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## GHI Celebrates Pay-off of \$11 Million Loan

by Mary Moien

Sunday October 5 was a sunny breezy day in Greenbelt, an ideal day for a grand celebration for Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI). The housing cooperative was celebrating the final payment on a 20-year \$11 million loan to renovate 1,600 homes. At the same time, GHI honored several outstanding volunteers.

Julia Eichhorst, president of the GHI board of directors, welcomed the several hundred residents who gathered for a picnic on the lawn of the Greenbelt Community Center. She said that the loan payoff day was a day she thought would never come. Longtime as well as new residents applauded from green festooned tables.

### Volunteers Honored

Eichhorst then announced the volunteers who were being honored. John Nichols was selected as the Committee Member of the Year for going "way beyond the call of duty" for his activities on the Woodlands Committee. GHI honored Philip Payette for designing the logo that appears on the marketing brochure. Also honored were volunteers Barbara and Chris Logan for their work



PHOTO BY MARAT MOORE

**GHI residents enjoyed good food, good weather and good music on Sunday at the GHI picnic held to celebrate the "burning" of the rehab loan mortgage.**

on the Woodlands and Marketing Committees.

Barbara Simon was honored for her work with children and animation and Ellen Hanyok was honored for her years of volunteer blood pressure testing at GHI. The Woodlands Committee was named the Committee of the Year.

### Friends Gather

The weather was perfect for friends and neighbors to gather. The moon bounce attracted children with both parents and grandparents as GHI members. A

much-respected retired GHI employee, Jim Marshall, and his wife greeted many members. Eichhorst recalled that Marshall had worked with GHI for 42 years before his retirement in early 1999. Marshall told the News Review that he has remained busy with plumbing work and has had a chance to vacation in Myrtle Beach.

Vita and Nick Pergola, who recently celebrated their 60th

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## Greenbelt's Solar Homes Draw a Huge Crowd

by Marat Moore

Greenbelt led the metropolitan area in the number of "solar homes" participating in the National Tour of Solar Homes on October 4 and 5. Of the 29 homes listed on the tour in Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia, Greenbelt had five – with the runner-up communities of Takoma Park and Rockville weighing in with just two apiece. The homes on Lakeside Drive, Ridge Road and Maplewood Court were open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

For homeowners, the high level of interest meant an exhausting – and interesting – afternoon, with questions from between 100 and 200 solar enthusiasts who drove, walked and biked to see their homes. Bicycle tours were scheduled on both days and a group of 15 bikers toured the Greenbelt homes.

"We were overwhelmed by the response. Everyone was," said John Lippert of 45 Lakeside Drive, whose home featured insulated window quilts, an outdoor solar oven, Solartube skylights, and a 520-watt grid-connected photovoltaic (PV) system. He

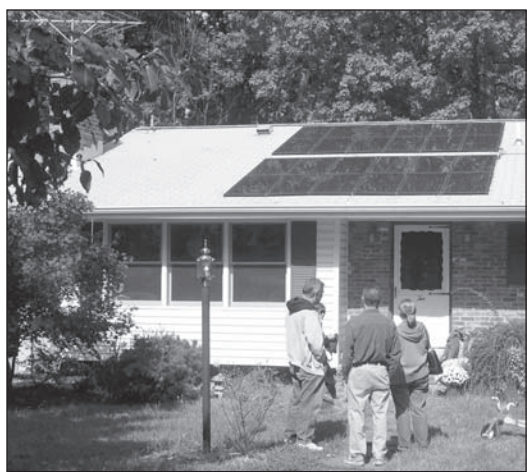


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**At 2 Maplewood Court, a photovoltaic (PV) system including solar roof panels has cut the Hansen family's electricity bills by 30 percent.**

helped organize Greenbelt's participation, adding that he "just walked around to see who would be willing to be on the tour."

Alice and Joe Murray, whose passive solar home at 103 Ridge Road features 500 square feet of south-facing glass as a "sun-space," called their son Jonathan to help during the afternoon as people streamed through. "We were on the tour several years ago and only had a fraction of the number we're seeing today," Alice noted. All the entryways in their home have an air-lock vestibule and the crawl space under the basement floor assists with circulation of sun-warmed air as part

See **SOLAR TOUR**, page 11

## Council Hears Batey Report

by Sandy Smith

Greenbelt City Council heard a very positive report on the Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program, voted to provide the same health insurance benefits for domestic partners as for other family members of city employees, agreed to raise the cap for property tax assessment and approved a modification in the take-home cruiser policy to include recently-hired police officers at its regular September 29 meeting.

### GAIL Program

Christal Batey, community resource advocate for the city, described the accomplishments of the Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program (GAIL), designed to provide a wide range of services and support for Greenbelt's senior citizens. She reported on activities over the past six months since her appointment in March 2003.

First, Batey indicated a substantial increase in the client case load from 85 to 264 since she's come on board. The program has disseminated approximately 2400 pieces of literature on the GAIL program and she has spoken to over 700 residents in forums and presentations. Speaking to groups about the Senior Needs Assessment – the city-wide survey to gather information on what seniors need and want – has resulted in many new

See **COUNCIL**, page 12

## Candidates Explain Goals In First of 3 Questions

What will be accomplished by the city council during its next term? Will it provide for more police on patrol? Will it cut taxes? Will it encourage (or oppose) redevelopment? Will it fix city streets or sidewalks? Will it build a park pavilion with toilets at Buddy Attick Park? Will the council do the things that you want it to do? To find out, we asked the council candidates.

We asked the seven candidates running for the city council at the November 4 election to provide answers to three questions that were posed by members of the News Review Board of Directors. Here are the candidates' answers to the first of these questions, which asked them to state their goals. Except for very minor editing, the answers are as submitted by the candidate. This week's question:

**What are the three most important goals that you expect to accomplish as a member of the city council in the next term if you are elected?**

In a random order selected by lot, here are the candidates' answers:

### Rodney M. Roberts

My number one goal is to improve public safety. In the 2004 budget, council approved an additional police officer contingent on receiving a Federal "cops" grant, part of a public/private partnership with Springhill Lake. We received word that the grant was not approved. I would like to find a way to fund this position and to explore ways to increase police patrols utilizing current resources. Another important goal is to find funding to continue the senior advocate position when the current grant expires. Last but not least, I would like to come to an agreement on an appropriate plan for development at the Greenbelt Metro Station and the redevelopment of Springhill Lake.

### Jim Inzeo

The three most important goals I expect to accomplish as a member of council during the next term are to reduce crime, to develop while being sensitive to the environment and to improve traffic and pedestrian safety.

I support community polic-



ing and will do whatever possible to assist our police officers to be proactive in protecting us. Presently, we are at a full complement of officers at 53. Due to budget constraints, I do not see the possibility of hiring additional officers. We as citizens need to work together with our officers for our own safety. We as a community can join neighborhood watch groups, use anti-theft devices such as "The Club," which can be obtained through our police department at a reduced rate. When we see suspicious individuals in our neighborhoods, we need to contact the police in order to prevent the crime from happening. Working together, we will reduce crime.

As for development, we must do so while protecting our environment. We must preserve greenspace and wetlands. When development is proposed that violates my position, I will actively oppose it. We must have development to expand our tax base but not to the detriment of our environment.

To improve traffic and pedestrian safety, I will support traffic calming measures. I will not impose traffic measures on a neighborhood. A community must reach consensus as to whether they prefer a round-about, speed bump, an island or any other measure. Once consensus is

See **QUESTION #1**, page 16

## What Goes On

**Saturday, October 11**

**11 a.m. to 3 p.m.,** SchromFest, Schrom Hills Park

**1 p.m.,** Dedication of Eleanor Roosevelt Tree, Community Center

**Monday, October 13**

**7:30 p.m.,** Recycling and Environment Committee Meeting, Community Center

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

**Thursday, October 16**

**Immediately Following the GDC Meeting,** GHI Board Meeting, GHI Boardroom

**Saturday, October 18**

**3 to 7 p.m.,** Concert to Benefit the Skate Park, Youth Center

## City to Celebrate Autumn At Schrom Hills Saturday

by Chris Cherry

SchromFest, the City of Greenbelt's annual celebration of fall, will take place at Schrom Hills Community Park on Hanover Parkway this Saturday, October 11, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hayrides will run continuously around the perimeter of the park with singer/guitarist Jimmy Hossick serenading riders during the first half of the event.

Starting at 1 p.m., the band 2-4-U will play in the pavilion. There will be a caricature artist, crafts and games for kids and free cider, popcorn and doughnuts will be served. The Greenbelt police department will have one of its D.A.R.E. cruisers and its armored personnel carrier on display and the fire department will exhibit a fire truck.

"Celebrate Fall, Celebrate Flight" is the theme this year. As part of the autumn celebration, festival goers will have the opportunity to appreciate the beauty and significance of trees, both in the park and elsewhere

in Greenbelt. Schrom Hills Park is home to two striking champion trees, a long-leaf pine and a deodar cedar. A large section of the park is wooded and at 11 a.m., the mayor and city council will dedicate a new trail and footbridge in this portion of the park. At 11:30, visitors can board a van for a tour of selected city trees, led by Bill Phelan, assistant director of public works. At 1 p.m., a tree will be dedicated to Eleanor Roosevelt on the Community Center front lawn.

Meanwhile, the festivities at Schrom Hills Park will be in full swing. In honor of the park's history — it was the site of an airport in the 1930's and 1940's — free balsa wood gliders will be given to the first 500 kids who arrive at the park. An enormous space shuttle moon bounce will provide youngsters with a bouncy launching pad for their own take-offs and happy landings. The entire event is free.

## GIVES Sponsors Course On Safe Driving on Oct. 24

by Virginia Beauchamp

Space is still available for the safe driving course for senior citizens sponsored by GIVES (Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service) on Friday, October 24. The course, which is offered through AARP, will take place at the Community Center. It includes a morning session from 9 a.m. to noon and an afternoon session from 1 to 4 p.m., with a one-hour break for lunch. For information and to sign up call 301-507-6580. There is a fee.

