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Current Council Last Minute Action Creates Forest Preserve

by Diane Oberg

There was applause, whoops and cheers from the crowd that filled the council chambers and spilled out into the hallway after the Greenbelt City Council unanimously approved an ordinance at its October 27 regular meeting that would put 225 acres of city land into two "forest preserve areas." Most of the citizens who spoke on the issue urged council to approve the law that night. The feeling was not unanimous, however. The Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB), and the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) recommended that additional steps be taken before considering this law.

Under the ordinance, removing lands from the preserves would require the approval of four council members, instead of the three required for other actions. Council approved a companion resolution that amends the city charter consistent with the forest preserve ordinance. The charter amendment, al- determined through a manage-

though approved by council at this meeting, will not take effect until at least December 16. If a petition meeting city requirements is presented by December 16, the change would be put on hold and put to a citizen vote at a referendum. The ordinance will become effective 10 days after passage.

The ordinance puts most of the city-owned wooded land between Greenbelt Homes, Incorporated and the Baltimore Washington Parkway into a protected status. The existing Northway fields, the compost site and the location designated for the observatory, would not be included in the preserves. Land in the preserves is to be "managed to provide for and protect the natural character of these lands and to allow for the use of these lands in a manner that does not alter or degrade the essential nature of these lands." The specifics of what this means will be

ment and maintenance policy that council will establish in the future. The ordinance states that such policy guidelines shall be subject to the limitation that any maintenance proposed is the minimum necessary to preserve and protect the natural resource. The law specifically prohibits any new roads (with some emergency exemptions), use of motorized vehicles (except maintenance and public safety), any mechanical transport (except authorized under the Americans with Disabilities Act). The law also prohibits construction of bridges, shelters, culverts, levees, dams, dikes and other structures or the installation of any public facilities or utilities. Hunting, trapping, fishing and all forms of biking are also banned. The city is also prohibited from sponsoring or permitting special events in the preserve such as races, physical endurance tests, survival

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<u>Analysis</u> What Factors Will Voters Use In Choosing a New City Council

For the first time since 1973, there will be at least two new persons elected to the Greenbelt City Council. During the past 30 years, with one exception, the Greenbelt electorate has chosen to reelect incumbent councilmembers if they chose to run again and not more than one incumbent at a time has chosen to not seek reelection. This time, incumbents Thomas X. White and Alan Turnbull are not seeking reelection. Coincidentally, one of the newcomers

by James Giese

For a complete breakdown of voting precincts and polling places, see the City Information ad on page 7.

individuals - Leta M. Mach, James H. Inzeo Sr., Konrad E. Herling and Richard J. Santos who have never before served on the council although Herling has previously run for the office. If any of these persons were elected, they would be newcomers to the council but not newcomers to Greenbelt. All have compiled extensive records of service to the community.

oping Springhill Lake was a strong difference found. All but Inzeo felt that tearing down the existing apartments and replacing them with a new community would present an opportunity for improving the city. Inzeo, however, expressed strong opposition to the buildings being torn down and the residents displaced. As to other differences, voters can refer to the candidates' responses to the News Review's three questions and to this paper's articles about the various candidate fo-

City Registration Figures As of October 9, 2003

Precinct	November 2001	November 2003	er Change
3 – Center C 6 – North En 8 – Springhill 13 – Greenbel	d 2,092 Lake 2,067	2,589 2,114 2,132 4,024	-0.7% +1.1% +3.1% +4.9%
TOTAL	10,602	10,859	+2.4%

Seven Candidates Face Off **Tuesday in Council Race**

by Elaine Skolnik and Mary Moien

Seven candidates competing for five seats on the Greenbelt City council next Tuesday are winding up their campaigns this week. Sparking voters' interest in the upcoming election is the fact that two sitting council members chose not to run again. On the campaign trail are three incumbents, Judith F. Davis, Rodney M. Roberts and Edward V.J. Putens. Their positions are being contested by challengers Leta M. Mach, Konrad E. Herling, Richard J. Santos and James H. Inzeo, Sr. Also, as in previous years, voters will be able to complete a questionnaire pertaining to city services (see ad on page 6).

Eligible to vote in the city's four precincts on Tuesday, November 4, will be 10,859 residents. According to the city's Fiscal Year 2004 Budget, the population of Greenbelt is 21,340; in the 2000 Census residents numbered 21,456.

In the past decade, the highest voter turnout was 25.1 percent in 1995; the lowest was 20.1 percent in 1999. In 2001, the turnout was 22 percent of the 10,602 eligible voters.

Contributing to the low turnouts over recent years were the dismal number of persons voting in Springhill Lake's Precinct 8 (just 3.8 percent of the 2,067 voters registered in the precinct in 2001) and the fact that city elections, which are held in offpresidential years, usually produce lower voter registration and turnouts.

Signs are being posted at nine public locations.

At the close of voter registration this year (see chart), 10,859 city residents are eligible to vote in next Tuesday's election, an increase of 2.4 percent from 2001. Greenbelt East's Precinct 13, with its 4,024 eligible voters, is the largest of the city's four precincts. Second largest, with 2,589 registered voters, is Center's Precinct 3. These are followed by the 2,132 in Springhill Lake's Precinct 8 and 2,114 in North End's Precinct 6. Precincts 13, 8 and 6 have an increased voter registration from 2001 while Precinct 3 showed a decrease. Precinct 13 had the largest increase - almost 5 percent.

The Greenbelt Connection will transport voters free of charge to and from the polls next Tuesday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Call 301-474-4100 for a ride. The bus will also make pickups at Green Ridge House at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Election night reports and results will be televised after the polls close, starting about 8:30 p.m. on Channel B-71.

Potpourri

Rodney Roberts, Richard Santos, Konrad Herling and Leta Mach reside in the center core of the city. Judith Davis, Edward Putens and James Inzeo reside in Greenbelt East. No candidates are from Springhill Lake. Seeking a seat on the five-member city council for a two-year term are three incumbents and four challengers.

elected in 1973 was White. Turnbull has served three terms or six years on the council.

There are seven candidates running for the five council seats. Three of the candidates -Judith F. Davis, Rodney M. Roberts and Edward V. J. Putens - are currently serving on the council with Davis serving as mayor and Roberts as mayor pro tem. (The mayor and mayor pro tem are chosen by each newly elected city council at its first meeting from among its members. By tradition, the two top vote-getters at the election are picked for the top jobs, but the only legal requirement for being elected to these positions is obtaining a majority vote of the councilmembers. five In Greenbelt, all five members of city council are elected at-large for two-year concurrent terms.)

Also seeking election are four

Issues

Voters will not be able to make their choices for the council based upon clear-cut differences among the candidates on the issues facing the city. While they have variances in the way they think the city should do things, they are pretty much in agreement on the basic issues: crime is a major concern that must be addressed, the development of the area at and around the Greenbelt METRO station for commercial and residential purposes needs to be transit-oriented and not adversely impact on local traffic, the city's greenbelt must be preserved and protected and it is important to maintain the high quality of city services. Only on the issue of redevelrums

With little differences in philosophy, the election will largely revolve around personalities who knows whom and who likes whom. The candidates have been busy door knocking throughout the city, renewing old acquaintances and making new ones in the hope that they will garner enough votes to be chosen.

Other Factors

The importance of other factors that may play a role in choosing candidates are more difficult to discern. The sex of the candidates may be important to some. There have been fewer women elected to the council than men over the city's 66-year history although those women who have sought the office have been fairly successful in getting

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Signs

Under voluntary sign restrictions that were passed in 1991, candidates are encouraged to display small signs on wooden poles constructed and placed at public locations by the city.

Current council members have served together for three

See CANDIDATES, page 5

What Goes On

Friday, October 31

6 to 8 p.m., Trick or Treat in Greenbelt Sunday, November 2

1 to 5 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center **Tuesday, November 4**

7 a.m. to 8 p.m., City Election

7:30 p.m., Arts Advisory Board, Community Center Thursday, November 6

7:30 p.m., GHI Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room



Tyroler Photo Exhibition Of Family Under Water

by Nicole DeWald

Most of us know the feeling surrounded by water, buoyed by its density, almost floating. Our bodies sway with its turbulence, however subtle. We never quite hold a fixed position, instead giving ourselves over to a relaxed state of fluidity. This soothing experience was the starting point for the "Water Intimacy Portraiture" of Greenbelt photographer Barbara Tyroler. Over the past two years, Tyroler has created a unique body of underwater color photographs with her daughter Rebecca Samm Tyroler-Cooper, 21, and her father, Dr. Herman "Al" Tyroler, 79. Images from this project are currently on view in a new exhibition at the Greenbelt Community Center.

Tryoler's work formed the basis of her master's thesis in fine arts, which she completed at the University of Maryland Baltimore County in May of this year. Subsequently the work has earned Tyroler a first place award in a regional photography exhibition at the Touchstone Gallery in Washington, D.C., curated by Joe Mills.

The series began in 2001 when the artist's father started exercising at the therapeutic aquatic facility at the Duke University Medical Center. He invited Tyroler to join him with her camera knowing of her longstanding artistic interest in the water and its role as "healing agent." Tyroler has been taking photographs in the water since she was pregnant with Samm. Her initial series dealt with dreams and birthing imagery. Since then, she has created many water portraits with her daughter,

tinue at the Greenbelt Community Center through November 28. The gallery is open 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily whenever the space is not reserved for special use. The exhibition will be accompanied by three public programs at which the community can meet and work with the artist. A reception with Barbara Tyroler will take place on Sunday, November 2 from 2 to 4 p.m. as part of the city's monthly Artful Afternoon program. Other free activities on November 2 are the grand opening of the Community Center darkroom with tours and hands-on activities, a stained glass workshop, a workshop for children to create ornaments for the city's holiday tree and a studio open house with the Community Center's Artists

On Tuesday, November 11 at 8 p.m. in the art gallery in the Community Center, Tyroler will present a slide talk about her work at the monthly meeting of the Greenbelt Photo Club. This program is free and open to the general public.

in Residence.

On Saturday, November 22, from 1 to 3 p.m., adventurous families are invited to join Tyroler for a unique photo opportunity at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center, located at 101 Centerway. The artist will lead a workshop with five intergenerational family pairs (such as parent/child or grandparent/grandchild) who will take photos of each other in the pool. Each participant also will receive a portrait taken by Tyroler. All ages from infants to seniors are welcome to participate. No experience or equipment is required. A small materials fee applies. Advance registration is required Tyroler's exhibition, "Recon- at the Greenbelt Community Center by Friday, November 14. For further information call 301-397-2208.

Letters

Thank You

I would like to thank our council for voting this past Monday night in favor of the ordinance which will protect our woodlands. In particular for seeing that Greenbelt does not lack for ball fields, playgrounds or pavilions, but could quite easily lack for trees without intervention. There was discussion that this ordinance should not pass without a "plan." I appreciate that council recognized that protecting the woods is a plan.

Colette Zanin

Artful Afternoon Program Sunday

On Sunday, November 2, the Greenbelt Recreation Department will host an Artful Afternoon program at the Greenbelt Community Center, located at 15 Crescent Road. The event will include a variety of free arts activities for all ages. Younger guests will enjoy making decorations for the city's holiday tree with intern Sarah DeGennaro from 1 to 3 p.m. Guests 16+ can join Artist in Residence Jean Newcomb and make their own stained glass night light from 1 to 5 p.m.; this workshop is intended for persons without prior experience in stained glass. From 2 to 4 p.m. photography buffs will have a reception with Greenbelt photographer Barbara Tyroler for her new exhibition at the Community Center featuring underwater portraits of her father and her daughter.

Also from 2 to 4 p.m., join Darkroom Manager Hilary Howes for the grand opening of the Community Center darkroom with tours and a free photogram workshop for ages 8 to adult.

Other activities taking place on November 2 will include a studio open house with the Community Center's Artists in Residence and tours of the Greenbelt Museum's nearby historic home, both from 1 to 5 p.m. The Greenbelt Museum's current exhibit at the Community Center, featuring the editorial cartoons of Isadore "Izzy" Parker, will be open for viewing.

Artful Afternoons are an ongoing series sponsored by the City of Greenbelt Department of Recreation on the first Sunday of every month. For information contact 301-397-2208 or write to ndewald@ci.greenbelt.md.us.



