m. Friday morning, after "swaying back and forth all night," being pushed nearly to the ground. Its large root base ripped up the sidewalk shared with their neighbor and unseated the neighbor's fence. It was quite a phenomenon to stand on the back porch and be able to reach out and touch the trunk of this old tree. Two parts of the trunk perfectly straddled their porch support. They were amazed it did not cause any damage. The second tree fell around 3 a.m. It stood next to the garages just outside their yard and fell parallel to the house at a perfect 90 degree angle from the garage. Evelyn said, "It was scary. I never had anything like that happen around me before." Both ladies were relieved not to have suffered more damage.

Susan Slyter of 8-L Southway was on her way home from work when a huge tree fell across her yard from a common area. The upper branches fell against her house and appeared to damage the gutters but did not poke through the siding. "Everyone has been exemplary," Slyter noted. "It shows how wonderful a place Greenbelt is to live!" She was visited by the city's code enforcement officer, police, public works and fire departments. GHI's physical plant director had checked for structural damage and Bill Phelan, city horticulturist, had also stopped by. Part of the tree had fallen on the addition to Erica Ginsberg's house next door. She was upstairs sending out some email when she heard "a crack." She noted the tree's branches had been swaying outside her window earlier and she "wondered if that tree was going to be a problem." She stated that she wasn't certain yet of any damage to the roof of her home addition. Curi-

ously, despite this amazing tree falling, 8 Court of Southway was one of the few in town that did not lose electrical power during the storm.

A very large tree fell from a common area to fill the yard at 11-G Ridge Road. Only the upper branches reached the house there as well. Damage was extensive to the gutters and it appeared a few bricks around the bathroom window were displaced. The common sidewalk was also dug up and many wires were pulled down. Roger Evans, the next door neighbor, said that he heard "a big swoosh" around midnight just before the tree fell. He noted that the resident of the house had just walked her dog at 11:30 p.m. and "passed right by the tree." At the entrance to the same court,

a part of the trunk of another tree had cracked away and was leaning heavily on wires.

At 20-A Ridge Road, an old dead tree trunk cracked at the base and

spilled the remainder of the trunk down, collapsing a metal roof over the back porch. A large tree in the playground behind the 2 Court of Gardenway also suffered a crack near its base, which brought the tree down on some wires and playground equipment, but away from nearby houses. The wood appeared to be rotted where the crack occurred. A very pretty and full tree was also apparently blown down in Lakecrest Circle, across from the entrance road to the Greenbelt American Legion.

One or more trees fell at Hillside Road just past the intersection with Laurel Hill Road, leaving wires under stress with some breaks. A large, rotted tree broke and the tree crashed onto the macadam walk below the Greenbelt library. Both of these sites were enclosed by police tape, as was an area at Braden Tennis Court #2 where a large tree fell across the fence and onto the paved court. Two large trees were knocked down along the path at Greenbelt Lake within 50 yards of each other. One had cracked and fallen across the path, but had been quickly removed to the side on Friday morning. The other had been uprooted and stretched toward the water. A tree had also been uprooted next to the stream bridge just outside of St. Hugh's School property. It lay perpendicular to the volley ball court and did not appear to pose any immediate danger to the area.

Certainly there were many smaller trees and branches taken down by Isabel, as well as perhaps some other large trees not so clearly visible on a brief inspection tour through the inner city. All involved with these incidents agreed that the damage could have been much worse. No one could remember more downed trees in one storm in many years. Indeed, several of the homeowners felt spared from catastrophe.



Trees were toppled everywhere. This was the scene at the playground at 2 Gardenway ...



at 11 Court Ridge Road ...



at 21 Court Ridge Road ...



along the lake path ...



and at 8 Southway.

Hurricanes, People And Power

by Marat Moore

Now that it's over – the huge white wheel of wind and water dissolved into Canadian skies, the fallen trees sliced up, most of the power lines re-juiced – we all have our stories.

Conversations at work beginning with, "Did you lose power?" And I think yes and no.

After all, power fueled this big wind. We can name a hurricane, we can track it with Doppler radar and try to predict the precise time and place of its arrival, but we truly cannot know it – until it hits. Luckily, this week we were spared the full impact of the storm called Isabel.

For most of us, power equals electricity. And like nearly everyone in Greenbelt, ours went out on Thursday, so the food slowly soured, the TV died and we were email-free. Off the grid at 19-E Hillside, we relied on Matchlight charcoal, candles and a hand-cranked radio my brother in Knoxville sent us a year ago. We had flashlights but not enough D batteries – until our neighbor offered some of hers.