President John Taylor indicated that in the future the organization may also sponsor a Red Cross course, such as first aid or CPR.

GIVES members were active participants in the Labor Day Festival weekend. Jean Lombardo, Ruth Huggins, John Taylor, J Davis, Robert Terrell, Dor-

othy Pyles and Dorothea Leslie staffed the information table on Saturday afternoon and six members appeared in the Labor Day parade.

Carrying the GIVES banner in the parade were Audrey Barnett, Jean Lombardo and Pearl Siegel, followed by marchers John Taylor and Ruth Huggins. Signifying a special GIVES service, Ed Schramko brought up the rear on his bicycle decorated as a minor home repair.

GIVES was founded as a cooperative to provide help to senior citizens. Members offer hours of service in exchange for equivalent hours of other or similar services by other members. There are no fees. The organization operates wholly as a "care credit" bank. Exchanges are handled through a central telephone number, 301-507-6580.

## Letters

### THANKS

John Henry Jones and his family want to thank all his friends in Greenbelt for the outpouring of concern, well-wishes, notes and cards since he became ill in July. He is slowly getting back to his "old self," happily regaining some energy to get out and about to see everyone he has sorely missed.

Elaine D. Jones

### THANKS

On behalf of all those affiliated with The New Deal Café, the Board of Directors would like to thank the staff of Greenbelt Homes for their recovery of evidence, the Greenbelt Police for their investigation, Public Works for the repair of our door and the community for your concern and support after our recent robbery.

Joyce Abell, Treasurer,  
for the New Deal Café  
Board of Directors

## GHI PICNIC

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wedding anniversary, were listening to the band, Nick tapping his foot. They recalled having moved to the apartments in Greenbelt in 1943, the year they were married. Mary Ann and Bob Baker were chatting with friends. GHI members since 1964, Mary Ann called Greenbelt "a wonderful community." She said it would be their retirement home.

Relative newcomer to GHI, John Henry Jones, is well known as a long-time Greenbelt resident. He was making the rounds of friends at most tables. He indicated that he is "82 percent recovered" from recent illness and thanked all of his friends for their help and concern.

Picnic goodies were served, chicken, hot dogs and hamburgers, and all settled in to listen to the music provided by rock and roll and country band "The Rocking Bones."

## The Old Curmudgeon



"I'm . . . if you pardon the expression . . . groping for a candidate!"

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"The Rocking Bones" provided entertainment during the GHI picnic.

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

### Correction

In last week's story about the music festival coming to the New Deal Café the name of the band Global Warming was misspelled. The News Review regrets the error.

### OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

Week of Oct. 10  
Lost in Translation (R)

Friday  
\*5:10, 7:30, 9:50

Saturday  
\*2:45, \*5:10, 7:30, 9:50

Sunday  
\*2:45, \*5:10, 7:30

Monday - Thursday  
\*5:10, 7:30

\*These shows at \$5.00

301-474-9744 • 301-474-9745  
129 Centerway  
www.pgtheatres.com

### Fall Harvest Festival Music in Roosevelt Center Saturday, October 11th

Arts and Crafts Show and Sale, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Handmade Pottery, Glass, Painting, and more . . .

2:30 p.m. Stan Brown — The original Folk Juke box  
3:20 p.m. Doug Allen Wilcox — Singer/songwriter  
4:10 p.m. Melissa Sites — a cappella mountain songs  
4:40 p.m. Michelle Murray — Folk and Blues  
5:30 p.m. Wynne Paris — World Beat  
6:30 p.m. The Lucky Ones — Traditional/Urban Country  
7:20 p.m. TinSmith — Celtic and Folk with a Rock influence  
9:00 p.m. Global Warming — World Dance Music

Special thanks to Greenbelt Public Works and the Greenbelt Recreation Department. If steady rain, music will move inside the Café.

Also this week . . .  
Friday The Chromatics —  
a cappella masters and intelligent songwriters  
Friends of the New Deal Café Arts

## At the Library

### Children's Programs

Wednesday, October 15, 10:30 a.m. Cuddletime for ages 12 to 24 months with caregiver.

Thursday, October 16, 10:30 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5.

### Adult Programs

Wednesday, October 15, 2 p.m. Book Discussion, Graham Greene's "Quiet American."

## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The business meeting on October 1 was opened in regular form and "God Bless America" was sung in honor of Ernie Varda. He is recuperating in rehab in Richmond, Va.

The greeter for the day was Paul Sabol.

The travel committee has been busy with plans for trips. On January 22 the club will go to the Midway Casino in Delaware, to the Chesapeake Dinner Theater on February 29 and a March trip to Chesapeake City (more details later).

Volunteers are needed for the rummage sale on October 18 at the Roosevelt Center. Contact Bill Souser.

We will have "Show and Tell" on October 22 and play bingo on October 29.

Enjoy the beautiful fall weather and come to meetings at 11 a.m. on Wednesdays at the Community Center.

## Senior Oktoberfest

The Greenbelt Senior Center is hosting its sixth annual Oktoberfest on Friday, October 17 in the Greenbelt Community Center Gym from 1 to 3 p.m. The Bavarian and Austrian Dance Company will provide the entertainment. Light refreshments, including apple cider, will be served. Enjoy the music, dancing, company and refreshments as the Senior Center celebrates fall. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

## Adopt a Cat

The Prince George's County SPCA/Humane Society is sponsoring a cat adoption day on Sunday, October 12, noon to 3 p.m. at PetsMart, Beltway Plaza Mall. The pets' foster parents will be present to answer questions and accept adoption applications. For more information call 301-262-5625 or visit the website at [www.pgspca.org](http://www.pgspca.org). There is an adoption fee.

## Co-op Meeting At Greenbelt Library

The Greenbelt Consumer Co-operative will hold its annual meeting on October 25 at 10:15 a.m. in the meeting room of the Greenbelt Public Library.

At the annual meeting reports on the Co-op's past year will be presented by the store's manager, Bob Davis, and the cooperative's treasurer, Joe Timer. In addition, elections will take place for three positions on the board of directors. Incumbent board members Dorrie Bates, Paul Rall and Jill Parsons St. John will be standing for re-election.

All members and any others interested in the workings of the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative are encouraged to attend this meeting. Light refreshments will be served and door prizes will be awarded.

# Community Events



Homeowners at 3 Court Research were winners of GHI's recent Ad Hoc Education Committee beautification contest.

## Art Collector Hosts Reception at Home

On Thursday, October 16, the Greenbelt Recreation Department will team up with local filmmaker and art collector Sharon Anderson to host a reception at Anderson's home. Guests will have an opportunity to view numerous works from Anderson's collection which emphasizes contemporary images of the female form collected over 30 years. Anderson will introduce the work with an informal presentation on her personal philosophy of "collecting art as healing." Light refreshments will be served.

This program is open to the general public, ages 16 and up. Registration is required by Tuesday, October 14 at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road in person or by mail. Enrollment is limited. A minimal fee applies. Registered participants will be contacted regarding the program location. For additional information contact Nicole DeWald, arts coordinator, at 301-397-2208.

This program is being offered as part of a new initiative of the Greenbelt Recreation Department to sponsor home-based programs which support Greenbelt residents in sharing their art and ideas with the community in relaxed social settings. People who would like to host a home studio tour, workshop, reading, screening, performance, slide talk or other presentation in the arts and humanities should contact Nicole DeWald.

## Men's Support Group Forming

Stressed out? Need someone to talk to about day-to-day experiences? Would it be helpful to find out how other men cope with daily stressors? Or, want to meet new people and be part of something meaningful? How about trying out the new Men's Support Group sponsored by Greenbelt CARES.

The purpose of this support group is to provide a supportive forum for men to talk about day-to-day experiences. The group will give time to hear how men cope with life's stresses and let others hear participants' stories and strategies.

This group is open to any man age 18 and over residing in Greenbelt. Call Andre Peri at Greenbelt CARES for more information at 301-345-6660. CARES is located in the city Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

## Lions Bike and Trike Contest Winners

On Labor Day, September 1, the Greenbelt Lions Club held their annual Bike and Trike Contest. Participants were: Caitlin Cummings, Michael Goolsby, David Hoke, Joey Hoke, Autumn Holmes, Winni Holmes, Billy Meckel, Brian O'Neil, Lily Sombar and Liam Sombar. The trophy for the most decorated bikes went to Autumn and Winni Holmes and the most original bike decoration trophy went to Caitlin Cummings for her whale and dolphins design. All of the participants marched in the Labor Day Parade and received a prize after the event.

## Greek Dance Party To Be Held

The Greek Dancers of Greenbelt will be hosting an open house dance session from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 12 at the Community Center. In addition to demonstrations from all over Greece and from some neighboring countries, the group will also teach newcomers simple pan-Hellenic dances.

Members of the group often attend festivals together and visit Greek taverns to dance to live music. Individuals of all ages and experience levels are invited to join the group. No partner is required.

The present round of dance classes begins on October 12 and lasts for eight weeks. Each session lasts for two hours and is divided into three parts. The first half hour is devoted exclusively to newcomers and is aimed at teaching the most popular and basic dances done at local festivals. The second half hour is spent teaching new dances to the group as a whole. During the remaining hour, the group reviews steps they have learned and dance to their favorite selections.

## Skate Park Concert

On Saturday October 18 from 3 to 7 p.m. four local bands will hold a concert to save the Greenbelt Skate Park. The popular venue for young skateboarders is temporarily located on Lakecrest Drive. The four bands that will perform at the benefit concert are DayNovo, Frenamie, Thirty-7 and UPC. For additional information call Abs Kase at 301-614-0919.

## ACE Seeks Mascot

The ACE Reading Club is looking for a mascot that can be used on the club website, fliers, T-shirts, bumper stickers and other ACE Reading Club items. Interested children (grades K through 12) should submit a drawing of a mascot, along with an entry form, to the ACE Reading Program, City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

Entries are due October 31 by 4:30 p.m. Drawings may also be dropped off at the Greenbelt CARES office located in the City Municipal Building. Entry forms may be downloaded from the ACE Reading Club website, found through a link on the main page of the city's website <http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us> or by contacting Liz Murray at 301-345-6660 or by email at [acereadingclub@ci.greenbelt.md.us](mailto:acereadingclub@ci.greenbelt.md.us), Liz Murray, Greenbelt CARES, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770, phone 301-345-6660.