News Review Holds Annual Meeting, Elects New Officers

by James Giese

Members of the Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association, Inc., the staff members of the Greenbelt News Review, met on Sunday, October 26 for the paper's annual meeting. Much of the business meeting was spent in hearing reports on the paper's activities during the past year and discussing problems raised in the report. Members also elected a board of directors for the coming year.

Five current members and two new members were elected to the board. New board members are Marat Moore and Pat Davis. They join Diane Oberg, Jim Giese, Eileen Farnham, Judy Bell and Virginia Beauchamp. Stepping down from the board but continuing as staff members are Mary Moien, who also served as secretary, and Barbara Hopkins.

New Officers

After the annual meeting the new board elected its officers. Diane Oberg was elected president, a position she has held many times before, and was also reelected treasurer. Jim Giese takes over as vice-president. Judy Bell was elected secretary.

At the annual meeting Business Manager Ron Wells reported that in the last fiscal year the paper had made a small profit of \$1,200 after taxes. (While the paper tries to operate on a break-even basis, it is a for-profit cooperative corporation and therefore pays state and federal income taxes on any profits.)

One of the issues discussed was the need for more volunteers, particularly news reporters willing to cover city council and other meetings in town, a sports reporter, people to work at the ad desk, typists familiar with WordPerfect or Word, persons knowledgeable about computers and bookkeepers/ accountants familiar with Quikbooks.

Another issue was the problems now encountered with the paper's internet service provider and the difficulties with spam, insufficient computer memory and speed to handle some of the more complicated advertisements and photographs submitted by email and the need for faster service such as is offered by DSL.

Improving distribution of papers in Springhill Lake, another problem, continues to be unresolved.

While the staff continues to work at resolving these problems, its principal efforts are directed toward producing a newspaper each week for the citizens of Greenbelt. In spite of blackouts, hurricanes or blizzards, Greenbelt volunteers have successfully accomplished this result for 66 years. We have never missed an issue.

Remember to Vote on Nov. 4

The Old Curmudgeon

Old Curmudgeon cartoonist Izzy Parker was feeling a bit under the weather at press time. The News Review wishes him well and looks forward to seeing both Parker and the Old Curmudgeon next week.

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her husband David Cooper and other family members.

structing Intimacy: Water Occupation and Enhanced Memory in Familial Portraiture," will con-



PRELIMINARY AGENDA **MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS** Thursday, November 6, 2003 GHI BOARD ROOM at 7:30 p.m.

Key Agenda Items

- New Vehicle Purchase
- Report on Non-Native, Invasive Species Eradication in Parcels V & W
- Underground Utility Repairs 14G-P Laurel Hill Road
- Proposed Water Supply Relining Pilot Project 62A & B Crescent
- 3rd Quarter Operating Reports
- Guesthouse Operations Review

Regular board meetings are open to members

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

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

Star Gazing Party At Northway Field

Come explore the universe. The Greenbelt Astronomy Club is celebrating

by holding a star gazing party on Saturday, November 1. Everyone is invited. The event begins at dusk and is scheduled to last until at least 11 p.m. Club members will be on hand with a variety of telescopes and binoculars to share views of star clusters, nebula and constellations. Mars continues to be very close to earth and the view is fantastic. Uranus is now visible about the same times as Mars (starting around 8 p.m.). The location will be Northway Ball Fields at the end of Northway. The event is free and open to the public. In the event of hopelessly cloudy skies, this event will be cancelled.

Directions to Northway Fields: From Greenbelt Rd. take Southway to Ridge Road and turn right. Go approximately three-fourths mile to Northway (third stop sign) and turn right. Follow the dirt road, bearing left at the fork to the observing site. For more information, directions and map visit the web site at http://lheawww.gsfc.nasa.gov/ docs/outreach/gac/GAC.html.

Fight Invasive Plants Saturday

Help protect Greenbelt Park from harmful invasive plants. Join in a hands-on nature preservation activity and learn about native and non-native plants.

Meet Saturday, November 1 at 11 a.m. in the Sweetgum Picnic Area.

This program will be every first Saturday of the month. Come rain or shine and wear appropriate clothing and bring work gloves and a lunch/snack. This is a partnership between the Greenbelt Park and the University of Maryland.

Greenbelt Park's entrance is located between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway at 6565 Greenbelt Road. For more information call the park at 301-344-3944 or visit the web page at http:// www.nps.gov/gree.

Cadillac Show

Antique and classic Cadillacs will be on display at the Annual Fall Cadillac LaSalle Show being held at Capitol Cadillac Company, 6500 Capitol Drive on Sunday, November 2. The show begins at 10 a.m. and awards will be presented at 3 p.m. Approximately 60 cars will be on display both inside and out, rain or shine. Admission is free. For additional information and details, call Nick Wilson at 301-774-5154 of the Potomac Regional Cadillac-LaSalle Club.

First Friday Movie Offered by Theater

by Larry Hilliard "Finding Nemo" is the First Friday Movie Club selection for Friday, November 7. The movie begins at 1:30 p.m. sharp and is preceded by pizza and soda in the Greenbelt Community Center for the St. Hugh's crew that gets out of school at noon on first Fridays during the school year.

St. Hugh's parents and the P&G Old Greenbelt Theatre began the club in 1999 and have brought such movies as Space Jam (the first one), Jonah, Monsters Inc., The Iron Giant, Stuart Little, Harry Potter and Shrek to the Greenbelt landmark. The showings have attracted 50 to 100 St. Hugh's schoolchildren and chaperone parents.

October 3 Spy Kids 3-D was a great success, bringing in a large crowd. A second school, Holy Redeemer in Berwyn Heights, also had the afternoon off and several families visited Greenbelt's theater when they learned of the program.

For more information call Larry Hilliard at 301-474-7504.

Explore Kenya

Explorations Unlimited welcomes Stacy and Dean Tuthill on Friday, November 7. They will share many of their excursions in the Great Rift Valley from Lake Turkana in the north to the Maasai territory in the south. The former will include the customs of the Turkana people and the Koobi Fora site of Leaky excavations. The ways of life of the Maasai will be illustrated and slides of the people and their lifestyles will be shown. Stacy will also read a story from her book, The Taste of Smoke, which is concerned with traditions of the Maasai.

Stacy is a poet and writer, a former English teacher and a literary press publisher. Dean was a professor in the Agriculture and Resource Economics Department at the University of Maryland. The Tuthills have traveled to countries in East, West and Southern Africa, spending a year or more in each country. Their work was mainly in agriculture on AID-sponsored projects.

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

Community Events

Poetry Plus Meets Poetry Plus, a group for poets

and poetry lovers to listen and talk, an appreciative audience for new poems or old, poems people love, hate or don't understand, will meet on Saturday, November 8 at the Greenbelt Library, 10:30 a.m. to noon. The suggested topic is "Children's Verses." The program is open to all who enjoy talking about poetry. It will help to bring five to ten copies of the poems for the group to read.

At the Library Children's Programs

Wednesday, November 5, 10:30 a.m. Cuddletime for twoyear-olds with caregiver.

Thursday, November 6, 10:30 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5.

Adult Programs

Saturday, November 8, 10:30 a.m. Poetry Plus for adults. Theme: children's verse.



Scouting for Food

Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will conduct a food drive to benefit local food banks. The scouts will distribute bags to each household in Greenbelt for residents to fill with non-perishable food to be given to the food banks. Filled bags may be left on front stoops for pickup on Saturday, November 15.

Writers Critique Group Forms

The Greenbelt Writers Critiquing Group invites all interested writers to participate. The group is small and informal and committed to providing encouragement for each other. It is a good place to get honest feedback about one's writing.

Some of last year's group are no longer participating, so a group is being formed that is essentially new. New participants can be part of the process of deciding when to meet and how the group will operate. In the past, methods have included bringing a piece of writing, reading it aloud and hearing other's reactions, as well as the option of providing written material to take home between meetings for a more thorough critiquing.

The next meeting will be Friday, November 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Cen-

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The members enjoyed an interesting meeting on October 22. It was "Show and Tell" day. Nick Pergola showed pictures of presidents and other famous people he photographed when he worked for United Press. He was a photographer on Capitol Hill at the time.

A doll collection was presented by Arlene and Bill Souser. Ellie Rimar showed an Indian doll collection and identified the tribes they represented. Lori Moran had an angel collection and Rachel Algaze a carved coconut from Cuba.

Roger Brown brought an enlistment certificate dated 1863 from his Civil War collection. Bunny Fitzgerald displayed a hand-made quilt from her mother-in-law and a crazy quilt from the Victorian era which she had rescued from a neighbor's trash. Betty Polaschik had an old, very heavy iron. Micki Weidenfeld showed pictures of happenings in Greenbelt when many members looked much younger. It was fun to recognize friends and families.

Ed Griffin was the greeter for the day. Rose Haber and Robert Terrell won the 50/50 raffle.

Travel committee co-chair Shirleyann Egenrieder announced a trip to Midway Casino in Delaware on January 22, 2004 and a trip to Chesapeake Dinner Theater in February.

Congratulations to Ellie and Joe Rimar on the birth of their great-grandchildren, identical twins.

Auditions to Be Held at Arts Center

Auditions for Ira Levin's "Dr. Cook's Garden" will be held from 7:30 to 10 p.m. on Sunday, November 9 and Monday, November 10 at the Greenbelt Arts Center, 123 Centerway. Three roles for men and two for women will be cast by Director Roy Hammond and Producer John Calhoun. Readings will be from the script.

Ira Levin is also the author of "Deathtrap" and "Rosemary's Baby." For more information see www.greenbeltartscenter.org or call 301-441-8770.

Arts Advisory Board Meets

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will host a regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 4 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Greenbelt Community Center, located at 15 Crescent Road. For information, contact Nicole DeWald at 301-397-2208.

Mowatt Concert

Local talent including the Good Guys, Kenny Clark, Kelly and Her Violin, The Maplewood Dream Girls, a Roosevelt High School group and others will participate in a variety musical, "Fall into Winter Concert" at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Road, on November 8 at 7 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public.

SEND US NEWS of your meeting dates. Tell us what is going on so that we can let all of Greenbelt know!

RUMMAGE SALE Sun., Nov. 9 9 am - 5 pm Mon., Nov. 10 Noon - 8 pm MISHKAN TORAH SYNAGOGUE Ridge Road & Westway, Greenbelt, MD 301-474-4222 Clothes – Housewares – Appliances TV – Books – Sports Equipment – Toys NEW TO YOU SHOPPING – GREAT VALUES – HAVE FUN GOOD OLD-FASHIONED RUMMAGE SALE



GHI Notes

Meetings for the week of November 3 through 7 are as follows: November 6 – Ad-Hoc Education Committee, 4:15 p.m. Conference Room; November 6 – Board of Directors, 7:30 p.m. Board Room. The next Pre-Purchase Orientation will be held Monday, November 3 at 7:15 p.m.

GREENBELT TALENT FALL INTO WINTER CONCERT November 8, 2003 7:00 PM Featuring: The Hardmans Featuring: The Hardmans Park & Lee The Ransons Dream Girls MOWATT MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 40 Ridge Road

ter. For more information, contact Marj Donn at mbdonn@mindspring.com. FONDCA PRESENTS Adrenaline Friday evening Q - Ilpm in the Roosevelt Center <u>Teen Costume Contest</u> - Prizes-. This (Halloween) week at the New Deal Café Fri. – Dan Hart Satirical Songs and scary thoughts Adult Costume Party - the Theme "Creative People from the Past" Sat. – The Gliders Sun. – Verlette Simon and her Jazz Trio 5 – 7 pm

Al Geiger - Volunteer Adman and Paleontologist

by Judy Bell

This article is the first in a series of occasional pieces that highlight the contributions of the volunteers on the News Review staff.

Al Geiger contacted the News Review in 1986 to volunteer his services as a copy editor. At the time, however, his services were most needed at the ad desk. He's been there ever since. In addition to his duties answering phones, taking ads and logging them in, Geiger does occasional copy editing and also researches and writes articles.

"There's a community atmosphere here," he remarked. "You hardly ever see anybody mad at anybody else. Everyone puts up with everyone else's stuff. And you get to see the results of your work. There's a product - writing."

Geiger grew up on a farm in Saranac, Mich. He at-

tended the University of Michigan. He moved to Greenbelt in 1956 for a job as a geologist with the Department of Agriculture in Beltsville. He was transferred to Milwaukee in 1960. but returned to Washington in 1964 and moved back to Greenbelt, now residing on Lakeside Drive with Mary, his wife of 53 years. The Geigers have six children - "the youngest is 44," he comments, and ten grandchildren - "the youngest is three."