That's the other type of power – of human ingenuity and our connection to one another – which kicked in when the electricity blinked off. That is our great, largely untapped, power supply. It emerges as a surprise when things go bad, like groping to see on a dark night, then looking up into a dazzle of stars.

In Greenbelt, this human power – cooperation – shone throughout this storm and its aftermath. The public works crew coming out in the height of the storm on Thursday night to block off Hillside Road where three trees uprooted and fell on electric lines. GHI going out and checking on its members and their homes. The fire department and police and city officials and everyone behind the scenes. In the aftermath, neighbors sharing batteries and food and tips. Kids learning that there was life beyond computer games. The subtle pleasures of Scrabble by candlelight and coffee on the grill. The endurance of the residents of 20 Court of Hillside in Old Greenbelt, who regained their power Sunday morning only to lose it again when a transformer blew – and only regained it late on Monday night. They were perhaps the last Greenbelters to have their electricity restored.

And I think of all the other people who helped us get through this. Of the two power workers who died far from their homes, trying to help. All the tree trimmers, the news people and camera crews, everyone who left their families to gather and distribute information and do the dangerous physical work that makes our lights blink on.

On Sunday morning before dawn, around 5 a.m., we heard the sweetest sound in days, the beeping of a big truck in reverse. I threw on my clothes and went out to talk to the workers, who told me the tree trimmers came from Missouri and they were at the end of another 12-hour shift.

They brought us light and we were grateful. But also a little sad to blow out the candles and be high-wired back into the grid again.

PHOTOS BY RICK RANSOM

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sibility within a veterans' organization and extensive experience dealing with senior staff management and volunteers. His duties and responsibilities included chief executive officer of a 2.8 million-member veterans' advocacy organization, chairman of the board of directors, corporate financial and strategic planning and budget processes, administration over three campuses and 300 employees, and interaction with legislative and executive branches of federal and state governments.

Santos has 31 years of experience as an insurance claim representative, handling personal and commercial property, motor truck cargo, homeowner warranty, farm, and builder's risk claims. Duties included the investigation and settlement of losses on building, contents, loss of use, business interruption, and contingency loss of income; review of contracts, coverage, and law for farm, motor truck cargo, homeowner warranty, transportation, contractor's equipment, and builders' risk claims; and catastrophe claim service in the United States, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands.

He continues to serve his community and state as a commissioner on the Maryland Veterans Commission and the Maryland Military Monuments Commission and serves as the vice president of finance for the Patuxent District, Boy Scouts of America. Santos has received recognition for his community activities by the Maryland Senate, House of Delegates and Governor with citations as Department Commander of The American Legion, and a Governor's Citation - Contribution to the Maryland Veterans' "Buckle Up" program.

Rodney Roberts

Rodney Roberts, 45 years old, is a life-long Greenbelt resident, growing up at 2-G Research Road and 3 Orange Court. He attended Greenbelt schools and was active in sports with the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club.

He currently resides at 38-M Ridge Road. Roberts is the sole proprietor of RMR Mobile Repairs, a small business that specializes in on-site repairs of various types of equipment and vehicles.

Roberts is serving his sixth term on council. He attended nearly every council meeting during the four years prior to being elected to City Council in 1991. Roberts became known as an outspoken community activist and was a leader in the citizen movement that resulted in the city's acquisition of 184 acres of woodland, part of the original greenbelt. He has continued his efforts to protect the remaining woodlands, wetlands and open spaces in and around Greenbelt.

In 12 years on council, Roberts has only missed one council meeting (a work session). In 1991, he proposed and worked through to implementation community policing and police bicycle patrols. Since that time Roberts has worked to increase bicycle patrols throughout the city. Roberts often testifies on behalf of the city at the county and state level concerning development, transportation, recreation, environmental and fiscal issues.

Roberts has enjoyed volunteering his practical skills to groups such as Greenbelt Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) and the New Deal Café, among others. Roberts served as a member of the Metro Area Sector Planning Group. He is a member of the Council of Governments Transportation Planning Board, City Council Liaison to the Youth Advisory Board and Arts Advisory Board. Roberts is a member and former chair of the Committee to Save the Green Belt and a founding member of the Greenbelt Foundation for the Arts.



Rodney Roberts

Greedy Wind, Tormented Oak, Reading by Candlelight

by Silvia Tennison

When power was restored on Sunday after Isabel, one of the first things I did was to check my email. My friend Jennifer had written me from Spring, Texas. Her email simply asked: "Are you okay? Jennifer." My immediate answer follows: "Yup! I'm okay!"