## Help Plan the Arts At New Deal Café

On Sunday, October 19, at 7 p.m. the Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA) will meet at the café to discuss plans for this coming winter. FONDCA has recently learned that it will be receiving several grants from the county and the Prince George's Arts Council which will allow it to fund several new projects. Everyone interested in the arts in Greenbelt is welcome to attend. FONDCA is a nonprofit community group which supports the performing, visual and literary arts at the New Deal Café and Roosevelt Center. For further information call Barbara Simon at 301-474-2192.

## Credit Union Open House on Thursday

To celebrate 66 years in Greenbelt, the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union (GFCU) will hold an open house on Thursday, October 16, announces Manager Cynthia Comproni.

Issued a charter in December 1937, it was the first community credit union in the area and the first banking facility in Greenbelt. Anyone who lives and/or works in Greenbelt may be a member, Comproni explains.

Comproni, a resident since 1981, became manager in 1985, succeeding her father-in-law Joseph Comproni, the first full-time manager, who served 14 years. He was one of the Greenbelt pioneers who organized GFCU. The business has a seven-member board of directors.

Located in varied sites in what is now called Roosevelt Center since 1937, the credit union has grown from 27 members and \$6,175 in assets to 3,700 members and assets of \$17 million.

For more information call 301-474-5900.

## Donate Books For Young Readers

The Atlanta Bread Company is collecting new and gently used books for children up to 5 years of age. The company is partnering with "Reach Out and Read" to raise 10,000 books in just 10 days. The books will be given to local doctors and nurses to be given to parents of young children.

The Atlanta Bread Company is located at 5506A Cherrywood Lane in Greenbelt. For more information or directions, call 301-982-3200.



At least 15 vendors with:  
Appliances  
Dishes  
Furniture  
Baby Clothes  
Toys  
Decorative Items  
Videos  
Music  
& MUCH MORE!

## Greenbriar Community Yard Sale

Saturday  
October 11th  
9:00 am to 2:00 pm  
\*\* rain or shine \*\*  
Greenbriar  
Community Building  
7600 Hanover Parkway  
Greenbelt, MD  
301-441-1096

## St. Hugh's Basket Bingo

Saturday, October 18, 2003

Grenoble Hall

135 Crescent Rd. Greenbelt

6:00pm Doors Open

7:00pm Games Begin

Ticket Cost:\$20

Food and Drink Available

To Benefit Primary Playground

Call 301-474-4071 to purchase advance tickets  
This Basket Bingo is in no way affiliated or endorsed by the Longaberger Company, though the prizes to be won are genuine Longaberger Baskets!

# Traffic Safety Remains a Major Issue for City's Senior Citizens

by Barbara Likowski

Pedestrian safety was a major concern of those who attended the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee's forum on September 13 in the Community Center.

Although those present liked the crosswalks and traffic signs, there was concern that not everyone was observing them. Many drivers did not stop when people were attempting to cross in the designated walks. Cpl. James Donovan explained that the police were doing spot checking on crosswalks. Plainclothes officers from the traffic unit were placed in crosswalks, non-observers were pulled over and crosswalk laws enforced. Donovan added that although police were not able to stop every non-observer, they did catch many and charged them. Crosswalks in front of the library, at Crescent and Gardenway and at Cherrywood Lane by the Giant were areas where people thought more enforcement was needed. It was pointed out that near the library it was not easy to see cars approaching.

Crossing signs placed in the middle of the roads were popular with all. One problem, however, was that sometimes they were damaged or even removed. People would like to see those that were damaged replaced as soon as possible. They also would like to see more such signs around the city.

### Other Safety Concerns

Speeding cars through neighborhoods was another safety hazard cited. Donovan urged the group to call the patrol commander if they were having trouble with speeders in their neighborhoods or many drivers were ignoring stop signs. He could then take steps to correct the problem.

Cars going the wrong way on a one-way street were a problem. The street in front of the post office is the place where this often happens.

Some people complained that crossing Rt. 193 at Hanover Parkway was dangerous because the walk light did not give them enough time to cross.

It was suggested that individuals could use safety measures such as placing The Club on one's car or using reflector lights. Maxine Smith told of the blinking light on her porch. This enabled her home to be located easily and quickly at night.

### Fire Alarms

Gordon Pickering from Greenbriar, who is deaf, requested fire alarm lights for the hearing impaired in the buildings. He found the present system to be old and inadequate. Mayor Judith Davis explained that the city and Greenbriar had been working on this issue and that the system was presently up to code.

### Benches

A request was made for more benches at "Buddy" Attick Lake Park. Having more places to rest would help to enable seniors to walk around the lake.

A bench in front of the Municipal Building was also sought, especially during the Labor Day Festival when people needed to wait there for the fes-

tival bus.

It was pointed out that the city had an Adopt-a-Bench program and that requests should be made in writing.

### Wheelchairs

Because of the long halls in the Community Center, a request was made that wheelchairs be made available for people who cannot walk far. Karen Haseley, city therapeutic recreation supervisor, said that rather than owning wheelchairs the city has been borrowing them from the Adult Day Care Program when there is an event such as the craft show in December. Advance reservations were needed.

### Mobile Bank Unit

The audience was excited when City Councilmember Edward Putens announced that he had discovered that M&T (Mercantile & Trust) Bank, which took over Allfirst Bank in Greenway Center, had a mobile banking facility. He wondered if M&T could send it to Green Ridge House or Roosevelt Center.

Talking to Putens later, this reporter learned that the facility could be used for all banking services and was secure. Putens likened it in shape to a bookmobile. Putens later had found that other banks also had these mobile units. Whether they would use it in an area where a bank was already located was not certain, he said. Putens is continuing to research step-by-step the possibility of locating such a unit here. He will share with the city manager what he has found out.

Haseley announced that a bereavement group was forming at the Community Center. She also alerted seniors to the availability of senior shopping trips to local

malls.

Christal Parker Batey, the city's senior resource advocate, reminded seniors of interviews now being conducted to learn what kinds of things seniors need in order to be able to stay in their homes. Interviews can also be done by phone.

Batey also encouraged people to attend the Senior Health Fair on October 23 in the Community Center. This is the same day as the city employee health fair but at a different time. Flu shots will be available for a fee.

Donovan reminded seniors that MPO George Mathews will install child car seats in their cars, something that grandparents might want to have done.

During the meeting City Councilmember Thomas White, who is not running for re-election, was thanked for his 30 years of service to the community.

## Greenbelt CARES

During the week of September 29, Teresa Smithson and MSW Intern Kate Carrigan interviewed seventh and eighth grade students for the Greenbelt Middle School discussion groups. Group meetings will begin on October 7. Greenbelt Middle guidance counselors Wayne Davis and Brenda Fishman co-lead the groups with Smithson and Carrigan.

During the month of September, 11 families on average were seen for counseling at CARES. On average 43 individuals came on a weekly basis among whom 18 were 18 years of age and younger. Thirteen students participated in tutoring services.



## Kucera - Travis

Greenbelt residents Therese Kucera and Jeffrey Travis will be married on October 11, 2003.

Travis, originally from Takoma Park, has been a Greenbelt resident for 21 years. Kucera is originally from Evanston, Ill., and has lived in Greenbelt for 10 years. Both are employed at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center. They first became acquainted at meetings of the Greenbelt Bicycle Coalition. The couple will reside in Kucera's residence on Crescent Road.



Congratulations to Charles Jackman, chairman of the city's Tree Committee, who was one of the alumni honored by Nebraska Wesleyan University for professional achievement and loyalty to the University. Jackman is a resident research associate for NASA Goddard Space Flight Center. He has authored over 80 journal publications and published nearly 40 papers, some of which have been presented to United Nations' policymakers. He serves as the lead project scientist for the Upper Atmosphere Research Satellite. Jackman's wife, Judi Bordeaux, is a staff member of the Greenbelt News Review.

Happy 66th Anniversary to the Greenbelt Credit Union, the first financial institution in Greenbelt! Drop in at their open house, which will be held all week.

## Picnic at Mowatt

Mowatt Methodist invites everyone to their monthly Friendship Picnic on Sunday, October 12 directly following the service. The picnic is an outreach to greet people with Christian love. Feel free to join the lunch table on the lawn at 40 Ridge Road.

Also Mowatt offers Disciple II, Into the Word Into the World for the 2003-2004 year. It is a 32-week intensive Bible study focusing on Torah and Luke to Acts, which leads to covenant discipleship in living with means of grace. The meeting is held at Mowatt Memorial UMC on Mondays at 7 p.m. starting October 5. For further information email mowattmemorial@yahoo.com or call 301-474-9410.

## Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi (301-937-3666)  
*Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community*  
 October 12, 10 a.m.  
 "If Moses Had Been a UU, What Would the Ten Commandments Be?"  
 by John Gaffney, guest minister, with Jennifer Grant and John Bartoli, worship associates  
 Barbara Wells and  
 Jacob B. ten Hove,  
 co-ministers



## Catholic Community of Greenbelt

MASS  
 Sundays 10 A.M.  
 Municipal Building

## Baha'i Faith

Greenbelt Baha'i Community  
 P.O. Box 245  
 Greenbelt, MD 20770  
 301-345-2918 301-220-3160  
[www.bahai.org/](http://www.bahai.org/)

## Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Hillside & Crescent Roads  
 Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings  
[www.greenbelt.com/gccucc/](http://www.greenbelt.com/gccucc/)  
**Sunday Worship**  
**10:15 a.m.**  
 Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

*"A church of the open mind, the warm heart, the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."*

## GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

Corner of Crescent and Greenhill Roads 301-474-4212  
[www.greenbeltbaptist.org](http://www.greenbeltbaptist.org) [greenbelt.baptist@verizon.net](mailto: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

## ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Md.

## HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

6905 Greenbelt Road • 301-345-5111

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

Fax 301-220-0694 • E-mail [myholycross@erols.com](mailto:myholycross@erols.com)

## St. George's Episcopal/Anglican Church

7010 Glenn Dale Road  
 (Lanham-Severn Road and Glenn Dale Road)  
 301-262-3285 | [stgeogd@aol.com](mailto:stgeogd@aol.com) | [www.stgeo.org](http://www.stgeo.org)

Sundays:	8:00 am 9:00 am 10:00 am	A Simple, Quiet Mass Christian Education for All Ages Sung Mass with Organ and Folk Music, ASL Interpreted
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**Nursery Provided 9:00-11:30 am**

An inclusive congregation!