During Geiger's career he also taught Engineering Geology at George Washington University and continued teaching there for a number of years after his retirement in 1980.

He joined the Fossils, a Bethesda group for retired professional men formed in 1950, and continues to attend monthly meetings with them to hear speakers and to socialize. Geiger also belongs to an exercise class where "I'm outnumbered by women, 20 to one," he jokes.

As if that weren't enough, the



Paint Branch Unitarian

County Schools Calendar Change

Prince George's County Board of Education revised the 2003-2004 school calendar to reflect instructional make-up days necessitated by emergency school closings due to Hurricane Isabel. The make-up days are Tuesday, November 11, and Monday, January 26, 2004.

The two selected days were previously designated as a parent-teacher conference day and a professional development day. For more information, contact Susan Hubbard at 301-952-6795.

Fall Colors Are Now on Display

Enjoy the fall colors close by in Greenbelt Park. With no entrance fee, the park offers an optimum chance to see the fall colors. The park also offers a picnic area and campground.

Greenbelt Park's entrance is located between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway at 6565 Greenbelt Road. For information, call the park at 301-344-3944 or visit the web site at www.nps.gov/gree/.

Bands to Perform

The University Band and the Community Band present a free joint concert on Wednesday, November 5 at 8 p.m. at Dekelbaum Concert Hall, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, University of Maryland.

Cantor Phil Greenfield

Obituaries

David (Boz) Anthony Boswell

David Anthony Boswell, known to his friends as "Boz" died on Tuesday, October 28, 2003, at Washington Adventist

Hospital. He was 48 years old. Mr. Boswell grew up in the 21 Court of Ridge Road, attending Center Elementary, Greenbelt Junior High and Parkdale High School. He played in Greenbelt Little League.

Following graduation from high school, he continued to live in Greenbelt. He was a member of St. Hughs and the Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Berwyn Heights.

David Boswell was the son of the late Wilmer Boswell and Floy Landreth Boswell, father of the late David Michael Boswell and William (Billy) Scott. He is also survived by brother Robert Boswell, Gatesville, Tex., sisters Kathy Boswell Clark, Huntsville, Ala. and Floy Boswell of Forest Hill, Md.

A memorial service will be held at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Berwyn Heights, on Saturday, November 1, 2003, at noon.



Greenbelters were sorry to hear of the death of David (Boz) Boswell. Our sympathy to his family.

Congratulations to Marine Corps PFC Jake A. Gigliotti, son of Kathleen and Gregory V. Gigliotti of Hedgewood Dr., who recently completed training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. and was meritoriously promoted to his current rank. Gigliotti successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

ERHS graduate Geoffrey Walton of Greenbelt has entered Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va. as a freshman.

Congratulations to Elfriede (Gerti) Wines of Ridge Road who has been recognized by the District Manager and Regional Vice President of Rite Aid for "exceptional performance in delivering superior customer service."

The women of 13 Court of Ridge treated Joyce Mangum to a birthday lunch this week at Sir Walter Raleigh. We won't tell how old you are, Joyce.

Share your neighborly news that recognizes births, deaths, personal accomplishments, etc., with the entire community.





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death, and the living creatures of all kinds that He has scattered therein, and in the veering of winds and clouds which are held between the sky and the earth, are indeed signs for people of understanding." - The Holy Qur'an, 2:164

This was the timeless message sent down to the Prophet Muhammed (peace be upon him) nearly 1400 years ago. That's what Muslims believe, how about you? For more information about Islam, contact 301-982-9463 or visit www.islamworld.net

Council Candidates Address Green Ridge House Voters

by Jill Lodato

Hurricane Isabel was back in the spotlight when the seven candidates running for the Greenbelt City Council presented their issues before a group of citizens at Green Ridge House during a candidate's night last Tuesday evening.

Leta Mach, James Inzeo, Edward Putens, Konrad Herling, Richard Santos, Rodney Roberts and Judith Davis, as their names appear on the ballot, introduced themselves and discussed issues pertinent to the residents of Green Ridge House, the most controversial being the wake caused by Hurricane Isabel.

At the top of his list, Santos addressed the need for additional "on-site generated electricity." This idea hit home with those in attendance and remained a prominent topic of discussion for the entire night.

The meeting was scheduled to begin officially at 7:30, but the candidates arrived in enough time to catch up with familiar faces and meet for the first time all those that were not. Tom Ward, president of Green Ridge House, called the meeting to order and began the evening's events.

The first candidate to speak was Konrad Herling, who has 26 years of community experience. His "sense of obligation to make things better," he said, has led him to support transportation that would make it easier to get around. He also spoke in support of a stronger sense of community, one that is strengthened through involvement. "Let's make a great place even greater," Herling said.

Judith Davis spoke next. She discussed some of her numerous involvements in the city and said she would like to "reach out to all other elected officials" to help preserve Greenbelt. She told the Green Ridge House residents how important they were to those on the council. "We are united because we are all Greenbelters," Davis said.

Funding for the police and fire departments, Greenbelt's "first responders," was the first issue addressed by Davis. She then discussed the need for improvement in pedestrian safety and general public safety. Pedestrian safety was an issue touched on by almost all candidates and was apparently a primary concern for the residents as well.

Davis also focused on equity in neighborhood services as well as her intention to preserve the green space in the area. She did not mince words, however, when it came to the city's monetary situation. "We too have budget problems," Davis said, and that, she said, will just have to be dealt with.

In his turn Jim Inzeo stated that he would like to see the city "grow in the way we would like to see it." To him, this means prevention of the Intercounty Connector, which he feels will only hurt the community. His priority, however, is Greenbelt's own municipal zoning authority.

Edward Putens then stood up and announced his intention to begin using "bribes and blackmail." The bribes were in the form of a basket full of apples, which he offered to any and all in attendance. Pictures from an anniversary party attended by some in the room served as his blackmail tool. After the meeting was over, the pictures were displayed for all to see. For Putens, it would be a "privilege and an honor" to serve again.

Leta Mach spoke next on assisted living programs and healthy schools, noting that "we do not have control over the schools, but we can influence them." Rodney Roberts, who followed her, said he would do everything in his power to present Greenbelt in a more professional manner.

Two issues relating specifically to the residents of Green Ridge House were discussed by the candidates. Hurricane Isabel was number one on the list.

Hurricane

Santos discussed the loss of electricity during the storm and the need for more generators at Green Ridge House. Many residents require electricity for certain medical conditions and "minimal service was available," he said.

In response to comments from the audience on the subject, Davis said plans need to be developed in order to deal with the problem of outages in the event that it happens again.

Herling emphasized this point what's going on."

as well, placing a sense of urgency on it since one never knows what the winter could hold in terms of inclement weather. Mach stressed the need for individuals to have emergency plans of their own in situations such as Hurricane Isabel. The city will do what it can, she said, but individual preparedness is always a safe bet. Putens echoed this sentiment when referring to the Public Safety Committee and its work with the county. He said they would detail the city's emergency preparedness plan if residents felt it was necessary.

Safety Issues

Another issue of debate at the forum was pedestrian safety. Santos described Greenbelt as a "walking community." The city is sprinkled with walking paths and underpasses and for many residents this is their main source of transportation. He supported the "Adopt-a-Bench" program and encouraged the enhancement of publicity for it. He requested that more benches be placed around the city, especially in "areas frequented by senior citizens."

In addition, the safety of those walking came into discussion. Santos called for the monitoring of crosswalks and continued police enforcement.

Carroll Skinner, a resident, spoke up on this issue. He questioned why Roberts had not done anything about this issue when he always sees him up and down Ridge Road. Roberts responded by saying he personally had taken time off work in order to vote in support of a lower speed limit in Greenbelt. "Now we can change the speed limit," Roberts said.

Davis agreed. She said that council is "working as best we can, so that we can be as safe as we can."

Putens encouraged residents to get license plate numbers of those witnessed speeding. If there is a problem, he asked citizens to call and have it looked into, noting that the city is "more active with speeders than ever." And the people in the room at this meeting play a crucial role in the city, as Putens described them; they "know what's going on"

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terms. Thomas X. White, who is not running for reelection, has been on council the longest – 15 consecutive terms (four as mayor pro tem). Alan Turnbull, also not a candidate for reelection, has been on council for three terms.

Davis, in office for five terms, is currently mayor. She is the first person residing in Greenbelt East to serve as mayor. Roberts is serving his sixth term on council; Ed Putens is serving his eleventh term.

This year two women are on the ballot again – Leta Mach

and Judith Davis. Two of the challengers – Konrad Herling and Leta Mach – have been named in previous years as Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen.

Twenty-two percent of the 10,602 registered voters participated in the 2001 council election. Percentage-wise, the North End precinct 6 led in percentage of votes cast, 35 percent, while Greenbelt Center precinct 3 cast the most votes, 784. The Springhill Lake precinct 8 had the worst turnout at less than 4 percent.



Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI), one of the largest and most established housing cooperatives in the country, is offering brief and informative presentations designed to introduce cooperative life style to you. The presentation will explain what a cooperative is, how it operates, what services are provided members and financing sources which are available. This information will be useful to you whether or not you purchase membership in the cooperative or decide to purchase a home elsewhere. This is an ideal opportunity for you to learn about GHI in a relaxed atmosphere and afford you the opportunity to make an informed decision about your future housing needs.



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The next presentations are scheduled as follows:

Monday, November 3 7:15 p.m. Saturday, November 15 11 a.m.

Please call the receptionist at 301-474-4161 for reservations and information. The sessions are free and there is no obligation. There are lists of "Homes for Sale" at the GHI office. There is no charge.

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City of Greenbelt Election Questionaire 2003

As in the past elections, you are asked to take a few minutes to complete the following questionnaire. The information obtained will be useful to the newly elected City Council and City staff. Your confidential responses will be consolidated in a report for general distribution. Please place completed questionnaires in the box provided at the polling location or send it to the City Office at 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770.

GENERAL INFORMATION	PUBLIC WORKS	RECREATION	EDUCATION
(Please Check One) 1. Residency	1. Please rate the following services: 4=Excellent, 3=Good, 2=Fair, 1=Poor	 Please rate the following services: 4=Excellent, 3=Good, 2=Fair, 1=Poor 	1. Do you have any school-age children?
ApartmentTownhouse CondominiumGHI Detached Single Family Home 2. Do you?OwnRent 3. Age: 18-2961-74 30-4475+ 45-60 4. How many years have you lived in	Street/Sidewalk Maintenance Street Cleaning Street Lighting Snow Removal Park Maintenance Ballfield Maintenance Horticulture/Planting Trash Collection Recycling-Residential Pick-up Drop off Recycling Centers Building Maintenance	Aquatic & Fitness Center Community Center Recreation Centers Summer Programming (camps, concerts, etc) Senior Programming Sport & Athletic Programs Special Events (Greenbelt Day, Festival of Lights, etc.)	If yes, please rate the schools currently attended. (4=Excellent, 3=Good, 2=Fair, 1=Poor) Greenbelt Elementary Springhill Lake Elementary Magnolia Elementary St. Hugh's School Greenbelt Middle School Eleanor Roosevelt High School Home Schooling Other
Greenbelt? Less than 1 Year	Greenbelt Connection		
 1-5 years11-20 years 6-10 years21-30 years More than 30 Years 5. Employment Status (Please check all that apply.) 	 If you have contacted Public Works, was the office staff polite and courteous?YesNo Do you know what items to recycle?YesNo 	What are the arts activities that interest you most?(please select 3) Crafts Sculpture/Ceramics Dance	2. What are the most critical needs of your school? More Teachers Books Smaller Classes Technology Resources
Full-TimePart-Time UnemployedRetired Stay at Home Parent At-Home	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	Music Creative Writing Drama Film/TV Photography	Athletic/Playground Resources Better Facilities After School Activities Enrichment Opportunities
6. Where do you work? Greenbelt Baltimore	CODE ENFORCEMENT 1. Have you had personal contact with	Painting/Drawing Other	Other
Montgomery County Prince George's County Washington, D.C.	the City's Community Development division in the last 2 years? YesNo	 Please rate the following activities. 4=Excellent, 3=Good, 2=Fair, 1=Poor 	a sain
Virginia Other	2. Was the Community Development employee polite and courteous? Yes No	Visual Arts Classes Performing Arts Classes Creative Kids Camp	
7. How do you typically get to and from work? (Please check all that apply.) Personal Automobile Carpool/Vanpool Metrorail	3. Did the Community Development employee assist you satisfactorily? YesNo	Art Exhibitions Artful Afternoons Performances	
Bicycling/Walking Bus MARC Telecommute	GREENBELT CARES SOCIAL SERVICE	GENERAL COMMENTS	
8. Do you have Internet access?	1. Please rate the following services: 4=Excellent, 3=Good, 2=Fair, 1=Poor	1. Name what you like most about the Greenbelt community.	
 9. Have you visited the City's website at www.ci.greenbelt.md.us? Yes No 10. Have you watched a City Council Meeting or Work Session on Channel 71 	Counseling (individual, family, or group) Crisis Intervention Counseling Discussion Groups in Schools Babysitting Workshop GED Program Tutoring	2. Name what you like least about the Greenbelt community.	
over the past year? YesNo 11. Do you watch any of the other pro- gramming on Channel 71? YesNo	2. The Community Mediation Board (CMB) mediates non-legal disputes. Were you aware of this free service? YesNo	3. Are there any improvements y City services?	ou would like to suggest for the

PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Please rate the following services: 4=Excellent, 3=Good, 2=Fair, 1=Poor

 Police Presence

 Police Responsiveness

 Fire & Rescue

 Traffic Control

 Parking Enforcement

 Animal Control

1. Are you aware that the City has a program to help seniors remain in their homes?

ASSISTANCE IN

LIVING PROGRAM

_Yes ____No

2. Are you or someone else living in your home over age 60?

_____Yes _____No

2. Have you had personal contact with the City's Police Department in the last 2 years? ____Yes ____No

3. Was the police employee polite and courteous? ____Yes ____No

4. Did the police employee assist you satisfactorily? ____ Yes ____ No

3. If yes, what services do you currently need in order to remain in your home?_____

4. If the City offered counseling programs for seniors would you participate? _____Yes _____No

4. General Comments:



City Information

POLLING PLACES-Where to vote!

CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND City elections are not held in the same locations as county, state and national elections.

Precinct 3–Center Municipal Building 25 Crescent Road

Crescent Road #1-155 Damsel Court Eastway, #2 Gardenway Lady Anne Court Lakecrest Circle Lakecrest Drive Lakeside Drive Lakeview Circle Maplewood Court Olivewood Court Parkway Pinecrest Court Ridge Road, #1-42; 44; 46; 48 Southway Vanity Fair Drive Westway

> Precinct 6–North End Police Station 550 Crescent Road

Eastway $\#\overline{1;3;5}$ **Empire Place** Fayette Place Forestway Greendale Place Greenhill Road Greenknolls Place Greentree Place Greenway Hedgewood Drive Hillside Road Ivy Lane Julian Court Lastner Lane Laurel Hill Road Lynbrook Court Northway Orange Court Periwinkle Court Plateau Place Research Road Ridge Road #43; 45; 47; 49-446 Rosewood Drive Tamarisk Court White Birch Court Woodland Way

Precinct 8-Springhill Lake Springhill Lake Recreation Center 6101 Cherrywood Lane

Breezewood Court Breezewood Drive Breezewood Terrace Precinct 13-Greenbelt East, Greenbriar Community Center 7600 Hanover Parkway

Bird Lane Brett Lane Brett Place **Brooks** Place Burkhart Court Candlewood Place **Canning Terrace** Chartwell Place **Cloister Place** Craddock Road Craddock Court Emily's Way Frankfort Court Frankfort Drive Frankfort Place Green Crescent Court Green Manor Place Greenbrook Drive Greenwalk Court Hanover Parkway (excluding 7000-7298) Jacobs Drive Kara Court Lake Drive Lake Park Drive Landon Court Mandan Court Mandan Road Mandan Terrace Mathew Street Megan Lane Morrison Drive Ora Court Ora Glen Court Ora Glen Drive Ryan Way Somerset Court South Ora Court Spring Manor Drive Springcrest Drive Springshire Way Sunrise Court Sunset Place Village Park Drive Wintergreen Court

TRANSPORTATION

TO POLLING PLACES On Tuesday, November 4, 2003, the Greenbelt Connection will provide free transportation to polling locations for City voters between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Citizens who

GREENBELT CITY ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2003 POLLS ARE OPENED FROM 7:00am-8:00pm MAKE SURE TO GET OUT AND VOTE! Election questionaire is available on the back page of the News Review, at the polls and at www.ci.greenbelt.md.us Costume Contest & Parade Parade The Youth Center October 31st 3:45pm-5:15pm

3:45pm-5:15pm 301-397-2200

Registration begins at 3:45pm

You must register to be eligible to win! Parade begins promptly at 4:00pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend dressed in their Halloween best! Judges will award a prize pack to the "Best Costume" in each of the following categories: 18month—3 years / 4 years—Kindergarten / Grades 1 & 2 / Grades 3 & 4 / Grades 5 & 6.

Carnival Style Games \circ Prizes \circ Refreshments \circ Treat Bags

Sponsored by the Greenbelt Department of Recreation on The Youth Center on 99 Centerway on Greenbelt, Maryland 20770 **TRICK-OR-TREAT- Friday, October 31 from 6-8pm** Residents wishing to participate are asked to turn on their porch lights. Apartment dwellers should tie a

piece of white cloth on their door.

The City of Greenbelt is seeking sealed bids for the purchase of the following equipment:

Aluminum dump body, hoist, hydraulics and snow removal equipment to be installed on a 2004 Ford Model F-550 w/60" CA. Snow removal equipment is a 9 foot snow plow package installed and tailgate salt spreader. For a detailed specification list or questions, call Kenny Hall at Greenbelt Public Works, 301-345-9334.

Bids must be received prior to the opening, to be held at 10:00 AM, Thursday, November 20, 2003 in the City Council Room, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

An Artful Afternoon

Sunday, November 2 from 1-5pm Greenbelt Community Center FEATURING: HOLIDAY TREE CRAFTS!

Enjoy this free mini arts festival featuring a studio open house, art exhibits, projects, Greenbelt Museum tours, etc. **1-3pm:** Younger guest can make decorations with Sarah DeGennaro.

1-5pm: Guest ages 16+ can make their own stained glass night light.2-4pm: Reception with

photographer Barbara Tyroler. Also...Grand Opening of the Community Center Darkroom!

Info: 301-397-2208

FALL LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM

GHI Homes: Leaves must bagged and placed on your service side yard. Call Public Works at 301-474-8004 by 12 noon on Thursday to schedule a Friday collection.

Detached Homes: Place bagged yard debris at the curb by 7am on Friday and it will be collected. You do not need to call for pickup. The City will vacuum loose leaves raked into piles on your curbside in front of your property. Areas to be collected will be posted.

November 4-7: Lakeside November 10-14: Boxwood November 17-21: Woodland Hills, Greenbrook Village, Greenbrook Estates, Greenspring I & II, Windsor Green November 24-26: Lakewood

December 1-5: Lakeside
December 8-12: Boxwood
December 15-19: Woodland Hills, Greenbrook Village, Greenbrook Estates
December 22-24: Lakewood, Greenspring I & II
December 29-January 2: Lakeside, Windsor Green
January 5-15: All Areas

Cherrywood Court Cherrywood Lane Cherrywood Terrace Edmonston Court Edmonston Road Edmonston Terrace Springhill Court Springhill Drive Springhill Lane Springhill Terrace

OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups. Vacancies exist on the: Park and Recreation Advisory Board For more information, please call 301-474-8000. wish to avail themselves of this service should call:

GREENBELT CONNECTION: 301-474-4100

to schedule their transportation. In addition, the City bus will make scheduled pick-ups at

GREEN RIDGE HOUSE at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

and will return to Green Ridge House after the voters have cast their ballots. All leaves must be bagged after January 15th. The leaf vacuum will no longer be collecting loose leaves.

BACKYARD COMPOSTING

The City encourages residents of detached homes to compost their yard waste. You can start a compost pile, make a simple bin from chicken wire, scrap wood or fencing, or purchase a readymade bin. A limited number of yard waste compost bins are available for sale for \$6.00 each. For further information on composting or to purchase a yard waste compost bin, contact the Public Works Department at 301-474-8004.

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

MUNICIPALACCESS 301-474-8000: Tuesday & Thursday, November 4 & 6: 6:00pm "A September 11th Remembrance" 6:30pm Greenbelt Museum presents "Let's Make a Date to Remember" featuring Chris Cherry and Steve Brodd

PUBLIC ACCESS 301-507-6581 Wednesday & Friday, November 5 & 7: 7:00pm "In the Raw" **7:30pm** "Kelli and Blair's Baby Shower" **8:15pm** "Greenbelt Concert Band Interviews"



Judith F. Davis

Judith F. Davis, known to one and all as just "J," is in her fifth term on the Greenbelt City Council. Currently she serves as mayor. Prior to her election to the city council in 1993, she was a member of the city's Advisory Planning Board (APB) for 10 years and was elected chair by that board's members for five straight years from 1988 to 1992. Davis is the council liaison to the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum.

Presently Davis is the council's representative to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) Board of Directors. In January 2003, she was elected vice chair of the COG Board. Davis is also an appointee to COG's Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee. In the past she has served on COG's Ad Hoc Digital Divide Task Force, Strategic Planning Committee and Executive Director Search Committee. She is COG's liaison to the Potomac Regional Education Partnership Advisory Board and to the Advisory Board of the Institute of Regional Excellence. Davis has been appointed to the Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee of the National League of Cities. She is a past president of both the Prince George's County Municipal Association and the Prince George's Elected Municipal Women. She is a member of Women in Government Service, Women in Municipal Government and the Maryland Mayors Association.

This past June Davis was reelected to the Maryland Municipal League's Board of Directors, having previously served four years on the board and two years on its executive committee. In November 2002, Davis became a Graduate Fellow of the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance established by the Institute for Governmental Service. Also in November 2002, Davis was appointed by the governor to the State Commission on Public Safety Technology and Critical Infrastructure. In February 2003 the county executive appointed her once again to the Proposal Advisory Group for the Community Development Block Grant program of the county's Department of Housing and Community Development. Davis is also presently serving on the County's Zoning Ordinance Review Task Force as one of its two municipal representatives. Davis retired in 1999 after 30 years as a sixth grade teacher employed by the Prince George's County Board of Education. An educator for 35 years, she holds bachelor's and master's degrees from West Chester State University in West Chester, Pa. She served the Prince George's County Educators Association (PGCEA) as board member and treasurer and chaired host subcommittees of the National Education Asso-

Biographies of Candidates

The biographies of the city council candidates are reprinted below in alphabetical order. Each submission was prepared by the candidate him/herself.

ciation for three national conventions.

A condominium owner in the Greenbriar subdivision, Davis moved to Greenbelt in 1975 and immediately became active in local affairs. She was elected to the board of directors of Greenbriar Phase I from 1979 to 1993. She served as carnival chair for the Labor Day Festival Committee from 1981 to 1997. In 1995, Davis was a member of the Project Design Committee that formed GIVES, the Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service, of which she is a charter member. She was reelected to the GIVES Board of Directors for a fifth term as vice president in June 2002. Davis also serves on the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Academy Program's Business and Higher Education Executive Advisory Board.

Davis was selected as Woman of the Year 2000-2001 by the Business and Professional Women/USA. She is also a recipient of an award for Outstanding Leadership and Service in Politics by the Minority Affairs Committee of PGCEA.

Davis maintains active membership in civic organizations such as the Greenbelt Arts Center, Friends of the Greenbelt Museum and the Greenbelt Lions Club. She is also a member of the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club, Friends of the Greenbelt Library, Friends of the Greenbelt Theater, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, the Women's Committee for the National Symphony Orchestra, Business and Professional Women/ USA, Friends of the National Zoo and the Sierra Club.

Konrad E. Herling Konrad Herling, Greenbelt Arts

an important principle. The Herling family motto was, as corny as it may sound, "Cooperation is our motto." This concept was reinforced by a community where it was critical that people be involved, be it as members of the local business co-op, nursery, as participants in Greenbelt Homes Incorporated or as good neighbors. Equally important in the Herling household was the idea that being involved in the community's offerings in a positive way enriched each individually while enhancing the quality of life for the town as a whole.