But it was quite an experience - a very quick reality check, seeing the power of nature. It reaffirmed my beliefs but afterward. Lying in bed, power having been lost hours earlier, trips to the store for overlooked necessities were no longer a possibility.

Beyond my garden side bedroom window, my tormented oak swayed desperately, trying to claw at my window for help. It offered the wind bribes of branches rich with leaves and ripening acorns. The greedy wind demanded more. It pushed it east until the great oak nearly swooned, then grabbed violently and pulled it westward, trying to weaken the earth's hold.

At the service side, the Chinese elm danced provocatively to the ancient music of the wind.

The wind and rain raged like furies through the night. But eventually, things quieted and I slept.

In the morning, the practicalities of resuming life began to stir. I walked to the gas station as usual with Lulu, my dog, for my morning coffee and Karen overruled the owner, who insisted they were closing. Their emergency generator had quit. But Karen said, "There may still be one cup of coffee left!" and opened the door. She gave Lulu her usual Slim-Jim while I pumped out coffee. I asked for a bag of ice and she gave it to me quickly and closed the store.

Everywhere, people checked on their elderly neighbors, delivering hot coffee and a roll. Neighbors whose yards were mounded with tree parts and unidentifiable material interrupted their own cleanup to help another neighbor bundle up his debris. We got to know each other all over again.

Neighbors carpoled to explore nearby shopping centers. Who was open? Who still had batteries or candles? Having scored a bounty of candles and matches, these were quickly distributed for all to share. By dinnertime, the lucky ones who still had power delivered battery-operated radios or flashlights or

dinner to less fortunate but very blessed neighbors.

On 37 court of Ridge, David waved his magic spatula while his four children played within his view. His wife Robin asked each resident of 35 and 37 court for their order, chicken or hamburger. Then she delivered it. By nightfall, a party of board games had peals of laughter sounding out from candle-lit rooms.

Afterward, reading in my room by the golden candlelight, my eyes wandered to the shadow of the great oak outside my garden side window. Yup, Jennifer, I'm fine.

Elect Leta Mach November 4



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- Services for all - We should look to the needs of all our citizens - young and old.

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Persons wishing to speak at the forum must register in advance by calling 301-952-4584. Written comments must be sent by Friday, October 10 to Elizabeth M. Hewlett, chairman, Prince George's County Planning Board, 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772.

KinderFest At Watkins Park

Mark your calendar! The annual KinderFest is scheduled for Sunday, October 5 at Watkins Regional Park, 301 Watkins Park Drive in Upper Marlboro. Sponsored by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC), KinderFest is a family festival with a variety of events including entertainment, arts and crafts, carnival games, scarecrow making and more for youth and their families. Bring the entire family and spend the day. The park will be full of activity including the Old Maryland Farm, Nature Center and playgrounds galore.

Volunteers are needed to work in the arts and crafts and games areas, information booth, assist at the entertainment area and wear costume character outfits. For more information call 301-218-6700 or 301-249-7208.

Southern Exposure

Take a tour through Southern Exposure, the new courtyard garden of North American native plants at the U.S. Botanic Garden. Bill McLaughlin, its designer and horticulturist, will share stories and tidbits of information about the plants in the garden. Discover why he chose the plants, how his knowledge of their natural habitat influenced the garden's design and his vision for the new courtyard. Tours are cancelled if it rains. Southern Exposure tours are held every Thursday in October and November from 10:15 to 11 a.m. The program is free but registrations are encouraged and may be made by calling the U.S. Botanic Garden at 202-226-4082.

College Fair Slated At P.G. Plaza Mall

College hopefuls are invited to get information on colleges and universities from around the country at Prince George's Plaza's College Fair, Saturday, September 27. The fair will take place between 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Center Court. Representatives will be available to answer questions related to admittance and campus living.

The event will feature more than 20 colleges and universities from across the nation. The event is free and no pre-registration is required.

Prince George's Plaza is easily accessible by public transportation by using the Metro Green line.

Volunteer Projects Include Gardening

The Compassion Center needs help to create a beautiful sanctuary on two acres of gardens in College Park. Service projects include landscaping and hands-on work with the new building under construction. Contact Daniel Guetzkow at 301-699-0100 or visit the website online at www.compassioncenter.org.


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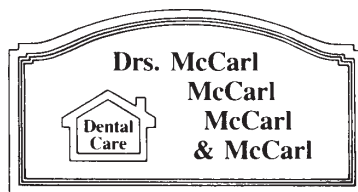
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