*"Open Door, Open Heart, Open Mind!" September is Open House Month.*

## 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

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE  
[www.gbmgm-UMC.org/mowatt](http://www.gbmgm-UMC.org/mowatt)

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

**Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor**  
 October 12, National Children's Day  
*"Are All Children Accepted?"* Friendship Dinner Noon





# City Information

**Regular Council Meeting-Monday, October 13, 2003**  
Municipal Building Council Room at 8:00 p.m.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Presentations**

National Federation of the Blind - White Cane Safety Day – 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.*)

Advisory Planning Board (Retail Center & Silver Diner – DSP)

Community Relations Advisory Board (USA Patriot Act)

**LEGISLATION**

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 11 of the Greenbelt City Code, “Motor Vehicles And Traffic,” in Order to Restrict the Parking of Vehicles on City Streets, Alleys, Roadways, and Parking Lots for 30 Days or Longer (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Adoption)

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 12, “Parks and Recreation” by Adding a New Article VIII, “Forest Preserve” for the Purpose of Creating a Greenbelt Forest Preserve and Establishing Regulations for the Use and Maintenance of Such a Forest Preserve (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

A Resolution to Amend the City Charter to Require a Vote of at Least Four Members of the City Council to Adopt Any Ordinance to Remove Lands from the Forest Preserve Designation (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- Extension of Employee Health Insurance Coverage to Domestic Partners and Reciprocal Beneficiaries
- Request for Resolution on USA Patriot Act
- Beltway Plaza Retail Center and Silver Diner – Detailed Site Plan
- Basketball Court at Windsor Green Ballfields
- Awards of Purchase for Replacement Vehicles for Various Departments
- State Consolidated Transportation Program
- \*Approval of Election Questionnaire
- \*Resignation from 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](mailto:kgallagher@ci.greenbelt.md.us) to reach the City Clerk.

*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.*

**MEETINGS FOR OCTOBER 13-17**

**Monday, October 13, 7:30pm,**  
**Recycling and Environment Committee, Community Center .**

**Monday, October 13, 8:00pm,**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, Municipal Building.**

**OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

**Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups. Vacancies exist on the: Advisory Committee on Education**

**Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee**

**Park and Recreation Advisory Board**

*For more information,*

**CITY OF GREENBELT HEALTH/WELLNESS FAIR**

**Thursday, October 23rd**  
**2-4pm**

**Senior Health Fair 1:30-5:30pm**  
**Greenbelt Community Center**

☺ Flu Shots ☺ Massages ☺ Blood Pressure Check ☺ Various Screenings For: Bone Density, Vision Hearing, Cholesterol (some fees may apply) ☺ American Cancer Society ☺ Hospice and much more.

For more information call 301-345-7203 or Seniors call 301-474-8000 ext. 2012.

**DONATION DROP-OFF**

**Saturday, October 11th from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

**Parking lot between City Office and Community Center.**

*The American Rescue Workers accepts donations of usable Household Goods (clothing, furniture, small appliances, curtains, towels, bedding, books, puzzles and toys.)*

For further information contact the City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8303.



**CONCERT TO BENEFIT THE SKATE PARK**

**Saturday, October 18th from 3-7pm**  
**Greenbelt Youth Center**

**\$5.00 Admission**

**Featuring: Thirty-7, UPC, DayNovo, Frenamie**

Directions/Info: [www.frenamie.com](http://www.frenamie.com) or call the Greenbelt Youth Center at 301-397-2200.

**PUBLIC ACCESS 301-507-6581 Wednesday & Friday, October 15 & 17: 7:00pm**  
**“Public Safety” 7:30pm**  
Greenbelt Arts Center presents  
**“Taming of the Shrew”**

**GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71**  
**MUNICIPAL ACCESS 301-474-8000: Monday, October 13 at 8pm** “City Council Meeting”  
**live Tuesday & Thursday, October 14 & 16 5:30pm** “Mary Shaver Band” **7:00pm**  
“Greenbelt East presents a Candidates Forum” **9:00pm**  
“Replay of Council of 10/13”

**CITY OF GREENBELT ELECTION INFORMATION**

**ABSENTEE VOTING FOR THE NOVEMBER 4 CITY COUNCIL ELECTION**

If you are a qualified voter who would otherwise be prevented from voting in the municipal election by reason of religious belief, physical condition, or absence from the City on election day, you are entitled to vote by absentee ballot. You may acquire an absentee ballot in one of two ways:

- Write a letter of application to the City Clerk, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, stating why an absentee ballot is needed; if more than one ballot is needed, the letter must be signed by all persons wanting ballots; or
- Fill out an application form that you may pick up in the City Clerk’s office or print from the City’s Web site at <http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us>, and return the form to the City Clerk.

Military servicemembers, their families, and other U.S. citizens abroad who are covered under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) may also use the Federal Post Card Application (<http://www.fvap.gov>) to request an absentee ballot for City election.

Applications to receive absentee ballots will be accepted from Wednesday, October 15, until noon on Monday, November 3, 2003. The completed absentee ballot must be received by the City Clerk no later than 6 p.m. the day of the regular election, November 4, 2003. No absentee ballots will be distributed prior to October 15.

If you wish, you may complete and vote your absentee ballot at the City Clerk’s office at the time you present your written application. For additional information, call the City Clerk at 301-474-8000.

**The Recycling & Environment Bin**

**BACKYARD COMPOSTING** With the abundance of leaves available, fall is a great time of year to begin backyard composting. Backyard composting is easy, reduces costs and conserves energy associated with materials collection and processing. You can start a compost pile, make a simple bin from chicken wire, scrap wood or fencing, or purchase a ready-made bin.

The City encourages residents to compost in their backyard. For further information on composting, contact the Public Works Department at 301-474-8004.

**COMPOSTING BIN SALE - \$6.00 each.**  
**Yard waste composting bins will be available for sale at SchromFest, Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 11am-3pm.**



# THE LABOR DAY FESTIVAL RECOGNIZES ITS WINNERS

*The Labor Day Festival is a winner in and of itself but there are many activities that are part of the Festival where individuals can become winners themselves! Listed below are the winners in each of the various activities. The winners of the Art Show (with the exception of the winners of the Cipriano Award – which are listed in this article) were recognized in an earlier version of the News Review.*

## Sity Stars Wins “Best in Parade”

The Greenbelt Sity Stars double dutch team received the “Best in Parade Overall” award for their precision rope jumping routine performed at the Greenbelt Labor Day parade. To many onlookers who saw their outstanding performance, it came as no surprise.

Parade winners in their other categories are:

### Community

1st – Creative Kids’ Camp children, led by Chris Cherry, who sang and danced together; 2nd – Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club performed soccer drills and other routines; 3rd – Red Hat Society, a group of women in purple who meet for fun

### Floats

1st – Babe Ruth/Fast Pitch team displays their many interests; 2nd – Greenbelt Homes, Inc. for their depiction of burning the rehab loan papers; 3rd – Miss Greenbelt contestants in matching cars from Saturn of Bowie



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### Firetrucks

1st and Best in Parade Fire/Emergency – Clinton Fire Dept. water supply truck; 2nd – Silver Hill firetruck; 3rd – Greenbelt Fire Dept.



the fire engines strutted their stuff ...



PHOTOS BY LINDA SIADYS

The onlookers cheered ...

### Performance Drill Teams

1st – ERHS JROTC rifle drill team; 2nd – ERHS Pompons; 3rd – St. Hugh’s Cheerleaders

### Autos

1st – P&G Old Greenbelt Theatre with Marilyn Monroe; 2nd – Rockville Police Dept.; 3rd – Greenbelt Animal Control



the children watched in awe ...



the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum waved ...



and even the local religious leaders joined in the celebration of Greenbelt’s Labor Day Festival.

### Art Show – Cipriano Award

**Adult Art Show**  
Amy Handen

**Children’s Art Show**  
Devin Taylor

### Best Decorated Booth

1st Place – Greenbelt Fire Department; 2nd Place – Greenbelt Nursery School; 3rd Place – Committee to Save the Green Belt; 4th Place – Maryland Tri-County Hawg Hunters



The Greenbelt Police booth was one of many information booths set up to provide a community service to festival goers.