Herling's recreational and cultural experiences included swimming, tennis and piano lessons as well as Little League baseball (now the Cal Ripken League). He attended Greenbelt Center Elementary (today, the structure serves as Greenbelt's Community Center), Greenbelt Junior High (now Greenbelt Middle School), and Parkdale High. He attended and graduated from Towson University with a B.A. in history and secondary education with a minor in Latin American History. Between semesters he worked for the Greenbelt Department of Public Works mowing lawns, working with the trash crew, planting and pruning trees in Springhill Lake and cleaning up minor oil spills at Greenbelt Lake.

After graduating from Towson University, Herling substitute taught in area schools, worked as a construction laborer for Washington Homes, Inc., and umpired for the Little League. In March of 1977 he began his 26-year career with the Federal Communications Commission. Herling, who received the Catherine Foster Award for Public Service in May of this year, is a broadcast analyst and the Media Bureau's electronic filing expert.

Herling's previous community experiences include serving as vice president of the Springhill Lake Civic Association (1980-1983), as a member of the GHI Nominations and Elections Committee, vice president and secretary of the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club and Greenbelt Arts Center representative to the Roosevelt Center Merchants Association. He helped organize the Roosevelt Center Charrette (1985) to help re-design the town center, was a member of an earlier version of the Crime



James H. Inzeo

James H. (Jim) Inzeo, Sr., has served as a member of the city's Park and Recreation Advisory Board for three years and the Advisory Committee on Education for four years.

Inzeo has worked on Capitol Hill as an aide to Congressman Eliot Engel of New York. Inzeo also worked as legislative counsel to the Prince George's County Senate delegation which was led by State Senator Leo Green. He has served on the staffs of candidates for the United States Senate and the House of Representatives. Presently he is employed with Ashlin Management Inc, where he has worked for nearly seven years, working at the Baltimore City Office of Child Support Enforcement.

Inzeo has served as president of Citizens for Greenbelt, the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club and the Prince George's County Council of Democratic Clubs. His past political experience includes, but is not limited to, being campaign manager to Gil Weidenfeld's county council campaign in 1994. He has also served as a political advisor to candidates locally and countywide.

Inzeo holds a B.A. in political science and history from CUNY – Lehman College and has his law degree from Washburn University Law School of Topeka, Kan.

A homeowner in the Windsor Green community, Inzeo moved to Greenbelt with his wife of 24 years, Hilda, and three children: James, 23; Matthew, 18; and Michael, 17. Before moving to Windsor Green, he and his family lived in GHI in the 54 court of Ridge Road and 13 court of Hillcida Road grandchild early in the New Year. Proud parents to be are Amy and Albert Avila.

In 2000, Mach was honored as Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen. This recognition followed years of community service in a variety of positions with many different community organizations.

She first became involved in Greenbelt when her children joined Greenbelt Cooperative Nursery School. She became a member of the cooperative's board of directors as chair of the Housekeeping and Bylaw Revision Committees and Treasurer. Later, she served as president of PTAs at both Greenbelt Elementary School and Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS). After her children graduated, she continued to be involved in the school and served on the Eleanor Roosevelt Community of Schools Community Advisory Board.

In 1995 when the City Council established the Advisory Committee on Education, she was appointed to the committee and elected chair by its members. She has been re-elected chair at each election since and has helped guide the development of ACE programs to the benefit of Greenbelt's schools.

Because of her interest in communications and writing, she volunteered to help at the *News Review* soon after moving to Greenbelt. She served as a reporter, editor and proofreader for many years. In 1979, she joined the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee as vice president of facilities. The next year she became publicity chair and continued in that position or as assistant until 1992.

Her work experience also reflects her dual interests in communications and education. From 1969-73, she taught Early Western Civilization, Modern European History, Asian Area Studies and Soviet Area Studies at Suitland Senior High School.

From 1981-87, she was the Information Specialist at Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI). She was responsible for media releases, brochures, hotline messages, advertisements, audio-visual materials, a newsletter, annual reports, corporation minutes and monthly information and educational programs. During this period, she served on a committee for the formation of the Greenbelt Museum and, after that became a docent at the museum. For Greenbelt's 50th anniversary, she also chaired the Greenbelt Oral History Committee that collected video oral histories. She also participated in the book project by writing chapter two of *Greenbelt*: History of a New Town. Her other cooperative service includes chair of the GHI Audit Committee from 1988-89 and secretary of the board of the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative since 1993. Beyond Greenbelt, she is secretary of the board of the Cooperative Communicators Association, the only national professional association for communicators working in cooperatives. In 2002, she was honored with that association's highest award, the H.E. Klinefelter award. She had previously in 1995 received the national Co-op Month Award for Communications.

Center founder and former Community Relations Advisory Board chairman, filed for candidacy for the Greenbelt City Council. Active in community life for 26 years, Herling has served Greenbelt in a variety of capacities - from co-producing plays, dance recitals and concerts at the Greenbelt Arts Center or co-producing community-oriented programming for Greenbelt Access Television, Herling's volunteerism has been motivated by two key driving forces: first, to bring the community he grew up in closer together and second, to improve the quality of life in the process. These lessons were learned at an early age through the example of his parents, Albert and Frances.

Herling was 10 months old when the family arrived from New York in December, 1953. He and his sisters Karene and Erica learned that working together was Prevention Committee (1983-5) and was a member of the task force to support the bond referendum of 1987 (provided funding to convert the former elementary school to a community center and to create Schrom Hills Park).

Herling has also been concerned with Greenbelt's youth. This past year he helped coach six-to-eight year olds in the "machine pitch" baseball program and helped produce two teen concerts. In 1987-88, he served as vice chairman of the Arts Policy Committee, whose report led to the creation of the Arts Advisory Committee. In 1989, he proposed the creation of a city planning department, which was established shortly afterward. He received the Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award in 2001.



Leta M. Mach

Leta Mach and her husband Darrell moved to Greenbelt in 1974 when their son Ryan was a year old. Their daughter Amy was born in 1975. In the last several years, many happy events have occurred for the Machs including the weddings of both children and the expectation of a

Since 1987 she has worked, at National Cooperative Business Association (NCBA). Currently, she is director of cooperative education where she produces educa-

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tional videos and multi-media programs, coordinates educational conferences and is developing an online education program.

Mach grew up in a military family that was stationed overseas and in several U.S. states. While she was in high school her father was stationed in Washington, D.C. and she graduated from a Prince George's County school – Bladensburg.

Mach attended Michigan State University where she met her husband. In 1969, she received a B.A. with Honor with a major in history and minors in English and education.



Putens is completing his 11th term on the Greenbelt City Council. If re-elected, he would be the most senior member of Council in length of service. Putens has been a resident of Greenbelt for 36 years, living in Springhill Lake, Charlestowne North, Windsor Green and now in Greenbrook. He was born in Hazelton, Pa. and grew up in Baltimore. His family includes his wife Becky and three grown children - Kim, now married, and Ryan and Amy, both now living in GHI.

Putens has worked for the Federal government for 31 years and has received many awards and commendations. Since 1987 he has been with the Food and Drug Administration. Putens previously served in a variety of senior management and staff positions for the Department of Labor, Office of Personnel Management and U.S. Postal Service.

Putens has continued to take a leading role to improve police protection and crime prevention. The council supported his initiative to use video cameras in strategic areas in the city (currently in use at Roosevelt Center); to place two School Resource Officers in Greenbelt schools for security; and establish the Public Safety Advisory Committee. He successfully initiated the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE), as well as the Four Cities Coalition among Greenbelt, College Park, New Carrollton and Berwyn Heights, to expand inter-city cooperation. Putens has taken a leading role on senior citizen concerns and initiated establishment of the Senior Task Force, which led to establishment of the permanent Senior Citizen Advisory Committee. He has been active in efforts to control development and address the traffic concerns arising from proposed developments. He (with the mayor) met with Governor Glendening to urge successfully that the state purchase 75 acres next to the Metro property, to which additional acres will be donated by the owners. He initiated the eventually successful effort to have a traffic light in-

stalled at Greenbelt and Mandan Roads, and a guard rail installed at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

One of the trends during Putens' tenure which has pleased him most has been the expansion of the City's recreation facilities (Community Center, indoor pool, renovated outdoor pool, renovated Youth Center, Schrom Hills Park) and recently upgrading of the GHI playgrounds, lighting of Braden field and the plans for a skateboard park.

Until 1993, Putens was the only Council member living in Greenbelt East, and he has worked actively with the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC), of which he was a co-founder. He was an original member of the Windsor Green Board of Directors, and served for eight years.

He is currently Board President of the Greenbrook Estates Homeowners Association. He has served as an usher at St. Hugh's Church for many years.

Putens has also been active in a variety of community organizations, including Greenbelt Consumer Co-op, Friends of the Greenbelt Museum, the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club, and previously the Greenbelt Arts Center. He was an active participant in the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club programs when his children were younger.

While on the City Council, Putens has served on numerous county, state and national committees to represent Greenbelt's interests. He is a member of the regional Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments (COG), Prince George's County Municipal Association, Maryland Municipal League, and National League of Cities (NLC). He currently serves on the COG Human Resources and Public Safety Policy Committee, which he previously chaired, and was a member of COG's Transportation Planning Board. Putens has served on several committees of the National League of Cities, including the Public Safety Policy Committee, and is now on the Steering Committee of NLC's Small Cities Council.

Putens is a graduate of the University of Maryland where he earned his degree in microbiology and was a member of the University's lacrosse team. While attending college, he was employed in various research capacities for medical and research development companies and coauthored several patents dealing Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club. He currently resides at 38-M Ridge Road. Roberts is the sole proprietor of RMR Mobile Repairs, a small business that specializes in on-site repairs of various types of equipment and vehicles.

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

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

Roberts has enjoyed volunteering his practical skills to groups

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elected. However, there have never been more than two women serving on the council at the same time and that will still be true after this election is over as only two women are seeking the office.

Place of residence may be another factor that might help or hinder a candidate. While the majority of Greenbelters live in Greenbelt East and Springhill Lake, candidates from the center section of Greenbelt have always held the majority of seats on the council. Three of the candidates this year are from Greenbelt East - Davis, Putens and Inzeo. No resident of Springhill Lake is seeking the office. In central Greenbelt three of the four candidates are from GHI - Herling, Santos and Roberts. Two of the candidates live in free-standing homes, Mach in Boxwood Village in central Greenbelt and Putens in Greenbrook Estates in Greenbelt East.

Another factor that may influence voters, particularly as relates to the non-incumbents, is the candidate's record of service to the community. Mach has been the chair of the city's Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) and has served on school PTA's as well as being active in city cooperatives. Inzeo has chaired the Citizens for Greenbelt and served on ACE and the Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB).

Putens has served on the council for 22 years, is a boardmember of the Greenbrook Estates Homeowners Association, was a past chair of the Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB) and served on the board of the Windsor Green Home-owners Association. Herling is principally known for his role in promoting the arts in Greenbelt having founded and served as chair of the Greenbelt Arts Center. He has also served on CRAB and Greenbelt Access Television.

Santos has been an active member of the American Legion, having served as commander of the Greenbelt Post #136 and then advancing into county, state and national legion offices, last serving in the Legion's highest post, National Commander. Roberts has been on the council for 12 years and was the former chair of the Committee to Save the Green Belt.

Davis has served 10 years on the council and has been the city's mayor for the past six years. She was a past chair of the Advisory Planning Board and of the Labor Day Festival Carnival Committee.

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

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POLICE BLOTTER

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

Robbery

100 block of Westway, October 15, an arrest warrant was obtained charging a 21-year-old, nonresident man with one count of armed robbery for a robbery that occurred on August 22, 2003. The warrant was turned over to the Prince George's County Sheriff's Office for service.

Burglaries

5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, October 15, 5:47 p.m., unknown person(s) gained entry into the pool house by kicking in the front door. Nothing was taken.

7000 block Megan Lane, October 20, 12:46 p.m., unknown person(s) gained entry by unknown means and started a fire in the basement that damaged the carpet. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

Theft

7400 block Greenbelt Road, October 15, 3:35 p.m., unknown person(s) gained access to the victim's bank account by unknown means and withdrew money.

5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive, October 17, 3:30 p.m., unknown person(s) removed a wallet from a man's backpack while he was wearing it.

Trespass

Springhill Lake Shopping Center, October 21, 3:30 p.m., a nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespassing. He was panhandling at the center and was advised to leave by agents of the property. He refused and was arrested. The suspect was released on citation pending trial.

Vandalism

Braden Field, October 16, 2:29 p.m., unknown person(s) broke out several tennis court lights.

Drugs

6000 block Springhill Drive, October 21, 5:05 p.m., a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia. An officer stopped a vehicle for an equipment violation and detected the odor of marijuana emanating from inside the vehicle. Paraphernalia commonly used to smoke marijuana was located inside the vehicle. The suspect was released on citation pending trial.

5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, October 22, 12:38 p.m., a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of CDS paraphernalia. Police responded to a possible burglary in progress, which was unconfirmed. They encountered several individuals in the hallway with open alcoholic beverages. One person was found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to smoke marijuana. He was released on citation pending trial.

Weapons

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, October 14, 1:45 p.m., a Greenbelt youth was arrested for possession of a deadly weapon on school property. A Prince George's County deputy sheriff went to the school to serve the youth with three arrest warrants. The student was found to be in possession of a knife. He was released to the custody of the deputy sheriff.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were stolen: a 1996 Nissan, October 3, from the 7900 block of Mandan Road, recovered October 7 by the Prince George's County Police; a 1996 Honda Accord, October 15, from the 9200 block Edmonston Road, recovered the same day, no arrests; a 1995 Ford Mustang, October 16, from the 3 Court Ridge Road, recovered October 21 by the Prince George's County Police, no arrests; a brown 1993 Acura Vigor, Maryland tags ESR749, October 17, from Beltway Plaza Mall; a green 1995 Honda Accord, D.C. tags BS5244, October 18, from Beltway Plaza Mall; a 1997 Plymouth Breeze, October 19, recovered the same day by Fairfax County Police, no arrests; a black 2000 Mercedes C220 4door, Maryland tags A071228, October 19 from the 7600 block of Mandan Road; a brown 1991 Plymouth Voyager van, Virginia tags ABY-9084, October 19 from the 5800 block of Cherrywood Lane; a green 1993 Plymouth Voyager van, Maryland tags M815756, October 19 from the 6200 block of Springhill Court; a gold 2004 Chrysler Concorde 4-door, Maryland tags KSB368, October 19, from Beltway Plaza Mall; a 1994 Dodge Caravan, October 20, from the 8000 block of Mandan Road, recovered the next day, a Louisiana man was arrested and charged with auto theft; a white 1988 Mercury Cougar, October 20, recovered the same day by the Maryland State Police, no arrests; a 1995 Nissan Maxima, October 20, from Greenbrook Drive at Candlewood Place, recovered October 23 by the Prince George's County Police, no arrests; a 2003 Dodge Ram truck, October 21 from Beltway Plaza Mall, recovered the same day by the Metropolitan Police; a black 2003 Hummer H2, Maryland tags M969315, October 22 from the 7500 block of Greenway Center Drive.

Thirteen vehicles were recovered. Arrests were made in two of the recoveries.

Thefts from, vandalisms to and attempted thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7800 block Mandan Road, 9000 block Breezewood Terrace, 6200 block Springhill Drive, 8100 block Mandan Road, 8000 block Brett Place, 7400 block Greenbelt Road, 8100 block Mandan Terrace, 7900 block Mandan Road, 7600 block Hanover Parkway, 9100 block Edmonston Road and 6500 block Capitol Drive.



by Denny Carter

The pageantry and color of Greenbelt's finest were on display Friday night as the city recognized officers from both the city police and the park police at the American Legion Post 136.

For the first time in the event's 15-year history, the Public

his wife, who he said "has raised our kids with all the crazy hours I have to work." Diethrick, who joined the park police in 1992, is the force's vehicle coordinator, in charge of the police cruisers that log thousands of miles, particularly along the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

Marvin Marks, a three-and-ahalf-year veteran of the Greenbelt Police, was awarded the Greenbelt policeman of the year award. Lt. Thomas Kemp who introduced Marks to the crowd of about 150, said Marks assisted in the arrests of seven people suspected of homicide this year. "Most officers go their whole career without arresting someone for homicide, let alone seven," Kemp said. "I'm honored," said Marks, who arrested several murder suspects while off-duty this year. He also made an arrest earlier this year that produced three bags of cocaine and about \$1,000 in cash. "I couldn't have done it without these officers working together as a team." Marks brought his son, sevenyear-old Jonathan, to the podium to accept the award. He thanked Jonathan for understanding the long hours that he worked this vear.

Chief Away

Two notable people were missing from this year's awards. Greenbelt Police Chief James Craze, who started the awards ceremony in 1988, missed the awards program for the first time because of a chiefs of police convention last week in Philadelphia. Sgt. David Buerger, who was recognized for initiating a criminal justice program at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, was on a cruise from Baltimore to Mexico. "We miss [Craze] tonight," Kemp said. "This department is fortunate enough to have an accomplished chief like Chief The Greenbelt Police 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.



Safety Awards included officers from the U.S. Park Police at Greenbelt Park.

"We just thought it was time to include these officers who mean so much to our safety," said Joe Beam, a member of the Legion Post and chairman of the Public Safety Awards. "It shows that we care. A lot of our members are police or former police, so they understand the importance of acknowledging everyone."

Benjamin Holmes, a 33-year veteran and assistant chief of the park police, said the officers are honored by the invitation to this year's ceremonies. "I think it's fitting that Greenbelt PD and the park police are here together," he said. "We've all worked well together over the years."

The Park Policeman of the Year award went to Sgt. Thomas Diethrick, who accepted the award with emotional thanks to Mayor Judith Davis attended the awards ceremony, along with members of the Greenbelt City Council.

Craze."

"I know many [officers] are not here tonight because they're out on the street allowing us to hold functions like this," she said.

Davis expressed her appreciation for both police forces in attendance, thanking them for "a sometimes thankless job." "You do your job with a sense of duty that is largely unrecognized by our citizens – we do appreciate you." Two bedroom block unit with separate dining area, addition on first floor, new stove, new built-in air conditioner and new refrigerator.

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exercises, war games or events primarily commercial in nature.

The law also prohibits all trail maintenance "except as provided in the management and maintenance policy" that council is to establish in the future. Further, the creation of new trails or the widening, grading or change of surface materials of any existing trail is banned except as provided in the management plan or an adopted trails plan. Clearing and pruning of vegetation, "unless for the benefit of the land," is prohibited.

The law has some teeth – those found to have "harmed, damaged, killed, relocated or removed" natural resources from the preserve may be charged with a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of \$1,000 per violation.

The only activities specified as permitted in the preserves are "activities intended to and conducted so as to result in the non-destructive experience of the forest preserve and its essential natural qualities," along with any maintenance activities set forth in the law and the eventual policy. Permitted maintenance activities under the law include maintenance of public drainage (with conditions), upgrading or expansion of utilities if the owner currently has the right to make these changes, normal maintenance of utility lines and related existing easements and maintenance of existing roads and parking areas.

Council by a simple majority vote may add lands to any preserve or establish new preserves. In fact, two additional preserves in Boxwood and Belle Point are being considered.

Removal of lands from a preserve, however, is intentionally much harder. First, council would have to approve the proposed change by a supermajority – four votes rather than the normal three. Then, the change according to the ordinance would have to be approved by a majority of the voters in the next regular election.

One specific issue raised by the Park and Recreation Advisory Board proved a particular point of contention. A task force is currently working to realign the Northway ballfields and to consider additional amenities around the fields such as restrooms and a picnic shelter. Their plan, and indeed the existing ballfields, may encroach on the protected area. PRAB asked that a 14 acre parcel adjacent to the fields be excluded from the preserve until the plan for the ballfield area is complete, so as to allow the task force some flexibility in placement of these facilities. Any such plan, PRAB chair Lola Skolnik pointed out, would come back to council for approval. Councilmember Rodney Roberts immediately objected to excluding this parcel. He argued that the exempted ballfield and observatory areas are large enough to accommodate the desired facilities. He said that if this parcel were excluded from the preserve, people would automatically put any future city athletic facilities here, rather than looking for a more equitable distribution throughout the city. Councilmember Thomas White suggested modifying the ordinance to allow for up to two acres of this parcel to be used

for the ballfield master plan facility. Roberts immediately voiced his opposition, saying the parcel was the "heart of the woods." Davis said that she was considering White's proposal. However, after calling an end at 11 p.m. to comments from the audience, during which 11 of the speakers opposed excluding any of this parcel from the preserve, she voted with Councilmember Edward Putens for Roberts' quick motion to "call the question," cutting off all council discussion as White was trying to be recognized. After the vote White expressed his disappointment that

there had been no council discussion after the public input, which he said was contrary to normal council practice.

Board Concerns

PRAB's report on the ordinance states "PRAB finds no compelling reason why the city should rush to lock up lands for a forest preserve without doing the preliminary evaluation and planning which the [forest preserve] task force will be charged to do. There is no imminent threat to these lands and the City Council can safeguard their present status while the task force accomplishes its plan." PRAB also expressed concern for the lack of public review of the proposed ordinance prior to passage. PRAB member Marc Siegel thought more consideration of the restrictions and provisions were required, such as thinking about how to provide access for those who need wheelchairs or scooters to get around. Larry Hilliard, urged council to plan first, then act, particularly since the ordinance made it so difficult to make changes if problems are found.

Doug Mangum, adult advisor to the YAC, said that YAC was concerned that the ordinance limited activities in the preserve too severely. They recommended that some land be left out of the preserve, to allow for future parkland development. They also opposed the requirement for a referendum in order to remove lands from a preserve.

Finally, YAC urged council to "table this issue until after the election. With a new city council only three weeks away [from the date of their report] we believe that there should be more discussion on this topic – especially from the youth."



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Goals for the next Council Term

Completing Roosevelt Center improvements Plan for reconstruction of Springhill Lake Acceptable plan for Greenbelt Station Second Post Office on Hanover Pkway Greenbelt middle school renovations Surveillance cameras in high-crime locations Increased police presence in neighborhoods **Emergency call boxes** Traffic calming improvements **Regulation of towing companies** Better enforcement of noise ordinance Skateboard park Lake Park cleanup plan implementation Senior citizen assisted living program Equitable playground maintenance plan Acquisition of Sunrise property

Acquiring Greenbelt Theater New police retirement plan Forest Preserve ordinance State wetlands acquisition at Metro

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Time Limits for Candidates Allow Many Questions to Be Answered

by James Giese

The seven candidates for Greenbelt City Council appearing at the Greenbelt Greens Candidates Night on October 23 were polite and courteous to each other and in general agreement on most issues with only some variance in the details. Those who might have come to see a heated debate of strongly divergent beliefs among the candidates were sure to have been disappointed.

A unique process was established to give the candidates equal but limited time to speak. After an opportunity for each candidate to introduce herself or himself in less than three minutes, the candidates were asked to answer five questions posed in advance by the Greens and additional questions from the audience.

For this segment of the evening, a water goblet was placed before each candidate. In each goblet were 16 acorns. For each 30 seconds a candidate spoke, he or she was required to remove an acorn from the glass, thereby limiting the total talk time for answering questions to eight minutes. Time keepers in the front row kept the candidates advised as to the amount of time used.

Also unique to the forum was the absence from the room of two of the candidates due to conflicts in their work schedules, Both however still participated in some form. Leta Mach was away at a cooperative board meeting but was connected to the meeting by an open telephone line connected to the sound system in the city council room. She participated in the discussion just as if she had been in the room.

Edward Putens was on his way back from an unexpected trip to Philadelphia and his hopes to arrive before the forum ended failed. In his stead Tom Renahan, who noted at the beginning that he would voice Puten's views when he knew them and would otherwise have to be silent. In no event would he present his own views.

Transportation

The first question posed dealt with improving transportation among the various segments of the city. James Inzeo began by calling for extended METRO service. Konrad Herling advocated greater use of The Bus and the Greenbelt Connection. Mach suggested that Springhill Lake should provide bus service. Richard Santos added use of natural gas and solar powered vehicles and better heavy and light rail and bus service. Putens (Renahan) suggested safer crossings of Greenbelt Road with under or overpasses. Rodney Roberts said that the \$40 million required to build a new interchange, which he opposes, at the METRO station could be used for other transportation improvements. Davis noted the city council's past work on this problem and advocated new creative ways to deal with the problem.

dealing with the pollution caused by geese. Mach also said that runoff from Lakewood and Woodland Hills had to be addressed. Roberts did not feel that geese were a significant problem. Instead he would address the problem of business waste claiming that there was a lot of oil and grease coming from the center. Inzeo said that people should polluting pay for Greenbelt Lake.