### Festival Fundraiser Raffles

**Bowie Baysox Tickets** – Frank Gervasi, Kathy Hurtt; **Co-op Groceries** – J Davis; **Longaberger Picnic Baskets** – Eileen Peterson, Margaret Stricklett

### Information Day

1st Place – Pleasant Touch; 2nd Place – Bike 4 Breast Cancer; 3rd Place – Curiosity Shop; 4th Place – Hospice of the Chesapeake

### Kids Games

#### 3 Year Olds – Bucket Fill

1st Place – Kelsie Flowers & Curtis Cantwell; 2nd Place – Evan Candy & Andrew Baker; 3rd Place – Bryan Lloyd

#### 4 /5 Year Olds – Balloon Pop

1st Place – Samantha Mang & Austin Brick-Pereira

#### 5/6 Year Olds – Crab Walk Race

1st Place – Oludayo Areke; 2nd Place – Robert Zurla; 3rd Place – Nicole Delabrer; 4th Place – Corene Cantwell

#### 6/7 Year Olds – Potato Sack Race

1st Place – Corene Cantwell; 2nd Place – Nicole Delabrer; 3rd Place – Robert Zurla; 4th Place – Kelly Cottington

#### 8/9 Year Olds – Hula Hoop Contest

1st Place – (3 Way Tie) Sean Cottington, Michelle Delabrer & Phoebe McFarb

#### 8/9 Year Olds – Bubble Gum Contest

1st Place – Phoebe Cantwell; 2nd Place – Kate Mang

#### 9/10 Year Olds – Egg Toss

1st Place – Kelly Collington & Olydayo Areke; 2nd Place – Sean Cottington & Allen Cottington; 3rd Place – Kent Cantwell & Camden Cantwell

### Kids Scavenger Hunt

Julia McLaughlin, Dina Golberg-Strassler, Elisa Flynn

## Miss Greenbelt Pageant

**Little Miss Greenbelt**  
Lindsay Hepler

**Junior Miss Greenbelt**  
Jenny Lindvall

**Miss Greenbelt**  
Danyelle Thomas



Danyelle Thomas  
Miss Greenbelt 2003

PHOTO BY SHARON NATOLI

**Little Misses:** 1st Runner Up and Photogenic – Nathalie Denham; 2nd Runner Up – Samantha Nash; 3rd Runner Up and Most Spirited – Jazmin Kienas; 4th Runner Up – Kelley Jo Wallace; Cookie Award – Lindsay Hepler; Congeniality – Alexis Thompson

**Junior Misses:** 1st Runner Up – Kimberly Wynkoop; 2nd Runner Up – Kristina Richards; 3rd Runner Up – Tiffany Edwards; 4th Runner Up and Most Spirited – Christa McVoy; Cookie Award – Kimberly Wynkoop; Photogenic – Caprice Miller; Congeniality – Jenny Lindvall

**Misses:** 1st Runner Up – Jasmine Pierce; 2nd Runner Up – Joanna Murray; 3rd Runner Up – Emily Ivy; 4th Runner Up – Katerina Herder; Congeniality and Most Spirited – Jherica Burgess; Photogenic – Lizzy Sankar; Cookie Award – Erin McGill



## ACE Tutor Program

This **FREE** reading training and tutorial program is available to anyone who would like to provide reading support to children in Greenbelt. Participants will receive a certificate upon completion of the workshop and will be asked to make a six-hour commitment to provide reading tutoring. Current tutors, parents, students who need service hours and anyone who would like to share the joy of reading are urged to attend.

**WHEN:** The workshop will be offered twice:  
Saturday, October 25 9:00 a.m. to noon      Thursday, October 30 6:30-9:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** The Greenbelt Community Center Senior Classroom

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!**

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**Registration Form** Must be completed and returned by Wednesday, October 22 to Greenbelt CARES, City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770, ATTN: Wendy Wexler. Fax: 301-441-8248 or include the following information in an E-mail: to [wwexler@ci.greenbelt.md.us](mailto:wwexler@ci.greenbelt.md.us)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Child’s School or Tutoring Program, if any \_\_\_\_\_  
I plan to attend the following session:  
\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday, October 25 from 9 a.m.-noon      \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday, October 30 from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

## 2003 Revenues Will Slide Manager Tells City Council

by Jen Slingland

Greenbelt's income tax revenue for fiscal year 2004 will probably be lower than originally estimated, City Manager Michael McLaughlin reported to the city council Wednesday, October 3 at the city manager's quarterly update meeting.

The report was based on the actual receipt of the city's final income tax payment for fiscal year 2003, McLaughlin said. The final payment "represented a substantial reduction compared to final payments in previous fiscal years," according to the memorandum handed out at the meeting. City projects could be affected in the future, City Clerk Kathleen Gallagher said, but added that it was still too early to tell if any impact will be felt by the lower revenue.

After reviewing the budget, McLaughlin moved on to city projects. Council specifically discussed the temporary skate park for the city's youth. They rarely see the site being used.

"Kids are bored now with the equipment and are skating anywhere," Mayor Judith Davis said, voicing concern that the new park must be designed to keep youth interested so that they will not skateboard on the streets near traffic.

Davis asked McLaughlin if it were possible to get more chal-

lenging equipment for the temporary site, but he said at this point in time that would not be feasible.

Councilmembers said skateboarders who are boarding in the parking lots and sidewalks around the Community Center and adjacent buildings are being ticketed by officers.

McLaughlin said there will be a decision by the end of the month about whether the new site's design will consist of a standard engineering structure, or if it will consist of a design with a concrete bowl, which may be a way to solve the problem and create more challenging skating for the city's youth.

Besides the budget and city programs, McLaughlin also highlighted the fact that the city's police department is now fully staffed with 53 police officers. Although this was good news, McLaughlin added that the downside is the added cost to the city to fund the department.

Later in the meeting when councilmembers asked whether the costs for hurricane Isabel had been assessed yet, McLaughlin said the costs had not yet been totaled, but did say the city was applying for relief from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and should be receiving assistance with its hurricane clean-up costs.

### City Notes

The week of September 29 the facilities maintenance crew worked with a roofing company making repairs to the garage at Public Works, replaced a large broken window at the Aquatic and Fitness Center and a window at Springhill Lake Recreation Center and met with a contractor about a proposed vehicle wash unit for Public Works as part of the reconstruction.

The streets crew assisted with construction of the new bridge at Schrom Hills Park, continued picking up debris from the hurricane and swept streets throughout the city.

The parks crew continued work on the bridge for the walking trail at Schrom Hills Park, installed a slide on the 10-foot deck and continued other work on the new playground equipment near St. Hugh's.

The cleaning crew did routine cleaning in all city buildings.

The horticulture crew continued clearing debris which came down in the hurricane, landscaped the medians on the business side of Hanover Parkway and began weeding at Schrom Hills Park. The crew also completed the patio, landscaping and irrigation of the memorial bed at the Municipal Building.

The special details crew hung banners for the "Bike 4 Breast Cancer," poured a concrete form and installed a plaque at the city office and removed two plaques from the Community Center, replaced a speed limit sign and pole on Cherrywood Lane and installed 20 new yellow temporary reflectors on the traffic circle at Schrom Hills Park.

### Hispanic Herbs

Through October 15, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. learn interesting facts about selected medicinal, industrial and culinary herbs used in Hispanic culture on this free self-guided tour through the National Herb Garden at the U.S. National Arboretum.

# J is RESPONSIVE.

Patrick J. McAndrew, Treasurer

## Re-elect Rodney Roberts To Greenbelt City Council Vote November 4

Roberts is dedicated to protecting the basic principles that make Greenbelt great.

- Safe neighborhoods.
- Quality city services.
- Quality neighborhood schools.
- Recreation and arts facilities and programs second to none for citizens of all ages.
- Abundant parks, playgrounds, and natural areas.
- City government that is responsive to the citizens' needs and concerns.
- Policies that promote quality development and a strong local economy.
- A safe and convenient system of pathways for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Cooperative efforts and volunteerism.

For information, suggestions or contributions, call 301-474-4863 or write to Citizens to Re-Elect Roberts, P.O. Box 914, Greenbelt, MD 20768-0914. Email: RMR38M@aol.com

Authority: Yoni Siegel, Treas.



## Elect Richard Santos To Greenbelt City Council

**Leadership - Fiscal Management - Professionalism  
Public Service - Commitment**

Development, re-development, and land use are challenges with long-term consequences that the city council will have to address. To design, upgrade, and maintain the City of Greenbelt with consistent development, re-development, and land use applications, I am a proponent for full municipal planning and zoning authority. This is an administrative tool that is required in order to wisely develop and preserve the assets of the city.

On Saturday, October 11, Schrom Hills Park will be the site of Schromfest. Through parkland dedication and preservation, the park is available to the residents of Greenbelt for celebration and recreation. We must continue our collective efforts to dedicate woodlands and open space for natural preservation. I support the proposed Greenlands Ordinance that will safeguard parcels and lots owned by the city, predominately undisturbed and wooded, such as parcels 1 and 2, perimeter trail, and school board property.

A very large portion of the city's population, approximately 9,000 people, resides in Springhill Lake. The city council must work with the owners of the apartment complex toward a rehabilitation project for a safer and higher quality residential community.

I support the revitalization of the Roosevelt Center through the designation as a CARE area (Commercial Area Revitalization Effort). This project consists of the County providing staff, and their expertise, to help work with the merchants of Roosevelt Center to upgrade and to market the Center to increase its economic vitality and position it for a successful future. The council must continue to pursue this funding through the Livable Communities Initiative and Grant Program.

The Greenbelt Post Office will re-locate to Ora Glen Drive. With the re-location, additional vehicular and pedestrian traffic will be generated in Greenbelt East. It is a test of one's will to traverse through the area on Hanover Parkway. Traffic control and calming must continue to be a priority. To the residents of Hunting Ridge, let's hope by the time this article goes to press that the second traffic-calming circle is under construction.

I am committed to the residents of Greenbelt. I recognize that the community is very diverse with many issues, relative to Greenbelt West, historic Greenbelt, and Greenbelt East. Also, the issues of concern to our business partners in Beltway Plaza, Capitol Office Park, Golden Triangle Office Park, Greenway Center, Maryland Trade Center, Omni Commerce Center, and Hanover Office Park are equally important. Our business partners provide us services and job opportunities.

I am always available for your comments and concerns at [ricforcouncil@aol.com](mailto:ricforcouncil@aol.com), or by telephone at 301.345.8931.

By Authority of Citizens for Ric Santos  
P.O. Box 835, Greenbelt, MD 20768-0835  
Kathleen Linkenhoker, Treasurer

### GDC MEETING

- 2003 Parkway Heat Pump Contract – 2nd Reading
- 2003 Parkway Water Line Contract – 2nd Reading



### PRELIMINARY AGENDA MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, October 16, 2003  
(Immediately following GDC Meeting)  
GHI Board Room

#### Key Agenda Items

- Proposed Fence Replacement – 14A Hillside
- Existing Vinyl Shed Installation – 9C Research
- Proposed Garden Window – 37J Ridge
- Improper Satellite Dish Installation – 49F Ridge
- Second Quarter Financial Statements
- 2003 Drainage Contract – 2nd Reading
- 2003 Fall Concrete Contract – 2nd Reading
- 2003 Fall UST Contract – 2nd Reading
- 2003 Underground Utility Repair Projects at 2 Sites – 2nd Reading
- Salary and Benefits Recommendations from Finance Committee – 2nd Reading
- Greenbelt Assistance-In-Living Report

Regular board meetings are open to members.