Emergency Preparedness

In the wake of Hurri- and Jim cane Isabel, the candidates were asked to comment on

the city's emergency preparedness plan and how to inform residents about it. Mach said the city needed to develop information about the plan and that areas and organizations in the city needed to develop their own plans. Herling said the city should deal with the breaker situation on Greenbelt Road. Inzeo said the city should go to the homeowners associations because they don't know what the plan is. A lot of people had suffered at Green Ridge House, he said. Davis advocated that all residents should be prepared for one-day. The city needs to establish a shelter in place. The citizens need to work together to help themselves, as the police, fire and public works will be too busy. Putens (Renahan) was not comfortable with the emergency preparedness plan. Key phone numbers should be given out. Santos said there was a need for a designated coordinator and that everyone needed a battery radio, as that was the best means of getting information in an emergency.

Springhill Lake

In view of the owner's consideration of plans to tear down and replace the Springhill Lake apartments (SHL), the candidates were asked what they would do to maintain affordable housing. Herling was first to respond saying that redevelopment of SHL presented a tremendous opportunity for the city. He advocated a mix of rental and owner occupied housing. For those displaced he advocated working with other housing areas of Greenbelt to find temporary places to stay. Davis said the council was on record to maintain affordable housing but that she did not expect much help from the county. Greenbelt does not have its own authority on this and the county feels that it has become the area's dumping grounds for affordable housing. Putens (Renahan) supports the reconstruction of SHL with a mix of housing. He wants to support homeowners with assistance and has ideas for credits, etc. However, safe housing is more important than affordable housing, he believes.



The candidate forum sponsored by the Greenbelt Greens gave city council candidates much opportunity to elaborate on their positions on various issues. Pictured above from left are Judith Davis, Rodney Roberts, Rick Santos, Konrad Herling, Ed Putens (hidden) and Jim Inzeo. Leta Mach was unable to attend.

equity. She thought the development could be a limited equity cooperative. Santos noted that much of the housing is over 30 years old. He felt there should be a person to deal with problems of persons forced out of their apartments.

Preserving the Greenbelt

The candidates stated general support for the ordinance before the council to create a forest preserve. Davis advocated a task force to put other lands in preserve. Herling said there was a need to keep track of other federal lands of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, the National Park Service and the Goddard Space Flight Center. Mach said there needed to be a balance between use and misuse and to come to agreement as to the proper uses and maintenance for the land.

Special Questions

Before audience questions were taken and the candidates used up their remaining acorns, seven questions prepared by Steve Jascourt were directed to the candidates. These questions had not been presented to them in advance and their responses were limited to yes, no and undecided. It was obvious that many of the candidates were unhappy at not being able to explain their positions and made efforts to do so..

Question 1 asked the candidates if they supported allowing non-citizens to vote. All said no except Herling who was undecided.

Question 2 asked if they supported the use of speed cameras to issue automated citations to speeders. All said yes except for Renahan who could not speak for Putens.

Question 3 asked if Greenbelt should require public disclosure of the extent and manner in which federal, state and local law enforcement officials have acted inside the city under the USA PATRIOT Act and associated executive orders. Roberts said no, Inzeo and Herling said yes and the others were undecided. Question 4 asked if the candidates were willing to increase taxes if the current level of services cannot be maintained without one. All said yes except Roberts who was undecided. Question 5 dealt with the vulnerability of computerized voting machines and asked if the candidates would support machines with an auditable paper record of each vote, even if more costly. All said yes except Herling who was undecided. Question 6 asked if the candidates would support creating and promoting serious public education efforts about the "Choice Voting" method. Mach, Inzeo and Santos said yes, Putens said no and Herling, Roberts and Davis were undecided.

The last question asked if the candidates would support the city council sending a letter to the state delegation urging them to vote against slots gambling in Maryland. Santos was undecided with the rest saying yes and Davis quipping that the council had already done that.

Public Safety

Mark Siegel asked the candidates what their real plans were to make citizens feel

safer. Inzeo said that he thought the police could do better, do more prevention on bikes and foot and be more aggressive when they are aware of crimes that might occur. He also said citizens need to be more proactive and be outside more. Herling said his program for unifying Greenbelt will help the community become more aware. He also advocated teen concerts.

Davis said that feeling safe was a perception. She felt safe where others were not. People need to believe they are safe but the city needs to do whatever it can to make people feel safe. Santos wants to look at reallocating more of the police manpower to the patrol division as patrol is a proactive response to crime Mach advocated the need to take responsibility for awareness for crime prevention.

Greenbelt METRO, ICC

Paul Downs asked the candidates how they felt about the proposed development at the Greenbelt METRO station and building the Inter-County Connector (ICC) Davis opposes the ICC and noted that the city does not have planning authority or the support of the county council as relates to the proposed METRO development. "We need to be vigilant to protect the preserve created there," she said.

Inzeo also opposes the ICC and has lobbied against it. He doesn't have all the answers for METRO but will be a dogged fighter for the community. Herling, also opposes the ICC, wants local zoning authority and wants the city to be a unified community so that it can negotiate from strength. The METRO site, SHL and the Beltway Plaza need to all be considered together, he also said.

Roberts said the interchange was the "Achilles heel" to METRO development and that its construction would bring greater density to the development. He felt the city needed to support upscale development. The council needed to be active and be active in the long run.

Mach was opposed to the development and thought it wouldn't work and bring more traffic to the Beltway and I-95. Santos said there wasn't enough parking there now and where would you put more vehicles. The proposal must be turned around, he said, and the council had to be active in that development. Otherwise there would be total paralysis on local streets.

By the end of the audience questioning, the candidates still had a few acorns left. Diane McDaniel, the moderator, gave them the opportunity to use them to do a wrap up on why they should be elected to the council.

Election Day Procedures

Voting on Election Day, Tuesday, November 4, will be held from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., at four polling places – the Greenbelt Municipal Building (Precinct 3 - Center); the Police Station, 550 Crescent Road across from Attick Park (Precinct 6 - North End); Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane (Precinct 8 - Springhill Lake); and Greenbriar Community Center, 7600 Hanover Parkway (Precinct 13 - Greenbelt East).

Greenbelters will elect five council members, all at large, for a two-year term. In order to be elected, a candidate must receive 40% of the votes cast. If fewer than five candidates receive such a vote, a run-off election will be p.m. (This meeting is set by charter.) If there is a run-off election, the organizational meeting will be held on Monday, November 17.

Upon being sworn in, the newly elected council will choose the mayor. If council members follow tradition, the top vote getter will become mayor.

Voters will also be asked to complete a city-prepared information questionnaire (see ad on page 6).

Applications

Applications for absentee ballots may be obtained in the city clerk's office in the Municipal building until noon Monday, November 3. Ballots must be returned to the city clerk no later than 6 p.m. on election day, November 4. Any qualified voter who is unable to vote in the election because of religious beliefs, physical condition or absence from the city on election day, may vote by absentee ballot. Ballots may be obtained at the clerk's office and completed at the same time. Serving on the Greenbelt Board of Elections are Judith Ott, chair, Jean Cook, Keith Chernikoff, Dorothy Lauber, and Pamela Gregory. Election judges and clerks are as follows: Precinct 3: Magdalene Fuchs, Muriel Weidenfeld, Brenda Cooley, and Christopher Husker; Precinct 6: Barbara Gremour, John James A. Harbaugh, Alan M. Schultz, and Jill Parsons-St. John: Precinct 8: Kimberly Paz, Beverly Lynch, and Patti A. Miller; Precinct 13: Warren Wilcox, Jovce Chestnut, Toni Y. Byrd, and Anne Chestnut; Absentee Ballot Clerks: Elaine Jones and Carolyn Swahl.

Greenbelt Lake

The next issue was how to improve water quality at Greenbelt Lake. Santos advocated the need for better storm water pollution control. Until other solutions became available, he advocated the limited use of herbicides. He also advocated speeding up the expansion of the dog park and the clean up of dog litter. Davis said that a study has been done; the plan is in print and needs to be followed up. Herling and Mach advocated Inzeo was the only candidate to oppose the tearing down of SHL "To displace them and throw them out on the street is bizarre," he said.

Roberts said that the housing wasn't affordable now and that there are serious problems in SHL. Redevelopment is the only way. He also felt that the only affordable housing in Greenbelt was GHI and he was sorry to see the prices go up there. Mach advocated home ownership for SHL as the way for people to build up held one week later on Tuesday, November 11.

In a run-off election, the ballot will consist of those unsuccessful candidates receiving the greatest number of votes, with up to twice as many names as there are positions to be filled. Candidates polling the greatest number of votes in the run-off are declared winners regardless of the percentage of votes received.

The 40% requirement for election was introduced in 1967. Earlier, a majority vote was required, frequently resulting in run-off elections. Since 1967, no run-offs have taken place. The last run-off election in 1965 pitted Richard Pilski against Clifford Simonson. Pilski won by one vote.

If all five council members are elected on Tuesday, November 4, there will be an organizational meeting of the new council on Monday, November 10 at 7:30

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



Richard J. Santos

Richard J. Santos was born and grew up in New Bedford, Mass. He is one of three children and the son of Dorothy F. Santos of Mesa, Ariz. Upon completion of his high school education, he entered active military service with the U.S. Navy from June to December 1962 and on the U.S.S. Enterprise CVN-65 from April 1963 to April 1965. Santos received his Honorable Discharge in America. Commander Santos di-April 1967 as a Radioman 2nd rected efforts to rekindle display

Class Petty Officer.

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

Presently, Santos serves as the legislative aide to Douglas J.J. Peters, councilmember - District 4, Prince George's County Council. As the chief assistant to the county councilmember, his duties and responsibilities include office and personnel administration, maintaining a current knowledge of content and status of county government legislation, research existing law and past-proposed legislation to assist in evaluation of pending legislation, conduct research for resolutions and other communications, conduct liaison work with other government officials and the public and coordinate constituent service operations.

Santos is a 36-year continuous, honorary life member in Greenbelt Post #136 of the American Legion, serving in many capacities from post commander to national commander. During his year (2001-2002) as national commander of our nation's largest wartime veterans' organization, he met significant challenges in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 on

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of Blue Star Service Banners for families of those serving in the United States military. He set an example for government, business and industry by asking them to offset pay losses of their Reserve and Guard employees called to active duty. He helped lay the foundation for "A Day to Remember," a community commemoration in remembrance of September 11, 2001. This position provided executive administrative experience in positions of increased responsibility within a veterans' organization and extensive experience dealing with senior staff management and volunteers. His duties and responsibilities included chief executive officer of a 2.8 million-member veterans' advocacy organization, chairman of

the board of directors, corporate financial and strategic planning and budget processes, administration over three campuses and 300 employees, and interaction with legislative and executive branches of federal and state governments.

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

and catastrophe claim service in the United States, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands.

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

Elect Leta Mach November 4



Building on the Spirit of Greenbelt ...and Expanding the Possibilities

Dear Citizens of Greenbelt:

As I hope you know, I am running for the Greenbelt City Council. In the past few weeks, I have had the chance to talk with many of you in person. I hope that I have your support in the election next week. Here are a few thoughts on the issues facing Greenbelt:

- Education We must use our influence with the school board to improve our schools. Good schools are essential for a healthy community. A key issue is to rebuild Greenbelt Middle School.
- Development We deserve an upscale, pedestrian friendly shopping center at the Metro site. We must also work to renovate and promote the Roosevelt Center. Development should adhere to Greenbelt standards.
- Preservation We need to preserve city parkland as proposed by the Greenbelt Forest Preserve and focus on the health of Greenbelt Lake.
- Services for all We should look to the needs of all our citizens. In addition to our excellent recreation programs, we need to support the Assistance in Living NORC program.
- Public Safety We have an effective police department with innovative programs such as the School Resource Officer program. Citizens can support these efforts by taking crime prevention measures and being aware of pedestrian safety.

There are many other issues that can not all be addressed here. Please call me at 301-345-8105 or email leta.mach@verizon.net with your ideas, concerns or questions.

Remember to vote November 4!

By authority of Alla Lake, Treasurer

Dear Greenbelt Voters,

In a few days, we will go to the polls to elect our City's 35th Council. As I have for the past 10 years, I ask for your vote on Tuesday, November 4, so that I can continue to work for these main goals:

- Pursuing funding for both firefighters and \checkmark police, our "first responders" in times of crisis or emergency;
- \checkmark Ensuring traffic and pedestrian safety;
- $\mathbf{\nabla}$ Seeking equity in services for all neighborhoods of our community;

Greenbelt City Council Election November 4



Some of Roberts' Goals for the Future:

<u>Ongoing Goal</u>: Improve Public Safety;

- \checkmark Achieving environmentally sound development;
- $\mathbf{\nabla}$ Implementing water quality standards for our Greenbelt Lake and its watershed.