***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.

### Attempted Murder

7800 block of Hanover Parkway, September 30, in reference to an assault which occurred September 24 an arrest warrant has been obtained charging a man of no fixed address with attempted murder and assault. The suspect is described as a black male, 29, 5'6", 165 pounds with black hair and brown eyes.

### Burglary

5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, September 26, 5:58 p.m., unknown person(s) used a key to gain entry to the front door of a residence. A DVD player was taken.

9300 block Edmonston Road, September 29, 10:19 p.m., unknown person(s) entered a residence by forcing open a bedroom window. Jewelry, money and CDs were taken.

7500 block Greenbelt Road, September 29, 4:35 a.m., commercial burglary.

### Theft

400 block of Ridge Road, in reference to a theft of several hand-held personal computers reported June 2, a resident man has been indicted for aggregate theft. To date nine hand-held personal computers have been recovered.

Unit block of Lakeside Drive, September 26, in reference to the theft of an ATM card reported August 8, an arrest warrant has been obtained charging a nonresident woman with theft.

### Trespass

T.G.I.Friday Restaurant, September 25, 10:10 p.m., a nonresident woman was arrested and charged with failure to obey a lawful order, trespass and resisting arrest. Police responded to a report of disorderly subjects inside the restaurant. The woman was observed yelling profanities while leaving the restaurant. She then became involved in a verbal argument with a manager, again shouting profanities. She was told to cease her actions and was ordered to leave the restaurant property. She refused to leave and was arrested. She then resisted attempts by officers to place her into custody. The suspect was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, September 26, 10:12 a.m., a nonresident youth was arrested for trespass after he was located inside the school. The youth attends another school and did not have permission to be at Eleanor Roosevelt. He was returned to his school and released pending action by the Board of Education and the Juvenile Justice System.

T.G.I.Friday Restaurant, September 27, 1:03 p.m., four nonresident men were arrested and charged with trespass and failure to obey a lawful order. Two of the men were also charged with possession of an open alcoholic beverage. The men were told to leave the restaurant property by management after a billing dispute. They left the building and one was arrested when he came back inside a short time later. The other men were arrested in the parking lot for not leaving the property. All were released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, October 1, in reference to

a trespasser reported September 26 at the school, an arrest warrant has been obtained charging a resident man with trespass, failure to obey a lawful order, disruption of school activities and hindering.

### Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were stolen: a gold 1993 Honda Accord 4-door, Maryland tags LSS349, September 27 from the 6200 block Breezewood Drive; a 1998 Dodge Durango 4-door, September 28 from the 9300 block Edmonston Road, recovered October 3 by the Prince George's County Police, no arrests; a green 1995 Dodge Neon 4-door, Maryland tags CGC303, September 28 from the 7800 block Jacobs Drive; a 1997 Toyota Corolla, September 29 from the 7700 block Hanover Parkway, recovered October 3 by the Prince George's County Police, no arrests; a red 1993 Dodge Daytona 2-door, Maryland tags JNB957, September 29 from the 5900 block Cherrywood Lane; a silver 2002 Honda Accord 4-door, Maryland tags KGP578, September 29 from the 7500 block Mandan Road; a gray 2000 Chrysler van, Maryland tags 117M, September 30 from the 7200 block South Ora Court; a 1995 Dodge Neon, October 1 from the 6000 block Springhill Drive, recovered the same day, no arrests; a white 1995 Plymouth Voyager van, Maryland tags M447764, October 2 from the 9300 block Edmonston Road; a blue 1994 Honda Accord 4-door, Maryland tags GEN065, October 2 from the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace; a blue 1997 Ford Taurus 4-door, Maryland tags EER209, October 2 from the 6400 block Golden Triangle Drive.

Six vehicles were recovered; no arrests were made.

Thefts from, vandalisms to and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas:

### Pedestrian Fatality On Greenbelt Road

About 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, October 7, a woman was struck and killed by a car while attempting to cross Greenbelt Road, according to Greenbelt Master Police Officer George Mathews.

The woman was struck by a 2001 Chevrolet Cavalier traveling east as she crossed from the south side of the road to the north side just east of Southway where there is no crosswalk. The woman was transported to Doctor's Community Hospital where she was pronounced dead. Police released the name of the victim, Sufia Perween, age 29, of Lanham.

The driver of the striking vehicle, a 59-year-old man from Salisbury, Md., remained on the scene and was interviewed and released pending further investigation, according to Mathews.

Breezewood Drive and Edmonston Terrace, Cherrywood Terrace and Breezewood Court (two incidents), 6200 block Springhill Drive (eleven incidents), 6200 block Springhill Court (three incidents), 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace (two incidents), 6100 block Breezewood Drive (three incidents), 9100 block Springhill Lane (four incidents), 6100 block Springhill Terrace, 5900 block Cherrywood (two incidents), 9100 block Edmonston Terrace, 9200 block Edmonston Road, Beltway Plaza Mall, 6100 block Greenbelt Road, 6500 block Capitol Drive, 6400 block Golden Triangle Drive, 500 block Crescent Road, 6900 block Hanover Parkway (two incidents), 8000 block Mandan Road, 8100 block Mandan Road, 8100 block Mandan Terrace and 7100 block Ora Glen Court (two incidents).

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.



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### Shooting at Springhill Lake

At Springhill Lake early on Wednesday evening October 8, a shooting occurred. The incident took place in the 9200 block of Springhill Lane. Police were flagged down by the intended victim, whose vehicle was struck. The victim was uninjured.

Based on the driver's de-

scription, police are looking for a black male, approximately 19 years old, 5'9", with a dark complexion and long hair in cornrows, wearing a hoodie.

Anyone with information about this crime is asked to call the Greenbelt Police Department at 301-474-7200.



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**SOLAR TOUR** continued from page 1

of the envelope construction. Domestic hot water is provided from Thermomax evacuated heat-pipe collectors. The Murrays use composting bins for their garden and drive a hybrid Toyota Prius.

Maplewood Court in the 1963 development in the Lakeside area, is a small street, but it had three homes open on Sunday – which didn't include a fourth because the owners were out of town. Bob and Amy Hansen at 2 Maplewood Court showed visitors their Solartube skylights and the 2.064 kW, grid-connected PV system. The power goes into an inverter and surplus electricity is sold back to the power grid through "net metering."

The Hansens credited their neighbors at 4 Maplewood Court with sharing information about a state grant available through part of the federal Million Solar Roofs project that led to their installation of the PV system.

The best part about going solar, says Bob, is "saving 30 percent on our energy bills," which helps the family during the hot summer months. The Hansens also use compact fluorescent light bulbs and energy-efficient windows and patio doors.

Maggie Cahalan of 4 Maplewood Court likes the fact that her PV system spins the electrical meter backward through the "net metering" process. "We've been so happy with the PV system that we've installed a 1.4kW system on a house we own in Chincoteague," she says. Her family also uses low-flow toilets and showers and a set-back thermostat for heating and air-conditioning.



PHOTO BY MARAT MOORE

**Marc Siegel demonstrates the older parts of the hot water system installed by his father 20 years ago. Behind him is the newer solar unit.**

When they first found out about the little-known state grant program, they talked to the Hansens, who had an ideal south-facing home.

Down the street at 16 Maplewood, Marc Siegel showed visitors the solar hot water heating system his father had installed in 1982 for which he received a rebate from the state of Maryland. "In 20 years of operating this system, there's only been one minor problem that needed a repair," he said. In early April and late September the Siegels manually switch between a gas backup system and the solar water heater. Heat is supplied by a four-level water baseboard heating system with water supplied from a gas boiler.

At the end of the day, the Murrays – and most likely the other homeowners – finally sat down after six hours of nonstop guests. "We've all lost our voices," Alice said. But to judge from the response across the region, Greenbelt solar homeowners had a message that many others wanted to hear – that active and passive solar systems preserve the environment, save money and increase self-sufficiency.

**ACE Tutor Training Sessions Scheduled for October 25**

The Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) will hold its fall training session for the ACE Tutor Training Program. The three-hour training sessions will be held in the Greenbelt Community Center on October 25 from 9 a.m. to noon and again on Thursday evening, October 30 at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will also be provided. The training session will conclude with information about tutoring needs and opportunities. Pre-registration is required.

The ACE Tutor Training Program is a free reading training and tutorial program for local residents and youth attending Greenbelt schools. Volunteer tutors will be trained to tutor reading and reading-related skills in exchange for a six-hour commitment to provide reading support to children in Greenbelt. Tutors will be trained to administer diagnostic assessments, periodic progress tests and keep accurate records. They will also be trained to provide instruction in the areas of phonics, spelling, vocabulary development and reading comprehension using age-appropriate materials provided by ACE.

The program is intended to complement, not compete with, existing programs. The program will provide a way for other tutoring programs to train their volunteers and offer trained volunteers to schools, particularly as a help to teachers during school hours. Parents, who may be struggling to help their children improve reading skills, will also find the training useful. In addition, the training and tutoring program offers a way for Eleanor Roosevelt High School students to earn service hours.

ACE member Eva Griffin is spearheading this new ACE program.

Griffin, who is a reading specialist and holds a doctorate in education in curriculum and instruction, explains, "While many people are interested in being reading tutors, they often do not have the skills to make the most effective and productive use of their time and the student's time so that the student can make significant progress in their reading abilities."

In its report to the Greenbelt City Council proposing this program, ACE said, "We believe that such a program will put the City of Greenbelt in the forefront of efforts to improve public schools through the efforts of the local community."

The ACE Tutor Training Program is a project of the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE), which is composed of nine volunteers and was established by the Greenbelt City Council in 1995 to support the schools that Greenbelt children attend.

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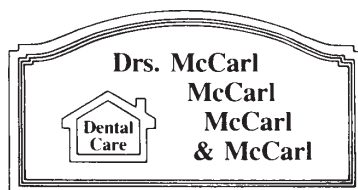
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clients, she said – 58 in one month alone. She plans to use survey results to tailor the future activities and directions of GAIL.

Beyond the statistics, Batey went on to describe the program's success in helping several Greenbelt seniors. In one instance, a resident had been trying to receive benefits from the Department of Social Services for more than two years, but to no avail. With Batey's help, working through numerous setbacks and staff changes, the resident is now going to have her Medicare part B premium paid each month. She has also become eligible for the Medicaid Waiver and food stamps. Batey said that "the average person would have given up" but she was determined to get through the paperwork and ensure that the Greenbelt resident got the benefits.

Another Greenbelter needed help with housing and prescription coverage. Since working with GAIL this city resident has moved into a senior apartment and has become eligible for food stamps and pharmacy assistance. The ability to buy medications had previously been beyond this senior's reach.

Batey's final example was a Greenbelt couple who had 25 prescriptions between them which took half their combined income each month. Batey was able to get 23 of those prescriptions free of charge through the patient assistance programs offered by pharmaceutical companies and the remaining two prescriptions to be covered under the Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Discount Program, in all saving the family about \$500 a month.

Fundraising efforts have ranged from ongoing grant funding resource searches to applying for the Maryland Department of Aging's Innovations in Aging Program. However, the grant proposal was not funded and state budget cuts reduced the funds available from \$142,000 to \$60,000. Despite the funding setbacks, Batey is seeking to expand the number of clients for the program in 2004 by developing a cable show on channel 71 targeted toward Greenbelt seniors and caregivers.

### Benefits Expanded

Greenbelt currently provides health insurance coverage for domestic partners of city employees but pays no part of the premium as it does for other family coverage. After much discussion on the fairness of the current policy and the possible inequities of paying for domestic partners but not other types of living arrangements – unmarried couples, siblings, etc., council unanimously passed a motion to provide comparable coverage and payment for domestic partners and to simultaneously examine the possibility of extending benefits to others. Council directed staff to come back with the specific language and criteria to be used.

Many citizens spoke in favor of the full inclusion of domestic partners. Several pointed out that the city recognized domestic partners and since its insurance carrier provided a definition, the result was that city employees were penalized financially. Councilmember Alan Turnbull, in favor of the coverage and payment, said that the deciding element for him was that other

couples could marry (for example, an unmarried male and female living together) but that current law prohibited same sex marriage.

Councilmembers Tom White and Ed Putens were concerned about leaving out other types of family groups; for example, two siblings sharing a home and resources would potentially be in need of this type of coverage and support. City Manager Mike McLaughlin recommended against the expansion saying that no other community in Prince George's County does so.

Mayor Judith Davis, on the other hand, said that having Greenbelt as the first to offer a benefit was not a concern to her. She cited numerous occasions when Greenbelt led the way.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts asked about the financial impact on the city of paying additional insurance premiums and was told that there was no way to predict but that several thought it would not be substantial.

Moving quickly was the goal of those attending the meeting but moving deliberately to consider the situation carefully was the desire of both White and Putens. Turnbull thought that the relatively simple matter of domestic partners could move along even as other expansions were considered. Finally a compromise was reached when council agreed to move ahead with the domestic partner provisions while at the same time consider other types of family arrangements.

### Assessment Cap

Council agreed to raise the city's property assessment cap by 10 percent to put the city in line with Prince Georges County and to reflect rising property values in the city. Turnbull described this move as more technical than real and voiced approval of using accurate information for the assessment. He indicated however that the real level of taxes was set not by this assessment but by the tax rate to be determined later.

### Take-Home Policy

Greenbelt police officers who have completed the police academy, field training and probation

are qualified for the take-home cruiser program. Certified police officers, with the approval of the chief of police and the city manager, may participate in the program that allows them to take home a police cruiser and to use that vehicle when not on the job. This program provides a real benefit to the police officer.

Benefits to the city are seen as expanding the visibility of the police in Greenbelt and surrounding areas and gaining the services of off-duty police officers who perform certain police functions when driving the vehicle, for example coming to the aid of a disabled motorist.

Police Chief James Craze asked for and received council approval to expand the program to certified officers who are joining the force. He said that the take-home cruiser program was an attractive and effective recruiting tool and saves the city the cost of officer training if the city can obtain the services of officers who are already certified by an appropriate law enforcement agency.

### Power Outage

McLaughlin praised the Department of Public Works and other city staff for their work during the hurricane and its aftermath. He spoke of the rapid response of crews to keep the streets free of debris and to handle other potentially dangerous situations.

Edward Kapplinger, a city resident and an electrical engineer, made a presentation to council with recommendations for actions to take to avoid future outages of electrical power. (See September 25 News Review.) He suggested that an additional circuit breaker be installed at Crescent and Edmonston Roads and that Pepco determine if the newly-replaced electric poles at Sunnyside and Edmonston are overloaded with electric, telephone and other cables. Council agreed to write a letter to Pepco asking for a response to these and other ideas to eliminate future problems.

## A Greenbelt Gardener

by Rosie Rhubarb

There wasn't really a frost on October 2 but the first really cold night signals a change is in the air. Now begin the days of ripening and warm, mellow afternoons. The wise gardener will prepare for the first frost because it could come at any time.



Night-time temperatures of 32 degrees or lower will kill the annual plants in the summer garden. Tomatoes, peppers, squash, beans should all be harvested before the frost. Even winter squash should be harvested before frost, as being hit by frost really diminishes their ability to keep fresh in storage for months.

It is an especially sad and mellow time in the flower garden. One morning you will wake up, look out the window and see ailing or dead plants. The most dramatic change is with the dahlia. A frost will overnight change a plant covered with intensely colored flowers into a blackened mass of stocks that look like someone set the plant on fire.

Frost will be the end of impatiens, begonias, zinnias, marigolds; in short, most of the flower garden. Only a hardy few survive light frosts: snapdragons, pinks.

Though frost will kill them, several flowers become more intense in color as the nights get cooler: purple cosmos, cleome (or spider flower), and morning glory. I've at times planted morning glories just for the show they give this time of year. And so the best way to have color continue in the flower garden after frost is to plant pansies and mums.

Enjoy these last weeks of the summer garden and prepare to enjoy nature's garden display its colors. Each autumn is unique and yet we know that in October and November we will be treated to a colorful show.

In this area there aren't the masses of trees that turn color at the same time as in New England. But in my opinion there are many trees that are just as beautiful as are found anywhere. There may be one scarlet tree here and another golden yellow tree there, each by itself. Stop and admire such a beautiful tree; never mind that it is one by itself and not a grove. Especially nicely colored trees are: black gum – scarlet or intense orange; hickory – yellow; and maples – yellow, red, or orange, usually a mix.

## GNC Joins Cancer Awareness Drive

According to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, every three minutes a woman will be diagnosed with breast cancer and every 13 minutes a woman will die from the disease. GNC, a nutritional health store in Greenbelt, has launched its support in breast cancer education and funding throughout Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October.

"Beginning October 10 we will be inserting a Breast Cancer Fact Sheet into each customer's bag and all of our employees will be invited to participate in

Lee® National Denim Day," explains Nicholas Salafia, GNC franchise operator in Greenbelt. Participating GNC employees will also wear a pink ribbon pin in support of the cause.

"At GNC we want to educate everyone to the facts – knowledge is one of our best defenses against this disease," adds Salafia.

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# Exercise Class Stretches Muscles for Twenty Years

by Virginia Beauchamp

It's Tuesday night, and we're here together again. This is a dedicated community – mostly women, though Larry Hull comes regularly with his wife, Rena, and other men, even former mayor Richard Castaldi, have joined us from time to time.

A few of us have been meeting like this for over two decades. Jeanie Roke and I go back even before Amy took over the group. That's Amy Derin, who since 1977 or thereabouts has led the class. Katrina Boverman joined us, she says, just under 20 years ago.

Originally the session was called Slimnastics. More accurately, in recent years the Recreation Department catalog lists it as Health/Fitness. A second session, which some of us also attend, meets on Thursdays.

In the course of an hour on both evenings we work our bodies. We stretch every muscle; we move every joint. And we also have fun. We kid each other and often tease Amy.

As Katrina says, "We drop inhibitions, we don't have to think, we're doing what someone else tells us to do."

**Informal**

We're on a first-name basis exclusively. Until I set out to write this piece I did not know either Jeanie's or Katrina's last names. That's real informality.

We're talking here about relationships two decades long!

The class has changed, of course, over the years. We check that out from time to time when Amy is called away. Then Jeanie takes over, with Amy on tape from our choice of earlier sessions.

We meet now in the Dance Room of the Community Center. But some taped sessions go back to the time when we met in the Rehearsal Room on the second floor and some way back before the Community Center opened, when we gathered in the Youth Center. Hearing ourselves on the tape or Amy's comments to one of us or to someone now long gone recalls those earlier years when all of us were younger and our routines more strenuous.

We're solicitous of each other and our ills. Ginny Wells had to deal with carpal tunnel syndrome. Amy had knee surgery after a hang glider accident. I had a broken elbow after I slipped on ice. Lisa Meyer once suffered with Lyme disease.

Sometimes only one side of someone's body can be engaged. Or someone can no longer keep her balance as once she did. Twice over these years pregnant women joined us to keep their bodies fit and of course modified certain routines.

**Patterns**

Three times over the years

pairs of sisters have joined our group. Each time one member of the pair deserted us and one stayed on. Katrina is the hold-over of one such pair. Another was Vicky O'Coin, who eventually left us too.

Some longtime members have departed, when they retired and could move on to daytime programs. We remember fondly Alberta Tompkins, Mary Lou Williamson, Pearl Siegel, Ruth Morris. We also welcome late-comers with commitments like ours who have joined our ranks – for example Cathy Jarva and Ann and Bill Stratton.