I send thanks to all the friendly folks who welcomed me while I was doorknocking, as well as those who spoke to me at campaign events. I enjoyed meeting you and I look forward to working for our City on the new Council.





Committed to Community

J Davis

Auth.: Patrick J. McAndrew, Treas.

- Increase dedicated bike/foot patrols for each section of Greenbelt. ٠
- Continue senior advocate position.
- **Complete ongoing projects, Springhill Lake Recreation Center expansion;** Public Works facility upgrade; Attick Park restrooms; Skateboard Park; Greenbelt East traffic-calming.
- Continue to work for appropriate development at Greenbelt Metro Station.
- Continue to work for equitable distribution of recreational facilities and city services throughout Greenbelt.
- Improve fields and install lights at Greenbelt Middle School to provide needed facilities for the Springhill Lake community.
- Acquire 80-acre NASA woodland adjacent to Greenbriar as addition to the Green Belt.
- Continue to work for long-term protection of city-owned woodlands.
- Better enforcement of speed limits in Greenbelt neighborhoods.

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Theater Renovation Spurs Comments

by Virginia Beauchamp

An architectural firm experienced in theater renovations has been chosen to oversee the renewal and prioritizing of changes to the Old Greenbelt Theatre, which the city acquired in May 2003. GTM Architects, Inc., represented by team leader Melissa Cohen, headlined a public forum held in the theater itself on the evening of October 22. The firm was previously responsible for the four-month-long renovation of the Avalon Theater in Washington, D.C.

The city's Department of Planning and Community Development sponsored the forum as a means of "involving the public . . . and gleaning their ideas and concerns" in the renovation process. Kristen Ward represented the Planning Department. An estimated 50 to 60 people showed up to view the plans. In the lobby those arriving earliest passed two very disappointed women heading the other way, only just informed that the film they came to see would not be shown that evening. Persons attending the forum saw a very different, but perhaps no less interesting, presentation.

Before involving the audience in making suggestions about how the theater might be used, Cohen introduced Emily Hotaling Eig, a theater historian, who gave a presentation placing the Old Greenbelt Theatre within its cultural context. Not so far away - at 919 Pennsylvania Ave. in the District – but very long ago, Eig said, the first public showing of motion pictures took place, with a projector invented by Thomas Arnett. That was in 1896.

From that beginning, Eig showed an evolution of movie

bleaching treatment.

houses, from a fairly stark auditorium with movable chairs to later ornate palaces and then, in the late '20s and throughout the '30s a shift to simpler, more streamlined facilities. The Greenbelt Theatre, with its modified art deco design, exemplified this later style.

Eig showed the Greenbelt Theatre on its opening night, in the WPA photograph we all know, with the large crowd gathering along Centerway to see a Shirley Temple film. What none of us had seen before was an earlier architectural rendering Eig had discovered of the proposed theater. Instead of the present flat façade with its curved top corners, on which the vertical sign is affixed, the earlier design showed a whorled façade like a snail shell.

Eig heads the firm EHT Traceries. Other corporations that will be involved in the theater renovation are Hurst & Associates, P.C., an engineering firm, and the Washington office of Robert Skillman Associates of New York, specialists in historic preservation.

Public Comments

As various members of the audience spoke, it became clear that not all desires could be accommodated. Some constraints would follow from the fact of the theater's designation as a historic structure; others, from its modernization in recent years for showing films. On the other hand, a new state initiative called Smart Codes, an aspect of Smart Growth, will help to facilitate the renovation.

Smart Codes, adopted on June 1, 2001, was praised by several forum speakers. This program, according to the website for the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, "encourages private investment in existing buildings . . . through a new construction code that streamlines and harmonizes the code requirements for rehabilitation work."

About one proposed change to the current structure, all present agreed. Both restrooms (called "retiring rooms" in the 1937 design) must be updated and enlarged. They must also be made handicapped accessible.

Yet an inevitable question follows: where is additional space for that enlargement to be found? Unfortunately only one place seems available. The size increase will have to be taken by diminishing the space of the inner lobby.

One idiosyncratic and unique feature of the theater would be maintained, Cohen said. This is a very narrow iron spiral staircase leading to the projection room and accessed by a doorway from the main lobby. Though not a standard feature, and otherwise possibly even dangerous, it will be allowed, she said, because only two persons will ever have need of it at one particular time.

Other Uses

Konrad Herling, speaking for Greenbelt Access Television, expressed interest in using the theater for film festivals and video projections. Someone else inquired about the viability of live theater in the facility. Mayor Judith Davis wondered about the condition of the stage floor and Councilmember Tom White speculated about "sacrificing" a row or two of auditorium seats and projecting the stage forward.

In the same vein, Greenbelt Museum curator Jill Parsons-St. John expressed interest in using the theater during the day for presentations to school children.

Water Main Break



On Wednesday, October 22, there was a water main break in Roosevelt Center that shut off the water supply to businesses and the swimming pool from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Kelly Walker (pictured above), a 14-year veteran of the WSSC Systems Maintenance Division, said the 4 1/2 inch damaged pipe was repaired very quickly with the use of new equipment that is able to accurately detect leaks without digging to locate the source.

As many as 100 at a time, she said, now attend museum programs about the city's history.

As these ideas were brought forward, the wide-angle, fixed screen that currently enhances the visual pleasure of the movies came to be seen as an impediment. No one wanted to do away with it, though someone suggested that perhaps something retractable and portable would be better.

But many things should be left just as they are. One speaker praised the current wall treatment, though White suggested brighter illumination. Cohen saw the terrazzo floor in the lobby as an asset. On the other hand, Davis was concerned about the "sound leakage" downstairs into the space occupied by Pleasant Touch.

Full-scale engineering studies must be carried out, of course, before any other changes can be made. Cohen predicted that her team would be ready in about two months with preliminary suggestions for the renovation. Adding to the time frame of that prediction, Ward noted that further city scrutiny would then occur on the part of the Advisory Planning Board, the Arts Advisory Board and the city's own planning staff. She estimated a time frame of "roughly 18 months" before the renovation could be complete.

Currently \$300,000, including a State grant, has been earmarked for the renovation project. The remaining \$250,000 was authorized in a 2001 referendum.

Greenbelt citizens not able to attend the forum may still offer suggestions to city staff concerning the renovation and other uses for the facility by means of email to info@ci.greenbelt.md.us or send a letter to the city.

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Greenbelt Museum Lecture Focuses on Sports Culture

by Sandra Lange

"The Sporty Look: Athletics and Style in the 1930s and 40s" is the subject of a free lecture on Tuesday, November 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, sponsored by the Greenbelt Museum. Smithsonian guest lecturer Ellen Roney Hughes will explore the wide range of clothing, exercise equipment and diets that Americans could choose from to achieve the sporty effect. The Greenbelt Museum's next exhibition opening in the spring will feature sports, recreation and healthy lifestyles.

Sports became a hallmark of the American way of life in the 20th century. Awareness of the health benefits of athletics, increases in leisure time and the example of star performers expanded the demand for sports, especially in suburbia. As dramatic as was the increase in participation, this was vastly exceeded by the numbers of men and women who merely desired the athletic look. In the 1930s and 40s, sports and sports style pervaded American popular culture, reflecting shifts in values and lifestyles.

Recreation in Greenbelt

Recreation was especially important in Greenbelt's early history. Playgrounds were an integral part of Greenbelt's original design. The ballfields at Braden Field and the tennis courts were incorporated into the town plan from the very beginning. Early designs also included a bathhouse and boathouse at Greenbelt Lake. Neither was constructed.

Almost every Greenbelt child and adult participated in some form of recreational activity. Team sports included softball, baseball, bowling and swimming.

Greenbelt had the first public pool in the state of Maryland. Children came from all over the metropolitan area to swim. In the summer long lines of parents and children formed to sign up for swimming classes.

"Block leagues" were formed comprised of families living in individual housing courts within each super block. Women met in the community building for volleyball, badminton, dance and exercise.

Hughes is a cultural historian in the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History specializing in American sport and leisure history, popular culture and material culture. Hughes is the director of the Smithsonian's American Sport Oral History Project. She is currently at work on a new traveling exhibition titled "Sports: Breaking Records, Breaking Barriers." She is also a member of the adjunct faculty of the American Studies Department of the University of Maryland, College Park, where she teaches museum scholarship.



Elect Richard "Ric" Santos

To Greenbelt City Council

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"I've seen first hand Ric's leadership skills in The American Legion. I feel that he would work hard as a council member in leading the City in the right direction." -Barry Byers, lifelong resident and American Legion member (USMC)

"Ric's proven leadership and integrity would be a positive addition to the city council." - Kathy Reynolds, longtime resident and community volunteer

"I believe that Ric brings just the right mix of experience, leadership and good sense to the city council. His perspective and insight would benefit the entire community." - Pat McAndrew, lifelong resident

Greenbelt Station Design per Greenbelt Metro Sector Plan Development supporting mass transit

Development and Land Use \geq **Forest Preserve Program** Clean up of Greenbelt Lake

Improvements **Revitalization of Roosevelt Center Renovation of Greenbelt Theater**

> Public Safety **Review of police personnel allocations** Re-direct services to high crime areas

Public Services **Greenbelt Cares Youth Services Recreation and Parks**

Fiscal Management Maintain city services Budget to avoid tax increase

> Transportation Traffic calming – Greenbelt East Bi-County transit rail system

> Education Renovation of Greenbelt Middle School **Advisory Committee on Education**

Join the Citizens for Ric Santos and Vote for <u>Richard J. Santos</u> on Tuesday, November 4th

> By Authority of Citizens for Ric Santos Kathleen Linkenhoker, Treasurer

ELECT

James H. Inzeo

Greenbelt City Council

Where I Stand

- Work to gain zoning authority
- Support Community Policing
- Develop in an environmentally sensitive manner
- Cleanup Greenbelt Lake
- Improve traffic and pedestrian safety
 - Ensure fairness in community services
- Protect and preserve greenspace



THE LIBRARY

Handball is one of several sports featured in the Museum's lecture on November 11.

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"I have witnessed Jim's outstanding service to his community in many roles and also his exemplary employment in the Maryland State Senate, as my legislative counsel. Jim is a strong and effective advocate for Greenbelt and Prince George's County. I believe Jim will make an excellent City Councilman."

Leo Green, Maryland State Senator

"I have known Jim and his wife, Hilda, and their family since they first moved to Greenbelt. Jim has always shown a deep interest in our community and its well being. He is a dedicated and conscientious person who would attend wholeheartedly to the interests of all Greenbelt and those who live here.

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Planning:

Move aggressively to secure local zoning authority Open up planning process to develop alternative designs as additional negotiating tools





More Effective Transportation

Effective intra-city transportation would provide options for non-rush and weekend hours. Improve the County's "The Bus" as a first step to make this happen.

Making Greenbelt Safer

Explore installing traffic lights at Greenbelt Rd & Frankfort Drive, Lakecrest Drive Roundabouts: Metro Parking Exit, Support roundabout at Hunting Ridge

Negotiate with Greenbelt West Developers to secure support for intra-city busses, bridges and tunnels at pedestrian and bicycle crossings Move bus stop on Greenbelt Rd. east beyond the entrance and exit from BW Parkway Continue and possibly increase community policing Full support of our Fire Department City needs to work with Pepco to address overloaded Circuit breakers

Our Sense of Community

If we're going to continue our traditions: Labor Day Festival, New Year's program, our News Review, Greenbelt Access TV, Lions, Recreational and Cultural Outlets, we need to promote Greenbelt: encourage citizen involvement and volunteerism. Other benefits: Rejuvenate crime watch program, Facilitate communication during emergencies

Forest Preserve – Keep the "Green Belt" Green

I support the designation of the 225 acres as a forest preserve Explore designation of other woodland sites



The Roosevelt Center – Where Greenbelters Come Together

The City needs to play a more assertive role with a more active Merchants Association with City playing a more assertive role to help Achieve: Better marketing, greater security, and coordination of Cultural (New Deal Café, Greenbelt Arts Center, Greenbelt Museum, Greenbelt Library, Community & Youth Center activities, Youth Center, Labor Day, New Year's, etc. programming). Increase teen programs: teen concerts, skate parks







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