Two of our group are mothers of a former Miss Greenbelt. That would be Amy Derin and Rena Hull. Three of us have been honored as Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen. Rena again, former classmate Mary Lou Williamson and this reporter.

Several of us have been dog owners. News about these pets and their idiosyncrasies gets exchanged some days after class while we tie our shoes and gather our jackets.

This is also where we order and receive the citrus fruit to support the Eleanor Roosevelt High School music program. First Amy, then Rena and finally Karen Snyder – each the mother at one time of an ERHS musician – faithfully delivered our

half or full bushels of oranges, tangerines and grapefruit to the parking lot when class was over.

Sometimes we share pictures of vacation trips or special events. Anne Riley blew us away with scenes from her climb up Mount Everest's lower slopes. Amy took us visually with her to Glacier National Park.

Vicariously we have shared weddings, cruises and trips out west. Rena introduced us to the world's largest-known dinosaur skeleton in, I think, New Mexico.

**Rewards**

Why do we keep coming back? Amy says, "It's really important to keep moving," to make it "a way of life." It's true, of course. Our legs are stronger, we're fitter, healthier, safer, less prone to falls. During periods between sessions we all say how much our bodies miss our class.

When our numbers dropped once to what we think of as our core group – not enough, the city said, to keep the class going – we circulated a petition and gained a reprieve. Since then our numbers have stayed comfortably larger.

And why not? As Katrina says, "It's a big commitment." And then she added sagaciously, as this writer can confirm: "It's the best deal in town!"

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reached, I will do all I can to make sure the community gets the traffic measure they believe will be most effective as soon as possible.

Reducing crime, environmentally sensitive development and improving traffic and pedestrian safety will "Keep Greenbelt Great."

### Ric Santos



As a member of city council, I would work with my council colleagues toward accomplishing the following three objectives: First, through the city's annual budget process, I would seek to maintain the current level and quality of city services. In light of known and anticipated reductions in aid to local governments (from federal, state and county sources), it is essential that council prepare a budget that avoids any increases in taxes. Identifying new and alternative revenue sources will assist negating the need to contemplate tax increases.

Second, I would strive to have the city remain actively and forcefully engaged, as a true stakeholder and partner, in the planning and development process of Metroland or the Greenbelt Station project. Ensuring the appropriate business and residential mix in a low-impact transit-oriented development plan that supports mass transit will aid in minimizing additional auto traffic while maximizing the opportunity to mitigate potential wetlands disturbance. The development plan must respect design guidelines in the adopted Greenbelt Metro Sector Plan and the retail component must conform to existing legislation.

Lastly, I would work toward a comprehensive public safety review that focuses on our police and fire departments while also addressing pedestrian safety and traffic concerns. It is critical that our police department continue to provide a high level of police service. My comprehensive public safety plan would encompass an evaluation of the operation of the police department with an emphasis on evaluating the effectiveness of current police personnel allocation. I am committed to focusing and re-directing police services to those areas hardest hit by crime trends, such as in areas where auto theft, burglaries and robberies are significant problems. It would be my hope to improve our quality of life, community-wide, through consistent and sustained community-oriented policing.

### Leta Mach



The spirit of Greenbelt is one of working together to enhance our community. In this spirit, if elected, I expect to work with my fellow council members, city staff and Greenbelt citizens to address issues that arise. I have identified three priorities: education, development and services. It is no secret that education in Prince George's County needs to be improved and this impacts Greenbelt. Admittedly, the schools are run by a school board outside our city government's control – but not outside our influence. As a city council member, former teacher,

chair of the Advisory Committee on Education and parent of Prince George's County school graduates, I pledge to use my knowledge of school issues for the benefit of Greenbelt's schools. Specifically, I intend to see that Greenbelt Middle School is rebuilt. It is possible to have development that is good for the city. In this regard, the proposed development at the Metro Station is a wonderful opportunity. We must insist that the stores are "upscale" – anything less is superfluous. Good development must also address appropriate scale, the environment and traffic. I intend to work with all interested parties to see that a "gem" is created. Through the years, Greenbelt has worked hard to meet the needs of our citizens. As we have met the needs of children and young families, now we must work to enhance the services that we provide for our senior citizens. Greenbelt is becoming a Naturally Occurring Retirement Community (NORC) as our citizens "age in place." Studies have shown that the needs of these seniors can be met more economically and with a higher quality of life when services are provided at home rather than in a nursing home. As a city council member, I intend to find ways to continue the Assistance in Living/NORC program.

### Konrad Herling



The first priority must be public safety. Community policing has been effective and must continue, perhaps to a greater degree than it is today. Code Enforcement Officers should be considered for duty at such locations as the Roosevelt Center to provide greater, more consistent presence. Public Safety Advisory Committee plays an educational role in developing and reinforcing habits which all of us need to keep in mind: to be aware of your personal surroundings, to walk with a friend, to remember to take your keys with you when you leave your car. We also need to re-energize the crime watch program.

The Arts Center, New Deal Café, Greenbelt Access TV, Recreation Department and Police Department should continue their joint commitment to teen programming.

Second, we should improve our intra-city transportation. Getting people around town easily without a car is another part of what has been part of living in Greenbelt.

Offered initially to complement Metro, the county-funded "The Bus" provides little or no information regarding its routes and times of arrival, key components to a successful bus operation. Council and the City's Department of Planning need to work with our county councilman to improve marketing and designing routes which will attract greater ridership.

Finally, let's strengthen our sense of community. We need to establish a community-wide, neighborhood by neighborhood Greenbelt promotion program. Why? To increase involvement and volunteerism for our many organizations. Additionally, this program would make it much easier to re-energize the crime

watch program, an essential element to reducing crime.

Such a program would enable us to continue such important offerings as the Labor Day Festival. In a city which relies on volunteers to "make things happen," self-rewarding volunteerism must be encouraged and nourished.

### Ed Putens



A reduction of crime in Greenbelt. Even with increased police manpower, which I have regularly advocated, we still have a significant crime problem. The weekly News Review crime log highlights the problem. We have a continuing drug problem, increased gang activity and constant vehicle thefts. This affects the entire city and particularly Springhill Lake. I will propose surveillance cameras in Springhill Lake and other vulnerable locations, including the Parkway overpass, and upgrading existing cameras at Roosevelt Center. I support the police chief's proposal to increase police presence by hiring less costly Public Safety Officers (retired officers) to patrol specific higher-crime areas. However, the police cannot do everything themselves. We must empower residents to be the eyes and ears of the police, as part of a community policing strategy.

A plan for reconstruction of Springhill Lake. The October 2 News Review story deserves everyone's attention. The SHL owners want to replace their aging current buildings and rebuild within a new urban design. I want that plan to include owned housing, such as condos and townhouses. I also want the plan to include a homeowner assistance plan for current renters who want to stay in Greenbelt. These changes will create a more stable community with fewer unwanted visitors and less crime. They would also make the often forgotten residents of Springhill Lake a more integral part of the Greenbelt community.

Specific measures to address quality of life issues. I am receiving more complaints from residents. Some of these "small" problems are not small to the people affected. They include people frustrated by Comcast's lineup changes and cleverly disguised rate increases; people whose vehicles are towed from legitimate parking spaces, and/or are forced to pay outrageous fees; and people who report violations of our noise ordinance not enforced by the city.

### Judith F. Davis



Should I be re-elected, I have many goals that I intend to accomplish in the next term, but several stand out as most critical. Traffic safety, which includes pedestrians and cyclists, as well as vehicles, is an area of great concern in all of our neighborhoods and among all of our residents. It was one of the benefits of Greenbelt's unique, original design and needs to be updated and enhanced through measures such as traffic calming, crosswalk and stop sign "stings," and greater enforcement. We need to educate our residents to be more

aware of ways which they can use to ensure their safety. We also need to encourage everyone to work with our police officers and alert them to areas that need stepped-up enforcement.

Preserving and increasing our greenspace is another important goal. The Greenlands Ordinance and the acquisition of the Sunrise property are tremendous strides in the right direction, but more sites need to be inventoried, evaluated and prioritized, while keeping in mind our future needs for active recreation areas. A Greenspace Master Plan, as suggested by our Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, needs to be developed as soon as possible. Greenbelt, working with other municipalities in Maryland, must fight to keep Program Open Space funds from being cut.

An additional way to accomplish my first two goals is to "watchdog" aggressively any future development or redevelopment projects in Greenbelt to ensure that adequate recreation areas and greenspace are included, sensitive environmental areas are protected and our traffic situation is not worsened.

My third goal would be to insist that city services and programs are available and equitable throughout Greenbelt and are well publicized. Every neighborhood and every resident should benefit from the high quality of life which we, as taxpayers, expect and enjoy.

## NASA Unveils Plans for Campus

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

The draft EA is now available for review and comment. It may be viewed online at <http://gis.kci.com/GSFC/SpaceScienceBuildingEA.pdf>. Comments should be submitted in writing by October 25, 2003 to NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Safety and Environmental Division, Greenbelt, MD 20771, Attn: Lizabeth Montgomery, Code 250. Comments may be sent electronically to [enviro@pop200.gsfc.nasa.gov](mailto:enviro@pop200.gsfc.nasa.gov).

For further questions contact Beth Montgomery at 301-286-0469 or Dave Larsen at 301-286-3918. Hard copies of the EA may also be obtained from Montgomery at the number listed above.

## MVA Closing

The Motor Vehicle Administration will close its full-service and express offices on Monday, October 13 in observance of Columbus Day. All Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program stations will also be closed.

The answers to question 2 will be published in the October 16 issue of the News Review. Question 3 answers will appear in the October 23 issue.

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Patrick J. McAndrew, Treasurer

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## KONRAD HERLING

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Konrad Herling with his eighth grade English teacher, Arthur Maas, and long time family friend, Rose Haber.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call Konrad at (301) 345-9369. If you'd like to make a contribution to the campaign, please send your checks to "Herling for Council" 128 Northway, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

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